

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Dore Traffic Schemes

July provided a welcome surprise for Dore, with the news that an area-wide speed management scheme for the village had come top of a new Council priority list.

In the past, deciding which traffic schemes should proceed has been the subject of hot political debate. Now for the first time, all existing requests have been assessed and prioritised using a fixed set of criteria. This includes considering a scheme's effect on such aspects as road safety, the environment, job creation and public transport accessibility.

The result was to put a scheme for trying to improve safety on a number of key Dore roads used by through traffic as top priority. Other schemes effecting Dore are also likely to be acted upon including; speed management and pedestrian facilities on Savage Lane, the High Street and Long Lane; improvements to the junctions of Bushey Wood Road and Dore Road with Abbeydale Road South. Improved footway provision from Kings Croft to Furniss Avenue is also under consideration. Schemes already in hand such as that in front of the Causeway Head Road shops are not affected.

The Dore Village Society welcomes this recognition of our traffic safety concerns in the village and the adoption of five of the six danger reduction schemes it submitted earlier this year to the Planning Transport and Highways Department. No decisions have been taken on what action should be taken on each scheme and it is expected that the main one will take a year to adequately consult, develop and implement.

We expect everyone will get a chance to contribute to this process and the society will be keen to ensure that there is a holistic approach to all the schemes and related initiatives, such as encouraging walking to school and designating Whitelaw Lane as a 'Quiet Lane' with appropriate speed restrictions.

Daffodils

The Society are proposing to start a programme of planting daffodil bulbs in the grass verges on the approaches to the village. The first planting will be done in the autumn.

Hopefully the Spring flowers will be the start of a 'growing' display, with more bulbs planted over the next few years to brighten up the village.

David Heslop

Ed. David would be interested to hear from anyone wishing to support this project.



The Old Gaffer greets visitors to Belper Museum

Our day out

Ask anyone to name a World Heritage Site, and the chances are they will name some far flung location in India or Asia. So there was some surprise when the Dore Village Society decided to organise its first members day out to just such a site on our own doorstep, the Derwent Valley. This area has recently been nominated for World Heritage status by the Government.

In 1771, Richard Arkwright came to Cromford in the Derwent Valley to found his first water-powered cotton-spinning mill. And so the industrial revolution was born, with manufacturing processes throughout the world being based on his earliest concepts. Along with other innovators such as William Strutt at Belper, they have left a rich industrial legacy of mills, canals and workers housing, which together justifiably warrant World Heritage status.

So it was that a full coach load of members left Dore after lunch on the 27th June destined for Arkwright's Cromford Mill where they received an introduction to the proposed heritage area and a guided tour of the Mill site. Then on to Belper with another guided tour of its cotton mill and historic hosiery display, before enjoying a supper and stroll in the local riverside gardens.

At the end of a most interesting and enjoyable day, the talk was of where we should go next, so watch the society notice board for more details.

Arkwright's Cromford Mill is open 9am-5pm all year. The Derwent Valley Visitor Centre at North Mill Belper is open

Thursday - Sunday except over Christmas/New Year and by arrangement.

Industrial Legacy

It looks like Dore's industrial legacy as an early lead smelting and processing area might be catching up with it.

The Council has recently adopted a new strategy for identifying land contaminated by Sheffield's industrial past. Over the next four years the Councils Environmental Protection Service will be looking at five areas across the city, with priority given to the south-west, because of earlier lead smelting and other associated works in what is now a predominantly residential area. This follows on detailed investigations already carried out in the Mill Lane and Milldale Road areas of Totley.

Nick Chaplin, Environmental Protection Manager, said: "We are taking this very seriously indeed and this strategy shows that the Council is actively seeking ways to deal with the problems left by Sheffield's industrial past. The safety of Sheffield residents is our top priority and we will be working closely with partner organisations and community groups within the city to assess specific sites and ensure we keep people up to date on what is happening".

The publication of the Councils strategy coincides with the implementation of Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) which requires each local authority in England to prepare, publish and adopt a strategy for dealing with land that might be at risk from any type of contamination.

If you have any questions about the strategy or want information about your area, contact Peter Knight on 273 4659.

Causeway Head Road

At a public meeting, attended by about 40 residents, in the Old School on June 26th, the proposals for improvements for pedestrian safety were presented by an officer from the Road Safety Section of the City Council. The main feature of the scheme was a crossing, located near the HSBC Bank, consisting of "build-outs" from both sides of the road that narrowed the road at this point and enabled pedestrians to see oncoming traffic in both directions. An additional pedestrian refuge, located close to the junction with High Street, was also included in the changes.

Whilst the meeting, chaired by Cllr. Colin Ross, totally agreed that some improvements were required, it seemed that the proposals did not fully meet the requirements and that more attention should be given to measures to reduce the speed of traffic past the shops. To this end, the Council Officer agreed to examine the provision of two "pinch points" - devices that reduce road width and give priority to traffic in one direction. One of these would be located on Causeway Head Road on the approach to the shops from Hathersage Road. The second might be somewhere at the top of Dore Road to control the speed of traffic coming from that direction.

The intended "build-out" arrangement received criticism in that it would reduce the available car parking space on both sides of the road. As a replacement for this,

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it was hoped that it might be possible to introduce a pedestrian refuge, located in the area of the telephone box, which would allow pedestrians to cross the road there in two stages.

The idea of some form of time restriction of parking in front of the shops gained a wide acceptance but it was accepted that any such arrangement would have to make provision for nearby residents who use the area outside normal shopping hours.

Standing back a little from the details, the meeting was an undoubted success in that it allowed residents to contribute to the development of a scheme to meet their own requirements. It is to the credit of the South West Area Co-ordinator, Dave Aspinall, that the meeting was arranged. If this is an example of a means that enables residents and ratepayers have a little more influence in local developments, then the whole principle of the South West Area Panel needs our full support. Thanks must also go to all the local councillors for their support, their presence and involvement in the discussions is an indication to residents that we are all "facing the same way".

Roger Millican

Did you know?

Dore must be plagued by phantoms. At least how is it that you can never catch some people in the act?

Phantom horse riders in Ecclesall Woods, leaving piles of evidence on footpaths instead of bridled ways, having strayed, along with their two wheeled accompanists, from their designated routes. Phantom drinkers, and litter louts, spreading their detritus around the village in the dead of night, having failed the intelligence test on learning how to use a rubbish bin. Phantom cars that speed through Dore during the morning and evening commuting rush, never caught by the phantom police who set their traps at any other time than when they are really needed.

And while we are on the subject of phantoms, perhaps they run the highways department, given the seemingly endless wait for yellow lines at the bottom of Dore Road. These do not seem too much to ask for, but then spending time on a grandiose government funded £350,000 scheme for traffic calming in the village must be much more fulfilling.

Almost unnoticed, we have now acquired a new open space in the form of the old dam site at Abbeydale Hamlet. Now resplendent in lush weeds, the dam floor has all but disappeared. It can only be a matter of time before someone marks out a football pitch. The fish, that supposedly went on a brief holiday, would never recognise the place. And the homeless waterfowl have long since sought asylum elsewhere.

Doremouse

"Get famous and people will forgive you nearly everything".....Boy George

Historic records

The Village Society now has early records of the following:

Baptisms for Holmesfield, Dore and Totley 1744-1812;

Baptisms in the Liberty of Beauchief 1770-1816;

Marriages in Beauchief Chapel 1696-1837.

Margaret Oversby has kindly made an index so that you can check if it's worth looking through the records when researching your family history. The DVS room is open as usual on the 1st Saturday of the month for those interested in talking to members of the committee about local issues or the history of Dore.

Additions/corrections

In regard to the Pearson clock mentioned in the last edition, one Henry Pearson was apprenticed to the cutlery trade in 1716. In 1734 a Daniel Pearson was a Church Warden and in 1738 this same Daniel Pearson was Overseer of the poor. Records for 1741 name one William Pearson and in 1746 this William was Constable of Dore. Can I also suggest one or two corrections to the letter from Glen Fallows:-

The cottage he mentions was not occupied by the Green family, who lived in Ivy Cottage, but Rose Cottage. This was the home of the Taylor family and latterly, before demolition, the Marshall family. Hubie Frith's shop was next to Rose Cottage, (not Hatie). He ran the shop with Miss Donnet. Hubie had a club foot, but found his crutch very useful for hooking things down off the top shelf. I believe the photo was taken well before the 20's.

The post box was set in the wall of the post office between Thorpe's Butchers and Mrs Thorpe's grocery store. The Thorpes were not related. The mounting block is long gone.

Jean Dean

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Farmers Markets

The farming industry as a whole has taken a dreadful hammering as a result of the foot and mouth crisis. At the same time we can be less and less sure of where supermarket produce comes from, given their need to purchase in bulk and to supply branches throughout the UK. So any scheme that allows us to buy direct from local suppliers has got to be good for them, for us, and probably for the community as a whole.

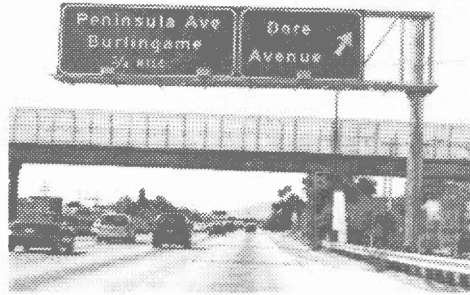
Some specialist farm shops now exist, such as the Original Farmer's Market shop on Market Street, Bakewell (01629 735 425), where all produce is guaranteed to come from local farmers and producers, with craft items made from local raw materials were possible.

Sometimes you can buy direct from the farm, Totley Fruit Farm (236 4761) for example or Troway Hall Farm, Troway-just past Coal Aston (01246 410 329), where they butcher their own lamb, pork and beef.

Then there are larger Markets. In Chesterfield Farmers Market (01246 345 999) you can get country crafts and produce on the second Thursday each month or in Bakewell on the last Saturday (01629 813 777).

Finally why not ask in your local shop where their produce comes from and what is locally produced. Several use local suppliers, Liberty Foods Farm Shop in Totley (236 0583) specialise in beef from

their own farm in Dore, and aims to buy other locally produced meat where possible.



Highway 101 California USA! Gillian & Richard Farnsworth photographed this road sign to Dore Avenue while on holiday last year. Have any other readers seen the name Dore elsewhere?

