

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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50 editions on

Welcome to the 50th edition of DORE to DOOR.

First published by the Dore Village Society in the Spring of 1986, wafer thin and without advertising, the magazine has since then, gone from strength to strength. Today it is self financing, has a print run of 3,350 copies, is delivered free to all the houses in the area and is mailed all around the world.

The original aims of Dore to Door were to improve communication between the Dore Village Society and residents; to encourage a sense of community; to provide an outlet for information on the history of Dore and the activities of local organisations; and as a place where people could express their concerns or share their memories. These aims remain the same as the breadth of articles in recent editions amply illustrates.

Being a quarterly makes it difficult to cover topical news, but we try to keep up with the main events in the village and provide for as wide a range of interests as is possible. Amazingly, after 50 editions, new information, pictures and stories about the history of the village and its past residents are still coming to light. Any magazine is only as good as its contributors, so please keep those articles and news items coming in.

Personally I have been involved in producing all but one edition to date - enjoyable, but hard work! Unfortunately the original editorial team has fallen by the wayside over the years. Surely there must be some budding media sales people, journalists or layout artists out there waiting for the chance to show their worth! We do however have an active team of deliverers, to whom I would like to publicly express my thanks.

And in this instance my apologies for the size of this bumper anniversary issue! *Ed.*

Ecclesall Woods

We are unbelievably fortunate to have the historic and beautiful Ecclesall Woods on our door step. They are there to be enjoyed, but unfortunately that very use can be damaging to the woods themselves, unless we use them sensibly and respect the bylaws that apply.

This spring the woods have suffered terribly from the wet weather, with people avoiding the muddy footpaths and in the process making them wider or creating new ones. The result is damage to ground plants and bluebells in particular, which nature takes a long while to restore.

It would be helpful if people would keep to the main paths in wet weather, many of which have been surfaced at some stage. The main



Dore's own traffic calming measure - the ducks' - busy on the High Street. Sadly shortly after this picture was taken one of the ducks died.

routes in the woods are marked by arrows on strategically placed posts. Yellow for footpaths (walkers only) and blue for bridleways (horses, bikes and walkers).

The Dore Village Society has been funding materials for some work by volunteers to build steps and surfaced paths at some of the main problem areas below Rycroft Glen. If you would be prepared to lend a hand, from light work such as cutting back invasive holly to barrowing chippings, please ring 236 9025

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Summer Meeting & AGM

7.30pm Wednesday 27 May

Old School Hall

Dore traffic issues and a talk on waste collection & recycling

Quarrying in the Peak

Following the article in our last edition about proposals for a major extension to quarrying on Longstone Edge, we are pleased to report that the Peak National Park Authority has halted this.

At the same time the Park is now faced with a massive new quarry on Whin Hill, beside the Ladybower Dam, in order to provide stone for a refurbishment of the dam itself. Protesters have pledged to take court action over the authority's decision in favour.

Tunnel tribute

Members of Sheffield's Irish community gathered in Crookes cemetery in March to lay a wreath at a new monument to scores of Irish navvies believed to have perished during the building of the Totley Tunnel from 1888 to 1894.

The navvies and their families lived tightly packed together in wooden huts and unsanitary conditions, ideal for the spread of disease and leading inevitably to deaths from smallpox and cholera. There were also an number of accidents and tunnel collapses.

Historic records fail to reveal the extent of these deaths or tally with the stories about them that have been passed down through subsequent generations. It is possible that immigrant deaths were not recorded locally for administrative reasons, or possibly covered up by the companies or authorities involved.

Anyone interested in the history of the period should read the book Totley and the Tunnel by Brian Edwards, available on loan from Totley Library.

Council Elections

The results of the local elections for Dore Ward on the 7th May were:

John Berry	Conservative	1,999
Colin Ross	Liberal Democrat	3,757
Michael Squires	New Labour	559

INSIDE: Getting about; Your Letters; Millennium celebrations; The National Trust; Farming notes; The Wildlife Garden; Planning; News in Brief ; and much, much more.....

Jean recalls

Seeing Don Fishers three ducks waddling around the village, took me back to the late 40's and early 50's, when a common sight each morning was to see Oliver Gill's geese parading around. Geese, being geese, it was as well to give them as wide a berth as possible, as they hissed and flapped about. Traffic in those days was much lighter than it is now, but as has been commented, ducks, and presumably, geese too, do have a traffic calming effect.

Oliver kept the geese in a shed which backed on to The Croft, which is now the Devonshire Car Park. At that time, both village troughs worked properly so the geese had plenty to drink. (Where does that water go now?)

Oliver lived with his mother Ellen and two sisters, Dorothy and Madge, on Leyfield Road, in the house now occupied by Freda Burr. He had a large garden with fish ponds etc., where the three cottages next to the bus terminus have been built. He spent a lot of time in his garden, of which he was very proud, when he was not following his occupation as the local coal merchant and carrier.

His mother and sisters were expert needlewomen and cooks. Madge never married, but Dorothy did, rather late in life, but unfortunately that did not work out and she returned to live with her family.

When the Dore bus only ran between the village and Ecclsall, the bus crews used to call on the Gills for their tea breaks and then, as now, there being no public conveniences, they had to take advantage of the Gills' facilities.

Having seen a report in "The Grapevine" that the Devonshire is the oldest pub in Dore, we would like to challenge that. My friend Betty (nee Green) who now lives in Devon, but who used to live in Ivy Cottage, next to us in Rose Cottage, says the Hare has that claim. She also tells me that her mother's family (the Denniffs) who owned the two cottages, believed that they had at one time been an ale

house and that the owners of the Hare had bought the license to cut down competition. There is mention in Roy Bullen's history 'The Old Days in Dore' that such a transaction did take place, though the property is not identified. Only that it was opposite the Hare.

We were also told when we moved into number 16 Townhead Road, that this had also been an ale house and certainly it was possible to see marks on the stone flagged floor where barrels of some sort had stood. For what other purpose than for holding beer I cannot imagine.

Jean Dean.

The Society

The aim of the Dore Village Society is to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development.

Any organisation is only as strong as its membership. If you support our objectives please do join, the fee of £2 p.a. per person isn't much and hopefully you will feel it is value for money as far as the community is concerned. If you wish to be more actively involved in any of our activities or have ideas for new projects/areas we could look at, then please talk to any member of the committee - we would be pleased to hear from you. Likewise if you have any material for the Dore Collection or wish to make a financial donation - however small - or a bequest.

Transport and Traffic

Do you have any views on matters related to local transport and traffic? If so, this is your chance to express them. The committee of the Village Society is aware that concerns exist but would like to have a broader understanding of the views of Dore residents. At the AGM on Wednesday 27th. May, there will be short presentation on current thoughts, but time has not been allowed on this occasion for discussion.

Please make an effort to let us have your opinion on anything which appears to be relevant. As examples, we would like to hear from older people or others who may be having difficulty getting about either by car or on foot, from parents who may be concerned about their children's journeys to school, from pedestrians who may be finding footpaths and pavements less satisfactory than they would like, from shoppers who are finding the use of the car in the village less easy, from drivers who may be finding local journeys slower and frustrating and from users of the bus services who think they could be organised more conveniently.

Already we have heard some views. At the Society's Open Day in March, a number of older residents were asked whether they used the special transport services provided by Sheffield Community Transport. Because knowledge of these services appears not to be widespread, an article about them appears elsewhere in this issue.

Please could we have your views either in writing to the editor of *Dore to Door*, which is preferred, or by telephoning 262 0012 or 236 0002.

Transport 17

Transport 17 is a local community service operating in the south-west area of Sheffield. It exists to serve frail and elderly people who are lonely and housebound, disabled and disadvantaged, and who find difficulty in using normal transport services. If you are the organiser of a group including members with mobility problems, they would be pleased to discuss your needs.

Specially equipped mini-buses offer a caring, door-to-door service to take people on a regular basis to day centres, luncheon clubs, social clubs, church groups, etc., and on occasional outings, thereby getting them out into the community and greatly enhancing their quality of life.

All the mini-buses are regularly maintained and are fitted with tail-lifts, wheelchair safety clamps and passenger seat-belts. The very modest charges for the use of mini-buses are assessed on mileage, and to cover the very heavy cost of keeping vehicles on the road, including depreciation.

The organisation has one paid full-time project manager and an elected management committee including chairman, secretary and treasurer, all of whom give their services voluntarily. Drivers and escorts are also volunteers and are qualified and assessed to meet all safety standards.

Transport 17 is a strictly non-profit making organisation and registered as a charity under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act. They are dependent on gifts from charitable trusts and their own fundraising events with local community support. One forthcoming fundraising event is on May 30th at English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road from 10am to 12 noon. Please go along for coffee, cakes, books, plants and bric-a-brac, or if you have items to donate ring 236 7176.

Finally the organisation is always in need of voluntary drivers and escorts to keep services running smoothly. If you are a caring person and (in the case of drivers) hold an appropriate current driving licence, and if you have some time to spare for a really worthwhile service to the less able members of the community, they would be delighted to hear from you.

Their office is at 172, Baslow Road, Totley (97 bus route) or telephone 236 2962.

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Easy Ways of Getting About

As one grows older and becomes less active, any form of travel is less easy. This can often result in fewer visits to friends and to the shops whether local or in the city. Older car drivers find life on the roads more demanding as the volume of traffic grows and road manners seem to deteriorate. One's ability as a driver deteriorates, often faster than one realises, through lack of practice, slowing of reactions and poorer vision. Can anything be done to overcome these difficulties?

A recent straw poll indicated that many people in Dore are unaware of the range of city's transport services directed specifically at those who are finding travel less easy and are therefore missing the opportunity to get about with less of a problem. Sheffield Community Transport has developed a variety of services for those who find it difficult either to use the normal public transport or for whom car driving is no longer possible.

The **DIAL-A-BUS** service uses minibuses which have normal seats and places for wheel chairs. It will collect you from your home and runs to the city centre or Meadowhall. It will later bring you back to your doorstep. The standard fare is 30p. You do need to register for it by telephoning 275 0777. Running from Dore to the city centre on Mondays and Wednesdays, it departs between 9.30am and 9.45am, and to Meadowhall on Thursdays with departures around 9.40am and 11.00am. Return services leave at 1.00pm (city centre) and 1.30pm and 15.10pm (Meadowhall). Bookings can be made up to seven days in advance. Normally this service operates to and from the Town Hall. Because of the present redevelopment work in that area, it is currently using three nearby locations as temporary drop off and collecting point.

With the **CITY-RIDE** service, you can travel anywhere in Sheffield at a time to suit you but, for the extra flexibility, the charges are more. For example, the first mile will cost 35p and two miles costs 55p. The vehicles are fitted with normal seats and places for wheelchairs and can accommodate a powered wheelchair. You also need to register for this service (telephone 275 5766) and you can take a companion or escort if required. Journeys will usually be direct but there may be deviations to collect or drop off another passenger. Using an answerphone, booking can be made up a seven days in advance and the trip will be confirmed by telephone.

The **Community Car Scheme** uses a group of specially trained volunteer drivers who use either their own cars or special vehicles owned by Sheffield Community Transport. You can travel all over the city for shopping, hospital visits, education classes, etc. Longer journeys can also be arranged to visit friends or relatives or to go on holiday. Short distances by car cost 33p per mile whilst the longer ones are charged at 25p per mile. The charges for the special vehicles are rather more. It may be possible to use this Scheme for hospital appointments if an ambulance has been refused. For further details, ring 276 6090.

