

DORE to DOOR



DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Highway Robbery

We should have guessed it was too good to be true that significant sums of money were to be spent on improving road safety in the village. But it was easy to be seduced by a new priority points scheme that put Dore at the top of the list, followed by public consultation and draft proposals from the Transport & Road Safety Department.

Now following the change of administration at the Town Hall, the Council has decided that the finance originally intended for an area wide traffic scheme in Dore should be used elsewhere. A new priority will be based on the need to protect children, and they are most vulnerable in deprived areas, which happen to be..... No surprise there then. And the time and money spent already on the consultative process

Reassuringly, the possibility of progressing more specific safety measures in the area remains. The scheme for improved facilities for pedestrians to cross Causeway Head Road continues its long march. However the latest proposals fail completely to address the prime problem of traffic travelling down Causeway Head Road too fast. Work also continues on improvements to facilitate crossing Abbeydale Road South near Bushey Wood Road, and hopefully to the difficult Totley Brook Road & Bushey Wood Road junction.

We are pleased to note that safety improvements are now being planned on Hathersage Road, following our earlier formal request in September 2001. This is a busy stretch of road which has seen a number of fatal and serious accidents in recent years. Many other more minor accidents have gone unrecorded. It is interesting to note the dramatic breaking that results from drivers spotting the new speed camera between Dore Moor Inn and Long Line. We suspect many are unaware of what speed they should be doing at this point!

We would have welcomed an extension of the 40 mph speed limit as far as Dore Moor Inn. However all of the proposed measures will make a contribution to improved safety. We have suggested a few additional initiatives including re-siting some bus stops, additional warning signs and moving the signs at the beginning of the 40mph zone further away from the Limb Lane junction.

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Open Dore

Keep in contact with what's on, join in debate, check back issues, or find out about Dore on our own community web site at www.dorevillage.co.uk



DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Spring Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday
19th March

Methodist Church Hall

Talk by Marjorie Dunn on
**'The Brontes, Hathersage
and Jane Eyre'**
Admission Free

One of the fine Victorian mansions built on Dore Road in the late 1800s.

Drawing by Brian Edwards.

Dore Needs You

Are you interested in what is happening in Dore, about its history, planning, road safety or the environment? Or are you interested in organising things, helping out with events, delivering Dore to Door? The Dore Village Society cares about our community, its history and future development. There are lots of ways we can improve things locally, but we need your help.

Whether you would be interested in considering joining our committee, supporting one of our ongoing projects, or just helping out at events occasionally, please give us a ring on 236 9025. We will be happy to explain just what help we need and how we can use your time or skills constructively.

Wet and mild

Last year Sheffield had one of the wettest years since weather records began 120 years ago, with an annual rainfall of 1,045mm, against the record 1,086mm set two years ago. December went out with a soaking with nearly half as much rain again as the monthly average.

According to Weston Park weather centre, 2002 was also one of the mildest years. Five of the warmest years have been in the last decade.

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However the issue of designating Whitelow Lane as a 'Quiet Lane' is not included.

We originally wrote in May 2001 formally asking for consideration to be given by the Council to designating Whitelow Lane in Dore as a 'Quiet Lane' within the new powers then introduced by the Government. Subsequently we were informed that the issue of 'Quiet Lanes' had been subsumed into a project to draw up a 'Speed Management Strategy' for the city. This strategy was to be drafted by external consultants and unlikely to be completed in less than a year.

Comfortably more than a year has since passed. We have therefore written to establish the position with respect to our request and to find out what policy the Council has now adopted in respect of the introduction of 'Quiet Lanes' within its area.

Elsewhere in the village, one of the conditions attached to planning permission to build on the site of Blue Ridge, is that the developer would finance a one-way system on Ashfurlong Road, towards its junction with Dore Road. This despite just such a suggestion having been rejected before by council officials on safety grounds, given the risk to pedestrians that would result.

We feel that there must be proper consultation with local residents and the society, outside the planning process, before any decisions are reached. Issues of safety

and the preservation of the very nature of our last historic lane in the area are worthy of more than a sideline to a housing development! We have written in strong terms asking for this consultation to be put in hand as a matter of urgency.

John Baker (Chairman)

Dore Oral History

The Dore Oral History archive is continuing to grow thanks to the dedication of a small group of enthusiasts. New recordings of life in Dore in the distant past have been added to the collection.

The pace of change in our community has moved so fast that even the 1970's and 1980's seem quite different from 2003. The twenty something's of today can remember walking or cycling to school on their own, school milk in little bottles, proper dinners and waiting lists for Scouts and Guides. This was their life before the C.D. Rom, the mobile phone, digital TV, fitness centres and healthy eating menus.

The Oral History group is now planning an exhibition on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July, which will be a Festival Event. The exhibition will celebrate the life and times of people living in Dore today.

Stories ranging from World War 1 to the Millennium will be told through treasured objects, photographs and above all, recorded recollections. Together they will give a fascinating insight into the memories and experiences that helped shape our community.

If you would like to join our friendly group or help with our exhibition phone Maureen Cope on 235 0392.

Ducks in print?

Marjorie Dunn of Totley, known to many as 'The Puppet Lady', and writer of adult and children's books has decided to write another book featuring the wandering ducks in the village.

As with some of her other books the aim is to raise money for Pearson's holiday Fund for underprivileged children, including those in inner cities who may never have seen a live duck. A percentage of the money from the books, if sold locally, will be donated to the Dore Village Society.

Although the publication will be for children, she hopes older children up to 90 will enjoy the theme.

Marjorie would appreciate hearing from anyone who has witnessed interesting or amusing incidents with the ducks. Any help would be gratefully received. She can be reached at 2 Summer Lane, S17 4AJ. Incidentally does anyone know the collective term for a collection of ducks on the ground?

Copies of 'The Wild Rocking Horses of Ringinglow', and 'Flambo The Dragon' can still be obtained from Green's in Dore, or Totley Rise Post Office at £4.25 per copy, profits to Pearson's holiday Fund.

Ed. Collective term? How about a 'Waddle'.

Wyvern Walkers

Nearly 40 people came on the Wassail Walk on 27 December. Despite mixed weather and walking in a virtual stream on the way back, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and especially the glasses of hot punch and mince pies at the finish!

The next two scheduled walks are:
Thursday 27th February. A morning walk starting at 9.30am from Dore Old School and back in time for lunch. We might even see some early signs of spring.

Saturday 29th March. Meet 9.30am at Dore Old School. Route yet to be decided but back in time for lunch.

These walks are free for DVS members, visitors 50p. Dogs are allowed to accompany their owners.

Additional events of possible interest:
Saturday 3rd May. Friends of Ecclesall Woods are organising a Natural History Walk 10am - 12pm. Meet at Beauchief Gardens, Abbeydale Road South. Also an Archaeology Walk on Saturday 17th May 10am-12pm.

Electronic voting

Sheffield voters in half the city's wards will be able to use electronic voting in the forthcoming local elections, making it the world's largest electronic voting scheme!

This year, voters living in the wards that make up the parliamentary constituencies of Hallam, Brightside and Central will be able to vote by internet, text messaging, touch-tone phones, and through the free Public Access Kiosks dotted around the city, as well as using postal voting and traditional polling stations.

The roll-out and expansion of e-voting comes on the back of a successful pilot in three of the city's wards last year - Hallam, Nether Edge and Manor. Voter turnout increased in all three wards with, on average, a third of voters trying out new methods.

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The collection can be searched by subject and the system allows simple searches, using one subject keyword, e.g. Trams; and complex searches where keywords can be combined, e.g. Trams and Firth Park. After searching, the results are displayed as thumbnail images of the matching photographs. Additional information about the images is welcomed and the site allows extra information to be sent by E-mail.

The thumbnails selected can be enlarged and these larger pictures may be downloaded free of charge for personal use. They allow a maximum print size of approximately 6" x 4". Prints can be ordered and paid for by credit card, using a secure server.

This website is only a representative selection from the Sheffield collection, and most images are pre-1950. The complete picture collection can be found at the Local Studies Library, Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 1XZ. It is planned for the website to eventually host up to 10,000 images of the city.

The site can be found at:
www.picturesheffield.com



Snowfall on Dore Village Green.
Drawing by David Heslop

Did you know?

Plans for the new King Egbert School have been rushed through, how be it with a host of caveats, and no doubt against a deadline for ensuring PFI funding is available. Yet a study by the Audit Commission, the local government spending watchdog, has found that education projects funded under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) do not bring any noticeable benefit or deliver better value

for money than schemes funded directly by the state.

The Government has dismissed this report as only being based on early PFI projects. Though the Government claims that commercial firms are used only after a detailed study of whether they provide better value! Also surely one would have expected additional care and monitoring for the first tranche of education projects funded by PFI, with every attempt to prove their worth.

Sadly it looks as if PFI is nothing more than an accounting sleight of hand, moving today's spending off the Treasury's books. Ultimately we will have a new school, but at the cost of more land lost to housing, with all its implications to the local services infrastructure. And in the end, guess who will be left to pick up the bills!

On a different tack, it now looks like Dore has lost its area traffic safety project in favour of the money being spent elsewhere in the city. It contained some sensible ideas, including a 20mph zone in the village centre, safety changes to some junctions, and additional speeding controls.

To be honest, if everyone was sensible, or at least a little more careful, some of the changes would not be necessary. Just why do local people stop on double yellow lines, speed through the village, park all day in front of our local shops etc. So how about a local good driving campaign. Please look at your own driving habits and try driving with others in mind, not just your own convenience.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

Following my letter in the last magazine, I am writing to say what an interesting response I received from it by e-mail and telephone. Not only was I contacted by people who were at school with me, but also by neighbours who lived at Whirlow at the same time as myself. From the replies I received I was surprised at how far the magazine was distributed. People were able to provide me with the missing names on the photographs but it appears that the school photograph I sent for publication only shows about half of the class, so I would be pleased to hear from anyone else from the same school year (1946/7).

