

DORE DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Message in a bottle

Message in a Bottle is a new city wide emergency information scheme for use by anyone in the city who may feel vulnerable in their home.

The scheme provides the emergency services with vital details of any illness or allergy or someone to contact if they are called to a home as a result of an illness, accident, or crime. Details are recorded on an information sheet in a plastic container, and this is stored in a fridge (since almost everyone has one and it can be located quickly).

You will need to complete the sheet with all your details, such as your personal details, medical condition(s) and who to contact in case of emergency. One small sticker is then attached to the outside of the fridge and 2 further stickers are put on the inside of the front and back door. These stickers are known to the emergency services and other caring agencies.

If you are interested in taking part in the scheme, you can collect a 'Message in a Bottle Pack' from the Dore Village Society room at the Old School on the first Saturday each month from 10am to 12 noon, or ring any member of the DVS committee (details on page 2)

Postal voting

This years local council elections have been put back to 10 June to coincide with the European Parliamentary elections. With ward boundary changes introduced to even out the number of voters between wards, all 84 Council seats are up for grabs at one go, making a political change of council leadership a real possibility.

Under the boundary changes the city moves from 29 to 28 wards and we lose three of the 87 council seats we presently have. Most wards are affected in some way, and our existing Dore Ward loses parts of Lower Bradway and gains parts of Whirlow. It also changes its name to Dore and Totley, conveniently forgetting Bradway and Whirlow sensitivities.

This year the Government has decided not to pursue electronic voting across Yorkshire and the Humber region, preferring to concentrate on postal voting instead.

There is no doubt that postal voting increases election turnout, as people can vote at home at their own convenience and simply pop the envelope in a post box when they go out. Without the need for polling stations the changes to Sheffield's ward boundaries will also be easier to introduce.



DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Spring Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday

4th March

Methodist Church Hall

Talk by Patrick Harding

"Wild Flowers

of the Peak District"

Admission Free

Murder in Mind, presented by Dore Dramatic Society on November 23rd 1957. Cast included Pauline Moxon (seated far right), Olive Lingard (standing) Stanley Kenning (standing right) and Doris Stead (seated far left). The play was directed by Lilia Hartley.

Oral History Collection

In conversation with Doris Stead

Doris was born in High Wincobank, Sheffield on 31st May 1912. Her father was a master plumber and her mother started up her own successful corner shop. Doris was the eldest of four children with three younger brothers. She remembers, "We hadn't much money but we got by." At the age of eleven she won a place to Marlcliffe Grammar School which she greatly enjoyed and at sixteen went on to Wright's Business College in Sheffield. Doris recalls, "He was a martinet, a sarcastic man but a very good teacher."

Once qualified as a secretary, she applied to English Steel Corporation, one of the biggest steel firms in Sheffield, where she was accepted for a month's trial and ended up staying nine years in a job she loved. The firm maintained an excellent sports club and field which was only walking distance from Doris' home. She explains "I met my husband there. He played rugger and I played hockey. I was a bit on the sporty side and mad about ballroom dancing."

Doris' late husband Eric was an engineer who "did his time", seven years in all, with English Steel Corporation. Later he became works engineer at... *continued on page 18*

Membership Subscriptions

Enclosed with this issue is a membership renewal form for 2004. If you have not already paid your £4 annual subscription to the society for this year, please complete the form and hand it in at Green's shop on Causeway Head Road, or send it to the society - address on page 2.

As a registered charity the Dore Village Society relies heavily on subscriptions to carry out its objectives on behalf of members and Dore residents generally. Also the more members we have, the more clout we carry with the council and other public bodies.

If you are a tax payer, we are able to reclaim tax already paid (22%) on your subscription and donations, making your membership worth even more to us. If you are a higher rate tax payer, you can also claim back the difference between basic and higher rates on your tax return.

Great Sheffield Flood

On 11th March 1864, the Dale Dyke Reservoir some 8 miles west of Sheffield burst, and millions of gallons of water rushed down the Loxley Valley drowning some 250 people.

