

# DORE to DOOR

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## Dore Old School

The Old School has served the village of Dore for nearly 300 years. A Grade 2 listed building, it continues to be used by members of this community of all ages. Following the building of Dore Junior and Infant Schools in the late 1960's, the school managers became Trustees and the Charity Commissioners drew up a scheme to enable the building to continue to serve the local community.

Thirty years ago some renovation and building work was done to convert the school buildings into community rooms.

Over the last five years it has become apparent that the school facilities fall below the minimum legal requirements while the demand for good quality premises continues to grow. The Trustees have spent the last five years consulting user groups and looking at ways to develop the building.

We believe that this building is key to the community, both in terms of its history, and also its potential as a catalyst for existing and new community activities.

The Trustees would like to see the building completely renovated and additional facilities provided within the existing building and also by building in the same style on the rear courtyard. The new building would include: a new meeting Hall (for 95 people), a community lounge, first floor accommodation, a new kitchen and new toilet/reception facilities.

The plans are ambitious and will cost a lot of money. The Trust has some funding of its own (£100,000), the Parish Church (which uses the buildings on a Sunday morning) is committed to raising £60,000 from amongst the congregation. There remains a substantial sum to raise! The Trustees have submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, (which may help towards the renovation work),

The Trustees will be launching an Appeal in the Village on September 12th. We would like to raise the money in ten weeks! Building can then start early in 1999 and the building would be open on 1st January 2000. If every household in Dore gave £10 per month for the next 12 months we would raise the money! Many of course could afford to give much more than this! The Trustees are eager to encourage business donations to the project (perhaps by sponsoring a chair in the new lounge!) And are keen to record all donors to this millennium project! If you have contact with either a business or a charitable trust who may be willing to help please contact a trustee!

**Bessie Colley, Richard Farnsworth,  
Graham Thorpe, Hazel Hoffman,  
David Williams,**

**Dore School and Charitable Lands Trust.  
c/o 51 Vicarage Lane, Dore.**



*Miss B M Denton cutting the tape at the official opening of Furniss Avenue on November 9th, 1929. The camera man caught the tape as it fell to the ground. Does anyone recognise any of the faces in the crowd? Picture provided by Mr B Dagg.*

## Well done!

Although the weather could have been kinder, this years Gala was another success for the local Scout and Guide groups.

A lot of hard work goes into organising and running the Gala each year, as it does into organising the Festival Week and Well Dressings. All these events add immeasurably to the life and character of the village. So on behalf of everyone in Dore, I would like to say a big thank you to the organisers and helpers of all three. Well done!

**John Baker**

*Chairman Dore Village Society*

## Recreation Ground Project

The project to provide new playground equipment is gathering momentum, with sponsorship from several events and organisations in the village. The first piece of equipment has been ordered. We are now making a general appeal for funds to raise the balance of the £32,000 necessary. If you can make a donation, however small, please do. Donations can now be made across the counter in the Dore Branch of the Midland Bank. If you can put us in contact with potential sponsors please let us know on 262 0385.

## Dore Play Day

If you have children up to age 11 years be sure not to miss Dore Play Day in the Recreation Ground on August the 19th. There will be a host of activities starting at 11am, from bouncy castle to face painting, pony rides to junk modelling as well as a Sheffield Park Rangers road show. And entry is free!

On the 10th October there will also be a fund raising Playground Fair at the Church Hall from 9am to 1pm. This will feature a Lego Building Competition, tombola, cake stall and lots more. Watch for posters with more details.

Both these events are being run in support of the Playground Action Groups campaign to improve play facilities in the recreation ground.

## Devonshire Terrace

And still we wait for Devonshire Terrace to be made one-way, although the recent utility works to install new gas mains, effectively made it one-way for a while. The latest excuse from the Council is that they are waiting for Yorkshire Electricity to supply power for road signs, but a check with the company has shown no such request!

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## Letters

Dear Sir

Dore Infant School was inspected in February and the OFSTED Inspection Report was released in April. It was an outstanding report and one of which the school can be justifiably proud.

The quality of teaching was judged to be satisfactory or better in 100% of the lessons observed with 17% of the lessons being excellent or very good. At the end of Key Stage one, the pupils attainment is above average in all curriculum areas. The Inspector commented that it was very unusual to see such high standards. Indeed, about the only negative comment that the Inspectors could make was regarding the external fabric of the school, which needs repairing! This is the responsibility of the LEA.

The Governing Body wishes to record their gratitude to all the staff on behalf of the pupils and parents, for their hard work over a number of years, which has resulted in such a successful school.

In line with current Government initiatives for the care, education and development of children under 5, the school wishes to further enhance the educational opportunities available to the young children of Dore. The school is in the early stages of forming a partnership with a private nursery education and child-care provider, Hopscotch (Sheffield) Ltd. The aim of the partnership is to open a nursery school within the school grounds in 1999.

The results of a recent survey of parents in the area indicated that there was strong support for the proposals. More information will be provided in the autumn, when the proposals become more definite. However, if you would like more information about this initiative before then, please contact the school.

**Colin Ross**  
Chair of Governors

Dear Sir

Having just finished reading the Summer edition of your delightful magazine, - sent to us regularly by Jack's cousin, Jean Pearson, I felt the urge to pen a few words. What on earth could engender such a reaction you may well ask? I must tell you, there was much indignation manifested in the Pycroft household (particularly from the male member) when the suggestion was made that the Devonshire was the oldest pub in Dore! The old Hare habitue almost had a seizure, so if the writer of the article - Jean Dean - needs further backup, besides her friend Betty (nee Green) she has it right here in Australia.

We also totally agree with the sentiments expressed by John Baker, in his article, Ode to the pub'. When Jack took me home' in 1981, one of the joys of being in England was soaking up the atmosphere of the little old village pubs all over the country. Not for us the modernised versions.

According to Doremouse' the Hare is to suffer "further refurbishment". Jack was not impressed with the modernisation' back in 81, so any further messing about' doesn't bear consideration.

A special Hello' and more please' to your regulars, such as Jean Dean, Richard Farnsworth, Jack Daw and Doremouse' Again I offer our congratulations on your publication and look forward to reading and enjoying many more issues.

**Beth Pycroft, New South Wales, Australia**

P.S. Even though I am Australian by birth, being married to Jack for almost 53 years surely gives me the right to comment on village affairs - would you agree?

*Ed. We are pleased to hear from any of our readers, wherever they may reside.*

Dear Sir

I believe it was 1939 or 1940, when I last visited Dore, so when I came back early in June I saw a lot of changes.

Dore Hall Farm, where my grandfather Albert, Grandmother Sarah, as well as Uncle Joe and Auntie Connie had lived, are gone, and where farmhouse, stabling, slaughter house and even the midden once stood, are many attractive homes.

Although after a stroke, I hobble uncertainly, I was generously welcomed. Thanks to the kind assistance of Valerie of Dore, I was able to visit the Methodist Chapel where my father was a trustee, and where his marriage to Daisy' Denniff, my mother, was the first to be solemnised there on 24th September 1908, by Minister Thomas Bullock. Our family Bible and Prayer Book, embossed in gold, record the event, as well as the subsequent birth of their four sons.

There seems to be none of my cousins still in Dore but I am keen to re-establish contact and hope to complete a Family Tree. I appeal, therefore, through your columns. Please write to:-

Trevor and Rosemary Denniff, (nee Jones),  
Hilltop, Castle Road,  
Saltwood, Hythe,  
Kent CT21 4QZ.

**Trevor Denniff**

Dear Sir

I thought how nice it was to read in the 50th Summer edition of Dore to Door, a thank-you from M/s Susan Collins in appreciation of two Good Samaritans' tidying the bus stop at the end of Heatherlea Avenue.

My husband and I lived at the corner shop in the village for 30 years and have been left for two years. The corner was always kept very clean and tidy by my husband Cliff, who also, with the use of the Country Garden' electricity, (thanks to Harry) and our sons lawn mower, regularly kept the corner opposite mowed, and the edges trimmed. Many people have remarked that he has been missed since we left. How much he would have appreciated a thank-you' in Dore to Door' for all his hard work.

**Mrs. I. Taylor**

Dear Sir

Earlier this year, I wrote to the Sheffield Council Works Department, about the state of the footpath in Dore Recreation Ground, which in wet weather was impassable in places, asking if it could be resurfaced.

I was therefore pleased (and not a little surprised) when shortly afterwards a large pile of gravel appeared in the car park, to be followed by the resurfacing of two paths.

A token of appreciation seemed called for and I therefore wrote to the director of Works to thank him.

I now find that my thanks were misdirected and should have gone to the Dore Village Society and to the Playground Action Group.

So, many thanks to them, and much power to their elbows in their efforts for the village.

**H. Billing**

*Ed. To be fair, the Council did provide the gravel.*

Dear Sir,

I recently had cause to see the records of the Parks Committee minutes referring to Dore Recreation Ground.

The entry for October 13th 1966, reads: "The Parks Committee agreed to a request made on behalf of the Dore Village Society for permission to plant a tree at Dore Recreation Ground in commemoration of Sir Winston Churchill".

I have seen no evidence of such a tree at the Recreation Ground and I have asked several people who would be most likely to know about plans for this tree and where it is likely to have been planted. No one seems to know!

I would be most interested to learn from any of your readers about any plans which were made for Sir Winston Churchill's tree, whether it was, in fact planted and it's location.

**Jean G. Kinsey.**

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Summer 1994 copy of Dore to Door - the 1951 Scout Gala photo - I am the Golliwog. The tallest girl with ringlets is Ann Jackson, who used to live on the Meadway and the blond girl in the bonnet is my sister Marilyn. Both my sister and I have tried to remember some of the others. We know their faces but haven't a clue about their names - sorry! The two spectators at the back right hand side are, I think, Mrs Gill and her daughter (Florrie? Doris?), who both lived opposite us at what used to be No1 Leyfield Road, but is now No5.

*Pat Heawood (Bell)*

Dear Sir

We have been regular readers of "Dore to Door" since its inception and have always found something of interest in your well-presented magazine. However, we have never before put pen to paper until now.

We whole-heartedly agree with the views expressed on page 4 of your last issue by "our friendly shopkeepers". With the personal and helpful service offered, who would want to go to a noisy supermarket! We have everything we need in Dore Village.

I have recently suffered indifferent health, during the past few months, so my husband has undertaken the domestic shopping. Everywhere he was met with friendly and helpful service.

Thank you all very much.

On a different topic altogether, we notice with dismay, more yellow lines have appeared around patches earmarked for repair. Roads and pavements in the village have become something akin to a patchwork quilt, and where the patches end the toe-holes begin. I know to my cost, because several weeks ago I caught my foot in one of these and measured my length on High Street on a busy Saturday morning. Fortunately, the driver of the car coming round Dore Road corner stopped in time to ask if I was alright. It could have been so much worse! Who else but a friendly shopkeeper washed and dressed my badly scarred arm. We ask you to urge the Council to vastly improve the quality and safety of our roads and pavements.

*E.M. Davis*

Dear Sir

Wouldn't it be nice if I could take my grandchildren, aged from 1 to 7, onto the recreation ground, without having to avoid dog-dirt. Have the dog walkers of Dore not heard of plastic bags?

*S. Wood*

Dear Sir,

It was disappointing to see that, while benefiting from an excellent Festival week, the Hare and Hounds accepted no responsibility for the broken pint glasses, smashed beer bottles and cans littering its pavement, the roadway and the Green opposite, from the night of Saturday, 11th July, until Monday morning.

*P. Pryor*

*Ed. The management of the Hare & Hounds were invited to comment on this letter but declined to reply.*



*Some fancy dress at the 1951 Scout Gala. Picture provided by Tom Wilson of Townhead Road - the young chap resplendent in a sailors uniform in the foreground.*

Dear Sir  
*70th Surprise*

May I convey to the family and friends via your excellent publication, my appreciation to Sheila, Tim, Linda Kathy and their partners, for springing this surprise 70th birthday celebration.

The Scout Motto is 'Be Prepared', but on this occasion when mine host Gary welcomed me to my party, I hadn't noticed the curtain behind which were approximately 140 guests, there to greet me. The surprise was a total success, adding to the pleasure of the evening.

Sunday 5th July 1998 will be an indelible happy memory in my life's rich tapestry.

I treasure memories of attending Dore C.of E. school and getting caned for spelling failures (good discipline). Playing goal for the 1st. Dore C.of E. school football team. Mr Clinton, headmaster introduced football with a blue and white strip. We played Burngreave school at home on the cricket field, now occupied by Brunsmere F.C. Sadly we lost 9-0. It was not the goalkeepers fault, the defence was a failure.