Access Car uses a small minibus with a ramp for wheel chair access. It operates both during the day and the evening and for the full seven days, 52 weeks of the year. In other respects, it is similar to the Community Car Scheme but the charges are somewhat higher



Freedom Express

than the car rates. For information, contact 276 6148.

For those who might find it difficult to walk around the city centre, **Shopmobility** provides three and four wheeled ride-on scooters free of charge. Training is provided at the collection point and you will not be allowed to go unless you feel fully confident. If you book in advance (telephone 281 2278), it may be possible to provide an escort to help you round the shops and through the streets. The scooters are available in Surrey Place car park (just off Surrey Street) from Tuesday to Saturday between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

Freedom Express is a new service using a specially adapted 40-seater coach with full facilities for wheelchairs. The coach is available for private hire by groups and will also be running a number of excursions during the coming summer. The coach, which has received funding from the National Lottery, has a toilet and a hostess service for drinks and snacks. Details of the excursions can be obtained from the South Yorkshire Transport Executive office in Pinstone Street or from Sheffield Community Transport on 276 6148.

All of the services mentioned have been designed and thoroughly tested to make life more enjoyable for those who otherwise may have been largely confined to their homes. By using them, you can keep up to date with friends and see how the new shops and

developments in the city centre is progressing. Why not give them a try?

Environmental Training

Sheffield Environmental Training, a registered charity, was established in 1991 by a consortium of local environmental groups, with the aim of providing high quality vocational training in environmental skills.

The organisation works primarily with long-term unemployed adults who are seeking employment in conservation and countryside management. Great emphasis is placed on learning by practical involvement as well as working with local colleges to provide recognised qualifications. Students work together in teams on practical projects such as the recent resurfacing of footpaths in Dore Recreation Ground, and the re-building of dry stone walls at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Funding is obtain from a variety of bodies including donations from community groups for which work is done.

Courses are both popular and successful. Over 80% of students gain qualifications at NVQ level 2, 30% find employment, 30% go on to further education and 15% engage in regular voluntary work.

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Letters

Dear Sir

A few days ago, whilst running my children to one of their friends' houses, I noticed two people trimming, raking and weeding grass around the bus stop at the end of Heather Lea Avenue.

The two Good Samaritans didn't look like the usual bus maintenance men who sweep only the area of the bus shelter and no more. These two people looked as if they might be householders who were doing their good deed for the spring.

A big THANK YOU from a regular bus user.

Susan M Collins

Dear Sir

As many of you must be aware, Stuart Fordham, one of our local Opticians, has been in hospital for the last ten months. Just to set the record straight, he has not suffered a stroke, a heart attack, or a mental illness and has certainly not died - (that rumour surfaced a few weeks ago!!).

He was unfortunate enough to be struck by a very rare syndrome called Guillain Barre' caused by your own anti-bodies attacking your peripheral nervous system and causing total paralysis. Only nature can cure it, regenerating the nerve endings, which takes a very long time.

I am happy to say that is happening very speedily now and the Neurology Rehabilitation Unit at the Hallamshire Hospital are working towards allowing him out of hospital in the near future. He will then gain strength to return to the Business and take over the reins once more. He is extremely cheerful and grateful to all the many people who have sent him good wishes.

In the meantime, the Opticians is still in perfect working order with Mr A. Whitely testing your eyes as usual, and we look forward to your next visit!

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Dear Sir

Parents and Fellow Residents of Dore

We are often asked at Governor's meetings with parents, "Why don't we do something about people driving too fast in the village in ways that could lead to serious accidents to children walking to school? Why don't we get the local authority, or the police, to deal with this matter?"

However, on reflection, it doesn't take long to realise that many of the problems are caused by ourselves - by parents dropping children off at school, or by residents of Dore hurrying to work, or doing their shopping!

Indeed, if we are honest with ourselves, we have all been guilty at one time or another of driving too fast through the crowded, narrow streets of Dore, or parking in inconsiderate ways. The problem, then, lies with ourselves - not with the Authorities'.

It is easy in this busy world to be tempted to drive down Furniss Avenue, or Vicarage Lane, or Busheywood Road, or any of the other streets of Dore, at 40 mph. But is it necessary? Driving from the village down to Abbeydale Road South at 40 mph would only save about 30 seconds compared with driving at 20 mph - yet common sense, as well as the accident statistics, tells us that an accident in which a pedestrian is killed is much more likely at 40 mph than at 20 mph.

Therefore we are appealing to all those who live and work in Dore, to start thinking of others a little more as they drive around the village. Remember - sensible driving saves lives!

Chairs of Governors

Colin Ross

Roger Allum

Mike King

Derek Gillibrand

Dore Infant School

Dore Junior School

Rowan School

King Ecgbert School

Dear Sir

I read with interest your piece about 'Body Snatching' in the last issue of Dore to Door. Your readers might like to know that the teaching of Anatomy is still an important part of the training for medical students. However, these days we do not need to resort to the dark' practices of the past! We are regulated by an Act of Parliament, and we are very grateful to those people who generously donate their bodies for medical teaching.

But, at the University of Sheffield we are also very much in need of 'live', medically qualified bodies - as teaching assistants. Each year the Medical School admits a class of over 300 new medical students and the Department of Biomedical Science is responsible for teaching them the preclinical sciences of Anatomy and Physiology. We urgently need people with medical backgrounds to help us in our teaching. Our needs are varied and include helping students with anatomical dissection, assisting in Physiology practicals or in running tutorials to help link basic science with the needs of clinical practice. If any of your readers are interested I should be very happy to hear from them.

Professor Peter W. Andrews
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Dear Sir

Many thanks for your hard work in producing Dore to Door. All work stops when this drops through the letterbox. It keeps us up-to-date with recent events in the village and brings back memories of my Mother's (Mrs R Fox) stories of her childhood in Dore.

Mrs Elizabeth Bradshaw
[Muriel Clark's daughter]
Tuxford, Newark.

Dear Sir

Readers of Dore to Door, why are we writing this letter we may ask?

"What has Dore Village got to offer?"

Is it a mini race track starting at the beginning of Limb Lane and ending at the end of Old Hay Lane? Or we could just take a spin up Townhead Road, careful not to knock over the lollipop man?

If we really stop to think, apart from the novelty of Mr Fisher's three ducks, to stop us rushing around at speed, we have three rows of small self-employed businesses. Yes I emphasise small. We are not large concerns that can supply a bus from our shops to the end of your road, but what is offered is:-

- 1 - each of us are qualified in our own trade
- 2 - personal service
- 3 - quality
- 4 - variety
- 5 - delivery service
- 6 - help and advice
- 7 - competitive prices

Need I list more? I've never once gone into a supermarket or large department store and been acknowledged by an assistant, with either hello or good morning Mrs./Mr.' Come to mention it, I don't think I've seen the same sales assistant twice. The difference with small shops is that nine times out of ten you can see, either the owner, or a sales assistant in our shops on a regular basis.

All I am requesting please, is that you continue to support us. And to those who don't, please can you try. Unfortunately, places like Tesco/Sainsbury's will never get to know your daily needs. Eg:

- What choice of flowers/plants you like?
- Whether you like your fruit ripe or hard?
- Whether your fuel is petrol or diesel?
- Whether your bread is white or brown?
- Whether your cheese is Stilton or Cheddar?
- Whether you are a 12 or a size 20?
- Whether your meat is cooked or uncooked?
- And what your hardware needs are?

Whatever your purchase from any of our shops, please remember there is no charge for our friendly service.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please... think local....

Gillian (Valerie of Dore)

*On behalf of: Valerie of Dore Florists,
Country Garden Fruiterer, Dore Service
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to Door Catering, Dore Deli, Thompson
Butchers, Dore Classics and Greens
Hardware.*

We would like to thank our regular customers, and welcome new ones to our shops.

Dore also has excellent pubs/restaurants, fish and chip shop, opticians, chemist, post office, 3 hair salons, building societies, estate agent, travel agent, video shop, wine shop, bank, and newsagent.

Do we really need to shop elsewhere!!!

Environment Weeks 1998

The litter survey carried out in Dore during last year's Environment Week identified the worst areas in the village for litter. To take the matter one step further, this year the Junior School is to carry out a litter clear-up programme in areas near the school.

Taking place during this year's Environment Weeks (May 9th. to 25th.), the pupils will remove accumulated litter in King's Croft Drive and adjacent to the path to the schools from the top of Bushey Wood Road.

As recognition of their effort to improve the appearance of the village, the Dore Village Society has agreed to provide the school with £100 worth of books on environmental subjects. On behalf of the community, the Society would like to thank the pupils and staff in advance for this very worthwhile contribution to improving our environment.



Dore Junior School children ready to plant new trees in Dore Recreation Ground during March with the assistance of Roots'n'Shoots. Picture reproduced courtesy of The Star.

Steam Up

The Sheffield & District Society of Model & Experimental Engineers are running train ride weekends again 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 24th May; the 6/7th & 21st June; 5th & 19th July; 9th & 23rd August; 6th & 20 September; 4th & 18th October. For more details ring 236 9002.

Dore Recreation Ground

In addition to the planting of new trees, the Dore Village Society has funded some footpath work near the entrance and ordered a new notice board. The main path has been resurfaced as far as the play area, and a new path laid through the willows to provide access to the first field. The work was carried out by Sheffield Environmental Training, which

provides vocational training in environmental skills.

The Dore Playground Action Group has been busy fund raising and negotiating with Sheffield Council over new playground equipment. In the meantime the existing equipment has been re-painted. The group are also planning a Dore Playday in the recreation ground between 11am & 3pm on Wednesday the 19 August. More details will be provided on posters throughout the village.

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NSPCC

The Sheffield and Hallamshire branch of the NSPCC was set up 110 years ago to help and protect vulnerable and defenceless children who were known to be suffering from cruelty and neglect, often hidden from sight within their own homes. It is tragic that after so many years the physical and emotional abuse still goes on and that the work of the Society is needed now as much, if not even more, than it ever was.

The NSPCC receives no government aid and relies, for the continuation of its work, upon its supporters and the generosity of the public.

From small beginnings in the 1950's the District Committee for Dore, Totley & Bradway have gradually increased the number of volunteers working in this part of the city. These volunteers help with fund-raising via house to house collections, flag days and at fund raising events. If you would like to volunteer to help, or would like more details, please contact Joyce Cook on 236 4837.

Ode to the pub

If like me, you love your traditional English pub, the opening of the revamped Fox House last month will be seen as another nail its coffin. Not so long ago the Dore Moor Inn, originally built to serve stagecoach traffic on the new Hathersage Turnpike, suffered a revamp and Disneyfication of its Inn sign. Now the brewery has gone one step further, taking its pseudo period format into another historic building.

I can understand the logic of restoring the out-buildings as bedroom accommodation, and even the need to give the building a lick of paint. But to spend £1.2 million? Just think how many pints or overnight stays will be needed to recoup that!

And why change the inside so radically? Now it is aimed fair and square at the motorised tourist, ironically just when drink driving rules are being tightened. If however you are a walker or dog owner, your dirty boots and hound are no longer welcome here. Surely it wasn't beyond the imagination of the brewery to accommodate these traditional customers. As a result numerous walking guides to the Peak Park will need to be rewritten. Still no doubt the National Trust

shop and cafe on the Longshore Estate will benefit from an increase in trade, as will the Grouse Inn towards Frogget, now the nearest civilised pub for walkers and their dogs.