To mark the 140th anniversary of the Great Flood, a number of events are being planned for March. At 7.30 on the 8th an illustrated talk interspersed with drama, is to take place at the Malin Bridge Inn. On the 11th a special guided walk starting at 10.30 in Low Bradfield and going up to the source of the flood, plus a visit to Bradfield Parish Church. On the 12th another walk "The Devastation and Survivors" starts at 10.30 at the Nag's head Inn on Loxley Road, finishing at the Malin Bridge Inn.

An exhibition is taking place on 13th and 14th at St Polycarp's Church Hall, Malin Bridge, 11am - 5pm on the 13th and 10.30am - 1.45pm on the 14th. There is a special service at St Polycarp's Church at 2pm on Sunday 14th. All are welcome but numbers are limited for the illustrated talk and the church service. Please get further information from Pam and John Bailey on 0114 232 2007.

The Great Sheffield Flood 140th Anniversary Community Project is a collaboration between Bradfield Parish Council, St Polycarp's Church, Malin Bridge and the community.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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

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Have you noticed

The Dore Village Society has a smart new notice board on Devonshire Terrace Road. Slightly larger than the old one, this will allow us to display more public notices about events in, or of concern to, the village.

If you have a notice for display, please contact Anne Elsdon on 236 0002 or John Baker on 236 9025.

T.O.A.D.S. Spring play

The Spring production is described by Samuel French, the main publisher of plays, as an "engaging and entertaining thriller", and it certainly is. "Curtain Up on Murder" written by Bettine Manktelow, features an amateur drama company rehearsing in the theatre at the end of the pier. Storms rage overhead and the doors are locked, and they are trapped.

Their sense of foreboding is not improved by the appearance of a ghostly presence! Much worse is to come - but that would be telling, and I'm not about to do that! Rest assured, there is humour too, and a newspaper critic described it as "a skilfully written piece of suspense".

Fortunately, the play is in May, not November, the nights will be a lot lighter and you won't be scared going home. Why not come along and see a well written and, hopefully, well acted play at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley, Wednesday to Saturday, 12th to 15th May, at 7.30pm.

Tickets still £3, or £2.50 Concessions, from me Kate Reynolds, on 236 6891 from the beginning of April.

Totley Library

Totley library celebrates its 30th Birthday on the 26th February!

It also has a new telephone number
0114 293 0406.

Current hours of opening are:

Monday: 10am-12.30 & 1.30 -7pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

9.30am-12.30 & 1.30 - 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Closed all day Thursday.

Snowdrop appeal

As part of the bulb planting scheme arranged by Dore Village Society, some snowdrop bulbs have already been planted by the King Ecgbert Stone and around the seat on the Green. To encourage a greater show of snowdrops, we would like to be able to plant more "in the green" ready for spring 2005. If you have snowdrops growing in your garden and would be happy to share some of these, please contact Anne Elsdon (236 0002) or any member of the DVS Committee, who will be happy to come and collect them. We can also divide and dig up the snowdrops for you if you prefer. This is best done when the flowers have died back, towards the end of March/early April. The Guides and Brownies have kindly agreed to help again with planting the new snowdrops on the Village Green.

Anne Elsdon

Mobile phone law

Since last December, it has become illegal to hold a mobile phone while driving in mainland Britain. This includes cradling the handset on your shoulder, or holding it by any other means, and the law applies to all motor vehicles. The initial fine is £30 rising to a maximum of £1,000 if the case goes to court.

In fact, it's illegal to hold a mobile phone any time your engine is switched on, even if the car is stationary, whether to make or take calls, send text messages, use WAP or any other function. It is also an offence to hold a mobile phone while supervising a learner driver.

The only defence will be if you're dialing 999 in response to a genuine emergency and cannot stop safely to make a call.

You may continue to use hands free kits while driving.

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Transport 17

On behalf of Transport 17, I would like to thank Dore Village Society for their recent kind donation of £250. This was used to purchase the fire extinguishers in our most recent minibus which we took delivery of at the end of 2003. It is now in full use with our two other buses.

They all work every day of the week taking passengers to over 30 lunch and social clubs. We also transport people to theatres, restaurants and places of interest. By the way, we hope never to have to use the extinguishers.

