

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Ryecroft Farm development

Regular users of Dore Road, and its residents, can hardly fail to have noticed over recent weeks the steady stream of heavy lorries dragging up the incline and the muddy smears they have left after rain. And still they come.

You could be forgiven for thinking Dore had acquired its own industrial dump site, especially given the noise of bulldozers drifting to those walking in Ecclesall Woods. In fact the lorries are carrying spoil to be tipped to a height of 3 metres over parts of Ryecroft Farm, as part of the construction of a riding circle.

Planning permission was granted earlier this year for the construction, but it seems unlikely that anyone converted the volume of spoil to be tipped into lorry movements, or took the impact on the community of traffic and noise into account in the planning decision process.

Questions have been asked of local councillors over the Councils policy on tipping on its land; the controls exercised over the origins and nature of material tipped; and given the drainage of the site into Ljmb Brook, what consultation has taken place with environmental bodies over possible pollution/impact on the local ecology. There is also concern over the possible subsequent development of a commercial livery business based on the farm and the likely impact of its horses on Ecclesall Woods - see elsewhere in this issue.

## Open Dore

Since our last issue the Dore Village website has expanded considerably, with the aim of becoming a useful information and reference point for everyone with access to the Internet. If you are on-line or know someone who is, be sure to look at [www.dorevillage.co.uk](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk) There are more details inside this issue.

## Dore recreation ground

Unfortunately part of the playground area was damaged by fairground equipment brought in for the Gala in July. No doubt it will take some time to haggle over who pays for the repairs.

Meanwhile the fencing is expected to go out for direct tender and replacement swings for one set are on order.

Still nobody else has volunteered to join the playground action group which looks like being wound up without finishing the hoped for wider restoration of the rec.



*Abbeydale Hotel (Now the Beauchief) and the junction between Abbeydale Road South and Abbey Lane early this century. The sign on the side of the building reads 'Abbeydale Hotel ... John Guy Turner'. Those by the front door say 'Motor Garage and stabling'. The sign on the lamp post in the foreground is 'Motor Bus Fare Stage'. The picture was taken before the installation of tram lines.*

## DORE SHOW

Saturday 9th September

Old School & Methodist Church Halls

Opens to public 2pm

## Ecclesall Woods Plan

Sheffield Council has now produced for consultation, the long awaited draft five-year management plan for Ecclesall Woods. Two public meetings have been arranged to discuss the plan and help facilitate local community involvement. The first is on 7 September at 7.30pm in Millhouses Holy Trinity Church Hall, and the second on Monday 18 September at 8pm in Dore Church Hall on Townhead Road. These will be followed by a guided site visit in late September/early October.

The detailed plan, running to 90 pages, provides a description of the physical and ecological aspects of the woods, future management options, and resource implications. It then proposes a management plan for implementation over a five year period. The Dore Village Society holds a full copy. Summaries of the plan (about 15 pages) are available from Sheffield Leisure Services, Parks, Woodlands & Countryside, on 273 6387.

## Society Membership

By the beginning of August, membership of the Dore Village Society had reached a record number of 626. If you support our objectives, and have not yet joined this year, please contact George Elsdon on 236 0002, speak to any member of the committee, or call in to Greens shop on Causeway Head Road. The size of our membership not only supports the society financially, but adds significantly to our influence when dealing with the council and other statutory bodies.

## Flowers in the village

As this edition of Dore to Door goes to press we would like to thank the following for helping to sponsor the tubs of flowers around the Village this summer to celebrate the New Millennium.

They were organised by Dore scouts but supplied and maintained by Sheffield Parks Department.

We hope you have enjoyed them.

Dore Scout Gala Committee; Irwin Mitchell; Eadon, Lockwood and Riddle; Country Garden; Kutz hairdressers; Dore Opticians; Dore Male Voice Choir; Dore Parish Church; Dore Methodist Church; Dore Village Society; Dore Scouts; Dore Guide Companies.

*Geoff Cope 267th Sheffield (Dore) Group*

INSIDE: Letters; News in Brief; Book Reviews; Happy landings; Diary; The Wildlife Garden;  
See Dore on-line at [www.dorevillage.co.uk](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk)

## Dog fouling & the Law

*In response to frequent complaints we have researched the legal position on dog fouling*

Estimates put the British dog population at around 6.8 million, producing 900 tonnes of excrement per day. A Tidy Britain Group survey found that 95% of people questioned were concerned about dog mess in public places, an indication that problems caused by dog fouling are all too common.

Under recent legislation a local authority can designate land upon which it is an offence not to clean up after your dog. Your local authority enforces this power and can tell you whether it covers your area. The maximum fine for an offence is £1,000 (level 3 on the standard scale).

Alternatively, councils have the power to issue a £25 fixed penalty fine. Byelaws can also be made by local authorities to impose dog bans, make dog fouling an offence and insist that dogs be kept on leads.

If you wish to take action against a dog owner who has not cleaned up after their dog, you should note what happened as soon as possible. Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog plus details of the date, time and place of the offence. Then contact your local authority and ask for details of their dog control procedures. Clearly describe the place being fouled to find what regulations cover that area.

Ask how the authority takes enforcement action. If fouling occurs at regular times, it may be possible for a dog warden or officer to witness the fouling and take action accordingly. In many cases the local authority will warn the offender before taking legal action and this warning may be sufficient to deter further offences.

If the local authority decides to prosecute an offender you may be asked to make a statement.

You will have to name the person concerned and give information about the offence. An officer will assist you with your statement. The court must give a copy of your statement to the offender if requested to do so. If the case goes to court and the offender defends their actions then you may be called as a witness and have to explain to the court what you saw.

Your local authority has a legal duty to keep certain types of land which come under its control clear of dog faeces (so far as is practicable), irrespective of whether byelaws are in force. These areas include: - Parks - Recreation grounds - Children's playgrounds - Sports grounds - Tourist beaches and promenades - Picnic sites - Pedestrianised areas - Pavements Verges - Footpaths - Gutters and carriageways.

Telephone your local authority's cleansing service with details of the fouled place. Ask if there is a formal procedure for dealing with complaints. They may be able to send you details. Confirm your complaint by letter, repeating the information. Always keep a note of the name and job title of the person you have spoken to and make copies of letters so that you can follow up your complaint if no action is taken. If the mess is not cleared within 7 days, repeat the above procedure and send copies of your letter to your local councillor, the chairman of the committee responsible for cleansing services and the chief

officer responsible for cleansing the area in question.

Usually a formal complaint is sufficient to get your local authority to take action. However, if that is not effective, under legislation contained in section 91 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 a member of the public can take legal proceedings against their local authority to get litter and refuse, including dog faeces, cleared away. For further information on this procedure please contact the Tidy Britain Group on 01942 824620

## Extra maths

Do you want to be able to help your child with their maths homework? Do you need extra maths to help you at your place of work? Do you want to gain a GSCE or Key Skills qualification?

King Egbert School are offering Adult Maths Courses beginning in September. The classes will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and will cost £1 per session (concessions free).

If you are interested, please contact Emma Leath on 236 9931 (school) by post to the school on Furniss Avenue, S17 3QN or by e-mail to [el@egbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:el@egbert.sheffield.sch.uk)

## Cine & Video Club

The meetings of the Sheffield Cine & Video Club start again in September after the Summer break. We meet on Wednesday evenings 7.30 for 8 p.m. at the Michael Church Hall, Lowedges Road. Visitors are always welcome.

September

- 6 Chairman's Night.
- 13 Fred Cocking presents a Golden Oldies film show.
- 20 Leeds Cine & Video Club visit us for a Challenge Match.
- 27 Members' favourite videos from last Season.

October

- 4 Practical night.
- 11 Digital video at Norton College. 6 p.m
- 18 Challenge Match with Mercury Movies at Wakefield Club Open.
- 25 We visit WAVE at Long Eaton.

November

- 1 Novice Competition.
- 7 50/50 evening at Chesterfield.
- 8 Members talk about their films.
- 15 Summer Theme Competition. "A Local Event".

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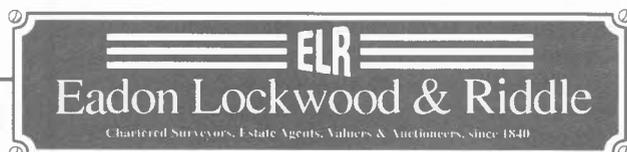
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## Chairman's Report 1999/2000

(Presented to the Dore Village Society AGM on Wednesday 14 June)

This was a satisfactory year for the Society, with the culmination of the Playground Project, the expectation of traffic improvements and the donation of just over £ 4,000 to local projects and causes, while maintaining our overall financial position. During the year we have been actively involved with many issues, and the following is of necessity a brief summary.

**Planning:** Significant developments during the year were the opening of Hopscotch Nursery, the erection of telecom masts at Abbeydale Sports Club, re-development of the old toilets site, re-building at Nab Farm, extensions to the Old School and continuing debate over the future of Abbeydale Hall. Planning issues and proposed developments continue to absorb a lot of the Society's time with a constant flow of planning applications for in-fill housing and extensions.