As for the new sign! Are future generations to believe that foxes lived in cute kennels with weather veins on top? This current obsession by breweries to misrepresent or change pub names, is destroying our past heritage. Many of our pub names go back to Medieval or even Roman times. Thus the White Hart recalls the emblem of Richard II, The Dog & Duck, Charles II's hunting of mallard with spaniels, and The Crown & Anchor was the badge of Royal Navy petty officers who retired to become landlords. Nearer to home in the eighteenth century, the Marquis of Granby set up his soldiers as inn keepers when they left the army.

So a plea to all brewers. Keep you new names and ideas for new pubs, and leave the old well alone.

John Baker

Farming notes

Farmers are famous grumblers, but there's no doubt that at the moment they've got something to grumble about. In the Dore area farms have traditionally been mixed, milking cows, keeping a few pigs and sheep and growing a bit of corn. You were never going to make a fortune but at least if one product was down something else was up so you could keep going. But now we're in a patch where everything's down at once and there's no sign of improvement.

The really sickening thing is that while producer prices are down by 25% on 18 months ago, prices in the shops are the same as ever. The BSE scare clobbered the cattle trade. Before it started livestock market prices were 120p per kilo. Now they're 85p. A recent survey calculated that a bullock for which the farmer was paid £667 made £1,614 when it was sold in the supermarket. They reckoned killing and butchering costs at £66 so it will be interesting to see how the shop justifies the remaining £881. The worst part of it is that it takes the farmer 2 years to get his £667 but only a few days for the supermarket to sell it. On top of that they don't pay the farmer for about 6 weeks. They've no money tied up in stock. At £667, by the time farmer has paid his feed bills and other costs he'll be lucky to make £50 profit.

It's a pattern we've seen many times before. The price to the farmer drops but the shop price stays the same. Eventually the market price goes back to what it was to start with and of course the shop price shoots up with everyone blaming the farmer. It's a ratchet effect.

Milk has come down from 25p per litre in 1995 to 18p per litre now. That's 10p per pint. The excuse is that wholesale prices are in ECU's so when the £ goes up the price of milk comes down.

But why does it only come down to the farmer?

This all accelerates the trend to ever larger farms. 40 years ago the average size of British farms was 35 acres. Now it's 120. You've only to look around Dore and see all the old farm buildings that have been converted into private houses. Out in the country it's less obvious as you drive around, but the trend is very much that as farmers retire the house and buildings are sold off and the land amalgamated with the farm next door.

It's ironic that when all the talk on the food programmes bemoans the horrors of factory farming the small family farms are under huge pressure and more and more food is produced by intensive methods.

Places like Whirlow Hall Farm and Heeley City Farm do a fine job showing city kids a bit of the countryside and few animals, but it would be more revealing if they had a few boards up in the pens saying how much food the animal eats each day, what it costs and how much they're going to get for the animal when they sell it. It's a sad fact that if a dairy farmer wants an income of £15,000 a year, he's got to produce 80,000 gallons of milk, and you don't do that with half a

dozen cows in loose boxes with a few calves running around. The broadsheet newspapers all seem to have a correspondent writing a column about how wonderful it is on his little farm run the old way. There isn't one of them would last a month without his salary to live on. The organic brigade are always banging on that all our problems would be solved if everyone went back to muck and magic farming. Unfortunately most of those enthusiasts are people who've dropped out of the rat race and bought a small holding and have a company pension to fall back on. In Dore Parish, from Blacka across to Whirlow there are only two farms providing families with a living.

There was something nice about local shops selling food produced locally. We used to sell lambs to Jack Thorpe who made sure all his customers knew where they'd come from. You don't get that at Sainsbury's.

People used to call in and buy a dozen eggs on their Sunday afternoon walk. Edwina Curry and her salmonella in eggs scare stopped all that. And the health authorities are doing their utmost to stop people buying a bottle of fresh milk that's not been processed and pasteurized. There is one place, though, where you can get local produce. The Dore Grill were serving Dore reared turkey last Christmas.

Richard Farnsworth

Devonshire Terrace

We understand an order has been placed for the necessary work to be carried out to make Devonshire Terrace one-way. This may yet happen before the millennium!

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Book Reviews

Those of our readers already familiar with the sketches of Brian Edwards will have no hesitation in adding his latest book, *Peak District Villages Vol 1* to their bookshelves. Those not familiar with his work could do no better than browse through the pages of this book as an introduction.

Now living in Great Longstone, Brian has embarked on a series of books capturing in sketches and watercolours the buildings and scenes of the Peak, beginning with the eight villages around his home- Ashford in the Water, Great and Little Longstone, Hassop, Sheldon, Wardlow, Monsal and Rowland. Few can beat his sheer energy and enthusiasm for these two mediums, and from his prodigious output he has pulled together 120 illustrations with brief captions throwing light onto the history and origins of each.

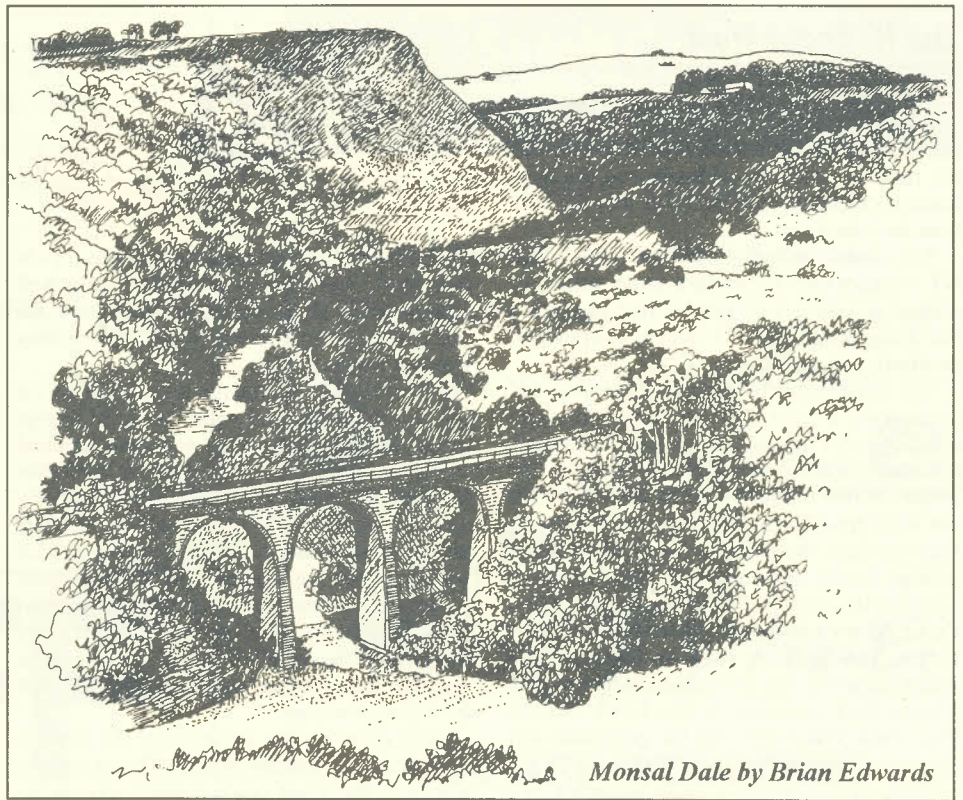
Brian has an amazing eye for the hidden corner and perspective, while the sketches and watercolours themselves accurately capture not only the subject, but the 'feel' of the places illustrated. The result is a book of equal interest to those already familiar with the area, tempted to visit it for the first time, or just interested in or appreciative of drawing at its best.

Peak District Villages Vol 1, is available locally price £ 8.95 from Greens on Causeway Head Road, Best Wishes at the Twentywell Lane Shops and Totley Rise Post Office.

Any guide to parts of England will touch on local churches, often the most significant and historic buildings in a community, and as such worthy of exploration in their own right. Derbyshire is blessed with a particularly rich heritage in churches, which are often a vital clue to the history and wealth of the communities they served.

A new book, *The Old Parish Churches of Derbyshire*, now provides a handy work of reference and pocket field guide to the area. Written and published by Mike Salter, well known for his excellent guides to castles in many areas of the country, the book lists, describes and illustrates with old prints, photographs and plans, buildings and features from over 170 parochial churches built before 1770. Later churches are also listed.

This is a must for anyone interested in Derbyshire and it's history, or simply old churches. It is guaranteed to tempt you to visit places you were unaware of, and to discover the county anew. The Old Parish Churches of



Monsal Dale by Brian Edwards

Derbyshire is available from the author price £4.95 + 60p postage (cheques made payable to Mike Salter) at Folly Cottage, 151 West Malvern Road, Malvern, Worcs, WR14 4AY.

The Pennine Way is Britain's best known long distance walk, serving as a magnet and challenge to serious walkers throughout the land. Being so near to it's starting point it is tempting to miss its importance and potential.

The Pennine Way by Martin Collins, and published by Cicerone, is a new handy pocket guide to the whole walk. Providing up-to-date details, it covers terrain, mileage, accommodation etc. with comprehensive descriptions of each section. Whether tackling the whole walk or shorter sections, this guide tells you everything you need to know and is well illustrated with maps, pictures and the occasional cartoon. Price £6.99 from most bookshops.

Cicerone Walking Guides are available for large parts of the country, and it is well worth contacting them to see what they have available if you are planning a walking holiday. More locally one of their successful publications, now on it's fourth revised reprint,

is the *White Peak Way*. Written by Rob Haslam, it provides a comprehensive guide to a 90 mile circular walk amongst the spectacular scenery of the Peak District. Divided into 7 (relatively) easy stages, and illustrated with pictures and maps, this is a book to tempt you into serious walking. Price £4.99 from most bookshops. Cicerone are based at 2 Police Square, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7PY tel: 015395 62069. Happy walking!

News in brief

Cream Teas will be served at Dore Methodist Church after the gala well dressing service in aid of Support dogs assisting the disabled.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has secured grants totalling over £ 475,000 over 5 years from the Heritage Lottery Fund to assist in the careful management of the varied habitats in the trust's 23 nature reserves.

Sheffield Council are spending £1 million on new library books, but on a leasing basis these will eventually cost £ 1.2 million!

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The National Trust

Your Chairman recently challenged me to convince him of the merits of taking membership of the National Trust and he felt my response might be of interest to the Dore Society's members, concerned as they are with their local heritage.

The crudest answer to the question is that NT membership represents good value for money as a season ticket for free entry to a stunning portfolio of historic properties, parklands and gardens.

The Trust protects through ownership and conservation over 300 impressive historic buildings in England, Wales and N. Ireland, the vast majority of which are open to the public. Within reasonable distance of Dore are our four great Derbyshire houses- Hardwick Hall, perhaps the nation's finest Elizabethan prodigy house, Kedleston Hall, Robert Adam's eighteenth century Palladian masterpiece, Calke Abbey, the country house which time forgot, and Sudbury Hall, an idiosyncratic Stuart house built to an outdated Jacobean plan - Lyme Park, this side of Stockport, Nostell Prior, near Wakefield, and the enormous and beautiful Clumber Park, near Worksop.

