

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Traffic, traffic, traffic...

All roads lead to Dore, or so it has seemed of late.

Traffic in the village has gone from bad to worse, not helped in recent months by Yorkshire Water and now the expansion of the Coop, which has turned a quiet residential street into a shopping mall. To be fair, the Coop and its extended hours are just the last straw that has broken this camel's back.

It may be that more people are coming into the centre of the village by car, or use one to carry a heavier shop. Either way, the parking problem has been exacerbated. Cars are regularly parked on both sides of Devonshire Terrace, often on the pavement. Congestion is bad, buses find it difficult and heaven only knows what would happen if emergency vehicles needed to get through. You only have to see what happens during the dustmen's round.

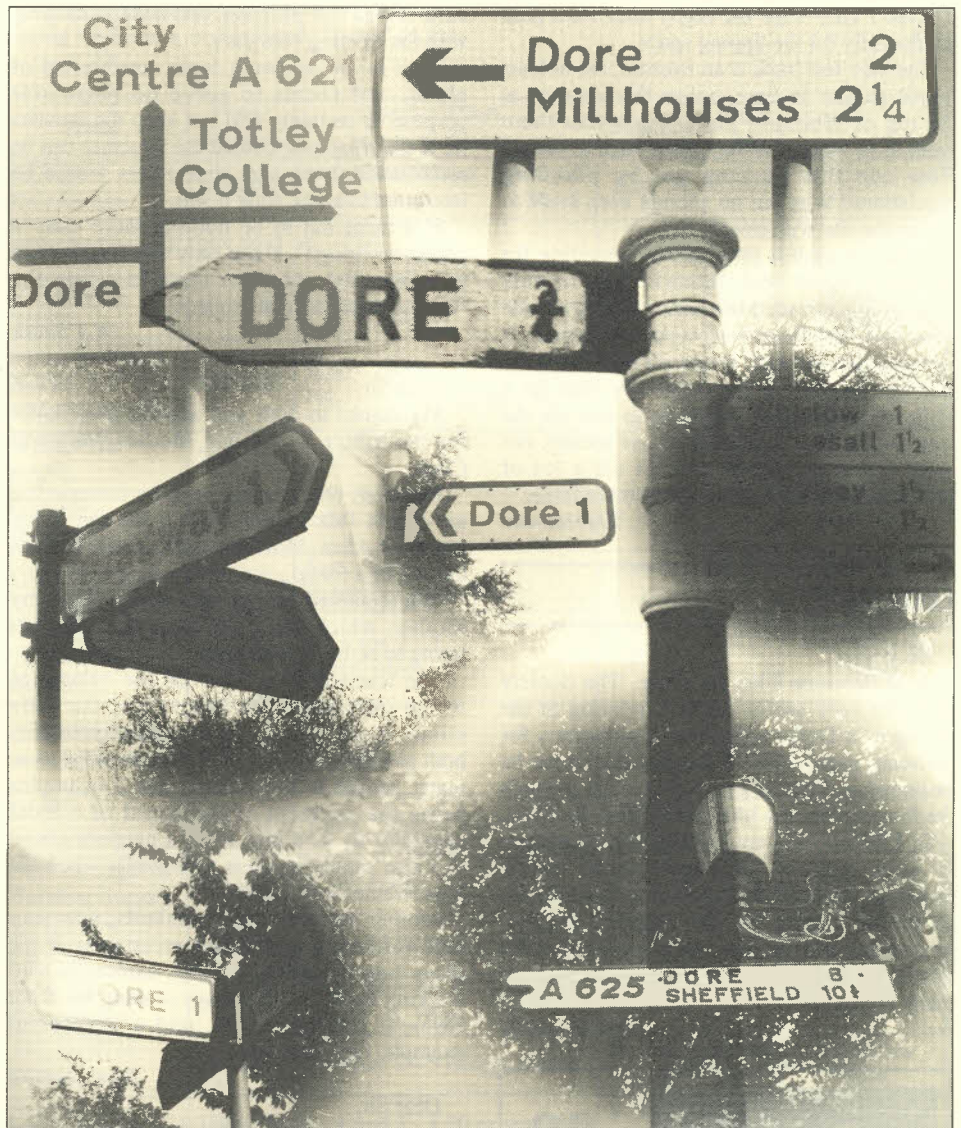
Clearly something will have to be done. Perhaps double yellow lines along the whole length of one side of Devonshire Terrace, or a resurrection of the one-way system idea. For a starter the Dore Village Society has written to the Council inviting a traffic engineer to come along to look at and discuss our problems. Some limited roadworks may be necessary, and we will also be talking to the police about the parking.

In the meantime it would help greatly if people would avoid using their cars unless really necessary, not park on pavements, and preferably try to park slightly out of the village centre.

## 30 years ago

Notes circulated 30 years ago in advance of the September 1966 AGM of the Dore Village Society, make interesting reading. Evidence was submitted to the Royal Commission on Local Government in favour of establishing community councils for areas like Dore - it didn't happen and we still have little say in what matters to us. It was suggested that the recreation ground deserves a name of its own, and 'Townhead Fields' was suggested - what happened to this idea I wonder. The Highways department was to be asked to install a seat on the patch of land by the telephone kiosk on Causeway Head Road - they eventually did, and following pressure from the current DVS committee are about to replace this. A tree was being planted to honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill, plans to replace the pre-fabs discussed and local representation to ensure an interest in the affairs of local schools suggested.

*Ed. Nothing much changes does it!*



## Road signs

The montage of road signs pointing to Dore includes all but two of those that exist. There are some notable gaps, such as no sign at the Door Moor Inn junction with Brickhouse Lane (how did it get that name?) Most notably there are no signs pointing out of the village centre towards Totley, Whirlow, Hathersage or Beauchief. The Dore Village Society has a long running project to replace the sign that used to be in front of Limb Cottage but we have only so much energy and manpower.

*Signposts clockwise starting top right are: Bradway Road, approaching Twentywell Lane from Holmesfield; Abbey Lane above the traffic lights and opposite the Texaco garage; the centre of Hathersage; Outside Abbeydale Garden Centre; at the Sheffield Spitfire on Mickley Lane; Baslow Road before Hillfoot on the way to Totley; and in the centre the sign pointing down Hillfoot and the historic sign on the Hathersage Road pointing down Limb Lane.*

If you care about the village and the environment in which we live, have a sense of or interest in history, and ideas for improving things, why not consider joining our committee. We meet monthly for 1½ hours in a back room at the Hare & Hounds, to discuss planning issues and other events in the village. We are a pretty cosmopolitan bunch and easy to get on with. Only if you have more time to spare do you need to get involved in any of the sub committees or work on specific projects. Alternatively you can be involved without joining the committee. Why not give us a ring and find out more.

**INSIDE:** Country matters. Shop opening times. Winters' Tales. Wildlife Garden. Letters. Book Reviews. Reflections on tranquillity. Farming notes. Peak explorer. News in brief.

## Have you seen?

Have you seen what they have done at the Tigers rugby ground. A planning application to level the site (pitch), has been used as a wonderful excuse to tip tons of Sheffield's rubble on our doorstep. It just shows how ineffective our planning laws are. After all at what height were they supposed to be making it level. I only hope the rugby club were paid handsomely for the tipping space.

The bare soil bank is an eyesore, but at least it will mellow in time, unlike the caravans at the top of Whitelaw Lane. Each year there seem to be more - do they come back to breed? How can this parking get by planning regulations? Why has no attempt been made to screen the site with trees?

I am not against progress, or providing for people's sport and leisure, but in this increasingly crowded isle isn't it time we made sure new developments take everybody's interests into account. It doesn't cost much for example to plant a few trees. My vote for a Millennium initiative would be to sort out the way we run and contribute to our society, not erect a few buildings and let off a lot of fireworks. But that's another explosive issue.

*Doremouse*

## Letters

Dear Sir,

A Millennium Plan for Dore. The Society provides very useful services relating to the changes in Dore, including applications for planning permission. I suggest that these be extended to include pro-active steps towards the formulation of a Millennium Plan for Dore.

In 1992 (No 27) you published my response to your request for views about traffic problems. Since then Doremouse has referred to motor traffic as the modern plague. Historians tell us that the plagues in 15th century England caused the destruction of many villages!

*Tom Umpleby*

Dear Sir,  
Re Limb Lane 'Prison' Boundary.

You will no doubt have spotted the odd looking fence erected at the entrance to our local clink.

Whilst recognising that the old wall made for poor visibility when exiting the site with a vehicle, I can think of no other problem that the old wall created. Off the cuff I would have thought a three foot high stone wall would have solved that problem, and been in keeping with the existing boundary.

As it is the ironwork looks terribly out of place, and seems to serve no particular purpose. It certainly will not keep the inmates in. If the reasoning behind the structure can be established, I am sure that others would be interested to know what it was.

If it turns out to be nothing more than 'a preferred design', I can only say that it is in keeping with the poor taste in siting the 'Prison' there in the first place!

*K J Smith*

Dear Sir,

My thanks to both you and the contributor for the tribute to my late Mother, Margaret Clark.

However, one mistake must be corrected re my cousin Jack Pycroft, who is the son of my late Aunt Alice, Mother's eldest sister, and not the son of a friend.

You requested further information about my Mother, which could fill Dore to Door, but trying to be brief, here goes.

She was a driving force on the committee which introduced the library and the baby clinic to the village. Mainly anonymously, both parents were very generous and kind to so many people in the village, just 2 examples being the payment of the burial of a local character to save him from a paupers grave, and also supplying meat to a family when the breadwinner was in prison.

Mother set very high standards, was very hardworking, a marvellous entertainer at the piano (oh, those sing-songs!), extremely hard working even to still donkey-stoning the front steps at the age of 80, and a wonderful example. God Bless Her.

*Jean Pearson*

Dear Sir,

A copy of your journal has recently been sent to me by my twin brother Mr. Shaun McClory, who lives in Topley, and I was indeed extremely interested to read of places and street names etc. which were so familiar to us as we walked from home in Abbeydale Park Rise to Dore School in the very early 40's.

Some of the names of those years I can still remember, Aubrey (Jarvis?) who lived very close to that end of the village green shown on page 2 of issue 42, Elizabeth Lord, a teacher named Miss Talbot, a Mrs. Skinner or Spooner I think.

My (Australian) wife and I have been back to Topley and Dore many times over recent years and always try to visit the Devonshire Arms. I have lived in Sydney since 1958 but keep up a keen interest in events at "home"!