There are some people I haven't heard from and in particular John Wood, Shirley Houghton (both from my class) and two friends from Dore: Keith Bullen and Gerald Hepworth. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these two people I would be grateful if they could let me know. By the time the magazine is published I hope that I shall have made contact with all those who have got in touch with me, one way or another and hopefully it may be possible to have a reunion at a later date if sufficient people are interested. As before I can be contacted by e-mail PeteAndKath@belkpFreeserve.co.uk or through the Editor.

Peter Belk

Dear Sir,

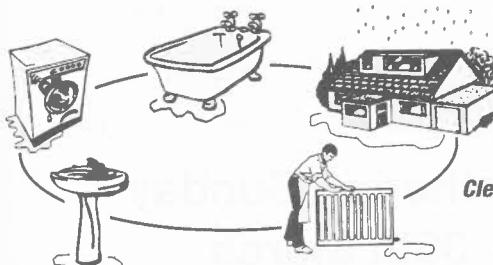
We must thank those who were responsible for authorising the improvement and illumination of the footpath between Bushey Wood Road and Furness Avenue. If one misses a 50 bus from the City, one does not have to wait half an hour but can now catch a 97A, even after dark.

In the Spring 1998 edition you kindly published my letter in which I suggested a need for "a network of footways....well drained, paved and illuminated" in order to encourage and assist individuals to use public transport more.

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Dear Sir,

I'm intrigued to know who 'borrowed' a small conifer tree from my front garden on Savage Lane on New Years Eve - I awoke on New Years Day to find a muddy hole in my front garden where it had once stood. To my amazement it reappeared on 2nd January, being replanted anonymously during the day whilst I was out, presumably by whoever had taken it in the first place! I'd love to know where it has spent the last 2 days....and thank whoever returned it!

Name & address supplied

Ed. All letters received for publication must provide a name and address even if this is not to be published.

Dear Sir,

Planning in Dore

Recent planning decisions have generated the usual rhetoric and yah-boo responses amongst the city's politicos in the local media, but rather than indulge in kind may I ask Dore to Dore readers to review our problems from another angle and to consider the following:

First, to note that it has been very rare for your local politicians to disagree on local planning issues. Indeed, it is hard to find a political pattern to planning decisions. I doubt partisan politics is the answer.

Second, Council Planning Boards are not free agents and are merely agents of a planning system that is largely decreed by central government. Local planning decisions are thereby heavily dependent on planning officers' recommendations, occasionally informed by local lobbying groups and as such it frequently becomes a matter of judgement. The outcome can be contentious and will affect the community for generations to come.

Third, it is a nonsense to pretend that the South Planning Board, covering one third of the entire city, meeting but 11 times a year, can respond to local needs as well as meeting the demands of a vibrant, expanding city. There must be a distinction between city-centre living and the suburbs and incoming professionals need to be reassured that quality sub-urban and semi-rural areas exist within the city boundaries, whilst still

accessing schools, cultural facilities, services and the like.

Hence the remedy must lie in a change in the system. What we need is a more localised planning process, with local input and local accountability, within the context of a city-wide strategy. It is for that reason that I find the concept of a **Dore Village Design Statement** attractive. It could "fine tune" the city-wide Unitary Development Plan, restore ownership on planning matters to the community, whilst still contributing to the city's overall growth and prosperity.

Cllr. Keith Hill

Dear Sir,

I have recently returned to the Sheffield area and I am keen to contact as many old friends as possible.

I attended Dore junior school from 1946 - 1948, then King Edward VII school until 1953. I was a member of the Dore Junior cricket club and Dore boys football team from 1950 - 1954. Anyone who remembers those days, please make contact. My e-mail is NASSAU@UKONLINECO.UK, or phone me on 01226 766072.

Grahame Nassau

Dear Sir,

The word CLARNICO in Liza Hopkinson's letter struck a chord and brought back Wartime memories.

My father, Arthur Fallows, was in the Home Guard with Jack Dench (who was a rep. for Clarnico). And, yes, even as Wartime sweet-deprived children, my brother and I thought the sample sweets we were given were awful! I don't think my father knew Marshall Hurst.

Jack Dench lived in Totley - The Quadrant. His son, Ron, might have remembered Liza's father if they knew each other through Clarnico, but he died earlier this year and lived in Rushley Road. Ron's son, Jeremy would not have known him.

We moved from Leyfield Road to 27 High Street in the mid-thirties and the story was that someone connected with Potted Meat had lived there before us. There were brown stains on the walls and my father suggested they might be the remains of Potted Meat But I'm afraid this is no real help!

Mrs Chris Robson

Dear Sir,

It was most interesting to read (Dore to Door, Winter issue), the article regarding the "Farewell to Ken and John" former landlords of the Hare and Hounds.

Whilst being a relative newcomer to the area (Totley Rise), I have spent many pleasant hours in the said hostelry of recent times. Reading of the planned refurbishment, I wondered will the new landlords be planning more "live" music, for the premises therein? I am thinking particularly of Jazz and Blues music, of which I am an avid fan... (Be Bop / 'Cool' Jazz and Blues in particular), and the only "drawback" with living in this most delightful suburb, is the lack of live music in the vicinity. I have to virtually take to the City centre, for such entertainment.

I wonder, do the residents of Dore and Totley realise that a major musician of the 1960's Blues era, lives in our midst? Namely

Bob Hall, who founded the illustrious "Rocket 88" with Alexis Komer, Ian Stewart and Charlie Watts in the 1980's.

His pedigree goes back to late 1960's, with the Sunflower Blues Band (with Bob Brunning), but I became aware of his stunning piano playing, during the World Student Games, when Bob was playing solo electric piano at the Crucible Theatre Foyer. Unfortunately, Bob, with his partner Hilary Blythe doesn't play much in the Sheffield area, (cue Hare and Hounds?) which is a great pity, as he is one of the world's great blues pianists, regularly playing with Paul Jones and the Blues Band when they are visiting the City.

Steve Davis

Dear Sir,

Plea to dog owners.

As a dog owner I get very upset about the anti-dog world that we live in. No dogs allowed in pubs, in some hotels, on rambles etc. But have we only ourselves to blame? This evening I took my two dogs for a walk. It was not in the woods, because it was already too dark, but round the roads. On my way I was horrified by the amount of dog dirt on the footpath and on grass verges. If we cannot clear up after our pets, then surely we can only expect the adverse reactions with which we are familiar.

So please, dog owners, can we all make an effort, particularly on this less enjoyable chore. Otherwise we deserve all the criticism we get.

Name & address supplied

Dear Sir,

I have just read the Dore to Door magazine and an article by Peter Belk. I went to school with him, and played in the football and cricket teams with him. My name is John Taylor and I used to live in Townhead Rd in the row of cottages known as The Barracks....I can name a few more in the cricket team. Back row L to R: G Hepworth; G Nassau; ? ; J Wood; ?; G Green; G Thorpe. I'm unsure of the rest.

The school class, front row L to R: B Marshall; N Thorpe; R Marvin; P Booth; J Wood; P Belk. Back row I can only name 2 far right J Fisher next to her M Wilks.

Jean Dean mentions Farewell Taylor, he was a monumental mason his workshop was opposite the old school on Vicarage Lane. My father Edgar Taylor worked for him and learnt his trade there. The Mrs Millet Jean mentions was my father's mother and Alice Taylor was his sister.

The shop shown on the Christmas card belonged to my uncle Mr J H Frith known as Huby, it was originally a bakers shop known as Dunnett and Frith, later on my uncle ran it on his own for years.

What a tragedy the cottages were allowed to be knocked down.

J Taylor

Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read the letter in your last edition and see the school photograph, of which I also have a copy, sent in by Peter Belk.

For many years my family and Peter's lived

next door to each other at Whirlow. As he said, we used to travel to school by bus and we went home at lunch time too. We were allowed to leave five minutes earlier than the other children to catch the bus, which in those days ran only as far as the Ecclesall terminus. If you wanted to go further than Ecclesall you caught a tram from the top of Millhouses Lane.

I can vouch for Peter's great love of football and cricket. I was the goalkeeper while he and his late brother Trevor scored through their gateposts. We also played cricket in our drive with the stumps chalked up on our shed.

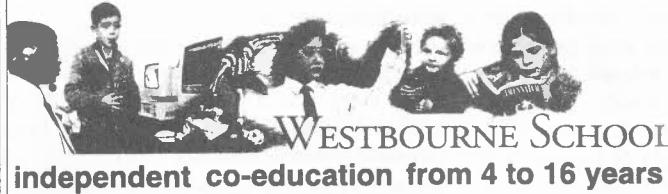
After leaving Dore School I went to Greystones Secondary School. I then spent my final years at High Storrs Grammar School. From there I was employed by Barclay Bank for a total of twenty seven years, with a ten year gap in the middle when my son was young.

During those years I did child minding and ran a playgroup. I live at Crosspool with my husband Alan and my son Chris who is a weekend radio presenter on Magic AM. With regard to the photograph - from left to right:-

Margot Trevethick, Janet Deniff, Shirley Houghton, Mr Clark, Hilary Coppock (me), Maureen Wilkes, June Fisher, ? Joseph Marshall, Nigel Thorpe, ?, John Booth, John Wood, and Peter Belk. Two other boys names in that class that I remember were Alan Crowson and Trevor Biggin.

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Dore Churchyard

Readers of The Star last November were confronted with a large picture of broken gravestones in Dore Churchyard. It's the sort of thing you see in inner city graveyards or racist damage in Jewish cemeteries, but surely not in Dore. It then transpired that this was not mindless vandalism but had been done by the City Council. Why?

