

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Millennium commemoration

Although the Dore Village Society is not itself planning any specific events for the turn of the year, we will be trying to encourage the coordination of any events organised by other groups within Dore. The contact point for this is Mary Watson on 236 5666.

There does however seem to be an increasing recognition that commemoration of the millennium should be marked by events throughout year 2000. The Society has already identified a number of initiatives it will take forwards namely:

- 1) Publication of a booklet on the streets and roads of Dore, including information on their history and the origin of names.
- 2) Participation in events coordinated by The Ramblers during September 2000 including a guided walk in the locality.
- 3) Publication of a revised edition of our local walks book in association with 2 above.

There may be other ideas for events or more permanent ways of commemoration. Modernising and extending the Old School and completing the new playground for example.

We know from our research that a number of public greens within the village have disappeared over the centuries along with other place names. It has been suggested that these might be revived or visually recorded. One way would be to install a series of plaques within the village, mostly free standing on stone blocks much like the Parish boundary stones. This might be expensive - but would constitute a permanent record to the history of the village.

Well Dressing

Once again well-dressers are checking their diaries to make sure they have no distractions in late June into July. They are also gazing at their gardens to see what might be in bloom for just the right shade of red for a dress, or searching the hedgerows for dry seed heads to outline lettering or create shadows. Or perhaps at last they feel they have found the perfect answer for the flesh tones of faces.

Last year it was eggshells.

In 1998 two young newcomers to well-dressing designed the picture, showing the Spirit of Water for the well on the green, and helped a great deal in making the dressing. They enjoyed learning a new skill. There are helpers of all ages who come to the Scout Hut for a few hours in the week and watch the picture unfold as they "prick out" the design or "petal" on the final day. If you are interested in helping phone Sarah Hackel on 236 4279 or Anne Slater on 236 6710.



The cottages opposite the Old School at the top of what used to be called Wilson Hill,

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting
7.30pm Thursday 27 May
Methodist Church Hall

Talk by Nick Silvani from the Strategic
Planning & Transportation Unit
& discussion of Dore Traffic & Transport
problems

Old School Project

The ambitious project to refurbish and extend the Old School for a new millennium has now received full planning and listed building consent. The trustees have £175,000 secured funding and are now aiming to close the final £100,000 gap.

A task force headed up by former Lord Mayor David Heslop, and including Chris Waddle, Julia Stout, Peter Slater and Stephen Hunter have thrown their weight behind the trustees. Help will be sought from local trusts, businesses and grant awarding bodies - but the major appeal will be to you and me - the people of this village! A firm has already donated the printing of a colour brochure for us - look out for it coming through your letter box!

Watch out for a Dore Village Dinner and events that user groups will be planning. The Old School is part of our history, with your help its facilities will play an even more significant part in its future.

*David Williams, Vicar of Dore
Trustee of Dore School and Charitable
Land Trust*

Playground Action Group

Fundraising events have been proceeding apace with a Children's Craft/Play morning, Easter Egg Hunt and a very successful auction at the Devonshire Arms in March.

Plans for the full playground have now been agreed with the Council and by the time you read this orders for the equipment should have been placed. These include replacement of the existing roundabout [no longer deemed safe], new swings, a see-saw, springers, seats, safety surfaces and fencing. A copy of the plans will be displayed on the recreation ground notice board. Hopefully the new equipment will be installed over the summer months. A Basket ball unit will also follow, to be sited just beyond the climbing tower as viewed from the car park. Dog loo baskets have been ordered by the Village Society to be installed at the two entrances to the ground.

The Recreation Ground is a real asset to the village and something we should all be proud of and enjoy using. Unfortunately vandals have recently attacked the new notice board and there is graffiti on the tower. It seems sad that this is the most imaginative activity some young people can think of.

Council Elections

The result of the local elections for Dore Ward on 6 May were:

John Berry	Conservative	1,754
Bob Earp	Labour	848
Keith-Hill	Lib Dem	3,773

INSIDE: Letters; Planning Issues; Millennium Bells; The Wildlife Garden; Farming notes; Book Reviews; Jean Recalls; News in Brief; Fossils in the Peak; and much more.....

Walking to School

With sponsorship from the Village Society, Dore Junior School will be inviting children and parents to take part in a four week "Walking Weeks" trial later this term. In recent years, the school has, with great success, taken part in the Walk to School Week in a programme organised locally by the City Council. This programme, which has grown year by year is also expanding nationally with greater numbers of schools taking part each year. Last year more than 2 million children took part in the Walk to School Week. It is now operated nationally by the Pedestrians Association and Travelwise, which is a body co-ordinating travel awareness, and linked to the Safe Routes to School initiative also run by the Association.

Whilst the Walk to School Week programme has been very effective in promoting awareness of the school travel position, its effect in making permanent changes yet appears to be modest. This view is supported by the traffic surveys undertaken during the 1997 Walk to School Week in Dore which showed that, while school traffic substantially reduced during the Week itself, it returned to normal levels almost immediately.

The Junior School is keen to undertake to an extended trial in order to find out what is needed to make longer term changes in Dore and reduce the problems of congestion, selfishness and, sometimes, ill temper which the are generated near the school entrances. Traffic volume surveys are again to be carried out and the school will be asking parents for their views on, amongst other things, the possible permanent measures needed to encourage reduced use of the car for school journeys.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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

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Gala Day

Well it will soon be Gala time again. Doesn't it come around quickly? The bunting will be going up in the village. There will be frenzied preparations being undertaken amongst the Scouts and Guides, and many other volunteers with bottle collecting, practising Maypole Dancing, preparing the Well Dressings, repairing and making side shows, selling raffle tickets etc. All this is done for the enjoyment of the village.

The main objective of the Gala is to combine a balance of family entertainment, for all ages, with the main fund raising event of the year for the local Scouts and Guides. Earlier this year, the Gala Committee looked at this objective to see whether it was being fulfilled and decided that it was not. It was particularly the evening portion that appeared to be the problem. We have found that families were disappearing at 5.00pm and, in the main, only returning for the fireworks display.

The evening being mainly for the teenagers who were not particularly well catered for. This year we are changing the formula slightly to try and improve things. There are also other reasons which led us to this decision, the main one being the inability to attract sufficient helpers in the evening.

This year Gala Day will run from 2.00 pm until 8.30pm continuously. We will be retaining all the popular arena events including the Dog of Dore, Tug of War, Fancy Dress, It's a Knockout etc. The finale will be a 1 hour Mediaeval Jousting Tournament, performed by the Escafeld Mediaeval Society. From what I have seen this promises to be very colourful and exciting. This will coincide with our ever popular sheep roast, making this a truly traditional end to the day. We will also be providing some fairly awesome, audience participation attractions, for the more adventurous amongst you. Full details of the programme will appear in the Gala Magazine which will be distributed shortly.

There will be no fireworks this year. This is mainly due to the increasing regulations governing the use of the class of fireworks we buy, together with the number of adverse comments received from some local residents. It also makes it a very late finish to a very long day for the organisers.

I hope you will enjoy the change in format.
Alan Robinson Gala Committee Chairman

Dore Show 1999

This years Dore Show will take place on Saturday 11 September - be sure to note the date in your diary. As usual there will be over 70 classes for you to enter for or come and see, ranging from vegetables to paintings. The full schedule will be available from Greens on Causeway Head Road shortly, but for those keen photographers wishing to plan ahead, the 3 photography classes, min 7" x 5" will be: Colour - Animal, vegetable or mineral; Colour - my holiday; and Black & White - Open.

The Show has become an established part of village life, largely thanks to the exhibitors and those who plan and run the event on the day. As always many hands make light work! If you would be interested in finding out more about organising the show or can offer a little help on the day please contact the Show Secretary on 236 9025.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 27 May in the Dore Methodist Church Hall.

After the traditionally very short formal business we will welcome Nick Silvani from the Strategic Planning & Transportation Unit of Sheffield City Council, who will talk about the programme for Sheffield's Transport Centre of Excellence. We will then throw the floor open for everyone to help identify what they see as the main traffic priorities within the village. Added to the results of our current questionnaire, these problem areas will be put to a new traffic forum for suggestions as to possible solutions.

Dore Gardens

Charity begins at home - in the garden!

Over the last few years the Dore Open Garden afternoon has given pleasure to gardeners and visitors alike. It's time to start planning for this year, Sunday 4th July, 2-6pm.

If you have a favourite charity and an interesting garden please contact Julie Bearpark on 236 9100 by May 23rd at the latest, sooner if possible, for details without commitment!

All sizes and types of garden are welcome. This event is only advertised within the village as part of Dore Festival.

Help for Elderly

South West Area Sitting Service is a small community based charity helping carers of the elderly through volunteer sitters. Volunteers sit with the elderly person for a morning/afternoon/evening a week to give their carer a much needed break.

This is a free service for carers, and is very much valued by those who use it.

They are always looking for caring people who have half a day to spare to help us. Volunteers are asked to sit for a maximum of three hours, keep the elderly person company, and make a drink or light meal. We offer training and pay volunteers all out of pocket expenses including taxi fares in the evening.

If you think you could help - please contact Joan Thew on 250 8194.

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Village Surgery

The Dore Village Society room in the Old School is open to visitors from 10am to 12 noon on the first Saturday in the month.

Members of the committee will be available to talk about any current issues of concern you may have about life within the village. These can then be fed back to our monthly committee meetings or taken up with the appropriate authorities on your behalf. We will also be happy to talk about the work of the society, provide access to the collection of local information we have assembled, or sign people up as members. Please come along and see us.

Transport of Delight?

As you may know, Sheffield was selected (bribed?) to act as the Centre of Excellence for a programme to develop measures for Integrated Transport. Whilst this might seem a bit vague, the programme will affect all us in Dore in one way or another. So, what's this all about?

Everybody must now be aware that road transport cannot continue to grow as it has done since the 60s. Not only does the increased use of fuel give rise to more carbon dioxide but also the sheer volume of vehicles on the roads results in severe congestion and growing pollution; the atmospheric conditions in the Tinsley area regularly exceed the limits for healthy living. We see our own problems in the village but we are a lot better off than many other areas. The Centre of Excellence programme correctly assumes that reducing the unnecessary use of the car is the key to

making improvements and its objectives are targeted at providing acceptable alternatives to entice us away from the car.

This means having clean, reliable and quick public transport running to the right places at the times that are needed. It's no good having buses delayed (as is now occurring in the village) so that connections are missed. For shorter journeys, walking and the use of cycles need to be encouraged but only if pedestrians and cyclists can be made to feel secure and safe.

As well as Sheffield, the Centre of Excellence programme covers areas of Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster and the Dearne Valley and consists of a number of measures selected on a priority basis ie. those which will have the greatest effect for the costs involved. Locally, we can expect a Quality Bus Corridor to be developed along Abbeydale Road where greater enforcement of the existing parking restrictions eg. at bus stops, should avoid some of the present delays to buses and other traffic. There are hopes also of getting more trains to stop at Dore to make journeys both to Sheffield and Manchester more convenient.

Improving the Journey to School is the title of one element of the programme. Widespread publicity has been given to this national problem. The Centre of Excellence's programme is likely to have little impact in Dore in the foreseeable future so we, perhaps, should be getting our own programme under way to deal with this before things get worse.