I remember Savage Lane very well, and Vicarage Lane, and the sweet shop opposite the school, also the dairy farm opposite the church. I shall look forward with real interest to reading future journals.

Having recently retired, we plan to spend most if not all of summer 1997 in England, and will certainly be "testing the pumps" at the

Devonshire from time to time.

Congratulations on your journal, and all the best for the future.

*Fergus McClory  
Sydney, Australia*

*(Ed. We did ask in issue 42 how far away Dore to Doors travelled. You can't get much further than Australia! I guess we can claim to circle the globe.)*

## Dore Carbuncle

Many readers will have noticed the flurry of engineering work on the wide grass verge at the top of Dore Road two months ago and like the rest of us assumed this was yet more of Yorkshire Water's doing. However to the surprise of everyone, when the barriers came down we had been blessed with a new BT communications box. Normally these are sensitively sited, but not this time!

Enquiries established that BT can put up such boxes where ever it likes on highways land, without planning permission. But surely not here on land that used to be one of Dore's village greens. To be fair to BT they have acknowledged that this is not the best position and at some expense have promised to resite the box within the next few months, back to its original position.

But the mystery remains as to how this became highways land and Sheffield Council have been asked to look into it's history. In the meantime the Dore Village Society is considering how best to mark and record this area as a village green. As for the rest of Dore's lost greens.....

## Autumn Meeting

The speaker at this years autumn meeting of the Dore Village Society was Mrs M.C. Dunn. Her talk entitled "From slum to sunshine" provided an insight into researching local and family history, and told the story of children at the turn of the century being taken out into the green fields and fresh air of the countryside away from their grimy Victorian cities.

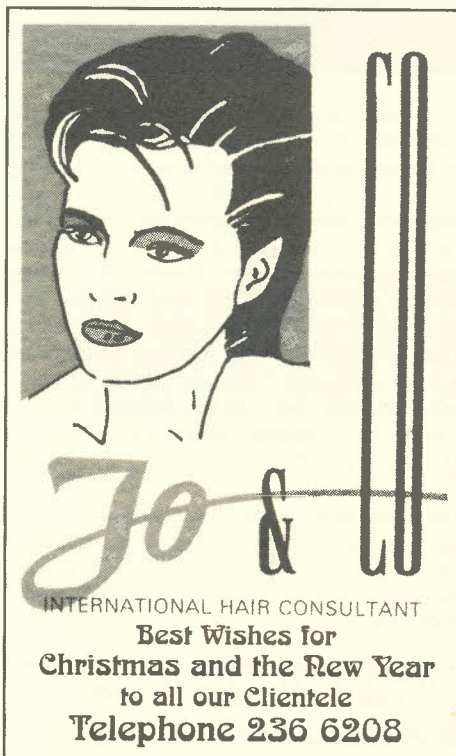
It was full of historic and anecdotal information - the term 'Lime light' came from the practise of burning lime to achieve a bright light. She also stressed that today is tomorrow's history, so while you remember write who, when and where on the back of your photographs.

Copies of her excellent book on the story of Fulwood Cottage Homes, and built around a collection of lantern slides, are available in most local bookshops.

**THE SPRING MEETING OF THE  
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BE ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

## Horse power

Up to 1911 a one horse bus ran from Dore and Topley Station to Topley. It was driven by a little old man called Jimmy Larder. The nearest Jimmy had ever been to Sheffield was once when he visited Millhouses. It is said that he used to shout and crack his whip loudly, but that the old horse just ignored him and trotted on at its own slow pace!



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Dore Football Club supporters, 1955-56 season

## Football supporters

The picture on this page is of Dore village supporters celebrating in the Devonshire Arms, I believe after winning the Hope Valley League in the season 1955-56.

The landlord and landlady, Doug and Eva Frith are pictured at the front. Before becoming landlady, Eva was the local district nurse and Doug worked for the Council. The little girl at the back is Mrs John Marsden who lives on Devonshire Terrace Road and many will remember her working in Greens and later in the chemists. Next to her on the end is her father Harry Warnes. Don Dean's father Charles Eginton is next but one to Pat Marsden. Harry and Charlie were both long standing members of the Football Committee. Next to Eva is Evelyn Biggin who was mother-in-law to Janet, who has the clever guide dog Dora who contributes to your magazine.

The lady with the bouquet is Mrs May Rhodes. Mrs Rhodes was a renowned breeder, and showed Afghan Hounds. Next to her is a then well-known Sheffield businessman, Mr Wood. He was a coal merchant with the slogan 'Our name is wood but we sell coal'.

Also pictured is Fanny Hancock whose father-in-law was the Hancock who penned the Dore to Door booklet "The Old Days in Dore". (Now out of print). Finally Kenneth Moseley who had a shop where the Hare car park now is. He and his wife baked bread and teacakes.

Dore had a keen band of supporters who regularly travelled to away matches. Rivalry between opposing bands of supporters could be rife and some of the opposing supporters were not against tripping our players up as they ran down the line. Some of the players on the winning side were Doug Walsh, the goalkeeper, Frankie Rowe, George Stacey, Stewart Ego, Doug and Eva's son Pat, George Thorpe and Don. Though it must be said that Don was not always loyal to Dore and some seasons played for Totley.

The committee used to hold dances in the Church Hall during the winter to raise funds and these were very well attended. Though I remember that most of the men did not appear until after 10 o'clock, that then being the hour when the pubs shut. Alcohol was not allowed in the hall of course.

At the end of every season a dinner was held in the billiards room at the Devonshire, Mr Gordon Wilson of Gordon Tools contributing much support for this event. Other committee

members included Frank Eyre, Ben Biggin, Chris Powell, Ken Moseley, Jack Priest. The man with the sponge was Chris Fearnough who runs Dore club.

Jean Dean

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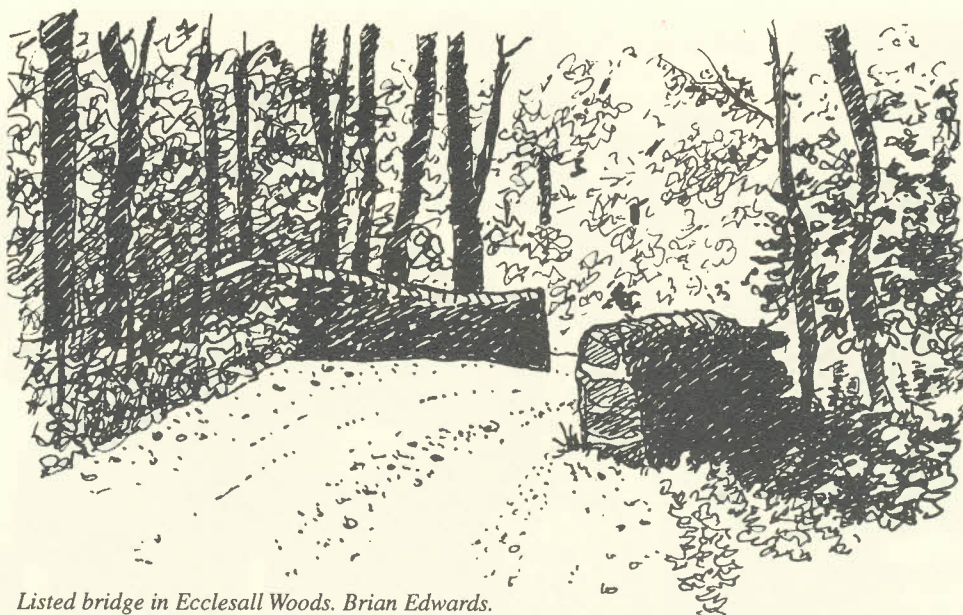
## Farming notes

As far as livestock farmers are concerned 1996 will certainly go down as the year of the BSE crisis. BSE was first identified about 10 years ago when a vet in Surrey noticed that a cow he had been treating for grass staggers didn't fit the normal pattern. Staggers is common in milk cows in spring. Rapidly growing spring grass takes up phosphate at the expense of magnesium, so called luxury uptake. Although it's only a trace element magnesium is vital to the cow and shortage of it causes the cow to stagger around in drunken state. Prompt attention is vital as death occurs in hours. Treatment is to insert a large hypodermic needle into a vein, attach a rubber tube connected to a pint of magnesium sulphate, hold it aloft and pour it in. Normally within a couple minutes the cow stops thrashing around, gets up, and carries on grazing. It's just like magic.

However, it doesn't always work, usually because the cow's not been spotted soon enough, and then all you can do is get it slaughtered immediately. BSE starts with cattle staggering and behaving oddly, but unlike staggers it's not a sudden event and takes several months to reach the final stages. But the first cases were undoubtedly misdiagnosed as staggers. The first time I heard of it was a small article in the Farmers Weekly in the mid eighties where a ministry vet said they thought they had found something new. At that time of course it didn't have a name, they realised it was similar to scrapie in sheep, but there were slight differences and scientists being what they are couldn't agree on the most correct name so it was left to a journalist to come up with Mad Cow Disease. It could just as well have been called New Staggers, which isn't so emotive, and a lot of farmers still think it's been around for donkeys years and isn't new at all, although they are certainly confusing it with grass staggers.

Once it had been identified, BSE was made a notifiable disease and compensation paid in order to encourage farmers to report suspect cases as soon as possible. As it was suspected that the infection had come from sheep via meat and bone meal included in cattle rations this was banned from feed for sheep and cattle, but not from pig and poultry meal. It was strongly suspected that all cases were in animals that had eaten infected feed but to verify this a £10 million experiment was set up involving 200 cows on a specially purchased farm. It still has 4 years to run.

Around this time the popular press picked up the story, coined the name Mad Cow Disease, and started the first scare. The



Listed bridge in Ecclesall Woods. Brian Edwards.

government responded by ordering the removal of the head and spinal column from the carcass. There have been one or two other minor scares but by and large the market had recovered and beef was selling normally until March 20th this year when the minister made his announcement that there was a possible link between BSE and a new type of CJD. The effect was amazing. The following Monday there wasn't a single bovine animal in Bakewell market, Europe announced a world wide ban on British beef and retail sales came to a standstill.

The government responded by forbidding the sale of any animal over 30 months old for human consumption. All such cattle now have to be slaughtered and burnt. The meat and bonemeal ban was extended to all feed rations, it's now a criminal offence to have these materials on the farm.

Another scheme was devised to slaughter and burn cattle considered to be at greater risk of developing BSE. Various numbers have been proposed from 40,000 to 120,000 but so far they can't decide whether to go ahead or not.

