

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Abbeydale Hamlet

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and Shepherd Wheel are closed!

Despite widespread protest about the loss of public access to this important Grade I historic site, Sheffield Council closed the Hamlet and Shepherd wheel from the 1st April this year.

The news came as a great shock to employees, the Abbeydale & Shepherd Wheel Action Trust and the general public alike. The decision was made without any consultation beyond the labour group and council officials, or consideration of ways in which the Hamlet and Wheel could have been kept open with the support of voluntary help during the key summer months.

It seems unbelievable that this important Sheffield tourist attraction, which had already been promoted in this years tourist publications, should close so abruptly. Can it be that we have a Council which cannot appreciate Sheffield's own heritage, and which has been unprepared until now, to seek partnerships with voluntary and commercial interests in order to develop and promote its historic assets.

The Hamlet and Wheel have now been mothballed, with limited access to the nesters on site and educational visits. Unfortunately closure equals deterioration of machinery and particularly the wheels if the are not turned. Essential maintenance had already been neglected for years with an expensive backlog of work having built up.

What happens next is an unknown. The Council has talked of the Hamlet reopening in the autumn and of expressions of interest by a number of voluntary and commercial organisations.

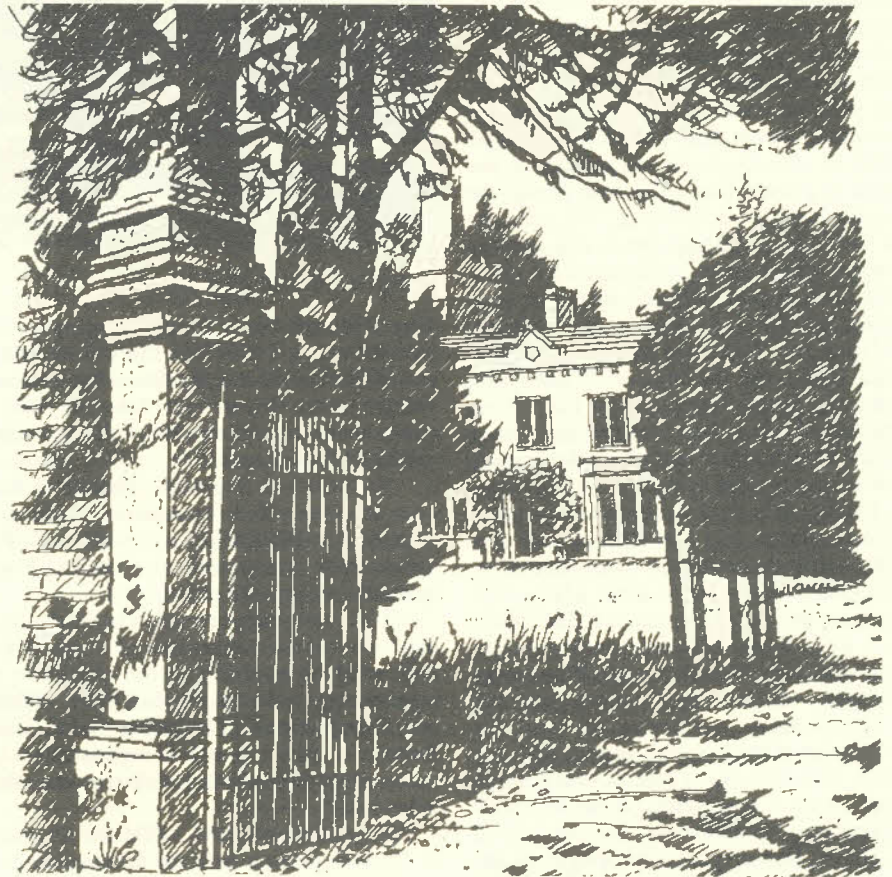
If you wish to join or support the fight to preserve Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet as a public museum please contact:

Abbeydale & Shepherd Wheel Action Trust, c/o Lawrence Tattersall Chartered Surveyors, Yorkshire House, Leopold Street, Sheffield S1 3RT, or ring Chris Tattersall on 230 2869 or 276 7074.

Election result

Sheffield Hallam constituency, which comprises the Sheffield Council wards of Dore, Ecclesall, Hallam and Broomhill, has a new MP. The results of the recent election were:

R Allan	Liberal Democrat	23,345
I Patnick	Conservative	15,074
S Conquest	Labour	6,147
I Davidson	Referendum	788
P Booler	Independent	125
Majority		8,271



Abbeydale Hall, Abbeydale Road South. 1996.

Brian Edwards

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Summer Meeting & AGM
8pm Wednesday 28 May
Old School Hall
Talk by Mrs J Dunn
on local & family history

Public loss

It looks increasingly likely that we are going to loose our finest local public building with the impending sale of Abbeydale Hall. The building, one of the best examples of Victorian architecture in Sheffield, has recently been advertised for sale by Sheffield College following the recent heavy cuts in the funding of further education. Interest in this grade II listed building has already been expressed by a brewery with a view to converting it into a pub and restaurant. Other suggested uses include a nursing home or commercial offices. Although the building itself is probably safe from major change, its setting is not, with the prospect of the front gardens being converted into a car park.

In emergency

The casualty department at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital closed on the 1st May. A minor injuries unit capable of dealing with sprains and cuts from 8am to 8pm is all that remains at the Hallamshire. Accident and emergency services for children have been centralised at Sheffield Children's Hospital. Adult A&E is now based on the Northern General.

According to the Sheffield Health Authority residents in the South West of the City will not suffer, as ambulances used on emergency calls will be manned by at least one paramedic trained to undertake life-support techniques and carry the latest life support equipment!

Devonshire Terrace

Following our lead article in the last edition, we understand that following the Councils' Transport Sub Committee decision, the Traffic & Highways Department will shortly be advertising the intention to make Devonshire Terrace one-way, from Townhead Road to Causewayhead Road.

INSIDE: Aldine House; Dig for Victory; Litter Survey; Farming Notes; Walk to School Week.

Inspectors report

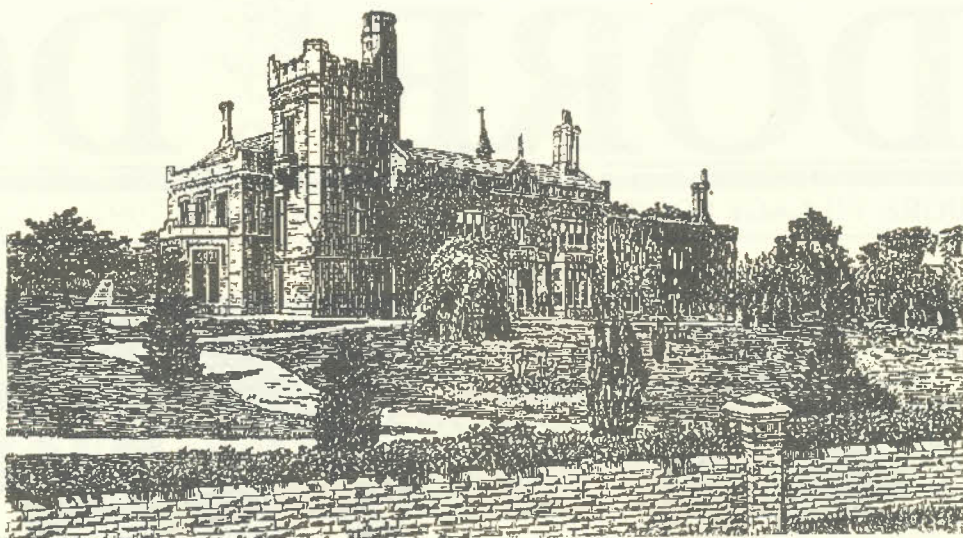
The long-awaited Inspector's report to the UDP Inquiry*, which finished on 15 March 96, arrived at the end of February. As it is in 13 volumes, it will take some time to consider. The Council's own revised document and new maps will be on display for six weeks during

September and October for the public to see and comment on.

Some people consider that their handwriting, typewriting, lack of legal jargon or oratory make them unfit to give their views. They will be cheered by the Inspector's comment "I stress that I have given equal weight to all objections regardless of the method of presentation." The long drawn out timescale (from 1993 to Spring 1998 when the Plan should be published) means that existing guidelines have been superseded by more recent ones. Specifically the Inspector took account of RPG12 (Regional Planning Guidance for Yorkshire and Humberside March 1996) and the revised PPG6 Town Centre and Retail Development Plan (June 1996) both of which have been published since the UDP Inquiry closed and which the Council will also have to refer to in their modifications. The balance has been maintained between national advice and legislation and any specific regional dimensions to that legislation.

Our Green Belt is one of these. Many other authorities are rightly envious of Sheffield's Green Belt. Some planning authorities in preparing their Development Plans may "safeguard" land between the urban fence and the Green Belt - a reserve of land for consideration in the next plan period. With this in mind, Hassall Homes (Yorkshire) brought in a proposal for a new policy "Areas of Search for Long-term Development" But the RPG12 (see above) lays considerable weight on the Green Belt around the City in dealing with housing demand. The Inspector wrote that this approach would not be appropriate to Sheffield, and has recommended that Hassall Homes proposal be dropped.

Richard writes elsewhere of our worries



Abbeydale Hall in it's hayday.

Sheffield Libraries & Information Services.

over Ryecroft Farm fields, hanging in the balance since 1993. But there were other reasons for my reading the Green Environment volume of the Report first. After all Dore is nearly encircled by Green Belt. Here are some quotes from the Report:

"National and Regional guidance is that, once set, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances" (The definition of "exceptional circumstances" was queried in several site objections.)

"I do not support the view of some objectors that the maintenance of a tight Green Belt need be contrary to the objective of regenerating under-used urban sites. Indeed, one of the purposes of including land in Green Belts is to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land."

"I am mindful that in RPG5 the Secretary of State, in dealing with the housing demand for Sheffield, says that the scope for catering for it is limited by the Green Belt, which is an overriding consideration"

Further advice from this same Regional Planning Guidance 5 says that any shortfall in housing land should be met elsewhere in South Yorkshire.