The Village Society has been asked to comment on the proposals and has done so. As well as making a number of detailed comments, it was suggested that the Centre of Excellence programme should not be

portrayed as "anti car" - which is what is happening now. The car has its uses for journeys that cannot be done conveniently by other means. But everybody, before setting out on a journey, should first consider which way to travel. On foot, by cycle or by public transport - if none of these are possible, use the car.

If you want to hear more about the Centre of Excellence programme and make your own comments on it, come to the next Open Meeting of the Village Society on Thursday 27th May where Nick Silvani from the City Council's Strategic Planning and Transportation Unit will give a presentation on the proposals. See the separate notice elsewhere for more details.

At the same meeting there will be an opportunity to air your views on other local transport matters including the present problem of delays in Devonshire Terrace Road.

News in Brief

A beginners course starts at Abbeydale Park Badminton Club on Sunday 5 September and runs for 6 weeks between 10am & 12noon. Contact Pauline Bannister for information on 236 5494.

Quarterly Antique Catalogue Auctions will be held at the ELR Saleroom, Shalesmoor every fortnight throughout the summer, starting at 10.30am on 21st May. Viewing the 2 days prior and on the morning of the sale from 8.30am - tel 281 6161 for details.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

I read with interest, the account of Dore in Anglo-Saxon times in the recent edition of Dore to Door.

I feel, looking out at the "paddy" field which is my garden, that a more appropriate and less fanciful meaning of the place name Dore is the one suggested in the "History of Dore", published in 1927 by B Hosier. It was suggested as deriving from the celtic "dwr" meaning "water".

Far less fanciful, don't you think, in view of the abundance of water which the place seems to have!.....especially my garden.

Stewart Dalton

Dear Sir,

What nonsense some people talk about fox hunting!

If Mrs Jennifer Pearce and her husband kept hens, they would soon shange their opinion.

When I kept poultry, I believed in allowing them free range in my field. (I can't bear to see hens kept in small pens, where they are unable to turn around, as is the case in large poultry farms these days.) Mrs Pierce should have seen, as I have, on more than one occasion, when I went across the field to feed my hens, every single bird lying dead on the field, with its head bitten off.

The foxes kill all they can lay hold of, for the simple pleasure of killing.

I suggest that Mr and Mrs Pierce stop encouraging these fierce killers, the foxes.

Sylvia Farnsworth (Mrs)

Dear Sir,

In the edition six months ago Jean Dean wrote about dead moles she had seen on the recreation ground. She stated that neither owls nor herring gulls will eat moles. I spoke with her on the phone and expressed my surprise about herring gulls - why herring gulls!? - to which she replied: that wasn't me - but the Editor!

I intended to write my comments for the following issue but I missed the deadline - only by a month! However better late than never!

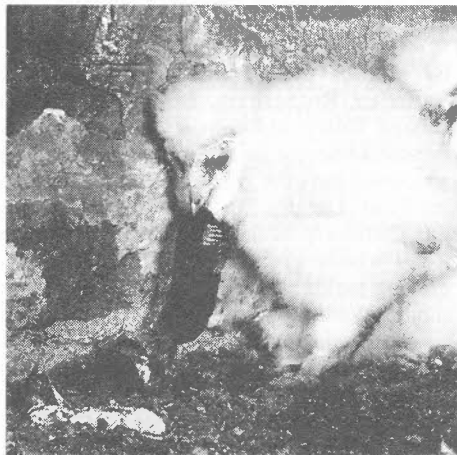
Yes, I agree that tawny owls will not eat moles because of all the photographs I have taken of tawnies at night by flash, at four different nests, mole has never been the prey.

However I have photographed barn owls at three different nests and moles make up a substantial part of their diet.

But what about herring gulls? It is extremely unlikely that a herring gull will ever be seen over Dore. The gulls we see in winter are blackheaded gulls. However in winter the bird loses its dark brown head (not black) and there is a dark patch behind the eye.

Alan Faulkner Taylor

Ed. The things I get blamed for!



A barn owl chick about to swallow a mole. (Photographed in 1952 in Rivelin Valley by Alan Faulkner Taylor)

Dear Sir

On reading your article about Dore Church School in the Spring edition of Dore to Door I was reminded of my happy days at the school. Mr Bone was the headmaster and lived opposite the school facing the Village Green. I attended the school from 1919 to 1928, my brother Stanley Shepherd was there from 1919 to 1923. Miss Dobbs was the infant teacher, Miss Hodkin, who lived opposite Totley Church School and Miss Bond from Dronfield being the other two teachers.

The older girls went to cookery classes at Totley School because Dore School did not have any ovens. Weird and wonderful were some of the concoctions we brought back up Old Hay Lane.

The girls had netball matches against the Totley girls and the boys had cricket and football matches. In the summer we had a party on the Reverend Ralph Gibsens lawn at the Vicarage, with Maypole dancing and a tea

of sandwiches and cakes.

My brother was in the church choir. Mr Arthur Farnsworth was the organist and choir master and he organised an annual trip to the coast, either Llandudno or Bridlington. On Shrove Tuesday there was a concert in the school with some of the children taking part, singing, dancing, reciting poems etc. After that event Lent was observed. When I left in 1928, Mr Speight was headmaster.

Our nearest doctor was Dr O'Conner Parsons who lived at No.2 Totley Brook Road, and the nearest chemist was at Totley Rise. When my teeth needed attention we had to go to the clinic at Chesterfield. This was an annual event and a day out. Our mothers went with us on the train, having walked down Dore Road to the station, returning the same way.

Those who passed the eleven plus exams went on to Dronfield Grammar School (now Henry Fanshawe School). Some of the children came a great distance to school, the Betts family from Abbey Lane, the Hancocks from Long Line, the Bishops from Dore Moor Inn, the Sharps from Limb Lane and the Stratfords from Rycroft Glen.

My family lived on Devonshire Terrace Road, opposite Johnny Stone's blacksmith's forge, now the site being occupied by the Co-op. In 1936 we left Dore to come to Totley.

Mrs Beatrice E Collison (nee Shepherd)

Dear Sir,

Thanks a lot for the Spring edition of Dore to Door. All very interesting and up to date. Thanks for the little mention I got re- age!

For your information, after I have read the magazine it goes on a journey to Devon. This lady Mrs Nancy Schofield loves to get it. She was born in Dore and lived there for many years, before she and her husband Jim retired to Devon. Sadly Jim died not long after arriving in Devon. Nancy was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Roebuck, a well-known family in Dore. Mr Roebuck was the local funeral director and his son Eric worked as a Decorator and Joiner and was very good. So you can understand that Nancy likes to get news of her old home.

Just one more bit of news. I like a little flutter at weekends, on the horses. A week ago a horse was running at Newmarket. Guess its name? "Door to Door" - So as a joke I backed it and guess what? It won at 8-1.

John Bustin

Ed. We always knew Dore to Door was a racing cert.

Dear Sir

Millenium project 'A History of Scouting in Dore.'

I have been asked by the group executive to consider editing a photographic record in booklet form to be available for purchase around Gala day 2000.

In my archives I have a reasonable selection of suitable photographs, but to cover the period 1936 to the present day will present a challenge. I therefore invite members of the Dore community to contribute any suitable material for inclusion.

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our present group (24.08.49.). Previously we were a church sponsored group, the 201st Christ Church Dore Scout Group.

With appreciation for any assistance you may be able to offer.

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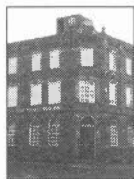
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Dear Sir,

My recollection of my first day at school - Dore School - in 1941 is very vivid. Clutching my ruler, pencil and rubber, I joined the throng of other five year olds in Miss Dobbs reception class.

I wished I could sit next to a little dark haired girl who was sitting at the opposite side of the huge room.

Alison Rothnie became my best friend - a friendship which lasted until adulthood. In recent years we have renewed contact and I wrote this poem (with apologies to Thomas Hood) to mark our 'Coming of Age' when we became Senior Citizens.

It would be good to hear from any of your readers who remember those halcyon days - gas mask inspection on Monday mornings, Ten Green Bottles sung in the air raid shelter in the playground, Miss Palmer's strict regime and that winter of 1947!

I visit Dore from time to time and have peeped through the windows of the old school. Those classrooms were huge when I was there! Yours, nostalgically

Marion Monks

To a school friend.

I remember, I remember
The village school in Dore;
And, though it seems like yesterday,
It's fifty years and more,
The classroom that Miss Dobbs taught in
And where we two first met,
The playground with the great old oak,
The tree is living yet.

I remember, I remember
The village church next door,
And standing there, across the lane,
The soldier man of war.

We wore our hats on holy days,
And were we ever taught
The history of the village green
And famous battle fought?

I remember, I remember
Where we were used to play,
And Furniss Avenue, the road
We walked up every day.
We dipped our toes into the tar
Until our feet were black,
Then wore our coats the wrong way round,
All buttoned up at the back.

I remember, I remember
The sun shone every day,
Fond memories of childhood
Will never pass away.
As we collect our pensions,
We know that life's still good,
So enjoy your 60th birthday
And be blown to Thomas Hood!

Hope Valley Partnership

Have you ever experienced that mounting sense of frustration when searching for a safe place to park prior to a walk in the Peak District? On a sunny weekend at any time of the year, driving in the normally peaceful Hope Valley is almost as bad as trying to get into Sheffield by car. Of course, there is an alternative - the Hope Valley rail line! There are stations at Grindleford, Hathersage,

Bamford, Hope, Edale, Chinley and beyond, and all local trains stop at Dore.

Timetable details plus information on local attractions and events can be found in the free 'Hope Valley Leisure Guide' published by the Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership (see below).

The Partnership has been set up by the Peak Park, Derbyshire County Council, First North Western and Railtrack as well as local businesses and community groups. The main aims of the Partnership are to increase patronage on the stopping service with a view to reducing the number of people driving into the environmentally-sensitive Peak District and to support local community and business ventures.

The Partnership organise a number of events such as Guided Walks and Folk Trains which are designed to introduce new rail users to the Peak District. Money has been raised from the European Union to support weekend bus shuttle services to the attractive village of Castleton and the caverns. Castleton often experiences the worst problems of congestion, but now there is a free bus shuttle from Edale station over Winnats Pass at weekends throughout the year - why not give it a try?

Community schemes include support for the Hope Valley Arts and Crafts Group who have produced a series of exhibits on a 'creative

walk' called 'Look Again' which follows an easy route from Hope to Castleton. The Partnership also lays on free bus shuttles to community events such as the Hope Show (August Bank Holiday Monday).

The Partnership is co-ordinated by a part-time Project Officer based at New Mills Town Hall.

Any comments and new ideas on how to promote the line are always gratefully received!

If you would like to send for a copy of the Leisure Guide or offer any suggestions for new initiatives, please contact Helen Attewell on (01663) 746377. If you want details of train times or ticket prices you can call the National Rail Enquiry line on (0345) 484950 (calls charged at a local rate)

STOP PRESS: Railtrack are planning to improve facilities at Dore Station through their Station Regeneration Programme this summer. Plus First North Western have a franchise commitment to install a telephone at each of their unstaffed stations by March 2000. An increase in the number of Manchester express services stopping at Dore may also be achieved as part of the Sheffield 'Centre for Excellence in Integrated Transport' proposals. We'll keep you informed of any new developments!