Sadly the needs and profits of developers seem to drive the planning process, with 4/5 bed roomed houses the norm, rather than smaller units for local people wishing to trade down. Our campaign over missing and damaged road signs continues.

**Publications:** Dore to Door continues to flourish and makes a considerable contribution to the Society's profile and income. The 1999 Christmas Card featuring Dore Ducks proved extremely popular and subsequently topical, and led to us producing an A3 version of the illustration for framing. There are plans during 2000 for a new publication on the history of streets within Dore and a revised edition of the

Dore Walks book.

**Events:** Members of the committee are available from 10 - 12 noon on the first Saturday of every month to discuss local issues with members or talk about the work of the Society and local history. Public meetings during the year have concentrated on Traffic and Transport issues. Dore Show continues to attract considerable support.

**Traffic & Transport:** This remains a major issue within Dore. Parking on Devonshire Terrace Road, and the bottom of Dore Road causes major problems and further restrictions are awaited.

Improved crossing facilities in front of the Causeway Head Road shops have been promised.

**Dore Playground Project:** All the equipment for the new playground has been installed and we are waiting for the surrounding fence and seats. The next step will be to landscape the area. The through footpath is also due to be re-surfaced.

**Environment:** The Society is continuing to support local schools on the Walk to School issue, is active in support of Friends of Ecclesall Woods and discusses local environmental issues at each committee meeting.

**Dore Collection:** It is surprising just how much information and material on the history of Dore we have managed to gather. This has become readily apparent during two temporary moves associated with the redevelopment of the old school. Sadly because of this disruption it has not been possible to do much work with the collection during this period. During the year the Society made an input to a Council archeological survey of Ecclesall Woods.

**Dore Old School:** Work on modernising

and extending the Old School is in hand with the full scheme providing more storage and working space for the Society, as well as increased accommodation for public events. The Society donated £ 2,500 towards the building costs.

**Internet:** Planning for a Dore web site [www.dorevillage.co.uk](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk) culminated in its launch with the Summer issue of Dore to Door.

**People:** The Society continues to receive widespread support from within the community and from past residents. However many hands make light work' and we would welcome anyone with time to contribute to the community in order to enable us to achieve still more in the year ahead.

This does not require joining the committee and you can put in just as much time as you wish.

I wish to place on record my particular appreciation for their help to: fellow members of the committee, including new member Pat Pryor, along with Julie Brooks and Philip Moore who left during the year; helpers on the Playground Project, the Dore Collection and at the Dore Show; deliverers of Dore to Door; advertisers; and all those active supporters and members - wherever they may live.

*John Baker Chairman*

## Abbeydale Hamlet

The Hamlet is open at the moment from 10am to 4pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and 11am to 4.45pm on Sundays. Strangely for a public attraction it is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

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## Have you noticed?

Sadly the setting of Abbeydale Hall is now scheduled to go for ever, with the construction of three blocks of flats in the grounds, while the hall itself is converted into apartments. It is worth remembering that the building was originally purchased by Norton District Council for public use, and served the area for social activities and education courses for many years. Then, without public consultation, it was transferred to Sheffield College, who simply viewed it as an asset for neglect and disposal.

Despite public protest the hall was offered for sale, initially with a view to becoming a pub/restaurant and now a building site. The same process saw the sports field on the corner of Hathersage Road and Cross Lane transferred to the college and sold to a Rotherham based developer, only to be left as a vandal playground.

To me there seems something fundamentally wrong with our society, when public assets can be lost to the community in this way. They belonged to us as rate payers, yet we were never consulted on their transfer to the education estate, then to the college, or on their possible future use.

Readers will know how much I love complaining about traffic. Why do local people speed in their own back yard, don't they have children themselves? Why park on pavements, they were meant for pedestrians. We even have one local lady who drives up onto the pavement on Dore Road to post her letters.

Recently we have had a new hazard with heavy lorries toiling up Dore Road full and then empty through the top of the village. Amazingly the council has given permission for massive tipping on Ryecroft Farm in association with the farms apparent move towards keeping horses instead of cows. No doubt it isn't easy making a living as a farmer nowadays, but was all this tipping really necessary? Better than houses I guess!

*Doremouse*

## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan

We will be starting rehearsals for our next production, 'Ruddigore', on Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm, in Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road. We are a friendly and sociable society and are happy to welcome new members especially tenors and basses.

So if you enjoy singing and acting, or wish to help backstage with our next production to be performed at the University Drama Studio on April 24th - 28th. 2001, please come along.

For more information please contact our chairman Mr. Mike Cox on 235 0534.

*Mrs Rachel Schoon*

## Whirlow Hall Farm

This has been a very busy year at the Farm with quite a few changes.

We were very sorry to see our Director, Paul Carnell, leave the farm after 11 successful years.

However we have been very fortunate in securing the services of David Heugh as our new Chief Executive. David is a former Chairman of South Yorkshire Opera and founder of the Lyceum Theatre Trust.

Other changes have included our venture into Farmer's Markets held three times a year at the Farm. These events have already proved to be very popular.

Some things at the Farm however don't change and that includes our renowned Farm Fayre to be held this year on Sunday September 17th. Medieval Knights will mix with jugglers, and otters, lizards, giant spiders and birds of prey join the usual farm animals. There will be traditional children rides for the particularly energetic or more sedate pastimes such as watching the woodland and medieval crafts or strolling around the giant craft marquee.

For details of any of our events phone 235 2678.

## Problems in Ecclesall Woods

Everyone agrees how lucky we are to have the amenity that is Ecclesall Woods. It is in fact, regarded by Sheffield as its 'jewel in the crown'. What a shame it is therefore that there are still people, particularly certain horse-riders, who are continuing to abuse the rules relating to the use of bridle-paths, and the woods in general. As a member of the Friends of Ecclesall Woods' (FEW) organisation, I am of course very unhappy about the damage that is being done by these irresponsible riders, and the erosion that is being caused to the woodland, and to archeological sites.

Over the past few weeks, some riders have been persistently making jumps over fallen logs, leaving the bridle paths and very badly damaging the ground. (Making jumps is not permitted).

Various attempts have been made by individuals and the Rangers to block these jumps, but on every occasion the obstructions have been removed and jumping continued. Then Council notices were put up, pointing out the bridlepath routes, and also polite notices asking riders not to jump because of the ensuing erosion. Within a few days, these notices disappeared! Most of these problems at the moment seem to be in Wood 3, that is the wood on the Dore side of Abbey Lane, and it is noticeable that the same signs displayed in the other two woods are still up.

It is not only horse riders however. There are still cyclists who think they can ride anywhere and often too fast.

The Council is currently seeking public consultation on a future management plan for the woods.

It would be sad indeed if the actions of a few horse riders meant that we had to go back to the historic position of banning all horses from the woods.

*Lorna Baker*

## Tree Trail

Arroll Winnings' talk was one of the highlights of Dore Festival Week and unlike the Open Gardens (14 gallons to the next house) it stayed fine. Held twice on the Tuesday, groups of around 16 were accompanied also by Sue Lee and friend from FOBS\* who held aloft large samples for identification. We knew the purple plum and false acacia for their striking colours, but who had noticed the many wych elms, walnuts and the willow leaved pear at the Coop?

As well as the Latin names we were treated to personality profiles of the silent community; "very reliable" (whitebeam), "a bully" (sycamore)..... "having a rough time" (lime between two hollies) "both thugs. This is the lesser thug. Only grows to 90 feet not 120 feet." (X Cupressocyparis Castlwellan leylandii)..... "and I've seen the parents!"

The beautiful tall white willows (Dutch variety) in the centre of the Rec. must be particularly satisfying. Arroll supervised the planting of about 20 stools in 1973. The comment for them must surely be "exceeded all expectations!"

*Gillian Farnsworth*

N.B. Any enquiries about trees needing identification, please contact Arroll Winning \*(Friends of Botanical Gardens) Tel.236 7708

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## Letters

Dear Sir

This years Festival Week Open Gardens raised almost £1200 for charity, and despite the rain there were only 10 less people (288) enjoying the gardens than in the sunshine the previous year! What a hardy bunch we are in Dore.

*Julie Bearpark*

*Ed. If you are prepared to consider opening your garden next year, with the proceeds going to a charity of your choice, please contact Julie on 236 9100.*

Dear Sir

I should also like to thank Brian Edwards for his 'official' explanation of the boundaries (between Dore & Totley) - this has been a long argument with a relative who insists that I live in Totley.

On the issue of buses - we still deplore the fact that down here we cannot get up to Dore without walking or using the car - if we have one! Some time ago there was discussion in the village hall about the decision to re-route the Dore bus, as they were no longer willing to provide a conductor to oversee the necessary reversing in Dore. At the time I proposed that the Dore bus be linked with the Totley Rise bus, ie. City-Dore-Totley Rise-Abbeydale Road-City, with another bus running in the reverse direction.