Several years ago Dore Churchyard was declared closed. This does not mean that there can be no more burials, merely that there is no space left to open new graves. Some graves still have space for more coffins and they can be filled up. The advantage to the PCC of closing the churchyard is that responsibility for the upkeep passes to the City Council. This saved the PCC a lot of money when the large beech tree blew down last spring and eight others also had to be cut down and the rest trimmed. Although the Council has a bereavement services dept which maintains cemeteries, most of the work done by the Council consists of tree work and this is carried out by parks dept. A few months ago a child died in a cemetery in Harrogate while playing when one of the monuments he was climbing on fell on him. As a result City councils are now checking all graveyards for which they are responsible to try to prevent it happening again. In our case parks dept simply sent three men round who pushed the stones and any they considered loose they pushed over resulting in considerable damage. The work should have been done by bereavement services who have the equipment and expertise to properly lower the stones with due reverence and without damage.

Quite apart from anything else this displays a quite astounding degree of ignorance and insensitivity within the Council. Imagine the outcry if it had been done in a Jewish cemetery or a mosque. It caused a great deal of distress and upset to relatives of the deceased in Dore Churchyard.

The legal ownership of the churchyard is vested in the vicar, although his rights and



A gravestone to Hannah Lowe and descendants which was pushed over for safety reasons.

obligations are limited. The churchyard is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishop, exercised by the Chancellor in the Consistory Court. This law is known as Faculty Jurisdiction. Obtaining permission to alter gravestones would be called granting a faculty. Faculty should certainly have been obtained by the Council before doing what they did in Dore churchyard, but it was not. The law covering consecrated churchyards is quite different from governing municipal cemeteries.

Faculty for some work can be granted by the vicar. This would cover the type of gravestone and the lettering amongst other things, but if permission is refused there is a right of appeal to the bishop and the consistory court. Vicars aren't usually very good at explaining this right of appeal. We have had cases of this in Dore. In one a family could not afford a stone from a monumental mason and made their own from local stone. They were told in no uncertain

terms to remove it. It was 30 years before they managed to get a "proper" stone erected. In another case a widow was told to remove a small inconspicuous stone commemorating cremated remains. They didn't know that the vicar doesn't have the final word.

The idea is of course to try to prevent inappropriate memorials, but it often seems to be at the whim of the vicar. PCC's should adopt rules for the control and management of their churchyard. They should explain the procedures to be followed for new memorials and express what sizes, forms and materials are allowed. They should also explain the nature of the Chancellor's jurisdiction. If this has been done in Dore, the rules are not well advertised.

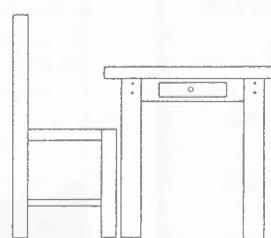
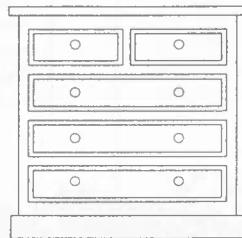
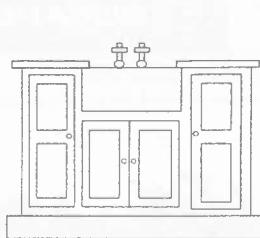
In our churchyard there are a number of large monuments dating from the early 20th C when there was a fashion for showing off how rich and important the man had been. Thankfully this fashion has now disappeared, but unfortunately undertakers now try and sell a package including a stone.



One of the gravestones dating to 1899 which has now been re-erected.

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It is not a good idea to decide on a permanent monument while still grieving a recent death. The range of "off the shelf stones" you see at monument suppliers aren't best suited for a country churchyard. The best stones in Dore churchyard are the traditional Derbyshire tombstone. Some of them have very attractive but simple designs carved on them.

The churchyard belongs to the whole community represented by a parish, and not simply to the smaller group of parishioners who worship regularly in the church. Individual tombstones remain primarily the responsibility of those who erected them and after their death, of the heirs-in-law of those commemorated. For the older graves there may well be no family left. In Dore churchyard the oldest grave is that of Thomas Crookes who died on Nov 12 1820. The grave is just to the right of the tree as you enter the top gate. Prior to that of course Dore people were buried at Dronfield. Dronfield Church dates back to 1200 but it's unusual to find graves dating back much before 1750 as before then most ordinary people's graves were without headstones.

One of the stones that has been levelled is that of Thomas Biggin of Dore Fields, died April 11 1861 aged 27. The wording says, Regretted by all for the kindness of his disposition, a good master among his men and a true friend among his equals. He was a warm supporter of all parochial institutions and contributor materially to the recent improvements in the church and schools.

To have a gravestone like that at the age of 27 he must have been a remarkable man. One of the charities administered by the Dore School and Charity Land Trust is The Biggin Benefaction. Interest on the capital invested is to be granted individually or generally to persons resident in Dore who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. Unfortunately due to inflation over the last 100 years it is now only worth £10. Even so, gravestones like that are an important piece of local history and must not be left flat where they will soon become overgrown and damaged. The church has a large endowment for the upkeep of the churchyard and this job should be a priority.

For many years there has been a gradual removal of sidestones from graves to facilitate grass cutting and general tidiness but no stones bearing inscriptions have been touched. In some churchyards, Dronfield for one, headstones have been moved to the edge of the churchyard, but in Dore it has been felt important to leave them marking the grave in its proper place. To quote John Betjeman, "I hate to see in old churchyards / Tombstones stacked round like playing cards / Along the wall which then encloses / A trim new lawn and standard roses".

The City Council has accepted liability for the damage they caused. Pressure must be put on them to have it made good. For the other stones, if the families cannot be found the PCC must take responsibility. A programme for churchyard maintenance had recently been drawn up before this happened. It should now be redrawn to make priority of changed circumstances.

Richard Farnsworth

Jean Recalls

Reading Peter Belks Letter in the last issue I find I can identify a few people in the photographs - Margot Trevethick, Janet Denniff, ?, Mr Clark, ?, Maureen Wilkes, June Fisher, ??, Nigel Thorpe, ??, John Wood and Peter. On the cricket photograph back row right is Graham Thorpe and next to him I think is local milkman John Clark. It was nice to talk to Peter when he called in to the shop as I went to school with his brother Trevor and remember him and his sister Joyce very well.

Can I recommend Syd Crowson's book on "Scouting" to the buying public. Most interesting, even if I have had a name change! I still have the 'Thanks' badge awarded to Don many years ago. He was so proud of it and wore it all the time on his shop jacket.

Talking of coal in the area, during the war, dad started a little mine in the woods at Door Moor House. He used to hack out buckets of slacky stuff but it burned ok, kept the fire burning, and the water hot. I wish we still had the letter, but when the mines were nationalised, dad got a letter telling him that if he mined more than so many tons a day the

pit would be nationalised. He used to fetch out about a barrow load a week. Eventually the roof caved in and foxes made it their home.

During the severe winter of 1947, dad and his helpers had to dig out the whole of Newfield Lane from the big house to the Hathersage Road to enable the removal vans to get to the big house. I think Erie Monsforth and family were moving in. The snow was level with the topers on the wall and until the snow had been moved manually, the snow plough got stuck.

I also remember Harry Ward who worked for Mr Fisher at Fern Glen Farm being one of the first to get through to the Fox House Inn. They had been cut off for days. Mr Beaver was the landlord. He asked Harry if he'd like a tot to warm him up. Then he charged him for it. Gratitude knew no bounds even in those days!

Does anyone have any information on the Old Horse which used to visit The Devonshire on New Years Day, many years ago. I think they came from Dronfield or Holmesfield. As a child the old horse used to scare us when he gnashed his wooden teeth together. Not a pretty sight! Trevor and Anne Marshall are interested in finding out more.

Jean Dean

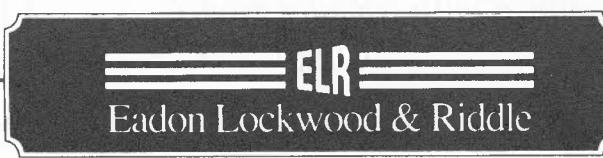


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Letters

Dear Sir,

Traffic news update:

I have good news for you and bad news.... The bad news is that the Dore Area Traffic Calming Scheme is lost. Your readers may recall that over a year ago your ward councillors trumpeted the news that £1.3 million of traffic schemes had been negotiated for Dore, Bradway and Totley and that the Council engineers were using a new and more equitable process to prioritise schemes. With so many calls on a limited budget this was clearly an improvement. Gone were to be the days when traffic schemes were decided by political patronage and heavyweight politicos.

Sadly, this is no longer the case. Using a questionable interpretation of the government report "Streets Ahead" the city's administration has now decided that the overriding criteria shall be child casualties. In other words, all traffic calming, speed management, danger reduction schemes etc. will be subject to child accident statistics. Thankfully, perhaps, Dore does not score highly in this respect. However, other vulnerable members of the community, the disabled, the elderly, the partially sighted etc. will have to take their chances, it seems!!!

The good news is that we are assured that other schemes which had been incorporated into the Area wide scheme will continue. This includes pedestrian safety measures for Causeway Head Road and Abbeydale Road South opposite Bushey Wood Road as well as the Totley Brook Road/Baslow Road junction, the Bradway Road/Twentywell Road junction and the pedestrian safety/parking arrangements along Baslow Road. We are told also that the Baslow Road pedestrian crossing near Hillfoot Lane is going ahead.

Time will tell! However, a little "joined up thinking" would not go amiss. So far the design work costs of the schemes above total over £70,000 and not an inch of tarmac has been laid! One wonders also at the socio-economic cost of not protecting residents.

In the meantime please convey your views to the Planning, Transport & Highways section, c/o of the Town Hall and the senior politician responsible for the switch, Cllr.

Gill Furness, cabinet member for Development, Environment and Leisure. A further copy to your local councillors would help them in their attempts to preserve and protect community interests. It would be very sad indeed if Dore were to take this lying down. The scheme was a good one. Let's fight for it!