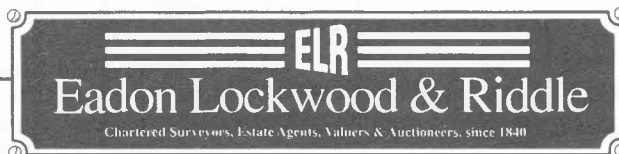


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Planning

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Erection of Offices (Class A2 Use - Financial and Professional Services) on same site.

These 2 proposals were linked and had some merit. The removal of an eyesore which frustratingly had been inconveniently closed for many years and the opening of an office rather than a retail shop.

However our objections covered size (3 storeys with a roof level of approx.8 metres) on a tiny ground area, design details such as Georgian bow windows, a possible unworkable footprint because the property does not include rights to driveway or frontage. Linked with the last point- the lack of provision for parking leading possibly to vehicles parking on the bad bend of the main road, particularly during construction. On a less serious note, the demolition order was filed under Listed Building! Until Hyde Park flats were Listed we thought we knew the criteria. Just in case it wasn't a typists error I therefore wrote a formal letter back enquiring if the urinals had a historic value unknown to the locals.

The application has now been withdrawn as it seems the developers were not prepared to alter the plans in line with planners suggestions and the property may go for sale again.

Nab Farm. Amended plans dated March 99 retain a feature missing from the first plan which we fought for, namely the outer stone staircase. A plea to retain some of the outbuildings and reduce car parking has resulted in a reduction to 8 parking spaces and a garage block constructed of recovered materials on the site of the central outbuilding with the sloping roofed bin store retained. The gateposts are still to be removed to give a 4100mm clear width. Archeological evaluation is one of the conditions of planning proposal, for recording and preservation purposes.

The structural survey makes interesting reading with 47 points measured. A maximum out of plumb dimension for a 450mm thick



New bridge over the Limb Brook in Ecclesall Wood. Its predecessor was the site of the editors recent limb breaking accident!

wall would be in the region of 75mm to maintain stability. But the north wall is in the region of 85-100mm out of plumb towards the west, with a maximum of 172mm.

Considerable out of line movement is taking place between the steel ties at first floor level tying north and south walls. The reason for hard hats and the conclusion that "the only practicable course of action is to demolish the existing structure and rebuild in a similar format" can be understood. See plans at our office.

As both these sites involve demolition and are in Dore Conservation Area this is a chance to make you aware, of a change in legislation from Autumn 1997 following an Appeal in the House of Lords.

A brief summary is "The partial demolition of a building in a Conservation Area no longer requires Conservation Area Consent (CAC). Only total demolition of a building (subject to criteria in para.28(1) of Circular 14/97) requires CAC. However, it is important to remember that substantial part demolition may, technically, amount to total demolition. This is an area of judgement and there will no doubt be future case law to assist." A worrying situation perhaps only decided after the event.

Banner. We are awaiting the outcome of an investigation into concern expressed by a number of residents over the temporary banner at 34-36 High Street which contravenes UDP measurements covering Conservation Areas.

Rifle Range Totley. This is now surplus to MOD requirements and it is a long time since the red flag flew. There will be a removal of the back stop bank which along with several dangerous ditches is to be filled in. The mantlet and firing pits are also to be removed and because of the possibility of contamination, all lead bullets are to be retrieved. The green huts will go but the car park, caretakers hut and others to stay for social activities and events for Army cadets. The area will remain Crown property and be used for training camps and outdoor activities.

Long Acres Newfield Lane. Increase of height of boundary wall by 1.2 metres. Although a 1998 proposal, further details were

required by the Planning Dept. This gave us a chance to comment. As the proposal went in as the site was cleared, one wonders if all the new neighbours (occupants of Knowle Green) been informed? The original wall was given retrospective permission and there are several inaccuracies and unclear measurements on the plans with material details not given.

Dore Delicatessen. Use of building for takeaway hot food Class A3 (Food and Drink). This proposal contained no alteration to existing opening hours and mentioned hot soup, hot sandwiches and hot drinks. Concerns has been expressed that the granting of an A3 use might mean that with the change of use automatically transferring on ownership at some future date, it might result in another takeaway premises with no further chance for public comment.

Missing Street Nameplates. On March 18th the Sheffield Gazette carried an article about £600,000 of City Spring clean with a blitz on litter, untidy grass verges and crumbling street furniture. To quote "Among the measures are the planned replacement of 300 missing or severely damaged street signs...." Surely that included my list growing longer every year? Not so. I was informed by Highways Coordination that the signs to be replaced would be such things as "halt", "give way" and "no entry".

Some users of Ashfurlong Road (still sign less), have asked that it be made one way to increase safety.

Conservatory Abbeydale Garden Centre. This is proposed on the hard standing and same footprint as the previous one, to be used as a sales office. The design is more ornate - a Victorian style of roof.

Midland Bank, Causeway Head Rd. Throughout Sheffield, HSBC are installing ramps for disabled access at their banks. There will be new power assisted wider doors and balustrades and handrails.

Outside the Automatic Till Machine is marked a 1500mm turning circle. The small wall will not be affected.

Whirlow Green. This is at the corner of Whirlowdale Road and Ecclesall Road South. Proposal for 12 houses and 12 detached

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garages. We were pleased to see that access to this development would not be from the main road, that the corner site trees and roadside trees are to stay and that the existing new pond is on the plan.

Whirlow Grange Conference Centre. The proposal is to build 28 houses on an L shaped piece of land both at the side (ex Sports field) and in front of the above Centre. Our objection letter mentioned the felling of some high category trees, the number of houses (23 were passed at the Oct.96 Committee meeting) position of 3 storey buildings close to the road and the Condition 11 concerning play provision absent from present plan. Prior to a decision of Planning Committee there is a public meeting at 7p.m. Wed.12th May at Whirlow Brook Hall on "Children's Play Provision in Whirlow"

Open Space provision. The UDP Policy H16 stated that housing sites larger than 1 hectare and/or of 25 or more houses, require a proportion (at least 10%) to be laid out as open space or an appropriate contribution be made to open space in the catchment area. We have benefitted in Dore recently from the latter (Yuill contributions to Dore Recreation Ground) but Whirlow with 3 large developments in the pipeline has no children's play areas. Perhaps realising past difficulties of persuading developers to take on this clause another document came out on 4th Jan.99 by SCC, which was discussed by Councillors and Consultees comprising 46 building firms and 4 other groups of a sporty or wildlife nature. No local Associations were represented or asked.

The latest Supplementary Planning Guidance does not have the same status as the UDP but seeks to change the 1 hectare to 4 hectares before provision need be made. A

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change of 400%. The whole document seems a climb down and a compromise, with a long section on "Making financial contributions towards recreation space provision in lieu of direct provision" with no hint of timescales. Derek Fry of the Whirlow Concerned Residents Group has shown that by comparing land values and profitability, the Winchester formula used for deciding money to the Council makes it already 10 times more advantageous for developers to opt for financial contributions rather than provide play space. On a lighter note did anyone else see the article about the Fairclough site where it was described as being a short walk away from Dore station and therefore ideal for commuters to Manchester!

Hopscoth Nursery, Furniss Avenue. Many of you will have seen the plans for this when they were on view at Dore Infants School or seen local press comment. All interested parties should write in soon. The developers hope to start work as soon as the neighbouring schools break up for the Summer holidays, enabling them to open at the beginning of the Autumn.

An early idea was to have the Nursery for under 5s between the existing Infant School and the Furniss Avenue houses. This has been superseded by a very different position-

between the Junior School Hall and the Infants playground. Plans show the several new lights placed along a new pathway and the playgrounds surrounded by chainlink fences of 1500mm minimum. The building itself is to be a prefabricated sectional type with a vermin proof barrier to the underbuilding. A flatfelted roof and externally textured paint (colour by agreement). Security fences are a sad aftermath of Dunblane with our children are caged like animals at the Zoo for their own protection.

There is a lengthy Statement of Intent supplied. The premises is hoping to operate 51 weeks of the year on a 5 day a week basis. Maximum opening times are to be between 7.30a.m. and 6.30 p.m. all based on a 35 place nursery unit. The provision of space is however for 50 occupants. This is so that out of school clubs could also use it. Ironic that the 11 year olds will have been out of school for 3 hours before the Nursery closes.

It was only to be expected that the long hours and presence in school holiday periods would arouse a reaction from both Furniss Avenue residents, local schools, and other childcare providers who felt that there was a lack of consultation. School Governors want Dore to be the first school in the city to link up with a commercial company. They also refer to the fact that the local infant school is soon to lose its "rising fives" class. The statement by Hopscoth mentions many of the concerns, traffic, access, signage, parking (limited to Staff only), lighting and security. Cycle parking facilities were an enlightened idea. "All alternative means of access to site being promoted rather than vehicular" Come back Mary Poppins and the flying umbrella!

Gillian Farnsworth

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Farming Notes

I remember wondering a few months ago what the next food scare was likely to be as BSE fades into the background. The Environmental Health people keep having a go at unpasteurised milk. There obviously must be more risk of bugs in untreated milk than treated, but the stuff is so clearly labelled, in particular having "raw milk" on the label which caused a lot of argument at the time, that any consumer is well aware of what they're getting. The number of people buying untreated milk is tiny, but whenever there's a tummy bug going around health officers have to be seen to be doing something so they have a campaign against green top. At the moment they're trying to stop it being used in cheeses. Any one who's used to milk straight from the cow, which includes all dairy farmers, knows what insipid stuff bottled milk is compared to the real thing.

We seem to be developing two different types of food scare. The EHO scare, and the general public scare.

An example of the EHO scare is beef on the bone. The Government, on the advice of its health officers, banned T bone steaks and immediately there was an uproar from the public demanding freedom of choice. Similarly there's no popular demand to ban green top milk providing it's properly labelled, which it is.

On the other hand the latest example of a general public scare is the genetically modified foods. In this case there is a natural reaction against having these foods foisted on us, but strangely the Government seems to be very tardy about legislating for clear labelling. It's fairly obvious that if a bunch of bananas had a big label on them saying "Genetically Modified" they wouldn't sell very well.

But that didn't stop them insisting that green top milk be labelled "Raw untreated milk" A suspicious minded person might think the fact that milk is produced by small farmers without any voting power, whereas GM foods come from big international companies with huge clout has something to do with it.

The farmers chief complaint is not so much the product itself, which is almost certainly perfectly safe and nutritious. It's the way powerful companies seem able to lean on governments to their advantage.

The one thing the small local farmer has over the big boys is that he can say to his customer "This is the field this grass was grown in which was fed to those cows over there and there's nothing added"

Right now there's another row going on over BST, Bovine Somatotrophin, which is a drug which when injected in to cows is claimed to increase milk yield by up to 25%. Farmers certainly don't want it, even if it is safe, as they could no longer say the milk was pure, but the pressure being applied by the manufacturer is enormous.

The same goes for the GM crops. Technically we can already produce all the food the world needs.

The only reason some peoples starve is because of political and economic factors. But if companies like Monsanto can get their developments up and running they stand to make a killing. The seed they produce would not be viable for a second generation, so a farmer couldn't save his own seed, it would



always have to be bought from the company, and the company would also supply the sprays needed to trigger germination. They could also insert a gene to produce stunted growth unless sprayed with another of their chemicals.

The Government argues that they aren't issuing any licences for commercial growing of these crops but they are allowing experimental production. That won't worry Monsanto too much as they're already growing a wide range of these crops overseas. In a recent letter from an ex Dore resident who now lives in Mexico, she describes how a friend of hers who is a large land owner rents out hundreds of acres to a famous American Company, as she puts it, and how she is regularly given all manner of wondrous fruit to try. Dwarf bananas, giant tomatoes and even seedless melons. She also says that recently a representative of the British Government was over there with a view to importing produce.