As to the permanence of the present Green Belt boundary, it was pointed out that the Green Belt Plan only went up to 1996, whereas the UDP Housing policies run to 2001. However, the Inspector saw no reason why the end date of the Green Belt Local Plan could not be extended if urban land requirements including that for housing could be met beyond 1996. At whatever stage the Council choose to hold a Green Belt Review, he advised that it should be thorough and not done in haste. With great courtesy and respect, he also pointed out ambiguous statements which could give unnecessary headaches to both public and Council in the future.

In our local area, the proposal from Dore and Totley Golf Club to release 4 hectares of its land for housing has been opposed. One of his several reasons was "the proposals would extend urban Sheffield closer to Dronfield and use land which has a Green Belt function"

The following are also to be kept in the Green Belt:-

1) Totley Campus; 2) Totley Hall Lane; 3) Ryecroft Glen Road (gardens behind 30-32 Dore Road); 4) Ryecroft Farm (land adjoining Rushley Drive); 5) Hollis Hospital, Whirlow.

Gillian Farnsworth

Abbeydale Hall

The site of Abbeydale Hall, or Abbeydale Villa as it was previously known, was purchased by silversmith John Roberts in 1851. Subsequently he extended the building in Victorian - Gothic style, purchased additional land both sides of Abbeydale Road South, and laid out extensive gardens.

The story of Abbeydale Hall is inseparable from that of Ebenezer Hall*, adopted son of John Roberts, who succeeded him in the property until he died in 1911 followed by his wife until 1919. The house then stood empty for 4 years before becoming a private hotel for 6 years. In 1929 it was rented to Norton Rural District Council for use as a District Office and Community Centre, before being bought in 1931 by Sheffield Corporation. It has been used as a centre for education and community activities ever since.

* *The Grand Old Man of Abbeydale Hall: Ebenezer Hall JP* by J Handley 30 Abbeydale Park Crescent, Sheffield S17 3PA price £7.50

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Home at last

In the spring of 1992 the Dore Village Society embarked on an ambitious project to collect, catalogue and display material on the locality and its history. The key to this project was finding suitable permanent premises within Dore. Unfortunately long negotiations with Vaux brewery came to nothing, when the Barn behind the Devonshire Arms, which we were hoping to rent, was converted into kitchens for a restaurant extension.

Now, with the help of the Charity Lands Trust, the Dore Village Society has its own room in the Old School, right in the centre of the village. This has been created by reinstating the upper floor of what was the Head Master's house and providing a new external staircase to the rear of the building.

It is now planned to bring together and store in this room all the historic documents and information we have gathered on Dore and to make this available for study. The room will also be used for research and as a working office by the Society.

Which leads us to an appeal:

If you have any old photographs, postcards, documents, newspaper cuttings, maps or artifacts relevant to Dore or the surrounding area please donate, or lend them for copying, to the Dore Collection. Nothing is too insignificant and unfortunately all too often items of interest to us end up thrown away when people move or die. Please contact Anne Slater on 236 6710. We would also like to hear from anyone interested in helping with this project.



Work in progress on creating a new room for the Dore Village Society above the kitchen at the Old School.

Have you seen?

Dore to Door comes to my door courtesy of a volunteer deliverer, so when they were away I stepped into the breach. What did I find - letter boxes at a knee bendingly low level, others too narrow or with springs ready to snap your fingers off and those dreaded brushes that stop all but the stoutest article. But worst of all were the long drives with no way through to the next house. I know an Englishman's home is supposed to be his castle, but couldn't we lower the drawbridge a little and think of the

postman! Everyone should try delivering to their own home once in a while.

Am I alone in thinking that using the roads is becoming ever more dangerous? Lorries, cyclists and expensive car owners in particular seem to think they are exempt from traffic regulations. And they don't learn by experience. Despite the spectacular lorry crash earlier this year on the Hathersage Road, blue articulated lorries still speeding, well beyond safety limits on their hectic way too and from Sheffield.

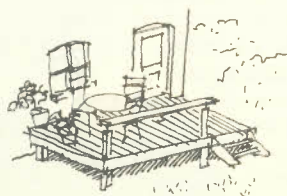
Then again, parking at school collection times creates dangers for pedestrians and vehicles. Indeed worried parents seem to create the very problems that concern them. When I was young I walked to school. Are children really more at risk now or is the pace at which we live, leaving insufficient time for parents or children to walk anywhere!

Finally, have we become a rubbish society? Not long ago we celebrated the arrival of the Wheelie Bin and the extra space it provided - no more overflowing dustbins and heaps of black liners. Now it seems even the new bins are insufficient and they are increasingly seen with their lids ajar due to the volume of rubbish squeezed inside. Much of this seems to be garden material which could with just a little effort easily be composted. Unfortunately we have become a throw away society and wheelie Bins seem to have ended up encouraging this!

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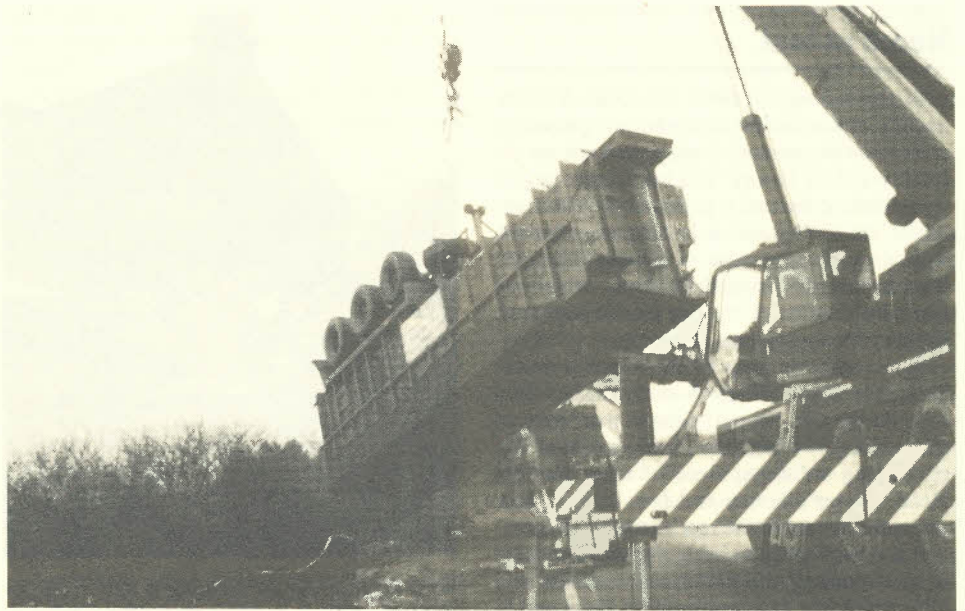
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Aldine House

Aldine House Secure Children's Home recently opened on the site of the former Rycroft Glen remand unit on Limb Lane. Aldine House is part of a national building programme designed to get juvenile offenders out of adult prisons and into specially designed secure units. The decision to end the practice of remanding 15 and 16 year old boys into adult prisons, followed the suicide of 15 year old Phillip Knight in 1990, who killed himself after spending just two weeks imprisoned in Swansea prison for stealing a handbag. The magistrates court sent him to an adult prison because no local authority secure accommodation was available.

Aldine House is licensed by the Department of Health to accommodate both boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 18 years. It can look after younger children with special permission of the Secretary of State. Young people stay, on average, between 3-6 months. Aldine will look after some of the most disturbed and disruptive children in the country. Although it has been designed and built primarily to hold juvenile offenders, on remand or sentenced, Aldine House will also accommodate children and young people who need secure accommodation on welfare grounds. These young people pose more of a risk to themselves than they do to others. They may have experienced family breakdown or abuse. Many will have been running away from home. Some will have been running away from children's homes. They have often ended up living rough on the streets, sometimes being preyed upon by drug dealers and pimps.

The mix of young people may seem strange at first, but it must be remembered that many young offenders have experienced similar personal and social trauma as those who have been placed in secure accommodation for welfare reasons. Equally, many children accommodated at Aldine house on welfare grounds, have been involved on the fringes of offending. For most of our children, the offending is merely a symptom of deficiencies and deficits in their childhood, in their personal and social development. While it is critically important to help them to identify the reasons for their behaviour, it is even more important that we do not make excuses for what they do. If Aldine house is about anything, it is about helping young people to take responsibility for their behaviour and to regain control over their lives.



Recovery of the articulated lorry that crashed off the Hathersage Road opposite the lay-by in the first week of March, ending up upside down on Blackamore. Amazingly the cab was relatively undamaged, and as far as we know the driver escaped without serious injury.

The unit operates as a moderate therapeutic community; encouraging residents to begin to talk about what has happened to them and to express their views and feelings, often for the first time. In addition to daily small groups and community meetings, young people are offered opportunities to take part in art and drama therapy. Short courses about such things as anger management, alternatives to violence and drug/alcohol misuse are facilitated by members of the multi-disciplinary staff group. A full-time, high quality education programme is provided by teachers in partnership with Oakwood School.

The primary aim of the unit is to hold young people securely and to support them during the crisis which has led them to be locked up. Staff then attempt to overcome the feelings of mistrust they have towards adults, ensure a number of critical assessments (such as health, education, psychological and social needs, as well as risks), motivate them to start the work and to put in place a plan which will enable them to continue this work in more normal surroundings as quickly as possible.

Jack Cordery, Manager.

Well Dressing Diary

Throughout the spring and summer, a succession of old Derbyshire villages put on well dressings, often associated with a week of

village festivities. Some of those to note this summer are:

May

- 8-14 Tissington
- 17-19 Etwall
- 24-30 Wirksworth, Middleton by Youlgreave, Monyash & Ashford

June

- 8-15 Penistone
- 14-18 Chelmorton
- 21-26 Youlgreave & Litton
- 22-30 Tideswell
- 28-5 Rowsley
- 25-5 Hope
- 23-6 Bakewell

July

- 5-13 Baslow
- 9-12 Buxton
- 8-13 Dore
- 11-20 Bamford
- 12-16 Pleasley
- 16-26 Peak Forest
- 17-19 Pilsley
- 18-23 Cowley Mission, Dronfield Woodhouse & Millthorpe
- 19-25 Great & Little Longstone, Cutthorpe
- 26-4 Stoney Middleton

August

- 2-11 Bradwell
- 13-18 Barlow
- 14-16 Great Hucklow

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Hallamshire

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1086. Domesday Book listed the Manor of HALLUN containing 16 outlying settlements or berewicks.