Being invested as a wolf cub in the old choral hall, Townhead Road in 1936.

Purchasing 10 aniseed balls for a halfpenny from Mrs Marshalls corner shop (recently converted to a dwelling house). Dad taking the family to Woolworths on the Moor as a treat to spend sixpence.

Wonderful toys were available.

When attending Dore parish church as a new choir boy dressed in our Eton suits, hearing Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, announcing to the nation that Great Britain was at war with Germany. The blackout, masked car headlights, food rationing, carrying gas masks and the terrible loss of life during the Sheffield blitz, all followed.

Returning to the present day, the marriages of our family and the arrival of five grandchildren keep Sheila and I fully occupied. The joy of their antics cancels any frustration.

May I conclude by saying thank-you to everyone for giving me their time and their much appreciated but undeserved generous gifts. The greatest gift of all is fellowship with friends spanning many years. Many thanks

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Since the last issue of Dore to Door, the Village Society have continued to receive further comments on matters related to traffic in the village. The main theme of the latest comments is the problem of crossing some roads in the village centre. Although the total number of comments on traffic problems is still relatively small, it is clear that deep concerns are being experienced by some pedestrians and residents.

Provided that there is a significant level of local feeling, the committee is prepared to arrange a public meeting, with the relevant authorities, to discuss the issues and to seek means of overcoming the problems. However, the committee still requires more evidence of the concerns and, in particular, which are seen to be the priority items.

A short questionnaire has been prepared which lists the six matters, selected mainly on grounds of safety, which appear to be in most people's minds. For those who wish to express their opinions, copies of this questionnaire are available at "Valerie of Dore" and should be completed and returned there by the end of August.

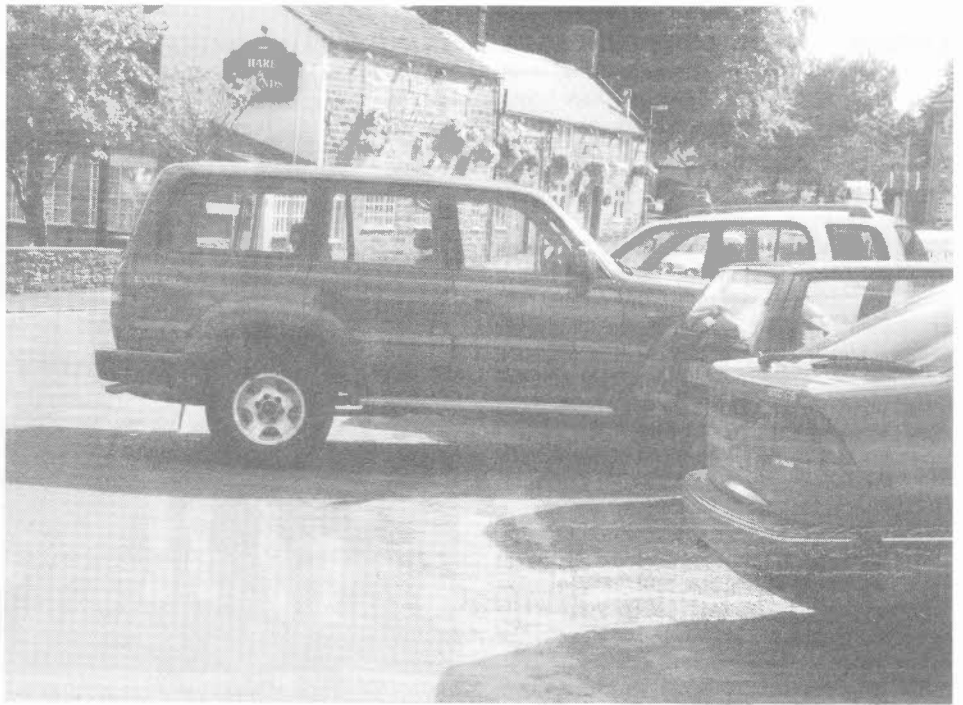
The village has been fortunate that to date there have been few, if any, serious accidents involving pedestrians. However, traffic volumes are rising steadily and the speed of some vehicles is inappropriate for the often crowded roads in the village centre. If any changes or improvements are to be made, the committee will require strong evidence to convince the City Council and police. If you are at all concerned on any matters related to traffic, please record your feelings on the questionnaire.

## Water Conservation

Did you ever wonder what happened to the water conservation programme that Yorkshire Water were due to start in Dore last May? Well, it's not dead but just a bit slow to get off the ground.

The latest word from Yorkshire Water is that all households in Dore should be receiving the water saving information packs in the middle of August. Apparently the packs have just been revised and reprinted. Hence the delay.

Despite the additional rainfall and the healthy state of the local reservoirs this year, it is still worthwhile avoiding the longer term



*Parking problems in front of the High Street shops.*

wastage of water. If we do not, the gradually rising domestic demand will create the need for more capital expenditure by the water companies on dams etc rather than on leakage reduction and improvements to water and sewage treatment.

## News in brief

**Water Troughs** in the village are to be cleaned twice a week by council contractors following pressure from councillor Colin Ross.

**The lamppost** opposite the shops on Causeway Head Road has been bandaged following dangerous cracks appearing in the concrete. Several lampposts in Sheffield have been recently collapsed during high winds.

**John Wade Singers** will be performing Verdi's opera Macbeth on December the 3rd & 4th at St John's Church Abbeydale. Tickets from 236 0820.

**Train rides** on the miniature railway will run this autumn on the 23rd August; 6th & 20th September and 4th & 18th October from 2pm to 5pm.

**The former public toilet** by Beauchief Hotel is to be transformed into a ladies hair salon and beauty parlour.

**Shape posture Seating** have recently moved from Abbeydale Road South. They are now trading from The Coach House, Main Street, Great Longstone, DE45 1TZ. Tel: 01629 640 700.

**To raise funds** for WORK Ltd a short sponsored walk around Blacka Moor is planned to take place one Sunday afternoon in late September or October starting from and returning to the seaton Totley Brook Open Space. Details and sponsor forms from: Albert T Smith 251 Totley Brook Road S17 3QX. Tel 236 8923

## Leonard Cheshire Services

The Leonard Cheshire Service is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and the Director of Fundraising, Jackie Short, would be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels they would like to become a member of the League of Friends' - suggested annual subscription £5 - to help support the home at Mickley Hall, Totley. Volunteers are always required, but those who are unable to assist in this way might be willing to join the Friends' and receive an annual newsletter and regular notices of fundraising events taking place in the local community. Please ring 236 7491 for further details, your interest would be very much appreciated.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration will be based at Saint Cross, Sloade Lane, Ridgeway from the 28th August to the 31st. On the Friday there will be a Cheese & Wine Evening at 7.30pm, with the John Wade Chorale' and an auction. On Saturday the garden will be open from 10.30am with Dronfield Brass Band during the afternoon and a Ceilidh & Sheep Roast at 7.30pm in the evening.

On Sunday afternoon from 2pm the gardens are open with music and then a Songs Of Praise' service at 6pm. On Monday, in addition to the open gardens there will be a Jazz Night' with Pie & Pea Supper from 7.30pm.

Full details and tickets from Mickley Hall on 236 9952

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## Three Peaks Challenge

The good news is that the six-man (five from Dore) team of walkers successfully completed the Challenge - but only just! They had only four minutes to spare when they crossed the finishing line at the bottom of Snowdon. The even better news is that the fund raising target of £5,000 has been well exceeded.

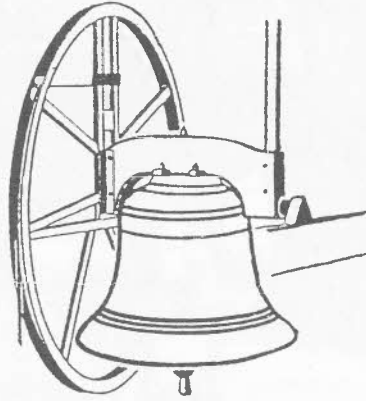
The team completed the walk despite getting wet and cold on both Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike and thoroughly soaked and cold on Snowdon where it rained from start to finish. They also had to compete for the use of the footpath in places due to the large number of other walkers also attempting the Challenge. Many of those eventually dropped out mainly because of the unfavourable conditions.

Two of the team had their own additional problems. The former Lord Mayor, Peter Price, developed large blisters on the soles of both feet and Simon Barraclough was the victim of severe car sickness on the road journeys. It's a great credit to both that they kept going and finished within the 24-hour time limit.

The Volkswagen Sharan, loaned by Gilders, carried one of the teams and under the care of Trevor Wright, from the Dronfield Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, behaved as expected and returned the excellent fuel consumption of nearly 46 miles per gallon for the 1070 mile round trip. The winner of the mountain bike prize will be announced very shortly.

Although all donations have yet to be collected, the total amount raised will be well

in excess of £8,000. The two beneficiaries, Weston Park Cancer Care and Research Fund and Dore Methodist Church, will each receive their shares at presentations to be held soon. The organisers and participants would specially like to thank all those in the village and further afield who gave so generously.



## Bell ringers wanted

Dore church bells are an historic and traditional part of village life. There are too few bellringers to keep the bells ringing regularly. Anyone can learn to ring, so if you are 11 years or older and are interested, either contact Richard Knights (262 0948), or visit our Tower Open Day at 4.45pm on 12th Sept, immediately after Dore Show. We practise every Friday evening, ring for the Sunday morning Service and for weddings. If you start to learn now, you will be able to ring in the Millennium.

## Have you noticed?

Why is it that every bungalow or small property that comes on the market in Dore is snapped up and then extended or demolished to make way for a larger property. Are we all condemned to live our solitary old age in 4/5 bedroom executive homes? Why does nobody build housing for the needs of our young couples or older residents?

Now Nab Farm is threatened with development. Lets hope this is sympathetic to the needs of the village. Talking of which, it now seems likely that the Old School will be extended, but at least in a style in keeping with it's past and for the benefit of us all.

Meanwhile Sheffield Council have really surpassed themselves, by making a totally unnecessary bus lane on Abbeydale Road South, between Abbey Lane and Limb Bridge. All this space for the rare buses that passengers wait endlessly for, while disaster threatens for any car drivers leaving the city, who dare to switch lanes as they pass vehicles parked by the dam. Belatedly recognising the danger, the Council now proposes further madness by adding double yellow lines to the equation. Just don't try to visit Abbeydale Hamlet. But then why should the Council care. They are well shot of it!

On a different subject. We could all be well shot of the endless sales calls from Double glazing companies selling windows, conservatories or porches. Time and again it is the same firm, regardless of earlier calls or any simple check on the age and condition of properties in a given road. They must have money to burn, which tells us something about their profit margins!

*Doremouse*

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Horse- drawn transport may have proved too slow for the pace of twentieth-century life, but the horse was once the only form of transport, which carried Britain through the agricultural and industrial revolutions, drawing ploughs and hauling barges, railway wagons and road vehicles.

Timetables published in the 1830's show that the Peak's market towns, for instance, were well served by road carriers. Vans left Wirksworth for Ashbourne, Derby, and even London, three times a week, with other services to Sheffield and Alfreton, whilst a daily mail cart took light parcels to Bakewell and Belper.

Carriers connected Bakewell with Cromford, Leek and Longnor, Manchester, Sheffield and Chesterfield. Tideswell sent a daily carrier to Manchester and also, like Winster, to Sheffield and Chesterfield. Stoney Middleton's most frequent service went to Sheffield; in turn the village lay on the route of a carrier which departed from Eyam twice weekly, stopping also at Tideswell, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Buxton.

Gradually though, steam power and then the internal combustion engine saw off true horsepower although not all commercial vehicles could afford to make the change in the early years, and many people around the Peak District still remember deliveries of fuel, milk, and farm produce by horse and cart. Fewer now recall when hoofbeats heralded the mail cart, a hearse, furniture removal wagon, snowplough, fire engine or ambulance.

The horse also introduced the pleasures of wheeled travel; passenger conveyances came in great variety, from two and four wheeled dog carts, traps, phaetons - with all seats facing forwards, flies, landaus, stanhopes, hansom cabs, victorias, broughams and barcoaches to omnibuses. Road coaches had a long history, with a regular passenger service running between Doncaster and Baslow as late as 1915.

*Other means of locomotion.* Peak District



*19th Century Road Coach with team of horses travelling through Derbyshire countryside. Picture courtesy of Red House Carriage Museum, Darley Dale, Matlock, DE4 2ER.*

tourist guides of ninety to a hundred years ago laid great emphasis on the transport available to visitors, for as Mr H Briddon, proprietor of a Matlock livery stables, pointed out, Matlock places no small tax upon the physical to make extended peregrinations in the district and many will be glad to avail themselves of other means of locomotion other than that with which nature has supplied them'. A public omnibus ran between Matlock and Matlock Bath every fifteen minutes in the daytime, while well appointed public conveyances left Matlock Bath every morning to all places of interest within 25 miles - to historic mansions and the fearful caverns of the High Peak' and to all beauty spots. Twenty five miles cost three shillings.