Planning

Dore Recreation Ground & Newfield Lane (again). You will recall that Dore to Door reported that proposals to develop a piece of land overlooking the Recreation Ground on the Newfield Lane side, with a three storey block of six flats was granted planning consent and that the developer, encouraged by this, applied for a further similar block.

Sad to say, planning consent has now been

granted for the second block, although the society again put in a strong objection to the proposals.

Nab Farm. No response has yet been received from the Council to the objections and concerns about the gas meter boxes, boiler flues and overflow pipes that project over the pavement from the Nab Farm buildings and look so unsightly.

18 Gilleyfield Avenue. There has been no decision on the planning application for four houses on this site in place of the existing bungalow. This proposal which, entails the removal of trees the and opening of an access onto the bend of Savage Lane, will probably be considered by the Planning Board in August.

The developer has refused to modify the plans, which are considered to show a serious overdevelopment of the site, and a loss of amenity. It is hoped that the application will be refused.

Improvements. The Dore Village Society keeps a watchful eye on planning matters, and objects where necessary, and presses the Council to refuse or modify proposals for unacceptable developments.

The Society also aims to be positive in encouraging good developments, restoration and improvement schemes. As part of that aspect of the work the Society has in mind the issuing of Certificates for good works each year. The proposals are being developed and we will say more in the next issue.

David Heslop



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Letters

Dear Sir,

A note to say "thank you" for the work done on the Recreation Ground to make a delightful park for the children and an accessible place for all.

The pathway from the Newfield Crescent is particularly welcomed and makes the route to the playground and on towards Dore Primary School so much more manageable for people like myself, who have young children and pushchairs. It is no longer a struggle negotiating holes and boggy land.

C Symonds

Dear Sir,

To who ever is in charge of the renovation of Dore recreation ground.

What has been achieved so far is marvelous, the facilities for children are excellent the poop bins are well placed and seem to be used by most responsible dog owners however, I feel unable to use these facilities due to the fence around the kiddies play area. I am a mother of two small children and also a dog owner, this seems to be a rare and unwelcome combination in Dore.

The dog fence should make it possible to exercise both the dog and the children at the same time instead it just alienates me with the other parents and children in the park. It doesn't work, the fence is not dog proof, it looks pretty and its concept is great, but having holes at both ends where it joins the hedge renders it useless.

Dogs (even our stupid mut) have realised they just have to wander around the side to gain access to play with the children. All dogs are pack animals and don't like being separated from the pack, so any weakness in the fence is exploited. The introduction of the signs doesn't help either as my dog can't read but other parents can and this creates more friction when my dog enters the playground.

So please finish the job and make the play area secure. The Rec' is for the pleasure of all Dore residents parents and dog owners a like, so lets make it work for everybody, even these weird people who dare to have children and a dog.

Frances Joel

Ed. We have passed this letter to Sheffield Leisure Services for comment and hoped for action.

Dear Sir,

I am researching my family tree on my mothers side. My great great grandparents Elizabeth and George Reeve married in Dore in the year 1861. They had five children:

Annie E born approx 1864; William Thomas born 1865; Mary Emily born 1867; Harriet Wall born 1871 (my great great grandmother); Frances Jane born 1873.

I am now married and my married name is Reeves and my in-laws names were Elizabeth and George Reeves from Manchester.

It is the name similarity that makes me want to know more of my own ancestors. I

would love to make connection with anybody that could tell me what Dore would have been like in the 1860's and I wonder why they came to New Zealand. They traveled to Greenock and got a boat here on the 26 January 1874 arriving the 6th May 1874. I hope somebody is able to help me out with any information. I do know they farmed at a place called Sheep Hills. Hoping to hear from somebody.

Melody Reeves

Ed. This request came via our news and messages pages on the Dore Village Web Site. If you have access to the web you can keep up to date via www.dorevillage.co.uk

Dear Sir,

Tom Last (16) a member of the England Freestyle Ski Squad, and current holder of the King Ecgbert School Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award, would like to thank Dore Opticians for their generous sponsorship for another year.

Richard Last

Dear Sir,

When I opened my garden for the Dore Festival on 8 July we raised a record total of £367.13. This year I sent the proceeds to Refuge which is the major national charity raising money to help women and children suffering domestic violence and abuse.

These matters unfortunately occur in all strata of society and as I know from my own experience in Dore as well. 25% of all recorded crime is domestic violence and 2 women are killed each week in England and Wales by a current or former partner. Refuge needs our support to provide Refuges and run its 24 hour National Domestic Violence Helpline on 0870 599 5443.

I had a lovely letter from Refuge and they asked me to thank everyone who supported me, so I thought this letter would act as a general thanks to everyone.

I hope to see you all again next year - I promise not to run out of meringues!

**Agnes Grunwald-Spier,
Heath Court, Dore Road.**

Dear Sir,

The Sorby Natural History Society recently paid two visits to Totley Firing Range, by arrangement with the MOD and Yorkshire and Humberside TAVRA. Our main purpose was to look at wild plants growing on the site, and so far 172 species have been identified and recorded.

The area may look ordinary from a distance, but there are a number of different habitats, and the flora of the wetter areas is particularly interesting. Our list included 6 species of Rush, 5 Sedges and 8 Ferns. Among the more unusual species noted were Sand Spurrey, Common Spotted Orchid, Pill Sedge, Adder's-tongue, Moonwort and Lemon-scented Fern.

In general MOD sites in Britain have been well surveyed, and many are of high conservation value. However, Totley Firing Range had not previously been investigated, perhaps because it was considered too small.

Our survey has shown that the area is an important refuge for uncommon species, and the fact that the site is not subject to any visitor pressure must be an important factor in ensuring that they continue to thrive.

Dr K Balkow

Botanical Section Secretary

Dear Sir,

Ellen Carter Alms Houses

Further to my request in the last issue, I was contacted by Mrs Collins of Bradway who was able to give me accurate information on the small building at the foot of Bushey Wood Road at the junction with Totley Brook Road.

Mrs Collins explained that her grandfather Christopher Carter was a director in the Sheffield Brewery Company called Carter, Milner and Bird who were at that time on Mowbray Street and later moved to Claywheels Lane at Wadsley Bridge. This brewery was responsible for the well-known Jubilee Stout and was eventually taken into the Bass Group. The three directors, who each gave their name to the



Christopher Carter and family in their Wadsley Garden circ 1910

company, put up £1,000 each to build the almshouses, in the memory of Christopher's mother Ellen. Originally they were for workers who had left the company and fallen on hard times.

There are actually three dwellings combined in the building and they are still run by the Family Trust. Apart from the aforementioned plaque, there is also a carving of an angel on the Totley Brook elevation. (The building is shown on the view from Bradway Bank, drawn from a postcard of about 1906/8).

The suggestion given to me that Ellen was a member of the Carter family who gave us Little Liver Pills is therefore not correct and I thank Mrs Collins for giving us the accurate history.

The photograph shows Christopher Carter with his wife and children (plus donkey), taken in their Wadsley garden, around 1910 when he was about 56.

Brian Edwards

Dear Sir,

Since, in the run up to the General Election, all political parties claimed to know what voters want by "listening to the people", isn't it high time that local democracy had much more say in local decision-making? I am thinking in particular of planning decisions taken in the face of local opposition, and the impotence of our local planning authority to implement the few restrictions they try to place on developments.

In my neighbourhood, consent has been given to build - overlooking a hard-won



View from Bradway Bank - Almshouses on the far right. Brian Edwards

recreation ground and children's play area - a three-storey block of flats which will remove trees and disfigure the skyline. Vigorous opposition from local councillors was ignored.

Very recently, a traditional farmhouse and outbuildings on a village green have been converted into several modern dwellings, using materials which are inappropriate to the location and setting in a Conservation Area. Requirements laid down by the Council Planning Department have, so far, been flouted.

The root problem lies with Central Government who currently dictate local

planning procedure. This may be convenient but it is not democratic. If local people are not allowed to take an interest in their local area, what hope is there for the environment nationwide? And will not future generations despise us for carelessly squandering their heritage?

In the interests of democracy local councillors must be allowed to speak - AND VOTE - in Local Authority Planning Committee Meetings.

Pat Pryor

Ed. This letter was originally published in the Sheffield Telegraph in June as 'Letter of the week'.

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Mobile Phone Masts

Background. The Sheffield City Council has produced an Information Sheet on Mobile Phone Masts and the planning implications. It is useful but does not make for cheerful reading.

The proliferation of mobile phone masts has been a serious concern in many parts of the country, not least the prospect of such masts in sensitive areas such as Dore, with our Green Belt and Conservation Area. Our landscape is soon to be graced with a mast at the corner of Limb Lane/Hathersage Road. Because of the rules, planning consent was not required for that mast.

Regrettably, the Government has given licensed telecommunications operators 'permitted development rights'. That means they can carry out certain types of development, including the building of masts up to 15 metres in height (and that

excludes the antennae on the top, (which can be something like another 2 metres), without the need to get planning permission. There is thus little planning control on the siting and appearance of masts (unlike in Scotland, where the Scottish Assembly has required all masts to be subject to planning consent!).

Full Planning Permissions. Not all sitings of masts are unsatisfactory. There are some good examples of the good use of buildings and sites. But planning control is poor as can be seen from the present planning situation as follows:

Any mast over 15 metres in height (excluding the antennae) requires full planning permission and has to go through the normal planning process of consultation, report and committee decision. Needless to say most masts are less than 15 metres in height!

Any mast and antennae proposed in the Peak District National Park or in Conservation Areas (such as the Dore Conservation Area) requires full planning permission.

In considering applications the Planning Authority can only take decisions in the public interest. That means, it cannot take into consideration private interests, such as a claim that an individual property has been devalued or the view has been spoiled. However the Planning Authority have a duty to protect amenities in an area, particularly in sensitive situations such as in Green Belts, by Listed Buildings and in Conservation Areas, and there are special considerations there which should give some protection.

Sharing masts is encouraged by the Government, although the operators will tell you that technically that cannot be done without a much bigger mast and lots of protruding antennae. Not surprisingly, and probably not solely for the reasons given, mast sharing is rarely done. Using high buildings is also commanded by the Government, but that is not always successful.