Cllr. Keith Hill

PS. It took a great deal of lobbying by your councillors to get the Council to lay down double yellow lines in key parts of the locality. How sad, therefore, to see Dore residents parking on them rather than walk a few yards. They may not all be in the right place but abusing them doesn't help us argue for further safety/traffic management measures..... Please think again.

Dear Sir,

I am sure you are aware of the speed the traffic comes down Townhead Road from the top, and it is very dangerous, particularly for children on bikes and horse riders and also of course for pedestrians. The footpath on the left side coming up Townhead Road near Drury Lane is very narrow and potholed and it also slopes. Very dangerous for walking. May I suggest a 'Slow Sign' near the playing fields footpath. This would be a safety factor before there is an accident.

There are quite a few parked cars and vans most days on the side of the road, making the road even narrower.

Irene Parkin

Ed. Another item to add to the list of road safety issues in Dore.

Dore archive

Thank you to all those who have given material to our archives in the last few months - some has been brought in, and some sent to the web site or by E-mail. We also gain some through people asking for information, as in the process they often give us details of past inhabitants and places in Dore. It all goes to build up a picture of the past.

Also thank you to the anonymous person who sent in the map which is thought to be one used by the Home Guard during the Second World War.

Anne Slater

Planning matters

Shaken not Stirred. As reported in the Winter edition of Dore to Door, the application for the 'Blue Ridge' site has rumbled on for some long time. However Planning Consent was granted last month for development with five flats and detached houses. Regrettably there was very little change to the application before approval, and clearly the Council were not stirred by local requests and took little notice of the objections to the scheme, including those from the Society.

One condition that was placed on the Consent was the intention to make Ashfurlong Road into a 'one way street' between Dore Road and Cavendish Avenue. This is a little surprising as a previous consideration on these lines was eventually rejected by the Council on the grounds that one way traffic would be inclined to move too fast, at risk to pedestrians, knowing there would be no vehicles coming the other way. Further more the alternative route for traffic would be quite circuitous.

Quart into a Pint Pot? A planning application has just been made to build a bungalow in the back garden of 122 Busheywood Road. The present property is on the corner of Busheywood Road and Gilleyfield Avenue and the application site fronts onto Gilleyfield Avenue. The back garden is very small without another dwelling on the site, and with the proposed development, neither property would have a reasonable amount of open space. DVS take the view that consent would lead to over development and excessive density. The site is next to the trees of Busheywood, which would inevitably be under threat. The site is also next to 16 Gilleyfield Avenue, where there have been recent refusals for new houses because of over development of that site. A similar application for a bungalow was made a few years ago on an identical plot across Gilleyfield Avenue, and was refused. It is to be hoped that the Council is consistent in this case. As 122 Busheywood Road has only recently been purchased, and is now being altered, and as it clearly did not suit in almost any respect as it was, one wonders why it was purchased in the first instance.

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Cheers! You may recall that we reported a planning application made last year for the erection of two houses in the back garden of 41 Newfield Crescent. The houses as proposed would have been very close to, and a significant intrusion on the Recreation Ground. We were particularly concerned that Consent might be forthcoming in light of the recent Consents for flats overlooking the Ground from a site in Newfield Lane

We are pleased to report that the Newfield Crescent application has been refused on the grounds that it would be "undesirable backland development - detrimental to the amenities of the locality and harm the setting of the Dore Conservation Area" (the Recreation Ground is in the Conservation Area). Further grounds were "over development of the site" and "unsuitable

vehicular access for service vehicles". What good news!

David Heslop

Blood pressure checks

The Rotary Club of Abbeydale is supporting The Stroke Association in its stroke awareness campaign 'Make a Difference'. This devastating condition could be prevented from affecting the great number of people it does each year, if people had regular blood pressure checks, and took measures to keep it under control. Simple life adjustments as explained in the Association's information leaflets can have life saving effects.

Rotary and The Stroke Association have

teamed up to 'Make a Difference' locally by offering free blood pressure checks and information to local residents. Nurses will be making free blood pressure checks in the Sainsbury's Archer Road car park on April 5th. Information on reducing high blood pressure, which is one of the greatest risk factors for strokes, will also be available. Strokes are the single biggest cause of death and disability in England and Wales, and the greatest cause of severe disability. Over 100,000 people are affected each year. People with high blood pressure have up to a seven times greater chance of a stroke than those with normal blood pressure: simple life changes can help reduce this risk.

The Stroke Association has been named Rotary International's charity of the year.

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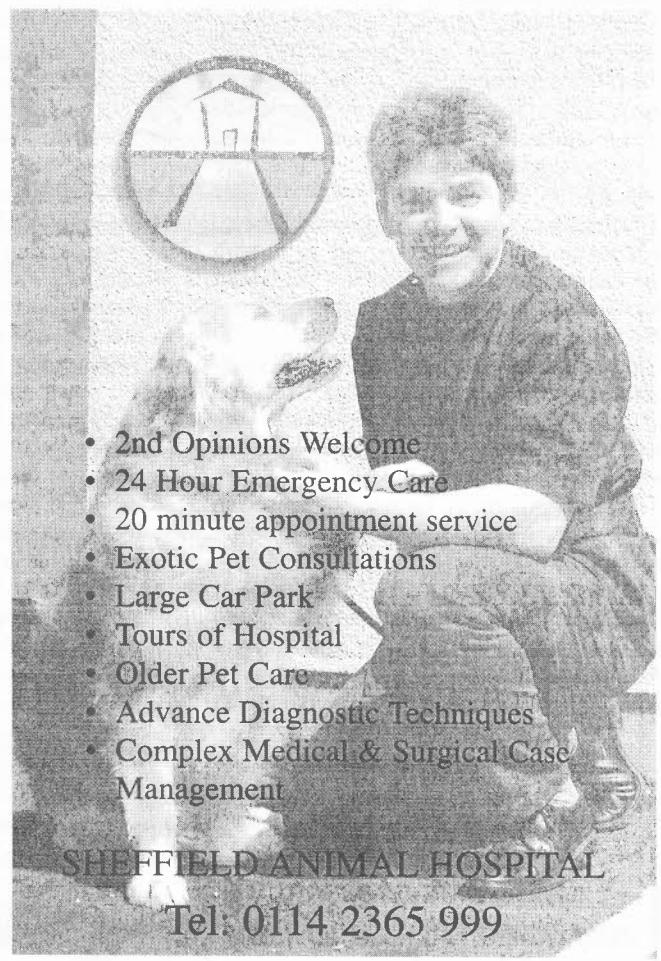
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Farming Notes

Joe Rowarth was born at Fox House Inn in 1916, the last baby to be born at Fox House to this day. His parents owned the Inn and they farmed Burbage, Houndskirk and the Nell Croft moors, along with Longshaw Estate.

Many country pubs were attached to working farms in those days and Joe farmed and lived at the Fox until he married Peggy and moved to Yarncliffe Lodge, the farm just below Longshaw pasture. In 1950, Joe, Peggy and by then, their two children, Pamela and David, moved to Owlet House farm on the bend of Hathersage Rd above Dore Moor Inn.

Joe was a founder member of the Derbyshire Gritstone Sheep Association and won the Gritstone class at the Royal Show on several occasions. Many years ago his flock of sheep were featured in a full page photo of the Wool Board annual report. Unfortunately many indigenous County breeds of sheep are becoming a rarity now, pushed out as continental breeds have become increasingly popular.

During the mid thirties at Yarncliffe Lodge, a 'wool-to-suit' competition was held, with the national press in attendance. The sheep was shorn, the wool washed, spun, woven and made into a suit within 24 hours, which was a world record.

In the mid fifties, Joe founded Dore and District Young Farmers Club and was a very well known member of the Longshaw Sheepdog Trials Committee.

His brothers were all farmers who also ran farm pubs as well. The Newhaven Inn on Ashbourne to Buxton road was in the family and was a marvelous place. Joe Denniff of Dore Hall farm used it as his regular stop when he'd been buying cattle and sheep at Ashbourne market. The place was an Aladdin's cave of antique furniture that had

been there before it was antique! In the Newhaven farm yard, was the cowman's cottage and as the 'cowman's' family grew and they needed more space, they simply jacked up the roof and added another storey to the building!

The family also owned the Jug and Glass Inn on the same road and the Snake Inn at Bamford. Another family owned pub was the Lamb Inn at Chinley. His brother Tom lived there and when they were busy behind the bar, they put the young children in a cardboard box and kept dragging it backwards and forwards on a string so they could keep an eye on them.

While they were still at the Fox House his brother Teddy, still only 19, had a Brough Superior motorbike. He reckoned it would do 130mph. One day he was going round the corner at Fox House, not speeding but driving carefully, and crossing the road in front of him were two women in large voluminous skirts. It was a windy day and as Teddy passed them on his bike the skirt blew up and caught his handlebars. He was thrown off the bike and killed. The woman was uninjured. The St John's Ambulance man was called. He asked if he could bring in a casualty. "Yes of course" said Mr. Rowarth who was serving behind the bar "Take them into the back room". Imagine his shock when the body brought through was his own son! In memory of Teddy he paid for a St John ambulance hut to be erected on the road across from the pub. It was there until recently next to the AA box. Both have now gone.

If the snow was bad on the Big Moor, the sheep would often shelter on the lee side of a wall, which ran across the middle of the moor and was at least 6 foot high. It wasn't long of course before drifts buried them. When conditions were serious, five or six local farmers and shepherds always met at Fox House before setting out to dig them out. But the first business of the day was a

drink!.....Maybe one and a half hours later they'd emerge with their long poles, shovels & dogs, for the rescue. One year Joe recently bought a pair of snow shoes, from a country house sale.

"They'll be just the thing", he told his mesmerised audience, as he demonstrated them by jumping up and down on a drift just over the wall at Fox House....One minute he was there and the next he had dropped through the drift into a stream about 8ft below him! It was one of those occasions when no one could help for laughing. Thankfully he was fine apart from being wet and not a little embarrassed!