All this of course has had a devastating effect on the cattle trade locally. Animals which should have been sold in spring have been kept all summer and are now being sold at a considerable loss. Particularly galling is the fact that finished beef cattle are now making about 90p/Kilo liveweight as against 125p last Feb, but the shop price is still the same.

The Intervention Board who administer the slaughter scheme have now sent all livestock farmers a form to enter all cattle they wish to dispose of over the next 3 months. Whether this will enable them to get rid of the backlog

remains to be seen.

A party of 20 local farmers from Dore and Totley attended a national rally in Westminster in October to protest about the government handling of the whole crisis. There is absolutely nothing wrong with our cattle, they are the healthiest animals you'll find anywhere, but every time a minister opens his mouth it costs us a fortune. On our farm we've never had a single case of BSE but we're still affected the same as if we'd had hundreds of them. I'm afraid the future prospect for beef doesn't look good. I think there'll be a lot fewer beeves in our fields for a long time to come.

*Richard Farnsworth.*

## Listed Buildings

We tend to think of Dore as being an old Derbyshire village, but when it comes to a count just how many listed buildings do we have? The Department of National Heritage issued a revised list in September last year, adding some new names. In particular the Abbeydale Hamlet was raised to grade I. Other local building or structures (new listings marked with an asterisk) are:

Post Delivery Office\*, next to St John's Church on Abbeydale Road South.

Footbridge\* on Limb Brook in Ecclesall Woods [See illustration in this issue].

Woodland View\*, Licensed Victualler's Almshouse, and Monument to Thomas Wiley, Abbeydale Road South.

Moorwinstow\*, and it's gateway and flanking walls\*, 99 Dore Road.

Christ Church & Croft House on Church Lane.

Nos 5 & 6 High Street\*.

Nos 1 & 3 Savage Lane\*.

The Old School.

Cromwell Cottage, 88 & 90 Townhead Road.

94-104 Townhead Road\*.

War memorial\*, Vicarage Lane.

Church Lane Farmhouse, Vicarage Lane.

Memorial Lynch Gate\*, Vicarage Lane.

Woodbine Cottages\*, Vicarage Lane.

If you think any other building in our area warrants listing for its unique or distinctive features please let the DVS know and we will take this up with the Department of National Heritage.

*Kutz*

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## Wildlife Garden

Some gardeners simply regard the berries that many plants bear at this time of year as a means of adding colour to their winter gardens. Plants are often grown with berries that are unattractive to birds either by having an unusual colour or by being unpalatable and thereby lasting throughout the winter. However, in a wildlife garden berrying plants are chosen specifically to attract birds and it is the birds that provide the colour and interest during this season.

As the fruits of each plant species ripen at different times, with a little planning a wildlife gardener can provide a continuous supply of food for birds throughout autumn and winter. In September our mountain ash berries were so popular they disappeared as soon as they had ripened. At present (late October) greenfinches are busy feeding on the rose hips while starlings and blackbirds are concentrating on stripping the fruits off the elder bushes. Later ripening cotoneaster berries will keep our blackbirds, thrushes and the occasional redwing and fieldfare busy well into January. Even our resident robin seems to enjoy eating them. Another late ripening fruit is that of the ivy and the black berries act as a lifeline for many birds by providing a vital food supply when most other fruits and berries have gone.

Each bird species has its preference and for five young bullfinches our honeysuckle berries were a firm favourite. As the berries diminished in number the bullfinches learnt that the only way to get at the remaining and less accessible berries was to hover like (very inept) hummingbirds. Each day's visit would be rounded off by a bout of vigorous bathing in the pond, drenching not only each other but

the curious sparrows which would seemingly gather to watch the spectacle.

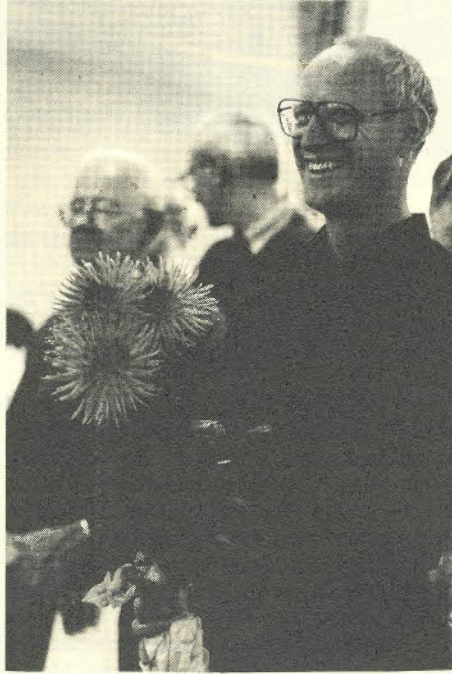
This year the autumn fruits have been in great abundance and the hedgerows red with ripe berries. With all these berry laden bushes the old Scottish proverb comes to mind

"Mony haws,  
Mony snaws."

So, are we in for a white Christmas? Only time will tell.

Happy berrying!

Jack Daw



Councillor David Heslop O.B.E. enjoying the auction at Dore Show. David Bocking.

## Dore Show 1996

Another successful show was enjoyed in September, thanks to the fine weather and the support of so many people in the village. The number and range of side stalls increased, Stannington Brass band played it's heart out, the morris men carried on despite being two men short while Stage Right puppets entertained us all, young and old.

Competition was fierce for most of the 71 classes, with the main awards won by:

Leisure Gardens Cup (Vegetables & Fruit): George Thorpe.

Skelton Cup (Flowers): Reg Skelton.

Chairman's Plate (Domestic section): Lynne Biggs.

John Mitchell Cup (Home made wine): Mr J Chester.

Wyvern Rose Bowl (Floral Art): Kaye Stobbs.

Society Cup Textile Craft]: Gina Armstrong.

Dore Probus Plate (Visual arts): Joanne Veal.

Midland Bank Shield (Junior section): Jonathan Purshouse.

Founders Cup (Outstanding exhibit of the show): Gina Armstrong.

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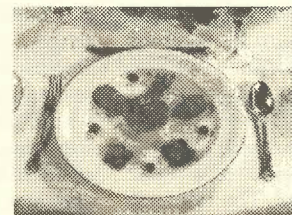
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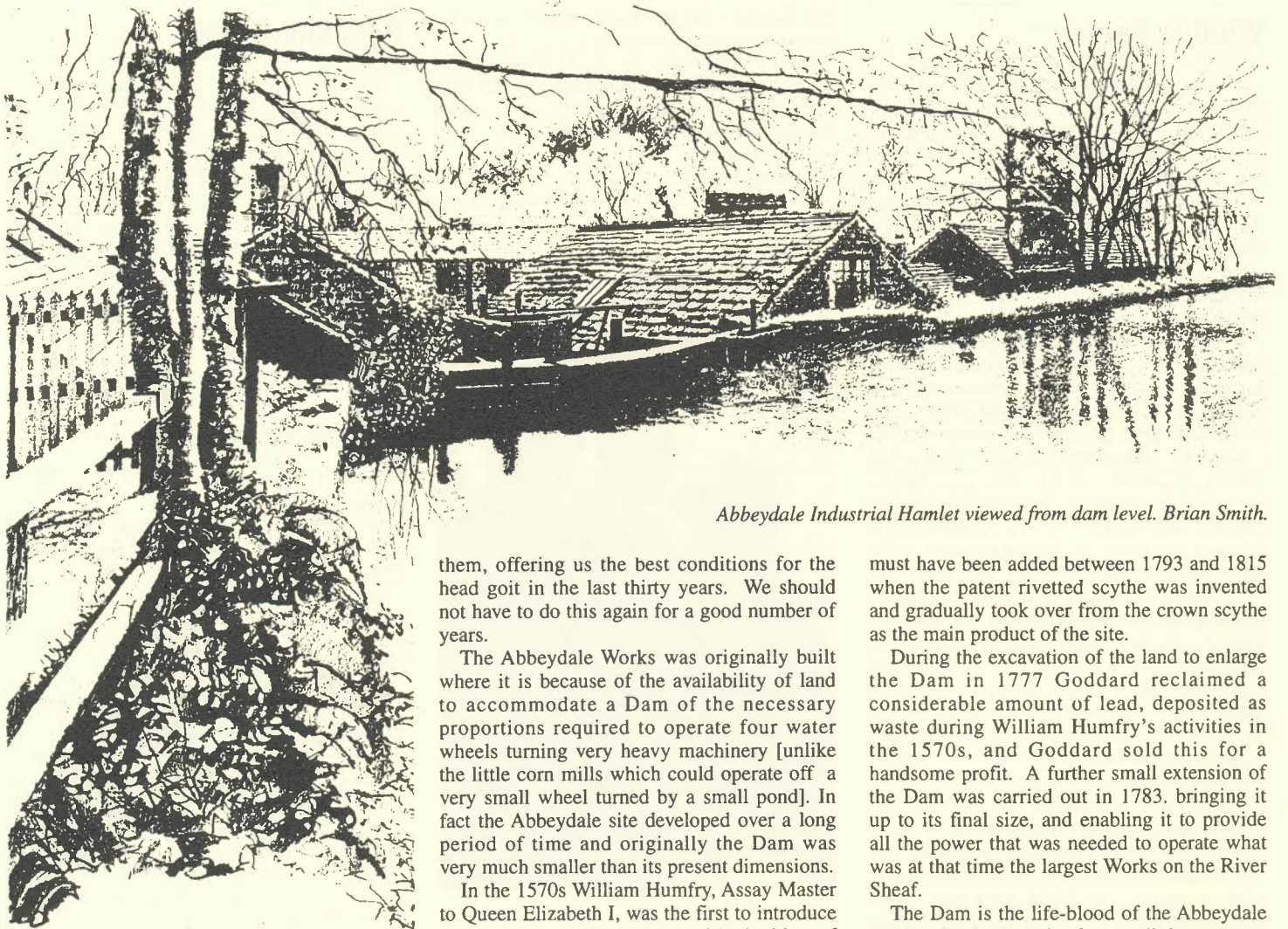
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*Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet viewed from dam level. Brian Smith.*

## Reflections on Tranquillity

Today the stretch of water which constitutes the Dam at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet presents a peaceful haven, harbouring much that is valuable to the natural history of our City. At three acres it is one of the largest areas of water within the City boundary, offering food and refuge to heron, kingfisher, the occasional cormorant and shag, as well as tufted duck, moorhen, mallard, coot and our favourite visitor the mute swan. As well as the birds, we have a healthy mix of fish, crustacea, crayfish and many other examples of smaller pond life. Overseeing them all of course, is the resident fox, and at night the bats, owls, a variety of moth species and the secretive badger that has been known to visit.