The Government have advised that "A modern communications system brings

massive benefits to people and businesses alike" and so they might have added "and so you will get mobile phone masts".

Health risks, or even the fear of health risks, are planning considerations which have to be addressed before consent is given. However, the Government have said, "In the Government's view, if a proposed development meets the ICNIRP (International Commission on Non-ionising Radiation Protection) guidelines it should not be necessary for a Planning Authority, in processing an application, to consider the health aspects further. This view will be reiterated in our revised planning policy guidance". There you have it! Not much of a case on health grounds.

Finally. Quite separate from planning matters, the Government has given telecommunications operators legal rights to use public highways for the siting of masts. However it may be of comfort to know that the City Council has decided not to allow additional masts to be erected on its own land or property. But there again councillors have been known to change their minds!

Progress and the increased use of technology will undoubtedly be made for our benefit, but if it is going to be at the cost of the appearance of our surroundings and environment we will all lose a little of something in the process.

David Heslop

Dore Show

This years show on Saturday 8th September will have over 70 classes for you to enter - see schedule in this issue. There will be the usual Brass Band, Morris Dancers and side stalls. So be sure to make a note of the date in your diary.

Please remember that for safety reasons the top section of Savage Lane will be closed to traffic during the afternoon of the show.

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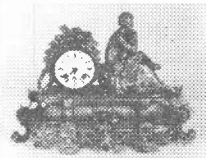
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Letters.....continued

Dear Sir,

I recently obtained a copy of a book on Dore and Totley by Brian Edwards. As I spent my childhood and youth in Dore Village I very much enjoyed reading it. It has prompted me to write to you as Editor of Dore to Door.

I was born in Dore in 1929, lived in a house sited on Savage Lane, then called Wilson Hill, behind the school and near the Hare and Hounds.

I would be very interested to know if there are people in the village who remember me and my parents, who were Rhoda and Billy Crookes. They lived in the village from about 1928 to 1953. My grandfather, Thomas Crookes who had been in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I, built houses in Furniss Avenue. I attended Dore School from 1934 to 1941 and then went on to Netheredge Grammar School and finally to Bristol University, to study Aeronautical Engineering.

I have many fond memories of Dore. I was in the church choir, the cubs and the scouts. I am enclosing some copies of photographs, one of which is Totley Scout Troop, in about 1922. My father is third from the left on the back row, next to the scout mistress, Dr. May Andrews. Also enclosed are photographs of Dore Football Team and Dore school football team, both from the 1930's. Comments are written on the back. I hope these will be of interest to the people in the village.

*William Aubrey Crookes
Preston*

Ed. We will reproduce the football team pictures in a future issue.

News in Brief

Double yellow lines at the bottom of Dore Road are contained in proposals being put forward for approval by Sheffield's Traffic Regulation section.

Graves Park Animal Farm has reopened after being closed for months due to the national foot & mouth crisis.

30th October is the deadline for diary events and advertising in our winter edition.



Totley Scout Troop circ 1922

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir was again invited to sing in the prestigious Anglo-Welsh Choir Festival at Leicester in April. Five English and Four Welsh choirs, with over 300 voices, sang to a capacity audience at the De Montfort Hall. Over £10,000 was raised for charity at this event.

The Dore Male Voice Choir, with over 60 members gives a number of concerts during the year, both in Sheffield and further abroad. The Choir is now preparing for the Anniversary Concert. Because a large audience is expected this takes place in Ecclesall Church on Saturday 13th October starting at 7.00 p.m. This year the choir will be joined by the senior section of The City of Sheffield Youth Choirs who come with a deserved acclaimed reputation. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be our special guests.

Perhaps you are interested in joining the Choir, or maybe it has never crossed your mind. Why not come and sit in on one of our rehearsals? You will be made most welcome. Call in on any Thursday night, 7.30 to 9.30 at the Church Hall. You will not be disappointed.

David Heslop

Folk Trains

Once a month Folk Trains with guest bands run from Sheffield station [7.16pm but collecting at Dore & Totley 7.24pm] to Edale. Refreshments (special beer prices) & more music is available at The Rambler Inn, Edale, then 9.30pm return journey arriving at Dore & Totley for 9.54pm.

28 August: Bernard Cromarty
11 September: Little Big Foot
25 September: Robin Garside
23 October: Travelling Folk

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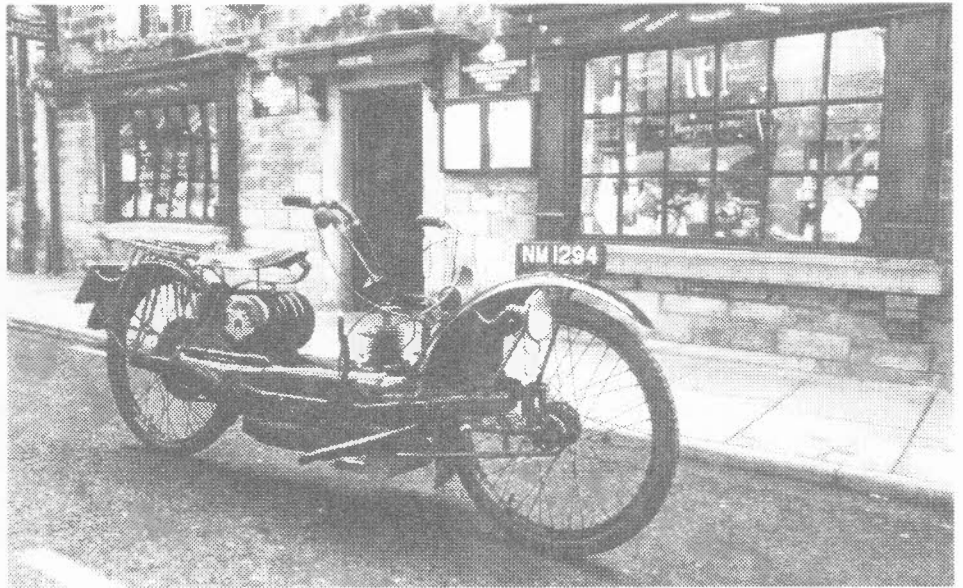
Motorcycle Collection

I seem to remember that my Dad was a bit of a motorbike freak who intrigued me with his tales of driving down to the Isle of Wight for a picnic, 90mph all the way. For a time he was an AA patrolman, saluting members as they purred past. My uncle was Company Secretary of Belle Vue Speedway in Manchester and Dad supervised the turnstile men on race nights. The smell of dirt track is still in my nostrils some 55 years later and the name of Aussie Frank Varey (the Red Devil), who later managed Sheffield, is firmly impregnated into my memory bank.

My eldest son Steve has a big modern motorbike, but apart from that I had little interest in those machines until I tracked down some excellent photographs, for my projected book of old photos of Totley & District. These pictures were of riders outside the Peacock at Owl Bar. I needed to identify the bikes and called round to a tucked-away surprise in Bakewell where help was generously offered.

The Aladdin's Cave called The M&C Motorcycle Collection is reached through an archway at the side of Ward's Shoe Shop on Matlock Street and contains examples of the early days through the vintage 1920s to the classic post-World War II era. You may not know that some motorcar makers started off producing motorbikes - Rover and Singer being amongst them. In Sheffield, the Simplex luxury carmaker came out in 1921 with the Ner-a-Car, an unusual two wheeler designed by American Carl Neracher. [see Abbeydale Hamlet Simplex Day - 26th August]. From ABC there was a Skootamota in 1919, hardly different from the modern versions, apart from the styling.

These and many more are included in this intriguing collection of historic motorcycles



which opens to the public on Bank Holiday and summer weekends from 11am to 5pm. All proceeds are passed to the Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport where Peter Mather and Phil Crosby (M&C) are volunteer drivers.

My visit was crowned with a glimpse of an AA motorbike and sidecar just like my Dad drove, together with one of the old AA telephone boxes.

Parties & Groups are welcome outside normal hours by prior arrangement; contact 01629 815011 for details. The Collection is open to the public on the following weekends in 2001: 18,19,20 August; 25,26,27 August. 1,2,3 September.

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Chairman's Report 5 April 2000 - 31 December 2000

(Presented to the Dore Village Society AGM on Thursday 24 May. It covers a 9 month period, following the change in financial year agreed at the Special General Meeting on 30 November 2000).

This was a period of significant change for the Society, with the implications of the move into new expanded accommodation prompting a review of objectives and funding. Despite the upheavals of the move, much was achieved and hopefully sound foundations laid for the future.

Planning: The failure of the local government planning process to take adequate account of local wishes and needs, or to address the broader impact of further development on existing services, remains a major concern to the Society. During the period the future of Abbeydale Hall was finally resolved with permission granted, against the recommendation of planning officers, to convert the hall into flats, along with the building of new apartment blocks in the grounds. The re-building at Nab Farm caused considerable debate over planning details, some of which are still to be resolved. Other developments which absorbed the Society's time were: new houses at 105 Dore Road, reduced from 4 to 3; a reduction to 2 dwellings on a site at the corner of Brinkburn Vale Road; a new dwelling in back gardens facing Parkers Lane; and the erection of another telecom mast at Abbeydale Sports Club. Most worrying has been the proposed development of land to the rear of Newfield Lane with blocks of flats directly overlooking the recreation ground. Our campaign over missing and damaged road signs has now had some success.

Publications: Dore to Door remains popular and effective in publicising the work of the society, covering local issues and reporting information on the history of the area. A smaller format Christmas Card featuring a snowman and the King Egbert Stone sold well, although a reprint of the Dore Ducks card also proved popular. Plans for a new publication on the history of streets within Dore are progressing.

Events: Public meetings during the year followed a history theme covering Transport in Sheffield and life on local waterways. Plans are now advanced for a members programme including more meetings, visits and regular guided walks. Dore Show proved to be its usual success despite last minute concerns over whether the building would be ready.

Traffic&Transport: Pressure to tackle some of the local traffic issues has led to new parking restrictions at local black spots, while we still await improved crossing facilities in front of the Causeway Head Road and the results from efforts to deal with the difficulties created by parking at the bottom of Dore Road.

Dore Recreation Ground: The new playground now has a surrounding fence, damage caused at the Gala has been

repaired, the through footpath has been re-surfaced and work on landscaping the area is in hand, working with the Council and Sheffield Wildlife trust.