I expected and was prepared for an objection because of the narrow section in front of the church.

But imagine my surprise, and that of many villagers, at the remark from the experts:- there was no road connecting Dore with

Furniss Avenue.' they would not even accept that several of us had just driven up Totley Rise Road. Of course the so-called experts had come in the main from Barnsley, - in cars of course - and their map, when I managed to have a sight of it, was an old Ordnance Survey map.

The only objection I can see to this idea, is the narrow section of road, church entrance and all in front of the church. But surely in the interests of all it would be simple to make the entrance to the church in Vicarage lane, and have all wedding/funeral cars use that lane for access to the church.-wouldn't this alteration of route solve the village bus problem?

You also have an article about St. Luke's. Well, I am now turned 80 and recently diagnosed as having cancer. I go to Beighton Day Centre - at first with some trepidation - but now my week centres round my visits. It is amazing what is available, and what care is offered.

*Francis D Frith*

Dear Sir

We don't want your rubbish, thank you!

One of the reasons why people come to live in Dore or Totley is that, quite apart from these places being beautiful parts of Sheffield, one anticipates that all the inhabitants are appreciative of this factor and are also considerate people. I find it very surprising therefore, to find that the river Sheaf at the bottom of our garden is, not infrequently, filled with people's garden rubbish.

I live on a bend of the river which is otherwise quite picturesque, but unfortunately when large branches and sometimes whole bushes that have been felled and dumped in the river, they collect here. The result of course, is that I have to clear the river.

That I feel obliged to do this, is not only to restore the view from my garden, it also ensures that in times of very heavy rain (such as we have had twice in the last at three years) there is not flooding upstream from us, where presumably people are throwing this very rubbish into the river.

Could I make this plea therefore, that in their own self interest, the residents with access to either Totley Brook or Old Hay Brook, do not do this?

*P. J. Winnall*

*Ed. Sadly the tipping of garden refuse on public land is all too common, often justified by statements such as "so what, it's mainly grass cuttings and will rot". Unfortunately the results are often eyesores and encourage the spread of garden species of plant into native woodland etc.*

*Please, please, set some space aside for a compost heap in your garden, use your Wheelie Bin, or visit a council tip. Just a little effort would make the environment better for us all.*

Dear Sir

In the Summer issue of Dore to Door was a fleeting reference to Mobile Phones, with concern about the use by drivers. There is a much more serious situation implied. I take it that you have not read the 'Stewart Report' on this subject - which if proved correct, shows a very serious situation indeed. Please do obtain a copy (possibly from this Central Reference Library) and please read it.

*Janette Crookes (Mrs)*

*Ed. The Stewart Report covers the possible medical and health implications of radiation from mobile phones.*

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## Letters

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of the Committee which has been formed to produce the Dore Millennium Play. Whilst still awaiting the outcome of the application for a grant from the Millennium Festival Awards For All Fund', preparations are in hand for the play to be performed in January 2001.

We would like to hear from anyone interested in helping with, or participating in the project in any way, and particularly anyone who has an interest in local history, art, acting, music or theatre direction/production. The village schools, churches, youth organisations and many other local groups are all being contacted seeking support for this project. Whilst we don't know at this stage quite how many people will be needed, it would be helpful to know the kind of support we can anticipate from the local community. If you are interested please contact us on either:- 236 0002, or 236 8100.

*Anne Elsdon & Margaret Peart*

Dear Sir

I was most interested to read the article on West View Cottage by Brian Edwards, since I believe that my late wife and I were the last people to live in it before it was demolished in about 1972.

We bought it [as The Cottage Abbeydale Road South] at Auction in 1962; and lived in it until 1969 when my work took me to London. Prior to 1962 it had been occupied by two maiden ladies, the Misses Lockwood who were related to an old Sheffield family, and it came on the market on the death of the last of these.

The house stood in 3 1/4 acres comprising:- an acre of preserved woodland; an acre of garden on two levels; and a paddock of 1 1/4 acres. It was approached from Abbeydale Road South by a narrow private drive across the railway bridge, which turned right into the property, and was connected by a public footpath to steps leading up to Queen Victoria Road. From there, a public footpath skirted the



*Front view of West View Cottage from the lawn showing the bay window to the dining room with a separate outside door to its left (evidence for the view that the building was originally two cottages); the entrance vestibule leading to the entrance hall; the windows of the sitting room; the door to the passage-way between cottage and outbuildings; and the door to these.*

paddock and led through the woodland to the Baslow Road.

We were given to understand that the cottage had originally been the site of a Grinding Wheel. The woodland had been the dam [which had silted up when the Wheel was no longer used, and become overgrown with trees] which supplied water to the Wheel through a channel or goit which was still clearly visible. This led from the wood through the garden and eventually to a sluice, which was still in existence in 1969. The sluice discharged into the river Sheaf which formed the boundary of the wood and part of the garden. The outbuildings had housed the grinding machinery, and the house had originally been two cottages in which the manager and the foreman of the Works had lived.

It was also thought that the works were established in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth centuries at a time when the Sheaf provided the water power for the large amount of industrial activity located in the valley. Certainly the Deeds of the property required the occupants to '... keep the goits and Culverts clear for the Rolling Mill at Abbeydale...'

It would seem, therefore, that this was indeed the site of the Upper Wheel referred to in Mr Edwards article; and that it was driven by water from its dam, subsequently silted up, which was fed with water from the Totley Brook which still flows past the end of the woodland. When we took over the property, we found two unused grindstones, presumably abandoned when the Works ceased production.

As will be seen from the photograph, the Cottage was a substantial property. It was stone-built, with walls three feet thick. It had three large reception rooms, each with an open fireplace, one of which was the entrance hall with a staircase leading to the first floor; a large kitchen and a utility room. The first floor had two bathrooms and five bedrooms, two of which were furnished with antique Georgian fireplaces. Although clearly the house could not have had a conventional 'damp course'

when we were excavating near the outside walls we discovered that these went down a very considerable distance and were surrounded by triangular banks of coke, the vertical sides of which were flush with the walls, thus providing for rainwater to drain away. The roof consisted of large overlapping stone slabs. The far right-hand door led into the outbuildings, and the door next to it into a passage between the house and the outbuildings.

When we bought the property, a certain amount of refurbishment was necessary. Consequently we were not able to move in until late Autumn 1962, just before the onset of the worst winter since 1947! In early January 1963 the water supply to the Cottage failed and we discovered that water was delivered by a 4" iron pipe which led from the mains in Abbeydale Road South along the drive, under the railway bridge [with no insulation] and into the property. Apparently the large capacity pipe had been installed at the turn of the Century when it had been thought that a number of houses would be built on part of the land and in the absence of motorised transport, the narrowness of the railway bridge would be no obstacle to this development. Clearly one house could not use enough water to cause much movement in a 4' pipe some 80yds long and consequently it froze at the bridge.

Fortunately the Water Board excavated the pipe and replaced it with a suitably lagged modern plastic pipe. During the period of two weeks which this work took we were regularly supplied with drinking water delivered in an unused galvanised dustbin and there was well in the paddock which provided water for household chores to a tap in the kitchen. Apart from this episode we encountered no problems during the time we occupied this delightful property.

We were extremely sorry to leave our beautiful house and very sad that it was subsequently demolished.

*Henry D Turner*

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Dear Sir

Totley Rise Dilemma (*following up the article by Brian Edwards in our last issue*).

If we go back 65 or more years, Mr. Chatterton's query could be extended. Between 1894 and 1935, before Sheffield took over the area, Grove Road (where I lived from 1935 to 1963) could have had its locality described as follows - Totley Rise (postal district), St. Johns (ecclesiastical parish), Dore (civil parish) and Norton (rural district). I imagine the same applied to Vernon Road. Before the late 1870s it would have been Dore ecclesiastical parish and before the mid 1840s - Dronfield. Living in Grove Road, although we were within the ancient boundaries of the Township of Dore, we always considered we lived in Totley. Dore was a separate and remote place.

As an aside, it is a reflection on the dilution of local democracy that 100 years ago, to quote from the 1895 Bulmer's Directory "Dore and Totley form distinct parishes, each having a parish council of seven members and one district councillor". The district councillor would have been the member serving on Norton Rural District Council; and these numbers were representing a vastly smaller population compared with today. I often think that Dore and Totley should campaign to have their parish councils restored. I have read that if a fairly modest percentage of a parish send in a petition to its parent city or county council, then the latter have to consider reinstating a previous parish council. Some Sheffield districts to the north-west still retain parish councils.

What is now probably a largely forgotten institution was Christmas post work, where teenagers (and older) were taken on by the

shillings (10p) a week pocket money, it doubled ones annual income.

The operation for the Totley Rise postal district was all handled from Totley Rise post office. Mr Jackson was the postmaster and the mail was sorted in a little back room that may now be incorporated into the shop, or it may have been in the basement. I still have a fairly clear memory of the northern part of the delivery area, it covered Grove Road, Totley Brook Road, Queen Victoria Road and I am fairly sure it extended down to the bottom of Twentywell Lane and included Abbeydale Park Rise, Devonshire Road and Bushey Wood Road (these latter three at that time were cul-de-sacs and did not extend up to Dore).