Three or four visits to such properties in a year ensure that annual membership fees show a payback against the alternative of paying normal entry charges.

However, while season ticket holders are very welcome, the Trust hopes for more principled support than that. We would like to think that increasingly people take out or retain membership out of conviction rather than economic choice, because the Trust has a mission worthy of support - to conserve the nation's heritage, both the built and the natural heritage; to identify, articulate, present and promote the distinctive spirit of each place in its care; to provide access to precious places previously denied to the public; and, through interpretation and education, to help visitors, young and old, to appreciate and enjoy the properties they visit.



The National Trust has a simple mission - to link people and place - a mission which is well understood by those who care about Dore, the place and the community within which they live and maybe work.

The Trust is a charity which relies on individual support and which is not in receipt of public funds (other than occasional applied for grants). The merits of its charitable purposes - conservation and public access - and the quality of its work attract 37,000 people to volunteer for it each year and 2.5m people to take out membership. To retain such an enormous membership the Trust must through its work earn and re-earn every day the support on which it is based: so we must be responsive to peoples' needs and provide high quality visitor care.

Very often people assume that the Trust is obsessed with country houses. This is not so, although the Trust reacted positively to the very genuine threat of destruction and decay which beset (and lost) country houses after the war. The Trust has been much more open and innovative in its acquisitions than many suppose. We have lighthouses, agricultural mills, a cotton mill, a spade-making mill, several public houses, five World Heritage sites, chapels, churches, Paul McCartney's original council house' in Liverpool and many more.

In the East Midlands the Trust opens to the public Mr Straw's House in Worksop, a treasure-trove of memories of the 1930s, when time stopped still in William and Walter Straw's home.

Last year my team was responsible for rescuing from development the finest surviving example of a rural workhouse in England: if we can raise the funds to restore it, we will be able to tell the story of the vast underclass which existed in Victorian Britain, when the nation was at the pinnacle of its power and prestige in the world.

In any case, our focus in country houses has shifted from concentrating heavily on the state-rooms and the art to encompass as well the fascinating domestic offices of these properties - the kitchens, laundries, stables, servants' quarters, pantries, garden bothies, ice-houses, estate yards.

The Trust provides, well ahead of those who argue for legislation, a 'right to roam' in our dramatic upland landscapes. At close hand to Dore are the Trust's magnificent estates in the Peak District - 40,000 acres or so from Kinder Scout, Bleaklow, Edale, the upper Derwent, Mam Tor to Longshaw, Dovedale and the Manifold Valley. The Trust maintains traditional farming patterns, dry-stone walls, and vernacular buildings in the teeth of environmental threats, commercial pressures and visitor pressures. The income is modest and the costs are great. We rely on those who care for our environment to protect our work in the Peak District, the Lake District, Snowdonia, on 600 miles of our coastline and in other beautiful areas by taking out NT membership.

The Trust is not first and foremost a campaigner, like Greenpeace. We are a doer. We put our money (or rather your money) where our mouth is. We protect a vast estate for your benefit in perpetuity. Our authority derives from what we do and what we achieve.

So much changes in our lives year by year and day by day that we yearn for our roots and some stability. The National Trust protects that heritage, offering a sense of place, continuity timelessness and serenity. Now who wouldn't opt for a bit of that?!

Christopher Pennell

National Trust Director in the East Midlands

To join please ring 01909 486411 or write to the National Trust, Clumber Park Stableyard, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 3BE

Planning

Footpath. A phone call this week from the Footpath Section (Highways) concerned a letter I wrote in JANUARY about footpaths at Newfield Crescent and Savage Lane (see February mag). I was told that the first footpath came under the Recreation Dept. and the second under the Works Dept and that my letter had JUST been forwarded to them!

The good news came a few days later from Glen Perry (Works Dept) who assured me that work will start within a month as we are in a new financial year. Full construction tarmac wider than the concrete strip will extend to Gilleyfield Avenue with pipework and a channel to take water to the gully near the bollard.

I have raised the wider implications of Departmental divisions such as these with Officers and Bob Kerslake (Chief Executive) who came to our May Committee meeting. Mr. Kerslake is keen to improve communications between Council and Community. Three categories of footpaths dealt with by three Depts. is certainly confusing. In the near future I hope to have the appropriate category for each Dore footpath and news of repairs to the one at Newfield Crescent.

Book reviews

The Natural History of Ecclesall Woods (Part 1) is the first volume in a new series devoted to this important ancient woodland. Edited by Ian Rotherham and Melvyn Jones, the book covers the historic management of the woods and then reports on the bird life, lichens, fungi, bryophytes, and sphagnum. This book is a must for serious students of the woods and there development although rather specialised for the average reader. It is available cost £6 incl p&p from Wildtrack Publishing, PO Box 1142, Sheffield S1 1SZ.

Commercial support

National Trust members are being offered discounted rates by the Commercial Union the insurance company, which at the same time is donating 10% of the price of each home and motor insurance taken up by members, to the Trust's conservation work.



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Millennium celebration

The Dore Village Society is keen to celebrate the second millennium that the village will have seen, on the 31st December 1999.

We live in a very old village. The name Dore indicates a pre-Saxon settlement and there are also indications in the locality, of Celtic occupation. Sydney Hoffman wrote recently, in the guide to the Dore Village Walk: "In spite of the suburbanisation that has gone on since the Second World War, Dore retains in many ways the nucleus of the Derbyshire village that it was for a thousand years or more. There have been immense changes of course. Although we call this place Dore, it is not the place it was in Anglo-Saxon times. None of the buildings of that period are here; none of the people are here; none of the streets are here. It has all vastly changed. And yet there is an unbroken thread of continuity, a process of continuous evolution." It is this thread of continuity and evolution that the society wants to reflect and extend into the next millennium.

We have much to draw on from the past. The village was once part of the Kingdom of Mercia. Under King Offa, Mercia stretched from East Anglia to Wales. In 829 King Egbert of Wessex was declared the first overlord of all England having defeated the Mercians in battle and had marched North to Dore to fight the Northumbrians. The Northumbrians were being attacked on other fronts and sued for peace. Thus Dore Village played a vital part in the unification of all England.

The location of the village is also of historical importance. Just outside the village centre, Limb Brook (Limb means "limit" or "boundary") runs through Ecclesall Woods. It is here that the ancient Kingdoms of Mercia and Northumberland meet. It is also here that the sees of Canterbury and York and the dioceses of Derby and Sheffield meet. Until 1935 this was also the boundary of Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Many changes in the village have altered its character during its long history. Before 1828 Dore did not have a church of its own. The construction of the church was partly due to the efforts of Richard Furness, a schoolmaster in the village school. It was his design that was used for the present church, which provides a focus for the village both visually and spiritually. The building of the railway line and station in the last century also brought change. Dore developed from a remote country village to a residential outpost of Sheffield.

It was with this wealth of heritage in mind that at a recent open morning, of the Dore Village Society, visitors were asked how they would like the village to celebrate the millennium. The comments made indicated that there was a desire to see both a permanent memorial in the village and to celebrate the night itself.

There are plans in hand for a lasting memorial and more will be announced soon and there are already some ideas for the night of the 31st December 1999. We are proposing to hold a number of parties in the village halls and the scout hut on the night, followed by a torchlight procession, with the theme of the history of Dore, around the village finishing on the green. There will be a service in the church

for those who would like to attend and the climax of the evening will be the ringing in of the new millennium by our excellent bellringers.

We want to make it into a night of celebration and fun that will be long talked about and remembered in our community.

If you are interested in helping to organise these events, or have some ideas of what we can do please contact Caroline Veal on 236 8437, or Mary Watson on 236 5666. We would also like to be informed of any other events that are being organised in the village so that we can assist in any way we can and help to publicise them.

Caroline Veal

Dore Village Walk

The latest publication from the Dore Village Society is a guided walk around Dore village, based on the walks led last year by Sydney Hoffman, first chairman of the society.

This illustrated guide provides a brief history of the village, which unfolds as walkers are taken around some of the most interesting sites and buildings in the centre of the village. It is completed by a map on the back page. The guide is available from Greens on Causewayhead Road, price £1.50.

Dore Wells

In our last issue we asked for information on local well sites whether still accessible or capped.

Despite an adequate supply of surface water in the area, wells provided a sure supply before piped water became available and were less likely to be polluted. Not surprisingly many older houses and farms must have had wells, even if they are lost to our knowledge today.

Today Sycamore Farm on the corner of Drury Lane and Townhead Road still has a well in the front garden, a feature preserved by the current owners Mr & Mrs Fowler. Betty Green can remember that there was a well at Ivy Cottage, in Wagg Wood and at Dore Hall Farm where her Grandfather lived.

Jean Dean recalls that there was a well near the Hawthorn Hedge at Dore Moor Lodge No 1 and understands that there used to be a well in the garden behind the bus terminus. There was also one in use at Round Setts Farm Whitelaw until the 1950s. We have also heard of one in the cellar of one of the older houses on Townhead Road, a convenient way to draw water without getting wet!

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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	
16-18	Etwell
21-27	Tissington
23-29	Middleton by Youlgrave.
23-30	Wirksworth & Monyash
June	
6-14	Ashford in the Water & Cressbrook
13-17	Chelmorton
14-21	Penistone
20-25	Youlgrave
20-27	Tideswell & Litton
26-3	Old Whittington
27-3	Rowsley
27-4	Hope
27-6	Bakewell
July	
4-8	Coal Aston
4-11	Hathersage & Baslow
5-12	Dore
6-12	Harthill
10-19	Bamford
11-16	Pleasley
16-22	Pilsley
17-23	Dronfield Woodhouse
17-26	Millthorpe/Holmsfield & Cutthorpe
18-22	Cowley Mission
18-26	Great & Little Longstone
25-3	Stoney Middleton

The Wildlife Garden

The world of the cat-walk may well seem far removed from that of the garden, but like clothing-styles, what may be in vogue one year, may well be out of fashion the next. Whatever plant may be 'in' this year, one gardening characteristic that has been little affected by fads is scent. Whether it was an 11th century Japanese gardener growing orange blossom with its scent 'to awaken lost loves', or the Elizabethan 'nose-gay' gardener, scent has always, or nearly always, been prized in our gardens.

Today you often hear people lamenting how some of our modern flower varieties have lost their scent. This trend probably goes back to Victorian gardeners with their fondness for formal 'carpet' bedding schemes. Then,

nursery-workers developed new plant varieties that emphasised the shape and form of flowers at the expense of scent. It is no surprise that many of us now look to the older varieties of, for example, roses to provide scent in our gardens. The richly fragrant '*Honorine de Brabant*'; the quintessential old rose '*Souvenir de la Malmaison*' or even '*Comtesse de Rocquigny*', a beautifully scented rose with the most awkward name, are all increasing in popularity.

Although we now know that the scents of flowers are due to essential oils known as attars, the classification of even the simplest scents has eluded us over the centuries. Even the TV wine-buff with a plethora of adjectives will relate a smell to that of a familiar aroma: it smells like lavender; freshly cut grass; or more unpleasantly, an old wet dog. We associate smells with places or events and some of the most evocative aromas are those we choose to create in our gardens. On a still summer's evening the perfume of a scented honeysuckle growing up over a pergola can be overwhelming.