Environment: The Society discusses local environmental issues at each committee meeting and is active in support of Friends of Ecclesall Woods.

Dore Collection: Work on the collection was hampered by the building work at the Old School, but the promise of more space means we should see marked progress in the forthcoming year.

Dore Old School: Apart from a few teething problems, work on extending our rooms in the Old School is complete, providing more storage and working space for the Society. Our rooms are open from 10 - 12 noon on the first Saturday of every month with members of the committee available to discuss local issues or talk about the work of the Society.

Internet: The Dore web site, www.dorevillage.co.uk has expanded to include its own search engine and more historical information. It has attracted viewers, comment and new information from all around the UK and overseas.

People: Over 650 people joined the Society during 2000, a record number. Although we

receive widespread support from within the community and from past residents, we could still do with more volunteers to work on different projects such as the Dore Collection or environmental issues.

Finally I wish to place on record my appreciation for their help to my fellow members of the committee, helpers at the Dore Show; deliverers of Dore to Door; advertisers; and all those active supporters and members - wherever they may live.

John Baker, Chairman

Workers' Education Assn

The WEA offers a wide range of Adult Education courses in the local area for its Autumn Programme. Courses range from Calligraphy to Jazz Appreciation, from Life in Medieval England to Creative Veneering & Marquetry. There is also a Local History Workshop and Abbeydale Writers' Workshop. Enrolments as follows:

St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road: Friday 14th Sept 2.00pm for all courses.

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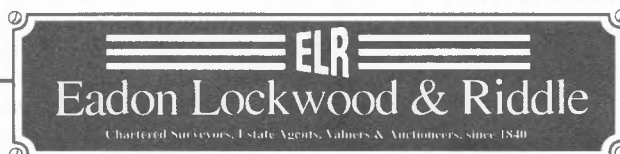
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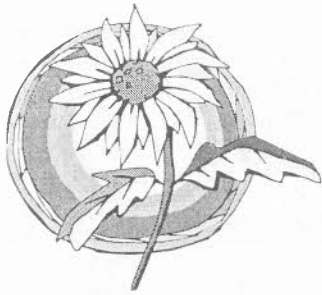
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Dore Gardens

A blossoming community event

On the sixth Garden Open Day over 340 people visited the gardens and an amazing £1.324 was raised for charity. The weather held, the mood was bright and pleasure shone over all!

I think everyone gained a great deal from the day, including the exhausted gardeners. The fundraising is a very positive and satisfying outcome from the day. However, the obvious enjoyment that ensues from the meeting and greeting of old friends and the start of new friendships should not be overlooked. It is wonderful to see people moving around Dore en masse - just to drop into local gardens.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the garden openers and all their helpers. Their considerable hard work, often for many weeks before the event, ensures the days success. The person who commented a couple of years ago that it was a wonderful event because 'nobody really had to do anything' couldn't have been more wrong! So thanks to all the openers, past and present, for welcoming people into your gardens.

The charities that benefited this year were Work Ltd; Diabetes UK; Redwings Horse Sanctuary; Heeley City Farm; Sheffield Botanical Gardens; Dore Church Mission and Refuge

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Census 1891

We've all just completed our 2001 census forms with its umpteen pages of questions. A typed copy of the 1891 census for the parish of Dore and St John's Abbeydale is now available for viewing in the Dore Village Society room at the Old School.

This is the most recent census to be released. It consists of one line for each person in the house and 12 columns. In 1891 they wanted to know the name of the road and the house, whether or not it was inhabited, number of rooms if 4 or less, name of the person, relation to head of the household, married or not, age, profession or occupation, employment status and where they were born. There is also a column headed Deaf & Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot. There are no entries in this column.

The entries start on Totley Brook Rd, along Abbeydale Rd, up Dore New Rd, (Dore Rd), Ashfurlong Cottages, across to The Moss, Moorside (this appears to be what is now Long Line), on the Sheephill to Stoney Ridge, Riper House and White Lodge, then back down to Dore Moor Newfield Lane and Brickhouses, then on to High Greave, Wag House & Roundseats, Causeway Head, Parkers Lane and Rushley, finishing up in the middle of the village. Names are mainly those of the terraces. Road names don't feature much. Ivy Bank, Dore Hall, Elshaws Row, The Vicarage, Sycamore Cottage, School Green Rd, Spry's Row Townhead, Church & School Lane, Croft House, Drury Lane, Townhead, Fearnhoughs Row, Post Office, Barkers Row, Old Cottages, Town Street Furniss's Row, Hare & Hounds, Town Street, Pryors Row, Devonshire Arms, Greenwood Mount and Devonshire Terrace appear in that order.

Although the form is minimal compared to the one we've just had, it tells a lot about the movement of people and their differing lifestyles. The railway was just built and many of the Totley Brook Rd houses are occupied by railwaymen, most of them from other parts of the country. No one working on the railway was born in Dore.

For example, Joseph Avery, age 27, lived at the fifth house on Totley Brook Rd. He was an inspector on the new railway and came from West Drayton in Middlesex. His wife Charlotte was also 27 and was born in Chiswick. They had a 2 year old daughter Elizabeth born at Aylestone in Leicester and two sons William and Sydney aged 1yr and 7 months both born at Totley Bents. They also had 2 boarders living with them. They were bricklayers aged 20 & 29, single, and both from Chiswick.

Most houses in the St Johns parish had at least one servant and some as many as five. Out of 323 people living in these 55 houses only 24 were born in Dore. 19 of these were young children born to parents from other places and the other 5 were domestic servants; Annie Kitchen, Catherine Fox, Anne Green, Annie Chapman and Mary Rudd.

Occupations of residents in this area included; tailor & draper, optician, dressmaker, railway inspectors, schoolmaster, shorthand clerk, bricklayer, railway labourer, chemist & druggist, bank clerk, civil engineer, foreman, hammerman, forgeman, chartered accountant, magistrate, silversmith, vicar, town counsellor, carpenter, platelayer, station master, signalman, general manager of Sheffield Gas Company, corn merchant and brewer, mechanical engineer, analytical engineer, Inland Revenue Inspector, stationer & printer, estate agent, cutlery manufacturer, iron & steel merchant, pork butcher, laundress and silver buffer as well as numerous different types of domestic servants butlers and grooms. Not until we get to Ashfurlong are any farmers mentioned.

Carrying on up the hill, Joseph Moseley, 63, lived at Ryecroft Farm along with 5 other members of his family and 2 servants. William Stratford, 35, was Mr Wilsons gamekeeper at the cottage in Ryecroft Glen, and Hannah Wilson, 62, widow living on her own means lived at The Moss, now the Whirlowbrook old folks home on Limb Lane.

The name Long Line doesn't appear but 8 properties are listed on Moorside which I think must be the same place. William Siddall, 46 farmer, lived in one of them with his wife and 7 children. The youngest was Albert aged 6, who many of us remember. William Unwin, 58, his wife Sarah 47, 6 children and brother in law lived at Old Copperas Farm.

In another article Hazel Hoffman quotes from the Old School log book and mentions the Peats at Stoney Ridge. George Peat, 31, is shown as a besom maker. Hazel also mentions Eliza Flint who was a thorn in the schoolmasters side. In 1891 census she is shown living at School Green Road aged 18. Her father William Flint, 59, was unemployed and her mother Sarah, 56, was a laundress. Two brothers were grinders and the other was still at school.

The vicar John Aldred, 71, came from Rotherham and his wife Mary, 65, from Liverpool. One son, Shirley 36 was a chemical manufacturer and the other, John 38, was a physician and surgeon duly registered. Shirley seems to have been quite a common boys name, five are listed in Dore.

Three properties are listed on Parker Lane (sic). One lived in by Joseph Parker, 67, widower, general labourer and his son Joseph 26 coal merchants agent, and daughter Joanna 30 had 2 rooms. One house was empty and the other with 3 rooms was occupied by Samuel Sykes 72, widower, coal miner and his niece Eliza Sykes described as housekeeper.

One house on Elshaws Row was lived in by Alfred Pybus, 38, joiner, from Froggatt and his wife Ann 38 from Curbar. They had a son Harry aged 8 and daughter Francis 1 both born in Dore. We hear Harry's name read out every year on Remembrance Day. Rushley Farm was occupied by Joseph Hancock 71, and 5 others.

Three houses later in the list is Ivy Bank which must have been at Rushley somewhere. Listed in order are Annie Marshall, 19, servant, Ellen Hancock daughter 7, Francis Hancock 5, and Emma Taylor 19, governess, all born in Dore. This shows one of the shortcomings of the census in that there is no head of household.

Presumably they must have been away on census day and are just not recorded. There is only one other example of this in the 213 properties on the list. One house on Dore New Rd has the butler at the top of the list. Probably people didn't travel as much then as they do now and the census was not done at a holiday time of year. Even so we have no way of knowing how many children are not listed simply because they were away

on that day. I note on the 2001 census it says list all members of your household who usually live at this address, including yourself. In the 1891 census in the column headed "Relation to Head of Household" in several cases it says "visitor". If people normally resident were listed when they were absent they would be counted twice, maybe they were! This could account for some apparent discrepancies, for instance the Brook family farm next to the church doesn't seem to be mentioned and what you'd think are old street names like Savage Lane, Vicarage Lane, Wilson Hill and High Street aren't either.

The occupations on this part of the census are far more rural than those along the Abbeydale Rd area. They include many

farmers and farm workers, general labourers, gamekeeper, millstone maker, besom maker, shepherd, file forger, stone mason, scythe smith, saddler, railway tunnel miner, edge tool hardener, silver chaser & fluter, miller, coal miner, joiner, woodman, file and table blade manufacturer, brickyard labourer, road labourer, salt dealer, grinder, grocer, blacksmith, wheelwright, milk dealer, innkeeper, painter & whitewasher, road foreman & rate collector, and sheep shear maker.

The 1891 Dore census can be seen in the DVS room at the old school or is available on floppy disc in Microsoft Excel format for £2 +P&P.

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Show opens to the public at 2pm and closes at 4.30pm. Exhibits may be collected from 5pm.