I relate this anecdote because it may be worth placing on record this memory of the original small Totley Rise postal district and it may now be forgotten that it operated from Totley Rise post office.

The present day sorting office at St. Johns, with its much larger delivery area, of course came later.

Another anecdote about the complexity of our local boundaries. In the 1950s I knew a family who lived on Abbeydale Park Rise, they had a daughter who was confirmed by the Bishop of Derby. They in turn had some friends who lived on Abbeydale Road South, down near Beauchief Gardens, they had a daughter who was confirmed by the Bishop of Sheffield. They could not understand why they had different Bishops when they lived so near to each other. Only in recent years did I find the probable answer, Abbeydale Park Rise came within the Province of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Abbeydale Road South family were in the Province of the Archbishop of York, the boundary of course running down

Royal Mail to deliver letters. I remember it from the 1940s and early 50s; one could earn untold wealth, £5 to £10 for 7 to 10 days work. It may not seem much today but when the average teenager was lucky to receive 2 Limb Brook and the River Sheaf as far as Meers Brook. I believe it was the early 1970s when the boundary was changed to match the present county boundary.

Finally, on this subject of district names, in the 1940s we always referred to the area at the top of Mickley Lane, The Quadrant and Lemont Road as Heatherfield. I have mentioned this name in recent years but no one seems to have heard of it. Has the name completely disappeared?

*Tony Smith, Bradway*

Dear Sir

I came to Sheffield 28 years ago and formed a Company Newman Facilities Ltd which looked after Shopping Centres and commercial properties in the area. I lived in Kenwood Park Road for 15 years before moving to Totley where I have lived for the past 13 years with my wife Sandra.

I had previously spent some years in Africa as a Police Inspector. Now retired I have taken up the pen and written a book entitled "A walk on the wild side" which chronicles my adventures in Africa after joining The Kenya Police in 1954.

I thought that friends that I have made in the area might be interested to know that I had written a book and like to enjoy a good read. Copies price £9.95 are on sale in Totley Library and Jim Martin's Newsagents.

*Jim Newman*

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## Letters

Dear Sir  
*Dore Gala (or was it a Funfair?)*

We are writing to express our concerns at the ever-increasing commerciality of the Dore Gala. A few years ago it was a good afternoon out for the family - there were plenty of side shows, all of which were either free or quite cheap (20-50p), there was a bouncy castle, swing boats (which I seem to recollect the parents had to push), the odd round-a-bout.

Now we have countless bouncy castles, some of which were deflated because of the law of supply and demand, a number of expensive round-a-bouts and that awful swinging machine with its loud intrusive music. Even the kiddies round-a-bout was one pound for a ride lasting under three minutes!

We fear that if this trend continues for another three years or so, it will no longer be the Dore Gala as we remember it, but it will have turned into a Funfair with all its herdy-herdies (is that spelt correctly?); it may as well be merged with the Endcliffe Park Funfair!

We are aware of the need to make money, and we have no idea whether the last couple of years has seen a significant increase in funding for the Scouts and Guides or not; if it has, then perhaps the means justifies the end, but if not, then where is the Gala going?

*Colin & Jenny Robinson*

*Ed. We invited the Gala Chairman to reply:*

We try and provide entertainment for all ages and obviously not all attractions suit everyone. The fairground ride certainly kept the older children amused and out of trouble. Over the past five years the money passed to various charities from the Gala has almost doubled. Surely we must be doing something right?

*Alan Robinson - Retiring Gala Chairman*

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Dear sir

I am an active member of Sheffield U3A, The University of the Third Age. This is a self-help organisation and a charity involved in Life Long Learning. It is part of a worldwide organisation started in France and there are 1,600 members in Sheffield. Membership is £4, you then have access to over 50 subject groups ranging from archaeology to sea yachting and Spanish to woodcarving. We do not run courses and there are no rewards for attending group activities.

The only qualification you need to join is, to be over 50 years and no longer in full-time gainful employment. We have a bi-monthly newsletter with group news called Links. Most of our activities take place in the SW of the city. We have 14 walking groups for different levels of ability; 7 local history groups; 7 Bridge groups; several art groups; chess; gardening groups; language groups; a theatre group; travel group etc. etc.

I am involved with travel - educational day visits, short breaks and longer haul tours. We have a sub-committee of 5 who run these. One member took a party to the Dome earlier this month, another is taking a group to Norfolk and later this year to The Cities of the Hapsburgs. I am taking 21 people to Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. In the last 10 years various groups have been all over the world walking, playing Bridge, sketching and going on educational tours etc.

Our Enquiries Officer is Maureen Hessel, 1 Abbey Lane Dell, S8 0BZ, tel. 262 1995.

*Yvonne Gutsell*

Dear Sir,

Having a dog today is a responsibility in which I take very seriously, clearing up after my dog is a necessity, but I do feel that dog owners are not represented in this area. I feel that Dog Poo bins should be placed around residential areas. Yes! most caring dog owners do take excrement home with them but if they supplied as many poo bins as "fine" signs (positioned virtually on every lamp) it would elevate the problem we have today.

*Phil Mason*

## National Trust Sheffield

The Sheffield Centre of the National Trust was formed in 1972 as a local association of those who were already members of the National Trust, with the aim of providing in this area functions to further the work of the Trust.

We currently have a membership of some 350 and publish two Newsletters a year - in January and July - in the form of a 20-24 page booklet. Our programme consists of various events. Our Annual Luncheon is generally held in March, at which the speaker may be someone from the national HQ of the Trust, or, perhaps, a person involved in heritage or conservation work. In the summer, we organise a number of whole or half-day coach outings to houses, castles, gardens or well-known homes. A Spring 4 or 5 day holiday has taken place for many years, usually to the south, but also to Scotland and along the Scottish border country. This Autumn, for the first time, we have arranged a two-nights-away weekend in the Bath area. It was quickly booked up, so, hopefully, it may be an annual function.

We have seven autumn and winter meetings taking place at the Sheffield Friends' Meeting House, with talks, slide shows and a social evening with pea and pie supper. The December, January and February meetings are afternoon events. At these we raise funds for the National Trust's appeals, recruit new friends and members and try to make membership of the National Trust more enjoyable.

The President of the Sheffield Centre is Sir Hugh Sykes K.B., D.L. We have a voluntary serving Committee, with an AGM in March. We continue to listen to people's ideas to provide further opportunities for us to learn and hear more about the National Trust - its coastline, houses, countryside and gardens. If you require more information, please get in touch with our Secretary, John Robertshaw on 236 0846.

*Mrs J. M. Norris*

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St. John's Church Hall: Friday 15th September, 2.00pm for all courses.

Further information can be obtained from the locally available WEA leaflet (libraries etc.) or by telephoning June Fisher on 272 4983 or Ian Horsfield on 234 1212.

## South West Area Panel

The Council's Area Initiative was launched with the aim of involving communities more directly in the work of local government, to gain a better understanding of the needs of individual communities and to achieve better co-operation and co-ordination between service providers.

Regular public meetings are a key element of this process and over 100 residents attended the meeting at the Church Hall on 19 July.

At the meeting Nick Selwood, Asst Trees & Woodland Officer at Leisure Services, outlined work on a five year plan for Ecclesall Woods which will shortly be published for consultation and followed up by public meetings specifically to discuss it. Dr Jonathan Roddick Chair of the SW Primary Care Group,



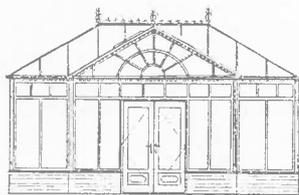
*Junction of Abbey Lane and Abbeydale Road. Beauchief Post Office, with Beauchief Garage behind (the white triangular shape), taken in the tram heyday. A sweet dispenser and weighing scales are visible to the left of the entrance. Two ladies with prams to the right are in front of a window advertising funeral services. Harry Evans proprietor and his dog are in the doorway. An early set of traffic lights are just visible on the far right of the picture.*

one of 4 in Sheffield, explained proposals to move to trust status and sought feedback from local people into local health care issues. An update on other local issues was also provided.

A second meeting on the 26 July was held to discuss proposed traffic regulation orders in the centre of the village. Peter Ball from the Highways Dept outlined the proposal and comments from the subsequent healthy discussion which took place, will be taken into account in finalising proposals. A commitment was made to future consultation and a holistic approach to traffic and transport issues in

Dore. Good news was the announced inclusion of pedestrian safety work on Causeway Head Road in this years budget. Not so good news was rejection by police and traffic engineers of the need for parking restrictions on one side at the bottom of Dore Road. Councillors were pressed to pursue this but individual letters of concern to the Highways section can do no harm!

The next public meeting of the panel will be at 7.30pm on 27 September in St Luke's Church, Blackbrook Road, Lodge Moor.