1161. Yorkshire Charter referred to HALUMSIRA.

1268. Feet of Fines. Sheffield Parish, Ecclesfield Parish and the Chapelry of Bradfield were said to be in the boundaries of HALLAMSHIRE.

HALLAMSHIRE formed the South-Western tip of the Kingdom of Mercia, to the south. The border was the Lymm Brook, the River Sheaf and the Meers Brook. Egbert King of Wessex, having already defeated the Mercians, came to Dore in 829 to receive the submission of Eanred, King of Northumbria.

To the North of this ancient boundary was Yorkshire, and to the South was Derbyshire.

Handsworth was probably added to HALLAMSHIRE in the 12th Century.

In 1543 John Leland wrote:- 'HALAMSHIRE beginneth a ii mile from Rotheram. Sheffield iii miles from Rotheram, where the Lord of Shreusbyre's castle is, the chefe market towne of HALAMSHIRE. And HALAMSHIRE goith one way vi or vii miles above Sheffilde by west, yet as I here say, another way the next village to Sheffilde is in Darbyshire. Al HALAMSHIRE go to the sessions of York, and is counted as a member of Yorkshire. Aegglesfild and Bradfield ii townelettes or villages long to one paroch church. So by this means (as I was enstructid)

ther be but iii paroches in HALAMSHIRE that is of name, and a great chapelle.'

1624 An Act of Parliament was obtained incorporating 'The Company of Cutlers in HALLAMSHIRE' ensuring that the name survived.

Margaret Oversby

Fun Run

This year during Dore Gala week we will be organising a 5 mile Dore Fun Run. Hopefully, through sponsorship we will be able to offer some financial support to Fairthorn, who are sending a few residents to participate in the "Special Olympics" later this year.

The run will take place on Monday evening, 7th July, starting at 7pm from the Church Hall on Townhead Road. Posters will be on display in some local shops within the village, or for more details ring us on 236 2787.

So start jogging now for the Dore Fun Run - it's a great way to get in shape and raise some money for a charity situated on our doorstep.

Grant and Sue Sharp.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 28 May in the Old School. If you would like to find out more about the society please come along. The meeting, which is usually brief, will be followed by a talk on local and family history by Mrs M Dunn and excellent and entertaining speaker.

Steam Up

The Sheffield & District Society of Model & Experimental Engineers are running train ride weekends throughout the summer. Based in Ecclesall Woods, next to Glen House Nursing Home and just off Abbeydale Road South, the Society has a large established open air track layout, full of interest for children and adults alike. Trains run from 1pm - 5pm weather permitting. The dates are Sundays 18th May; the 1st, 15th & 29th June; 13th & 27th July; and 10th August. There is also an annual Teddy Bears Picnic event on Sunday the 24th August. For more details ring 236 9002.

Guides Well Dressing

This year the Well Dressing will go up in it's usual place at the corner of Devonshire Terrace Road and Causeway Head Road on the morning of Saturday, 5 July. This is at the beginning of the Dore Festival Week and, therefore, it will be on view to all the local people and any visitors who arrive to participate in the Festival events.

Unfortunately, by the end of that week, the Well dressing will be past its best and will be taken down on the Friday evening of the Gala Weekend, so please make sure you have a look at it during Festival Week.

As usual there will be photographs for sale in "Greens" and "Valerie of Dore" and on the Dore Village Society stall on Gala Day.

Pam Butterworth

Blackamoor District Commissioner.

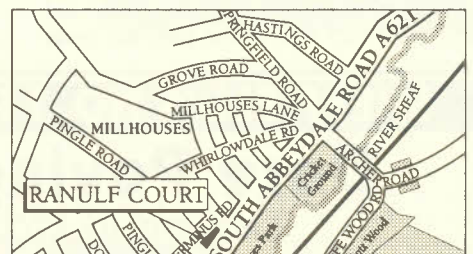
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Jean Recalls

The closure in March 1997, of The Corner Shop, brought an end to an era in the village. The sweet shop had been a mecca for village children for many decades. When I was a child, living in Rose Cottage, the shop was run by Winnie Marshall. Saturday pennies were exchanged eagerly for Rhubarb and Custards'-(a mixture of pink and yellow boiled sweets), Sherbet Dabs, Liquorice Sticks, Barley Sugars, Nougat, etc. The sweet shop also sold cigarettes and tobacco.

Winnie and her husband Cyril lived behind the shop and in the cottage at the side lived a family called Payling, and then Ethel and Jim Thorpe. (Ethel ran the grocers shop which was on the opposite side of High Street in part of what is now the Hare and Hounds). After Winnie, the shop was taken over by Joyce Wiggett. Her husband worked for the Water Board at Derwent and they eventually moved to Hathersage. When Ethel and Jim moved to a bungalow up Townhead Road next to Townhead Farm- since demolished and replaced by Middlefield Close - Irene and Cliffe Taylor moved into the cottage and sometime later, into the sweet shop. By this time the shop belonged to Mr. Wright on Drury Lane.

Not much changed in the shop. Ice-cream became popular, but the children continued to call on their way to and from school, and they had more pocket money than my generation. Betty Booth, well-known in flower arranging circles, had the shop and she added dried flower arrangements to her stock.

Eventually Bobby Dennis the comedian and actor, who lived on Old Hay, bought the property and ran the shop for a while, with his wife, Jean. But Bob said he did not have enough patience to cope with the children, whilst they made up their minds and he withdrew. I think it was about this time that Irene and Cliffe took over. When they retired, Mrs Neil took over, helped by her daughter.

All in all, the shop has had many owners and I am bound to have forgotten some. Sandie was helped by her mother and father. Until the final tenants, nothing seemed to change much, but it never seemed the same Old Corner Shop, when they blocked off one of the windows and stuffed the place with toys etc..

Bob and Jean moved to Australia many years ago. Occasionally they return on a visit. I do not know what plans there are for the old place, but I feel part of the past has gone



Wagg Cottage on Whitelaw Lane for which a planning application was submitted recently to include a major extension and vehicular access.

Brian Edwards

forever, and it is very sad.

Perhaps, by the time this goes to print, the shop will have re-opened. The window will be unblocked and the children will once again have the joy of choosing their treats. Supermarket sweets in pre-packed packaging are just not the same.

I understand that at one time the Sweet Shop was also the village Post-Office, but that was before my time. Roberts the Fish Mongers of Ecclesall used to sell fish from a van, parked at the side of the village trough. I do not remember how many days a week they came, before they moved into Marshall's grocer shop on Church Lane.

Jean Dean.

Door Moor Inn

Following the News in Brief comment about the new Dore Moor Inn sign. Does anyone have any photographs of when there was a garage at the side of the pub, run by Ron Bell? It had one petrol pump.

Singletons button factory had the room over the garage during the war. The girls were stitching buttons on cards. Their offices were in one of the houses on Brickhouse Lane. I understand that there were also two men who made furniture in the buildings or the Dore Moor Inn. A cattle auction was held every Thursday. The Auctioneer was Mr Tommy Coates from Whirlow.

Jean Dean

Planning

a) The proposal to demolish Clifford House on Ecclesall Road South and to build an estate off the same road, have both been refused, following the two day appeal hearing. The inspectors main concern was the environmental impact of building a new road from Ecclesall Road South, which would break a 200 metre row of mature trees, a key part of the character of the road. Dore Village Society had objected to both proposals by British Steel.

b) Access road - Fern Glen Bungalow, Hathersage Road. Clarification has been sought on several issues.

c) 15 Blackamoor Road - Proposal to demolish existing bungalow and replace with 2 houses. DVS are objecting on several counts.

d) Abbeydale Hall. We are seeking clarification of the sales literature which Sheffield College has printed on this listed building. The news provoked an article on Thursday April 10th, in The Star and also local debate amongst residents.

e) Erection of dwelling house on land between 47 and 53 Dore Road. No objection.

f) 3 plans concerning the erection of 2 dwelling houses to either side of 2 Gilleyfield Avenue. No objection.

g) Dysons Refractories have applied to extend a chimney on a new tunnel kiln. Because of the concealed nature of the site on Baslow Road, and the narrowness of the chimney this is not likely to be a landmark. Approximately 7 metres will be added to an existing vent.

Finally, the Home Farm Trust, in view of the age and deterioration of poplars at The Elms, Old Hay Lane, have recently carried out a felling programme. So a defining landmark will no longer be seen from Blackamoor, Topley Bents and the valley. The remaining tree stays until a squirrel and her young leave the drey!

Gillian Farnsworth.

Correction

The article on Wagg Cottage in our last issue incorrectly referred to lead mining in Wagg wood instead of lead smelting. The lead ore was brought from Derbyshire to Dore which was rich in timber for smelting and in water power to drive the smelting bellows.

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Bows and Butts

The bow and arrow was one of the earliest weapons invented by man. It was known to prehistoric hunters, who used chert arrowheads of a type found in the Peak. Ancient yew trees in our churchyards and stately old gardens are believed to have been planted long ago to provide English longbows.

Another link with archery is the word 'butts' which survives in place names and almost always marks the site of communal archery targets. The butts were generally set up on earthen mounds for Englishmen to perfect their marksmanship with bow and arrow.

English archers have a place of honour in our history, their reputation built on the trusty longbow; it slew the French cavalry at Crecy in 1346, served Edward III equally stoutly at Poitiers, and took Henry V to victory against overwhelming odds at Agincourt in 1415. The longbow was always preferred on this side of the channel to the crossbow which became the main weapon of other European bowmen.

Even after the appearance of firearms, English foot soldiers were armed with longbows for a further hundred years or more; the earliest firearms were no substitute for the mighty longbow, which could shoot up to twenty arrows a minute with deadly accuracy as far as two hundred yards.

From the reign of Edward III, proficiency in archery was encouraged by a series of decrees. These 'forbade all and singular that they do not apply themselves to the throwing of stones wood or iron, handball, football, bandyball, cambuck, and cockfighting, nor such-like vain play, which have no profit in them'.