All this, of course, depends on the water in the Dam, its depth, its health, and the lack of pollution. Recently, you will have noticed, we had cause to empty the Dam, the fish being taken away to a temporary safe haven by the Environmental Agency. This was in order to carry out essential repair work to the working end of the Dam, replacing the sluice on the overspill, repointing the walls, and removing some of the silt.

Most importantly this also included cleaning the inlet culvert (head goit) which feeds water into the Dam from the Sheaf. The take-off point is beside the railway lines just below the Abbeydale Garden Company's premises. This latter work was effected by Railtrack being their responsibility, as the culvert is on their land. A meticulous job has been done by

them, offering us the best conditions for the head goit in the last thirty years. We should not have to do this again for a good number of years.

The Abbeydale Works was originally built where it is because of the availability of land to accommodate a Dam of the necessary proportions required to operate four water wheels turning very heavy machinery [unlike the little corn mills which could operate off a very small wheel turned by a small pond]. In fact the Abbeydale site developed over a long period of time and originally the Dam was very much smaller than its present dimensions.

In the 1570s William Humfry, Assay Master to Queen Elizabeth I, was the first to introduce water-powered bellows to provide the blast of air for the smelting of lead in a furnace. All the research suggests that he did this on the site where the Hamlet now stands. Thus there must have been a Dam or at least a goit (or leat) for the take-off of water from the river at this early date. In the period 1680-1700 cutlery was ground on the site and by 1702 agricultural tools had been introduced. By 1714 scythe blades and other large agricultural hand tools had become the main product and remained so until the site closed commercially in 1933. Thus the Abbeydale Dam, which became known popularly as the Tyzack Dam at Abbeydale (or even, Tyzack's Dam at Beauchief) has a very long history and is a precious part of our heritage.

In 1777 Martin Goddard, whose initials you can see chiselled in the keystone on the Tilt Forge, enlarged the Dam in preparation for the expansion of the Works to its present size, accommodating four water wheels. The introduction of the present Tilt Hammers in 1785 required two water wheels, one of huge dimensions (six foot wide by eighteen feet diameter) to turn the 23 tons of machinery that constitutes the hammers, and a smaller one (of fifteen feet diameter) to turn the Blowing Engine which provides the blast of air to the re-heat hearths in the Tilt. Another huge wheel, also eighteen feet in diameter and six feet wide, was required to operate six massive sandstone grindstones, each of six feet diameter, as well as the glazing (or buffing) wheels in the Grinding Hull and bearding stones beneath the Boring Shop adjoining the Grinding Hull. The smallest water wheel operates the boring machinery in the Boring Chamber up the wooden staircase, and this

must have been added between 1793 and 1815 when the patent rivetted scythe was invented and gradually took over from the crown scythe as the main product of the site.

During the excavation of the land to enlarge the Dam in 1777 Goddard reclaimed a considerable amount of lead, deposited as waste during William Humfry's activities in the 1570s, and Goddard sold this for a handsome profit. A further small extension of the Dam was carried out in 1783, bringing it up to its final size, and enabling it to provide all the power that was needed to operate what was at that time the largest Works on the River Sheaf.

The Dam is the life-blood of the Abbeydale Works. Its depth varies from as little as two or three feet to a massive twenty-one feet at the overspill. The lie of the land is such that from the water leaving the River Sheaf at the weir, where it enters the head goit, to its rejoining the river having travelled through the Dam and done its work turning the water wheels, there is a fall of some twenty feet, giving the power required to operate the heavy machinery involved. Thus the peaceful Dam is but a sleeping giant, every now and then waking up when it is disturbed to provide an output of thirty horse power in the Tilt Forge alone, as well as the power produced by the rest of the machinery.

The Abbeydale Dam was built using the time-honoured method of a puddled clay base with a large sandstone ashlar (big dressed stones) wall at the working end. It is a historic stretch of water unspoilt by any modern restoration work replacing or obliterating this old type of Dam construction. Its importance to the continuity of Abbeydale as a working Museum cannot be over-estimated. Its importance to the wildlife it supports cannot be exaggerated. Its importance for the enjoyment of leisure hours by all its visitors, whether tourists from abroad or the local community living close to the site, is to be respected and preserved. Its authenticity must be retained at all cost. A peaceful scene, offering the opportunity of contemplation in tranquillity, but also a working, living Dam that holds back mighty power ready for action at the Hamlet.

*Janet Peatman, Senior Principal Keeper,  
Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.*

## Rural Traffic

Recent travel survey figures confirm our growing reliance on the car. More than four-fifths of all journeys are now made by car and the distance travelled is also increasing. What does this mean for the countryside and for those who live and work there?

There can be little doubt that country lifestyles have been transformed by the car. Improved road links mean that town and country now have easy access to each other and have created new opportunities for working, shopping and leisure. But these benefits bring other changes too.

As new and improved roads have unfolded across the countryside they have trailed in their wake more development and traffic. Traffic noise now permeates deep into the countryside and the orange glow of sodium lights masks starry skies. Winding country lanes have been straightened; road verges manicured and old wooden signposts replaced - all to meet the demands of speedy car travel.

Intimately connected with these changes has been the trend towards increasing centralisation of services - such as schools, shops and hospitals - and declining public transport. Just consider some of the following facts on rural parishes:

- \* 41 % have no permanent shop (43% have no post office);
- \* under 7% have some form of secondary school;
- \* only 17% have a permanently based doctor;
- \* 71 % have no daily bus service;
- \* 93% have no rail service and 20 rural train

stations have closed since 1979.

These issues may be less important if you have a car to get around in, but a surprising number of people do not. Around one in five rural residents does not have access to a car at all, and this figure is much higher for certain sections of the community such as the elderly, women and young people. For such individuals, life in rural areas is becoming increasingly isolated while those around them grow ever more mobile.

What happens if we let these trends continue? Analysis of traffic forecasts suggest that it is the rural areas which may experience the majority of traffic growth in future as the urban areas are increasingly congested. Without action, therefore, those living in rural areas are likely to face growing traffic, congestion and pollution all putting pressure on the countryside.

Rural areas are the 'Cinderella' of transport policy. They are largely forgotten in the transport debate as shown by the recent Transport Green Paper which barely mentioned rural transport and failed to provide any new initiatives for tackling traffic problems in the countryside. In addition, we risk making matters worse by continuing to allow the decline of vital services, like the village shop. This neglect cannot continue if we are to protect the beauty of the countryside and the quality of life of those who live there.

CPRE believes we need a new direction for rural transport policy. Improving public transport is an obvious first step, but it is unlikely to achieve much on its own. There are a range of other measures such as reduced speed limits, strategic lorry routes, and traffic calming devices which can help to reduce the

impact of traffic on the countryside. In addition, the debate continues about the benefits of increasing the costs of travel (for example, through fuel taxes or road pricing) to level-out the costs of road travel with other means.

Most important of all, however, are the decisions we make now about siting new development in the countryside. New housing, shops or 'Leisure Parks' scattered in remote areas are likely to fuel traffic growth and hamper opportunities for getting about by foot or bike or bus. As such, a key element in locating new developments in future will be the need to consider what the transport implications are for the countryside and for those who live there.

*Reproduced from the CPRE's  
Countryside Campaigner Magazine*

## New Trust

The inaugural meeting of the Abbeydale & Shepherd Wheel Action Trust took place on Thursday 19 September at the Hamlet. The Trust has been formed to ensure that Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and Shepherd Wheel, both important aspects of Sheffield's heritage with relevance on an international scale to the history of the development of steel products, are maintained as working sites, to provide insight and education for current and future generations.

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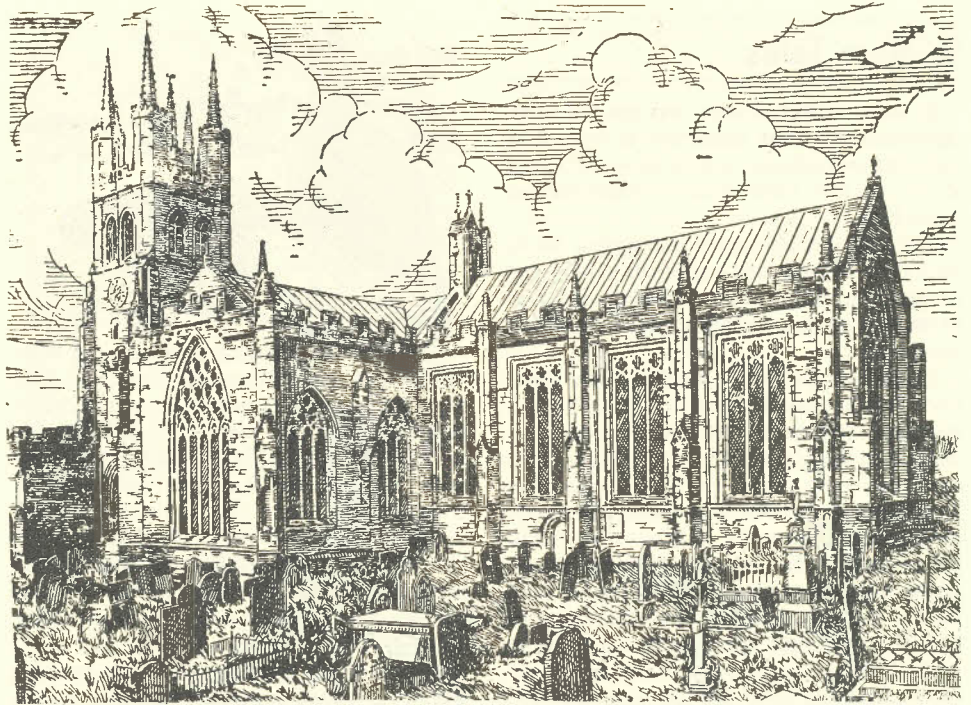
## Peak explorer

With stately homes, limestone villages, outstanding scenery, wildlife and above all the open air, the area covered by the Peak Park offers something of interest for everyone. Living as we do on the edge of the Peak provides us with the opportunity to explore it at our leisure. This is the first of an occasional series of articles encouraging us to do just this.