Establishments such as the New Bath Hotel organised excursions in their private omnibus for guests. An omnibus, sometimes known as a Theatre Bus, being used to parties out for evening entertainment. It was also used for outings such as cricket matches, and was likely to be fitted with a dining table between the seats and large windows ideal for sightseeing. The New Bath Hotel, like many other hotels, had all trains met at the station. Further along the line, transport was laid on direct from Matlock station for the convenience of visitors destined for the hydros.

A wagonette operated a regular service between Grindleford railway station and Eyam, and passengers alighting at Hope were met by an omnibus belonging to Mr James Quince of the Bridge Inn at Bradwell.

One of the Peak's busiest towns was Bakewell, where Mr Greaves of the Rutland Arms ran an omnibus and offered a large range of conveyances for hire. Buxton too, attracted large numbers of visitors, and the town had at least a dozen Hansom cabs and fly proprietors vying for trade.

Convoys of coaches laden with sightseers were a regular sight on major Peak district roads, eventually of course running side by side with motorised char-a-bancs.

It was not only progress which was to retire the horse from the transport scene; the horse was another major casualty of the First World War. Shipped on a one-way journey by the

army, 256,000 horses were killed in Flanders and 20,000 in Palestine. The animals were requisitioned from operators typified by the family firm of Keynons of Grindleford who, when their horses were taken, had to change over to motor-buses, the first to operate in the Hope Valley.

By the end of the Second World War the change over was all but complete; in Liverpool the V.E. Day mass bonfire was fuelled by the city's disused Hansom cabs. Once the most common vehicle on Britain's roads, there are now only eight known genuine ones left. One of these belongs to the Peak District, at the Red House Carriage Museum in Darley Dale, Who have kindly supplied information used in this article.

**Julie Bunting**

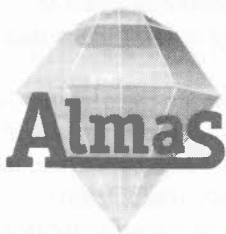
*Ed. Red House Carriage Museum is open from 10am throughout the year. Over 40 vehicle & equipment. Tel: 01629 733583.*

## Graves Park Animal Farm

Open daily, Graves Park Animal Farm is an exhibition centre for some of the rarest breeds of farm animals in this country. These include rare breeds of sheep, pigs and cattle. All young animals have been bred in Graves Park and are either retained as future breeding stock, or sold to create income for the farm's future development. All pure-bred and pedigree records of Highland cattle are kept under the herd name of "Escafell", and most other breeds under the herd name of "Chantrey". In addition, there are donkeys and goats of common breeds which are kept for their appealing friendliness.

The Children's Farmyard was developed in 1995, with rabbits, guinea pigs and a few other small animals, chosen for their particular appeal to children. Since then, regular additions have been made and the farmyard has been extended to include ducks, geese, owls and much more.

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## Chairman's Report 1997/8

(The following report was presented to the Dore Village Society AGM on Wednesday 27 May).

This was a generally successful year for the Society, marked by occupancy of our own room in the Old School, an improved financial position and a number of well attended events. However local planning issues continue to prove contentious and membership numbers were disappointing.

**Planning:** The village remains under developmental pressure, with a constant flow of planning applications for infill housing and extensions, without any commiserate improvements to the services infrastructure. Most worrying is the increased density of housing being permitted, leading to a trend towards the demolition of existing post war buildings and redevelopment of sites, most notably on Townhead Road, Blackamoor Road and Busheywood Road. The building process itself leads to extra lorry traffic, noise and damage to roads and verges.

We are still awaiting the outcome of proposals to convert Abbeydale Hall into a pub, and our earlier concern over Abbeydale Hamlet proved well justified, as it still remained closed to the public during the year.

**Publications:** Dore to Door continues to flourish and makes a considerable contribution to the Society's profile and income. The annual Christmas Card remains in demand, but the lack of new publications means sales of other stock items such as notelets are declining. The revised edition of the Dore Walks book is still in the proof reading stage, but a new 'Dore Village Walk' booklet, based on a guided walk around Dore led by Sydney Hoffman, has proved very popular.

**Events:** The Dore Show attracts considerable support, as did our open day in the Old School during March, something we are likely to repeat on an annual basis. Attendance at our seasonal public meetings has however been disappointing, despite efforts to find speakers across a widerange of subjects of interest and relevance to the community.

**Environment & Transport:** Efforts to encourage environmental conservation have been stepped up during the year, with support to local schools over 'walk to school week', proposals for a ground breaking local water conservation project in conjunction with Yorkshire Water, and the proposed establishment of a local transport forum.

**Dore Collection:** Moving into our own accommodation has allowed us to bring together records and historic material previously stored in members homes. Cataloguing has begun with the help of several volunteers and items have been on display on a number of occasions. New information on the history of Dore and it's past residents is still coming to light.

**Dore Playground Project:** Following the local survey of opinion, initial effort has concentrated on the playground area, with a new action group set up to raise funds and install new equipment and fencing. At the same time new tree planting has taken place and the Society has funded the laying of new path surfaces and the provision of a notice board.

**People:** Any organisation is only as strong

as the people within it. It is with sadness therefore that I must report the death last November of a past chairman Peter Dutfield. During the year the committee have also lost, to other demands on their time, Peter Veal and Tony Steeples.

Fortunately we have gained Mary Watson as Treasurer. The Society also receives widespread support from within the community. I wish to place on record my particular appreciation for their help to: fellow members of the committee; helpers at the Dore Show, on the Playground Project and the Dore Collection; deliverers of Dore to Door; advertisers; and all those active supporters and members - wherever you live.

*John Baker, Chairman.*

## Can you help?

The residents of Green Oak View Elderly People's Home are looking for help. At the moment the home has no transport of its own to enable residents to enjoy trips into the Derbyshire countryside. Ideally they would like occasional access to a small mini bus to arrange trips. If you can help please contact the home on 235 0763.

## Toddler Group

Autumn term starts Monday 7th September at the Monday Toddler Group in Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. If you have the care of a young child come along from 1.15 to 2.45 during term time for just £1 per carer. No waiting list.

## November Ghosts!!

T,O,A,D,S. Autumn Production is that wonderful Noel Coward improbable farce 'Blythe Spirit'.

We did give it almost fifteen years ago, but it is the kind of play that you can see again and again and still thoroughly enjoy. Who could resist the elfin wickedness of Elvira, or the eccentric Madame Arcanti? And who could help but sympathise with Ruth?

Come and see for yourselves at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, from Wednesday to Saturday, November 25th to 28th, at 7.30pm. Tickets nearer the time from Kate Reynolds, 2366891, or call at S.E. Fordham Opticians on Totley Rise.

## The Parish and Methodist Churches in Dore invite you to

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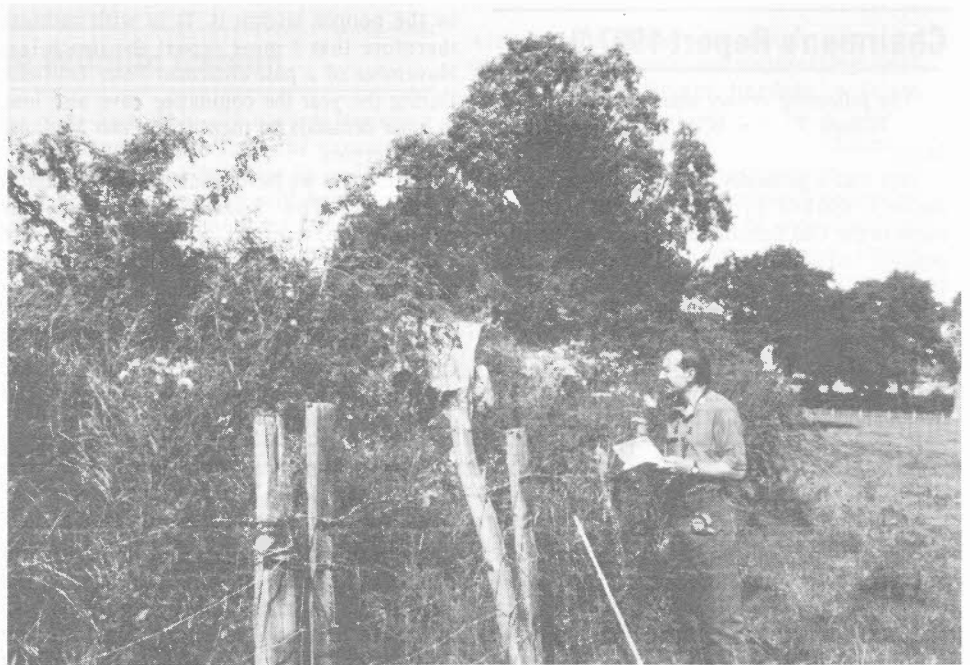
## Hedgerow campaign

Of all the countryside issues that CPRE campaign about, it is perhaps hedgerows that the organisation is most closely associated with. Hedgerow loss has been occurring since the end of the World War II and they have been campaigning for their protection since the early 1970s.

This loss has been slowing down in recent years, but research carried out in 1992 showed a net loss of over 16,000 kms of hedge every year between 1984-90 - through removal and lack of management. As a result of intense lobbying by many environmental organisations, including CPRE, and public opinion, the first ever hedgerow protection legislation was introduced last June.

Although landowners now commit an offence if they remove certain hedgerows without giving prior notification to their local planning authority (LPA), the law, as it stands, is far from adequate. CPRE were very concerned about its complexity and believed that many LPAs would not be able to implement it effectively having received no additional resources from the Government to take this work on.

At the time the Hedgerow Regulations were introduced, CPRE estimated that they would only succeed in protecting one in five hedgerows. Three months into the operation of the legislation a survey of local authorities by the Local Government Association revealed figures to support this estimate. In the local branch area (covering South Yorkshire, the Peak district and the six NE Derbyshire parishes) there have been a dozen removal notifications covering 21 hedges, five of which met the criteria for protection. In NE Derbyshire (Holmesfield) one notification was given for the removal of four hedgerows. Only one met the criteria needed for protection. In Sheffield, the one notification so far received was made in error by a building developer due to incorrect advice from City Council officers. This example shows that complexity of the Hedgerow Regulations is posing problems for



*Survey of a Totley hedgerow in progress.*

some authorities.

It is difficult to know if the legislation is proving to be a deterrent. Implementation of the Regulations has kept some LPAs very busy, but the way the criteria have been drafted means that too few hedges get the protection they need. For the landowner most hedgerow removal now involves some paperwork before it is carried out. Nationally, only one landowner (in Herefordshire) has been prosecuted for removing a hedgerow and another case is pending concerning a removal in the Doncaster area.

Only certain hedgerows come under the scope of the legislation - those less than 30 years old, less than 20m long, or located along or within the curtilage of a dwelling are excluded. Also, the legislation does not protect hedgerows affected by planning permissions gained for development - and allows hedgerow removal, under a 'permitted works' clause, by utilities companies. The law does not operate in Scotland for some reason, in spite of significant hedgerow loss there. Add to all this the complex criteria against which hedges covered by the Regulations need to be judged (to gain protection) and we can begin to see that most of our hedgerows are as much at risk now than at any time before.

CPRE launched a national hedgerow survey last year to coincide with the introduction of the legislation and this is still continuing. The aim of the survey is to obtain information on hedgerows and they are encouraging members and volunteers to survey their local hedgerows. Once the information is received, this is passed on to LPAs to help them identify important hedgerows and implement the Regulations effectively. So far details of about 50 hedgerows have been gathered - most in the Moss Valley. Many other areas are in need of survey. Anyone can get involved in protecting hedgerows by surveying a local hedge. For more details get in touch your local CPRE Branch Hedgerow Survey co-ordinator, Jim Flanagan, on 0114 266 5822, or write to him at , 22a Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield S10 3EF. Copies of the CPRE Hedgerow Action Pack are sent out free to volunteers who agree to survey a hedge.

Update - last year, the newly appointed

Environment Secretary, Michael Meacher, recognising the inadequacy of the legislation, set up a body to review the Hedgerow Regulations. Their proposals for improving the Regulations have recently been published. However, field-testing and a public consultation period will mean that any amendments to the Regulations will probably have to wait until next summer.