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Puppies dumped in dustbins, rivers, canals, put down holes in woods and covered with brambles etc etc. There's no end to the neglect and cruelty we encounter in our work.

Lucky, a twelve-week-old pup - rope burns round his neck, scalds on his face, found in the lock of the Sheffield canal.

Freddy, laid at the side of the road, no hair below his shoulders, tumours on his back, severe ear infection and riddled with fleas and ticks, starved, too weak to stand.

Fifty-two dogs virtually abandoned in a so-called sanctuary.

Bessie stolen from her own front garden, put in a van and thrown out of a moving van four miles away - needing an operation for injuries received.

Two pups of ten weeks old left in the back garden of a house by the owners when they moved to a different home.

The list is endless .....

We have a no destruction policy!

Although an independent rescue group, the S.D.R. liaise with other rescue groups and rescue workers. We are at present involved with others in trying to get changes in legislation regarding the welfare of animals unable to receive help needed because of restrictions within the out-dated Protection of Animals Act (1911).

All our rescued dogs receive whatever veterinary help they need plus full vaccination or booster (if applicable). Kennelling averages £9,000 per year. The S.D.R. team are all volunteer workers.

We are always in need of good jumble, bric-

a-brac, homemade cakes etc for our fund raising events and helpers.

If you can help or offer a good home to a dog please ring 255 0469 or 01246 568 712. We would love to hear from you!

## Plight of the Bumblebee

Bumblebee populations which are essential for pollinating garden and crop plants have been in decline for many years. At least five of the 16 bee species that were present in 1970 are threatened with extinction according to recent research carried out by the Bumblebee Working Group (part of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan).

Changes in farming practice which have led to the loss of many wild flower meadows, in particular those rich in *Trolium pratense* (red clover), are blamed for this problem.

The Bumblebee Working Group undertook the study with the help of Gale's Honey. The aim is to reverse the decline of UK species of bumblebee. Help from Gale's and Cotswold Seeds has been obtained to target gardeners, who can encourage bumblebees by sowing a special seed mixture with native grass species and nectar-rich wild flowers, including red clover.

Research by Sally Corbett from the University of Cambridge Botanic Gardens into the value of cultivated flowers to bumblebees suggests that plant breeders may be partly to blame for the decline. She says that newer cultivars are often much less useful to bumblebees than the species from which they are derived. Sally recommends that concerned gardeners should avoid both double and spurless flowers, and grow more species or old-fashioned cultivars.

## The Wildlife Garden

I like wildlife, as long as it is in someone else's garden'. Strange though it may sound, I have often heard this phrase uttered not by the people you might expect - those who have just a passing interest in wildlife, but by enthusiastic naturalists. However, they were also keen gardeners and for them, encouraging wildlife could lead to all sorts of conflicts with their tidy garden ethos.

Take for example, something as unassuming as a teasel. The seed heads of this spiny plant may well draw charms of goldfinches into the autumn garden, - surely a delight to any bird-watcher, but as the birds feed, the seeds invariably get scattered around and the following spring, a sea of young teasels emerge. In a well-regimented plot, such opportunistic weeds' are definitely not welcome.

This is why in many tidy gardens, seed heads are usually removed as soon as the plant has finished flowering, before it can scatter its progeny. This of course means that with no seed heads to feed on, the birds will have to search for food in other gardens. Could the answer to this dilemma be for 'tidy-minded' gardeners to have a small, separate wild patch; a place where teasels and other wild plants can grow in Arcadian profusion and where wildlife will be left undisturbed, but separate to the rest of the garden?

One novel approach to this problem was

demonstrated by the Wildlife Trust's show garden at the BBC's Gardeners' World Live Event 2000 in Birmingham. Here, instead of having one separate wild patch, the small raised beds of a more conventional plot were transformed into wildlife havens - a mini meadow, a marshy area and even a small pond. How effective such a design would be in reality is open to question, as we know very little about how the size of a wild plot influences its wildlife visitors.

In the show garden, they chose to grow and maintain all their plants organically, but what happens if only part of the garden is treated in a wildlife-friendly manner? You can see this problem demonstrated most readily at allotments. I have seen a plot where the owners have created a pond to encourage frogs and other wildlife and grew their plants organically, only to find their adjacent neighbour using just about every herbicide and insecticide available; it may as well have been a pesticide-testing ground as so many sprays were used. What the influence is of one plot on another is anybody's guess, but I am sure you can imagine which plot the wildlife would favour and what would happen to them once they strayed outside their sanctuary.

Perhaps the biggest problem is that by creating such an area, you not only encourage birds, beneficial insects and hedgehogs, but invariably other less welcome visitors and you can be quite sure that these pests won't be content to stay within the confines of the wild patch.

So, are there ways we can control them without resorting to sprays?

With any pest control programme, the first step is to keep checking the plants and take action at the first signs of attack. Sometimes pests, such as frog-hoppers on lavenders, can easily be removed by picking off individual insects or by using a strong directed water spray. Sparrows will do this job very efficiently, but like all biological controls, this can be a hit or miss affair.

Take for example a method gaining popularity in America, where batches of commercially bred predators, such as lacewings or ladybirds, are released into the garden. I tried this by collecting ladybirds which had just come out of hibernation, having spent the winter in my garden shed and transferring them onto a number of aphid-infested plants. Unfortunately, it was spring and the ladybirds obviously had other things on their minds when they were in close proximity to one another, which certainly wasn't champing their way through aphids...Even when they became less engrossed in other ladybirds, many simply went their own way, but thankfully, enough did remain in my garden to make an impact on the pest numbers.

From my experience, commercially produced insect predators or parasites are best used inside the house or greenhouse, where you can carefully control variables, such as temperature, to ensure you get the maximum benefit from them. In a garden, it is difficult to guarantee the perfect conditions for ladybirds or in fact any other predators, and even harder to predict just how many of these insects, once released, will stay and eat your pests. I suspect that if you liberated large numbers of lacewings, they would simply be caught by birds to feed their nestlings, which is perhaps not quite the reason you bought the lacewings

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The city's industrial heart is not forgotten. The grinding hull is where the grinder would have put an expert edge on the knives; the horn workshop where the handles were prepared; the silversmith whose intricate work adorns much of the cutlery - all these and others.

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Because the Museum is run by a handful of volunteers, it is only open occasionally, usually the last Saturday in the month, or by prior appointment. For further information, phone Sheffield 222 6296. The next two open days are Saturday 30 September and Saturday 28 October from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Admission £1, concessions 70p, Family Ticket £3. Traditional Heritage Museum, 605 Ecclesall Road, S11 8PR.

## Walking Festival

From the 8th to the 24th of September, around 80 events will be taking place as part of the Sheffield Millennium Walking Festival.

The festival aims to promote Sheffield and the surrounding area as a destination for walkers and to encourage walking as a healthy and enjoyable activity for all sections of the community. This extravaganza of rambling will include walks ranging from easy inner-city strolls to strenuous 10 mile hikes in Derbyshire.

One of the highlights on Sunday 17th September will be an 11 mile ramble from the Snake Inn to Hope, to commemorate the foundation of the renown Clarion Ramblers on 3rd September 1900.

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Sunday 5 November 11.15am. Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Rt. Rev. J. Rawsthorne (Bishop John)

Thursday 9 November 7.30pm. Mass at English Martyrs for the deceased members of the De La Salle Ramblers association.

Saturday 18 November 8.00pm. Promise Auction and Grand Raffle in aid of Third World charities, in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 25 November 10.00am. Coffee, Cakes, and Crackers in the Parish Hall.

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## Book Reviews

With the end of summer, (what summer?), the cooler days herald perhaps the best walking time of the year. Whether for a stroll, country ramble or serious hike, the Peak District offers some of the most enjoyable walking in the country. Now publishers Collins have got together with the Ramblers Association to produce a series of new books covering different parts of the country including *COLLINS rambler's guide to the Peak District*.

You would be hard put to beat the presentation of this book. Each of 30 walks are set in context, carefully detailed including points of interest to watch out for, illustrated with some evocative colour photographs, and supported by maps and diagrams showing the steepness and number of climbs along the way. All this is packed into 190 pages, produced in a handy pocket size with plastic cover and written by Roly Smith.

The walks are graded 1-5 according to level of difficulty and range from 4 - 10 miles. The hardest are aimed at experienced walkers, but there is something for everyone here, with plenty around a comfortable 4 miles in length. Estimated times, refreshment available, wildlife interest and OS sheet numbers are all detailed. The only oversight is a general map showing where the walks are for people unfamiliar with the area. *COLLINS rambler's guide to the Peak District* is available from all good book shops price £ 9.99.

Although the Peak District has its fans, it can be crowded at times. Yet some of the adjoining Derbyshire countryside, while not perhaps as dramatic, is rich in history and can provide enjoyable walks in its own right. Newly published *Discovery walks in North East Derbyshire* by Elaine Burkinshaw, provides suggestions for 30 walks in the area enabling you to explore its history and heritage from early man at Cresswell Crags to the age of steam at Clay Cross. Castles, stately homes, and birthplaces of the industrial revolution are all here encouraging a healthy blend of discovery and exercise.