Nestling in the heart of the Peak is Tideswell, a large sprawling village full of buildings with character, dating back in parts to the 17th century. At its centre is the Church of St John the Baptist, a truly impressive building, whose pinnacled west tower rises to 100 feet. Commonly known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak', work began on the church in the 1340's and took 50 years to complete, partly because of the ravages of the Black Death on the village population around 1348-9. The whole church is spacious and lofty and the pervading impression of history one gains on entering is reflected in the 14th century font and the altar tomb of Sir Sampson Meverell, Knight Constable of England under Henry VI, who fought at the siege of New Orleans against Joan of Arc.

Tideswell received a market charter in 1250 and flourished during the booms in the wool and lead trades during the 14th century. Its early importance is shown by recorded visits from Edward I, Edward III and Henry IV and by the lavishness of the church. Later it declined to village status and fortunately for us did not have the money to update its church or replace some of the older housing.

The village itself is well worth exploring, with visits to its streets, squares and alleyways revealing some old and interesting architecture and giving a feel for the village itself. For example, the George Inn, built in 1730, offers welcome refreshment behind an attractive facade of 18th century Venetian windows.



*The Church of St John the Baptist in Tideswell, commonly known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak'.*

Blake House and Eccles Hall are also especially interesting.

The village is best known nowadays for its well dressings in June, appropriately on the Saturday closest to St John The Baptist day (June 24), which are usually some of the best in the Peak.

Tideswell is also a good centre for walking - try the route down Tideswell Dale, along Millers Dale and back via the Limestone Way - or for exploring some of the smaller local villages including Wheston and Litton. Even the journey from Dore to Tideswell itself provides an opportunity to see some of our best countryside including the classic White Peak panorama of rolling green fields cut by white limestone walls in the area to the north.

## Limited edition

The last two editions of Dore to Door have featured a selection of scenes from the limited edition print of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet by Norton based professional artist Brian Smith. A prolific painter of local scenes, Brian will at the Abbeydale Hamlet, giving continuous painting demonstrations and talking to visitors about his work during "Christmas at the Hamlet" on the evenings of 18 & 19 December.

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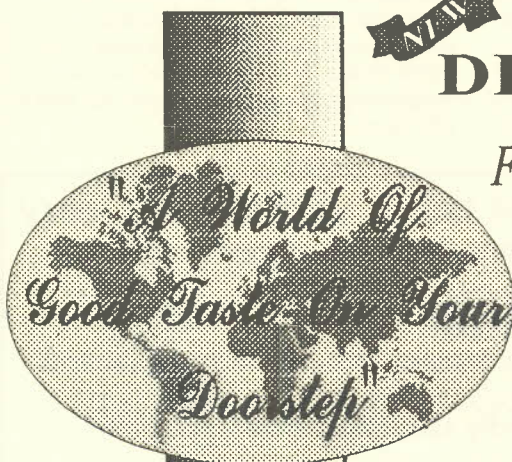
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## Winters' Tales

Extreme winter weather has not put in an appearance for some years and, at the risk of tempting providence, a look at winters past shows just how harsh conditions can become in the Peak.

The 17th century passed into legend for its prolonged snowstorms and frosts. The worst occurred in 1614 and began around this time of the year, as recorded in the parish records of Youlgreave:

'January 16 began the greatest snow which ever fell upon the earth, within man's memory. It covered the earth fyve quarters deep upon the playne. And for heaps or drifts of snow, they were very deep; so that passengers, both horse and foot, passed over gates, hedges and walls. It fell at ten severall tymes and the last was the greatest, so the greate admiration and feare of all the land, for it came from the foure parts of the world, so that all entries were full, yea, the southe pte as well as these mountaynes. It continued by daily increasing untill the 12th day of March (without the sight of any earth, eyther upon hilles or valleyes), upon which day (being the Lorde's Day) it began to decrease, and so by little and little consumed and wasted away, till the eight and twentyeth day of May for the all the heaps or drifts of snow were consumed, except for one upon Kinder Scout, which lay till Witson week and after.' Snowfalls actually resumed again in April and snow still lay over a foot deep on the higher ground as May came in.

Twenty years later the High Peak suffered a particularly ferocious winter which brought about the deaths of large numbers of deer in Peak Forest. 1674 saw another harsh winter when the lives of a grazier and his maidservant were lost in a snowstorm on Win Hill. Their bodies were not recovered for many months, when they were buried on the spot. Almost thirty years later they were exhumed and found to be perfectly preserved by the peaty soil, being treated as a public curiosity for some time before being given a decent burial.

According to the parish register of Darley Dale, the locality lay under a 'Great Frost' between November 1676 and the following January. The River Derwent was iced over and brought devastation when the thaw set in, flooding the valley and depositing large sheets of ice right up to the churchyard.

In days gone by, attempts at winter-time travel cost many lives. A foot traveller was doomed if caught in a blizzard out on the



Grey partridge

moors. Tracks and landmarks were soon obliterated and shelter was usually a vain hope. Burial registers contain numerous entries along the lines of 'starved to death in the snow'. For example, in December 1662 'the wife of George Cowper' perished in Blackbrooke Moor and in February 1692 Elizabeth Trout died while trying to cross the 'Sir William' near Eyam. Two months later, heavy snows in the first week of April claimed the lives of a packhorse man and his six horses near Pikehall.

Deaths from exposure in 18th-century winters included a woman who had set out over the hills from the Woodlands and perished near Edale End, a man and a woman who lost their lives on Ronksley Moor and another man on Eyam Moor.

Winter travel seems to have been an occupational hazard for clergymen. On New Year's Eve of 1725, Parson Baines perished on Froggatt Moor en route for Grindleford Bridge. Fifteen years later, after a severely cold winter when lads played football on the frozen Derwent, three Yorkshire rectors were overcome in an April snowstorm on their way home from a funeral at Eyam. Only one was still alive when found by a shepherd at daybreak.

In February 1805 the keeper of Tideswell lock-up and local tax collector, George Sheldon, lost his life in a snowstorm on Tideswell Moor whilst returning from business at Peak Forest. In February 1886 a 74 year-old botanist named Charles Hodkin set out, against advice, towards Froggatt Edge, where he went missing. Almost two years later his remains were found on the moor.

In 1888 heavy snowstorms fell in February and March and twenty-one men had to cut a way through massive drifts so that the Castleton to Sheffield mail-man - who had to abandon his cart - could get through Brough Lane Head near Bradwell.

An elderly couple who lived in the old tollbar cottage at Slack Hall, a few miles from Castleton, were almost suffocated when their

home was buried by snow. Not for the first time, the exposed Devonshire Arms at Sparrowpit almost disappeared beneath drifts too. That winter an avalanche claimed the life of a farmer's son who had taken shelter under a rock at Ashopton.

High Peak roads were blocked for long periods in 1892 and 1895 - when February was covered by another Great Frost.

The early years of the present century brought more very icy weather to the Peak. In November 1904 John Brown, aged 55, was 'found starved to death' at Bamford and just over a month later the same cause of death was given for an unknown man whose body was found on Hathersage Moors.

The dreadful winter of 1917 only added to the misery of war. Many people also still remember the unbroken icy weather of the bitter Februaries of 1927 and 1930.

But the worst winter within living memory was arguably that of 1947, when the Peak suffered as badly as anywhere else in the land. Violent blizzards swept in endless snow during early February. Telephone lines were severed, railway trains lay buried and hundreds of vehicles were abandoned in drifts. Transport came to a virtual standstill and many villages were cut off.

Heavy snow fell night after night and clearance work made no headway. Men were laid off in the quarries and conditions on Peak District farms became desperate. Milk could not be collected and sheep died by the thousand; one farmer alone lost 700 animals, another lost 500 and twice as many lambs.

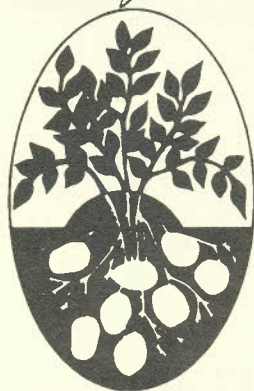
Food supplies became critically low in the Edale and Hope Valleys. High villages like Quarnford were cut off by 15' drifts and two hundred homes at Middleton and Youlgreave ran right out of fuel.

The blizzards continued into March and then when the snow finally melted down it brought floods and landslides, as though ensuring that the winter of 1947 would not fade quietly out of mind - and it all started in the month of February!

## Memories of Dore

In our Autumn issue Mrs Joan Roberts of Baslow reminded us of a story about Ashfurlong Cottage and how a past manager at Abbeydale Hamlet, being unpopular with the workers, reinforced the kitchen door with five scythe blades. Mrs Mason who currently lives in the cottage has since confirmed that they are still there!

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## News in brief

**Enjoy writing?** Then you might like to join the Abbeydale Writers, who meet on Tuesdays at 7pm under the guidance of a professional tutor. They adopt a relaxed approach drawing on writing from within the group, whether embryo novels, poems or short stories. (Ed. contributions to Dore to Door always welcome!) Ring Peter on 236 7351 or come along to the United Reformed Church on Toley Brook Road any Tuesday evening.

**A hot line** for motorists to complain about poorly driven or smelly lorries has been set up by a confederation of the road haulage associations. Lorries of companies belonging to the scheme will display the number and a help desk, manned around the clock, will be available to answer complaints. The Good Lorry Code scheme, which has the backing of the Freight Transport Association, the Road Haulage Association and the Confederation of British Industry, is an attempt to soften the image of the 38-tonner. The hot-line is (0800) 225533 and complaints are supposed to be dealt with, within two days.



## Seasons Greetings

The Dore Village Society Committee would like to take this opportunity to send seasons' greetings to all members of the society and readers of Dore to Door, wherever you might be.

A new pedestrian bridge over the Sheaf at the Dore end of Millhouses park was built earlier this year. This provides public access from the park to a point on Abbey Lane just below the railway bridge. Although muddy at present the path is due to be surfaced by the council shortly.

**Rachel Knowles** of Dore has been chosen to play Brigitta in the Crucible's production of *The Sound Of Music*.

**Neighbours** Peter Bradshaw and Lesley Self of Old Hay Close, are both Yorkshire Senior golf champions. Lesley went on to play for the Yorkshire team which won this season's Ladies Northern Seniors' Championship.

**Pollution** in the River Sheaf led to warning notices being put up by Sheffield Council in the summer. One source of pollution was found in Bradway where a domestic drain had been linked into the surface water system by a householder. Although this has been corrected some pollution continued, but is difficult to identify with the onset of autumn rain. If you see what you suspect is pollution of local streams or rivers, please contact Sheffield Environmental Health on 273 4668.