The reason flowers have evolved these aromas is not for the gardener's benefit, but to attract pollinating insects. Moths, butterflies and to a lesser extent, bees use these scents to locate flowers and in turn many plants have evolved flower types that attract only one type of insect.

On the whole butterflies are attracted to pink or pale mauve flowers. Plants that have evolved to attract night-flying moths have flowers that are usually white or pale yellow, and these pale colours may help moths locate flowers during the twilight. Many of these flowers also have long-(corolla)-tubes that ensure only long-tongued moths can reach down into the flower's depths and reach the insect's prize - nectar. Of all our native moths, hawk-moths have the longest tongues with that of the *Convolvulus* hawk-moth (the largest of our summer visitors) has a tongue an astounding 8cm(3in) long (more than half its body length).

Many wildlife gardeners will grow plants like buddleias, stocks and michaelmas daisies to provide nectar for butterflies, but these insects also like flowers that are flat, making it easier for them to land. This is perhaps why the ice-plant (*Sedum spectabile*) is so popular with butterflies in our autumn gardens. Some form of shelter from strong winds and wet weather is also required, but if you really want to attract butterflies - the nomads of the insect world - it is important to provide food plants

for their caterpillars. Perhaps the best known caterpillar plant (apart from the cabbage white's preferences for brassicas) is the stinging nettle. Small tortoise-shell, red admiral and comma caterpillars all rely on this plant. Rather than allowing stinging nettles to spread all over the garden, it is easier to keep a plant in a large pot in some out-of-the-way corner and in so doing restrict its invasive roots.

Another of our more common butterflies, the orange tip, lays its eggs on cruciferous plants such as honesty (*Lunaria annua*), lady's smock (*Cardamine pratensis*) and dame's violet (*Hesperis matronalis*). This last plant also has another bonus in the wildlife garden in that it will attract hawk-moths when it releases its scent at night.

Many plants are free with their perfume and release it into the air whenever they are in flower. Others are more reluctant and only smell after rain or on being touched. Some plants such as the common honeysuckle will release their perfume during the day as well as the night, so attracting both day-flying butterflies and night-flying moths. Whilst others like night-scented stocks, tobacco plants, sweet rockets and evening primrose will only release their scent at night. All of this last group of plants are ideal for anybody who wants to come home to a garden full of perfume in the evening. The scents will also attract a variety of moths and in turn encourage bats into the garden. Whilst hawking for moths, bats may well do you a favour in return by helping control the biting insects that plague many a barbecue on a still summer's evening.

*You Evening Primroses, when day has fled,
Open your pallid flowers, by dews and
moonlight fed.*

Jack Daw

Open Day

The Dore Village Society open day in the Old School at the beginning of March drew a steady flow of visitors. Displays on traffic problems, Dore Show, Dore to Door, The Millennium celebrations, The Playground project, Totley Library and Yorkshire Water outlined and reflected the work of the Society. Interest was such that this is likely to become an annual feature.

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Uganda challenge

Heather Grafton who works for the Sheffield Cheshire Home in Totley, is undertaking a sponsored challenge to cycle 250 miles in Uganda during October. This will involve travelling mainly on hard earth tracks in both dry and humid conditions between the charity's 7 homes in Uganda. She also plans to do some voluntary work while she is there.

Heather is aiming to raise £2,300 for disabled people, half for Uganda and the rest for the Sheffield Home. To do this she needs your help in the form of cash/cheques, sponsorship, 'T' Shirt advertising etc. So if you or your company can help, please give her a call on Sheffield 236 9952. The Dore Village Society is sponsoring her at 10p per mile.

Water Conservation Programme

Despite the heavy rains of recent week and the volume of water in reservoirs, the problem of balancing water consumption with supply has not gone away. Recognising this, The Dore Village Society approached Yorkshire Water, who as a result are now to undertake a conservation programme in Dore starting in May and continuing until the end of the year. Whilst Yorkshire Water has already conducted conservation programmes in other communities, this programme is the first of its type and is therefore, to some degree, an experiment.

The exact areas of Dore to be covered have not yet been revealed but will be determined by the zone water meters that are to be used to compare consumption this year with the historical figures. All the houses in the areas covered by the programme will be receiving a special pack in May giving information on water usage, water in the home, water in the garden, frost advice and a Hippo bag for use in toilet cisterns. The company's Education Team will be contacting the schools offering a water conservation presentation which is said to be interactive, interesting, informative and fun. They will also be contacting local groups, such as Probus and Church Groups, offering to give a presentation on water use and conservation.

One of the reasons why Dore was selected for the location of the conservation programme was the percentage of houses that have water meters. Nationally the average is about 8%, but in Dore the figure is considerably higher. By reading these meters, householders can use them to obtain water consumption figures on a weekly or monthly basis to give them a better idea which are the significant water consuming items and where there is cope for reducing consumption.

All the water companies are required, by the terms of their licences, to undertake water saving programmes. Not only do the customers benefit, by immediate or longer term reductions of their water bills but the nation also benefits in so many ways. Yorkshire Water's programme deserves our whole hearted support. The Village Society will be maintaining contact with Yorkshire Water throughout the programme and will report on progress in future issues of Dore to Door.

Roger Millican



Heather Grafton, with her bike and supporters from Sheffield Cheshire Home, getting in training for a 250 mile ride in Uganda in aid of the disabled.

Recycling Aluminium

According to recycling officer Irene Ramskill, Sheffield collected more aluminium cans than any other Alcan centre last year, a fantastic achievement and one which the whole of Sheffield can be proud of'. Principal charity collectors include the RSPCA, Scouts from across South Yorkshire and the Dyslexic Support Group, with in all £560,000 raised for local causes.

68 million aluminium cans have been collected since the centre on Newhall Road opened in 1991 - more than enough to stretch from Land's End to John O'Groats five-and-a-half times. But despite an improved national recycling rate for the cans, most are still left as rubbish. In Sheffield for example it is estimated that there are still over 284 million empty aluminium drinks cans, worth £2.137m, thrown away each year.

So keep up the good work and keep those cans coming! You can raise 45p for each kilo of empty cans, and 30p per kilo for aluminium foil.

The 115th Dore & Totley Scout Group are collecting cans - you can leave them at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Junior Hall most evenings. In addition to the charities listed you can take cans direct to recycling vans at Sainsbury's Homebase on Chesterfield Road from 9.30am to 12 noon on Tuesdays, or to Safeway on Ecclesall Road from 11am to 3pm on Thursdays.

Aluminium pots and pans are usually accepted at Sheffield scrap yards.

Further information on fundraising recycling can be obtained from Irene on Sheffield 2423769.

Abbeyle Sports

Dore is lucky to have a major sports club on it's doorstep offering a rang of sporting activities from Badminton to cricket, from squash to hockey. If you are interested in playing a sport regularly or wish to enjoy their social facilities ring 0114-236-7011 for details.

"Your Rubbish"

The talk at the AGM (27th May) is to be given by either Richard Godley or Angela Prime of the City Council's Environment and Waste Management Services Department. As a further contribution to the Environmental Weeks, it will give background to the collection of waste in the city, explain the growing difficulties of disposal of waste materials and how these can be overcome by the reduction of waste and the recycling of materials that still have a use.

Regarding waste, the UK lags behind continental Europe in many respects; the talk will give examples of new recycling initiatives that are undergoing trials at present and may be introduced more widely in future.

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Have you noticed?

Sometimes it feels like Dore is one large building site. It is not just the houses springing up all over the place, but the construction traffic they generate, and the damage that these lorries do. I have moaned before about housing density on infill sites, and still it gets worse. Just look at how new houses have been squeezed in on Townhead Road just above the Church Hall, and the new house at the far end of Gilleyfield. Is this really the density we want?

In fact nowhere seems safe as residents of Blackamoor Road are aware. Here a bungalow has been demolished to build two houses. What future then for any house with more than a paper handkerchief garden to its name?

Even the Charity Lands Trust is getting in on the act with proposals to extend the Old School Hall. Not that we should be against all development, but the wider community ought to have a strategic say on how the village is developed. Something Sheffield Council has failed to do!

As for the Old School, is this lovely building the right place to extend? As a village we could probably do with more community space, so why not build on to the side of Townhead Road Church Hall. Or how about a new building adjacent to the Junior School, serving both school and community. Even better lets be radical and offer the brewery the Church Hall site in exchange for the Hare & Hounds, before they carry out their next refurbishment!

Doremouse

Cot-age

"Cot-age" is a small charity operating within the City boundary of Sheffield, which collects donated items of nursery equipment, and clothing up to age 18 months, for free distribution to families on low income, or who have acute social or health problems. Many of the families are headed by young single mothers and single refugee mothers.

The equipment collected is refurbished and made safe and given out on referrals from health visitors, social workers and others working with children under five. Demand for the service far outstrips supply so the project is always pleased to receive any items of nursery equipment that are no longer need.

Equipment can be collected by prior arrangement, or delivered to the workshop at 23 Filey Street, Sheffield S10. For further information, please contact Kate Smith on Sheffield 279 7971



George Elsdon and the Dore Village Society Notice Board which he recently refurbished.

News in brief

Two dead Tawny Owls were found in the recreation ground area last month and had apparently been shot. This is appalling news and we can only hope that it was not someone local or it will be repeated.

No news as yet about redevelopment of the Sheffield Hallam University site of Totley Hall Lane.

There will be a Neighbourhood Watch Funday on Sunday 21st June between 10.30am and 4pm at the Niagara Sports Ground near Sheffield Wednesday's ground. Entry free, with stalls, children attractions, BBQ and bar.

Aldine House, the secure unit for young offenders on Limb Lane was recently shortlisted for a prestigious national design award. Designed by city council architects, it was selected for its balance between security and a humane, less prison like environment for residents, as well as its energy efficiency.

Who is dumping conifer clippings around the village at Parkers Lane, the playing fields and Cliffside (the old name for the bottom half of Newfield Lane)?

Sixty per cent of alcohol drunk at home and 29 per cent of all petrol used in the UK comes from supermarkets.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 May in the Old School. This year there should be something of interest for everyone. After a brief formal AGM there will be a short presentation on Dore traffic issues, followed by a talk on waste collection, disposal and recycling by a specialist from the City Council.

Letters

Dear Sir

The Dore Village Society were kind enough to ask me to mount a display about the library service at their open day in the Old School on 7th March. It was a good opportunity to talk to Dore residents about the library and the services provided. As a result of the in the previous issue of Dore to Door, quite a number of books were brought to the library and they have continued to be donated since.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated books to the library. I know they will be greatly appreciated by everyone who borrows them.

The library service will be buying books for the adult as well as the children's section from April. However, we can always use more, so we will continue to welcome donations of books, jigsaws or even videos, in good condition.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

*Pauline Rosser
Community Librarian*

Dear Sir

With reference to dogs fouling the area. Special scented bags are available from Green. These are very strong and have ears for tying. But a few dog litter bins round the village would be nice, and appreciated by we dog owners, who like treading in excretion as much or as little as the rest of you. Whilst we clean up after our pooches, we are just as cross at those who do not.

Jean

The Red Cross

The Red Cross and Red Crescent movements operate worldwide to support those in crisis and many people give generously to raise funds for such global work. However, the Red Cross also plays a vital role helping people in South Yorkshire who are experiencing difficulties and personal crisis.

They offer a range of services provided by volunteers. These include Fire Victim Support, First Aid Cover at public events, Medical Loans, Therapeutic Care, Transport and Escort, Massage, Tracing, and Youth Services.