These companies may be global but Dore is watching.

Richard Farnsworth

A snowy day

As new local residents of three and half years, I want to say how much we enjoy the locality. I thought that others might like to share my tale of a rather fraught outing around the village.

We have four lovely grandsons aged five and under, two of whom live about four miles away. The two local boys, Nathaniel, 27 months and Samuel, 5 months, visit us once or twice a week. Our daughter-in-law Rachel, teaches three days a week and appreciates us looking after them whilst she does preparation etc.

Thus it was, one Tuesday afternoon in April, that I needed to settle a tired Sam. I decided a push out in the buggy would do the trick. The sun was shining, so wrapped up warm against the cold wind, and with a plastic bag of magazines for the waiting room at the doctors surgery, we set off with Nat walking alongside. In my pocket was the secret bag of chocolate drops that I suspect most Granny and Grandads feel are essential to such an outing.

No sooner had we reached the top of the Close and turned the corner, than it started to snow. I thought it wouldn't last long, so we carried on. Eventually I lifted Nat into the front seat of the double buggy and covered them both up with the transparent cover (wonderful invention!). As we passed the church I peered inside the buggy. Sure enough Sam was fast asleep.

At this point I recalled that somewhere off the village green there should be a footpath through to Dore Road and there it was. It was a bit tricky for a double buggy, but a quick shimmy and we were on the track. The falling snow was beautiful as it drifted overhead with the hedge giving us protection. I was soon awoken from my reverie however, when I realised that there was a sudden drop of two deep steps to negotiate!

I decided to try the manoeuvre without disturbing the children, by going round to the front and sort of bumping down the steps. Sam didn't even wake up. However, our difficulties were not yet over. Now there were wheely bins blocking the pavement, forcing us on to the road. On reaching the surgery, I dived into the waiting room and left the magazines. Mission accomplished, I felt so pleased I gave Nat a few chocolate drops and we were now homeward bound.

At this point I liked the idea of a round trip. So we left the surgery by the back gate and turned right on to the footpath to Vicarage Lane. That didn't work. I couldn't get the buggy through the kissing gate. So back we went past the surgery and the allotments to emerge at the other end.

Here a tractor was digging and manoeuvring. This enthralled Nat for a good five minutes. We then made our way to the top of Busheywood Road to find more tractors at the building site. Here we had great difficulty mounting the pavement and then the steps on to the footpath through the school grounds.

By the time I got home I was soaked to the skin and a bit tired but very heartened to be greeted with a cup of tea. My husband and daughter - in - law told me that they had been out searching for us, but as they hadn't remembered where I had said I was going they had been looking in all the wrong places!

If anyone reading this can influence footpath and pavement construction, please put in a word for the plight of pram and wheelchair pushers.

Mrs Anne Smith

Whirlow Hall Farm

Even in our special birthday year - Whirlow Hall Farm celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year - life carries on regardless down on the farm. Spring is signaled by the arrival of new life rather than a change in the weather! Over 350 lambs were born during March & April making it a very hectic time for the farmer and his workers. Many visitors were lucky enough to see a live birth, always a very special experience, especially for young children. Some visitors were particularly honoured with the timely arrival of "Clotty" our new heifer, born to a very proud charolais cow called "Cream"!

A new welfare-friendly pig unit is to open at the farm in the summer, complete with pig operated showers to keep the animals cool in hot weather. There will also be scratching posts and chains for pigs and piglets to play with. With careful planning by the farmer visitors will be hopefully be able to see piglets 52 weeks a year. They will also be able to see some of the most up-to-date techniques for commercial welfare-friendly pig production.

Fundraising efforts at the farm got off to a good start in March with a Dinner Dance at Baldwins Omega attended by 270 people and raising just over £6,800.

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- BRIE**
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Water saving Programme

Yorkshire Water (YW) were as good as their word regarding the last stage of the water saving programme - well, almost. With assistance from the Village Society, they did distribute the questionnaires and have subsequently analysed the responses. However they failed to provide comparative information on water consumption in Dore and nationally. Pressure of work, they say.

Last August, 2608 households in Dore received the water conservation packs complete with a Hippo. In February, 446 (17%) of these households were given questionnaires and 83 of these were completed and returned to YW. They say the normal response rate is about 10% so we did rather better than that with over 18%. That was good.

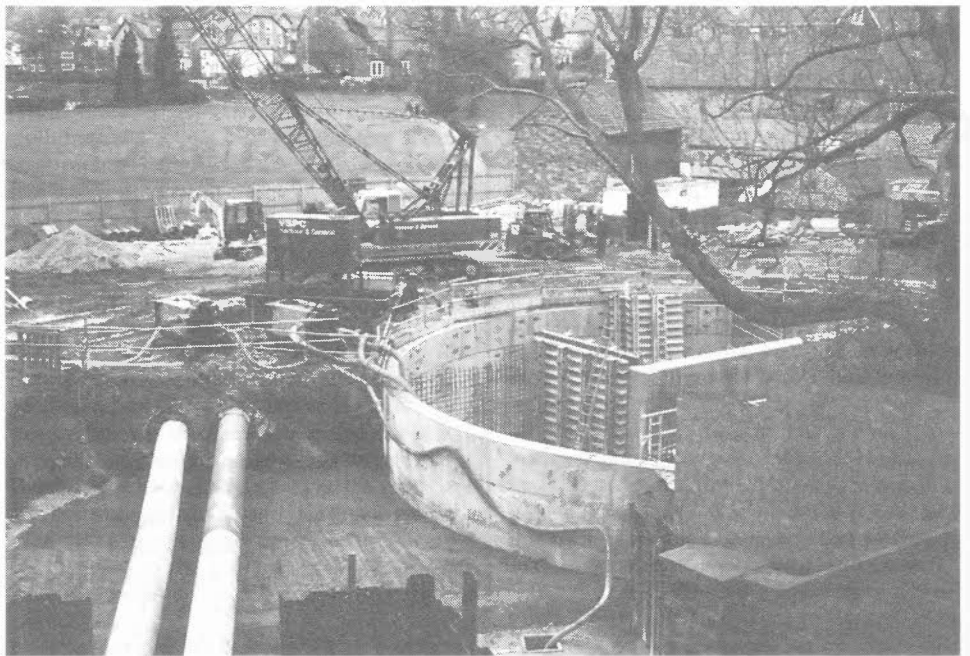
70% of the people sending back the questionnaires thought that the water saving packs was either good or very good and only 2% thought it was poor. Over half of the respondents fitted the Hippos but over 10% had to remove them later because of the need for double flushing. So, the Hippo is not bad but doesn't always help. Clearly, something better is needed to limit the water wasted by excessive flushing. A retrofit device, which can deliver a selectable flush volume, is to be tried shortly but, costing more than £20, it may not be economic to fit.

Back to the questionnaire findings. Over 55% of respondents would be happy to pay more for water efficient domestic appliances. YW say that these appliances, whilst costing more initially, are usually more reliable and might be expected to last longer. If they are right, you may pay no more in the long run. That's also good news.

Now the bad news, 56% of respondents use hosepipes - either for car washing or the garden.

Some even admitted to using sprinklers. Now, come on, folks, cars can be washed without using a hose and gardens in this area can manage quite nicely on their own. Does it really matter if your lawn is not greener than next door's?

A number of respondents wanted more information on water butts. Those who have received their water bills recently will have seen the leaflet on YW's special offer on water butts and other products - all at subsidised



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Many people commented on the need to repair water leaks quickly and two leaks were reported but, when investigated by YW, were no longer there. For those unfamiliar with local geology, Dore has many springs and underground water courses which do not normally appear on the surface. After periods of wet weather, water does come to the surface for some days and may appear to be a "leak". These normally disappear after a few days. True leaks stay until mended.

YW Leakline number is 0800 573553.

As you will be aware, nothing was done during the water conservation programme to try out new water tariffs which would not only focus greater attention on water consumption but would also reward those who used less. YW have looked at different tariffs but have not yet found anything which can be introduced and are waiting to see what happens nationally.

Incidentally, if there are people in Dore who do not yet have water meters, try ringing the YW Helpline on 0845 1242424. You may find that it would be better to have one.

Rather strangely, two respondents to the

questionnaire suggested that more new reservoirs should be built to meet growing water demand! Now, the whole point of water conservation is to Really!

Overall, YW are really rather pleased with the outcome of the Dore programme even though the water savings cannot be quantified because of the leak reduction programme that took place on their distribution pipework. They may come back for a further stage in the programme in future. Many thanks to everybody who returned the questionnaires and also to those who fitted the Hippos satisfactorily and have done something to reduce consumption. Now, about those hosepipes, couldn't you just.....

Clean up time!

The planned introduction in Dore Recreation ground of dog bins is to be welcomed.

In recent years there has been increased public awareness of the risks associated with Toxocara (roundworms) the eggs of which may be present in dog's faeces. Sadly these risks have been overstated by inflated horror stories in the media. This has resulted in much anti-dog feeling.

The truth is that when Toxocara eggs are first passed, they are not infective. They take about two weeks to become so. Hence if faeces are cleaned up promptly, the eggs will not be a danger. This also means that we are not in danger of picking up infective eggs from petting or stroking dogs.

These eggs however, are survivors. They have thick sticky shells that enable them to remain infective in the soil for two to four years after the the faeces have disappeared! It is these eggs that are a public health hazard. There is a public health risk from Toxocara, but it is a small one, and in any case, dog faeces are extremely unpleasant to see lying around, not to mention a nuisance. Therefore it is essential that dog owners do clean up after their dogs. (And keep them regularly wormed). Hopefully then, with the arrival of the 'doggy bins' in the rec, everybody, including the dogs, will be able to enjoy the area.



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Customs of Marriage and Married Life

(Continued from our last issue)

The use of orange blossom and rice have oriental origins whilst confetti has replaced a number of missiles. Two favourites at Peakland nuptials, both seen in the present century and intended to bring success with produce of the soil, were horse beans (broad beans) and clods of earth.

Blessing the couple with the latter was referred to at Castleton, Stoney Middleton and elsewhere as 'sod-throwing'. The symbolism of nuts is obvious - 'Plenty of nuts plenty of cradles'. Also associated with fertility was the throwing of corn and the Tudor custom of providing the bride with a garland made from ears of corn.

Brides have worn fresh flowers since at least the Roman times and we still uphold the tradition of throwing the bridal bouquet to unmarried friends and bridesmaids in the belief that whoever catches it will be the next to marry. In earlier times the bride's flowers were shared amongst guests to be worn as 'favours' at the wedding feast. In the 17th century, 'True Lovers Knots', made of ribbon were sometimes stitched onto wedding gowns to be snatched off as 'bride favours' by young men immediately after the ceremony. The motif is still popular for wedding cakes and stationery while the modern man wears a floral buttonhole.

Referring back to Leonard Wheatcroft, his own wedding in 1657 was marked by a popular custom in which the young men of the village snatched the bride's garters to wear in their hats for the rest of the day. She was divested of the garters while still in Church but in fact it was usual to bedeck the bride with ribbons for the purpose so as to keep her modesty intact.