Sometimes Joe and son David couldn't get over to the Longshaw farm at all, so they walked from Owlet to the Hare and Hounds, then took the train from Dore and Totley to Grindleford to check and feed the sheep.

About once a year they used to walk the line because sheep used to wander into the tunnel and get hit by trains. A train driver would report having seen sheep in the tunnel and they would close the line to allow entry. David remembers one time when he and his father were about half way through the tunnel, looking for at least three sheep, when a train came hurtling past and very nearly hit them as they were looking for the sheep! No one had shut the line down!

Joe was in the habit of buying a bad horse to break it in. "They were more 'fun' than good ones", he used to say! He had huge reserves of patience. To begin with, the horse would be on a rope rearing up the walls wildly, but within hours Joe would have 'broken' it, talked to it and calmed it down so that it could be led with a piece of string! Some more classy stock came his way in the 70s when he bought 2 in foal mares from Doncaster bloodstock sale and he bred several very good foals before his illness. A series of "untrainable" dogs also came to Owlet. On a trip to London he came across a dog near Kings Cross station. It was a large

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mongrel with a lot of lurcher in it. The poor thing was tied up against some railings and used as a guard dog at a market. It was no-one's job to look after it. Sometimes it got fed and sometimes it didn't. Joe took pity on it and brought it back home. He put it in a large wooden kennel at the end of the yard and started to make friends with it. At first he was only met with snarls and hostility. It refused to have anything to do with people, but Joe spent hours sitting by the kennel talking gently to it. Eventually the dog twirched the end of its tail and Joe knew he'd broken through.

It was kept in the kennel by a chain about 6 feet long. Peggy had a little terrier called Henry. Henry used to go down to the kennel and bark at the lurcher, he knew exactly the limit of the chain, there was a semicircle of scuffed earth where the big dog was trying to get at the terrier. One day a policeman drove into the yard and asked Joe if he'd got a large black dog. Joe said yes, but he's chained up...Oh! He looked down the yard, no kennel. Henry was running up the road as fast as his little legs would go pursued by this big black dog dragging a great heavy kennel behind him.

There was a time when gypsies were camping on Hathersage Road with their 4 or 5 big dogs roaming around. One was like a wolf---- perhaps a cross lurcher/ Irish wolfhound and this when lambs were going missing. Joe instructed David that wherever he went, to take a rifle and shotgun with him. On this occasion as he left home his father said, "Keep an eye out. One of them so and

so dogs is missing" David was due to give his girlfriend's mother a lift to the hairdressers, and hoping to make a good impression. But as they drove from Fox House to the Wooden Pole, along came this enormous dog of the gypsies loping along the footpath with saliva dripping from its jaws." Do you mind waiting while I shoot this dog?" he said without warning. Betty looked at him strangely but never made a murmur!

Joe would sell most things if the price was right. His daughter Pam learnt never to get attached to a horse as it might disappear while she was away! They were mostly Fell ponies, Mountain and Moorland ponies. Rarely did a saddle fit. They were left from some other horse with a different girth. There was the pony trial where she ended up upside down in an apple bobbing competition because yet again the girth had slipped.

David once had a similar experience, galloping the full length of a steep field, completely upside down, and hanging on for grim death when the girth broke! And another time the leatherwork had perished, the bridle was lost and Pam desperately close to tears was still searching the long grass of the 3-acre field not daring to come home till it was found. A whole day's search! She would dream of a good horse and would helpfully leave suitable adverts where her father might read them with the suggestions rung in biro. Nothing ever came of it!

Joe was one of the old school. Although he spent the last ten years of his life in a wheel chair after being crippled by a stroke he was always a joy to be with. He always had a

story to tell and a willing audience to tell them to. Joe died on January 8 2003, aged 86.

**Richard Farnsworth, Gillian Farnsworth,
David Rowarth**

Wartime TV Memories

Bill Moore from Dore, appeared on Channel 4's Horror on the Home Front programme in December, recalling boyhood memories of the First World War. Bill, who was brought by his grandparents in Attercliffe, remembers standing holding someone's hand in a back yard, watching searchlights pinpoint a Zeppelin airship.

He also recalled a German butcher on Worksop Road who was foolish enough to say that when the Germans arrived blood would flow in the streets. People broke his windows and the police had to rescue him.

His saddest memory was hearing that his father had died near Ypres in 1917. Bill, now 91, also had three uncles killed and two others wounded.

Dore Collection

The Village Society holds a small number of artifacts in its collection. Is there anyone who would be interested in maintaining these? We hope eventually to be able to arrange them in a display case. Please telephone Anne Slater on 236 6710 if you are interested.

200 Peals at Dore

The word "peal" is associated with bells in the minds of most people. We talk of a peal of bells, meaning the sound we hear. We may also talk of a peal of bells meaning the instruments in the tower. However, few outside the art of bell ringing use the word "peal" in the technical way ringers use it.

To a bell ringer the word peal means a continuous piece of ringing where every bell strikes at least 5,000 times and where the order in which the bells ring is important and has to be kept correct throughout. A peal is a marathon piece of ringing and at Dore a peal will generally take between two and half and three hours to complete.

As I write (January 2003) there have been 196 peals at Christ Church Dore and the milestone of the 200th is approaching.

It is not common for 200 peals to have been rung in one tower. There have only been just over 250 towers where this has occurred out of nearly 6,100 worldwide. Towers where there have been over 200 peals tend to be in historical towns and cities, the nearest to Dore is Sheffield's Anglican Cathedral where 337 peals have been rung. To give a comparison with our neighbours, at Norton there have been 159 peals, at Ranmoor 117, Chesterfield twisted spire has 373, Dronfield 74, Baslow 45 and Hathersage 9 peals.

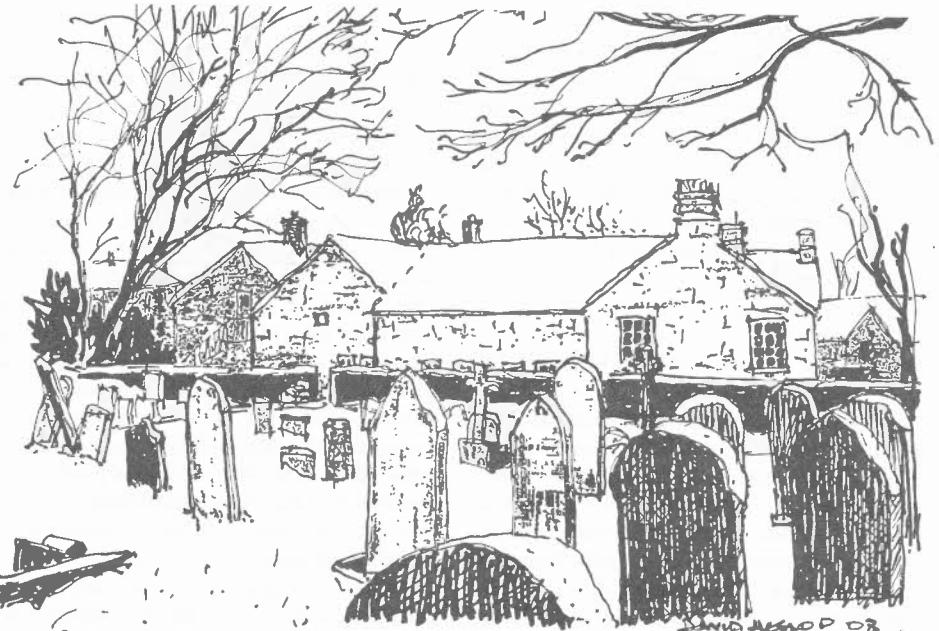
There are four places where over 1,000 peals have been rung. Shoreditch in London (whose bells say, according to the rhyme, "when I grow rich"), with 1,154 peals. Meldreth in Cambridgeshire has 1,551 and St Philip's Cathedral in Birmingham has 1,661. The tower with most peals is at the Bell Foundry in Loughborough, where 3,703 peals have been rung.

The first peal at Dore was on 1 January 1909, the day that the bells were dedicated. Since then there have been periods with more peals and periods with fewer. The most peals rung in any one year has been 8, this happened in 1959. The greatest period of time between peals was from 3 April 1937 to 12 February 1955, nearly 18 years, though this period included the ringing ban that was in force for a part of the Second World War. The previous milestones indicate how the rate of ringing peals increased. The 50th peal was rung in 1959, the 100th in 1975 and the 150th in 1988.

Failed attempts for peals are rarely recorded so we have no way of knowing whether the increase in the rate of peals is due to an improvement in the success rate or an increase in the number of attempts; most likely it is a combination of the two.

Peals can easily fail. This can happen for several reasons: mechanical failure of bell mechanism or the rope: one of the ringers becoming indisposed. It is also quite possible for the ringers to make errors such that they "lose their place" to such an extent that the ringing cannot continue. Today this is the most common failure.

The order the bells ring is important and no order should be repeated during a peal on eight bells. Ringing is mathematically constructed and for every peal there is a



The Old School viewed from the churchyard

composer who has determined what is to be rung and how repeated orders are avoided. There is also a conductor who is responsible for the ringing. However, errors can occur and there is a record of a peal at Dore, where sometime after it was rung it was discovered that some orders had been repeated. This peal is considered to be "false" and as such is not counted in the peal total.

There are several peal-boards in the ringing room in Dore. One particular peal board records a peal in 1927 (peal number 18); it was rung for the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the battle of the Somme. The most notable feature is the footnote, which indicates that Molly Davenport, who conducted the peal, was the first female ringer to do so for the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. It is also worth noting that four of the ringers were from Dore, Lewis Cockey, Norman Short, Arthur Robinson and Molly Davenport.

Many of the peals rung at Dore have included ringers from Dore. There have also been a considerable number of visiting ringers in the peals. Currently a couple of members of the Dore band regularly ring peals. It is believed that there has not yet been a peal rung exclusively by the Dore band.