Vegetable and Fruit Section

- 1 6 pods of runner beans
- 2 3 onions, dressed
- 3 1 cabbage, any variety
- 4 1 vegetable marrow
- 5 4 potatoes
- 6 4 beetroot
- 7 6 tomatoes on a plate
- 8 1 cucumber
- 9 Any other vegetable
- 10 A plate of blackberries
- 11 4 dessert apples
- 12 4 cooking apples
- 13 A tray of mixed vegetables including salad
- 14 The heaviest marrow
- 15 Humorous or strange vegetable
- 16 A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
- 17 Any vegetable - novice class for competitors who have never won a prize in a vegetable class.

Flower Section

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

Domestic Section

- 28 4 afternoon-tea scones with fruit [white flour]
- 29 A Dundee Cake [see below]
- 30 A Victoria Sandwich [see below]
- 31 An apple pie on a plate
- 32 A plate of 4 biscuits (any)
- 33 A loaf of white bread
- 34 A jar of chutney
- 35 A jar of soft fruit jam
- 36 A jar of Lemon Curd
- 37 A jar of Marmalade
- 38 A Chocolate Cake (Any recipe)
- 39 A children's party cake -judged for idea and execution

Wine Section

- [Home made wine in clear corked bottles with plain labels]
- 40 A bottle of dry red wine
 - 41 A bottle of sweet red wine
 - 42 A bottle of dry white wine
 - 43 A bottle of sweet white wine
 - 44 Any other home made wine - any colour

Floral Art Section

- [Classes 45-46 - Space allowed 2' 3" & max height 3 feet]
- 45 'Collector's Corner'. An exhibit

- 46 'Anything Goes'. An exhibit
- 47 'Candlelight'. Novice class. No size restriction
- 48 'Sparkle of Glass' A petite exhibit not exceeding 10" in height, width or depth.

Textile & Hand Craft Section

- 49 A handmade decorative cushion
- 50 Tapestry or embroidery from a kit or chart
- 51 A personally designed embroidery or tapestry
- 52 A handmade knitted garment
- 53 A piece of pottery
- 54 A craft exhibit in wood
- 55 A craft exhibit in any other material
- 56 A découpage (framed)

Visual Arts Section (min age 15 years)

- 57 A piece of calligraphy
- 58 A water colour painting - landscape
- 59 A water colour painting - any other subject
- 60 A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- 61 A monochrome drawing - any medium
- 62 A Black & White photograph 7"x5"min. size
- 63 Colour photograph - 'The Natural World' 7"x5"min. size
- 64 Colour photograph - 'My Holiday' - no size limit
- 65 Sculpture or model in any medium

Junior Section (up to age 14)

- [Entries must be children's own work and show their age. A3 max size for classes 69-70. *See entry details above for class 72]
- 66 A vegetable animal
 - 67 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup
 - 68 2 Gingerbread men
 - 69 A painting or drawing of any subject (age up to 5)
 - 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 12)
 - 71 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
 - 72 A 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age up to 8) *see above
 - 73 A 'kit' model (age 9 to 11)
 - 74 A craft exhibit (age 12 to 14)

Recipes and notes

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

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

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

Classes 35 - 37 Jams & preserves:
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Had boiled egg served with mayonnaise
MELON
Melon fan served with orange segments
SALMON
Salmon steak served with mayonnaise garnished with salad

LAMB
Sliced saddle of lamb served with mint sauce
STEAK
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MELON
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EGG
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Jean Recalls

During the war, when we lived at Door Moor Lodge, we were so excited when Lady Grant told us that a European Queen was to spend the night at the Big House and we could stand on the drive to see her arrive. In due course a large car arrived, led by Police Outriders. Out stepped this sombre lady dressed all in black. What a bitter disappointment. Queens to us wore crowns, were covered in jewellery, were garbed in lace gowns and always smiled. We didn't hang round after that. I think she was the ex-Queen of Romania, fleeing the Russian advance, but I could be wrong. Anyway we lost all interest in her.

One of our local electricians during my childhood was John Furniss, who lived in a caravan on the site of No21 Brickhouse Lane. Besides doing general repairs and re-wiring he also demonstrated the new household gadget: The Vacuum Cleaner. He was fond of reciting - "It beats as it sweeps as it cleans". Tales were told that he went to demonstrate at one house, liberally sprinkled their carpet with dust and dirt, and then discovered they didn't have an Electricity Supply.

Electricity did not come to Dore Moor House from the main grid until the middle of the Second World War. Prior to that the power was supplied by an engine next to the garages. I remember that when the workmen arrived to connect us up I was in bed in isolation with Scarlet Fever. Lady Grant had used her influence to allow me to stay at home. She did not relish the idea that her Head Gardeners daughter should mix with the poor Sheffield children. A man used to call regularly to collect the skin that I had peeled off.

One modern day eccentric, as I like to call him, was Neville Greaves. Neville lived all his life at Glen Head, Limb Lane. His father was a son of the Greaves of Nab Farm. Neville lost a lot of his schooling because he caught TB from infected milk. He worked all his life on the land until arthritis curtailed his working life, when he should have been in his prime. He worked from leaving school for a time, for Tom Pearson of Hallfield Farm. He used to laughingly say that they had pork pie every day, but it was probably not as often as that. He



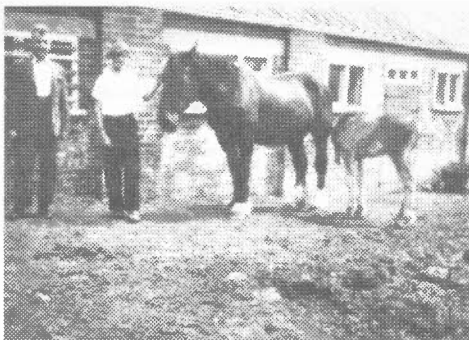
Following the hunt at Cliffside Corner (junction of Whitelaw Lane and Newfield Lane), taken in the early 50's.

worked for Peter Godley of Godley Gardens (now Abbeydale Garden Centre) and did various gardening jobs when Peter stopped his business. Neville never married and lived with his parents and sister and latterly on his own, when his sister died.

His passion in life was his animals: hens, ducks, rabbits and his little dog. When he had to give his animals up, he suffered a stroke and tragically died. Another old Dore character gone for ever.

The photo on this page is of Neville and I think Mr Pearson, and another of Neville's great loves - Working Horses. He and his sister supported the Bransby Home of Rest for Horses at Saxilby, even though they had very little spare cash themselves. Always thinking of others, that was Neville. Perhaps some of the readers of this paper might like to support them also, if they have a little cash to spare. The horses, not Neville!

It is a well known fact that I love foxes. I know a lot of people in this area don't agree with me but we are all entitled to our own



Neville Greaves at Hallfield Farm, 1950s

opinions. There was a time when I was as keen a follower of the Barlow Hunt, on foot I might add, as anyone. But then I got hooked on Beatrix Potter and Mr Tod and I became a devotee.

I often see foxes in the early morning, before 7, when I am walking Spike and I never cease to be thrilled. Some are magnificent red-brown creatures, holding their brushes on high and others are tatty and dark, sometimes almost black.

The photo shows a huntsman and some of the hounds on the corner of Whitelaw Lane in the 50's. They had just made a kill in Wagg Wood. My mother used to watch the huntsmen before the hunt on the previous day stopping up the holes. A cruel practice but one they say is necessary. Ma unblocked as many holes as she could. She knew most of the holes in Wagg Wood and in the woods at Dore Moor House.

Can I thank all the readers who missed me in the last edition, for their kind words. I really appreciate being complimented. I shall not be able to get my hat on next winter, at this rate.

Jean Dean

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Dore Festival 2001

The one undisputed fact about organising an English summer festival is that you can never be sure of the weather. Such was the case in July 2001. A week that started warm, dry and sunny for the glorious Open Gardens and family Fun Run soon became wet, windy and unseasonably chilly.

However, the stoic Dore public does not let the weather put them off and gave their enthusiastic support to every event. The Gardener's Question Time was a great success and our thanks go to David Heslop and the witty panel of experts. The planned outdoor theatre on the Village Green had a late change of venue and the amazingly flexible and utterly professional Company

gave us an evening to remember. A big cheer for the audience who packed into the Church Hall, many scuttling up in their waterproofs from the green, obviously prepared to brave the elements for the sake of supporting this popular festival event.

The varied concerts all attracted good audiences and were greatly enjoyed in that special atmosphere of interested people supporting their own local talent. And what an atmosphere of coming together was created in the Old School and what a lot of talk about the village and reminiscences of how things used to be. Our thanks to Caroline Veal for putting together a fascinating exhibition.

The realisation of all the different events that take place during each Festival Week

requires a lot of co-operation from many local individuals and businesses. We would like to express our appreciation of their goodwill and help in the promotion of Dore Festival and in particular to Greens, Valerie of Dore, Eadon, Lockwood and Riddle, The Devonshire Arms and the Parish Office. We must also say a huge thank you to our loyal Friends of Dore Festival whose financial support has allowed the books to balance.

Looking to the future, the Dore Millennium play and oral history collection promises to be an exciting project and could offer something quite different for next year's festival. And there could even be another surprise! Watch this space!

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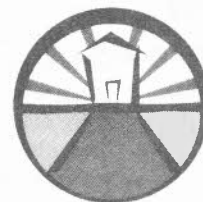
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Well Dressing Diary 2001

Sadly due to the Foot & Mouth outbreak some well dressings have been cancelled this year, but the list below was current at the time of going to press.

You can check the up to date situation by ringing the Chesterfield Tourist Information Centre on 01246 345777/8.

August

- 15-21 Barlow
- 18-25 Taddington
- 23-31 Holymoorside (Nr Chesterfield)
- 25-2 Eyam Well Dressing
- 25-2 Foolow
- 25-2 Wormhill (Nr Buxton)

September

- 1-9 Wardlow
- 2-9 Longnor
- 8-15 Chesterfield

The Way Ahead

After the impact on tourism of the foot and mouth outbreak, nobody can be in any doubt how indispensable our footpath network is to tourism and the economy in rural areas. It is quite simply the most valuable recreational asset we have. Foot and bridle paths quite literally trace our history across the land and offer an invaluable gateway for all to the countryside.

Yet if, like many people, you follow only well-publicised routes or rely on signposts, it might surprise you to learn that for every two and a half miles of public footpath in England and Wales there is a problem that could ruin your walk. In some counties problems are even more frequent. A barbed wire fence, a thick wall of crops, a padlocked gate, a missing bridge across a stream - the list is endless. Problems are down on ten years ago, mainly thanks to the Ramblers, but the overall picture is dismal.