Roping out. Into quite recent times, the custom of 'roping out' was widely observed in the Peak, whereby the path of the newly-weds was barred until a toll was paid by the bridegroom. This was taken to symbolise the passage from one stage of life to another.

The tradition came to a sudden end at Ashford when in May 1905 three local men were taken to court after the vicar objected to them barring the footpath with a rope and demanding money from the bridal party. Many villages agreed that the practice had become a nuisance and the three men were each fined a shilling upon giving assurances that they would not do it again.

The custom continued at Hope until at least 1923, with a rope strung across the church door, and for a further thirty years or more at Tideswell, where a rope was held across the road in front of the bridal car. At Youlgreave the rope was taken from the Fountain railings across the road for the Co-op staff to hold. At Bradwell the church or chapel gates were fastened during the ceremony and it is said that the ransom was usually spent at the nearest pub.

A couple married at Rowsley in the 1960's remember being 'roped out', while Beeley children still tie up the church gates if they get to hear about one of the few weddings which take place in the village. The new bride and groom are released in return for sweets or a small sum of money.

The church gates at Earl Sterndale are still

fastened up once in a while, but one bridegroom chose to lift his bride over rather than pay out a bob or two. A few Peakland villages used to observe the ceremony of showing the married couple' in which the bridal party rode round the village, paying small tolls to have several ropes removed from their path en-route.

A colourful ritual called 'Winton' was confined to the Staffordshire border of the Peak and began on the morning of the wedding when a long bare pole topped with briar twigs was carried around the village. The couple's friends gave ribbons to decorate the pole, its bearer and his horse, ready for the duty of escorting the newlyweds back to their home, where a cask of ale was provided by the groom.

Primitive feelings. A rare reference to another rural custom is dealt with discreetly in *Peakland Humours* by William Platt (1926). This took place after the homecoming of a bride and groom when 'The strapping, powerful, hoydenish village lasses assembled outside the house, accompanied by the lads, and primitive feelings began to assert themselves in bursts of laughter and elemental jocularity'.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, similar scenes took place around the marriage bed where all young people gathered to play 'Flinging the Stocking'. The youths were given the bride's stockings and the girls took the bridegroom's, then each in turn sat at the foot of the bed and tried to throw a stocking over one of the couple. Whoever could drape a stocking over its owner could expect to be married soon.

Thus, following a wedding at Sheldon in January 1753, the newly-married couple... were at length put to bed, to the side of which that well-polished and civilised company were admitted; the stocking was thrown, the posset drank, and the whole concluded with all decorum, decency, and order imaginable'. It needs to be mentioned that the bride was an 80-year old widow and the groom was only about 14! A postscript to the inexplicable match adds that the bride was dead and buried before the month was out.

Often the whole village joined in an evening

of merrymaking after a wedding. In 1772 it got out of hand at Youlgreave when the Roper, Lomas, Oldfield and Wragg families began fighting in the street and the parish constable had to send for a magistrate to read the Riot Act. Nothing seems to have marred the Wedding celebrations of Mr T. Watts of the Leopard Inn, Darley Dale, and Miss Jenny Taylor of Wensley in February 1798. Nearly four hundred people were wined, dined and entertained with two bull-baitings and a ball.

We have no explanation for the curious wedding which took place in Stoney Middleton on Christmas Day 1853, but it may have not been unique. Donkeys were fetched from the mines from miles around and dressed up with straw saddles, mingling with the crowd of onlookers which accompanied the bridal party to the church. After the ceremony the couple were escorted to their new home and the donkeys were returned to their working quarters.

Stoney Middleton is known to have been one the villages where Clay Daubin' took place, when friends of a newly-married couple gathered together to build them a simple home. Maybe with only one room, or possibly two, the cottage was usually completed in just one day and still left time for an evening of merrymaking.

All in all, a Peakland wedding was clearly a day to remember, so for anyone planning a traditional touch for their special day, how about reviving sod throwing, garter snatching, roping out, stocking flinging or clay daubin' - or perhaps even a donkey wedding?

Julie Bunting

Planning Applications

Monitoring and responding to local planning applications is one of the key activities of the Dore Village Society. It can be very interesting, but it does take time and is better shared between a number of people. If you are interested in the planning process and would like to find out more, with a view to possibly being involved, please ring Gillian Farnsworth on 235 0609.

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The Wildlife Garden

I think I have found the ultimate deterrent to keep the seemingly endless procession of hawkers, double-glazing salesmen and those with more nefarious intents from my front door. Never mind pictures of Dobermans with 'I live here' in large blood-red letters or automatic security lights so blinding that they would put any anti-aircraft searchlight to shame; I have bees. Mining bees to be precise.

Each year they make their nests in the crumbling pointing between the house bricks or in holes in the brick window sill, next to my front door. They have even tried to make their nests in the holes of the handles of my wheelie-bin', although I have to admit, I do discourage them from these potential housing plots. The nests are simple affairs packed with food for a single developing bee and a plug of mud sealing up the hole. It can't be much of a life though, entombed behind a baked mud wall for most of the year; something akin to what a pious monk might have done in Medieval times.

In late spring, the bees emerge in a flurry of dried mud and spend a few frantic weeks preparing the nest site and gathering food ready to repeat the process once more. But it is the cloud of females toing and froing between flowers and their nests that must be somewhat off-putting to any one hanging around my front door. The bees of course are not really interested in antagonising anybody and have never caused me any problems.

Gardens can also provide nesting sites for other species of bee, but this depends on the gardener leaving an undisturbed corner of the garden for them. Old mouse holes, rough grass

and hollow reeds may all be colonised by bumblebees or solitary bees. Although not often found naturally in our district (except where builders are at work), sandy soil will be happily colonised by miner bees. If you find neat semi-circular pieces cut from your plant leaves, leaf-cutter bees may be at work, using these fragments to line their nests. In the case of carder bees they use hairy leaved plants, such as lamb's succory, removing or 'carding' the hairs from these to construct their nests.

Bees will of course also visit gardens to obtain food. Plants attract bees to them in a number of ways, the best plants (the so-called bee plants') have flowers which provide nectar and/or pollen, or as in the best bee plants, copious amounts of both. Bees' eyes are sensitive to three colours, blue, green and ultra-violet. They tend to see most other colours the same as we do, but are red colour-blind. Bees are most attracted to blue and purple flowers and generally avoid red ones as they appear black to them. However, red and other coloured flowers may reflect ultra-violet light or may rely on nectar lines to lure the bees. These lines consist of dots or lines which radiate from the edges of the flower to the centre, so guiding the bee to the nectar or pollen. In some plants, such as the foxgloves and hardy-geraniums, these are obvious, but in others, they may only be visible in ultra-violet light.

Scent is also used, mainly for the bee to recognise particular flowers on subsequent visits. This is important as many flowers will only provide nectar and pollen in large amounts for a few days.

Because of this, it is best to grow plants which flower at the same time together in groups.

Bees prefer to visit plants growing in the sun. A consequence of this is that the fruit set of an apple tree will be heaviest on its sunny side.

Many of our wild flowers are important bee plants, although I can't imagine many gardeners enthusing over dandelions and rosebay willow herbs. Indeed, bees are so enthusiastic over these plants that if dandelions are growing under fruit trees, they may well ignore the fruit blossom entirely and concentrate on the weeds. Most experts consider fruit trees and bushes including apples, pears, cherries, blackberries, blackcurrants, redcurrants and gooseberries to be some of the best bee plants frequently found growing in gardens.

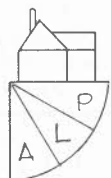
Trees such as willows, sycamores and limes are also important. One lime alone will provide a honey bee colony with enough food for an entire season. Indeed, the wonderful lime trees growing along Chatsworth Road are alive with the buzzing of bees throughout the summer months.

Bees also require water and some will actively collect it to take it back to their nests. So, if you have a steep-sided water dish in your garden for the birds, make sure that there is something like a small stick in it to help any drowning creature escape.

With one third of our native bee species listed in the *Red Data Book* as endangered, anything we can do to help these creatures in our gardens survive makes not only environmental sense, but ultimately helps our own survival. Remember the next time you reach for your honey jar at the breakfast table, it has been estimated that it takes honey bees up to 1 million journeys to and from flowers to make just one pound of honey. *Jack Daw*

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650 years old

Well dressing is only found in or around Derbyshire and is believed to celebrate its 650th anniversary this year.

Its history is something of a mystery and may date back to the Celts - or perhaps even earlier.

Early Christians saw it as water worship - and put a stop to it, but the tradition refused to die. It is said Tissington revived well dressing 650 years ago, after the village escaped an outbreak of the Black Death that wiped out huge numbers of people throughout Britain. Barlow claims to have started dressing wells in Elizabethan times but many places, including Youlgreave and Tideswell, began 'tap dressing' when piped water first became available. Other villages, such as Dore and Holmesfield, have adopted the tradition far more recently.

So what exactly is well dressing? At its simplest, it's the art of decorating springs and wells with pictures made from growing things. But this doesn't explain how well dressers make such intricate and detailed pictures using only what nature provides.

It all starts with wooden boards - up to 6 feet high and 4 feet wide, and over an inch deep.

Sometimes as many as six separate boards of different sizes and shapes are used in one tableau.

Each board is soaked with water then filled with soft, wet clay.

Next a design, usually drawn full size on thin paper is laid on the clay and the pattern market through - then the hard work begins. Once the outline is finished the picture is

'coloured in' using individual petals, or whole flower heads. Not only flowers are used, with leaves, bark, fruit etc all called into action to provide the right colour and texture.

Whatever method and materials are used, a well dressing can take up to 7 days of work, by a whole team of people, to finish. The finished article is then put on display usually with some ceremony and it will last about a week before the clay dries and the flowers fade. Then it's taken down and the boards stored away - until next year. Although some villages carry out their work in secret, others invite people to the wells. This really is the best way to find out how a well dressing is made and watching you'll be amazed at just how much slow and painstaking work goes into the process.

Well Dressing Diary

May	
15-17	Etwall
29-4	Middleton by Youlgrave
29-4	Wirksworth
29-5	Monyash
29-6	Ashford in the Water
June	
5-13	Cressbrook
13-20	Penistone
19-24	Youlgreave
19-26	Chelmorton
19-26	Tideswell & Litton
25-30	Old Whittington
26-2	Rowsley
26-3	Hope
26-5	Bakewell
July	
3-7	Coal Aston

3-10	Hathersage & Baslow
4-11	Dore
5-11	Harthill
10-17	Bamford
14-21	Buxton
15-22	Pilsley
16-22	Dronfield Woodhouse
16-25	Millthorpe/Holmsfield & Cutthorpe
17-21	Cowley Mission
17-24	Great & Little Longstone
24-2	Stoney Middleton
31-9	Bradwell

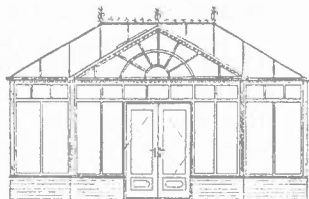
August	
11-18	Barlow
12-14	Great Hucklow
21-28	Taddington
26-3	Holymoorside
28-4	Eyam
28-5	Foolow & Wormhill

September	
4-12	Wardlow
5-12	Longnor
11-18	Chesterfield
11-18	Hartington

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One such site is what are now derelict building on your right as you reach the top of the Limb Valley having walked up from Whirlow Brook Park towards Ringinglow. This was the Barberfields Copperas Works which began work about 1815 on land owned by the Duke of Devonshire and tenanted by Josiah Claughton. There is still evidence of mine workings in on the northern side of the stream, from which came the dross-poor grade coal containing a high proportion of iron Pyrites or 'fools gold'.