Every Englishman was to own a well-maintained bow of his own height and was to provide his son with a bow for regular practice from the age of seven. Able-bodied men and boys were ordered to 'shoot up and down' every Sunday and Feast Day, on pain of a half-penny fine.

To this end, Charles II commanded all churchwardens to construct butts in every township. An edict from the city of Chester read: 'Children of six and over on Sundays and holydays shall resort to their parish church, and there abide during the time of divine service, and in the afternoon all the said male children shall be exercised in shooting with the bow and arrow - for pins and points only.'

Early historians have written that the weekly practices often took place in the churchyard, which is taken to explain deep scorings sometimes seen on outer church walls - as at Thorpe and Fenny Bentley - as the result of arrows being sharpened on the stonework.

The journals of a man who spent his childhood near Monyash in Stuart times tell how the local boys spent many hours shooting at the butts, and the late Clarence Daniel of Eyam wrote of a forgotten place-name in his home village - the Flax Butts, probably the site of archery targets which later made way for growing, or perhaps spinning, flax.

Butts House in Churchtown in Darley Dale is known to have inherited the site once occupied by archery butts; the parish burial register contains an entry of 1766 naming William Watson of The Butts.

Early maps show a Butts Field at Hathersage and the Abney Butts between Hope and Brough. Butts Field at Wardlow has

mounds which may be relevant to its former use while The Butts at Ashover became a terminus for the Ashover Light Railway in the 1920s. The old practice site at Sheen is commemorated in Butts End house and fields.

The word Butts is incorporated into road names at Bakewell and Longstone and a quiet backwater on the outskirts of Matlock. A stone Butts Wall that once stood above the reservoir at Tideswell was, however, the scene of rifle target practice by the 'Old Volunteers'. The old word passed into use for other types of target too, such as grouse butts. It has also come to mean a target of a different kind, generally a person wounded only by word of ridicule.

Julie Bunting

Ed. There is a Butts Hill in Totley, a small cul-de-sac leading off Hillfoot Road. In his book on Historic Totley Brian Edwards mentions a possible source of the name from a short piece of plough land in the corner of irregular shaped fields. But who knows...

Dore Show 1997

This years Dore Show will take place on Saturday 13th September - be sure to make a note of the date in your diary!

Based on the Old School and Methodist Church Hall, there will be over 70 classes for

entrants ranging from fruit and vegetable produce to paintings. With all the promise of an early spring this year we hope to see a bumper number of entries.

For those wishing to make a photographic entry the 3 class subjects for this year, min 7" x 5", are: Colour photograph - industry or construction; Colour photograph - animal, vegetable or mineral; and any Black & White photograph.

A full show schedule will shortly be available from Greens on Causewayhead Road, and on display on the Dore Village notice board.

For loan

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Dig for victory

With the future of Dore's allotments still uncertain, Geoff Stokes of the National Society reflects on the changing nature of allotment holding and the challenges that are faced.

Allotments tend to conjure up a picture of bits of land next to the railway embankment or hidden on the outskirts of towns and villages, covered with buildings constructed from old corrugated iron, doors, and window frames. This 'make do and mend' philosophy, favoured by previous generations of plot holders, was born out of the early allotment origins where the land was provided for the poor. Allotment architecture, often criticised in the past, maybe more acceptable now that society is recycling materials to protect the environment.

The image of the plot holder has always been the cloth-capped, ex-factory worker pushing his wheel barrow full of 'tatties', carrots and cabbages home to make Sunday lunch. In reality, although retired people are the largest single age category of allotment holders, the majority now are employed, and many are white-collar workers. Although allotments are still largely a male domain, many more women are becoming involved.

The price of bought fresh vegetables is relatively low, and although it is no surprise that root and green vegetables and salad crops are grown by most allotment owners, two-thirds now produce luxuries such as soft fruit, half cultivate flowers and shrubs and a quarter 'exotic' produce such as artichokes and squashes.

These patterns tend to support the argument that a younger and more 'middle class' group of gardeners have been moving into allotment gardening in recent years. This is partly out of a commitment to green principles and a healthy, wholesome lifestyle.

Plot holders no longer rely solely on pesticides and fungicides, preferring to wait

and treat a problem if it occurs, and there is a slow but significant move over to organic methods. The extra care and attention to detail needed in using organic methods rather than a quick chemical solutions is difficult when the plot is a considerable distance away from the plot holders' home, and this is likely to have a major effect on the time spent at the allotments. The longer it takes, the fewer the visits - the more the risk of pests and weeds.

The reasons for having an allotment are changing. The increasing accessibility of imported fruit and vegetables all year reduced the take up of allotments. Subsistence growing (providing food for the family) has given way to a desire for wholesome, fresh food as well as fresh air and exercise. The human need for self-fulfilment and contact with nature is a priority for today's allotment holders. Only a small percentage grow produce because it is cheaper.

The future of the allotment movement is uncertain. Demands by the Government for four million extra units of housing within the next 15 years will put additional pressure on all open space, and in particular allotment land, which is, in the main, already owned by the local councils and is being targeted. Yet the new housing estates that will be created will need recreational space, and the people requiring low cost units are those who would benefit most, both in health and financial terms, from growing their own fresh produce.

The situation in Europe is very different, perhaps because allotments do not owe so much to the British ideology of the 'dig for victory' campaign. Many countries have leisure gardens, which are ornamental garden extensions rather than vegetable plots, and enable city tenants to spend summer weekends in a rural setting while still only a short distance from the town.

The role of leisure gardens as a place for recreation, leisure time occupation and personal development for all was recognised by the 1996 Congress of the International

Allotment and Leisure Gardens movement representing more than 3.5 million members in Europe. It's resolution requires that 'sufficient areas be set aside for allotment gardens, laid out near residential areas with access for walking or by means of public transport... and allotment gardens should be included in urban town planning schemes, and let at a reasonable rent in view of their social function'.

In its recently published *Greening the City, Guide to Good Practice*, the Department of the Environment includes allotments in its definition of Green Space as part of Sustainable Development. The potential benefits of urban greening include supporting plant and animal communities, pollution control, and the encouragement of biodiversity as well as reducing journeys to, and human pressure on, the countryside. The wider use of allotments would create a small but versatile green space offering a home to birds, insects and other wildlife an acting as green arteries linking the final wildlife retreats in cities.

Allotments already exist and it makes sense to retain and use, and improve on existing sites, rather than allow them to be destroyed and then have to create new open spaces.

British legislation currently allows for traditional allotments only, so new legislation must be introduced to nurture the alternative concepts. The speed of change to leisure gardens on allotments in Britain will depend on future plot holders as well as central and local government, yet change is vital if the movement is to survive the 21st century.

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd is committed to ensuring that all people can enjoy the recreation of gardening. Future generations must not be condemned to a life devoid of contact with nature, where their only knowledge of fresh, rather than processed food, is through video history programmes of 'how things were'.

Geoff Stokes

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Ed. Councillor Ross has formally requested the relevant council officers to ascertain the current designation of the Vicarage Lane allotment site and if necessary to take all appropriate steps to facilitate the site being declared a statutory allotment by the City Council.

Calling all gardeners

Would you be prepared to share your garden with other local people?

Last year's Dore Gardens Open Day was very successful and it is hoped to repeat it this year on the afternoon of Sunday 6th July, with yet more gardens to view.

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The Wildlife Garden

For me, the sight of the first queen bumblebees combing the garden looking for flowers is one of the great joys of spring. Sadly however, not everybody used to see these insects in the same light and indeed up until quite recently, it was a common practice for bee-keepers to kill bumblebees because they were thought to compete with their honeybees in the collection of nectar. Today, they no longer face this threat but the numbers of many of our native bumblebees have continued to decline because of changes which have taken place in the countryside.

Because of the warm spring this year, many bees emerged from hibernation much earlier than usual. Fortunately, they found a ready source of nectar and pollen in plants such as white deadnettle, flowering currant and willow catkins. Once the queen bumblebees had satisfied their hunger they soon started looking for nest sites. Although some species will raise their colonies in almost any suitable hole, most look for abandoned mouse or bird nests, whilst others will use patches of rough grass to raise their broods. Unfortunately, many colonies are destroyed each year when gardeners and council employees 'tidy up' these wild corners.

Bumblebee workers emerge anytime between April and June and like honeybees rely on sight rather than scent to guide them to their preferred flowers, mainly blue or purple ones. As bumblebees are larger and stronger than honeybees, they can open 'tight-lipped' flowers which their smaller cousins find

inaccessible and because some have long tongues, they are important pollinators of flowers with long-(corolla)-tubes. For this reason, it is bumblebees that gardeners have to thank for pollinating their runner beans and farmers their clover plants.

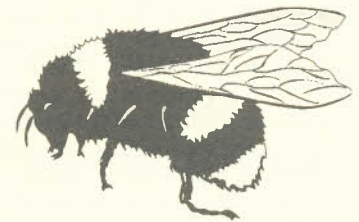
Like all bees, bumblebee workers will literally work themselves to death collecting nectar and pollen for their developing colonies, but unlike their cousins, they can be found gathering nectar on days when bad weather conditions 'ground' honeybees. I've even seen bumblebees foraging during the recent hailstorms. Often you can revive exhausted bees by placing them on a spoon containing a drop or two of a weak honey solution - 'bee rocket-fuel'.

Bumblebee workers forage earlier and later in the day than their honeybee counterparts and for gardeners wanting to spray insecticides this leads to problems. It has long been considered good practice to spray during the late evening or during cloudy weather so as to avoid killing honeybees, but bumblebees can often be out collecting nectar at these times. If you must spray, pick an insecticide which is 'bee-friendly' and never spray onto plants in flower. Also to avoid drift onto other plants, (both wasteful for the gardener and damaging to beneficial insects) never spray in windy weather. Better still, why not encourage natural predators to control your plant pests.

Honeybees have long been treated with great esteem by their owners, indeed to stop bees deserting their hives some extraordinary practices were adopted. If a death occurred in the family it was the custom to 'tell' their bees the bad news. To do this people dressed in

their Sunday best, and not only were the hives decorated with black ribbons, but also funeral cakes and drink were placed before the beehives. Although it is still uncommon for gardeners to encourage bumblebees into their gardens by providing artificial nest boxes, we can help all bees by planting 'bee-plants', whose flowers are good sources of nectar and pollen. Flowers such as our native vipers bugloss, knapweeds and common toadflax; herbs such as borage, thyme and marjoram; and garden favourites such as wallflower, foxglove and candytuft are all excellent. Modern farming practices have tended to destroy our hedgerow and cornfield flowers and as a result of this the succession of these flowers so vital for bee colonies to survive has all but gone. Thus, by planting a continuous supply of flowering plants in your garden, you will help ensure the conservation of these lovely insects and ultimately help ensure the pollination of most of our plants.