The book starts with a useful historical overview, and there are also introductions to the periods covered by each of the sections. The walks range from 4-9 miles, each with detailed route instructions, information on points of interest and simple maps. In passing Cartledge Hall in Holmesfield I read that it was built by John Wolstenholme in 1492 and that his grandson was a founder of the Virginia Company and has an island in Baffin Bay named after him. One of his sons, a Royalist officer was killed in the civil war on the way to Marston Moor.

*Discovery walks in North East Derbyshire* is published by Sigma Leisure, price £ 6.95. It is a pleasant way to discover more about the areas history.

*Grave Tales from South Yorkshire* by Giles Brearley sets out, as the title suggests, to introduce us to the final resting places of the famous, rich or infamous sons and occasional daughters of South Yorkshire. Covering Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster & Sheffield, the book identifies 94 individual or group memorials. From civil war soldier - Robert Portington at Arksey, killed by an ape bite, to champion cyclist - Tony Simpson at Harworth who died on the Tour de France in 1967. From



*Rural Bradway in 1911. View of the Bradway Tunnel entrance with Poynton Villas in the foreground (demolished in the early 1950s). Twentywell Lane can be seen on the left running up to the top of the picture. The back of the Castle Inn and Castle Row are visible above the roof of the Villas. Picture loaned by Mr & Mrs E Moseley.*

Benjamin Huntsman at Attercliffe, inventor of crucible steel making, to the Cholera Burial Ground at East Dene.

Each entry provides a pocket history to the person or circumstances remembered with appropriate illustrations and epitaphs. Fittingly the last entry is of Dore Village Green, where contrasting monuments in the form of the war memorial and King Ecgbert Stone, commemorate events more than a thousand years apart. Overall this book provides an interesting reminder to the history we all share. *Grave Tales from South Yorkshire* is published by Wharnccliffe Books, price £9.95.

*The Mystery of Carl Wark* by Mick Savage was reviewed in our spring edition and almost immediately sold out. It sets out to explore what we do know about the site and some of the conjectures. Now reprinted, it is available direct from the author on 236 9002

## Stanage Forum

We are fortunate to live in an area overflowing with marvelous scenery, but Stanage Edge must be one of the most dramatic features of the Peak District. Hundreds of thousands of visitors come each year to enjoy its natural beauty and it is recognised as one of the best climbing crags in the UK, attracting people from all over the world. People also come to walk, cycle, hang glide, horse ride, bird-watch or simply to enjoy the views.

The area is also internationally important for wildlife. There are a whole range of habitats from flower-rich pastures and hay meadows to woodlands, crags and boulder slopes. The moorland and raised bog of White Path Moss, above Stanage Edge, is of particular importance. It supports as dense a breeding population of rare wetland birds as anywhere else in the U.K. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area. There is also a working farm, managed by Broomfield College, and a number of important archaeological features.

The area is owned by the Peak District National Park Authority, who are seeking to demonstrate how to conserve and enhance the area's special qualities; to provide opportunities for their enjoyment and understanding and to improve the quality of life for the people who live, work and visit.

To this end the PDNPA are organising a forum for all those who are interested in or affected by changes at Stanage. The PDNPA feel that many people care passionately about the area and can help them to manage it better. There will be a series of open meetings, starting this summer on 23 August at the Memorial Hall, Hathersage, to develop a new ten-year management plan, working towards a shared vision for the North Lees Estate and Stanage Edge.

To find out more, look out for press releases or on the PDNPA web-site [www.peakdistrict.org.uk](http://www.peakdistrict.org.uk), or contact Matthew Crony on 01629 816351



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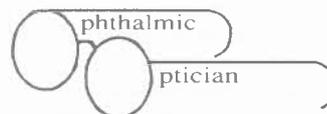
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## Gossamer wings

One of the features of my garden is a wildlife pond. No fish, fountain or stream, but a constant source of interest provided by frogs, toads, newts, water boatmen, water plants and for me most attractive of all, dragonflies.

With their fast darting flight, held aloft on pairs of glistening wings, dragonflies and the smaller more delicate damselflies, are an added bonus to any garden. From June onwards a sunny day holds the promise of a visitor circling or buzzing the pond, sometimes hovering then gliding effortlessly, or moving with a sudden burst of speed to intercept an insect meal or check out a potential mate. If it is a male patrolling his territory, and male dragonflies are very territorial, chances are he will occasionally settle on a prominent position to bask in the sun with his wings outstretched. It is then that one gets the chance to check his colours and make a stab at identification.

Identification of different species or the sex of individuals can be difficult, as colours and markings can vary between the sexes and with age. No problem for them though, and the male dragonflies possessive flight pattern advertises his territory, and serves to deter other males. If not you might be treated to a spectacular high-speed dog-fight reminiscent of first world war biplanes, but much faster!

Dragonflies have two sets of wings which function independently and which gives them immense manoeuvrability. They can hover, fly backwards, slip sideways, or dart forwards almost faster than the eye can follow, reaching speeds of more than 30 mph. As they fly past you or through plants by the pond, you may hear their wings clattering on the vegetation. Gossamer they may appear, but they are immensely strong. And they have served dragonflies well, making them one of the longest surviving families in the insect kingdom with fossils, complete with wing impressions, dating back well beyond the Jurassic period.

Courtship does not exist in the dragonfly

kingdom. Some of those dog fights turn out to be something totally different with the male seemingly grasping a female by the scruff of the neck to fly in tandem. Still in tandem egg laying eventually begins, with the female dipping her abdomen in the water to deposit eggs or attach them to plants. This is a risky business, and I have watched damselflies in particular disappear into the hungry mouths of opportunistic newts.

Underwater few would be attracted to the life of the dragonfly lava or nymph. Unlike their adult phase the nymphs are ugly creatures, candidates for a part in an alien film, and voracious hunters.

Tadpoles without tails have usually been their victims. Even young newts and small fish can fall to their stalking amongst the pond weed.

Depending on species and food supply it takes two or more years before the nymphs emerge to climb a reed or iris stem and begin their transformation. As the skin splits the adult dragonfly emerges, pumping its gossamer wings full of blood and then drying them in the sun before starting another generational sequence.

There are several species of dragonfly and damselflies in the Sheffield area. Broad-bodied Chasers visit and Southern Hawkers breed in my pond, along with several species of damselfly.

If you are interested, keep an eye out for guided visits to local nature reserves, visit [www.dragonflysoc.org.uk](http://www.dragonflysoc.org.uk) or better still dig a pond and just wait - you won't be disappointed.

*John Baker*

## Mary Kitchin retires

Mrs Mary Kitchin will be well known to anyone who has been fortunate enough to have had children at Dore Infant School over the past 17 years. She is retiring as head teacher this August, when Ian Wileman will become head of the new Dore Primary School, following the amalgamation of the two schools.

Mary has worked tirelessly, often under extreme pressures (particularly under hard financial constraints), to do her absolute best for the children under her care. She is a credit to her profession and has been an invaluable asset to the community of Dore. She will be sadly missed by staff, governors, parents and especially the children.

One of children recently turned up to school having had a long chat at home about Mrs Kitchin retiring. She was very concerned that pensioners were very poor, so she had taped 40p pocket money to a card to make sure Mrs Kitchin would be alright!

In fact over £500 was raised from parents and children as some small measure of the high regard in which Mary is held. Her living legacy to our village is all the children who have had a fine start to their education under her guidance.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

*Paula Smith, parent governor*

## Wanted

Old pictures of Dore; memories; articles on the village or it's history; news; ideas for competitions etc. Contact the editor on 236 9025.

## T.O.A.D.S. Update

You may remember that a year ago, T.O.A.D.S. went International when we were asked by the author of our May play, "Return Trip", to take it to Switzerland. It was a fantastic experience, all expenses paid, performing in a beautiful theatre perched halfway up a mountain overlooking Montreux and Lake Geneva. Apparently it was so well received that we have been asked back this July to perform the same play - a "Return Trip" for "Return Trip"!

Our Autumn play is that wonderful classic by Oscar Wilde "The Importance of Being Earnest".

Everyone knows the line "A Handbag", but the play is full of equally funny lines that people never remember afterwards! It will be performed at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, November 22nd to 25th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2.50 and £2 concessions from me, Kate Reynolds, nearer the time on 236 6891.

## Sheffield Round Walk

July 2nd saw the launch of revisions to Sheffield's Round Walk' adding another 4 mile section to bring the walker in a full circle, back to the starting point in Endcliffe Park. The new section runs from the old finish in Graves Park via the Gleadless Valley Woodland Park, Meersbrook Park, Brincliffe Edge Wood, Chelsea Park and back to Hunter's Bar.