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## Defending Public Paths

Many public paths in England and Wales were created in medieval times, as routes linking villages, hamlets and farmsteads. Some follow ancient hedgerows and stone walls marking boundaries set out long ago; others link hamlets to places of worship. All have their own history and are an integral part of our countryside.

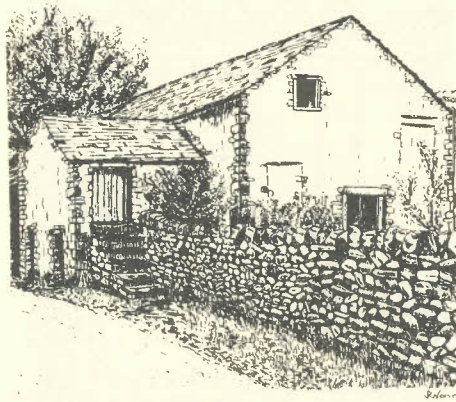
Since its formation in 1935, the Ramblers' Association has sought to protect and open up this marvellous legacy from the past, to create new paths such as the Pennine Way, sought public access to open country, encouraged respect for the countryside, defended its natural beauty and set out to improve the law. The public paths you see today on Ordnance Survey maps are there because of the Association's successes in changing the law, getting paths recorded and persuading OS to put them on its maps.

On paper, the law gives good protection to public paths. But action has to be taken to ensure that it is put into practice. The Rambler's Association has over 1,000 volunteer footpath workers. They give their time freely to protect their local paths, and are supported by staff who provide advice and assistance, pursue legal causes and lobby the government for changes in policies or legislation.

In recent years, public opinion has swung firmly behind our campaign to open up the paths. The government's official advisers, the Countryside Commission have adopted targets for getting all public paths properly recorded and signposted and in good order by the end of the century.

Those targets have been endorsed by the government: ensuring that they are achieved is a primary aim of the Rambler's Association.

In Parliament we scrutinise all legislation to ensure that rights are not harmed. We played a leading role in securing the 1990 Rights of



Way Act, which tackled the extensive problem of paths obstructed by ploughing and crops.

In the courts, we prosecute people who illegally obstruct paths. We also take test cases to clarify the law or challenge bad decisions. We use our expertise to offer advice; we publish a book, newsletter and leaflets; and we encourage parish and community council to protect and improve their local paths.

At local level, we campaign to persuade local authorities to allocate adequate resources for public paths. On the ground, we clear public paths, waymark them and build stiles and bridges.

We publish many guidebooks to local walks. Every year, hundreds of changes to public paths are proposed. We scrutinise them all, object where necessary, and argue our case at a public inquiry.

You can help if you are not already a member, by joining the Rambler's Association and encourage your friends to do likewise. Membership is not just for active walkers, but for anyone who supports our aims. The association depends almost entirely for its income on the subscriptions, donations and legacies of its members and supporters.

If you can be more active then use our leaflet *Reporting Path Problems* to tell us of any problems you encounter. If local authorities are not told of path problems, they will often ignore them, thinking that people are not concerned. Or you can help local Ramblers groups survey local paths, clear and waymark them and put up stiles, volunteer as a local Ramblers footpath officer, to look after local paths and to challenge threats to them and support local Rambler's campaigns for local authorities to provide more resources for public paths.

There are estimated to be 140,000 miles of public paths in England and Wales protected by laws which we have fought to protect and extend. Some key points of path law are:

**Definitions:**-The term 'public path' is used in this article to describe all the paths walkers have a right to use, including footpaths (for walkers only), bridle ways (for walkers and horse-riders) and unsurfaced byways, open to

walkers, horse-riders and also motorised traffic. They are all highways in law, and subject to the same legal protection as metalled roads.

**Definitive Maps:**- The key to protecting public paths is their recording on definitive maps, prepared by local authorities. These maps provide legal proof of your right to walk in the country-side, and the Ordnance Survey uses them to show rights of way information on its maps. But a way may be a public path even though it is not shown on a definitive map.

**Obstructions and Maintenance:**- Local Authorities have a duty to see that all public paths are properly maintained and kept free from obstructions. Keeping stiles in good order and ensuring that crops do not block a path are the landowner's responsibilities.

**Ploughing:**- Field-edge public paths may never be ploughed. Cross-field paths may be ploughed but must be made good by the farmer within two weeks at most.

**Signposting:**- All public paths must be signposted where they meet metalled roads. They should also be way marked where necessary along their route so that walkers do not get lost.

Walking is Britain's most popular outdoor pastime and is the best way to discover the countryside. The Rambler's Association exists to protect the interests of anyone who enjoys walking in the countryside. Today the association has over 93,000 members, more than 350 local RA groups and more than 800 affiliated clubs and societies. Members receive copies of the Quarterly colour magazine *Rambling Today* and the annual *Rambler's Yearbook and Accommodation Guide*. Further details of membership can be obtained from: Catherine Colin, 15 Oakdale Road, Sheffield S7 1SL or phone 2369025.

## Scout Post

Once again the local Scout Groups are taking part in the Scout Christmas Post scheme. Special stamps will be on sale locally from 28 November until 17 December, the last posting date for Christmas.

Greeting cards only can be sent under the scheme to all of Sheffield, Rotherham, Dronfield and Chesterfield, as well as some outlying areas (see leaflets for details). There is also a "Santa Line" for youngsters who would like to write to him, including their name and address.



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## Book Reviews

Dore hikers will be interested in a new book 'The Guide Stoops of Derbyshire' by Howard Smith assisted by the energetic Stephen Penny and with pen and ink sketches by Chris Bilton.

Of course many local stoops were described by G.H.B. Ward in the Clarion Ramblers handbooks, particularly in the 1920's. These articles led me to explore the local moors in search of stoops and other items of historical interest and I have been measuring, photographing and sketching them over the past few years – some drawings have appeared from time to time in The Independent.

This new book however, admirably presents a guide with useful background information to the stoops, illustrations, locations, sizes and inscriptions.

The introduction reminds us that early travellers in the Peak District often hired local guides to take them across these inhospitable moors and that in winter many routes were almost impassable. During the reign of William and Mary an Act was passed directing that all crossings of two or more roads should have a stone with the names of market towns to which the way led.

Big Moor, to the right of the Owlter Bar to Baslow Road, contains a huge number of stoops, markers and other historical features. One of them stands within sight of the road just 50 yards or so beyond the white gate leading to the Barbrook Reservoir. This and many other stoops are described in detail.

Copies of the book price £4.95 can be obtained from the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet Shop or by post direct from Howard at 77 Norton Lees Road, Sheffield, S8 9BX price £4.50 incl. p & p.

'Dore Totley and Beyond' is the title of a new 100 page book from Brian Edwards. The publication has 153 illustrations supported by informative captions. One sketch shows Cavendish Avenue in the autumn.

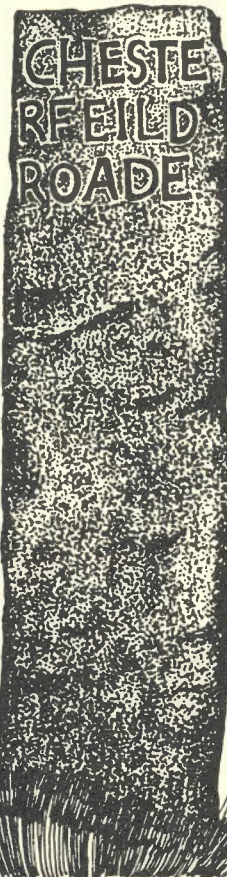
The book will be on sale from the end of November at local shops and Sheffield bookstores.

*Stoop at Eaglestone Flat, Big Moor, at the side of the Big Moor to Baslow Track. This ancient bridleway between Baslow & Chesterfield was turnpiked in 1759 but abandoned as a carriageway in 1803. Map Ref. 275740. Illustration by Chris Bilton.*



*Cavendish Avenue in full leaf this autumn.*

*Brian Edwards.*



**Mostly Downhill**, is an engaging title for a walking book, or more accurately two books, covering the Dark and White Peaks respectively. Written by Clive Price, the books between them offer some sixty walks, providing access to some of the most attractive and interesting scenery in the Peak District. The walks really are mostly downhill, a phenomenon achieved by using public transport to provide either access or return journeys, or by groups working on a two car principle.

Each of the walks is outlined on its own sketch map, with narrative on places or points of interest on the way. Distances, time taken, availability of public transport, access by car and places for refreshment are all detailed. The walks range from 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles, but as walking downhill takes the hard work out of the exercise, most of us can tackle them with comparative ease.

For the more experienced walker some of the routes will be familiar even if the information provided is not, but they still offer a particular challenge. Armed with the appropriate OS map, to be recommended to anyone following the routes, the challenge is to build these into more demanding circular routes. Having tried some myself, I am thinking of writing a companion volume - Mostly uphill!

Both the **Mostly Downhill** books are published by Sigma Leisure, price £6.95 and are available from local bookshops.

## Millennium initiative

One of the letters in this issue calls for the Dore Village Society to take the lead in formulating a Millennium Plan for Dore, not just how we celebrate the event: we need that as well, but how we can improve the environment of the village and commemorate the close of the century.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, would like to be involved either personally or on behalf of an organisation you belong to, please contact any of the current committee members - their telephone numbers are in this issue.

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## Country Matters

There you are sitting by the warmth of your fire with your Winter copy of 'Dore to Dore' and, as you read, the Spring edition is being prepared.

Yes... Spring, that awakening time of the year when the air seems so much sweeter as the receding snow exposes the fresh soil and herbage. That time of the year when Mum throws her seasonal 'wobbly'... 'Got to get this done, got to get that done! While Dad thinks he might just give the door jambs another lick of paint, only to discover that he hadn't hammered the paint tin lids on following last year's effort. Viewing the skin topped, dried out mess, he thinks, I'll give it a miss until next year.

There is however a major dread associated with Spring cleaning. Yes, you have guessed, we as children also had to be Spring Cleaned and what a saga this ritual turned out to be. One thing I could never understand, we had stood up to the rigours of Winter, chapped knees, chilblains and all, yet for some reason it was Spring when we had to be sorted out. We dare not cough, sneeze, wheeze, rustle as this would send Mother hastening to the medicine chest post haste and we all knew what that meant. As soon as there was any sign of a cough out would come the goose grease. This was rubbed on the chest, or worse still the grease was daubed onto brown paper and this was stuck to your chest under your vest.