As for the foot and mouth crisis, the Ramblers' Association and walkers in general have acted responsibly, with walks cancelled until it became possible to re-open footpaths in line with Government guidance. Nevertheless, isn't it funny that authorities managed to close everything within hours, but seem unable to clear obstructions even though it has been their legal duty for over 100 years, or to signpost paths, a legal requirement for 33 years? All too often, local authorities spend public money on changes to the path network, instead of on clearing obstructions. Yet many of the hundreds of changes made each year are of no benefit to the public.

Unfortunately, the same poor situation with footpaths is likely to have been made much worse by the crisis: they will be even more overgrown or lost under crops; out-of-date closure signs will confuse and deter walkers; and there is evidence that some farmers are taking advantage with more paths blocked off with barbed-wire, crops, padlocks and keep out signs.

Dangerous road crossings are another area

of increasing concern. Not just in country areas, but even in the case of Sheffield's Round Walk where it crosses major roads. They affect every walker - each of us has been terrified by vehicles rushing towards us and many walkers have been injured - some very seriously. There is often a simple solution but unfortunately, much time and energy is needed to persuade the authorities.

In addition, thousands of historic routes not shown on official maps could soon be lost forever. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act (CROW) decrees that the public will lose their rights to walk these paths unless they are recorded by 2026 - not long when you hear that Suffolk alone has a backlog of 2,000 disputed paths, but currently settles only 25 cases each year.

The Ramblers 'Way Ahead' challenge is to get all obstructed and neglected footpaths throughout England and Wales open and in good order and to get thousands of historic paths recorded on official maps. All these issues will be confronted on Footpaths Day, 7th October 2001. Your support is essential if we are to preserve and enjoy this part of our national heritage. You can contact the Ramblers Association on 020 7339 8500 or at www.ramblers.org.uk

Ed. This article draws on material published in leaflets produced by the Ramblers Association.

Protecting the Green Belt

A new study by Sheffield City Council has shown that Sheffield's housing needs for the next 15 years could be met within existing urban areas of the city, relieving the pressure to build on the countryside and Green Belt land.

The Urban Housing Capacity Study takes into account the changing housing needs of the people of Sheffield, putting a greater emphasis on city-centre living, enabling people to live closer to jobs, shops and other services.

Sheffield also looks set to meet the Government's target for 80% of new housing in the city to be built on brownfield sites. This is "recycled" land that has been developed on in the past. Building on this land improves the streetscene and preserves the city's green spaces. It is important to make sure that these sites are pleasant places for people to live in and this study ties in with area-wide regeneration schemes in Norfolk Park and the Manor, which are tackling wider environmental issues.

Brownfield land includes existing gardens in urban areas such as Dore. Commendable as preserving the Green Belt is, this policy can only be truly effective and also preserve local living environments, if maximum housing density levels are set for different areas. Additional development needs to take into account the extra pressure, (investment requirements) it creates on utility services, especially drainage and on community facilities such as schools. Sadly there is still no sign of this being done.

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Book Reviews

As the foot & mouth epidemic restrictions on walking are gradually relaxed, perhaps this is a good time to pick up a recently published book on navigation skills.

How many of us wrestle with maps when we come to that crucial decision on which route to take? Sometimes walls, buildings, river courses, footpaths and even contours may have been changed since the map or guide was published. In the Peak District I often encounter walkers studying the maps, turning them around, pointing and arguing, and I wonder whether they really understand either the maps or the landscape. At worst, these would-be explorers are trying to decipher one of those virtually unintelligible, cheaply produced and poorly illustrated 'walker's guides'.

Personally I like to spend time before setting out, planning the chosen route, identifying the main geographical features and studying the surrounding area in case I change my mind en route. Having been a Patrol Leader (!) of the Peewits, I was convinced I was the bee's knees as far as map reading was concerned - until I picked up this new book by Julian Tippett.

Navigation for Walkers is an excellent pocket-sized book with clear and precise illustrations and diagrams, attractive and informative photographs. Well produced, the clean and easy-to-follow design adds to a logical and helpful text. Julian, who is based in Stoney Middleton, has some fifty



Barlow bridleway Brian Edwards

years experience of route finding, teaches navigation skills and advises both the Ramblers' Association and the National Navigation Award Scheme. His knowledge and experience comes through as he leads the reader through the basic techniques of map reading, navigation skills, using the compass and route planning. Throughout this publication, careful reference is made to examples from the Ordnance Survey's new Explorer maps, the Outdoor Leisure and Landranger series.

Now is an excellent time to prepare yourself before countryside walking gets back into full stride. Do so by buying *Navigation for Walkers* by Julian Tippett, published by Cordee ISBN 1871890 54 3, available from outdoor and book shops, price £8.99.

Brian Edwards

Stepping Out

The Dore Village Society now offers a programme of walks mainly in the area around Dore, for both members and visitors.

Despite the restrictions created by the Foot and Mouth crisis, spring and early summer walks included an introduction to the history & archeology of Ecclesall Woods and on Bank Holiday Monday 28th May, a 6 ½ mile ramble using variations on the line of the round walk. Those joining on the Bank Holiday were treated to bluebells, rhododendrons, the site of a deer herd, and some secret corners of SW Sheffield, including Periwood Pool.

Forthcoming walks include: a 4 ½ mile ramble past three of the old halls in the area, start 10am Wednesday 12th September at the Old School and; Tracing the line of Totley Tunnel to Grindleford (return by train) on Sunday 21st October, again start 10am at the old school.

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THE OLD SCHOOL DORE 1800—1965

Continuing the story... Part 2

The 1870 Education Act required the keeping of log books, and the Dore School log books, long believed by the present Trustees to be lost, have recently surfaced at Dore Junior School. It was as a result of reading them that I have put pen to paper; coming from an old Dore family myself, I found them fascinating reading.

The Masters varied greatly in what they wrote in the log books: some restricted themselves mostly to attendance, indeed that was the prime purpose of the records; the names of "irregular children" were handed to the attendance officer. However others are more forthcoming about school life and the records are sprinkled with the names of old village families, for example Fearnough, Farnsworth, Ashby, Gill, Fletcher, Hancock, Greaves, Siddall, Coates and many others.

The essentially rural nature of the village in the late 19th century is clearly apparent; in particular the way it affects attendance. Haymaking in 1878 reduces the numbers to 22 pupils in school. (By now the number on the register was about 100) Later in the same year boys were "engaged in the corn". Potato and the annual blackberrying also decimated the number; girls were frequently missing for Spring cleaning. There were frequent holidays – for Dore Flower Show, Dore Feast, Choir Trips, Bonfire Day, Shrove Tuesday, Sunday School outings and Empire day. "Boisterous weather" frequently closed the school, snow drifts of 8 or 9 feet being often noted. Outbreaks of diphtheria, scarlatina, scarlet fever, are frequently recorded and measles closed the school for a fortnight on several occasions. The parish of Dore is large and in winter

the closing register was often taken before 2pm to allow pupils to walk home before dark. The Stones children from Stoney Ridge House walked to and from school each day. An interesting reflection on today's children.

Girls, as well as well as boys, were addressed by their surnames: unfortunately the punishment books have not survived but from the logs it appears that corporal punishment was rare, though the behaviour of some of some pupils, especially the girls, clearly presented a problem. Mr Deane had a long standing battle with two girls, Ann Coates and Harriet Siddall, which ended by the vicar being asked to come to school. The girls refused to "fold their arms" in front of the vicar, when all the rest had complied with this request. They also refused the vicar's request to do the same. Siddall was the more defiant: she had already refused a request to "go into the closet" (presumably a cupboard of some sort). Guarantees of good behaviour had to be made before the girls were allowed back into school.

The young Mr Agar was sorely tried in 1883 by the "insubordination and insolence" of Eliza Flint: the vicar's support had to be obtained in expelling her for breaking windows, swearing, breaking into school, lying and stealing. The girl's mother evidently supported her daughter and "seemed to think the school existed for her daughters benefit and she could do as she liked" So interesting all this; we assume nowadays that bad behaviour in school didn't happen in the good old days.

The school lost an "old and valued friend" when the Rev Aldred died in 1894. He had played an energetic and sympathetic role in the life of the school. As the century drew to it's close, the children of Dore and Totley were all presented by the Trustees with a book to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Copies of this book "The Queens Resolve" still survive and make interesting reading. Though Eulogistic by modern standards, it emphasises the Queens virtues and the sense of duty which she certainly possessed. Reading "The Queens Resolve" alongside the log books, the most striking thing was the patriotism which the education provided was aiming to cultivate in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Empire Day was always the occasion for a lecture by the Headmaster or the Vicar or some other notability. The pupils sang patriotic songs on the Village Green. On George V's coronation a medal "Deeds that won the Empire" was presented. The "duties and privileges of Englishmen" was a constant theme for talks to the pupils. Pictures purchased for the school were "Nelson's Farewell", "The Army off Gravelines (1585)" "Death of General Wolfe" "The Gunners at Gollenzo". Poetry set for learning, was on a similar theme and consisted largely of patriotic ballads. Nothing reminds me so much of how greatly our society and the teaching provided has changed since the second world war.

The early part of the 20th century saw two long tenancies; that of Mr Bone as headmaster from 1901-25 and that of the Rev WR Gibson as vicar from 1894. The latter was equally assiduous as his predecessor in his attitude to the school, frequently visiting, checking registers and teaching scripture. He and Mr Bone appear to have been on good terms. The headmaster must have been sorely tried by the frequent absences of his staff. I am surprised at the forbearance of all the Masters at these absences on apparently trivial grounds. Pupil attendance was equally erratic; all present on a day in 1907 was "a truly remarkable occurrence"

Although the Diocesan Inspector continued to be most complimentary in their reports, the State Inspectors continued to complain about the buildings, the lack of cloakroom space and the "foul smelling closets" and the lack of lavatories, "although there is running water". Mr Bone, clearly stung by an inspection in 1908, hit back, in the logs, at the unfairness and the inexperience of the inspectors in their assessment of the children's achievement. He himself had to leave the schoolhouse on the premises, where all the previous masters had lived, to provide extra accommodation for the increasing number of pupils.