*Ed. The CPRE deserve all the support they can get in protecting our rural inheritance. If you would be interested in finding out more about their work in general please ring them on 266 5822 or write to the above address.*

## Romanian appeal

Most of us remember with horror the dreadful conditions which were revealed in Romanian orphanages after the overthrow of Ceaucescu, ten years ago. Much has been done to improve the conditions there, but disabled children are still living in appalling conditions, under-nourished and tied to their beds at night.

Two Sheffield doctors, Karen Dunn and Michelle Moore, have revealed the plight of these children and have developed a plan to help them. As well as raising money for better buildings and to bring staff to Britain for training, they want to brighten up dormitories with mobiles, pictures and puppets, and also to provide each child with a draw-string bag. (Woolworths have offered to put sweets in each bag made).

The doctors visited Romania in August, taking some gifts and are returning in December, with students from Hallam University.

I am making bags, puppets and mobiles, and would be glad of materials and/or help. A remnant of cloth, approximately 20" by 20" will make a bag, and tape, braid and scraps of felt are needed.

If you would like to help by donating materials or making something, please contact me on 236 6424, or at 87 Abbeydale Park Rise. Help with Hungarian or Romanian translation and advice on funding is also needed.

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## Jean recalls

Richard Farnsworth's comments, in his farming column (summer issue), about Jack Thorpe buying lambs from Ryecroft Farm and selling the meat in his butchers shop, which is now part of the Hare, set me thinking. Until fairly recent times, there were 4 butchers in Dore: Jack Thorpe; Levesleys on High Street; Colin Thompsons also on High Street; and the Co-op. Colin Thompsons was run by a Mrs Wolstenholme, before Vernon Mather took over. I remember there being a long crack in the wooden bench and money used to roll into it. Most hygienic! Sawdust covered the floors and the entrails of the dead animals were hung in the shops, wind pipe, liver, lung, the lot! Butchers used to hack pieces off to feed pets. Disgusting!

Did you know that Dore Rec once made history - well the National Press and TV. Trevor Biggin tells me that it had something to do with playing football in the Rec on Sundays. Apparently, the Rec was one of the first, if not the first, in England to want to change the rules about Sunday playing. He says it was definitely the Rec and not the Cricket field.

About the Wells. Are you also including troughs which were used for drinking water etc? If so, Joan Shepherd has mentioned to me the one on Newfield Lane, nearly opposite the old farm.

There was also a trough in the field below Dore Nursery, one outside Limpits Cottage, one near Siddals on Causeway Head Road and a well on the corner of the same road at Causeway Head House, the home of Mr and

Mrs Eldon Lee, demolished to make way for Causeway Glade etc.

More wells? I am not sure if it was a well or trough on Causeway Head Road. It was outside the cottage they now call the Lamp lighters. A family called Bingham lived there when I was a child and I remember their water was always very cold but refreshing to drink. The well was some way from the cottage and must now be under the road or at least the verge.

The Clarion Cycle Club used to have to fetch their water from a trough (well) opposite the top of Whitelaw Lane. There was an AA box there and rumour had it that spies used to leave messages there during World War 2. Probably village fantasy. Mr Walker, from the cottages where Bobby Drakeford lives, was the AA's Patrol man.

Jean Dean

## Abbeydale Festival

After the success of last year when Sheffield Rugby Club's Abbeydale Festival attracted over 1,500 people, this years event is set to be bigger, better and brighter! It takes place on October 3rd, 12pm - 5pm, at Abbeydale Sports Park, Abbeydale Road South, Dore, Sheffield.

The day starts with an Inter Schools Tag Rugby Competition, sponsored by Sheffield Telegraph, consisting of twelve local schools. The winning school will receive the sponsors first prize of £1,000 and obviously some very good press coverage! The Rugby Football Union's (R.F.U.) Promotional Van will also be present, which is of great interest to young and old alike, and will be heavily laden with

goodies and give aways.

An action packed day is promised with stalls ranging from traditional Tombola to Maggot Racing!

The numerous rides and attractions include Tapton School Brass Band, "De Ramos's Performing Arts" (a Knife Diving and Circus Skills act), Camel Racing, a Sheep Roast, plus a team of World Championship Winning Tug-O-War experts who will be ready to take on all comers!

The main event of the day for all sporting enthusiasts is the vital National League clash between Sheffield R.U.F.C. and New Brighton R.U.F.C., sponsored by Henry Boot and Son Plc - kick off 3pm. This is set to be a cracking game with Sheffield's exciting new look team keen to make an early impact on the title chase. Everyone is welcome at the Abbeydale Festival which is free entry and guaranteed fun for all the family. Parents will also be able to enjoy themselves later in the evening with live music and entertainment in the marquee (tickets on sale on the day - strictly over eighteens only).

## Well Dressing Diary

Still to come this year are:

August

22-31 Taddington

24-4 Holymoorside

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PANCAKE - Herb Pancake filled with chicken and mushroom topped with a mushroom sauce

MELON - Melon and fresh fruit in Creme d'Menthe syrup

PATÉ - Chef's homemade paté served with finger toast and salad

GARLIC BREAD - Topped with melted cheese

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PIE - Chef's homemade pie of the day

ROAST - Chef's roast of the day

STEAK BORDELAISE - Braised beef in red wine sauce

FISH - Fresh market fish baked with a herb crust

SALMON DUGLERE - Poached salmon in white wine, tomato and mushroom sauce

VEGETARIAN LASAGNE - Layers of pasta sandwiched with vegetables and cheese sauce

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VEGETABLES - Chef's choice of vegetables and potatoes of the day

Sweets or Cheese and Biscuits

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Coffee £1 extra

### 4 COURSE DINNER £15.00

SOUP - Chef's homemade soup of the day

PENNE AL FORNO - Pasta quills in a spicy sauce and baked in the oven

GARLIC BREAD - Garlic bread topped with melted cheese

BRIE - Brie coated in breadcrumbs, deep fried and served on a fruit coulis

SMOKED MACKEREL - With horseradish sauce

PATÉ - Chef's homemade chicken liver paté served with fingers of toast

PRAWN WALDORF - Celery, apple, walnuts in Mayo with prawns

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CHICKEN - Chicken breast filled with garlic cheese served in cream sauce

PIE - Chef's homemade pie of the day

STEAK - Prime Sirloin garnished with tomatoes and mushrooms

SALMON - Fresh poached salmon in white wine, tomato and mushroom

CHILLI BEAN CON CARNI - Mixed beans in chilli sauce, served with rice

MIXED GRILL - Large mixed grill served with mushroom and tomatoes

ROAST - Chef's choice of roast of the day

FISH - Fresh market fish baked with a herb crust

VEGETABLE LASAGNE - Layers of pasta sandwiched with vegetables and cheese sauce

MEDDALINS OF BEEF MARCHAND DE VIN - succulent slices of undercut in a rich wine and herb sauce

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VEGETABLES - Chef's choice of vegetables and potatoes of the day

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Sweets or Cheese and biscuits followed by Coffee and mints

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Full A La Carte Menu

## Hathersage Heritage

*(A look at some of the fine old halls around Derbyshire, with a 5 mile figure eight stroll past some of them.)*

Hathersage is a village with an air of prosperity and attracts many tourists from the nearby cities. It offers fine hotels and inns, surrounded by glorious scenery. This is surely the perfect base to explore the hills and dales above the Derwent Valley.

Many visitors associate Hathersage with the legend of Robin Hood and his merry men, and the grave of the immortal Little John fits snugly into pattern, but the real character and legacy of the district is in the name of the Eyre family, builders of fine mansions. Their family tree goes back to Norman times, the original Eyre having fought with distinction and valour at the battle of Hastings. His reward was land ownership around the Hope Valley.

In the early 15th century, one Robert Eyre who lived at Highlow Hall had many sons, for whom he built residences within viewing distance from his abode, namely Offerton Hall, Hazelford, North Lees, Moorseats and Shatton Halls. Most certainly a very industrious gentleman, for he even built Hathersage Church and was laid to rest there in 1459. It is recorded that members of the Eyre family have occupied nearly every principal manor house in the entire district. Leam Hall, Brookfield, Crookhill, Bubnell and Upper and Nether Padley (scene of the arrest of Catholic priests during the 17th Century), to name but a few.

The famous novelist, Charlotte Bronte, visited Hathersage in the year 1845 and based the fictional story of Jane Eyre around the area. Thornfield Hall, home of the hero Mr Rochester, was modelled on North Lees Hall (now owned and administered by the Peak Park planning Board).

There are ruins of a chapel in the estate grounds, with reputed secret passages, where the oppressed Catholics escaped from persecution by the Protestant mob back in the 17th century.

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miles to sample the delights of a few of the old homesteads, for to explore the vicinity of all the halls around Hathersage would take many a day.

Park the car in the centre of Hathersage. Head towards Sheffield, then leaving Hathersage Hall and farm on the left, head up School Lane, passing the "Scotsman's Pack" Inn on the right. Turn up Church Bank past the pinfold towards the imposing Hathersage church, on the hill. Tarry awhile with reverence and view Little John's grave, the fable story of this mate of Robin hood may only be a myth, but he was certainly a very tall local lad. The legend is told in verse:-

"His bow was in the chancel hung,  
His last good belt they drape,  
Down to the notch, its measured length,  
Westward from the grave.  
And rest and bud this shaft put forth,  
It grew a tree and threw a shade,  
Where slept staunch Little John."

Retrace your steps slightly past the old manse, then turn sharp left up a tarmac lane between buildings and after a bend, note the strange mounds of 'Camp Green'. This ancient earthwork was probably a early medieval ringwork'. Follow the winding lane upwards to Carr Head Farm. From here turn right onto a steep field path, (yellow markers), through a gate then along a broken wall to a style facing moorland. Proceed left along a lane past Leveret Croft below Carr Head Rocks. Hereabouts this residence must have the finest view across the Derwent Valley.

The lane descends to Kimber Court and farm-stead and through the attractive grounds of Moorseats Hall, once the home of the Eyres and featured in the classic when Jane fled across the wild moor and fell fainting at the door step of St. John Rivers. At the driveway gates turn sharp right through a narrow gate, go along the edge of the gardens, then down through delightful Moorseats Wood, exiting through another gateway.

Back at 'Camp Green' turn right down a bank, then over a stream bearing right again along a field boundary. Follow a series of field paths bearing uphill at one point, which lead through Cow Close Farm and to a road. Turn left then up the lane to North Lees Hall.

The original Hall dates back to the early 15th century and the lofty three-storey tower was built around the year 1590. It was allowed to deteriorate over the years, but since has been remodelled and returned to its former glory.

Just above the Hall keep to the left and head for a style opening onto moorland. Bear left slightly down hill with the ruins of the 17th century Chapel below you. The track crosses the infant Hood Brook with a pond above the wall in front of you. Here once stood the site of Greenhouse Paper Mill, where the soft water that drained off the gritstone around Stanage Edge was most suitable for paper manufacture. This mill served many of Sheffield's early industries.

Follow the left bank of Hood Brook down through Heald Wood and we rejoin the road via a stone stile. Cross the road and enter more field paths directly above Brookfield Manor. A well defined path skirts the edge of lush green pastures and broad trees as we head parallel to the Hood Brook, and we are seen back to the hub of traffic in the centre of Hathersage.

Maybe the next time we visit the district, we will explore the halls of Leam, Highlow, Hazelford and Offerton, for history knows no bounds around the heritage of Hathersage.

*J.C. Barrows*

*Ed. The walk can be cut into two shorter ones at Hathersage Church.*

## Dore Festival 1998

Many thanks to everyone who supported events arranged during Festival Week. Over £2,500 was raised at the various events, which will benefit local organisations and charities. Despite the poor weather this year, the Gardens Open Day was still very popular and raised almost £700 for the charities of the garden owners choice. Following the success of last years Fun Run, a children's Fun Run was arranged and the combined events attracted over 230 participants and the organisers hope to raise £1,000 for the Dore Recreation Appeal. Sydney and Hazel Hoffman very kindly hosted two evenings at their home, which proved very popular and raised £66 for the Sheffield Family Unit.

The open air performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" owes as much of its success to the audience as to the cast, who continued to perform despite the downpour during the second act.

We are fortunate in having so many organisations in the village who are willing to arrange an event during Festival Week. As well as the Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Summer Concert, Dore Male Voice Choir and Dore Mercia TWG hosted a splendid Open Evening and filled the Church Hall to more than capacity. Dore Church once again hosted a concert, which this year, featured the Salvation Army Woodhouse Brass Band and Young People's Choir, which raised funds for the Salvation Army and the Dore Playground Appeal.

The Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who participated and organised events during Festival Week and look forward to their continued support.