The Dore band currently consists of 11 ringers, whose ages range from 12 to 50+. For a ring of eight bells this is not really enough and we hope to be able to teach more people to ring over the next year.

Richard Knights

Ed. For further information on bell ringing at Christ Church Dore, contact the Tower Captain, Richard Knights on: 0114 262 0948 or Richard.knights@lineone.net

Inspectors praise Dore

Dore Primary, formed two years ago from separate infant and junior schools, has been praised for its good teaching, rich learning opportunities and strong leadership by Ofsted inspectors. Their first report says this

is a very good school where good leadership and management steer the school well and ensure good value for money.

According to the report, good teaching helps pupils to reach standards well above average in all key subjects. An extensive range of extra-curricular activities motivates them and helps to develop very positive attitudes to learning. Children were also praised for their good behaviour and attendance. Strong links with parents help to foster good support for learning said inspectors.

Headteacher Ian Wileman, was thrilled for the staff that, following amalgamation, their hard work had been rewarded.

T.O.A.D.S

Why don't you let T.O.A.D.S. put you in a good mood for (hopefully) a lovely Spring and Summer by coming to see our May play "Kindly Keep it Covered", by Dave Freeman. A few years ago we produced another play by Dave Freeman and John Chapman "Key for Two" which I can honestly say was the most enjoyable play I have ever been in - so well written and extremely funny. This one seems to be equally funny, indeed the cast, have been reduced to tears - of laughter I hasten to add - just sat down reading it out loud. We have discovered since selecting the play that a professional company are taking it on tour, so we must be on the right track.

The play is set in a Health Farm run by Roland, formerly of the Kindly Mutual Insurance Co and his wife Julia. The Health Farm was bought with the proceeds of a hefty insurance payout on the demise of Julia's first husband Sidney. To tell you more would only spoil the evening for you, but I can assure you that you will have a lot of laughs. You can see "Kindly Keep it Covered" at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd. South, from Wednesday to Saturday, May 14th to 17th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £3 or £2.50 concessions, obtainable from me, on 236 6891 from April.

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When it comes to paying those heating bills, cold winters are hard on our wallets, but even so, as gardeners we should be grateful for the benefits they provide. This is because a penetrating frost helps break up the soil and in doing so, not only does it improve the structure, it also means that many soil-living pests are either killed by the cold or as the soil opens up, fall prey to hungry birds. A considerable number of seeds also require frost and without cold temperatures to end their dormancy, will not germinate in spring. But severe winter weather is a double-edged sword; as well as pests like slugs and aphids being killed, innumerable beneficial insects, birds and tender plants will also perish. In the wildlife garden, we try to mitigate the harmful effects of winter weather by providing food for birds and places for beneficial insects and animals to shelter, whilst still allowing the frost to do its work. However, it has always been difficult to get the balance right. How much of the garden do we mulch and how much should we leave bare; which plants do we cut down and which should be left alone? But if we are to believe the climate scientists, all our traditional autumn and winter gardening practices may have to change, as weather forecasters predict that severe winters could be a thing of the past. If they are correct, we will be having milder, wetter winters and much earlier springs. Great news for gardeners hoping to grow their own oranges and bananas and other tender plants outdoors, but perhaps not so good for the wildlife gardener.

Think what it means for that most traditional of autumn practices, digging over the vegetable patch. Wet winters mean that soil nutrients will be washed away and mild weather will boost the germination of a myriad of weed seeds. Instead, we may have

to protect our soil with green manure crops to stop nutrients being lost and in early spring, cover the soil with plastic sheeting to help it dry out before digging over. Wet, winter weather is also perfect for ensuring that all the expensive seeds we put out in our bird-feeders will quickly turn into a festering mush. Not only is this a waste of money, mouldy seeds can do a lot of harm, poisoning birds as well as posing a health risk to humans. Birds also tend to develop more respiratory problems during this type of weather and without scrupulous hygiene, bird-tables and seed-holders can become infectious places, providing the perfect conditions for diseases to spread.

Of course it is not all bad news. Daffodils and other spring bulbs seem to pop up earlier and earlier each year, providing the perfect tonic we need after a long, dreary winter. However, bulbs are not the only natural response to rising temperatures: birds start to nest earlier; insects and other animals come out of hibernation and all too soon, the lawn needs mowing again. In some years, this may be a good thing as it will ensure a longer season for both plants and animals.

Unfortunately, a lot of damage can be caused in our gardens if an early spring is followed by a cold snap: tender, young shoots will get frosted; ponds freeze over killing newly emerged tadpoles and the caterpillars which adult birds rely on to feed their ever hungry broods suddenly disappear. As a wildlife gardener, I really hate these late spring cold snaps. Every evening becomes a race against time to cover over new growth with fleece and bubble-wrap; in the day time I supply platefuls of meal worms for frantic robins and blue tits and all the bee-, ladybird- and lacewing-nesting boxes, which are just starting to burst into life, have to be returned to the relative warmth of the garage again.

Another problem with increasing summer temperatures and milder winters is that more and more continental pests will be hopping over the Channel and become established here in Britain. We have to ask ourselves just how long it will be before there are infestations of Colorado beetles once again ravaging our potato crops and wasps, unhindered by cold weather, are able to continue increasing in number all year round. Even I, a confirmed waspaholic, would balk

at the idea of having a metre wide hornet nest with thousands upon thousands of ferocious workers in my garden.

Whether or not we continue to have milder winters in the future or find that our current trend of wetter ones is just a blip in the normal pattern remains to be seen. But one thing is certain, as gardeners we are in for a changeable and unsettled time.

Jack Daw

News in Brief

A planning application has been made on behalf of the Coop Bank for the installation of a cash machine at the Cooperative store Devonshire Terrace.

Conifer trees in front of the Health and Beauty shop on Causeway Head Road have been partly cut down in a dispute between the owners of the shop and the owners of the land the trees stand on.

The next meeting of the Totley & Dore support group for the visually impaired will be on 20th March at 4 Grove Road then on the 15 April. Tel: 236 6894

Sadly the old oval post box on Townhead Road has been changed to a modern round one on health and safety grounds, postmen having injured themselves on the metal basket inside the old box.

366 Squadron Air Training Corps based at King Egbert School is recruiting 13 to 18 yr olds with opportunities including gliding, flying, shooting, sports and adventure.

Used stamps are no longer being collected at Cassons on Totley Rise, but are still needed by Guide Dogs for the Blind and can be taken to Totley Rise Dental Practice at 85 Baslow Road.

Michael Vaughan was the top run scorer in 2002, with the second highest calendar year aggregate of all time after the famous Viv Richards.

Mathew Beard, from Old Hay Close, took a central role in the award winning family film An Angel for May shot in South Yorkshire and screened by Yorkshire TV over the Christmas period.

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Book Reviews

We review some new books all well worth spending those left over Christmas gift book vouchers on:

I guess few people can resist a good book of old photographs. *Around Sheffield Then & Now* is the latest collection of old Sheffield photographs. Some are of the city centre, but they are mostly of Sheffield's varied surrounding outskirts. Wherever possible old and new photographs are juxtaposed, thus providing a window on mainly the early 1900s and at the same time a measure of the changes which have taken place.

Author Geoffrey Howe has provided introductions to each of the sections along with captions, but it is the photographs which speak for themselves. The reproduction of the old photographs is excellent, and photographer Paul Langley Welch has faithfully reproduced the same views today in black and white. In all there are 130 pages containing over 200 photographs including some of Dore and Totley. *Around Sheffield Then & Now* is published in hardback by Sutton Publishing Ltd price £10.99 ISBN 0-7509-2994-4

Dip into *Tales from Litterdale* and you are in for a treat as you experience the life and hilarious antics of its inhabitants. All too recognisable characters to anyone who has lived in a village. Set in the Peak District, you won't find Litterdale on the map, because it is the fictional creation of author John Morrison, which first saw the light of day in the Peak & Pennine magazine.

Packed with keen observation and humour, we are treated to seasonal chapters spanning 5 years of the life and times of the village. There are gift shops full of the useless tat you buy for others, with invites to meet the craftsmen, no doubt involving a trip to Taiwan. Even a shepherd who wishes all sheep were cloned like Dolly so that they might all run in the same direction! But no review can do this book justice, you'll just have to read it. *Tales from Litterdale* is published in hardback by Halsgrove, price £12.95 ISBN 1-84114-215-8



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A new book *Games to play with your cat* has recently been put together by Paul Barman and Roger Markman, drawing on their own experiences and research amongst other cat owners and cats themselves. Illustrated by Steve Ridgeway, it contains a selection of the most successful games with something for every feline personality. A book for all cat lovers. *Games to play with your cat* is published by Sigma Press price £6.95 and available from most book shops or direct from 01625 531035.

There must be more books on the Peak District than any other area of England, but just when you think you've seen it all, along comes another new book to prove you wrong. *Peak Villages* is packed full of the very best of colour photography by Karen Frenkel, reflecting the mood, character and surroundings of over 60 Peak District villages. Dividing the Peak into three areas, we visit each village from Abney and its cockerel to Wincle and the Ship Inn, each photograph captioned by Roly Smith. All the pictures were taken in 2002, creating a veritable time capsule. This captures everything, from village gatherings to lonely

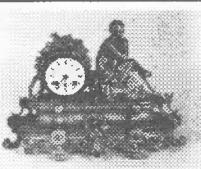
Bakewell to Christmas at Castleton. Printed in A4 landscape format running to 144 pages, *Peak Villages* is published in hardback by Halsgrove price £19.95 ISBN 1-84114-185-2.

Derbyshire landscape artist Michael Barnfather has been painting the county's beautiful scenery for over 40 years. Now over 70 of his paintings and watercolours have been brought together and reproduced in *Michael Barnfather's Derbyshire*. The paintings reflect the wide range of local scenery and its seasonal moods, confirming Michael's knack of choosing the right subject, angle and light. Many contain a character detail, perhaps two people chatting, or a man walking his dog. This book provides a chance to learn something about the man and how he works, but most importantly to enjoy in one place a range of painting, any one of which will have provided hours of pleasure to its owner. *Michael Barnfather's Derbyshire* is published by Halsgrove, price £24.95 ISBN 1-84114-187-9.