By now Mum had got the feel for the job, so she would proceed to go through with the whole 'clean out' ritual, despite all our protestations, it was to 'do us good'. Herbs and roots from the hedgerow were collected and ground up then brewed into some of the most foul tasting potions you can imagine. If you weren't ill before you were held down and given a dose, you were well on the way, afterwards. Cod liver oil and malt I could tolerate but, Scotts Emulsion, that sickly cod oil with a slight hint of banana flavour was another matter. I can still see the label on the dreaded bottle... a fisherman dressed in yellow oilskins, with a whole cod hanging down his back. The mere thought sends shivers through me. Then it was the mollasses treatment. Out mum would go to the cow treacle barrel with a stick and cup, returning with enough to cattle drench the two of us, still maintaining that all this was, 'doing us good'.

Next came the oddest treatment of the lot. Mum would make a cone from paper tearing a hole at the pointed end. She would then place part of a teaspoon full of sulphur powder into the broad end of the cone, make us open our mouth and, blow the powder down our throat. As you can imagine this caused us to choke and splutter, coughing out plumes of yellow powder until natural secretions returned to our throats. Do you know, I have never to this day worked out what that experience was supposed to do for us but, it must have 'done us good'. Why we were given Friar's Balsam on a piece of sugar I will never know, then of course, there was the satchel with camphor that was hung round your neck.

Having regard for all of the preceding remedies, there was one procedure that stood out supreme. Yes, you have guessed... the Licorice Powder ritual to clean us out. The most unfair aspect of this treatment, was that it was carried out on a Friday night after our

bath. Why had it to be Friday night, after all we had to get up early for school on the five preceding days. Following the dosage with licorice powder it was off to bed. However, not for us the luxury of a lie in on Saturday morning which I still maintain, was most unfair. There was only one consolation, we dare not cough!! This would have seen Mother reaching for the goose grease starting the whole Spring 'Clean Out' ritual all over again.

As you read this saga, I am sure that many of you have endured the same, or worse experiences, it is much that we all survived until Summer.

Jim Frost

## Winter's postscript

To the north of Derwent Edge lies Hoeden Moor, where in the winter of 1953/4 a shepherd named Joseph Tagg perished when he became lost in the snow. His sheepdog, Tip, kept vigil by his body for fifteen weeks and although she survived for a year, she was buried on the moors the following winter. Subscriptions came from all over the world to pay for a memorial, which inscribed with her story, and stands at the roadside by Derwent reservoir.

## Jean recalls

People may be interested to know the history of the man on horseback featured in the 1996 Scout Gala programme (and Winter 89 edition of Dore to Door). He was William (Bill) Bell taking part in the 1919 Victory Celebrations in Dore.

William had a variety of jobs. He used to run the bus service between Dore and Ecclesall and at one time ran the fish and chip shop. In those days this was a wooden hut on the site of Dore Garage. William lived with his wife on High Street in the cottage now occupied by Les and May Coates. Mrs Bell used the front room as a drapers shop. We children were all kitted out in childproof vests and liberty bodices from Mrs Bells. She also sold wool. The shop had a lovely scent of fresh linen and though tiny had a good stock.

William was the grandfather of Mrs Julian Heawood of Leyfield Road. His son (Pat's father) was Henry Bell who used to have a lock-up electrical shop where the Deli now stands. Henry was the local electrician. He was a keen photographer and died last year. He used to live in the house now occupied by Pat and Julian.

Jean Dean

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## The Earls and Dukes of Devonshire

The eleventh in a series of articles

The seventh Duke of Devonshire (1808 - 1891)

As a grandson of Lord George Cavendish, brother of the Fifth Duke Of Devonshire, William Cavendish – and Earl of Burlington of the second creation – came in line for the Devonshire title after the death of the Batchelor Duke.

Cavendish was scholarly and intelligent. At the age of twenty-eight he had become Chancellor of London University and subsequently Chancellor of Cambridge, where as a student he had excelled at mathematics. In the early 1830s he also represented Cambridge University as a Reformist Whig MP and in later life donated £6,300 to the University to build and equip a laboratory of experimental physics in honour of the scientist Henry Cavendish. The Cavendish Laboratory is noted for its prestigious work to this day.

William Cavendish married Lady Blanche Howard, herself a granddaughter of the Fifth Duke of Devonshire and Duchess Georgiana. Blanche's first son died in infancy but she bore three healthy sons and a daughter before her own sudden and early death. Her husband mourned her deeply for the rest of his life and never remarried. He tutored their children personally to give them a close family life, his own father having been killed in a carriage accident in 1812.

At the age of fifty Cavendish took up his ducal inheritance but without Blanche to share it he felt himself to be little more than its financial guardian. To his dismay portents of disaster were evident from his first glance at the accounts. His Burlington holdings, which included Eastbourne and land around the Lancashire coastline, were not entirely free of debt either and he had already moved into the world of investment and commerce.

It was fortuitous, therefore, that the Seventh

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Duke of Devonshire actually preferred the sober world of business to the extravagant socialising of his predecessors. Acting as his own accountant, arguably the best in his line since Bess of Hardwick, Devonshire took immediate steps to reduce the massive expenses and outgoings which had so reduced the vast income.

All rents were reviewed and updated and the large payroll was pruned, which at Chatsworth meant farewell to Sir Joseph Paxton, no longer the unknown gardener who had come to work for the Sixth Duke but the world famous architect of the Crystal Palace at the heart of the British Empire.

Meanwhile Devonshire turned his thoughts to securing and even enhancing his inheritance through long term investment in industry. He put money into the expansion of the Lancashire docklands and harbours and, following the discovery of iron-ore near his small village of Barrow, supervised its transformation into an industrial giant. The small fishing community of Eastbourne grew into a select seaside resort after Devonshire built modern roads, hotels, shops and houses.

In a different vein, the Seventh Duke founded the Royal Agricultural Society and achieved personal success with his prize-winning herd of Holker Shorthorns. Holker Hall in Lancashire was his favourite home, though at Chatsworth he had the great library catalogued and also appointed Sir Gilbert Scott to rebuild Edensor church. Chatsworth House had become a mecca for day trippers as soon as the railway had reached Rowsley; 11,000 visitors came in Whit Week 1884.

By this time Devonshire had suffered another grievous loss. At the beginning of 1882 his heir, Lord Hartington, was Secretary of State for India and his second son, Lord Frederick, was financial secretary to the Treasury. In the early part of that year Prime Minister Gladstone, seeking to deal with violence in Ireland through conciliation, offered the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland to Hartington – the Devonshire estates in Lismore gave the family a close interest in events in Ireland. Hartington turned down the post but to the deep concern of their father, it was taken up by his 'beloved Freddie'.

When Lord Frederick left for Dublin in the first week of May 1882 he carried a message of peace from Gladstone, yet within hours of its delivery the bearer was dead. This report appeared in an English newspaper:

*'All England thrilled with horror when the news arrived that the Chief Secretary, Lord F. Cavendish, and Under Secretary, Mr. Burke, for Ireland, had been foully murdered in Phoenix Park, Dublin. On May 6th Lord Cavendish – who had only been eight hours in Dublin – was walking through the park to the Secretary's Lodge accompanied by Mr. Burke. When within sight of the vice-regal grounds, a car drove rapidly up on which four men and the driver were seated. When the secretaries were reached, the car stopped, and the four*

*men immediately descended, and attacked the unfortunate gentlemen with long knives or daggers. A terrible struggle ensued but, unarmed and assailed by four, the officials were stabbed to death. Their fiendish deed accomplished, the four murderers returned to their car and rapidly drove away. The victims were conveyed to the hospital but life was extinct in each'.*

Cavendish's body was brought back for burial at Edensor. The Prime Minister and many MPs travelled from London for the funeral and Queen Victoria sent a wreath of everlasting flowers. It was said that over a quarter of a million mourners lined the route taken by the cortege through Chatsworth Park.

The Duke of Devonshire was devastated and his melancholy worsened with the inexorable failure of his industrial ventures. In spite of all his earnest efforts few had brought lasting success, even Barrow had been hit by a continuing drop in demand for steel. Matters reached the point where Devonshire estates in Ireland had to be used as security for a debt of £80,000 to the Scottish Widows Insurance Company.

In 1891 Devonshire was bereaved yet again upon the death of his youngest son, Lord Edward Cavendish, father of three boys. This was the final blow for the sad old Duke and in the last month of the year he too passed away whilst in residence at Holker Hall.

**Julie Bunting**

*The articles in this series, complete with illustrations and a foreword by his grace the Duke of Devonshire, have now been published in the Derbyshire Heritage Series. Copies are available from the author price £4.34 inc p&p. Please write enclosing a cheque to Mrs J Bunting, Goss Hall, Ashover, Chesterfield, S45 0JN.*

## The Church Standard

In 1925 Christ Church Dore had a magazine called The Church Standard. The front page, with a drawing of St George in the top left corner, was entitled News of the Month. The topics were mainly religious or learned, and included the following: "Whatever be the form of the Prayer-Book revision which the Bishops finally submit to the National Assembly, it must be accepted or rejected in its entirety. The Assembly will not be able to liken it to the curate's egg, which was good in parts. We feel profoundly for the Bishops, and it would certainly lighten their burden if, before their decisions were arrived at, they could be assured of the loyalty of all clergy and laymen at this crisis in the history of our beloved Church." Nothing changes!

Page 2 was Church News of the month, and 3 and 4 general advertisements. Dore Parish Monthly Magazine took up the next page, with details of the new Schoolmaster, Mr Sydney Speight. It also gave the Prize Winners of the Eighth Annual Exhibition of the Dore Garden and Allotment Society held in the Dore Schoolroom. The last 2 pages held local advertisements.

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## The Harvest Mouse

(*Micromys minutus*)

The 18th Century naturalist Gilbert White first identified the Harvest Mouse as a British species. He described the nest as 'so compact and well filled that it would roll across the table without being discomposed, though it contained 8 young'. The mouse shreds the leaves of grasses and weaves them together around the stalks to make a ball shaped summer nest about 1/2 metre from the ground. A family of between four and nine young are raised in a nest about eight centimetres in diameter. Several litters are raised each year in such nests.

An adult harvest mouse's head and body is approximately five centimetres long; its tail which it uses to cling onto the grass stalks etc is almost as long. It weighs about 1/16 of an ounce. Yellowish-red above the white underparts it has black eyes and a blunt nose. During the summer the mouse feeds on insects and seeds or grain and stockpiles seed for the winter months. It spends the winter either in bankside burrows or amongst vegetation away from its summer home.