*Anne Elsdon, Maureen Cope,  
Syd Crowson*

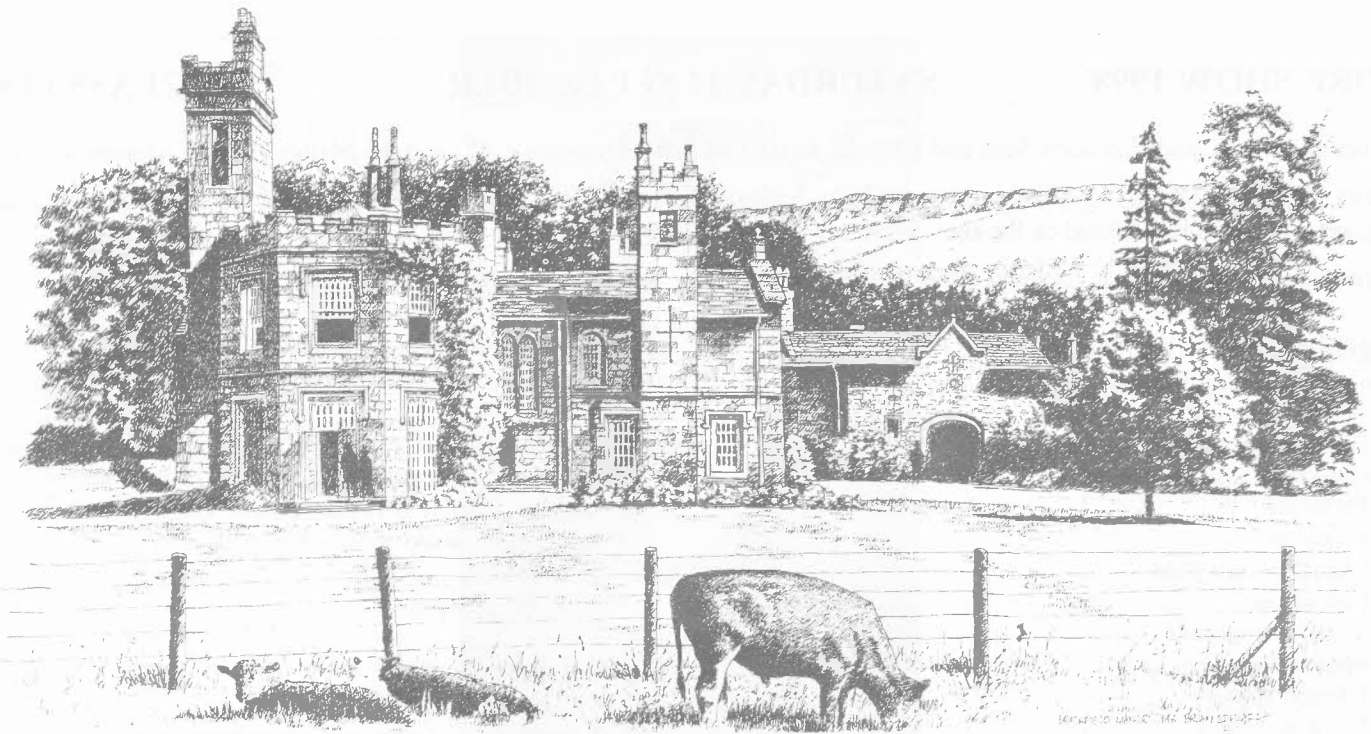
## Adult Education

The Workers' Education Association offers a wide range of Adult Education courses, at a number of different sites. Autumn Programme classes begin Monday 14th September.

Enrolments at the main Bannerdale Centre are: Wednesday 9 September - 2pm for daytime courses (Monday to Wednesday) & 7pm for evening courses.

Friday 11 September - 2pm for daytime courses (Thursday to Friday).

Courses range from creative writing to Egyptology, from calligraphy to Jazz appreciation, from French to Local History. To receive a full list please ring 0114 272 4983.



*Brookfield Manor, Hathersage, with Stanage Edge in the background. Brian Edwards.*

## Brookfield Manor

By coincidence, Brookfield Manor, referred to in 'campy' Barrows article is the subject of the latest publication from Brian Edwards.

Commissioned by the present owners, Brian has researched, written and illustrated a short history of Brookfield. The manor is now a superb conference and training centre playing host to some of Britain's leading companies and numerous local firms.

Brian traces the history from humble origins in the 14th century, through the various ownerships, the extensive building, rebuilding and extensions over the centuries, culminating in the ownership by English (later British) steels who changed it from country residence to conference centre.

Copies of Brian's booklet can be obtained from Brookfield Manor, Hathersage, Derbyshire, S32 1BR price £4.50 incl p&p.

## Old Tracks of the Peak

For countless thousands of visitors to the Peak District, the only way to enjoy it is on foot.

Walkers have the advantage of hundreds of miles of public footpaths, now followed for pleasure, where they were once essential for trade and communication. The old routes frequently link natural features which served as identifying landmarks before the days of maps and compasses.

One example of a track, used since prehistoric times, is the Portway. One section of this can be followed near Elton, along the narrow, sunk Islington Lane and Dudwood Lane, to emerge below the distinctive outcrop of Robin Hood's Stride. Not far away the Bronze Age cemetery of Stanton Moor casts its mysterious spell over large numbers of walkers who come to roam between the ancient burial sites of over 3,000 years ago.

Peakland lead miners left mile upon mile of tracks, often worn down by their long daily treks to the mines and sometimes marked out between mine and highway as was their lawful right. Around Castleton alone a network of

some fifty paths and bridle ways crosses moor and farmland. Routes can be chosen to take in particular aspects of the landscape, a Neolithic study for example, or wild flower spotting forays, or geological observations.

The White Peak limestone country, offers miles of riverside paths and sheltered dry dales, whilst the Dark Peak has a special place in ramblers' hearts and history. It was at Kinder in 1932 that six hundred ramblers affected the Kinder Mass trespass, challenging the rights of landowners to deny them access to open moorland. After scuffles involving keepers and farmers, followed by arrests and prison sentences, access agreements were reached relating to land which now encompasses large areas of National Trust property. Subsequently, due to the efforts of the Peak National Park Board, public access has also been gained to vast tracts of moorland and gritstone edges.

Edale is a Mecca for serious walkers intent on following at least part of the Pennine Way, the first designated long-distance footpath in Great Britain. Opened in 1965, it links Edale with the Scottish borders 250 miles away. The southern section can be unbelievably busy since it is also popular for shorter walks, and severe erosion is an ongoing problem.

So great is the number of walkers, that when a local sheep farmer was interviewed by the Duke of Devonshire for a radio programme a few years ago, he confided that 'Sometimes we wonder whether we're farming sheep or people'.

Roman soldiers marched across the Peak too, leaving not only good roads in their wake, although some historians believe that many were laid upon existing and equally straight tracks long used by the native Britons, but also the earliest milestone in the Peak. Displayed in Buxton Museum, it gives the distance to the Roman fort of Navio at Brough-on-Noe. A Roman mile, incidentally, was a thousand paces, each pace being two steps forward, one on each foot. It came to be replaced by the English mile we know today, based on the barleycorn at three to an inch. Quite a number of late medieval guideposts still stand on their

original sites, on occasion useful to confirm that a foot traveller is, literally, on the right track.

Ramblers are very much part of the Peak District scene and since its foundation in 1935 the Ramblers' Association has endeavoured to encourage rambling and mountaineering, to foster a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside, and to work for the preservation of natural beauty, the protection of footpaths and the provision of access to open country'. A quarter of the population of Britain enjoys country walking and the Ramblers' Association helps to keep footpaths free of obstruction, checking stiles and signposts and raising issues to protect our countryside.

*Julie Bunting*

## News in brief

**Senior Citizens** can now use their bus passes to buy concessionary fares on the trains from Dore station to South Yorkshire destinations, following several years campaigning by the Sheffield Passengers' association.

**Yorkshire ASH** have brought out their latest Yorkshire Guide to Smoke-Free-Air listing pubs, cafes, hotels & restaurants, available with a sae A5 envelope with 3 loose 26p stamps from Yorkshire ASH, St Mary's Hospital, Greenhill Road, Leeds, LS12 3QE.

**Abbydale Industrial Hamlet** is open daily during the school holidays from 10am to 4pm, (11am to 4.45pm Sundays) until the 6th September.

A **new national charity**, the Bicycle Helmet Initiative Trust, aims to increase helmet wearing from 18 to 40 per cent in two years. About 30,000 children a year need treatment for head injuries caused by cycle accidents.

**"An antique is something your grandparents bought for £5, your parents sold for £50 and you bought again for £500."**

Entries should be made between 9am and 10.30am to the Old School (classes 1-42) and the Methodist Hall (classes 43-72).

Entries for Floral Classes (43-46) should be made by 5.30pm on Friday the 11th September using forms available from Greens shop on Causeway Head Road or the show secretary on (0114) 236 9025..

Show opens to the public at 2pm and closes at 4.30pm

### Vegetable and Fruit Section

- 1 6 pods of runner beans
- 2 3 onions, dressed
- 3 1 cabbage, any variety
- 4 1 vegetable marrow
- 5 4 potatoes
- 6 4 beetroot
- 7 6 tomatoes on a plate
- 8 1 cucumber
- 9 Any other vegetable
- 10 6 plums
- 11 4 dessert apples
- 12 4 cooking apples
- 13 A tray of mixed vegetables including salad
- 14 The heaviest marrow
- 15 Humorous or strange vegetable
- 16 A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar

### Flower Section

- 17 5 dahlias, cactus variety
- 18 5 dahlias, decorative variety
- 19 A vase of mixed dahlias arranged to effect
- 20 3 gladioli
- 21 A vase of spray chrysanthemums
- 22 6 roses, any container
- 23 1 foliage plant in a pot (max size 6")
- 24 1 flowering plant in a pot (max 6")
- 25 A vase of annuals - mixed
- 26 A vase of sweet peas

### Domestic Section

- 27 4 jam tarts
- 28 4 afternoon-tea Scones with fruit [white flour]
- 29 A Dundee Cake [see below]
- 30 A Victoria Sandwich [see below]
- 31 An apple pie on a plate
- 32 A plate of 4 biscuits (any)
- 33 A loaf of white bread
- 34 A jar of soft fruit jam
- 35 A jar of stone fruit jam
- 36 A jar of Marmalade
- 37 A novelty cake -judged for idea and execution

### Wine Section

[Home made wine in clear corked bottles with plain labels]

- 38 A bottle of dry red wine
- 39 A bottle of sweet red wine
- 40 A bottle of dry white wine
- 41 A bottle of sweet white wine
- 42 Any other home made wine - any colour

### Floral Art Section

[Classes 43-45 - Space allowed 2' 3" & max height 3 feet]

- 43 'Simplicity'. An exhibit
- 44 'Petals with metal'. An exhibit

- 45 'Glory of the Garden'. An exhibit
- 46 'Welcome'. An exhibit suitable for a hall

### Textile & Hand Craft Section

- 47 A handmade decorative cushion
- 48 Tapestry or embroidery from a kit or chart
- 49 A personally created embroidery or tapestry
- 50 A dressed doll
- 51 A piece of calligraphy

### Visual Arts Section

- 52 A water colour painting
- 53 A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- 54 A monochrome drawing - any medium
- 55 Black & White photograph - 'Steel City' 7"x5"min
- 56 Colour photograph (imaginative) - 'The Full Monty' 7"x5"min
- 57 Colour photograph - 'Village Life' 7"x5"min
- 58 A sculpture - any medium
- 59 A craft exhibit in wood
- 60 A craft exhibit in any other material
- 61 A découpage (framed)

### Junior Section (up to age 14)

[Entries must be children's own work and show their age. A3 maximum size for classes 64 - 67]

- 62 A vegetable animal
- 63 A painting or drawing of any subject (age up to 5)
- 64 A painting or drawing of 'my best friend' (age 6 to 8)
- 65 An original LEGO model (age 9 to 11)
- 66 A "Conservation" poster (age 12 to 14)
- 67 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
- 68 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup
- 69 A junk model (age up to 8)
- 70 A craft exhibit (age 9 to 11)
- 71 A craft exhibit (age 12 to 14)
- 72 2 Gingerbread men

### Recipes and notes

**Class 29** Dundee Cake recipe:  
7" tin, ½lb plain flour, 1 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 3 hens eggs, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz soft brown sugar, 6oz each of sultanas and currants, 2oz peel, 1oz cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tbs milk and 1oz almonds for the top.

**Class 30** Victoria Sandwich recipe:  
Weight of two hens eggs in margarine or butter, sugar and white self-raising flour, pinch of salt and a little water, baked in two 6-7" tins, sandwiched together with jam and sprinkled with caster sugar.