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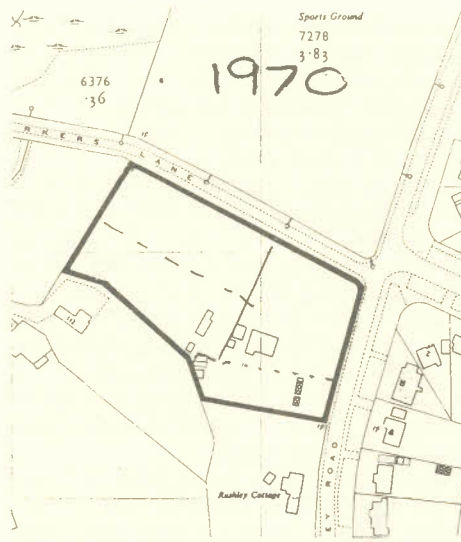
House with no name

For over fifty years it was the house with no name and no number- the postal address being simply Longstaff, Rushley Road, Dore.

The 1891 census shows Joseph Longstaff, wife Susannah and sons living at Rose Cottage, Moorside, Dore. Susannah's parents Edward and Elizabeth Gillett lived at nearby Oak House farm, which was demolished when Ash House farm, was built. Following the death of Susannah in 1900, the family moved to Rose Cottage, Banner Cross. The eldest son Charles now married to Helen Green was the breadwinner of the family and working for Arthur Davy & Sons, The Dore connection was continued however by Charles leasing a plot of land from the Chatsworth Estates, adjacent to Rushley Cottage, which was developed as a garden with a residential summer house. The stone walls that surrounded the site were about 7ft. high. Access was through a single width solid wood door from Rushley Road. The entire enclosure wall was retained except for two later internal gaps and created an atmosphere of secrecy and tranquillity. A small stream briefly appeared in a wall recess at the head of the garden and again near the entrance gate in the recess of the wall common with Rushley Cottage. This part of the garden with summerhouse continued until 1970.

I do not have a date but presume it was early 1920s that the adjacent field together with the original plot was purchased, and the stone house built. The expanded site now occupied the corner of Rushley Road and Parkers Lane. The main entrance drive from Parkers Lane came through the original field gate entrance which was retained. Also retained was the field turf in front of the house which had been turf since the Domesday records, Electricity for the house was provided by a petrol engine driven generator and batteries in an outhouse known as the engine shed.

In the late 1920s, a further adjacent field fronting on Parkers Lane up to Causeway Farm land was also purchased by Charles Longstaff and his brother in law James Green. The greater part was utilised as an orchard. The stone dividing walls were likewise retained within a garden so far as was possible, helping to define garden areas of individual character, Charles Longstaff was a very keen



hobby horticulturalist and the plot had a showplace quality. This was not without considerable man hours however and was facilitated by a cooperative arrangement with a team of both Dore and Sheffield resident in-laws, cousins and friends.

Each one had his own speciality, be it roses or cabbages and the fruits of their labours were available to all- including the curious passer by who asked if they could look round. Every Sunday, the estate would be a hive of activity interrupted only by the picnic lunch.

Charles Longstaff retired as a Director of Arthur Davy & Sons around 1944 and died in 1949. Shortly afterwards, James Green came to live with his widowed sister. Despite being advanced in years, James continued the stewardship of the estate (with less help than before) until Helen Longstaff died in 1970.

Unfortunately, it was impracticable for the next generation of our family to continue occupation of the house; and the garden with its labour intensive format was unlikely to be of interest to prospective purchasers.

In consequence the property was acquired by a Developer in December 1970 who demolished the original house and built a number of bungalows on the site. Part of the original stone boundary wall remains and a few of the ornamental trees.

As Charles' eldest grandson I was in the fortunate situation to enjoy the estate in its heyday. A paradise for children.

*J.M.Longstaff.
January 1997.*

News in brief

Ceremonial rooms at the Town Hall will be open to the public from 10.30am to 4pm on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May, in celebration of the centenary of their opening by Queen Victoria in 1897. There will also be a display of archive material and records, silver from the Council's collection and a chance to meet the new Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Garden ponds are an important habitat for toads, frogs and newts. They also attract a wealth of insect life including dragonflies. Details on how to make a pond, bird tables and nest boxes can be found in the Wildlife Trust's Guide to Gardening for Wildlife' leaflet. Send an A5 SAE to the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, The Green, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln, LN5 7JR.

The BT communications box insensitively sited on the wide grass verge at the top of Dore Road, has now been removed following pressure on BT by the Dore Village Society.

Dorothy Firth is undertaking a 90 mile sponsored walk along Offa's Dyke in June for Transport 17. Proceeds will go towards a new Transport 17 bus. To sponsor her call 236 2962

Totley Library now offers a service to send or receive faxes and has cut the cost of photocopying to 5p a copy.

Maryum Bibi and David Hawksworth from King Ecgbert School won £200 for the school in a poetry competition sponsored by Sheffield Development Corporation in March.

A planning application has been made to itself by Sheffield Council for use of the formally public toilet building adjacent to the Beauchief Hotel as a retail unit. Meantime our village toilet remains as a derelict reminder of the state of public finances.

Heeley City Farm is making a big push into compost making and selling, backed by European grants. Householders are being encouraged to bring in their vegetable kitchen scraps to the farm or to make compost at home for use as a peat substitute and plant food.

Letter

Dear Sir
DOES PRACTISE MAKE PERFECT

I wonder if I am alone amongst your readers in being frustrated at my inability to get an appointment at the local Dore Road Surgery when I need one. Fortunately the need for me or my family to visit the Surgery has been infrequent. What has not been infrequent is the response from the Reception staff there are no appointments available but if you go down to Carterknowle you will be seen'.

I complained some time ago to the Practice Manager and asked why at least one Doctor on duty could not operate on a 'turn up and be seen' basis. I was told that the situation was under review....this week I had cause to attempt to book an appointment only to be met with the 'no but if you go to Carterknowle' response.

I'd be interested to hear from any of your readers either directly to me on 262 0055 or via the columns of your journal. If I am a lone complainant I'll shut up, but if there are others then perhaps collectively we can make a difference.

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Farming notes

At the end of February the UDP report thudded on to the planners desks in the Town Hall. Unitary Development Plans have been prepared by local authorities up and down the country, and, in a nutshell they are identifying which land is zoned for building over the next 15 years. It also covers a wide range of other city planning issues, but the impact it has on future building will be the most visible.

Because of its sheer scale it's been a very difficult project for the ordinary citizen to keep track of. The council put out preliminary papers in 1991 and after various revisions had a series of public meetings. There was one in the Dore Old School in March 1993. Things then proceeded very slowly until March 1995 when the Planning Inspectorate from Bristol began a public inquiry in to the Draft Plan. This inquiry ran from March 28 1995 to March 15 1996.

This is the most important part of the planning process to keep a close watch on, and the most easily overlooked. In a few years time a developer comes along, spots a likely piece of land and puts in an application for planning permission. This is then advertised and all the local residents start jumping up and down saying it mustn't happen, but by then it's too late. The city planners refer to their town plan and if that area is not specifically protected it's very difficult for them to refuse permission.

At the inquiry over the allotments in 1994 we were still having sections of the 1947 Town Plan quoted at us as that plan showed the whole of that area "washed in" for development. It was no use pointing out that

we were only children when that plan was prepared, that was "The Plan", approved after due public consultation and public inquiry, and it was still in force.

This Unitary Development Plan will supersede that old Town Plan, and at public inquiries yet to come, lawyers will be poring through it looking for paragraphs to support their case and saying to objectors, "If people don't want this built on, why didn't they say so at the UDP?"

Our particular concern at Ryecroft Farm is that not all the farm land is in the Sheffield Green Belt. After the Green Belt inquiry of 1981 most of the land surrounding the farm buildings bounded by Ecclesall Woods and Dore Road was put in the Green Belt, but 10 acres at Rushley, saved for the Dore By Pass, was excluded. The reasons for their exclusion are a story in itself but, to give credit where it's due, the City Council have stuck to their policy of not allowing any changes to the Green Belt boundary. This caused a problem with the UDP when they wanted to include more land in the Green Belt. Objections were received from builders who contended that the adjustments proposed to the Green Belt boundary in the Deposit Version of the UDP indicated that the principle of amending the boundary had been accepted by the City Council.

The Council agreed that it was important that their proposed adjustments should not come to be used as a justification for questioning the permanence of the wider Green Belt. Because of this argument the Council dropped all its proposed inclusions. With one exception.

Quoting from the City Councils proof of evidence August '95 Para 10.40 "The one

exception relates to land off Dore Road and Rushley Avenue. In his report on objections to the Green Belt Plan in 1981 the Inspector recommended that this land be included in the Green Belt. The City Council subsequently chose to exclude the land adjoining Rushley Drive from the Green Belt because it was subject to an outstanding planning permission for residential development. That planning permission has now lapsed. In my view, this represents sufficiently exceptional circumstances to warrant its inclusion to the adopted Green Belt."

This recommendation has been accepted by the UDP Inspector and so 15 years on from the original Green Belt inquiry we have finally got the whole farm in the Green Belt.

This is the culmination of 25 years effort by the Village Society. Shortly after its foundation by Sid Hoffman, the Council tried to sell the whole farm for housing and it's entirely due to pressure from the Dore Village Society that it didn't happen. If the 85 acres between Ecclesall Woods and Dore Road had been built on the character of Dore would be very different today.