We have a paid manager and a part-time Administrator. The rest of the drivers and escorts are all volunteers. It is very interesting work and good exercise and we become very fond of our passengers. However, none of us are getting any younger. We have other commitments and ups and downs like everyone else.

Could you give us a day? Could you drive a minibus or see people to and from their homes on to the buses?

If you are at all interested, please ring Michael Finn on 236 2962. Alternatively, call in to our office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley for a chat. We are all quite normal, friendly people with a bit of energy which we use to keep Transport 17 going. You know what they say - 'If you don't use it, you lose it'.

Many thanks. God Bless.

Margaret Barlow

Dore Male Voice Choir

The two Christmas Concerts presented in the Parish Church were almost a sell out and it was good that £600 should be raised for the Youth Leader Appeal for the Village.

The Choir are now working through new pieces for the repertoire and have another busy season ahead. The next major concert, given for the Lord Mayor in aid of her charities, NSPCC and the Alzheimer's Society will be presented on Friday 23rd April at Eccleshall Parish Church. The Choir is hoping for a big audience, in support of these worthwhile charities, and promises a lively and varied programme.

The membership of the Choir continues to increase. In the past three years we have had 18 new members join the Choir. If you are interested in singing (assuming your voice has broken!) come and join us on a Thursday evening at 7.15, at the Church Hall, Townhead Road. You will be most welcome.

David Heslop

PUBLISHING DEADLINES

The next edition of DORE to DOOR will be published in mid May. Please forward items for this Summer issue to the address on page 3 by Friday 30th April 2004.

WorkCare scheme

Do you know someone who has been off work for six to 26 weeks?

WorkCare has been designed to evaluate ways of supporting people signed off work 'sick' - from between six - 26 weeks, with a focus on achieving a level of recovery that enables people to return to work.

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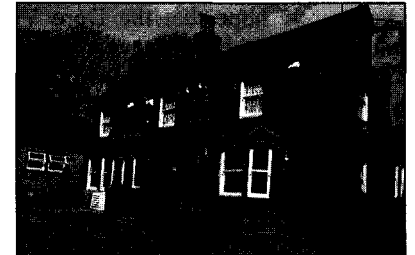
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Letters

Dear Sir,

Further planning threat to the south west of Sheffield.

New proposals being floated in Whitehall mean that areas such as Dore and Totley are more under threat now than at any other time, as planning legislation faces yet another shake up which will give more powers to developers and less to local residents.

In a report published by the Treasury on housing supply, calls were made :

(1) to strengthen the role of regional planning thus weakening the ability of local people to have their say on local developments.

(2) to fine local authorities that do not meet regional housing targets.

(3) for regional housing targets to be increased.

Increasing crude regional house building targets is not the answer to encourage good quality, affordable housing in areas such as ours and I fear that sprawling housing estates could be dumped here irrespective of local wishes and local needs.

Over the coming months, I will be asking people in the South West of Sheffield to join me in a vigorous campaign for a new planning policy that is not only fair but is seen to be fair as many people feel, quite understandably, that under the present system there is a bias in favour of developers who are backed by the demands of Central Government quotas. It is therefore imperative that any new policy will give equal voice to local people and address their concerns.

I sincerely hope that the Dore Village design Statement is implemented as soon as possible and that it will be fully respected by all developers especially those whose only interest appears to be pecuniary and transitory.

Cllr Anne Smith

Dear Sir,

We learn from the media that the lives of a very large number of people throughout the world who live on flood plains or near to coasts are under threat. We also learn from the journal 'Nature' that international scientists have produced a 'mid-risk' forecast that 25% of all land animals and plants will be extinct by 2050. Both of these will be the consequences of Global Warming causing Climate Change, which (in spite of all the other threats) is now the greatest enemy of humanity. We need a similar response to that in Britain during World War II when everyone was called upon to do his or her bit to defeat the enemy.

We do not need to be told what to do by any governmental authority. We know what we should do. We should use less energy, whether provided by electricity, fuel oil, gas or petrol. We should use less (piped) water. We should reduce the use of materials, and re-cycle more of them.