Reading this magazine, there is a good chance we will have awoken in you at least some interest in local history. This could be about our village, Sheffield, or somewhere else you or your relatives have lived in the past. Local history is essentially the story of people and places, but finding out how communities lived can be a bit like a detective story. Where to start?

English Local History, An Introduction is as good a place as any, although a little more comprehensive than its title suggests. Starting with how to begin, it then moves on with 5 chapters on periods from the Saxons to 20th century. This background is essential to understanding how communities evolved and the way people (your ancestors) lived. From this comes the clues to look for and sources to use. Local history is one area where everyone has a chance to find out new information or draw fresh conclusions/insights from the evidence available. This book which, runs to 260 pages, will definitely add to your knowledge and make you think. *English Local History, An Introduction* published in paperback by Sutton Publishing price £14.99 ISBN 0-7509-2714-3.

Aspects of Chesterfield - Discovering Local History is testimony to the popularity of local history studies. It brings together contributions from twelve authors, each with an impressive knowledge and enthusiasm for their subjects. There are chapters on different trades, companies, childhood memories, ghosts and even celebrated confessions, in fact all the rich tapestry of life is here. Full of pictures, old maps, tales of bodies in cess pits, and life in Victorian Winkworth, this is a must for anyone with an interest in Chesterfield and its history, or in local history generally. *Aspects of Chesterfield - Discovering Local History* is published by Wharncliffe Books price £9.99. Available locally or direct from the publisher on 01226 734241 ISBN 1-903425-25-5.



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Fourteen years later we are still operating on Mondays and Fridays each week at the Dore and Totley URC, although we now cover other elderly frail folk. Some of our referrals come from Social Services, but several come from friends and neighbours.

If you know of anyone needing our help, please contact Valeric Simpson on 2361483.

Our attenders come from the S17 areas of Dore, Totley and Bradway and we rely heavily on the support of Transport 17 for their help in bringing our members to the clubs.

By the way DORCAS has nothing to do with Dore Old Residents! Dorcas was a caring lady in the early church.

Car theft: A number of cars have been stolen in the area when thieves have broken into a property simply to gain access to car keys. In one case a window was broken and a cane or long pole used to remove keys from a hook some 6 feet away.

Police advice is that car and house keys should not be left within view of windows in downstairs rooms

General Cemetery books

The Friends of the General Cemetery regularly publish books about, or drawing on the history of the cemetery. **Dead Good**, a collection of fourteen tales for children by Alan Brown is the latest.

All these tales feature people who found their final resting place in the cemetery. They range from Victorian body snatchers and victims of the Sheffield Flood, to the story of the Ashanti baby who died in the city in 1902. Her family were members of the 'native village', which was exhibited at the Drill Hall.

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A grouse

Having lived in Dore for nearly 70 years. All my life in fact, I find today's inhabitants a little wanting in their desire to have a say in the development of Dore. Dore as a village, died many years ago. Nothing can bring that back. You may as well give in and settle for being part of a big city. Why shouldn't others have the opportunity to live here if they so desire. Me, I'd rather be in Russia.

Dore must be one of the dirtiest, most unkempt places in this region. Chewing-gum, litter, graffiti, to mention but a few unmentionables. And the language uttered by young, scantily clad females has to be heard to be believed! I suppose they come by bus from Darnall!!

Are Paul Cobbalds cones on the cricket field?, because the cones there seem to be breeding! I cannot see why they need them anyway.

I thought everyone knew that the Abbeydale Garden Centre was not serious. Didn't it come about because the railways wanted to buy some of the land for peanuts and the owners did a tongue in cheek application. Nothing to get steamed up about surely.

It's not all gloom in the area. Isn't it a pleasure to see all the horses turned out in the fields at Ryecroft, on young Walkers farm and the Barbers. Though Miss Barber is of the opinion there are too many livery stables in the area.

One of Dore's oldest residents though sadly no longer living here but in 'The Hallamshire' recently celebrated her 103rd birthday - Mrs Blanche Spaven. It has been my privilege and honour to have known this dear lady for so long and I thank Mrs Susan Ashton for taking me to visit Blanche the day before her 103rd birthday. I shall try to do as she advised me and keep my cool.

Jean Dean

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They have given over twenty concerts so far and have bookings for at least 5 more before the summer, one of which is in Glossop for The Children's Society and another at Holmesfield for the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID). One concert the group is very proud of raised several hundred pounds for Bernados.

The members have not only sung a wide variety of music including comic, light classical and serious but have also performed comic monologues and other readings. Some of the performances have been in costume. If you wish to consider booking the group, or for more information please contact the concert secretary, Mrs Jenny Bland on 0114 236 8552. 236 9100

Xmas food collection

The Hallamshire Round Table would like to thank all the residents of Dore who contributed to their annual Xmas tin collection. This collection has been an annual event for the Round Table for the last 30 years and once again residents of Dore supported this event with great generosity. The food parcels were taken to the Salvation Army who distributed all of the food to the homeless and needy of Sheffield in time for Christmas.

Thank you again on behalf of the Hallamshire Round Table.

Michael Buffin

Community Service Officer

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Stars in Dore

One may sometimes feel that Spring is either early or a little late in coming! We have noticed ring doves nesting in mid-January this year in Dore. In fact, at the beginning of March the Sun rises in Aquarius shortly before 7am and sets just before 6pm. Allowing for twilight this effectively means, however, that day equals night even before the actual Spring Equinox of 21st March. When April starts we have gained an hour of sunlight at both ends so the day becomes, and feels, very much longer than the night. Climates are a weird phenomenon and tend to change due to many factors. Perhaps strangely to us, the Earth is furthest from the Sun in the summer in the northern hemisphere.

Jupiter is visible during the whole of our Spring nights, and Saturn, although much fainter, is visible further to the west (in Taurus), setting at about 3am. It may be noticeable that Jupiter is sitting in a Beehive, a small fuzz of faint stars. This is the star cluster, Praesepe. We are turning our attention to an area just to the left of Jupiter near the constellation of Leo, the Lion, and we shall relate a story about a particular asteroid and its association with Dore.

The asteroids or minor planets orbit the Sun roughly between Mars and Jupiter. Some pass quite close to the Earth. This is due to the unusual orbits of some asteroids and the fact that they occur in families, the Amors, the Apollos, the Atens (all Earth approaching), and the Hildas, the Trojans, and so on. Jupiter 'controls' many of the orbits; for example, the Hildas have orbital periods almost exactly two-thirds that of Jupiter.

The first asteroid discovery was Ceres in 1801. Ceres was named after the Roman goddess of corn and harvests, but she had a complicated relationship to other gods, being

the daughter of Rhea and Saturn, sister of Juno, Vesta, Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto, mother of Proserpina by Jupiter! This famous minor planet is actually just visible in March from Dore, and appears as a faint binocular object (magnitude 8.3) in Pisces low in the western sky after sunset. There is a brighter one in the morning sky, Vesta, in Virgo (magnitude 5.7). Interested readers may obtain sky charts for these asteroids from us through the Editorial Office, or, of course, these days they may be found on the Internet.

In 1965 there were only 1,700 asteroids with known orbits and proper names authenticated by the International Astronomical Union. At the turn of the Millennium their number was over 10,600, and it is still rapidly increasing. In fact, there are more than a hundred thousand known asteroids without a determined orbit.

One small group of minor planets of great interest is the socalled Hungaria asteroids. Their orbits are greatly inclined to the ecliptic, that is, they move well out of the plane containing the Sun, Earth and the major planets. The writer made a chance discovery of one of these whilst in South Africa in 1965, and it was subsequently named Mette after his wife.

Our story is that for several months the orbit of Mette may be traced across the skies of Dore between Jupiter and the constellation of Leo during its opposition or closest approach. Naturally attempts will be made in Dore and elsewhere to capture Mette on photographs or CCD images using telescopes. However, the clearest and darkest nights without Moon will be required as the object is faint (magnitude 13.7 at a distance of 160 million miles). Mette made her closest approach to Earth in 1998 exactly on St Valentine's Day!

At that time Mette was observed by three Hungarian astronomers, Kiss, Szabo and Sarneczky, and found to be rotating with a period of one and a half hours. The path of Mette is sharply looped, typical of asteroids as they approach Earth, which is due to the combination of the planet's motion and that of the Earth. Mette cannot be seen with the unaided eye. She is more likely to be seen in person visiting the HSBC bank in Causeway Head Road but not cashing in her mineral rights to planet Mette!

The constellation of Leo is rich in faint nebulous objects which resemble comets but are, in fact, distant galaxies. They were catalogued by Charles Messier in Paris in the 18th century and, therefore, bear the letter M ad the number in his catalogue. M65 (an elongated spiral galaxy) and M105 (an elliptical galaxy) may be visible in a small telescope. Near the former are M66 and NGC 3628, and near the latter one may also find M95, M96 and NGC 3384. In this region of the sky one is peering out into space in a direction at right angles to the plane of our own Galaxy. That is why there are relatively few stars in Leo compared with, say, Orion which is embedded in the spiral arms of our 'Milky Way' Galaxy. It is remarkable that in Leo, within an outstretched hand at arm's length, there are so many enormous star systems. At the same

time one can visualize planet Mette orbiting in the foreground (track available from the Editorial Office) along with other asteroids like, Ptolemaeus (Greek philosopher), Zajtsev (Soviet scientist), Verbiest (a missionary in China) and Moore-Sitterly (American astronomers), all minute chunks of rock only ten kilometres, or so, in diameter.

David Andrews

King Egbert School

Performance results: The latest PANDAs (Performance and Assessment information produced by the DFES) are the best the school has ever had in its entire history! When comparing results with similar schools for 2002 all of the grades are 'A' with half at A* (exceptional performance).