In 1909 the school took part in a pageant, written and produced by Mrs Milner of Totley Hall. She had always been a visitor to the school and her play was based on the meeting of King Eanred of Northumbria and King Ecgbert of Wessex, which took place at Dore is now commemorated by the stone on the Village Green. Without doubt it was an actual historic event, written up in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. The school was closed for the performance and from the proceeds a large portrait of King Edward VII was purchased and hung in the school.

In the following year, the King's death led to a long lecture by the Rev W Gibson on "the great loss the country has sustained" and "the duties and privileges of Englishmen". On Empire Day on another occasion, the pupils produced monologues on "Deeds that won the Empire"—these included Drake, Nelson, Frobisher, Cook, Clive, and Wolfe. It was "admirably executed" and a holiday was given. Mr Bone was clearly a well intentioned and well educated Headmaster. He tried to enlarge the curriculum, but with such limited accommodation it was obviously difficult. By 1917 there were 129 on the register and two age groups had to be taught in one room. an innovation was cookery classes taught in Totley.

Mr Bone's regime 1901-25, as attested by my father and his generation, was firm, well informed, disciplined but kindly, seeking above all for pupils to absorb and learn whatever they could from observation or books. His essential tolerance appears from the logs when he reprimanded a teacher for "striking a girl with her hand in a most severe and cruel manner". He felt obliged to report this matter to the trustees.

Hazel Hoffman

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Emptying the compost bin is a job I always carry out in late spring. It is all very simple: the plastic sheet covering the compost is removed and the well-rotted material dug out, sieved and spread around the garden; the red worms and other residents are returned with fresh, new vegetation and the sheeting replaced. Simple in theory, only this year things didn't quite go according to plan. After removing the cover and surface layer of semi-rotted material, I noticed a bumblebee pushing her way slowly out. Now she could have accidentally flown in, caught as I removed the sheeting, but when a second bee climbed to the surface and flew off in a somewhat confused manner, I realised a colony of young bees was living there. I carefully returned the material and replaced the cover, making sure the bees were able to leave easily. A few days later, I was rewarded with the sight of a steady procession of bumble-bees making their way into the garden.

Now some gardeners would see this as a minor inconvenience and dig the bees out, along with the compost, but no wildlife gardener would dream of doing this. Compost heaps can provide a home to all sorts of animals, from hibernating frogs and hedgehogs to nesting grass snakes and voles, and although sometimes the compost can be removed without harming the visitor, it is better to simply leave the heap well alone. Even now, as the days are beginning to shorten, the little black and yellow bees are still flying back and forth from the catmint and lavender to their home in my compost heap. It is a nuisance not being able to get to the compost, but at least by next spring, it should be well and truly rotted.

Then take my fat holders, dangling from the apple tree. At first it was a delight to see a squawking young starling, fresh from the nest, being fed on the gooey white stuff by a parent. But of course, starlings are quick to exploit any opportunity and whilst one parent and her brood came on the first day, by day two, five more had arrived and within days, every conceivable spot was occupied by boisterous youngsters and their

squabbling parents. Because of the dry summer, these fat holders have provided a life-line for hard pressed parents trying to feed their young, but what a noise. Forty squawking fledglings can make a terrific din and each day I expected a visit from the environmental health officer, with instructions to stop me feeding the birds. The funny thing was that as the broods matured, they flocked together and disappeared to other feeding areas, and with only a few late nesting birds visiting the holder, it became quiet - no doubt to the relief of my neighbours. Suddenly the garden felt empty; it had lost that vibrant spark of life.

There are still frogs in the garden, spending the hottest part of the day flopped like discarded plastic toys on the stones around the edge of the pond. However, you don't just find them sunbathing there, they are almost everywhere: in amongst the leaves of pot plants; lurking in growbag trays (ideal private swimming pools) and sat in the trays of seedlings growing in my cold frames. When I went round checking my young plants in the evening, I would see sleepy golden eyes looking at me from amongst the leaves. Frogs would burrow into the soft, moist compost, using it as a daytime bed; warm and safe for them, but not so good for my poor seedlings struggling to grow under the weight of recumbent amphibians. A quick sprinkle of water from the watering can and they would be off, jumping this way and that, trying to avoid the cascade of cold droplets.

In the wildlife garden, we encourage our 'animal friends' to visit and should not begrudge them using parts of our garden in unexpected or inconvenient ways. But sometimes, you just can't help feeling they have over-stayed their welcome and wish they would visit someone else's garden, just for a few days.

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Ecclesall Woods is the "jewel in the crown" when it comes to woodlands in Sheffield. Representing the largest ancient woodland in the City, and with over 13km of public rights of way, it is a fabulous resource for local people and wildlife.

However, although generally well-loved, the edges of the woodland are suffering in places from tipping of garden rubbish and other material. Dumping of garden refuse may appear fairly innocuous. But there are good reasons why it should be discouraged:

- * It is unsightly, encourages further dumping, and makes the woodland less attractive for recreation and wildlife;

- * It smothers woodland plants like Bluebells and can introduce exotic garden species into the woodland which can sometimes out-compete native plants. Plants like Bluebell, Wood Anemone and Yellow Archangel are now almost restricted to old woodland sites like Ecclesall Woods. For everyone's enjoyment, it is worth conserving these plants;

- * It can be a health hazard, especially if glass, brittle plastic or metal is included;

- * It wastes public money spent on removing the rubbish;

- * It is an offence under the 1990 Environment Protection Act.

Local residents can help by:

- * Not tipping if they are in the habit of doing so;

- * Telephoning the Council's Environment and Regulatory Services on 203 7410 or the Police if they see dumping taking place;

- * Ringing to Notify Parks Woodlands and Countryside on 250 0500 if they come across recently tipped material so that it can be cleared as soon as possible, where practical.

Garden clippings, etc can be composted and re-used in the garden. For large quantities, Sheffield Onyx (previously Cleansing Services) operates a garden refuse clearance system, which the public can utilise by purchasing special bags which when filled, are removed by Sheffield Onyx. A charge of £1.20 (this includes collection), is made for every 3 bags purchased. Contact them on 273 4567.

Council tenants who wish to dispose of larger household items can get them collected free of charge. Owner occupiers are generally charged for this service - contact Sheffield Onyx for more details. Alternatively, unwanted items or materials can be taken to the dump-it site on Blackstock Road in the Gleadless valley.

Although the woodland belongs to the City Council, it is residents who benefit most from this amenity. Please help to keep it special now and for the future. Thank You. For more information about the care and management of Ecclesall Woods please contact Nick Sellwood (Assistant Trees and Woodlands Manager) on 273 6387.

Ed. The good advice and contact numbers in this article apply equally to other woodland and open space in the Dore area.

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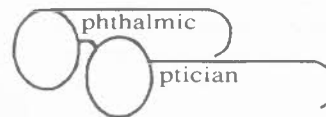
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Stars in Dore

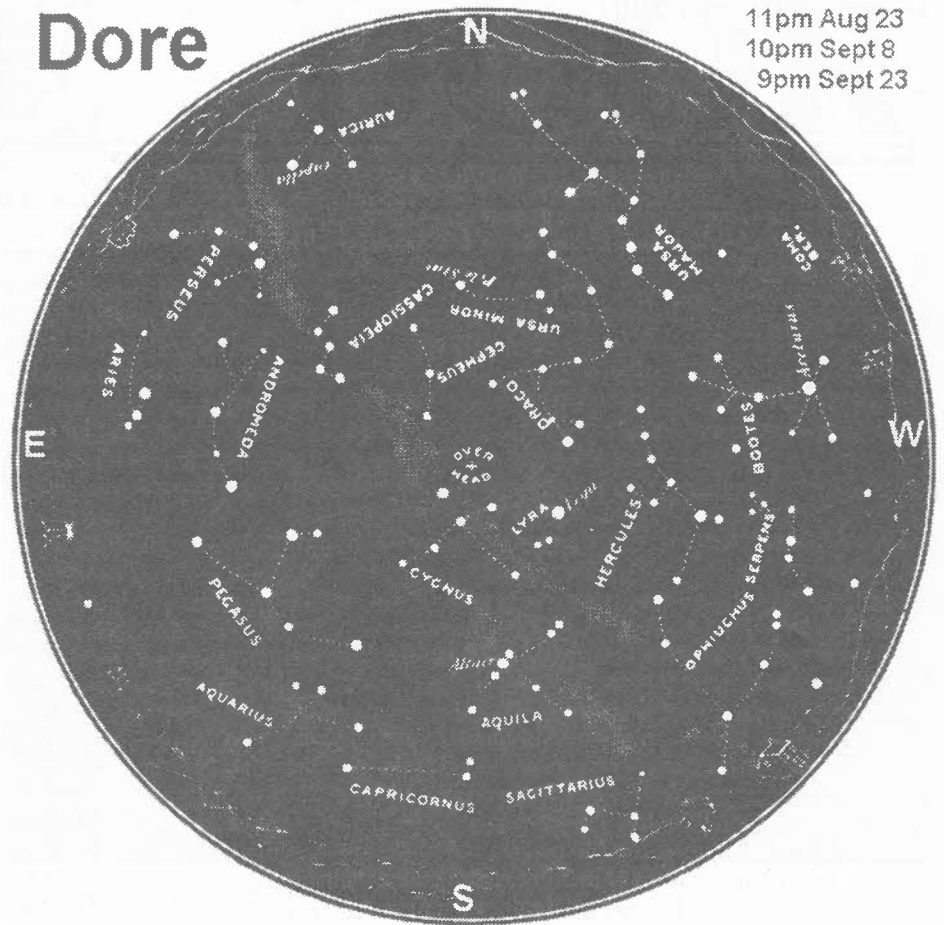
In late-summer and early-autumn, when the evenings begin to draw in, the splendour of the Milky Way may be enjoyed once again. Spanning the entire night sky from the north-east to the south-west, millions of faint stars of our own galaxy blend to become a gossamer light. At this time of year, Cygnus the Swan, also known as the Northern Cross, is practically overhead not far from the bright star Vega in the constellation of Lyra the Harp. Beneath Vega is Altair, the eye of the eagle, Aquila. Pegasus the Flying Horse, and Andromeda and Perseus, straight out of Greek mythology, spread across the sky from the south-east to the north-west. See if you can find the Andromeda Galaxy. It appears to the naked eye as a faint, slightly fuzzy spot below the 'M' in Andromeda on our chart. This is a neighbour of ours outside our Milky Way system.