Locally the walk runs from Whirlow Park, down through the Limb Lane playing fields into Ecclesall Woods. It then runs down parallel to Limb Brook before being re-aligned behind houses on Dore Road to come out on Abbeydale Road South next to The Glen nursing home.

The original walk, which evolved between 1937 and 1947, has proved extremely popular, especially over recent years, as more people have taken up walking for leisure. The route has been re-signed in a clockwise direction, costs precluded these being done both ways. Much needed repairs to paths on parts of the route will be undertaken over the next few years.

A new booklet on the walk, *The Sheffield Round Walk: a fourteen mile walk through picturesque south-west Sheffield*, is published by Sheffield City Council, price £ 2.50. It is available from Destination Sheffield or Sheffield Scene. More details from 250 0500.

## Well Dressing Diary

August

16-23 Barlow  
19-26 Taddington  
24-1 Holymoorside  
25-29 Earl Strenrdale  
26-3 Eyam  
26-3 Wormhill

September

2-10 Wardlow  
3-10 Longnor  
9-16 Chesterfield  
9-16 Hartington

*Ed. You can watch the well dressings in the making at several of these villages. Try Barlow from the 14 - 16th during the daytime*

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## Written in stone

If any town deserves to be in the limelight it is Wirksworth, Derbyshire, from which many a ton of limestone was quarried and burnt to produce lighting for 19th-century theatres and magic lantern shows. This method of illumination was actually so brilliant that limelight signals could be exchanged between Ireland and the west coast of Scotland.

But limestone, and indeed every type of stone, has moved with the times. As remarkable as it is commonplace, our entire modern way of life depends upon stone. Endless surprises emerge in the telling of its 4,600 million-year-old story, presented by the National Stone Centre at Wirksworth.

The venture is an educational charity, working with a wide range of national organisations including major firms in the quarrying industry and environmental bodies. An exhibition centre is set within dramatic site trails around six disused quarries and, naturally, Peak District stone has a high profile.

Throughout earth's creation, each period has left its mark in rocks and fossils; this very site contains one of the best fossil reefs in the country. Visitors can stand on the brink of the once wave-pounded reef and see evidence of volcanic activity, or wander around Sea Lily Meadow to marvel at unimaginably old fossils.

The continuing discovery of numerous pointed teeth gives tangible evidence of the small sharks which once prowled in tropical lagoons. Exhibits in the visitor centre show how deserts and glaciers also took turns in shaping the landscape, while the activities of hundreds of active volcanoes remind us that the earth's crust is still on the move.

Man entered the story of stone comparatively recently. Human hands fashioned stone into the earliest tools and weapons, while prehistoric burial mounds utilised the same types of stone that we still use for memorials. Each civilisation can be measured by its works in stone, from Roman roads to increasingly ambitious castles,



Visitors by an interpretive display of Dene Quarry at the National Stone Centre

cathedrals and palaces.

Our foes have had cause to curse British stone. Some had to face deadly Tudor cannon balls, Napoleonic prisoners-of-war were put to work crushing Dartmoor stone, and during World War Two a concrete 'mulberry harbour' played a major role in the Normandy landings. Stone has been essential to our agricultural and industrial progress. Mile upon mile of stone walls have been built in different regions of Britain, often enclosing land improved by the addition of lime made by burning limestone - an old lime kiln survives on the site trail. Crushed stone went into road and railway construction, sea defences and docks, and Derbyshire millstones - made appropriately from Millstone Grit, were exported around the globe. One of the quarries at the National Stone Centre even supplied hundreds of thousands of tons of limestone for construction of the MI.

Each quarry face bears evidence of earlier lead mining, with remnants of lead ore and miners' pick marks occasionally spotted on the rock face. There were well over a hundred mine shafts on the site and one has been preserved as a feature. Today progress continues in the quarrying industry, with computer-controlled cutting to keep a competitive 'edge'.

We will each use twenty lorry-loads of stone in our lifetime; it finds its way into an endless list of the most surprising products from motor cars to beer. Stone enters our diet, cleans our water, treats our sewage, and gives us stone-washed denim. Who knows what uses are yet to be added to the list displayed at the National Stone centre?

The High Peak Trail gives walkers direct access to the Centre which also has its own free car park. A small charge is made for entry to the exhibition but the site trail is free. Gem panning facilities, fossil casting and fossil rubbing have particular attraction for children and family groups.

A fascinating range of gems, fossils and minerals is on sale in the Treasure in the Rocks Shop.

Disabled access and toilet facilities are excellent and light refreshments are available.

The Centre opens daily, 10 am to 5 pm in summer, 10 am to 4 pm in winter. Visits to a large operational quarry can also be arranged for organised groups. Enquiries should be made on 01629 824833

Julie Bunting

## Dore Show

The show is nearly here again and fingers are crossed that the Old School extensions will be completed in time.

Saturday 9th September will see entries in over 70 classes - see the schedule in this issue.

This year music will be provided by the Oughtibridge Brass Band. Please remember that the top end of Savage Lane will be closed to traffic during the afternoon of the show.

## Brass Band Concert

Dronfield Brass Band is holding a concert on 23rd September at Totley Methodist Church, Totley Rise, Grove Road, Totley starting at 7.30pm. Come and hear what a real Brass Band can do, we play all kinds of music including popular, modern and many well known pieces. A good evening is guaranteed. Tickets available on the door price £3 each. For further details contact Hilary Grundy on 236 8927

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## The English Language

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you comb through annals of history but not a single annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preacher praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and wise guy are opposites? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike? How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another.

Have you noticed that we talk about certain

things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown? Met a sung hero or experienced requited love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peceable? And where are all those people who \*are\* spring chickens or who would \*actually\* hurt a fly?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it.

*Anonymous*

## A grouse

Japanese Knotweed seems to be springing up all over, though the Council have chopped some of it down, on Parker's Lane. Not half as pretty as the Himalayan Balsam which everyone seems bent on destroying.

What has happened to the cuckoo population in this area? Last year I had to travel to Hampshire before I heard one, and this year I have only heard one once. I know they are rogues, but I love to hear them.

There has been another problem with the sewage in the recreation ground in recent months.

Unmentionables under the trees!! Shouldn't this problem have been sorted out before encouraging children to play in there. It seems

to occur on a regular basis.

I agree with Richard Farnsworth about the herons. They are another pleasure to see, though it's a bit disturbing when you find just the legs and beak in the undergrowth. I expect we shall see less of them now, as they seem to be suffering from birth defects and some say brittle bone disease.

Does anyone have a photograph of the cottage (single storey) at the top of Drury Lane. The lady who lives there would be interested to see it.

Can I say thank you to Syd and Jeff for organising the planters round the village. They have not come cheap so I hope that people put their hands in their pockets to help cover the cost. Also that the vandals leave them alone.

*Jean Dean*

## News in Brief

**The old signpost** on Hathersage road pointing down Limb Lane to Dore has kindly been repainted by Mr Evans of the High Street.

**Nicola Allum**, who goes to Sheffield High School, recently won first prize in a handwriting competition organised by Parker Pens, beating 160,000 other entries.

**The Round Walk** has been re-aligned along a public path crossing private land to the rear of houses on Dore Road, without the residents being told in advance, and creating concerns over garden security.

**Rev David Hudson** will be the new minister at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church from early October.

**Tom Last**, a Y10 King Ecgbert School pupil from Dore, was selected last term to join the England Freestyle Skiing B Team

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No-one knows why this happens and at present there is no cure. However, there is a wide range of treatments available.

The Sheffield Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society currently has over 250 members. We employ two paid Welfare Visitors who offer advice and support, we hold monthly meetings in the centre of Sheffield and produce a local newsletter about 6 times a year. However, we have found that one of the most useful facilities that we can offer our members (a lot of whom live alone and/or are housebound) is our volunteer visiting service. These are friendly people who call on a regular, but not necessarily frequent basis, to make sure everything is fine, or to see whether more specialised help is needed. These friendly' volunteers have the support of our Welfare Visitors to whom they report back if necessary.

Our problem is we don't have enough friendly visitors! so we would like to appeal through your magazine for volunteers who could spare 2-4 hours a week. Training and ongoing support are provided, and reasonable expenses reimbursed. Anyone interested should call our Welfare Officer, Chris Bond, on 235 2885 for more information.

If anyone wants more information on Parkinson's Disease, or our branch in particular, they should call me on 262 0468 any evening.

*Val Heap, Hon. Secretary  
Sheffield Branch, Parkinson's Disease  
Society*

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## Dog fouling & the Law

*In response to frequent complaints we have researched the legal position on dog fouling*

Estimates put the British dog population at around 6.8 million, producing 900 tonnes of excrement per day. A Tidy Britain Group survey found that 95% of people questioned were concerned about dog mess in public places, an indication that problems caused by dog fouling are all too common.

Under recent legislation a local authority can designate land upon which it is an offence not to clean up after your dog. Your local authority enforces this power and can tell you whether it covers your area. The maximum fine for an offence is £1,000 (level 3 on the standard scale).