This has been achieved very much as a 'team effort' between staff, parents and pupils. The school aims to do the very best by the pupils it has, and clearly these grades indicate that we do very well both in 'raw' terms and compared with similar schools.

Litter is an issue around school, as it is in most areas these days. School children are not responsible for all littering, but neither are they blameless. However, we have decided to do something about the issue at King Egbert School. Since November, every week on a rota system, two classes forego their normal lessons for an hour and spend the time picking up litter in the school grounds and adjoining footpaths.

We provide litter picking sticks, plastic gloves and bin bags, and we also provide a 'thank you' at the end of the session in the form of chocolate bars (the wrappers of which haven't yet appeared as litter!). By doing this we make a significant improvement to the environment, and also we hope that by involving all pupils in this initiative those that do drop litter will be less inclined to do so. You could call this 'citizenship in action'. Some local residents who have seen our pupils on litter duty have stopped to say thank you, which is nice, and we have also received appreciative phone calls.

Bob Evans, Headteacher

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A few years ago, I made a list of missing and damaged road signs and repainted a few derelict ones. The response from the Highway Dept. took a few years, but the arrival of Streetscene speeded things up, and signs erected then included new ones at Dore Road, Newfield Lane, Ashfurlong Road, Vicarage Lane and a Give Way sign at Rushley Road ..

On 27th May 2002 it was announced that "Finally we have £10,000 of delegated funding for small traffic type schemes e.g. street name plates, bollards, white lining etc." The "we" in this instance being a group with the initials RAPSAANAU. It seemed worth taking photos and reassessing. The news came via our trusty South West Area man, Dave Aspinall, to whom I sent the following last Summer :

Missing Signs; The frames for the following 4 are still there...Ash House Lane (Hathersage Road end) King Egbert Rd. (bottom South side) Devonshire Rd. (near garage) Old Hay Lane (near Avenue Farm). Others whose frames disappeared years ago, often come into the category of a road signed only on one side.

For a pedestrian, this is acceptable. But for vehicles carrying strangers to the area, or worse still, emergency vehicles, the "check, halt suddenly and look backwards" is a recipe for an accident. Some are on major roads, some minor but leading off a fast road.

Limb Lane (Whirlow side), Cross Lane (Hathersage Rd. end Whirlow side) – no indication for these 2 as you come down from Dore Moor Inn, Twentywell Lane (town side) Victor Road (Dore end lower), Penny Lane (Crown Inn side) Ashfurlong Rd. (Dore Rd. end lower).

Also gone missing in last 2 years, Kerwin Drive (upper Kerwin Rd end) Vicarage Lane

(church wall) Broken signs;... Brickhouse Lane (Cross Rd end) Totley Brook Croft, Furniss Avenue (near King Egbert Rd.)

It should be said at this point that the list is already out of date! Totley Brook Road (Furniss Ave. end) was damaged is now missing, ditto both lower Long Line signs. In fact for this A625 junction there is only one damaged hidden sign. The peculiar "gate" that straddles a ditch and welcomes us to Long Line can't be seen . Since the Summer' Leyfield Road sign is reduced to only 5 letters.

Deteriorating signs;...New field Crescent (New field Lane end) Drury Lane (Towhead Road end) Furniss Avenue (top) Kerwin Road (top, which I've now repainted) Twentywell Lane (lower) poor sign, almost completely lost in greenery and wire fence.

Deteriorating traffic signs; Bend sign Hathersage Road (near Owlet House Farm) Junction sign by the recreation Ground, School sign (Nab Farm) also broken.

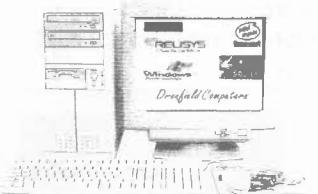
Of all these since last Summer I can tell of only 2 gains, that of Dore Road and Rushley Drive. A new sign is finally on the Baslow side of lower Dore Road essential for anyone traveling from town.

The other one is curious. There has always been a sign at the top of Rushley Drive attached high on the corner house wall (at present the Randles). Many people never saw it. Knowing our general sorry deprivation throughout Dore it wasn't me that asked for a new one, although it faces me as I type this, so I should be grateful! But heaven help those trying to find their way in an emergency on the other roads.

And what has the £10,000 been spent on ? It must be said that the old cast iron signs last for generations and are a pleasure to repaint. But until Dore becomes a Heritage site we are unlikely to see those return.

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Mrs C Bedford

Dore Gardens

When you look out onto your garden it may seem a bit dismal at the moment, but a closer look reveals that a great deal is already happening, there is much to look forward to. If you really enjoy your garden, it is likely that others will too. Please consider opening your garden for the local community at the end of June/beginning of July, during the Dore Festival. This event has become very popular but needs refreshing regularly with new gardens of any size or style.

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 27 **Morning Walk** led by DVS, starting at 9.30am from the Old School, everyone welcome. Details from 236 9025

MARCH

- 3 **Sheffield Theatres: Past & Present** Talk by Margaret Maxfield for the Hallamshire Historic Building Society, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House, St James Street. Tel 274 8046 Visitors £2
 4 **Inland Waterways**. Talk & slides by Gerald Smith, 7.15pm Friends Meeting House, 10 St James St for the Ramblers £1.80 Tel: 239 8505
 4 **A little house in the Limousin** - Michael Gildersleve. Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm
 7-16 **National Science Week** Sheffield events for schools & the public. Phone 255 4888
 7 **Medieval Stained Glass of SY** talk by Bryan Sprakes for Hunter Archaeological Society, 7.30pm Traditional Heritage Museum, preceded by AGM at 7pm. Details: 236 1471
 11 **Sound as a Bell (bellfounding)** Dr Kenneth Barraclough Lecture by Prof John Cambell for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society 6pm Royal Victoria Hotel
 11 **AGM & talk** by Dr Julie Bond & Steve Docktill on "The Iron Age in the Shetland Islands" for Hunter Archaeological Society, 7pm lecture theatre 9, Arts Tower, University of Sheffield. Details: 236 1471
 12 **AGM Dore 'A' Townswomen's Guild**, Old School 2pm
 16 **Spring Plant Sale** Sheffield Botanical Garden, 2-4pm
 18 **Chile Talk & slides** by Mike Burgin, 7.15pm Friends Meeting House, 10 St James St for the Ramblers £1.80 Tel: 239 8505
 18 **Queen Victoria** - Canon Lacey. Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm Contact 236 7639
 19 **Spring Meeting** of the Dore Village Society takes place at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Marjorie Dunn will be talking about the Brontes, Hathersage & Jane Eyre. Everyone in the village is welcome and admission is free.
 21 **Spring Ball** at Baldwins Omega in aid of Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Details from Jane Brooke on 235 2678
 26 **Cheltenham Museum** talk by Mary Greensted for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art, Ranmoor Parish Centre 2.30pm free admission
 26 **Talk on Badgers**, by Mrs Irene Brierton, 7.30pm, Millhouses Methodist Church Hall. Organised by Friends of Ecclesall Woods. All welcome. Refreshments after
 29 **Morning Walk** led by DVS starting at 9.30am from the Old School, everyone welcome Details from 236 9831
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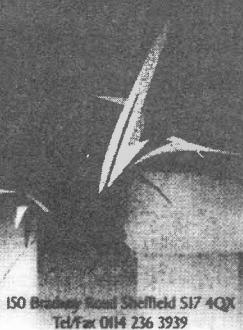
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- 1 **Botanical Gardens** talk by Avril Critchley for Dore Ladies Group, 7.45pm Church Hall Townhead Rd. Visitors welcome 236 5890
 2 - 5 **Dangerous Corner**, Dore & Totley URC Dramatic Society perform a play by J.B. Priestley at the Church Hall. Tickets from Martin's shop or tel 235 2178
 9 **A Detective Tale** Talk by Mr Roy Shelton for Dore 'A' Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School 2pm
 11-12 **Art Exhibition**, Dore Art Group, Old School, Dore. Fri 2pm-6pm, sat 9.30am-5pm. Admission free
 12 **Grand Jumble Sale** King Egbert School for KESA. See posters for details or phone 236 5335
 14 **Wortley's role**: in Science & Engineering - through Thomas Andrews FRS. Talk by Dr Jim McQuaid for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society 7.30pm Kelham Island
 15 **Quiz** - David Bramah. Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm Contact 236 7639
 23 **French Painting in the Wallace Collection** talk by Stephen Duffy 2.30pm for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art, Ranmoor Parish Centre free adm

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- 1-31 **Sheffield Environment Weeks**
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 11 **FOBS Plant Sale** Sheffield Botanical Gardens, 10.30-2.30pm
 14 **History Trail** around the Botanical Gardens with FOBS. Meet 7.15pm at Thompson Rd entrance. Visitors £2
 14 **Volunteering in Pakistan** Talk by Mrs M Seabourne for Dore 'A' Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School 2pm
 14-17 **Kindly Keep It Covered**, play by T.O.A.D.S. St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Rd South, 7.30pm. Tickets £3 or £2.50 from 236 6891 from April
 17 **Dawn Chorus** meet 4.30am at Abbeydale Rd entrance opposite Beauchief Gardens. Organised by FEW
 17 **Archaeology Walk**. 10 -12pm. Meet at Entrance on Whirlowdale Crescent. Organised by FEW
 17 **Industries in South Yorkshire**. South Yorkshire Industrial History Society day school, Grenoside Community Centre. Details from 246 2629
 20 **The Samaritans** - Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, Methodist Church Hall, 7.45pm Contact 236 7639
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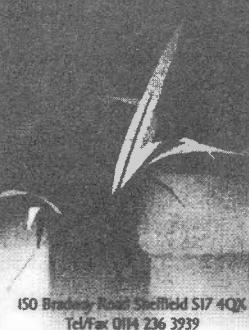
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