The easiest way to check if harvest mice are present is to search for the nests in autumn after the mice have left. It is important not to disturb them during the summer as they are likely to either abandon or kill and eat their young in the nest. Unlike Gilbert White, nests would not now be taken with young in.

The harvest mouse is one species which has been affected by the change in agricultural practices (increased mechanisation and use of pesticides). Formerly it was often noticed at harvest time when the mouse would be driven out of the fields sometimes ending up in farm buildings. Nowadays, in this area it is more commonly associated with reed beds and marshy areas. These have been the most productive sites for nest searches.

20 years ago it was thought that the harvest mouse was locally extinct. But after bones were found in an owl pellet from the Shire Brook Valley, and nest searches were begun in response to a national survey, more and more sites have been found for this tiny creature. It appears that they had been overlooked as their cornfield habitats retreated and the significance of reeds and marshes was not realised. Annual searches are conducted at specific sites. For example at Beighton Marsh where members of Sorby Natural History Society join with the YWT and local Shire Brook group, approximately 20 nests have been found in each of the last two years.

Christine Handley

## News in brief

'Under the Knife' is an exhibition of surgical instruments, covering the history of this Sheffield industry from the gruesome days of amputation without anaesthetic, to the high-tech world of the present day. Drawing on a number of Sheffield collections, the exhibition at the Abbeydale Hamlet is open until the end of January.

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## The mast

Last March a company called Ionica approached the trustees of the Dore School and Charity Lands Trust with a view to erecting a mast on the football field at the end of The Meadow.

They brought along a large mobile platform, a cherry picker, and positioned it at the top right hand corner of the field. With this they decided the mast would need to be 15 metres high with an aerial array on top. The whole thing would be around 70 feet high. The trustees gave the matter careful consideration. The aerial is to be part of a system to provide a domestic telephone network in opposition to BT. A customer will have a small dish mounted on his house pointing to the mast, his phone is connected to the dish and used in the normal way. The idea being to provide a cheaper alternative to BT. Because of this the aerial has to be high enough to be visible from as many homes as possible. It was not possible to reduce the height so that it could be hidden by the trees. The trustees decided the impact on the view of such a large structure in a relatively small landscape was unacceptable. The dilemma was that Ionica were offering £2,000 per year to site the mast in that position and if permission was refused there was nothing to stop them asking the council if they could put it over the fence on the Rec.

The councils property services department are not known for being too bothered about creating eyesores, and so we would be likely to end up with the same situation but the council getting the £2000 and not the Trust. Planning regulations on these aerials are very loose, it's difficult for the planners to refuse permission. However the trustees felt they had a duty to the environment that overrode these considerations and decided to refuse consent for the mast to be sited on the football field. Ionica have made it plain that one way or another they are going to put a mast in the Dore area, so it's up to the residents to be vigilant and make sure the trustees efforts are not wasted.

*ED. Since this article was written a planning application has been made by Ionica to place their aerial on an existing local mast.*



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## Shop Opening Times

The pattern of Dore shop opening times may be hard to discern.

Some of it has historical origins. The Post Office (and until recently, Greens) has Wednesday half day closing from the time when it was a Derbyshire village. Although other half days have been chosen, it's interesting that none follow Thursday half day closing traditional in Sheffield. To add to the

confusion, some staff, like Beryl, have greeted you from behind 2 or 3 different counters!

This list circles the centre roughly anticlockwise. It is published in the hope that the hard work, variety and job provision of our local shops is appreciated. Try them before going further afield. See if they'll order you items to save an unnecessary journey and once again enjoy the old courtesies of being addressed by name and given the time and care.

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Name	Phone Number	Opening Times Monday - Friday	Saturday	Half-day	
KUTZ Hair Design	236 4915	Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.30 - 5 Wed, Fri 9.30 - 6	8.30 - 4	—	
SOLUNA Travel	235 1911	9 - 5.30	9 - 5	—	
VICTORIA WINE	236 6584	10am - 10pm	10 - 10	—	SUNDAY 12 - 2 and 6 - 10
HOLLYWOOD NITES Video Shop	236 7167	Mon - Thurs 11am - 9pm Fri 11am - 10pm	10 - 10	—	SUNDAY 10 - 10
MIDLAND BANK	260 4700	9.45 - 3	—	—	
GREENS Hardware	236 2165	8.30 - 5.30	8.30 - 5	—	Deliveries
UNITED NEWS	236 7976	6am - 6pm Paper Deliveries Daily	6am - 7pm	—	SUNDAY 6.30am - 12.30
COLIN THOMPSON Butchers	236 0420	9 - 1 and 2 - 5 except Mon	9 - 1	MON 9 - 12	Deliveries on Friday
CHRIS'S Bakery and Coffee Shop	236 4397	9 - 2.30	9 - 1	SAT	
DORE CLASSICS	236 8313	9.30 - 1 and 2 - 4.30	As Mon - Fri	—	
NOTTINGHAM Building Society	236 9187	9.30 - 4.30	9.30 - 12	SAT	
DYNASTY Chinese	262 0883	5.30 - 11.30	5.30 - 11.30	—	
JO & CO Hairdressers	236 6208	Tues, Wed, Fri 9 - 5.30 Mon 9 - 4, Thurs 9 - 7	9 - 3.30	—	
VALERIE of DORE	236 2168	9 - 1 and 2 - 5 except Mon	9 - 1 and 2 - 4	MON 9 - 1	Deliveries daily
DORE DELICATESSEN	236 8574	9 - 1 and 2 - 5.30 except Mon	9 - 1 and 2 - 5		
THE CORNER SHOP	235 3738	8 - 6	9 - 5	—	SUN open 1 - 5
THE COUNTRY GARDEN	236 6281	8.30 - 5.30	8.30 - 5	—	Deliveries Friday morning
DORE GRILL	262 0035	12 - 2.30 and 6 - 11	6 - 11	—	SUN 12 - 2
THE TASTY PLAICE	236 9840	11.45 - 2 and 6 - 10	11.45 - 2 and 5 - 8	—	
HAIRPLUS	236 5701	Tues, Wed 9 - , Thurs 9 - 5.30 Mon 9 - 12, Fri 9 - 6	8.30 - 1	SAT	
PEAK PHARMACY	236 1028	9 - 1 and 2 - 5.30	9 - 1	SAT	
POST OFFICE	236 4243	9 - 1 and 2 - 5.30 except Wed	9 - 12.30	WED 9 - 1	
DORE GARAGE	236 4691	8.30 - 6	8.30 - 1	SAT	
CO-OP	236 1367	8 - 10	8 - 10	—	SUN 8 - 8
HARE and HOUNDS	236 0754	11am onwards	As Mon - Fri		
DEVONSHIRE ARMS	235 1716	11am onwards	As Mon - Fri		

## Diary - Winter 1996

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet:

October - 31 January, Surgical Instruments exhibition - Under the Knife'.

Totley Library:

11 Nov-16 Dec Silk Flower Display.

16 Nov - 30 Nov Silk Picture Display.

3 Dec - 21 Dec Embroidery & Watercolour Display.

### NOVEMBER

- 16 **Dore & Totley Competitive Festival of Music**, King Egbert School. Winners Concert 6pm.
- 16 **Dore Church Bazaar**. Church Hall, Townhead Road, 10am-12 noon. Entrance 50p children free.
- 16 **Christmas Fair**. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church. 10am-12.30pm.
- 16 **Annual Concert**, Dore Male Voice Choir, Firth Hall, Sheffield University, 7pm Tickets 236 4376
- 18 **Liberal Councillors' Surgery**. Totley Library 6pm-7pm.
- 18 **Reservoirs and water supply in S Yorks**. Talk by Graham Hague for S Yorks Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.
- 18-30 **Display of silk pictures**, Totley Library.
- 19 **Sheffield Flood & victim's claims** Talk by Mrs J Cass, for Tuesday Ladies Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm.
- 20-23 **Party to Murder**. A thriller performed by T.O.A.D.S. St John's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £2, concessions £1.50. Ring 236 6891.
- 25 **Fruit Growing**. Talk by Edwin Pocock for Totley Residents Assn. 7.45pm, Totley Library. Admission free.
- 30 **Craft Fair & Valuation Day**. KESA, Wessex Hall, King Egbert School. Many stalls including antique valuation by Mr Michael Dowse a local expert. Tel 236 8497 for details.
- 30 **Mulled Wine & Mince Pies + Bring & Buy stall**, Transport 17. Ring 236 2962.
- 30 **Christmas Fair**. St John Church. 2pm-4pm

### DECEMBER

- 3 **On safari in Kenya**. Talk by Dr Colin Marsden, for Tuesday Ladies Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm.
- 3 **Christmas Party**. Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall, Townhead Road. 7.45pm
- 4 **Christmas Coffee Morning**. 10am-12noon. Cheshire Home
- 6-7 **Concert - Verdi's Opera 'AIDA'**. John Wade Singers in aid of The Sheffield Diabetic Society. 7.30pm St John' Church Hall. Tickets 01246 415778.
- 7 **Coffee Morning & Market** for Chernobyl Children' Project. Dore Methodist Church Hall. 10am-12noon.
- 7 **Concert**. Sheffield Harmony, Ladies Barbershop Chorus. Dore & Totley United Reformed Church. 7.30pm Tickets £2.50 from 236 6294 or J.Martin's shop.
- 10 **Medieval Rotherham**. Talk by Tony Mumford for the Hunter Archaeological Society, 7.30pm Arts Tower Lecture Theatre 9, Sheffield University. Non members welcome.
- 11 **Christmas Party**. Dore(E)T.G. Old School 7.30pm
- 13 **Christmas Carol Concert**. Totley Library. Tel 236 3067
- 13-14 **Christmas Concert**, Dore Male Voice Choir, Dore Church, 7pm Tickets 236 4376
- 16 **Marks of Sheffield craftsmen 1624-1878**. Talk by Joan Unwin for S Yorks Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.
- 18-19 **Christmas at the Hamlet**. With special evening opening. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

### JANUARY

- 8 **Work & History of the Assay Office**. Talk by David Jarvis, Dore(E)TG Old School 7.30pm
- 14 **Medieval Stained Glass in Dronfield Parish Church** Talk by Peter Shelton for the Hunter Archaeological Society, 7.30pm Arts Tower Lecture Theatre 9, Sheffield University. Non members welcome
- 20 **Third Division to Premier League: Sheffield 1700-1800**. Talk by Neville Flavell for S Yorks Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm. Anyone welcome.

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