The dross was laid out in beds with bases of stone slabs and exposed to the elements. This allowed for the slow oxidation of the pyrites to form ferrous sulphate, and the leaching out by rainfall to form sulphuric acid. The resulting liquid was transferred to a cistern and heated for several days with scrap iron. The resultant concentrated solution of ferrous sulphate or copperas was placed in glass carboys or lead containers for transfer from the site. Alternatively ferrous sulphate crystals could be removed from the solution and drained and dried.

Copperas was used by dyers as a mordant for fixing black or dark dyes. Claughton also had contracts with the leather industry and it is likely that his product was used in the tanning process.

A book produced in 1831 states that "the killing scent of this manufacture is visible in its effects all around" (Walks in the Neighbourhood of Sheffield Yorkshire 1830/31).

By 1871 the building was inhabited by a farmer, Henry Lee, the local supply of Pyrites having apparently come to an end. The main



The derelict site of the Barberfields Copperas house just below Ringinglow.

building of the Copperas works was used as a farmhouse until the 1920's when it was (perhaps appropriately) destroyed by a thunderbolt. Since then it has fallen into decline, the roof having fallen in and some features being obscured by nettles. With care it is possible to discover the vat behind the building with its vaulted roof and behind these the outline of the open tanks.

Millennium Bells

At noon on January 1st 2000, church bells in Britain are supposed to ring for five minutes to celebrate the first day of the new century. The Millennium Commission has made grants totalling £3 million to help achieve this. Churches are buying new bells, new ringing frames are being installed and old machinery greased.

The only thing is, that although there are about 32,000 bell-ringers today, 10,000 more are needed to man all the 5,200 sets.

Around the country many bells have not been rung for years due to a lack of ringers. Often because the usual ringer died, someone moved away, or the area became a dormitory town where people no longer knew their neighbours and joined in community activities. It is said that bell-ringers keep themselves to themselves and that the tradition gets passed down in families, grandfather to father to son. In fact bell-ringing is a team activity suitable for anyone from the age of eleven upwards who has a sense of rhythm. It takes two to three months to learn to handle a bell, which means anyone can join in this traditional part of village life.

The most basic form of bell-ringing, a chime, is when with the mouth downwards, the rope is pulled a short distance, then held so the bell swings against the clapper. Change-ringing involves a set of at least five bells. It only became possible with the development of the full-circle wheel, which allows a bell to be swung through 360 degrees, first one way, then the other, producing a huge sound.

A peal consists of at least 5,000 sequences, called changes, and lasts on average three hours without break or repetition. The same

sequences, just fewer of them, are rung in a touch. Usually performed on Sundays, a touch can last from two minutes to an hour.

Church bells first tolled in the 5th century. It was only later that towers were introduced in order to spread the sound further and to summon people from distant fields. Change-ringing was introduced in the late 17th century and has always been most popular in England where there are 5,000 churches with belfries in which change-ringing can be practiced; in Scotland and Wales there are fewer than 200; and in the rest of the world under 100.

In its beginnings, change-ringing was an upmarket pastime for "the gentlemen ringers" but the gentlemen soon got bored, their servants took over and an indissoluble link was formed between the belfry and the pub. Indeed ringers in the 19th century were notorious for never being seen in church, apart from the tower, and it only became a respectable activity again towards the end of the century.

Not everyone appreciates ringers' efforts though and last year Midge Mather, a 65-year-old woman from Compton Bassett, Wiltshire achieved national notoriety. Living some 100 yards from her parish church, and having complained about the sound of the bells for eight years, she broke down its 15th century door and cut all six bell ropes. Found guilty of criminal damage, she plans to appeal to the European Court. Elsewhere things have gone so far as to require purchasers of new houses built near a church to sign an undertaking never to complain about the ringing.

Generally though the sound of church bells (in moderation and in tune) is widely welcomed. We may well forget the Millennium Dome, but lets hope we will be able to remember that at noon on January 1st 2000, all the bells of Britain were rung.

The "Ring in 2000" scheme, organised jointly by the open Churches Trust and the Central Council of Church Bell-Ringers, is recruiting and training new ringers for the millennium and beyond. In Dore the team practice every Friday evening, ring for Sunday morning Service and for weddings. For more information ring Richard Knights on 262 0948.

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Jean Recalls

In answer to David Heslop's letter about local place names which appeared in the Spring Dore to Door.

The triangle of land at the junction of Drury Lane and Townhead Road to which he refers, has always been called *The Cockpit*. I have heard some say that there was an Inn of that name there, but that seems hardly likely - wrong shape and size! My great Uncle George, who at one time lived in the cottages known to us as *The Barracks* (above Cromwell Cottage), used to tell me when I was a child, that he had witnessed cock fighting in this area, but whether it was on Drury Lane or not I could not say, (and surely cock fighting would have been illegal before his time).

George died in the 1940's, well into his 80's. He was brother to my grandmother, and they were born at Hallfield Farm, the children of Godfrey Fisher. We locals call the land round Hallfield Farm - *Fisher's Moor*.

Uncle George was a real character and could tell a good tale. Brought up on a farm, he was able to turn his hand to many tasks. One of his hobbies was making walking sticks, mostly of holly, but some of blackthorn and briars. He would select a likely young shoot and tie it in till it grew straight and thick to suit his requirements. He made regular inspections to make sure that everything was growing satisfactorily. I have one of his sticks which he made for my mother.

The Devonshire Arms car park is still referred to as *The Croft*. In the first few decades of this century, during Dore Feast week, which I think took place in July, Bishtons Fair used to appear on *The Croft*. One of my father's sisters Janie, met her husband, Jim Bishton, at the fair and travelled the Midlands for many years with the fair. When I was small they came to Abbeydale Park and also to Balfours Sports Ground. (Now the Midland Bank Sports Ground.) After the 1950's, the nearest they came to Dore was Bakewell, though they were always known as

Bishton's of Dore.

One year, at Nottingham Goose Fair, Aunt Janie bought herself an open Tourer and after being shown how to handle it, drove herself to Dore to take her father and youngest sister for a drive.

This was before L' plates and licences.

Whitings Fair used to come to the Dore Moor Inn field after the Second World War.

The picnic area on Limb Lane is known as *The Tip*. Refuse was tipped there to in-fill the old mine. The refuse lorry used to park on Green's Yard. One of the drivers was Ken Plumtree who lived on Devonshire Terrace.

I enjoyed Trevor Biggin's letter about his great Uncles' Rowland and George. I sent a copy of Dore to Door to Rowland George Biggin, who lives in Barton on Humber. His father Stanley was brother to the 2 Biggins who died in the First World War. Stanley lived to be 96. He died a couple of years ago and is buried in Dore Church Yard. The two brothers are mentioned on the gravestone. Stanley worked for Sir Alan and Lady Grant at Dore Moor House. He acted as butler and later worked at Firth Brown's in Sheffield. His wife Alice's first husband also died in the First World War.

Jean Dean

Osteoporosis 2000

Osteoporosis 2000 is a registered charity based in Sheffield, offering a variety of services, activities and events throughout the South Yorkshire region. We are a support group principally set up to assist osteoporosis sufferers and their carers, but we very much welcome interest and support from everybody.

The group holds regular coffee mornings to which a speaker is invited to give a talk on an osteoporosis related topic. Our most recent project has been the establishment of a telephone help-line with the support of a grant from the National Lottery Charities Board. If anyone would like more information - Help is only a phone call away ("The Bone Phone" -

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David Hunter

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Let me explain

My Grandparents lived in Dore. Well, sort of.

Gran'pa was born in the middle of the last century in the East End of Sheffield, to Ernest and Sarah Hill. He carried his father's name - Ernest. In those days industrialisation of the City was expanding apace, so the family decided to move to the west side of the town away from the smoke and fumes. He found employment as a plumber with Mellows, an old Sheffield firm, before joining his father in a small engineering business making pumps and like objects. One of these objects was a football inflater, which Dunlop used to blow up the first pneumatic tyre. The business expanded satisfactorily to such a degree that in the early twenties the time had come for him to consider his very own mini-mansion in the most salubrious part of Derbyshire, namely Dore.

Plans were drawn, building commenced, Gran'pa chose a site which was not quite in Dore then, and perhaps strictly is not now. The bottom end of Dore Road. There was a green-field site of an acre or so between Dore Road and the lane by Abbeydale Sports ground, called, I believe, Water Lane. Landscaping was performed, a tennis court was carefully laid, a massive greenhouse erected, a fountain built, and last but not least, a flag pole raised, not for a flag, but to carry the wireless ariel!

The house was finished in about 1923. But such a house needed staffing. To help Grandma there was a housekeeper, a kitchen maid, a gardener and a chauffeur. Quite modest, really. But then if any extra help was needed, the firm could always supply the

necessary on a temporary basis. I am not old enough to remember the beginnings of the household - after all my father was married from there, and in those days the children followed at a decent interval after the wedding! But probably the life in the thirties followed the earlier days quite closely.

My Mum, Dad and I, and later my sister, were expected to attend Sunday tea at Oaklands. There was always potted beef sandwiches followed by tinned peaches and cream. The comestibles were brought to the table by Mrs Stevens, the housekeeper, who had been summoned by the squeezing of a pear shaped bell push suspended over the table. Tea was in a large samovar thing which had ornate silver chasing and an ivory tap knob. As a youngster I thought the tea tasted disgusting, and drank milk instead. No pop. Tea and conversation over, we children were despatched to the billiards room if wet, and into the garden if fine. We used to pray for fine Sundays.

The garden was always the centre of attraction. In my day the tennis pavilion contained old deck chairs and tennis racquets with squared-off tops, and balls long since gone flat. The place had a wonderfully musty smell, one that suggested somehow that it would fall down at any moment.

In the twenties this rather exotic place had been the focus of tennis parties, with the gentlemen in their long whites and the girls in fetching outfits. Tea used to be brought out by the housekeeper and the housemaid on a specially converted tea trolley, with large wheels so that it would ride over the lawns.

The greenhouse was a handsome construction. On two storeys it provided a potting shed and a fully-equipped chemical

laboratory underneath, and a divided glass-house on top. The growing area was divided into three parts, so that tropical plants could be raised in one section, temperate in another, and tomatoes in the third. A ledge outside carried a wondrous range of terracotta plant pots of all sizes, even ones we could climb into as kids. The potting shed area also served as the stoke hole. Therein was a coke-fired stove, emitting dangerous fumes which seemed to have little effect on the large population of field mice that resided there.

The king of the stoke-hole was Wilkinson, the gardener. A wizened little fellow, stooped, leather pads on his knees, and a firm dislike of children. I don't think he had a first name. Rather like Lovejoy. Just Wilkinson. He aided and abetted Grand'pa in his experiments in garden equipment, spraying some of the lethal mixtures of nicotine and soft soap brewed up in the laboratory.

Whether it killed off the target pests I do not know, but you could have heard them coughing as far away as Totley. Apparatus would arrive from the works for field testing, and Wilkinson was featured in many a promotional photograph, tussling with unfamiliar implements. Grand'pa invented sprayers which worked off the water mains but never seemed to understand that the mains water supply laid on through the garden was of exceptionally high pressure, so that some of his ideas would only work in his garden. He did manage to invent some very useful products, though, and he started the development of what eventually became the stirrup pump.