Richard Farnsworth

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Dore Male Voice Choir and Stannington Mixed Voice Choir will be giving a charity concert in aid of Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation at The Atrium, Sheffield Hallam University on Saturday, 7th June at 8.00pm. The concert will be compared by Tony Capstick. Tickets priced at £5 (waged) and £3 (unwaged) are available from Gerry New 262 0055.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

Issue No. 39 of your publication recently came into my possession, and, late though I may be, I'd like to congratulate you on the excellent presentation and content. The newspaper has the pleasing look of a bygone era, the articles have a gentle characteristic not found in many contemporary publications. I found it quite soothing to read.

Dore and it's surroundings were my playground as a young child and pre-teen in the 1940's, and the many happy memories associated with my experiences came flooding back as I read the articles and reminiscences. Workhouse Lane, (which I hear has regrettably been renamed), had the deserved reputation of having the very best blackberries within miles, and it was an annual pilgrimage for my family and I to gather as many as we could for my mother to make the most delicious jam, enough to last through to the next picking season. Of course one can only conjecture as to where the sugar came from in those days of wartime rationing.

My two favourite playtime locations were the old mill at Whirlow and what my friends and I believed to be abandoned lead mines down the lane which led to Rycroft Glen. Both places had an eerie air of mystery about them, at least to our young and imaginative minds. The impression was enhanced by the deathly quiet of these places due to an almost total absence of traffic and people at that time. There was a house at the very edge of Rycroft Glen which we dubbed "Snow White's Cottage". It intrigued us because, although there was always smoke coming from the chimney, we never saw any sign of the occupants.

One of the ponds which powered the mill at Whirlow had a whirlpool which we were convinced led into a "bottomless pit". We would stand and watch it from the surrounding fence and give ourselves goose pimples imagining what it would be like to be sucked down into it. In reality, I believe it was simply

an overflow which funnelled water under the road to a lower dam by the mill, but we wanted no truck with reality at that time. When later I "ran away from home", my refuge was to be the old mill, where I intended to remain for the foreseeable future. I think my escapade lasted all of one afternoon, before a sharp eyed neighbour discovered me and returned me to my parents.

In later years, it used to be a delight on starry nights to walk from my home in Millhouses, up Long Line, for a drink at the Round House. An absence of street lighting, and the existence of only a few houses in those days, made the stars seem very near, and the Milky Way so bright, we had no problem finding our way. It's hard to imagine that it is still that way, and even harder now for me to believe that I really walked that distance for a drink – and actually enjoyed the experience. Later still, I renewed my relationship with Dore through my friendship with the Fisher family who had a nursery and dairy business there. Mr and Mrs Fisher were the epitome of the best in country people: warm and friendly and very close to nature. I had to wonder whether the Jessie Fisher in your issue was also part of the same family.

My life in America and the environment in which I live is so different from my recollections of those times. Dore was such a sleepy and genteel place, and I still remember the shock wave that ran through it when the American pre-fabs were built. Miracles of modular construction, and as necessary at the time as they were, they were so antithetical to a landscape and lifestyle that had remained relatively unchanged for so many years. Suddenly, the world had come jarringly into the heart of the English village. As I recollect, the only argument that persuaded the village to accept them was that they "are only temporary and will be dismantled in a couple of years". I seem to remember that each pre-fab came with a Bendix washing machine, which was a modern wonder at the time. When I left England 30 years later they were still occupied, though the owners had taken measures to make them more durable and attractive.

I hope it will encourage you to know that your publication has sparked such a wealth of pleasant nostalgia for this, and, I'm sure, many other readers, and that you will be able to sustain the excellent standard you have established. I only wish I were close enough to be a subscriber.

John Merchant

Newburgh, New York, USA

Ed. If you have a friend or relative overseas why not send them a copy of Dore to Door – spare copies are available from Greens on Causeway Head Road. For people living elsewhere in the UK, Dore to Door is automatically sent by post when they join the Dore Village Society. A bargain at £2 per annum!

Dear Sir,

I am writing to seek help in tracing the history of the oldest part of our house – 'Causeway Head Cottage'.

We have lived in the above house for nearly 4 years and I have been trying to trace its history for the last 2. I have written to the Chatsworth Estate whose records seem in disarray, I have sought the help of solicitors in Matlock to check the original Derbyshire

records etc. but to no avail.

Whilst the house has been extended over the last 30 years enough remains of a property built, I am led to believe, in 1741 to make its history of interest, at least to us! I am also led to believe it was once the home of the village lamplighter and prior to that was a small holding or a series of cottages attached to a nearby farm. However I lack any documentary or pictorial evidence of this.

I would be grateful for any help anyone could give in this matter and for any documentary records confirming the above 'hearsay'.

M. Chatwin
Tel: 235 2902

Dear Sir,

We have lived in Heath Court on Dore Road for over 5 years and should very much like to know more about its past.

The house was built in 1897 and I should like to be able to write its history for its 100th Birthday. I believe it was originally called **The Beeches** when it was first built.

Mrs. Clarissa Hattersley, who lived in the house with her husband Archie over 30 years ago was told that Edward VII had once stayed in the house. Does anyone know anything about this story or have any information on its history?

I should be most grateful for any help anyone can give me.

Agnes Spier
Tel: 236 0984

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the copy of your spring edition. Once again full of good articles and letters etc, which brings me to write to you! Re page 8 and Totley Hall.

I am 88 now, but at that time I had just left school and got work with an Electrical Contractors in Sheffield called Marsh Bros. I was an apprentice and had to serve 5 years to qualify as an electrician. My 1st job was at a church in Sheffield which we were rewiring etc. The drill was that the lad, was sent out with the electrician and left with him, to learn the trade.

My next job was "Totley Hall". A complete wiring was to take place, all gas fittings to be taken down and the pipes hammered flat and tested for leaks.

When we arrived each day, we had to bring our slippers and put them on in the kitchen. We had to wear clean overalls and all dust, plaster, etc. had to be swept up in each room we worked. The occupants were very nice and gave us a cup of tea am and pm.

I lived in Totley Brook Rd then, so could walk to work each day. It took us 14 days to complete the job and on leaving I got a £1.00 tip and my mate £5. It was a fine old house and in good order. Floor boards 9" wide, joists 6" wide and 3" plaster on most walls. We used the new lead covered cable and it had to be buried where possible, then we had to plaster all the chases and holes etc. After this lot I went to "Cadishead" nr. Manchester to work on the new Steel Works of the Lancashire Steel Co.

After 4 1/2 years I duly qualified as an Electrician, after night school twice weekly to take theory and practical courses and passed same.

Now, enough of me, but seeing the nice picture brought it all back. Kind regards to all at D to D office, and keep up the good work.

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Walk to School Week

Hardly a day goes by without us either seeing or hearing something about the need for less use of the car and more use of walking or cycling for local journeys. Regrettably, this publicity often gets ignored. Not by Dore Junior School though. Along with many other schools in the city, it is to take part in the national Walk to School Week this year which takes place during the week 23rd to 27th June. Please put the dates in your diaries.

The School is looking for the maximum amount of support during this week and will be asking parents to encourage their children to walk to school. Nation-wide, more than half a million children took part in the action last year and greater participation is expected this year as even more publicity is being given. The Week will affect not only the children and parents but also car drivers who normally use routes near schools. The two special requests to them are:

* where possible, please avoid using routes near schools at the busy times;

* if you really have no alternative route, take even greater care than normal as there will be more children and parents around.

The reasons behind the Walk to School Week are many; an early morning walk means that children arrive at school fresher and better prepared for the day; the walk exercises the muscles, lungs and heart to good effect (that applies equally to parents) and reduced use of the car lowers the concentration of pollutants, the consumption of the world's diminishing oil reserves and the congestion on the roads. On this last point, the headmaster of Dore Junior School is particularly concerned about



Bell Ringers in front of Dore Church, Christmas 1926 - note the hand bells held by those seated. Can you identify anyone in the picture? Mark Fisher is top right, and Norman Fisher 2nd from top right.

congestion and danger created by the number of cars in Church Lane and Furniss Avenue at the school starting and finishing times. "An accident waiting to happen" were his words.

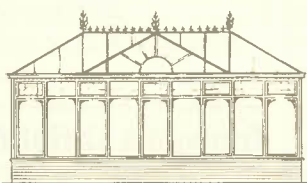
The Walk to School Week is to be given moral support by the Methodist Church in the village which will have "Walk to Church" days on the 22nd and 29th June; the Parish Church has also been invited to do the same. Many thanks to them for their participation. If we are lucky, the better weather should also enable Dore residents to add their own support with "Walk to the Shops", and "Walk to the Bus" replacing the reliance on the car. So, for this

week in particular, before you put the key in the car door, ask yourself whether the journey can be done any other way.

Finally, many thanks to all those children and parents in the village who normally walk to school (and to church and the shops), sometimes when the weather is far from pleasant. You have been noticed; may you be an example to us all.

Roger Millican

Ed. Following an approach from the Dore Village Society, "Walk to school week" is being supported financially by Mainline as an environmental issue on their part. We hope to develop further links with them on this and other initiatives in the future.



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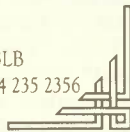
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Book Reviews

Tea Shop Walks In The Peak District - by Norman & June Buckley (Sigma Press, £6.95)

Pub Walks in & around Sheffield - by Clive Price (Sigma Press, £6.95)

Both these books are a delight. Newcomers to the region will appreciate the gentle nature of the introduction to England's oldest National Park, especially if the walker is looking for distances, terrain and gradients suitable for the family, visitors or those who choose a more leisurely pace. At the same time it would not do to be too condescending. Sheffield and its environs offer possibly the most varied scenery and countryside in such a small area of anywhere in the land.

"**Pub Walks in and around Sheffield**" offers 30 walks, ranging from 2.5 to 7 miles as far afield as Wortley, Conisbrough, Ridgeway and Owlbar and several right in the heart of the city. The maps are full-page and clear and the directions in the text easy to follow. Mr. Price strikes a sensible balance between sensible guiding and not burdening the walker with details of architectural features and landmarks which may not be there in four or five years time - especially in an urban environment.

Nevertheless, part of the charm of this guide must be the exposure to the physical manifestations of the powerful changes that have swept through our area in the past. Iron Age forts, medieval churches and eighteenth century cutlers' shops are encountered, as well as more recent signs of the regeneration of the city's industrial heartlands. There will be many Sheffielders who will be astounded at the range of "living history" as it unfurls before them. Even more remarkable, perhaps, is Clive Price's perceptive references to the rural side of England's fourth largest city and the numerous encounters with wildlife. If anything, this reviewer would have welcomed even more "local colour" rather than details of the ales on sale and pub opening times etc.....inevitably open to change. This remains, however, a valuable addition to any walking "library" and every Sheffielder, new and old, should have one.