Alternatively, councils have the power to issue a £25 fixed penalty fine. Byelaws can also be made by local authorities to impose dog bans, make dog fouling an offence and insist that dogs be kept on leads.

If you wish to take action against a dog owner who has not cleaned up after their dog, you should note what happened as soon as possible. Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog plus details of the date, time and place of the offence. Then contact your local authority and ask for details of their dog control procedures. Clearly describe the place being fouled to find what regulations cover that area.

Ask how the authority takes enforcement action. If fouling occurs at regular times, it may be possible for a dog warden or officer to witness the fouling and take action accordingly. In many cases the local authority will warn the offender before taking legal action and this warning may be sufficient to deter further offences.

If the local authority decides to prosecute an offender you may be asked to make a statement.

You will have to name the person concerned and give information about the offence. An officer will assist you with your statement. The court must give a copy of your statement to the offender if requested to do so. If the case goes to court and the offender defends their actions then you may be called as a witness and have to explain to the court what you saw.

Your local authority has a legal duty to keep certain types of land which come under its control clear of dog faeces (so far as is practicable), irrespective of whether byelaws are in force. These areas include: - Parks - Recreation grounds - Children's playgrounds - Sports grounds - Tourist beaches and promenades - Picnic sites - Pedestrianised areas - Pavements Verges - Footpaths - Gutters and carriageways.

Telephone your local authority's cleansing service with details of the fouled place. Ask if there is a formal procedure for dealing with complaints. They may be able to send you details. Confirm your complaint by letter, repeating the information. Always keep a note of the name and job title of the person you have spoken to and make copies of letters so that you can follow up your complaint if no action is taken. If the mess is not cleared within 7 days, repeat the above procedure and send copies of your letter to your local councillor, the chairman of the committee responsible for cleansing services and the chief

officer responsible for cleansing the area in question.

Usually a formal complaint is sufficient to get your local authority to take action. However, if that is not effective, under legislation contained in section 91 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 a member of the public can take legal proceedings against their local authority to get litter and refuse, including dog faeces, cleared away. For further information on this procedure please contact the Tidy Britain Group on 01942 824620

## Extra maths

Do you want to be able to help your child with their maths homework? Do you need extra maths to help you at your place of work? Do you want to gain a GSCE or Key Skills qualification?

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## Cine & Video Club

The meetings of the Sheffield Cine & Video Club start again in September after the Summer break. We meet on Wednesday evenings 7.30 for 8 p.m. at the Michael Church Hall, Lowedges Road. Visitors are always welcome.

September

- 6 Chairman's Night.
- 13 Fred Cocking presents a Golden Oldies film show.
- 20 Leeds Cine & Video Club visit us for a Challenge Match.
- 27 Members' favourite videos from last Season.

October

- 4 Practical night.
- 11 Digital video at Norton College. 6 p.m
- 18 Challenge Match with Mercury Movies at Wakefield Club Open.
- 25 We visit WAVE at Long Eaton.

November

- 1 Novice Competition.
- 7 50/50 evening at Chesterfield.
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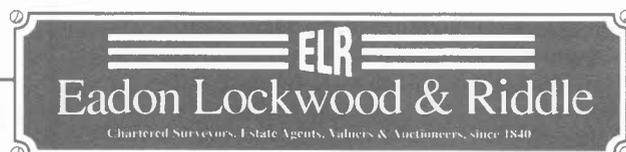
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### AUGUST

- 24 **Folk Train** with m\_c cajun. Live music on the 7.16pm from Sheffield to Edale calling at Dore. 9.30 return.
- 26-28 **Derbyshire Steam Fair**, Hartington Moor.
- 26 **Froggatt Show**, Stoke Lake Field, Froggatt. 2-5.30pm
- 27-28 **Sheffield Show**, Graves Park, 10am-6pm
- 27-28 **National Festival Of Transport**, National Tramway Museum.
- 28 **Hope Sheepdog Trials**, Marsh Farm, Castleton Road. Dog trials, horse classes including jumping, livestock and vintage vehicles. 9am - 6.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 2-3 **Chatsworth Country Fair**
- 3 **Model Boat Regatta** Millhouses Park Boating Lake, 9am - 5pm. Details 236 7169
- 5 **Rainforests of Central America**. Talk by Polyanna Pickering for Dore Ladies Group, 7.45pm Church Hall, Townhead Road.
- 7-9 **Longshaw Sheepdog trials** Local and open classes. Times vary - contact 01433 651852
- 9 **Dore Show** Traditional village show in the centre of the village. Brass band, side displays and over 70 classes to enter. Open from 2pm to 4.30pm
- 9-24 **Sheffield Millennium Walking Festival**
- 10 **Model Boat Regatta** Millhouses Park Boating Lake, 9am - 5pm. Details 236 7169
- 11 **Councillors Surgery**, Liberal Democrats, Totley Library, 6-7pm.
- 12 **Folk Train** with High Peak Ramblers. Live music on the 7.16pm from Sheffield to Edale calling at Dore. 9.30 return journey.
- 14 **Madhatter's Tea Party**, Cheshire home, Mickley Lane, 2-4pm. Cakes & Preserves Stall, Bring & Buy etc Details from 236 7491
- 16 **Totley Show**. Totley County School from 2pm
- 17 **Farm Fayre**, Whirlow Hall Farm, Whirlow Lane, with medieval knights, jugglers, birds of prey, children's rides, crafts and much more. 10am to 5pm. Adults £2.50, Children 50p, parking £1. Details from 235 2678
- 17 **Autumn Plant Sale**, Sheffield Botanical Gardens for F.O.B.S. 2pm- 4pm
- 17 **Michaelmas Fayre & Medieval Display**. Friends of the Manor Castle, at the Castle on Manor Lane. Details from 269 0615
- 18 **Public meeting** to discuss Ecclesall Woods Management Plan, 8pm Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road.
- 19 **Texas to Totley**. Talk by Rev.C.Kirk for Women's Fellowship, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the schoolroom at 2.30pm.
- 19 **Zimbabwe** Talk by Jimmy & Mary Jackson for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
- 23 **Jumble Sale** Dore & Totley URC Church Hall, clothes, Bric-a-brac, Books, Toys, household items etc Adm £2 at 10am or 20p 11am-12.30pm
- 23 **Dronfield Brass Band Concert**, 7.30pm Totley Methodist Church, Totley rise. Tickets £3 from 236 8927
- 25 **Councillors Surgery**, Liberal Democrats, Totley Library, 6-7pm.
- 26 **Folk Train** with Roger the Badger. Live music on the 7.16pm from Sheffield to Edale calling at Dore. 9.30 return journey.
- 27 **Public Meeting**, South West Area Panel, St Luke's Church Blackbrook Road, 7.30pm.
- 29 **10th Anniversary celebration** of the Macmillan "Worlds biggest Coffee morning" in the Methodist Church Hall from 10am - 12 noon. Cake stall, raffle, crafts & books for sale etc Proceeds to Northern general "Horizon Appeal".

### OCTOBER

- 2 **The Botanical Gardens** Talk for Hallamshire Historic Building Society, Quaker Meeting House, St James Street at 7.30pm. Non mmbers £2
- 3 **Denby Dale Pie**. Talk by Mrs J Hatfield for Women's Fellowship, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the schoolroom at 2.30pm.
- 3 **Mother Theresa** Talk by Professor Neale for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
- 4 **AGM** Friends of Ecclesall Woods, 7.30pm Millhouses Methodist Church Hall, Millhouses Lane.
- 7 **Jumble Sale**, Wessex hall, King Ecgbert School for K.E.S.A. £2 from 11am-12noon, 20p from 2pm-4pm.
- 13 **Quiz Night**, Wessex hall, King Ecgbert School for K.E.S.A. 8pm Tickets on the door.
- 16 **AGM** and Presidential address by Howard Smith, South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm.
- 17 **What Happened Next**. Talk by Mrs D Fleming for Women's Fellowship, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the schoolroom at 2.30pm.
- 17 **Water Colour Demonstration** by Brian Smith for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm, everyone welcome.
- 21-22 **Autumn Fair**, Abbeydale hamlet. Speciality/craft stalls.
- 31 **Whirlow Hall Farm**. Talk by Mr D Heugh for Women's Fellowship, Totley Rise Methodist Church, in the schoolroom at 2.30pm.
- 31 **WRVS** Talk by Christine Manby for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm

### NOVEMBER

- 6 **Travelling by Coach** Talk by Howard Smith for Hallamshire Historic Building Society, Quaker Meeting House, St James Street at 7.30pm. Non mmbers £2
- 7 **Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands**. Talk by Stella Jockel for Dore Ladies Group, 7.45pm Church Hall, Townhead Road.
- 14 **Quiz** At Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm, everyone welcome.
- 16 **Millennium Dinner & Dance**, for Leonard Cheshire Homes, at Baldwin's Omega from 7.30pm. 4-course Dinner & Coffee £30 Contact Jackie Short on 236 7491
- 20 **Restoration at Wortley Top Forge**. Talk by Ken Hawley for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm.

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