And what did Grandma do? She was a very clever embroideress who spent many hours doing intricate and beautiful work whilst

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chatting with her sister who was also part of the household. She controlled the housekeeping, and scolded her husband for his habit of bisecting slugs with the nail scissors he kept in his waistcoat pocket. Now and again she would summon the chauffeur to be taken to town. Walsh's of course. The car was tall enough and she small enough that she could stand up in it, adjust her skirts, and be handed out by the uniformed commissioner in High Street. She would then meet her friends, presumably for some refreshment, whilst the car awaited her pleasure at the kerb-side. On warm summer days, tea would be taken on the lawn, she seated on a garden swing and wielding a tea-pot which looked as big as she did. Always the (second) best china, of course.

Ah! Summer! Did it ever rain? Was it ever cold? On Sundays we could disappear into the depths of the garden and even stray into the lane at the back. Rhubarb grew to four feet high, with stems as thick as your arm. Gran'pa had an old mangle in the wash-house where he squeezed the stems to extract the makings of rather wonderful rhubarb wine. Actually this was so well fortified with, I think, brandy, that I still have a couple of very drinkable bottles!

During these halcyon days, the fair used to come to Abbeydale Sports Ground. Snorting and clanking noises came from Cavendish Avenue as huge steam traction engines crawled and struggled their way down the rough track towards their pitches right at the end of the garden. We watched fascinated and learned a lot of new words we had never heard before. For a week there was all the fun of the fair. We could get out through the back gate and sneak into this wonderland, but we unfortunately never had any money to go on

the rides. There we did see what was supposed to be a demonstration of television. All we could see was a very tiny screen with little discernible image which could only have been transmitted at best across the tent!

Christmas was the best time. Pressies! Turkey and trimmings! The scent of Gran'pa's cigar! What excitement! The grown-ups became more human and we were not obliged to be merely seen and not heard. Lovely toys to be played with in the expanse of the billiards room. They even put the gas fire on for us, because usually that room was as cold as, well, Christmas! The high-light was the visit of the Dore Silver Band who played carols at the front door on Christmas morning. After lunch we were expected to walk it off by climbing Dore Road to the village, which was a bit of a chore. We wanted our toys!

As the thirties went on, there became the threat of hostilities. The population generally was very bothered about what the might of Germany would do to us. Total destruction was expected. To this end, Gran'pa had built a huge air-raid shelter at the side of the house, so that it would not get buried when the house collapsed. It was entered by a secret passage from the cellar, via air locks.

It was provisioned against prolonged attack. It smelt horribly damp, and was. Nobody ever used it, because a) Gran'pa and Grandma decamped to Canada and b) we and the caretakers who moved in preferred death or mutilation rather than suffer certain rheumatism.

The garden became a source of food, for Wilkinson was retained, (though I thought him far too ancient to be eligible for any kind of service) an condition that he cultivated a field

adjoining the next-door neighbour's house. He was issued with a second-hand rotavator and a tiny ration of petrol, and told to get on with it. He didn't like that very much, and made it quite clear to all and sundry. I think he produced a small crop of wheat one year. The good people who occupied the house at this time raised chickens for the eggs and for the table. Trouble was, they grew so fond of the fowls, they never actually arrived on anyone's table. The favourite one was called Blondie.

I'm not sure the conversion rate of chicken food to eggs was economical, but we did get the occasional change from dried egg (which I personally preferred!)

Wartime meant that the tropical greenhouse had to be abandoned as such, and devoted to more mundane crops. Wilkinson was quite relieved about this, because he no longer had to tend the boiler. On its heyday it required copious quantities of coke, which was delivered to the back gate by steam wagon - ten tons at a time! Coke then was free from the gas-works, being a waste by-product, but one had to transport it, and shovel it into a huge bunker. The bunker was a good fifty yards from the gate!

All this was a long time ago. In the ensuing years, the house has been sold on, and I hope the present occupants are very happy there. The site has been divided and built upon as have many big gardens in the area, it would be very expensive now to maintain the household as it was in the thirties. But the house still stands proud, the Sports Ground still rings to the sound of energetic activity, but no longer to the cacophony of the fair. But as I said, it was a long time ago...

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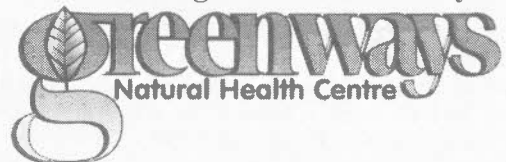
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Rubbish dumping still carries on a pace. After the top of Ash House Lane was cleared, black bags of garden rubbish and rolls of turf were dumped in the ditch, at the side of Midland Banks tip, which incidentally is an eyesore from the lane. More rubbish also appeared on Parker's Lane.

When is the large hole in the Rec (near David Heslop's tree) going to be filled in. I hope before somebody falls in it. (Probably me!) I see this has now been fenced off.

Several people are now complaining about cars, parked at the top of Dore Road, near the junction with Rushley Road. They feel this is a dangerous as they can obstruct the view of other traffic.

Is there a speed limit on Limb Lane? Cars tear along there as if they were at Brand's Hatch. They also tear down Cliffeside, where there is no limit, but ought to be!

I see mention of horse riders and no lights. Might I mention early morning paper boys. They have been a menace this winter. Some don't appear to have lights on their bikes at all. It's OK now the lighter mornings are here, but in the dark they were a real danger to themselves, never mind others.

Is the path up Blacka ever likely to be repaired? Also the tree which blew down in the gale is still obstructing the main path just past the stepping stones. - At least it slows down the mountain bikers, and you all know what I think about them.

Is it likely that the grass verges damaged by cars and lorries will ever be repaired. They are a disgrace in some places round the village. The Corporation might as well widen the streets and do away with the grass. I understand that in some districts the Council are going to take action against the culprits. Good for them.

The state of the trough on the corner of Devonshire Terrace Road is once more, a disgrace. I thought the Council had promised to keep it clean.

Jean Dean

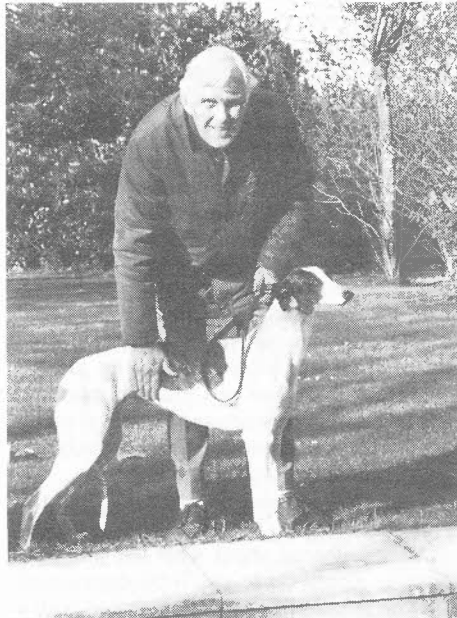
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If you would like any further information about this trust, either to donate or for more information about greyhounds please contact: Tony on 0114 251 0605 [Registered Charity No 269668]

Book Reviews

Everybody in Dore must be familiar with King Egbert and the events of 829, but who was he related to and how many later English Monarchs can claim descent from him?

A new handy 32 page Pitkin Guide, *The Royal Line of Succession*, sets out in detail relationships and the line of succession through all the English (and Scottish) Royal houses from the Anglo-Saxons to the present house of Windsor. The succession within each Royal House is set out diagrammatically with a brief supporting text and illustrations, to form a handy reference for student or avid royalist. For those not familiar with the subject, the relationships revealed can be intriguing and new. Did you know that King Harold of 1066 was in fact Harold the second, the first having died in 1040, that H.M. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother is descended from the family of Lady Jane Grey 3rd wife of Henry the VIII, or that HRH The Duke of Kent is 19th in line to the throne?

Most of us would claim to be familiar with the Peak District living as we do on its doorstep. The beauty and diversity of its scenery appeals to walkers and drivers alike. Knowing where to explore is however always a problem and it helps to have ideas and suggestions, as a stimulus to finding new hidden or interesting places. Nicely presented and illustrated with colour photograph and clear maps, the Pitkin Guide *Illustrated Walks & Drives in the Peak District* will tempt you out to explore.

The Royal Line of Succession and *Illustrated Walks & Drives in the Peak District* are available direct from the publishers on 01264 409206 price £2.50 each.

Walking is one of the most popular hobbies people claim, certainly in this part of the world.

Tempting as the Peak District is, there are other less popular but no less interesting areas within reach that we can explore. *Walking in Sherwood Forest*, a recently published Cicerone Guide, sets out 34 heritage trails in a rural mix of woodland, farms, parks and waterways. Ranging from 4½ to 9 miles, each ramble is clearly described with simple maps, pictures and relevant snippets of history.

An effective introduction to the area, it made me want to find out more and explore further. Relevant maps are listed along with details of refreshments etc. *Walking in Sherwood Forest* is available from most good bookshops price £7.99.

Back in the Peak, a handy pocket guide to walking around Youlgrave has been written by Andrew McCloy, postman author of the article 'A life on the streets' as published in our last edition. Starting with an introduction to Youlgrave (including the history of its name), a series of 10 walks, building from 1 to 11 miles, explore the surrounding countryside offering options for everyone including the disabled. If you have never visited Youlgrave you should, especially during the well dressing from 19 to 24 June. *Walking in Youlgrave* is available direct from Benchmark Books price £3.50 (+ 50p p&p) at Greystone Cottage, Bankside, Youlgrave, Derbyshire DE45 1WD or from local bookshops.

Roly Smith, editor of Peak & Pennine magazine and former Head of Information Services for the Peak Park, has drawn on his extensive knowledge of the area in writing the Derbyshire edition of *Towns & Villages of Britain*. After a brief introduction to the county, this gazette provides in pen pictures the essential information on each location. A description, history and places to visit are all included. If you have ever stared at a map and wondered if somewhere is worth visiting, or want to plan a drive in the country, this is a must for you. *Towns & Villages of Britain - Derbyshire* is published by Sigma Leisure price £8.95 and available through most book shops.

At a time when there is talk of Yorkshire wanting its own regional parliament, it is worth reflecting on the diverse character of the county. *The Yorkshire Journal* provides a unique way of dipping into Yorkshire life with four bound issues a year. The winter 98 edition for example encompassed reflections on Joseph Rowntree confectionary business, a variety of pictures including David Hockley's Yorkshire Landscapes, a look at some regional architecture, short stories, poems and much more. Everyone should find something of interest in this compendium which represents excellent value for money. Published by Smith Settle, the *Yorkshire Journal* is available regularly from all good book shops including W H Smith price £2.95.

Finally if you have reached retirement age, are you aware of all your rights and financial entitlements? The latest updated edition of Age Concern's best selling *Your Rights* guide was published in mid April. Costing £4.25 and available through Age Concern or W H Smiths, the guide sets out the full range of financial benefits available and the rules associated with each. Equally of use to anyone caring for a pensioner, the guide can help explain and resolve a host of problems and includes a list of local and national sources of help. *Your Rights* is one of those publications which will certainly pay for itself!