Norman and June Buckley have a similar approach to Clive Price and, like him, having produced a number of walking guides and their experience shows. Their "**Tea Shop Walks in the Peak District**" has excellent maps and photographs, together with a conscientious regard for conditions underfoot, the terrain to be encountered, parking facilities, map references and so on. What is different is their focus on the Tea Shops - although it has to be said their choices range from traditional tucked-away cottages to the majestic facilities of Chatsworth stable block. In each case the authors attempt to convey the character and style of the establishment and although details may change it is unlikely that walkers will find themselves disappointed.

The 26 circular walks touch on many of Peakland's best-known beauty spots and although gentle in terms of walking difficulty offer a rich array of river valleys, woodland, moor and small town or village. Anyone covering even half of these routes would gain a profound and enticing insight into this lovely area on our doorstep.

In short, both these guides are strongly-bound and thoroughly professional and carefully presented introductions to different aspects of our city and its hinterland. They enrich our understanding and enliven our day-to-day experience. Both are unique and informed by many years of writing walking guides. Although a little on the large size for the walker's pocket, I warmly commend them.

Keith Hill

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Mike Kay

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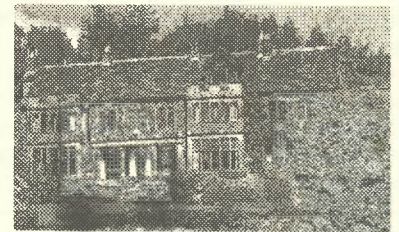
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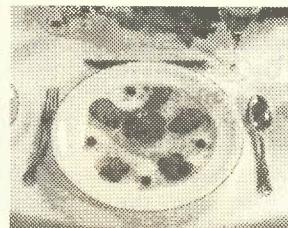


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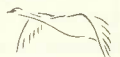
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The Earls and Dukes of Devonshire

The thirteenth in a series of articles

The 9th Duke of Devonshire (1868-1938)

On the death of the childless Eighth Duke in 1908, the Devonshire title passed to his nephew, Victor Christian William Cavendish, son of Lord Edward Cavendish and the former Lady Emma Lascelles.

He regretfully accepted that the Dukedom would curtail his choice of political direction. At the age of twenty-three Victor Cavendish had been returned as Liberal Unionist MP for West Derbyshire, the youngest member of the House of Commons. He was a most conscientious member of parliament and under Prime Minister Balfour was given the post of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. That administration was defeated in the elections of 1905.

The accession to the title also meant a change of home for the new Duke. Since his marriage in 1892 to Lady Evelyn Fitzmaurice - 'Evie' - elder daughter of the Fifth Marquess of Lansdowne, his home had been Holker Hall in Lancashire. The couple were extremely fond of Holker, where they were bringing up their first six children, and it was a wrench making the move to Chatsworth.

First, though, the great house had to be brought into the 20th century, with major work carried out to the drains and the installation of electricity. Chatsworth became a family home again. Within a few months of moving in, Duchess Evie gave birth to her seventh child, Anne. The Blue Drawing Room was converted into a schoolroom and the staff had a busy core of nannies, governesses and tutors. The Duke was the kindest of fathers and to the end of his life delighted in being surrounded by children.

He entered heartily into local country life, following his favourite interests - cricket (becoming President of Derbyshire Cricket Club), shooting, golf (on his own course) and farming. He was very knowledgeable on agricultural matters, with something of a farmer's heavy build and an unflappable steady nature to match. He introduced Holker shorthorns to Chatsworth and built stables for his Shire horses at Pilsley. In addition he furthered the success of the County Territorial Association and allowed training courses for the Yeomanry and Territorials to take place at Chatsworth.

While the Duke attended to all outdoor affairs, most practical matters concerning the House were left to his wife. She ordered major alterations to the staircase in the Painted Hall and undertook care of the collections; an expert needlewoman, she faultlessly restored the old tapestries herself.

Duchess Evelyn was only a little less imperious than her friend, Queen Mary, to whom she was appointed Mistress of the Robes in 1911. Similarly, Her Grace was also usually spoken of with more respect than affection. Yet she had everyone's interests at heart and was responsible for the establishment of a branch of the Red Cross in Derbyshire.

For many years the family split up the seasons by moving around their other estates. Between November and January they lived at Chatsworth and from February to April at

Lismore. Their London house was opened up from May to July. Then they all moved north for grouse shooting at Bolton Abbey, stopping off to visit Bakewell Show en route. The latter part of September saw the family at Hardwick until November came round again.

The Ninth Duke's inheritance came burdened with more than half a million pounds owing in death duties. Within a few years he had considerably reduced this by selling various valuable possessions. In addition to lands and Chiswick House, he sold the collection of twenty-five books printed by Caxton in the 15th century and rare volumes of plays purchased by the Sixth Duke.

He maintained his deep interest in politics and regularly took his seat in the House of Lords, acting as Conservative Whip and, in 1915-16, Civil Lord of the Admiralty. His most important and enjoyable role also began in 1916 when he went to Canada as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief. Duchess Evie and their six youngest children went too - Lord Hartington had been posted to Gallipoli. The family set up home in Ottawa.

The post assigned to the Duke of Devonshire was an important one which he undertook with enthusiasm. He established a good relationship with politicians and also enjoyed a great deal of contact with the Canadian people who 'liked him exceedingly'. During his extensive travels across the country he was able to pursue his interest in agriculture, standing him in good stead for the Presidency of the Royal Agricultural Society, to which he was elected between the wars.

It was in Canada that the family was joined by a young man recovering from war wounds, Harold Macmillan. In 1921 this future British Prime Minister was married to Dorothy, third daughter of the Devonshires.

The family had recently returned to England. On the day that they set sail for home the Duke wrote in his diary: 'V. sad to believe that this is my last day in Canada. Wish the time was beginning again'.

ECONOMIES TO BE MADE

Back in Derbyshire the Devonshires were welcomed at Buxton by Lord Hartington as the town's mayor, before travelling on to Chatsworth. There the war had resulted in major changes. The number of gardeners had been halved to forty and the Great Conservatory had to be demolished. Its upkeep was just too costly and the plants had already suffered from enforced economies in labour and heating.

Devonshire House in Piccadilly, the family's London seat since it was built by the First Duke, was sold in favour of a more practical residence at No. 2 Carlton Gardens, off the Mall. The move reflected the sensible, often parsimonious influence of Duchess Evie.

The next few years were busy ones for the Duke. When the Conservatives came to power in 1922 he was brought into the cabinet as Bonar Law's Secretary of the Colonies. The job gave him immense satisfaction and he spent his weekdays in Westminster, always well-informed and dealing conscientiously with major issues, notably problems in Kenya arising from demands for settlement rights from Asian immigrants, as citizens of the British Empire.

The Duke's speech on the matter became known in part as the Devonshire Declaration, the basis for support from future British

Governments for independence throughout Black Africa. In a Government White Paper, Devonshire wrote: '...the interests of the African natives must be paramount' with administration centred on 'the protection and advancement of the native races'.

Amongst his non-political responsibilities the Duke in 1923 became High Steward of Cambridge University, where as an undergraduate he had been President of the Amateur Dramatic Club. In 1924 he was greatly honoured to be put in charge of preparations for the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. He was conscientious and tireless in his efforts but the work probably put a strain on his health.

The following Easter, 1925, whilst on holiday at Lismore with his family, the Duke suffered a stroke. Although he recovered physically, his personality was sadly changed. No longer good-humoured and gentlemanly, he became irascible, short-tempered and rude to everyone around him. The Duchess had to become even more the efficient organiser. This was very noticeable at Chatsworth, where her tight hold on expenditure left the staff balancing loyalty against shortage of jobs. Her Grace kept an eagle eye on all outings, even down to the meals eaten 'below stairs'.

A small admission charge was introduced at Chatsworth, but only to raise funds for local hospitals. In the 1930s the cost was one shilling for an adult, sixpence per child. In 1926 the Chatsworth Estates Company had been formed, the first move towards limiting further death duties. Under the law it was vital for the Ninth Duke to live at least a further three years, and he did. Throughout his sixties he continued to enjoy the outdoor life, attending cricket matches, supervising his beloved Shire horses and shooting on the estate. Winter shooting parties were held at Chatsworth every Christmas. In 1933 George V and Queen Mary stayed with the Devonshires when they paid a visit to the Royal Show at Derby.

But gradually the Duke became more reclusive, in pain from gout and with patience for none but his smallest grandchildren, who adored him in turn. Public appearances grew increasingly rare and on 6 May 1938, the Ninth Duke of Devonshire died at Chatsworth House, survived by Evie, their two sons and five daughters.

Julie Bunting

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The Manor Castle

Sheffield folk always confuse the remains of Sheffield Castle with the remains the Manor House. The result is called the Manor Castle, this being further compounded by having a pub next to the ruins called the 'Manor Castle', which used to be one of those legendary pubs where if you wanted anything you could leave details (collar size, colour etc) and it would come your way.

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Visitors to the Manor included Cardinal Wolsey and, of course Mary Queen of Scots, who after fleeing to England, spent most of her life in the Sheffield area, due to its remoteness and therefore being more secure. She was in the charge of George the 6th Earl and his wife Bess of Hardwick.

During the seventeenth century the house fell into dis-repair and in 1708, the Duke of Norfolk, to whom the Manor had passed, had a large part demolished and leased the site piecemeal to tenant farmers, craftsmen and labourers. Around 1907 the site was cleared of all except the surviving 16th Century

structures and in 1953 the building came into the charge of the Estates Dept of the City Council.

A group has been set up called the Friends of Manor Castle to facilitate the conservation and usage of the remains of the site.

Friends of the Sheffield Manor "Castle", c/o Julien Parsons, City Museum and Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP.

Ron Clayton

Litter Survey

We have probably all noticed it; sometimes the village really looks quite tidy but, on other occasions, it's a bit of a mess with paper and cans almost everywhere. The real pity is that it need not be like that at all. Cleaning up litter takes up a resource that should be doing more worthwhile things. So, what might be done to help?