**Class 31** Apple pie notes:  
White short crust pastry, on a plate not exceeding 10" diameter.

**Classes 34 - 36** Jams & preserves:  
Waxed with cellophane cover.

## Environmental Weeks 1998

Following the Village Society's AGM on the 27th May, Richard Godley of the City Council's Environmental and Waste Management Services Division gave an illustrated presentation on the past and present methods of waste disposal in the city. Its main theme was the use of recycling or re-use of waste materials.

In the past, the greater emphasis had been placed on recycling, but today a high proportion of waste is used as a fuel for the city's district heating and electricity generation scheme.

Nevertheless the Council is still keen to encourage more recycling and is currently carrying out trials with "blue bins" to encourage greater recycling of paper. If successful, the system will be replicated in other areas.

Dore Junior School successfully completed its litter clear-up covering some of the access routes to the schools. This activity was supported by the Village Society which provided £120 worth of books on environmental subjects for the School's library. It is planned to continue the link between the School and the Society with another activity next year probably covering a different aspect of the curriculum.

## In favour of the fox

One night approximately 15 years ago, as I was looking out of my bedroom window overlooking the Totley Brook Open Space, I noticed a very thin fox which was obviously looking for food.

As I had cooked the evening meal that night, which had resulted in an instant loss of appetite for my wife and son, quite a large amount of food was left. I put this out, with a few dog biscuits, and waited patiently for the fox to return to eat it whilst I watched from the bedroom window. So began my frequent nightly liaisons with the local foxes.

Over the past 15 year period I have endeavoured to keep an open mind regarding the great many things the fox takes the blame for and, over the same period I have listened to many talks on the radio and television. A great number of these tales are complete and utter nonsense.

First, a fox, because he is a carnivore, will kill chickens and if allowed entry into a poultry run will undoubtedly kill all the birds in the run. So surely shouldn't the first question to be asked be "Is a person who keeps chickens and allows a fox access to the poultry run, a fit and proper person to keep chickens"? Surely a fox cannot be blamed for carrying out its normal, natural way of living. Secondly I've heard it suggested that a fox likes being hunted. Whilst I have never been able to speak to the foxes that I feed to ask them if this is true, I would be very pleased if anyone who believes that this is true, would let me know how they have asked the fox.

Many people who live in the countryside frequently say that 'foxes are vermin'. However, a brief look at the situation immediately outside a great many farms and homes of people who live in rural communities, will confirm my personal belief that the habit of leaving any old junk such as



*Ian Wileman, Head Teacher at Dore Junior School, receiving a selection of environmental books from John Baker, Chairman of the Dore Village Society.*

builder's rubble, rusting farm machinery, clapped out old cars etc. provides the ideal breeding ground for vermin such as rats and mice. As the fox is a carnivore, they are attracted to this habitat to perform a public service for nothing.

I have often heard that hunting or shooting foxes enables the fox population to be kept under control, as being Britain's largest wild mammal predator, mother nature does not provide for this as she does for other wild animals. However, anyone who owns a dog knows, it is essential to walk their pet along the public footpath or roadway reasonably frequently to enable the dog to grind away its claws, otherwise they must be clipped occasionally or else the animal will eventually suffer a serious toe and feet infection which will require medical treatment. Foxes nails are kept in check is by following the natural predatory instinct of digging for rats, mice, voles, moles, worms, roots, etc. Consequently as the fox grows older its nails become longer and brittle, it breaks a nail and infection set in. This eventually will not allow the fox to run or walk and so they die through either starvation or serious untreated infection of their legs. Cruel as it may appear, this is nature's way of controlling the fox population.

People who dress up in a red coat, ride a horse and urge a pack of 20 - 50 dogs all taught to chase a little animal to its death through fright or exhaustion, do not play any measurable part in reducing the fox population. Approximately 30,000 foxes are killed each year by hunting and this has been going on for years. Yet the effect on the fox population is so minimal.

The fox, I've always been given to understand is a nocturnal, solitary animal.

From my own observations I do not accept this. Though nocturnal close to human habitat, they are often seen throughout the day time and I also believe they live in family groups. I have seen, whilst a fox is feeding, another fox come along. If the one which comes second is younger it is chased away to sit in the shadows waiting. If it is older, the young one immediately leaves and waits close by or is chased away, usually returning later to see if anything has been left for it. If the young fox appears to be very, very hungry which is often the case, then I have often reloaded the feeding station so that I know that it has had at least one good meal.

Some years ago, before I began to feed the fox, I read that after an outbreak of possible rabies in Suffolk a fox culling program was initiated and a great many foxes were killed. After this the rat population rose rapidly and a medical researcher suggested around this time that the incidence of leptospirosis, an often fatal disease to human beings which apparently is created in the urine of rats, was beginning to rise and could be a threat to human life if water infected by affected rats entered the human body through cuts in the skin. At the time it was suggested that foxes, for reasons unknown, had to kill and eat a certain quota of rats to balance their diets. A great many people in the Suffolk area must have been pleased when the fox population regained its former strength. I mention this because often when observing the foxes feeding I've noticed that they already have a mouse or rat in their mouths.

Over the years I've seen many foxes grow old and fade away and be replaced by another younger one. Whilst looking at them feeding I've often asked myself what sort of enjoyment can anyone obtain by killing the animal. Perhaps in Dore there is someone else who has a completely different point of view, or who also shares with me the same contentment obtained for just a tin of cheap dog food, table scraps and a little patience. I trust the editor would provide space for them to write giving their point of view.

*Albert T Smith*



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## The Smelting of Lead

Following on the article on lead mining in our last issue, also written by Alan Faulkner Taylor.

Take a look at the map of the Peak District and count how many times Bole Hill' appears. Starting from Hope Valley and working downstream on both sides of the Derwent I gave up at ten.

So - what was a bole? This was a simple type of furnace for the smelting of lead, which was in use up to just over 400 years ago. The design may have been similar to that used by the Romans, but unfortunately no ancient drawing exists, but I have copied one by Dr. David Kiernan, whose course stimulated me to take an interest in geology, and then later, to continue to extend my knowledge further.

A smelting bole was usually sited at about 900 feet above sea level - because wind was required to increase the temperature of the burning fuel. There were only two smelts annually, so only a wealthy man could finance such a project, due to the cost of hauling up: 1. The logs for building the furnace, 2. The fuel, and 3. The lead ore - before a smelt could commence. Then there was the risk - the fuel was not lit until a wind was blowing from the right direction and it was thought that the wind would continue for several days. If the wind failed, the fire would continue but the temperature would decrease and the ore failed to melt. Everything had to be started from scratch again. Part of the fuel was charcoal, and therefore, was quite expensive to produce.

If your map includes Dore and Totley, you will find a Bole Hill at the top of the Limb Valley and another above the Totley rifle



Dore Church, from a postcard sent in 1912.

range. Oh - incidently you will now ask: what about Bole Hill at Crookes? Well - forget this, because Crookes was too far north of the routes taking the ore out from the Peak District and it is likely that this was a bole for smelting iron.

In about 1750 a different type of furnace was invented, although nobody seems to know by whom. This used air blown into the burning fuel by bellows. These could be operated by a man's feet, but in most cases, water provided the power. Although the furnace itself could be operated by two men, evidence from Letters of Probate (still held in Uttoxeter) indicates that the building of the furnace would have been by a wealthy landowner and that it would have been rented out annually to the operator. Again I am indebted to Dr Kieran for the diagram of the furnace.

The main evidence of the existence of these furnaces (they would have been called "mills"), is to be found in the mill dams that still exist. In some cases the masonry which housed the water wheel can still be found. The best example in the Peak District of a complete unit consisting of a small dam, the channel to take the water to the wheel pit and masonry which would have housed the furnace, is in Froggatt Wood. Unfortunately it is several yards from one of the tracks in the wood and is therefore difficult to find.

The same water wheel and its associated dam would have been used for different purposes over the years. A wheel used for pumping air into a lead smelter might later provide power for turning grinding wheels. There is one clue which always tells where there has been a smelter: the presence of slag heaps. The heaps contain chunks of limestone with one surface "bubbly-looking".

Although the heaps are easy to see, they are covered either with grasses or moss. One easy-to-find smelter, complete with masonry, below a silted-up dam, is in Ryecroft Glen. At some different date this had been a flour mill.

The fuel used in this type of furnace was "white coal" which was less expensive to produce than charcoal. It consisted of tree branches, possibly between 1 and 2 inches in diameter, dried out in an open kiln (possibly using coal as the fuel). This drying out process drove the volatile substances out from the wood, which would otherwise have

contaminated the lead. The drying kiln situated about 15 yards from the Froggatt smelter, is built as a dry stonewall some 4' feet high and divided into two by specially cut gritstone blocks. The branches to be dried were supported on "fire bars" approximately 7 feet long, which rested on top of the side walls and the dividing blocks; their cross-section is roughly triangular and cut from gritstone. Two of the bars are still in position. There are several kilns in Padley Gorge. These are hollows, about 10 feet in diameter, surrounded by naturally-shaped blocks of gritstone. They are not easy to identify.

Alan Faulkner Taylor

### DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Local support group

It was early in 1992 that my wife, Ann, was registered as partially sighted, having developed Macular disease. She was visited by helpful people from the R.S.I.B. (as it then was), and the F & C.S. of the Sheffield City Council. We asked them if there were any support groups nearer than the R.S.I.B. at Mappin Street and were told that none existed.

So we went ahead, by personal contact through the Totley Probus Club, the Liason Lunch and the local church magazines, and set up such a group. On the 21st July 1998, it held its 53rd meeting.

Originally the group met for coffee, just to exchange ideas and information while it also allowed people who had problems with their sight to meet each other socially. But for the last two years we have had an invited speaker at two out of three meetings, who talk for about 30 minutes, which can be followed by questions. Also for the last year we have enjoyed outings and visits to places of interest, which we plan to continue.

Our meetings last just over the hour long and on the last occasion we had a quiz which proved successful - it is planned that this will be repeated. Therefore I think we can claim that we indulge in a fairly wide range of activity, to suit many tastes.

We meet in the third week of each month, on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, so that anyone who has a regular weekly commitment, can come to one or two of our meetings.

The group has no formal structure, but we do ask 50p from anyone who attends, to cover the tea or coffee and biscuits and correspondence to our approximately 25 members, who can of course be accompanied by their carers at our meetings.

Anyone with any visual problems in Totley and Dore or nearby, would be most welcome to come to any of our meetings. The actual dates are published in the diary column of this journal.

The group is now run by Pat and John Turner, 50 Wostenholm Road, S7 1LL. - Tel. 255 0758, and we continue to be grateful to Magdalene and Laurie Ryan at 4 Grove Road Totley for entertaining us in their house each month at 11am.

*David Caldwell (0114. 236 6894)*

## WORK Ltd

Travelling along Ringinglow Road from the top of Knowle Lane towards Ringinglow a sign advertising WORK Ltd can be seen on the right-hand side of the road almost opposite the Fire Station urging anyone to call 9.00 - 4.00 Monday to Friday and 10.00 - 3.00 on Sundays. W.O.R.K. is an abbreviation for Worthwhile Occupations & Recreational KRAFTS.

For several years, due to lack of facilities and funding, there has been a steady reduction in day care services for the 2,000 adults with learning disabilities currently on Sheffield's Case Register. Statutory day provision is provided for only 450 people. Most of this provision goes to the profoundly and multiply handicapped, leaving people with moderate learning disabilities with little or no provision. WORK LTD is trying to redress the balance by

providing high quality training and sheltered employment for the moderately disabled. We offer all our trainees choice, variety, responsibility and opportunities for integration.

Until the existence of WORK LTD the people using the facilities stayed at home with nothing to do. The boredom and frustration caused by being at home all day often placed extra strain on their parents and carers who already have to cope (mostly without support) with the stresses that caring for a learning disabled family member brings.

The project was founded in 1995 by Herbert Housley, a retired cutlery manufacturer, who recognised that people with learning disabilities have the potential to become valued employees, given the right environment and correct training. The ethos of WORK is that it concentrates on what people can do rather than what they cannot.

WORK LTD comprises a sheltered workshop, greenhouse and tea/sales shop. Currently it is staffed by two full time employees and volunteers. The project provides training and employment for 30 adults with moderate learning disabilities. Our trainees are given the opportunity to learn practical skills in woodwork, concrete, painting, horticulture, craft (decoupage, embroidery and floral design), assembly work

(cutlery, pens and mechanical pencils) and retail and catering skills.

The weekly cost of running WORK is about the same as keeping one inmate in a young persons' secure unit or four prisoners in Prison, approximately £2000 per week, most of this being raised by selling to the public from our tea/sales shop during our opening hours, by donations and by groups of people organising a raffle using our products as prizes or making us the beneficiary of fund raising efforts.