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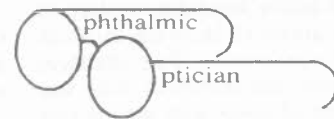
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Following his illustrated talk on Caudwell Mill for the Dore Village Society Spring Meeting, Graeme Walker expands on its history and that of John Caudwell and Victorian enterprise.

Rowsley, on the A6 between Matlock and Bakewell, is a typical Peak District village, with farms and industry interspersed among the houses. There has been a water mill in the village at least since 1300. In 1339 the Receipt Rolls of the Dean & Chapter of Lichfield refer to the rental for the "Molendina de Roulesley 3 shillings". The next reference is in the 1550 Haddon Hall Stewards Accounts, the home of the Manners family, for a payment to "Homeffrey Whyett for ye wags at ye new come mylne ar Roseley - 7 shillings".

A fulling mill was built sometime before 1799 and leased to Samuel Smith for £3. 1 s.9d a year and at the same time Henry Ludlam rented a corn mill for £15 a year. Fulling was apparently not a success as the mill was replaced by a saw mill, which worked intermittently until 1871, whilst the corn mill had ceased operation in 1858 following the death of the miller.

John Caudwell came from a Derbyshire family, whose origins were from Aldwark near Brassington. The family had been involved in the flour trade since 1836, with mills at Southwell, Wingerworth, Pye Bridge, Bolsover, Huthwaite and Mansfield. John was a partner in some of these with his cousins Francis and Theodore, but left the partnership and leased Amber Mill near Alfreton in 1860 which he ran successfully until 1874 when he leased the sites at Rowsley from the Duke of Rutland's estate.

The clearance of the site and the construction of the mill in Derbyshire grindstone was completed at a total cost of £7000, a sign of John's confidence in the business. This 4 story mill, when compared to the scale of other buildings in Rowsley, was a large building, although it appears to vanish when viewed from most of the village.

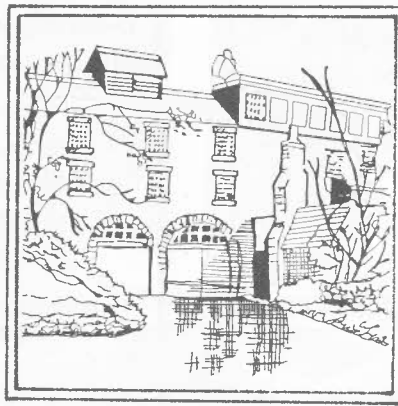
He equipped the mill with two water wheels, one to power the flour mill and the second for the provender mill. There were 8 pairs of millstones on the first floor, supported on cast iron columns, some of which are still in the mill.

The flour mill, as described in Oliver Evans' book "The Young Mill-wright & Miller's Guide", first published in 1795 was probably the first fully automatic manufacturing plant. Since the book was published mill stones have been replaced by rollers, bolters by plansifters and spouts & elevators by pneumatic conveyors, but the principal is the same. At Caudwell's Mill the fully automatic production of flour from wheat may be, seen in operation, using the system installed in Victorian times and as finalised in the reign of Edward VII.

By 1884 John Caudwell was sufficiently impressed by the new roller milling technology, to rip out his almost new mill stones and have Thornton's of Retford replace them by the then modern roller technology. This cost a further £2,700. The use of waterwheels to drive the roller mills was not very successful since rollers required a higher speed and as a result a 35 H.P. Trent' water turbine turbine was fitted in 1887 for the flour mill.

The waterwheel remained driving the provender mill until 1898, when a "Little Giant" turbine of 50 H.P. was installed,

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Through the years the machinery was improved and modernized, to keep the mill amongst the most modern in the country.

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It was around this time that the Caudwell families were running so many mills as independent businesses that, had they combined, they would have been the largest millers in England.

Photographs of the mill taken in 1915 for a calendar show that, externally at least, hardly any changes have been made, perhaps with the exception of the replacement of the steam wagon and the horses and carts used to transport the flour as far afield as Derby.

Following John Caudwell (1827-1891), Edward (1866-1941) ran the mill from 1887, then his son Edward (1900-1990). The third Edward, known as Sandy (1939-) took over the mill from his father in 1964, running it until the family gave up the business in 1978.

In 1980, Caudwell's Mill Trust, a charitable trust, was formed and leased the mill and site from Haddon Estate. Following considerable discussion, it was decided to mill only wholemeal flour and Henry Sinion Ltd, were asked to advise on the modifications. These were undertaken and in December 1981 milling recommenced again.

The Trust is formed of a number of interested people and representatives of various local & national organisations, including the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. In the time since the Trust was formed, they have raised money to repay all the loans needed in the initial years and re-roofed the mill. In addition a considerable amount of cleaning, painting and some required alterations have been undertaken. Once again, Caudwell's Mill operates in the community as it has for over a century, employing 5 people in the Mill and perhaps another 15-20 on the site in the various shops, craft workshops and the cafe.

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Graeme Walker

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After the Full Monty, sites in Sheffield are again due to be featured in 'Whatever Happened To Harold Smith?', " a romantic comedy in which punk and disco collide in an unpredictable fashion".

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The Arts Council of England has awarded the film lottery funds and it is likely to be released next year.

Stop Press

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MAY

- 15-31 **Sheffield Environment Weeks.**
 15 **Ladybower Challenge Walk.** 25 & 10 mile walks organised by the King Egbert School Assn. For more details ring 236 7942
 15 **Spring Fair.** Dore & Totley U.R.C 10am - 12.30pm Church Hall
 15 **Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir, High Green Methodist Church. 7pm Tickets 281 6886
 17 **Millstones on the moors.** Talk by David Hey for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, 7.30pm Kelham Island Museum. Non members welcome. Local contact on 230 7693
 19 **History Trail,** Sheffield Botanical Garden by F.O.B.S 7.15pm 236 1568
 21 **Launch** of Easy Going Trails Booklet by Ramblers & Public Rights of Way Unit. Meet 11am Whirlowdale Road for 1 mile walk.
 22 **Dawn Chorus.** Guided walk in Ecclesall Woods sponsored by FEW. Meet 4.30am opposite Beauchief Gardens
 22 **Coffee, Cakes & Cuttings.** Fundraising in aid of Transport 17, English Martyrs Church, Baslow Road, 10am - 12noon
 23 **Millhouses Festival,** Millhouses Park 10am to 4pm
 25 **Folk Train** with the The Little Buffaloes' band from Sheffield 7.18pm but collecting at Dore. Refreshments (special beer prices) & more music at The Rambler Inn Edale, then 9.25pm return journey. More details on (01663 746377)
 25 **Knit for Charity** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm.
 27 **Talk & AGM** Nick Silvani on Sheffield Transport Centre of Excellence for Dore Village Society and discussion on village traffic problems. 7.30pm Dore Methodist Church Hall. Free admission everyone welcome.
 29 **Mini beast hunt** - Organised by Sheffield Rangers in Millhouses Park. Pre-book on 203 7206 with Mark or John

JUNE

- 5 **Village Surgery.** Dore Village Society room, Old School, 10am to 12 noon
 6 **RNIL Fun Day** Endcliffe Park 10am - 4pm - see article
 8 **Samaritans** Talk to Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm. Everyone welcome
 8 **Water Colour** Demonstration by Brian Smith - professional artist - for Dore Ladies Group, Church Hall, Townhead Road, 7.45pm
 9 **The National Fairground Archive.** Talk by Dr Vanessa Toulim for Dore (Evening) Townswomen's Guild, 7.30pm Old School
 12 **Local History Fair,** Town Hall, Pinstone Street. Displays by local history groups from throughout Sheffield, 10am - 4pm. Free admission
 12 **Clean-up** in Ecclesall Woods. Organised by Sheffield Rangers 10am - 1pm. Meet at woodyard gates for work each side of Abbey Lane
 12 **Summer Fair** St Luke's Hospice, Ecclesall
 12 **"Iolanthe"** - Open Air Performances for Leonard Cheshire Homes & Weston Park Hospital at Woodthorpe Hall, Holmesfield. Details from 236 7491
 12 **Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir, Dore Methodist Church. 7pm Tickets 281 6886
 12 **Concert** Sheffield Bach Society - Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini, conductor Roger Bullivant. Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm/Tickets 266 8257
 15 **Annual Coffee Morning** Bring & buy, cake stall, raffle etc in aid of NSPCC, Totley Rise Methodist Church lounge, 10am-12noon. Tel 236 4837
 19 **Concert.** 6 Male Voice Choirs including Dore, Octagon Centre, Sheffield. 7pm Tickets 281 6886
 19 **Dream Auction** Wessex Hall King Egbert School 7.30pm Goods & services donated to school will be auctioned by Rony Robinson To donate ring 236 7942
 22 **Denby Dale Pies** Talk by Mrs J Hatfield for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm. Everyone welcome
 25 **Barn Dance** with live music, Whirlow Hall Farm. Details from 235 2678

- 27 **Model Boat Regatta,** Sheffield Ship Model Society, Millhouses Park, 9am-1pm

JULY

- 3 **Village Surgery.** Dore Village Society room, Old School, 10am to 12 noon
 3 **Concert.** Dore Male Voice Choir, United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. 7pm Tickets 281 6886
 3 **Barn Dance** with the Bash street Band, Wessex Hall King Egbert School 8pm-midnight. For more details ring 236 7942

DORE FESTIVAL WEEK - 3rd to 11th [See posters]

- Saturday & Sunday **Dore Motor Show,** Dore Junior School
 Saturday am **Dore Village Society** Office open to visitors at The Old School 10am-12noon
Children's Fun Run, 11am
Guide Well Dressing, Devonshire Terrace Road
 Saturday eve **Summer Concert,** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Dore Church Hall 7:30pm/Tickets tel 274 7943
 Sunday **Village Well Dressing** on the Village Green
Village Gardens Open, 2pm-6pm Tickets from Greens & Valerie of Dore
 Monday **Village Fun Run,** 7pm
Lord Conyers Morris Men, Devonshire Arms 8pm
 Tuesday **"Gardners Question Time"**, Chaired by Mr Arrol Winning at the Old School 7:45pm Tickets from Greens
 Wednesday **"Man in the Iron Mask"** The Company - Open Air Theatre, on the Village Green 7:30pm
 Thursday **Concert** by Dore Male Voice Choir & Dore (Mercia) Townswomans Guild in the Church Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm, no ticket required
 Friday **Summer Music,** Stendale Singers, Dore Church 8pm Tickets tel 2351029
 Saturday **Scout & Guide Gala**
 Sunday **Well Dressing Service** on the Village Green 3pm
Cream teas Dore Methodist Church Hall

- 6 **Ecclesall Woods** Talk by Bill Smylie of FEW for Dore Ladies Group, Church Hall, Townhead Road, 7.45pm
 6 **Walk & Supper** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm.
 10 **Summer Fete** - at Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane, Totley. Details from 236 7491
 18 **Model Boat Regatta,** Sheffield Ship Model Society, Millhouses Park, 9am-5pm
 23 **Dinner & Jazz** - The Maurice Naylor Jazz Band, at Whirlowbrook Hall, Sheffield in aid of Leonard Cheshire Homes. Details from 236 7491
 25 **Open Day** RSPCA Animal Home, 83 Spring Street from 11am

AUGUST

- 7 **Village Surgery.** Dore Village Society room, Old School, 10am to 12 noon
 14 **Norton Show & Sheepdog Trials.** Bochum Parkway. See posters for details.
 21 **A Dogs' Day Out** RSPCA fun in Graves Park from 12.30pm

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