Most of these services can be accessed directly by people in need or may come through referrals from other agencies.

The Red Cross welcomes new volunteers to help this work either by directly offering their time to deliver a service or by helping with fund-raising. Please contact Mrs Elspeth Mallowan on 0114 266 0656 during normal office hours for more information, or to arrange a talk on the work of the Red Cross for any local group or organisation.



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Lead - kindly light

When the Peak District lead miner moved cautiously along the narrow tunnel on hands knees at the start of a day's stint he would have been guided by the light of his tallow candle. When he reached the end, his first task would have been to stick his candle to a tiny ledge on the tunnel wall. This would be his only comfort for the day - as he wielded his pick - whilst on his knees, possibly in several inches of cold water. His only protection would have been leather knee-caps and his bradder: the leather helmet made in Bradwell. He was referred to by his family as T' Owd Man.

He may have been a part-time miner, part-time farmer - helped by his wife and children. He was obliged to extract a minimum weight of satisfactory ore annually. If he failed to meet his quota he would be evicted from his farm. Woe betide him if he were stricken down by disease.

Other miners worked for large companies - for instance a hundred or more were employed at Mill Close Mine near Winster until it finally closed in 1939. The mine's demise resulted from flooding of the workings in 1938, caused by a shot-firing that accidentally broke the wall of an underground lake. This occurred two miles from the shaft, almost 900 feet below the level of the River Derwent.

Water was ever a problem in the mines and had to be pumped out continuously as soon as the working levels got below the water table. At Mill Close Mine a Cornish steam engine called 'Baby' with a 50" diameter cylinder was installed. This proved insufficient to control the water so 15 years later the monster 'Jumbo' was added, with an 80" cylinder. In 1889 a third engine was added: 'Alice' with a 60" cylinder. Mill Close was the largest mine in Britain, possible even in the World, between 1861 and 1936, producing half a million tons of ore. The site is well worth a visit because the superbly-built engine house still stands.

Lead had been mined since the time of the Roman occupation; one mine was at Bradwell, using convicts to do the hard grind

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underground. People who live in Hope, say that the folk who live in Bradwell are descended from convicts! Just look around you when you're in Bradwell next and count the dark-haired swarthy people you see!

Lead miners were a superstitious lot. On no account would they touch the ore with their picks; they believed that ill-luck would dog the mine should a nugget of lead be broken; one immense nugget was recorded on Swaledale in the Yorkshire Dales measuring some 5 feet across. It was also a sin to whistle because this might make the ore vanish!

The most spectacular entrance to any mine is that of Odin Mine near Castleton. To see it, carry on through Castleton on the Mam Tor road until you can go no further. Park the car just before the turning circle, climb over the stile on your left - and the mine entrance in front of you. But - *under no circumstances allow your children to scramble inside the cave which is at the end of the deep cleft.*

Returning to your car, climb over the stile in the wall opposite. Here you will find a large ring of iron set into the ground and a large round wheel of solid gritstone with its iron rim alongside. This was a horse mill - used for crushing the chunks of rock which contained the nuggets of galena (lead ore). Women would roll the rocks on to the iron ring and sweep out the crushed particles, then separate the nuggets from the useless spoil.

While in Castleton, walk into Cave dale; its access is between the cottages on the east side of the village green. About 150 yards into the dale, look at the rock face to your left. On either side of a vertical cleft you will see holes bored into the limestone. These were exploratory drillings to try to find lead. Alongside the cleft you will notice rock of a different colour and texture from the surrounding limestone. This is calcite and miners would follow a vein of this mineral because it was within calcite they would hope to find galena (lead sulphide). Look very closely at the calcite and you may find tiny crystals of galena embedded - they are shiny grey in colour.

Unfortunately for the miners, they found equally tiny nuggets, so they abandoned their search here. There were similar borings in the rock on the opposite side of the dale, but again no significant quantity was found there.

When a vein was found this would be exploited until the galena petered out. A vein that could be chopped out from the surface was called a rake; the most spectacular of these is Dirlake Rake which starts in Pindale, between Castleton and the cement works. Access to Dirlake Rake is by permission of the quarry manager only.

The Mining Museum in Matlock Bath is well worth a visit. Here you will see actual equipment used, from helmets and picks, up to the pumps used to extract water from the workings. Your kids will be able to climb up a ladder within a narrow shaft and experience what life was like in those hard times.

Three Peaks Challenge

Most of us have noticed the changed external appearance of the Methodist Church in the village but not perhaps yet had the opportunity to see the transformed interior with its strikingly beautiful memorial stained glass window. The £100,000 project is complete but fund raising activities continue in order to raise the last few thousand pounds needed to pay for it all.

Two Methodist Church members, David Heslop and Eric Barraclough, have developed the idea to undertake the Three Peaks Challenge to raise money not only for the church project but also in aid of Weston Park Hospital Cancer Care and Research Fund. The hospital is launching a £2 million campaign to fund new research facilities that will keep it at the forefront of cancer treatment.

The Three Peaks Challenge requires the climbing of the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales within a 24-hour period. This means 27 miles of walking, about 9,500 ft of climbing, 460 miles of driving and the loss of a night's sleep in the process. A fairly tough task for younger persons but even more demanding for those with more than a touch of grey hair on their heads.

Joining David and Eric will be Councillor Peter Price, who succeeded David as the city's Lord Mayor, Roger Millican and Eric's two sons, Simon and Andrew. Having recently joined the board of Weston Park, Peter Price has a special interest in seeing the Challenge attempt succeed both as a walk and, more importantly as a fund raising event.

As a novel touch, one of the two teams of three walkers will be using a Volkswagen Sharan turbo-diesel MPV vehicle, loaned by Gilders, the city's Volkswagen and Audi dealership, to demonstrate that, despite the pressure to drive fast between the mountains, it is possible to complete the trip using only a very modest amount of fuel. All sponsors are being invited to estimate the fuel performance of the vehicle; a prize of a mountain bike goes to the winner. It is expected that the vehicle, which is to be driven by a member of the training team of the Dronfield Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, will achieve between 43mpg and 55mpg. If you wish to support these two very worthy causes, please contact Eric Barraclough on 236 2474 or any member of Dore Methodist Church.

Can you help?

Dore's Scout and Guide marching band is looking for more members and help with training, which currently takes place weekly in association with the Sheaf band leader team. They are also appealing for second hand instruments. If you can help please contact Geoff Cope on 235 0392.

Would anyone be interested in researching a family tree? It would involve visiting archive and record offices and the library within the Sheffield area. The inquirer lives in Sheffield, so contact would be easy. Fees to be arranged with the inquirer. In the first instance ring Anne Slater 236 6710.

Could anyone lend the Well-Dressing group a trailer for the transport of tubs of clay etc., for the last weekend in June? Ring Anne Slater 236 6710.

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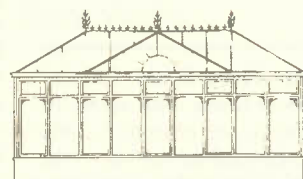
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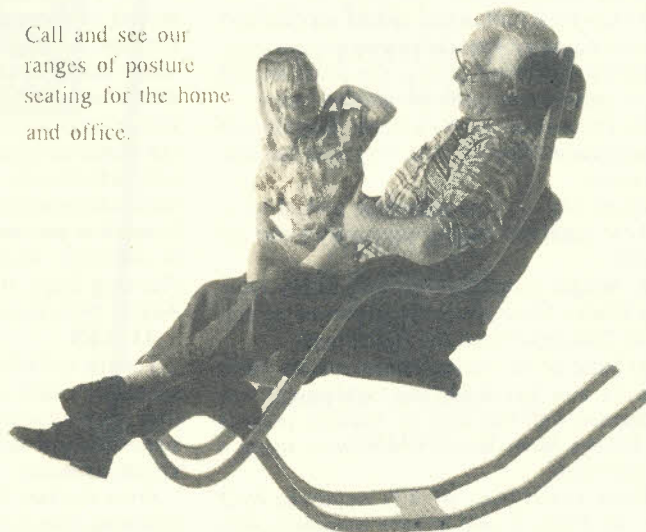


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Planning

120/122 Causeway Head Road. Rear of both gardens. 5 bedroom house with access to Parkers Lane. Following our objections, this case will be taken to Committee on May 11th with the recommendation that planning permission be refused for the following reason, "out of character with the area owing to the cramped position of the building in relation to the dimensions of the site." (Planning Officer Sue Barker)

Construction of 2 Tennis Courts and fence. Abbeydale Tennis Club. Plan passed on condition that an access driveway be widened to 5m for the initial 15m from its junction with Abbeydale Road South to allow 2 way traffic flow and that the parking layout shown on the plans be permanently marked, surfaced, and drained.

Knowle Green Trees and fence. Further representations were made by us of photos to show that stakes were in position 3 weeks before planning permission was sought. There was irony in a request for a fence for privacy when the natural hedge had just been reduced, by laying, to the height of the boundary wall. Was the site going to look like a giant electricity sub station? Two reasons were given in answer to this.

1) An overall scheme of fencing is preferable to later piecemeal and illmatched fencing.

2) A more graceful dark stained wood was suggested with a curved dip between stakes, allowing sufficient light for tress and shrubs within the site to grow more rapidly.

The recommendation (by Planning Officer Chris Megson) was to grant retrospective permission.

Many passers by over the last two months have assumed that trees have been removed on the Newfield Lane boundary. Closer inspection of the site and former maps shows them to be mistaken. Nevertheless, the severity of taking hedge trees of perhaps 9ins diameter and leaving only a vertical growth of one and a half inches is unusual.

Separate complaints were made on behalf of walkers who have found the Lane a deathtrap recently. Various issues were involved.

1) Lorries increased speed on the last descent because of the delimit signs.

2) Not sufficient care at the acute angled bend, causing damage to the grassed banks.

3) The corner of Newfield/ Brickhouse topside came off worst with very deep ruts and the corner

sliced off — (a permanently parked lorry and car made this section effectively a one car width).

4) Weight restrictions on both Drury Lane and Blacka Moor Road forced lorries up and down Townhead Road and High Street.

5) Some of the cranes, cement mixers, brick lorries and earthmoving equipment are connected with two separate building projects on Blacka Moor Road, which were using a similar route.

Point 2) has been slightly improved by 2 mirrors. Points 2) and 3) have been dealt with by Highways Dept. who have secured a promise from Yuills to restore and reseed. Hopefully all the other lorry traffic is temporary.

Abbeydale Hall. The public meeting of Feb 5th was packed. Many issues were raised

particularly of an educational kind. But the meeting was a chance for Greenalls to put their proposals in great detail. Whether their statistics on future punters can be so confidently relied on remains to be seen. A salutary case in the vicinity is Weetwood House, opened at great expense and now no longer with us, (re-opening next as The Old Library). Predictions for pubs and restaurant trade customers are now done on a 2 mile radius. With the suggested change to drink driving law this may shrink further. Large sums of money have been allocated to the restoring and maintenance of the Abbeydale Hall Wildlife Gardens and a suggestion that the whole be gated and locked, members having keys. This could be difficult to implement.

The traffic flow was already amended from our last report. Only walkers would now use the old main entrance; all other traffic to enter and leave from the Sports Ground turn off.

Our other concerns are the internal addition of new levels and steps and removal of walls and whether trees on the car park layout would sustain root damage.