It is intended that the sheltered workshop will become entirely financially independent within a few years time and retail outlets for our products are being sought. Over the few months we have been open we have received positive support and encouragement from most of our customers who are agreeably surprised at the high quality and low prices of our product range and often return with friends.

Groups of people from clubs etc. are welcome to visit anytime but due to limited catering facilities are asked to telephone the Manager Geoff Sawle (0114) 262 0094 first, but individuals and small groups are welcome to visit at anytime.

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## Tales from Litterdale

A recent poll suggests that commuters would rather spend two hours in stationary traffic than even consider giving up their car and using public transport instead. The thought of sitting on the top deck of a bus, surrounded by smokers and old folk rabbiting on about the War, fills the average motorist with a nameless dread.

Never mind that another recent survey indicates that London traffic now moves at an average speed of just 12mph: a stately sort of progress that even the Hansom cab drivers of Victorian times would have considered dilatory. Never mind that we are slowly choking to death on our own exhaust fumes. Never mind that from now on until Domesday there will not be a single day when huge stretches of motorway are not partitioned off with traffic cones. No, our love affair with the fickle mistress that is the internal combustion engine shows no sign of waning.

It's good to know that the car manufacturers aren't wasting the millions they spend on advertising their sleek new models. Cars are now inextricably linked with power, virility and sex appeal. You don't have to be Desmond Morris to realise what a bright red Ferrari Testarossa represents in the phallogocentric mind of the average male driver.

Since most models look like they have just popped out of the same jelly mould, the adverts seem to say "to hell with boring facts and figures; since all cars look much the same, let's just indulge our most ludicrous fantasies." Cars in TV adverts negotiate fire, brimstone, whirlwinds and roads that turn into spitting cobras. Most bizarrely of all, they seem to be the only vehicle on that twisty mountain road. The characters in adland seem to live in a parallel universe. All except Papa and Nicole, whose ads don't seem to be promoting much except the Gallic delights of unbridled promiscuity.

Nowadays the siren voices of the advertisers are tempting us to buy one of those rugged 4x4 off-road jobs. These tough workhorses seem very popular down here in Litterdale, where a lot of motorists subscribe to the Scouts' motto: *Be Prepared*. They're prepared, at a moments notice, to gear down, leave the overcrowded roads behind, and tackle the roughest and most inhospitable terrain.... such as the speed bumps in Tesco's car park.

Owners of 4x4 vehicles can look down - quite literally - on other drivers, and enjoy the



*The golden age of transport. An early electric tram outside the Chantry Arms in Norton Woodseats. Picture loaned by Mrs Marjorie Shears.*

kudos of owning a vehicle with the aerodynamic qualities of a housebrick. Those intimidating 'bull-bars' on the front aren't merely decorative. OK, the chances of running into a bull - or being charged by a rhino - are pretty slim, even in Litterdale. But pedestrians can get aggressive, too. Especially if they've just been knocked over by a 4x4 driver who's preoccupied by taking a call on his car phone. And a little old lady, roused to anger, can do a lot of damage to expensive paintwork with a shopping trolley and a bone-handled umbrella.

Having done their damndest to make city life well-nigh intolerable, the car manufacturers are making life in the country equally unpleasant. So the ads for these outsize Tonka toys tend to show them perched on a mountain top, with a spectacular landscape as a mouth-watering backdrop. P T Barnum knew his stuff. "No-one ever went broke by underestimating the public's intelligence," he said, with the cynicism of the born salesman. And what these ads seem to be suggesting is that the countryside is just one big adventure playground for people (oh all right, *men*).

Every weekend they'll meet up in Litterdale with like-minded loons, with the aim of churning up as much of the countryside as possible in the course of an eventful afternoon. They'll transform ancient green lanes' into muddy morasses, for the simple reason that they're more fun that way.

To be fair there's a certain novelty value in seeing a 4x4 streaked with mud, instead of being filled with kiddy seats, green wellies and a week's worth of bagged-up supermarket shopping. It's just a shame that the cherished landscapes around Litterdale have to take the brunt of the off-roaders' warlike fantasies. Perhaps we could convert one of the limestone quarries into a real assault course for these off-road guys, with a few well-hidden land mines to improve their driving skills and keep their minds on the job. Just a thought...

**John Morrison**

*Ed. This article is an extract of one first published in Peak and Pennine magazine, to which John is a regular contributor.*

## Sewers

There have been a number of problems with the sewers along Abbeydale Road South and Baslow Road over the last year. There were particular problems on August 31st 1997 and in early June 1998. However, other incidents of residents troubled by flood and foul water have also been reported.

Local Councillor Colin Ross, recently held a meeting with Senior Managers of Yorkshire Water about the problem. The whole system has now been surveyed by camera as far down as Limb Brook. A number of blockages were identified and have been cleared. It appears that the sewer had not been cleaned out for 15 years and that these blockages, which included silt, builders rubble and bricks, had built up over this time. Yorkshire Water have assured Councillor Ross that they will check the system again, with a camera in six months time, and that the area has been given a high priority. This means that in future it will be checked and cleaned on a regular basis.

If this remedial work does not solve the problem, there will have to be major capital investment in the area. Residents who have any sort of problem should report it immediately to Yorkshire Water. This is important as funding priorities are partly decided by the number of customers affected and so Yorkshire Water need to know of every incident in our area, if we are to obtain major capital investment.

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## Book reviews

The walker in Derbyshire is well catered for, with a plethora of books covering everything from major hikes to teashop trails, all amply justified by the richness of scenery and variety of terrain available. Most of these publications are in pocket book format, but a significant addition is the *Peakland Walker* a colour magazine. Currently in its third edition (Summer 98) the 68 page magazine offers a refreshing blend of news, readers letters, features on wildlife and historical aspects, a calendar of events and most importantly walks a plenty. There are even pull out Pub Walk Guides - a refreshing idea. Price £2.25, *Peakland Walker* is available from newsagents or by subscription on 01480 496130. And don't worry, you can still get back issues to complete your pub walking set!

If you enjoy the writing style of the article by John Morrison in this issue, you will certainly enjoy his book *View from the Bridge*. Set in fictional Milltown, (drawing heavily on

John's home town of Hebden Bridge) it pulls together material published over 9 months in 1997 on a local web site, Milltown Web, aptly described as the town's own lay-by on the information super-highway. A thriving centre of industry in the past, Milltown is now home to an assorted collection of incomers, providing a rich cast of characters to draw on. Lightheartedly written, but often perceptively near to the truth, you will enjoy characters the like of Mrs Smallholder, Willow Woman and the Town Drunk, who inhabit a world which includes Spooner School and the Grievous Bodily Arms. Treat yourself to a copy of *View from the Bridge*, price £4.95, available from Pennine Pens on 01422 843724, or read the original and more on the internet... <http://www.hebdenbridge.co.uk>

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When dumping your bags of trash  
And how they might have been injured  
By cans and broken glass?

For it doesn't take much imagination  
To realise the fact  
That the animals of Bushey Wood  
Could have torn apart those bags.

And did you think of the children  
Who use this path to play,  
And dogs being walked by their owners  
On this 'Public Right of Way' ?

Our wood should be a place of beauty  
Not a local dumping site  
To save you a trip to the local tip  
By sneaking it there at night.

So, from the animals, public and children  
Who get pleasure from this path through trees  
A plea, not just for Lucy, but for others  
Don't dump your rubbish in Bushey Wood,  
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Anon.

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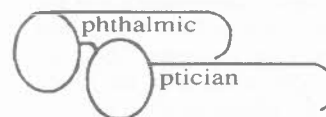
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## The Wildlife Garden

As cities inexorably slip towards becoming active 24 hours a day, many of us must be wondering what the increase in night-time traffic, noise and lighting will have on our lives. Working at night is of course not a modern concept, in our hospitals and factories, such practices have long been the norm. This could be to the advantage of farmers though, as recent research has shown that by ploughing at night, they can halt the germination of weed seeds which rely on light to trigger their growth. So for farmers, night-ploughing may become a more common occurrence, but will it ever be socially acceptable for gardeners to mow the lawn at three a.m.?

For us it might seem strange to think of gardening at night but for Japanese gardeners, moon-watching used to be one of the main pleasures derived from their gardens. Large plants would be strategically placed to cast interesting shadows and the garden design would try to maximise the effect of the moon's movement across the sky. But our gardeners aren't without interest at night.

For some of our native wildlife night is the time when they are most active, filling our gardens with intriguing sounds. The light from an obliging full-moon might enable us to make sense of the noises which reveal just how active the garden is in the dark.

Of all our nocturnal animals, bats probably have the worst reputation. Our views of these harmless animals (at least in this country) have been coloured by the plethora of Count Dracula movies, but even to the ancient Greeks they were seen as ominous. The Greeks couldn't have realised just how many insects are caught on the wing by these animals each night, and in actual fact should have celebrated their presence.

Although many of our nocturnal animals are probably used to the high levels of light that surround our houses, it is hard to imagine that many actually benefit directly. Owls might find it easier to catch mice in the long grass growing under supermarket flood-lights, and you could be forgiven for thinking that street lights must be attractive to moths which in turn provide food for bats.

However, this is probably not the case. Many of our street lights used to be lit by mercury vapour casting a bluish light over the streets. These did indeed draw moths, but today nearly all have been replaced by the more energy efficient yellow sodium vapour lights which have a spectrum unattractive to moths and so, no hawking bats. Instead, it is over streams and garden ponds that you are most likely to see bats at dusk.

On warm, wet nights earthworms can be found on lawns searching for vegetation to pull back into their burrows to store and digest, a process which mixes and aerates the soil. Unfortunately for them, as they appear at the surface they become easy meals for hedgehogs, shrews, badgers and foxes. If you insist on using an earthworm-killer on a lawn to control worm-casts you will not only have an effect on soil aeration, but will also be eliminating a vital food source for many of our garden animals. Similarly, many of the actions we carry out in the garden may seem to be innocuous, but to our wildlife they can be quite profound. Take for example mulching.

Although mulches are often used for conserving moisture and suppressing weed growth in the flower borders, a thick, extensive layer of stones or a plastic membrane may well restrict birds' access to worms and other soil-living organisms.

Not all of our garden's nocturnal visitors are so welcome and we have all seen slugs and snails in plague proportions this year. Part of the reason may be due to the low numbers of thrushes in our gardens, decimated almost certainly by poisoned snails. You don't have to go far to see the evidence. At a local plant-nursery the owners decided to stop using slug-pellets and like many of us faced an initial plague of snails. However, four families of thrushes using the thick hedges for nesting, virtually cleared away every one. The birds were so successful that each pair of birds reared two broods and one old thrush I was told, was so fat that it could hardly fly. In my own garden, the only place I had trouble with slugs and snails was in my cold-frames, the only site the garden hedgehog couldn't reach. It is such a pity that we can't all rely on hedgehogs and thrushes to clear away these pests.

As the days lengthen and hedgehogs are laying down fat supplies for their winter hibernation, many of us will feed them, supplementing their diet with foods such as dog meat specially formulated for puppies or even proprietary hedgehog food. Access to water is of equal importance but never give hedgehogs milk as this can give them diarrhoea. The whole idea of feeding wildlife in gardens has recently come into question. You may have read a report stating that it is a bad idea to feed birds as this leads to unnaturally large concentrations of birds and any diseases can rapidly spread amongst them. The aim of the wildlife gardener should be to provide our animals with an environment where they can obtain natural foods, but this is of course not always possible. The size of most modern gardens is often far too small to provide all the food requirements of any birds nesting there and neighbours' gardens may well be as sterile a place to these birds as a tarmac carpark. So, if you do supplement the birds' food you must be careful over hygiene and ensure that you never put out any mouldy food or allow seeds and peanuts to rot in their holders.

During the summer of 1987, some people who went into the countryside for picnics were reported to have contracted E-coli poisoning from grass infected by bird droppings. A similar source of infection, both for the gardener and birds, can be present in our gardens. If you put food on the ground try to ensure that you change the site where you place it frequently. Water pots, seed holders and bird tables should be regularly cleaned. You should also take care over your own health, use gloves and wash your hands after handling any of the feeders or after cleaning bird tables. It may also seem obvious, but if you have a peanut allergy don't even touch the nut-holder.

Small amounts of peanuts left in a feeder have proven to be lethal to sufferers.

The garden should be a place of enjoyment and with care we, our plants and the wildlife that share our gardens should thrive, both day and night.