The naming of the stars and the constellations certainly dates back to the Greeks (Hipparchus and Ptolemy) and the Persians (e.g. Al-Sufi; actually this astronomer's name was Abd-al-Rahmān Bin Umar Bin Muhammad Bin Sahl Abu'l-husa'n al-Sufi al-Razi) which perhaps explains the stars' somewhat odd-sounding names, at least for the western world. In fact, astronomers rarely use these old names. They prefer, for example, the name alpha Lyrae to Vega. This is understandable bearing in mind the multitude of stars which includes not only those visible to the naked eye.

The planet Mars may still be glimpsed early in the evening low in the south-west from many vantage points in Dore. Jupiter, Saturn and Venus are morning objects. Unlike in our previous star charts, we show the whole sky visible from Dore ('overhead' is in the centre, and the horizon is all around). The chart is valid for 11pm on 23rd August, 10pm on 8th September and 9pm on 23rd September.

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An exceptionally fine sight may be enjoyed in mid-August when the planet Venus, nearly at its brightest, rises just before dawn in the constellation Gemini, closely following both the waning crescent Moon and Jupiter. Actually, Saturn is just above this array of celestial objects, too, not far from the red star, Antares, in Taurus the Bull. This alignment should be best visible in the east between 3.30am and dawn on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August. The Moon is then 232 thousand miles distant (only ten times around our Earth), whereas Venus and Jupiter are 113 million and 538 million miles away, respectively. It is well worth peeping out of the window before dawn if you have a clear view to the east.

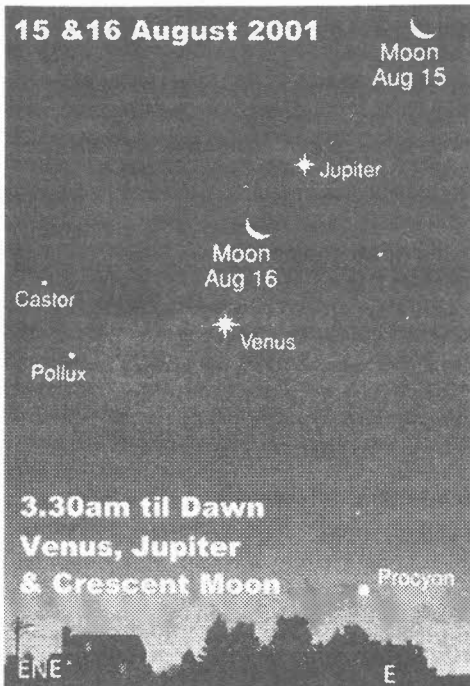
One of the most amazing feats of humankind rests on an ability to comprehend the Universe beyond our familiar world, admittedly to varying degrees according to personal scientific aptitudes. It seems a paradox, however, that the more we know the more we realise how little we know. For example, astronomers are often asked about the Big Bang. What is the latest news about the Big Bang? A NASA satellite has just been launched (30th June) which has passed by the Moon and will soon (end of September) sit in a geostationary orbit relaying information back to Earth about the so called 'cosmic microwave radiation'. In simple terms, this is the 'after-glow' from the Big Bang. The satellite (known as MAP) can detect minute temperature variations (a few millionths of a degree) in this 'after-glow' which itself is as cold as minus 270.3 degrees Celsius. A technological miracle! Hopefully, these

minute variations, patterns imprinted in the early Universe about 14 billion years ago, will soon tell astronomers more about the Big Bang and the nature and destiny of the Universe. Humankind's insatiable search for knowledge, however, will not end there.

It is sometimes asked why we should believe what astronomers tell us about the Universe. Well, unlike the astronomers and philosophers of ancient times, today's scientists follow a relatively strict code of practice laid down during the last three or four centuries. Some might even argue that since science does not apparently take into account the spiritual world. Do scientists ignore certain aspects of our life and our beliefs? By looking backwards in time to the Big Bang and outwards into space, astronomers discover new glories. Nevertheless, it should be said that astronomical chaos, rather than celestial order, and explosive scenarios, rather than glorious tranquillity, is the order of the day. Other scientists peer deep inside the atom and into the microcosm of the biological world, and they are still in awe of all its complexity. However, poppies in a green meadow, the smiles of children, poetry, music and philosophy do seem to be confined to Earth with its flora, fauna and 'us'. Perhaps, the search for other worlds, planets like our own, and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, is an essential element in humankind's grand quest. We certainly need astronomers to tell us about that, and we are still waiting. Meanwhile, the village of Dore is a very pleasant place in which to wait for that news!

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- 19 **Open Day**, Manor Castle, 11am - 4pm
21 **Join the Rangers** for grass sledging, arts & crafts, fun and games + Graves Park animals. Whirlow Park 12.30 - 3pm
25 **Froggatt Show**, Stoke Lane Field, 2pm-5.30pm
25-2 **Eyam Well Dressing**. Three wells and a week of events.
26 **Simplex Day** at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet - the famous Sheffield Vintage car on display, 11am-4pm
26-27 **Sheffield Show**, Graves Park, 10am - 6pm daily incl arena attractions, crafts, horticulture, pop groups & funfair
27 **Hope Show** Marsh Farm from 9am-7pm
27 **Shepherd Wheel**, open free of charge 10am - 4pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 **Chatsworth Country Fair**
6-8 **Longshaw Sheepdog Trials**
8 **Dore Show**, Old School and Methodist Church Halls. 2pm - 4.30pm - see schedule
10 **Plant Hunting in W China & Tibet**. Lecture by Dr Christopher-Grey Wilson for FOBS. King Egbert School, 7.15pm. Tickets from 267 0544.
12 **3 Halls Walk**, led by the Dore Village Society, meet 10am at the Old School
12 **Medical Herbalists** Janet Alton & Robyn James, Dore (Afternoon) Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School, 2pm.
15 **Totley Show**, Totley Primary School, 2pm-3.30pm
15 **Concert** Dronfield Brass Band at Totley Methodist Church, Grove Rd, 7.30pm. Tickets on door or 236 8927
16 **Plant Sale**, Sheffield Botanical Gardens demonstration centre, 2-4pm. Hardy plants, refreshments & sales tables. Free admission.
18 **Slides of New Zealand** Talk by Miss W Grace for Totley Rise Methodist Women's Fellowship, schoolroom 2.30pm
21 **Dinner & Jazz** at Whirlowbrook Hall in aid of Leonard Cheshire Home, Black Tie. Tickets 236 7491
23 **Farm Fayre** Whirlow Hall Farm, 10am - 5pm. Craft Fair, farm market, side stalls and arena shows.
25 **The Winter Garden** Talk by John Gregory for FOBS & plants for sale. 10am, Demonstration Centre, Botanical Gardens. Visitors £2
25 **A year on a Derbyshire Farm** Talk by Kathleen Burkinshaw for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
29 **Charity Fishing Match** in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Tel 236 9911 for details

OCTOBER

- 2 **Harvest Festival Celebration** Totley Rise Methodist Women's Fellowship, 2.30pm in the schoolroom
6 **Friends Day Out** see article
7 **Plant Sale** at St Luke's Hospice on Little Common Lane, from 10am
7 **Steam Gathering** at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, traction engines on display from 11am-4pm
9 **The Attercliffe Story** Talk by John Salt for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
10 **The Jewish Way of Life** Mrs Rosemary Isaacs, for Dore (Afternoon) Townswomen's Guild, Old School, 2pm.
12 **Quiz Night** by K.E.S.A King Egbert School, Wessex Site, 8pm. Bring own refreshments. Tickets at the door.
13 **Anniversary Concert**, Dore Male Voice Choir, Ecclesall Church 7pm.
15 **AGM & Presidential address** South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm visitors welcome - for small donation
16 **Happiest Place on Earth** Talk by Rev C Kirk for Totley Rise Methodist Women's Fellowship, schoolroom 2.30pm.
19-22 **Art Exhibition** Firth Hall, Sheffield University, for the Society for the Encouragement of Art. Includes work by Cheshire Home residents.

- 20-21 **Working Day & Craft Fair**, two day event at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet
21 **Totley Tunnel Walk** to Grindleford, led by the Dore Village Society, meet 10am at the Old School
23 **Shrubs for Small Gardens** Talk by Arroll Winning for FOBS. 10am, Demonstration Centre, Botanical Gardens. Visitors £2
23 **Bess of Hardwick** Talk by Gill White for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
24 **30th Anniversary Dinner** for St Luke's Hospice at the Cutlers Hall. Tel 236 9911 for details
25 **Children's Fun Day** run by Friends of the Botanical Gardens, 11am-3pm £3. Mainly craft based activities up to age 11. Must be accompanied by an adult. 236 1568
30 **The story of Cole Brothers** Talk by Dr N Greenwood for Totley Rise Methodist Women's Fellowship, 2.30pm in the schoolroom.
31 **Fright Night**, a spooky Halloween for all the family at Endcliffe Park in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Details from 236 9911

NOVEMBER

- 6 **Autumn Jewish Festivals** Talk by Rev Gillian Wilton for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Church Hall, 7.45pm
7 & 8 **Autumn Fair** at St Luke's Hospice on Little Common Lane, from 10am
12 **Hardy Perennials for Autumn** Talk for FOBS by Roger Bowling & plants for sale. 7.15pm, Demonstration Centre, Botanical Gardens. Visitors £2
14 **Modern Aids to Easier Gardening** Mr Stuart Jackson for Dore (Afternoon) Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School, 2pm.
19 **The Sheffield Outrages** Talk by Joan Unwin for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum, 7.30pm visitors welcome - for small donation
24 **Table Top Sale**, organised by K.E.S.A 10am - 1pm on the Wessex Site. To book a table ring 235 2725.
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"...**excellent opportunities** to explore sound and music, participate in imaginative play and experience a variety of media and techniques for drawing, painting, collage work and model making."

"**Excellent experiences** are included to encourage the children to use their senses and feelings to respond to a range of stimuli."

"...**a stimulating learning environment...**"
(from OFSTED inspection report, December 1999)

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