Nab Farm. After the visit by English Heritage representatives, the decision was made not to list Nab Farm. Very soon after, we had our own survey done. Both these reports gave us archeological and historical information not previously in our records which we may share with readers in a later edition. But I understand the property to be at present back on the market.

107 Busheywood Road. An amended plan for 3 rather than the 2 houses suggested originally, on the site of an existing bungalow. This again raises questions of excessive density.

Service Station at Totley Bridge, Abbeydale Road South. A planning proposal 98/0366P has been submitted by BP Oil to redevelop this derelict looking site once in constant use.

Summer Lane/Baslow Road/Hillfoot. A planning proposal 96/0164P for the erection of 5 dwellings in the Totley Conservation Area.

Back of Totley Rise Shops. Land off Laverdene Ave, Erection of 21 dwellings.

Both the latter plans are outside the Dore area but have been examined by DVS. The second of these developments would cover Thompsons Meadow or the Old Mill Dam where many used to skate. The estate road would be at a lower level than the present service road which will stay, but the Southern exit would be a narrow bottleneck owing to the constricted bends of the river making it much more dangerous to children who use this as a footpath at present. There is also the question of drainage. Residents have reminded the Planning Dept. that the river rose 5 feet in August 1997, flooding several properties.

TITLES

I write and refer to the Planning Dept for simplicity's sake and also in the belief that the title may appear again (when the present stationery runs out or the transfer of executive kingdoms stops)

Over the last few years we have had the following titles for the Department;

Directorate of Planning and Economic Development; Directorate of Development Environment

and Leisure; Planning Transport and Highways.

The old Works Department is now called

Sheffield Direct Services, and perhaps worst of all the noble title of Department of National Heritage is now Department of Culture Media and Sport, which barely fits round the shield logo.

Do these trendy unwieldy titles benefit anyone? Nobody uses them in conversation. There's the suspicion that it's all a smokescreen. At a time when ratepayers are denied so many essential services, in the basement of the Town Hall a whole Army of sign writers are kept eternally busy.

Is this where redundant librarians are sent?

Gillian Farnsworth

Beauchief Abbey

Beauchief Environment Group are organising a royal' Garden Party on the 24th & 25 May in the grounds of Beauchief Abbey grounds. There will be an art exhibition, stalls, outdoor games, refreshments, Punch & Judy and band. Admission to grounds free, to art exhibition £1. Sunday 2-5pm. Monday 11am - 5pm.

The art exhibition will be of pictures of Beauchief Abbey and its immediate area. If you have a picture which you would like to put into the display please ring 274.5000. The pictures will be insured and 24hr protection given.

Beauchief Environment Group have an active membership and run a wide variety of events and working mornings. If you are interested in providing practical help please ring Carol on 274 5719.

Abbeydale Hamlet

Still the gates of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet are closed to the public! At the beginning of April the running of the hamlet was taken over by the Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust, a re-vamped version of the Kelham Island Trust. There was not much publicity about this in the Sheffield press, nor who is behind the trust and their accountability (if any) to the owners of the site.

It would appear that the new trust will be opening the hamlet to school trips initially and perhaps to the public during the school holidays. A far reach from the image of an internationally important museum that Abbeydale Hamlet once had. As for Shepherd Wheel?

Dore Show 1998

This years Dore Show will take place on Saturday 12th 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.

For those wishing to make a photographic entry the 3 class subjects for this year, min 7" x 5", are:

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Would you like to share your garden with other local people? Our first two years of our Dore Garden Open Days have been very successful. This year's event will be on the afternoon of Sunday 5th July, with more gardens to view as part of Dore Festival 4th-12th July.

All types of garden will be welcome:

- * informal or formal,
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- * Japanese, etc.

Your garden does not have to be perfect! Visitors are interested in the overall effect and style. They like to admire and enjoy someone else's ideas.

Please contact Julie Bearpark now if you wish to open your garden or to get further details telephone 236 9100

Awareness Week

"Thanks for the Memory" is the theme for this year's Alzheimer's Awareness Week from the 4-11 July. During the week the Sheffield Branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society will be encouraging local people to think about memory and appreciate its importance. The Society will have a range of information displays in the city centre during the week, aimed at capturing the public imagination and increasing awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and the work of the branch.

The Lord Mayor will be visiting the main stall in Barker's Pool on the Tuesday and Birkdale School Jazz, Swamp Circus and others will be entertaining on Fargate.

The Branch will also be mounting exhibitions from former and current carers and is linking up with the Sheffield's Festival in Orchard Square during lunch times. School choirs and bands will be performing in the Square and children have been asked to contribute pieces of artwork, poetry and prose entitled either 'My best memory' or 'If I



Gardeners Mr Leverton (left) and Mr Harrison in front of the lodge at Abbeydale Hall.

forget'.

The Society will be collecting during the week but urgently needs volunteers. If you can collect in the city centre or can help to staff a stall please call Steve Loane, Special Projects Coordinator on Tel: 276 8414.

About dementia....

*An estimated 670,000 people in the UK and 9,000 people in Sheffield have some form of dementia.

*People who have dementia, increasingly experience difficulty in things which most of us take for granted, such as remembering recent events, communicating easily, or performing everyday activities.

*There are many different causes of dementia. Alzheimer's Disease accounts for over half the cases of dementia. Other causes include vascular (multi-infarct) dementia, Lewy body disease and frontal lobe dementias.

Methodist Church Building

The refurbished Methodist Church building was opened to the public on Saturday 21 March, and many residents of the village took the opportunity to view the changes. The overall impression is of a dramatic improvement in space and atmosphere, with new seating and handcrafted stained glass windows.

The church has a wide range of activities including a 'Women's Fellowship' meeting on alternate Monday afternoons; a 'Tuesday Group' for ladies with a regular programme of speakers and activities; A senior citizens lunch club; A Crafty Club for those keen with their hands; a mid week childrens club and Young Explorers Club.

Reunion

The Dore Wyvern Venture Scout Unit is planning to arrange a reunion for September this year.

If you were a member of the Dore Venture Scout Unit between 1988 and 1994, or your daughter or son was a member between these dates, please contact Ross Elsdon on 0114 236 0002 as soon as possible.

Dear Sir

Some little time ago my good friend John Faris, who lives in Hathersage, sent me a copy of Dore to Door knowing that anything to do with Abbeydale Hall would interest me. Why? Because I used to work there.

The particular point raised in that issue concerned the lodge at the entrance of the Hall - did it exist or not?

Going through some old photographs recently I came across a snap of the two gardeners, the larger one being Mr Harrison who was also, with his wife, caretaker, the smaller chap being Mr Leverton, who left when Sheffield took over. He went to live on the east coast (Skegness?). In the background is proof of the existence of the lodge, which I seem to remember was on the Sports field side of the division of the land. The dark shape at the lower right hand corner is, I think, a yew tree.

Looking at your list of officers in copy 49 Spring 1998, I remember a Farnsworth farming the land at the back of Dore Road, and a Miss Farnsworth who had kennels, at the same address. I think our milk came from them. There were fields also farmed by Farnsworth on the Dore side of the finish of Vernon Road, Chatsworth Road, etc. and when we went to live in Vernon Road there were corncrakes in those fields, (1928).

I remember that there was a Veal on the Norton Rural District Council (William Cleverley Veal?) and Muxlow was the Chairman. I started working for the Council in 1931, becoming the seventh member of the staff. Happy memories. The 5 huge golden carp at Abbeydale Hall did not survive the occupation by the army.

Immediately after writing the above I read your up-date on Ash House. I remember this property as a large brick-built house owned and occupied by a Reginald Webster (which justifies the name Webster's Lane) and on his death the property was sold to Sheffield Corporation for use as a home for youngsters with rheumatism, despite the fact that the whole area was very, very damp. The only detail of the inside of Ash House that I remember is the magnificent main staircase, with a carving in oak (eagle?) At the lower end of the hand-rail.

I think the workhouse was not far from Newfield Lane, where Sheffield Corporation cleared the site and thereon built a property used for some sort of children's purposes. Called Fairfield I think. I wish the Society well.

Ken Sanderson
Hathersage



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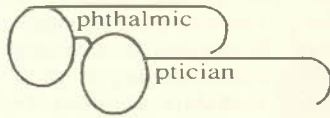
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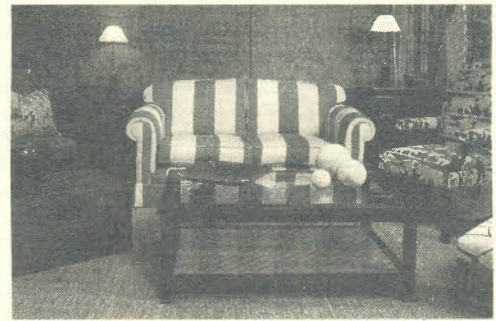
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Whinfell Quarry Gardens

Historic parks and gardens make a major contribution to the character of Sheffield, promoting an inspiring city environment much loved by local people. Thankfully the importance of such places is gradually becoming recognised, in some cases after years of neglect. Now for example, policy BE21 in the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan states: The character, setting and appearance of historic parks and gardens will be protected.'

Linked to the policy, a Local Schedule of some of the most important historic parks and gardens has been created, which will allow more informed decisions to be made regarding such places. One such scheduled site lies tucked away in a quiet corner of the city, a garden of both national and local significance - Whinfell Quarry Gardens. In 1897 Mr. Samuel Doncaster, a notable local industrialist, leased the grounds of Whirlow Quarry and commissioned a relative the architect Norman Doncaster, to draw up plans for a new house and a three bedroom lodge, set back from what was then the Hathersage Turnpike. The plans for the lodge were not realised but an imposing house was built in half-timbered style to become known as 'Whinfell'. The extensive grounds surrounding the house and the quarry itself presented great potential for gardens. The house and garden were constructed at the same time, with the first major phase of garden-making in 'Big Quarry', the original quarry site, with the planting of 10,000 trees in 1898. By 1902 the house was completed with an attractive ornamental terraced area to the front. Below the house and terrace the design of 'Big Quarry' was progressing well with the firm Messrs. J. Backhouse and Son, York Nurseries, noted for their expertise in rockwork, supplying many of the plants for the new garden. In 1908 Backhouse Nurseries issued a collection of 'Coronation heathers' for the celebration of King George, one of which was named Mrs. Sam Doncaster'. In 1903, five years after planting, 9,000 trees were selectively removed from 'Big Quarry', that is nine out of every ten planted. By this time the ornamental quarry garden was gradually evolving with steep winding paths and steps, a sequence of rock pools and the planting of rare

shrubs and trees, including bamboo and Japanese maples, flowering cherries, rhododendrons and conifers. Because of its sheltered position, many plants would grow in the quarry which were borderline for hardiness in the district.

A small digest of Whirlow at this time reveals a neighbourhood much favoured by the wealthy for creating mansions set in extensive gardens. These gardens very much reflected the vogue for plant collection at that time with many rare plants being introduced into Britain from all over the world. There was great competition between landowners regarding how to display the new exotics to best effect. Undoubtedly, Samuel Doncaster had an inspiring vision for his gardens and a remarkable site in which it could be developed!