## A grouse

Following comments in the Summer edition, regarding the attitude of the Fox House and Dore Moor Inns towards walkers, and your recommendation that they should visit The Grouse, at Froggatt Edge. I cannot believe that the brewery could be so short-sighted as to discourage walkers, but I heartily endorse The Grouse. It is perhaps not well known that the Fletchers, father George and son Mark, are from this area, albeit Totley. George and his late wife Doreen served behind the bar in the Devonshire Arms in Dore for a number of years, when Doug and Eva Frith were the landlord and lady. Mark and his wife Sally have carried out many improvements to the Grouse since they took over from George and always make everyone welcome. Their bar food is second to none in this area, and I hope they benefit from the present policy at the Fox.

Am't the inn signs at Fox House and Dore Moor dreadful! Children at Dore Infants could do better. Are they going to ruin the Hare and Hounds as they have the others, when work eventually starts? I understand the place will be shut for about 3 months, but confirmation of the dates is not forthcoming.

Is it really necessary for the Barlows tractor driver to travel at such speeds on Whitelaw Lane, especially when he is towing some farm implements or a trailer behind him? And in the village Percy and his guide dog have nearly been skittled by cyclists using the pavements as race tracks. Poor Chrissie was frightened and Percy nearly fell over.

On Sunday 24th May, at about 2pm an Osprey was observed flying over Newfield Crescent. Lets hope if it comes again, the sniper who shot the owls isn't about. By the way, is it necessary for the football supporters and players on the cricket field to use such bad language? A friend of mine had to take his grandchildren away from the swings because the language was so bad.

*Jean Dean*

*Jack Daw*

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## Planning

**The Old School.** Over the last year, several plans have been drawn up to maximize existing space and to extend and improve the Old School. Some of these were connected with a bid for the Heritage Fund of the Lottery. More detailed plans have now been on public view for more than a month at the School and the Church. Villagers have been very interested and grateful for the chance to discuss the proposals. Much time and effort (by the Trustees of the School and the architect, Roger Needham) has gone into consultation with the many community groups, and amendments made to accommodate their various requirements and reconcile contradictory views. Matching of materials and design has also been essential for a Listed building.

What you see now are the planning proposals that are also lodged at the Town Hall. Do have a look at these exciting and ambitious plans. If they come to fruition the extra Halls and Meeting Rooms will be a great asset to the whole community. You will also save yourself the frustration of the Planning Dept. where the plans are stapled together in such a way that you can't compare old and new elevations!

The proposals leave the front view unaltered. Wasted roof space is to be utilised, with a new staircase in much the same place as we oldies remember going up to the Headmaster's room.

Our notes on the proposals include the following:

Loss of light to one Hall; suggestion of a 4 foot walkway clear of parking lines at the front of the building; concern over removal of plank door and Parish boards and their resiting; storage room queries. The statement about the widened access to Savage Lane reads "to allow two cars to JUST pass" (my capitals). This provoked a paragraph of its own. Some earlier proposals are thankfully discarded, a side gate to Vicarage Lane, a front porch, glazing over the back walkway (now to be

slate) and the kitchen serving only one Hall.

**Abbeydale Hall.** No decision as yet, but the Conservation Advisory Group had a meeting on June 23rd recommend that consent be refused on the grounds that the poor and inappropriate pastiche style of design of the scheme would have an adverse effect. Also that consent be refused on the grounds that the proper car parking would mean a loss of land which would have an adverse effect on the setting of the Listed Building and the proposed alteration would destroy the character of the ground floor of the Listed Building. The Group felt that there should be a written agreement including a management plan for the Wildlife Garden.

**Deli Junction Restaurant.** Following our objections to the proposed front extension, it has been refused for the following reasons; - injurious to the character and appearance of the existing building'; injurious to the amenities of adjoining residential occupiers by virtue of its design and close proximity resulting in loss of privacy and potential for noise pollution'; development would increase the demand for car parking which will be likely to result in parking on adjacent land'; development would restrict access to a footpath making it less attractive and safe'.

**Peak Pharmacy.** This plan to form a first floor flat has been passed. We asked for assurances that no right of way for a vehicle was expected across the shop forecourts.

**7, Savage Lane.** Clarification was sought from Conservation Officers and Highway Officers concerning the new driveway and demolition of wall.

**175, Dore Road.** Several issues in our objection letter to a new access driveway - the safety of children emerging from the nearby footpath; the demolition of a high possibly 17th Century wall; and worries about future developments. This application has now been rejected.

**Clifford House development.** 2 separate developments are suggested here, 17 large detached houses on the lower plot and 10 townhouses on the Western corner. These are the ones which border onto Ecclesall Road South, however no access to that road can now be used following the Inspector's decision at the Enquiry, and the 200 metre line of trees will stay. The Whirlow Concern Residents Group have pointed out that 3 storey terrace houses are out of character with the area. We thought it made a refreshing change to have some mixed housing-always an official Sheffield policy but rarely seen in the South West of the City. When did you last see a bungalow, row of terrace houses, or even a semidetached house built in Dore?

**Tigers Ground.** Alterations and Extensions to Clubhouse and erection of Equipment Store. We noted that this almost doubles the size of the Clubhouse in the Green Belt.

**All Saints Church, Totley.** 3 separate applications have been submitted, all concerning Church land between the Church and the old Hallam University (Totley College) site. The first concerns a new Vicarage, the second 4 houses and 4 garages, and the 3rd 2 blocks of 3 storey flats (12 flats).

**Summer Lane/Baslow Road.** This proposal for terrace houses is recommended by planners despite 12 letters of objection. They felt it was in keeping with the Totley Conservation Area. One of the proposed conditions is that developers pay £3,730 for improving play

facilities at Green Oak Road in lieu of providing a play area at Summer Lane.

**Access Road.** The continuing saga about access to the housing estates to be built on the old Totley College site has been decided. The suggestion to route it through Hall Lane Farm would have meant that John Bramall would be involved in opening and closing the new gates 55,000 times a year. So in spite of its narrowness Totley Hall Lane will have to take the new traffic.

**Traffic Regulations.** Recently created bus lanes on Abbeydale Road South are now to be followed by parking restrictions. From the 13th July Meeting."That a Prohibition of Waiting at any Time be introduced on part of the South East side of Abbeydale South, from its junction with Abbey Lane to Limb Bridge. This proposal intends to reduce potential conflict between opposing traffic flows along the length of a recently introduced "to City bus lane."

*Gillian Farnsworth*

## Gala Day

Firstly I would like to thank the village for their support. This years Gala has proven to be the most financially successful ever. The day's takings were higher than previous years and as we had already taken the step of reducing our expenses, the net profit should prove to be a record.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the people who helped put the day together. You may not realise it, but there are around 200 people involved in setting up the field, running stalls, etc. These are mainly parents and leaders of the youth movements, together with a few stalwarts who appear every year because they enjoy it. Without these people the day would not happen.

I would like to join the rest of the village in expressing my disappointment at the untimely ending of the Gala. The reason for this has been reported in the local press. However, I would like to add that although there were a number of teenagers on the field suffering the effects of alcohol, the majority of them were well behaved. An incident between a small group of them left one girl in, what at the time, seemed like a serious condition. The police officer in charge took the decision to close down the gala. This decision was supported by myself. The young lady in question was in no fit condition to have fireworks going off around her. No decision has been made about the future of the gala evening, but I can assure you that the committee has a very positive view.

However, you need be disappointed no longer. We are going to have the fireworks display. We are planning to hold this on the evening of the Dore Show on 12th September. It will take place at around 8.30 on the Recreation Ground. Thanks to the generosity of the Chinese Fireworks Company, the display will be bigger and better than originally planned. Discussions are still in the early stages. We will be making a small charge for entry, with all proceeds going to the Recreation Ground Playground Appeal. We will also have hot food for sale.

Please look out for posters displayed in the village nearer the time giving full details. I hope we can have an evening of family fun.

*Alan Robinson*  
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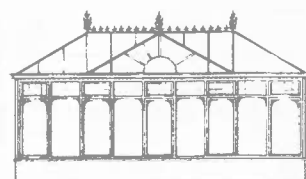
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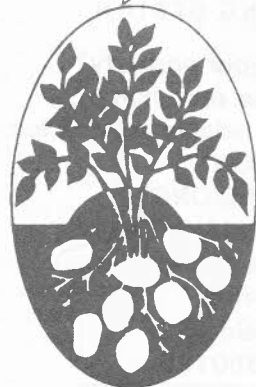
### AUGUST

- 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.
- 22 **Grindleford Show,** Bridge Field Grindleford, 2-4pm
- 23 **Annual Dog Fun Sunday,** PDSA Graves Park.
- 28-31 **Jubilee celebration Weekend** Leonard Cheshire Services, Saint Cross, Ridgeway See article or contact 236 7491 for details.
- 29 **Froggatt Show,** Stoke Lane Field, Froggatt 2-5.30pm
- 31 **Hope Sheepdog Trials & Show,** Castleton Road, Hope 7.30am-7.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **What Happened Next?** Talk by Dorothy Fleming for Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.
- 5-6 **Chatsworth Country Fair.**
- 5 **Moth Watch** on Blackamoor with Sorby Natural History Society. Meet 7pm map reference 283807
- 8 **Music Train** with Old Red Eye Band 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)
- 9 **Sheffield Family Holiday Fund** Talk by Mrs Monica Walker, for Dore(E)T.G. Old School 7.30pm. Visitors welcome 50p
- 12 **Art Exhibition and Demonstrations.** In aid of Friends of Family Service Unit, at The Barn, Avenue Farm, Old Hay Lane. 10am-4pm Admission £1.
- 12 **Dore Show.** Garden & domestic produce, photography, floral, childrens and art classes. Brass band and side shows. Old School & Methodist Church Halls. 2pm-4.30pm
- 12 **Open Day.** Dore Church bellringers. 4.45pm onwards. See article.
- 12 **Gala Firework Display.** Dore Scouts in aid of Playground appeal. Recreation Ground, Townhead Road. 8.30pm.
- 13 **North Lees Open Day.** 11am - 6pm Displays & refreshments Free park & ride bus from Hathersage Station See Hathersage Heritage article.
- 17 **Support Group** for Visually Impaired. Meeting at 4 Grove Road, 11am. 255 0758
- 19 **Jumble Sale.** Dore & Totley U.R.C. Totley Brook Road. Details 236 6294
- 19-26 **Age Concern Week.** See article.
- 21-25 **Walk to School Week.**
- 24 **Madhatter's Tea Party.** Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane, 2-4pm
- 25 **Quiz Night.** K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, 8pm. Tickets on door £1.50 - come in teams of 8 & bring own refreshments.
- 26 **Car Boot Sale.** K.E.S.A. Mercia site, King Egbert School 9am-12noon Ring 236 2556 for details.
- 26 **Nearly New Sale** - childrens clothing age 0-12yrs, nursery equipment & toys. Acorn Playgroup, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. 11am-1.30pm.
- 29 **Fashion Show.** Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45pm. Visitors welcome Tickets £2 from 236 5890

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### OCTOBER

- 3 **Abbeydale Festival.** Abbeydale Sports Park, 12pm-5 pm. See article
- 10 **Playground Fair.** Dore Church Hall, in support of Playground Action Group. Lego Building Competition, and side stalls. 9am - 1pm
- 10 **25th Reunion Party.** Past & present pupils & parents of Acorn Playgroup, United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road. 2-4pm
- 10 **Barn Dance** with Bash Street Band. K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, 8pm. Tickets £5 inc ploughmans supper. Details from 236 2556
- 14 **Glimpses of Chatsworth.** Talk by Mrs Judy Coggins, for Dore(E)T.G. Old School 7.30pm. Visitors welcome 50p
- 14 **AGM** K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, 7.30pm
- 17 **Pie & Pea Supper.** With live music. Transport 17 All Saint's Hall, Totley Hall Lane 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50 236 2962
- 20 **Support Group** for Visually Impaired. Meeting at 4 Grove Road, 11am. 255 0758

### NOVEMBER

- 3 **Eggsquisite.** Craft demonstration by Heather Vickers for Dore Ladies Group. Church Hall 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.
- 7 **Jumble Sale.** K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, Admission £2 from 11am-12noon; 20p from 2pm. Jumble collected - phone 236 2556
- 14 **8th Dore & Totley** competitive festival of music, King Egbert School. Details from 236 6212
- 14 **Annual Concert,** Dore Male Voice Choir at Firth Hall Details 281 6886
- 18 **Support Group** for Visually Impaired. Meeting at 4 Grove Road, 11am. 255 0758
- 20 **Golden Jubilee Banquet.** Leonard Cheshire Services Tickets from 236 7491
- 25-28 **Blythe Spirit.** T,O,A,D,S. Autumn production. St John's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets from 236 6891.
- 28 **Table Top Sale.** K.E.S.A. Wessex Hall, King Egbert School, 10am-1pm. Tables £5 booked via 236 2556

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