Let's have some factual information about the litter, what it is, where it is and how much there is of it. On the evening of Thursday, 24th April, the Blackamoor cub pack carried out a supervised litter survey of the village centre. The cubs were asked to record everything they saw, above a certain size, in all the streets and roads in the village centre and on two of the paths leading to the schools. They were asked to identify the type of litter.

On the survey evening, the village centre actually looked rather tidier than average, the probable result of the gutter cleaning vehicle having visited a couple of days before. Because the two paths to the schools do not get cleaned, litter stays around there for a long time. These two factors may have resulted in a slightly distorted picture of the "normal" litter situation.

A total of 1,113 pieces were counted, of which 437 (39%) were confectionery wrappings and 179 (16%) were soft drink containers. Another 234 items fell into the "other paper or plastic category and 97 (9%) were cigarette packets. 61 alcoholic drinks containers were found but only 9 examples of fruit skins or peel were found. 34 (3%) items of broken glass were also encountered.

Taking the figures at face value, at least 55% of the litter is made up of soft drinks containers and confectionery wrappings. In addition, as much as half of the "other paper and plastic" material (which was not easy to identify) may well be from the same source - another 10% of the total. More than half of the litter arising from cigarette use was found on the two paths with the rest spread evenly and lightly on the streets and roads. The King's Croft driveway contained more than half of all the discarded alcoholic drinks containers. Only two areas, Causeway Head Road (10%) and the King's Croft driveway (28%), had

significantly more litter than the other areas. The first contains some shops and is a route for pedestrians from the other shop areas. The latter seems to be something of a long term repository for all types of litter.

What's the overall conclusion. The facts are saying that at least 70%, and probably closer to 90%, of the litter is caused by children - throwing away cans and wrappings of different types. Whilst that may be nothing new, it raises the question of what might be done to improve things generally. More litter bins probably may not do much good as the survey showed that all the existing bins were in place and had plenty of room for more rubbish. In wider environmental circles there is a generally applied principle which says "The polluter pays". The organisation causing the pollution has the responsibility for either clearing it or paying for it to be cleared. That seems eminently fair and provides a strong incentive for the polluting organisation to get its house in order and avoid a repetition of the incident. How can we apply such a principle here? Perhaps with the help of the schools, we could have teams of children clearing up the litter they have created. The school access routes are the first priority. More ideas please!

The Dore Village Society is extremely grateful for the assistance from all in the cub scout pack, the Cub Scout Leader, Lesley Vernon, and the parents of the cubs who volunteered to help with the survey on the evening. Many thanks indeed.

Roger Millican

Well Dressing prep

Don't forget, the well dressing has a new format this year. We'll be starting to make the tableau on Thursday July 3rd at 10 Leyfield Road, working on it through to Tuesday July 8th, in the evening of which it will be erected on the Village Green.

Please come along to help, or just to have a look and see how it's done. Everybody welcome. Hours of opening will be 2pm to 5pm, & 7pm to 9pm. These are flexible depending on how the work progresses.

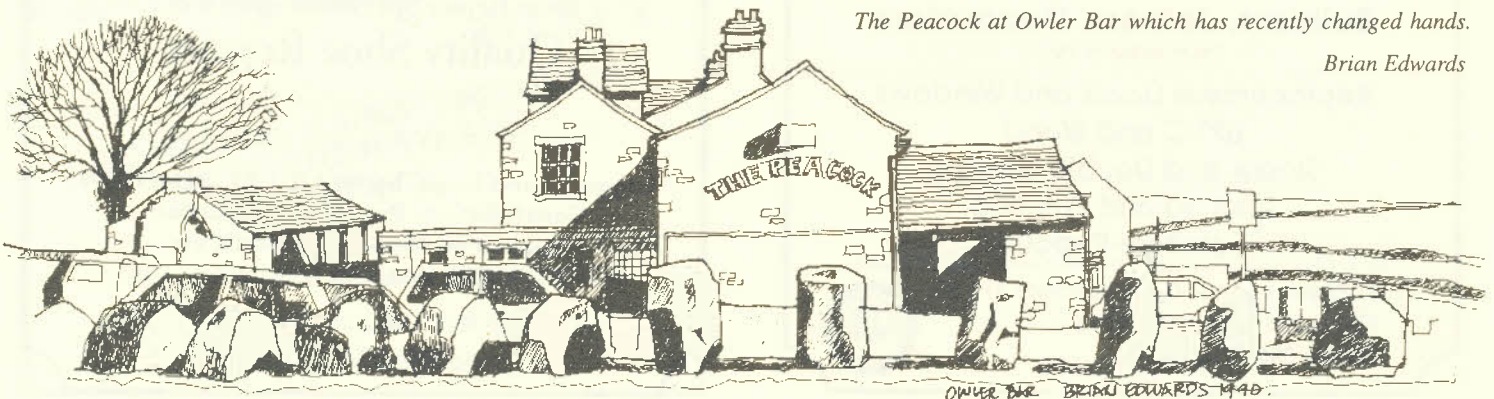
Linda Williamson.

New Constitution

A revised constitution for the Dore Village Society has recently been submitted to the Charity Commissioners. Copies will be available at the forthcoming AGM or direct from Peter Veal on 236 8437. Subject to comment, this new constitution will be formally adopted at a Special General Meeting later in the year.

The Peacock at Owlter Bar which has recently changed hands.

Brian Edwards



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MAY

- 10-27 **Sheffield Environment Weeks.** See published programme.
- 17 **Sheffield Local History Fair.** Town Hall, 10am-4pm. Displays by many of Sheffield's history and community interest groups including the Dore Village Society.
- 17 **Spring Fair & Book Sale.** Dore & Totley U.R.C Church Hall, 10am - 12.30pm.
- 19 **Guided Walk in Ecclesall Woods, by FEW.** Everyone welcome. 7pm Tel: 236 6640 for details.
- 21 **Samaritans.** Speaker Pam McDonald at T&D support Group for the visually impaired, 11am, 4 Grove Road. Tel: 236 6894.
- 21 **Bird walk in Padley Gorge.** Led by Paul Medforth for Sheffield Bird Study Group. 6.30pm at roadside entrance.
- 22-23 **Town Hall Open Days.** (See editorial) 10.30 - 4pm.
- 25-26 **Annual Show, Sheffield & District Orchid Society,** 11am-5pm, Edensor Institute.
- 26 **Bamford Sheepdog Trials & Country Show,** recreation ground, Bamford. 7am -7pm.
- 28 **Granny's Old Tin Box.** Talk by Mrs J Dunn on local and family history, for the Dore Village Society, and a brief AGM, 8pm Old School Hall. Everyone welcome.

JUNE

- 1 **Who was who in the cemetery.** Free tour by Friends of the General Cemetery. Meet 2pm by Lion Gates in Cemetery Avenue. Tel: 255 6092
- 3 **The Silver Toast Rack.** Talk by Jean Henshaw for Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall, Townhead Road. 7.45pm
- 7 **Birds of Twentywellsick & Ladies Spring Woods.** Visit led by Paul Medforth for Sheffield Bird Study Group. Meet 8am at Dore Station.
- 7 **Charity Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir & Stannington Mixed Voice Choir, 8pm at Sheffield University in aid of Sheffield Kidney Research. Tickets from 262 0055.
- 11 **All aspects of optics.** Talk by Mr J Bird, for Dore(E)T.G. Old School 7.30pm.
- 12 **Wildflower Walk around Ringinglow.** Led by Jean Glasscock, Sheffield City Ecology Unit. Meet 7pm Ringinglow Road House. Free - everyone welcome.
- 13 **Ladies Fashion Show/Sale.** For Transport 17. St John's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets from 236 5063.
- 14 **Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir, Edensor Church, Baslow. 7pm Tel: 266 0215
- 15-21 **Grindleford Carnival Week.**
- 19 **Guide Dogs T&D support Group** for the visually impaired, 11am, 4 Grove Road. Tel: 236 6894.
- 21 **Summer Fayre.** K.E.S.A. King Egbert School, Mercia site, 2pm.
- 23-27 **Walk to School Week.**
- 28 **Summer Fete.** Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane. Starts 2pm.

JULY

- 1 **Woodland Trust.** Talk by Alan Grant for Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall, Townhead Road. 7.45pm
- 2 **Guided Walk in Ecclesall Woods, by FEW.** Everyone welcome. 7pm Tel: 236 6640 for details.

DORE FESTIVAL WEEK - 5th to 13th

- Saturday **Dore Motor Show,** 10.30am - 4.30pm
& Sunday Dore Junior School.
- Saturday **am Guide Welldressing,** Devonshire Terrace.
- Saturday **eve Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society,** Summer Concert, Dore Church Hall. Tickets: Tel 245 9985.
- Sunday **Village Open Gardens.** 2pm - 6pm. Tickets from Greens.
- Monday **Village Fun Run.** 7pm start. For details Tel: 236 2787
- Tuesday **Poetry & Folk Evening.** Devonshire Arms. 8.30pm. Entry £3/2
- Wednesday **Beaver Football Match,** recreation ground. 6pm.
Romeo & Juliet. Box Hedge Theatre Company, village green. 7.30pm.
Lord Conyers Morris Men, Devonshire Arms.
- Thursday **Dore Male Voice Choir,** open evening, Church Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm.
- Friday **Music for a summer evening** by Sterndale Singers & String Quartet, Dore Church, 8pm. Tickets: Tel 235 1029
- Saturday **Scout & Guide Gala.**
- Sunday **Well Dressing Service,** village green, 3pm.

- 6 **An introduction to the cemetery.** Free tour by Friends of the General Cemetery. Meet 2pm by Lion Gates in Cemetery Avenue. Tel: 255 6092.
- 9 **Guild Party,** Dore Masonic Hall, Dore(E)T.G.

AUGUST

- 5 **Woodland Adventure - in Ecclesall Woods.** Suitable for children, organised by SWAP. Small charge. To book phone 279 5705
- 14 **Woodland Adventure - as for 5 August.**

SEPTEMBER

- 13 **Dore Show.** Old School and Methodist Church Halls. 2pm - 4.30pm



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