In 1912 Clarence Elliott, the nationally acclaimed British horticulturalist, plant-hunter and nurseryman was commissioned to design the smaller quarry known as 'Little Quarry' as a limestone rock garden using limestone imported from South Yorkshire. The original planting consisted of mainly alpines and conifers with some shrub and deciduous tree planting. Elliott had worked for Backhouse's Nursery in the late 1890s and early 1900s and may also have helped with 'Big Quarry'.

Samuel Doncaster moved to Whirlow Green in 1933 and the house and grounds passed to Mr. Frederick Neill who made some major renovations to the gardens in the 1960s, including extensive replanting. In 1968 the gardens were presented to the city by James Neill Holdings Ltd. as a memorial to Sir Frederick Neill who was the first High Sheriff of Hallamshire. Sadly, in 1971 Whinfell House was damaged by fire and finally demolished in 1979. Flats have been built on what was the paddock and the site of Whinfell House. Only the quarry gardens remained intact with winding paths, series of pools and rare plant collection, a lost world cloaked in romantic decay, until recently.

A study carried out by Saskia Holtkott, a landscape management student in the Department of Landscape, University of Sheffield, has provided the impetus for change and raised levels of awareness of the significance of the gardens, which are of great botanical and geological interest. The management plan put forward by Saskia is

now being gradually implemented by Sheffield Leisure Services with the help of a very active local volunteer group, Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens. Whinfell Quarry Gardens have been recommended for national listing by English Heritage as unique and outstanding gardens, reflecting a particular style and period of garden-making. Throughout South Yorkshire there are many such sites threatened by neglect, development or through lack of understanding of their importance. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust was formally launched last year with the aims of improving the awareness and appreciation of the heritage of gardens, recording and researching the county's gardens, creating a network for advice on the protection, conservation, repair and management of gardens and the fostering of a consultative approach when a garden comes under threat from inappropriate development. New members are always welcome and for more details about the work of the Trust contact Helen Lazenby, the Membership Secretary, Hill Garth, Kettleing, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG3 2LR. A more local contact is Joan Sewell on 01629 813392 who is particularly interested in forming a local group to support the Trust.

Letters

Dear Sir

The local branch of CPRE, (Council for the Protection of Rural England), has been working to protect our local countryside for over 70 years. During the 1930's they were busy promoting a Green Belt for Sheffield, which the Council adopted in 1938. As 'Friends of the Peak Park', CPRE have also worked tirelessly for the protection of our National Park since its designation in 1951, having initially campaigned for it and helped draw its boundaries.

CPRE's work is as important today as in those early years, and the pressures on our local countryside continue, the very reason I first became a member some 20 years ago.

Today the growth of 'clutter' is having a major impact on the quality of our surroundings, eroding local distinctiveness and littering our villages and countryside. CPRE have recently highlighted in their newsletter, the visual impact such things as inappropriate road signs, bins, bollards etc. have on the countryside.

Another campaign run by CPRE has been the protection of our hedgerows. These are an important part of the landscape and an essential habitat for wildlife. How sad it is to see them removed.

I would encourage readers of "Dore to Door" to join this worthwhile organisation. They can be found at "The Stables", 22a, Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield S10 3EF, telephone 266 5822. Their staff would be delighted to send you further information about joining.

*Roy Blackshaw
Kerwin Drive.*

Ed. The Dore Village Society has been affiliated to the CPRE for many years, but individual members form a very important role as far as CPRE Branch membership is concerned. We fully endorse the sentiments expressed above by Roy Blackshaw.



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Subscriptions are an important part of the DVS's income and enables the Society to fund the stated objectives. With a strong membership base, the Society is in a much better position to promote these objectives. It is also essential to have a good proportion of Dore residents as members, to ensure that the DVS is getting the information, advice and local support to enable it to concentrate on the issues and problems that are of obvious concern and interest to the residents.

At the end of April this year, the number of members was about 350. This is rather disappointing, given that there are approximately 7,000 residents in Dore.

Please consider becoming a member of the DVS. Greens Home and Garden Supplies on Causeway Head Road stock membership cards. The cards will also be available from the DVS stall on Gala Saturday and at various DVS events held during the year.

If you have any queries on membership please telephone George Elsdon (Dore Village Society Membership) on 236 0002

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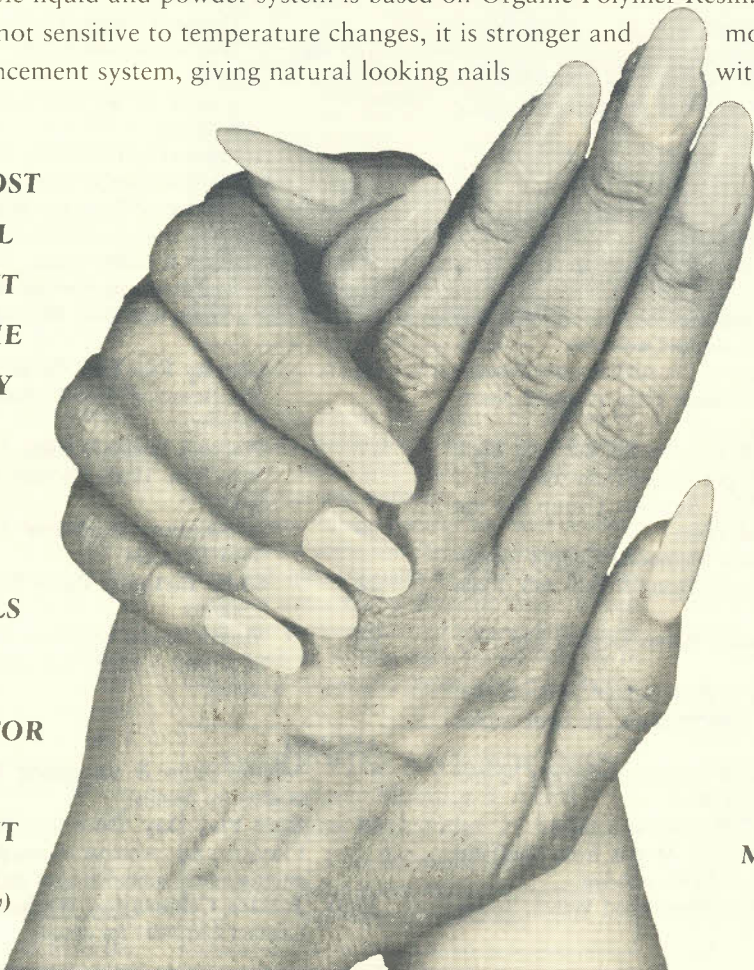
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- 20 **Coffee Morning** Totley & Dore Support Group for the Visually Impaired, 4 Grove Road, 11am.
- 24&25 **Annual Show** Sheffield & District Orchid Society, Edensor Institute, Chatsworth Park. 11am-4pm.
- 24&25 **Garden Party** and art exhibition, Beauchief Environment Group at Beauchief Abbey. Side stalls, punch & judy, refreshments etc Sunday 2-5pm; Monday 11am - 5pm.
- 25 **Sheep Dog Trials & Country Show.** Bamford Recreation Ground.
- 26 **Music Train** with the South Riding Folk Network from Sheffield 7.18pm but collecting at Dore. Refreshments & more music at The Rambler Inn Edale, then 9.25pm return journey. More details on (01663 746377)
- 29 **Castleton Garland Ceremony.**
- 29 **Walk in Ecclesall Woods** FEW guides. Meet nr junction of Whirlowdale Rd & Crescent. 7pm.
- 30 **Transport 17.** Annual event with refreshments, book, plant & bric-a-brac stalls. English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, 10am - 12 noon.
- 31 **Walk in aid of Greenpeace.** 3m, 6m & 10m from Endcliffe Park. Start 10am. + Live music, stalls & entertainment. Ring 233 2979.

JUNE

- 2 **Royal Souvenirs.** Talk by Roy Young for Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.
- 6 **Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir, at Edensor church, 7pm. Contact 281 6886
- 10 **Three Cole Brothers** Talk by Mrs N Greenwood, for Dore(E)T.G. Old School 7.30pm. Visitors welcome
- 13 **Coffee Morning & Stalls** in aid of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall. 10am-12 Noon. Admission 50p incl refreshments.
- 13 **Monteverdi - Vespers of 1610.** Concert by Sheffield Bach Society, Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm Tickets from 266 8257.
- 18 **Social Meeting,** Totley & Dore Support Group for the Visually Impaired, 4 Grove Road, 11am.
- 16 **Coffee morning,** NSPCC, Totley Methodist Church lounge and garden. Cakes, refreshments and Bring & Buy stall. 10am to 12 noon.
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- 21 **Funday.** Neighbourhood Watch Funday, Niagara Sports Ground, 10.30 - 4pm. See News in Brief.
- 23 **Walk** Dore Ladies Group. Ring 236 5890 for details.
- 23 **Music Train** with the Sheffield City Morris from Sheffield 7.18pm but collecting at Dore. See 26 May above.
- 24 **Coordinators Meeting** Dore Neighbourhood Watch, Totley Methodist Church, 7pm.

27 **Annual Summer Fete** Sheffield Cheshire Home. Contact 236 7491 for details.

JULY

1 **Concert.** Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild Choir at Dore Methodist Church, 7.30pm. In aid of church refurbishment fund. Tickets 236 5653 or 235 0182.

DORE FESTIVAL WEEK - 4th to 12th [See posters]

- Saturday & **Dore Motor Show,** Dore Junior School.
- Sunday
- Saturday am **Guide Welldressing,** Devonshire Terrace.
Children's Fun Run, Dore Junior School, 11am.
- Saturday eve **Summer Concert,** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Dore Church Hall. Tickets: Tel 245 9985.
- Sunday **Village Gardens** Open. 2pm - 6pm. Tickets from Greens.
- Monday **Village Fun Run.** 7pm start. For details Tel: 236 2787
Lord Conyers Morris Men, Devonshire Arms. 8pm
- Tuesday **A look at an old house** in Dore by Mr Sydney Hoffman.
- Wednesday **Dore Village Society Office** open to visitors. 9.30am - 12.30pm
Theatre Company, village green. 7.30pm.
Tree Walk around the village led by Arrol Winning. 2pm
A look at an old house in Dore by Mr Sydney Hoffman.
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- Friday **Concert of Summer Music** by Salvation Army Brass Band, Dore Parish Church.
- Saturday **Scout & Guide Gala.**
- Sunday **Well Dressing Service,** Village Green, 3pm.
Cream teas Dore Methodist Church

- 12 **Charity Fun Day.** In aid of MacMillan Cancer Relief, The Beauchief Hotel. Games, stalls, & BBQ in the early evening.
- 17 **Walking Treasure Hunt.** Starting Dore Methodist Church from 7pm. Tickets at start. In aid of church refurbishment fund.
- 20 **Midsummer Barbecue.** Dore & Totley U.R.C. Details from 236 6294.
- 22 **Guild Birthday Party** Dore Church Hall, Dore(E)T.G. 7.30pm.
- 28 **Music Train** with the Sheffield Scratch Band from Sheffield 7.18pm but collecting at Dore. See 26 May above.

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- 8 **Norton Show & Sheepdog Trials.** Bochum Parkway. See posters for details.
- 19 **Dore Play Day.** Dore Recreation Ground, in aid of Dore Playground Action' Group. Park Rangers & other entertainment aimed at ages up to 11 years. 11am to 3pm.
- 28-31 **Jubilee Celebration Weekend** Sheffield Cheshire Home. Contact 236 7491 for details.

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