T Umpleby



Dore Churchyard where the ducks feed on lovely juicy worms.

"Dore churchyard where the ducks feed on lovely juicy worms" Drawing by David Heslop, from 'Mr Fishers Ducks'

Dear Sir,

The response to the publication of my book "Mr Fisher's Ducks" was very pleasing and raised a lot of money for Pearson's Holiday Fund. This benefits disadvantaged young people and unfortunate children everywhere in the U.K.

So far, from the sale of the three children's books, "Flambo the dragon" (based on my puppet show, "Puff The Magic Dragon"), "The Wild Rocking Horses of Ringinglow", (sold out), and "Mr Fisher's Ducks" (nearly sold out), I have raised £3,472.97p for the children. All money from further sales goes to Pearson's, as the costs have already been met. The few copies left for sale are available only from Green's in Dore, Dore Service Station and Totley Rise Post Office.

As a result of this wonderful interest I have written a sequel to "Mr Fisher's Ducks" which will be published in time for Dore Gala - not before. Thank you all for buying the first book.

I would also like to thank everyone for the kindness and good wishes I received during my illness last summer. Life is almost back to normal now, and this is partly due to the knowledge that so many people actually cared.

Marjorie Dunn

p.s. Does anyone have a really nice photograph of the Dore Ducks which, if suitable, could be used on the front of the new book? (Please phone 235 1827).



"Looking for tit-bit" in front of the Country Garden shop.

Dear Sir,

So yet another development is heading for Newfield Lane, the long awaited (?) dreaded demolition of 'Long Acres' and the erection of approximately 40 flats and houses on this beautiful site will surely be passed by the planning authorities because they can't see beyond a further 40 council tax payments where there was previously one!

No doubt they will not take into consideration the impact on the road (Lane) itself, already in a terrible state, in fact there is no curb down one side for most of its entire length and is largely mud and leaves at one end.

Many drivers fail to slow down in the vicinity of Long Acres, and as there is no white line down the centre often drive down the middle of the road. I have often ended up in the mud rather than have my wing mirror removed.

With the inevitable increase in cars with this development (minimum of 80 I would guess), how long before there is a serious accident or death?

Other recent developments on the lane have resulted in chaos for a year with contractors vehicles parked wherever was convenient for them and lorries all destroying the verges - have you noticed how once the job is completed they never reinstate the damage?

Why do the planning department not withhold future development authority with contractors until previous jobs have been completed to their satisfaction?

I have absolutely no doubt this latest development will be passed by the incompetent planning department and many Dore residents will have to endure months of upset.

Garry Newton

Ed. The point about damage done by contractors vehicles to highways and verges is a particularly good one. Looks like we need some candid camera photographs and logging of lorry registration numbers.

Dear Sir,

An update on the youth disorder issue.

The damage continues, but I suspect your readers may take some satisfaction in news of recent arrests (no names, no pack drill of course) but it does coincide with figures from the community bobby (tel no. 296 3666, PC101 Andy Barlow), which show that reporting incidents has tripled since our last appeal in D to D pages!!!

Because of your reports the police altered shifts and put unmarked cars on the streets and a number of arrests have been made. Here's a 5-point plan for regaining our community

1. Report all incidents
2. Use 2 20 20 20
3. Offer clear & accurate descriptions
4. Don't give up
5. Call the next day & the next if you don't get through.

Cllr Keith Hill

Dear Sir,
The anticipated development of the 'Long Acres' property on Newfield Lane once again raises the question of large scale development in Dore village.

Most of us recognise that good housing and sensitive development can add to a community and of course were it not for development we wouldn't have homes to live in. However, insensitive development erodes the very essence of our community over time.

Currently, the Government is proposing faster decision making for planning applications and our City Council is delegating more and more decisions to officers to help bring this about. Most of the people I speak to, particularly in relation to large-scale planning applications, are not worried about speed. What they seek are well thought out decisions.

Large scale developments such as "Long Acres" require decisions that take into account the impact on access, traffic and services, the contribution or otherwise to the character of the locality and especially the views of existing residents whose lives are directly effected. They prefer quality decisions, not faster ones.

Flats and badly designed housing in this large space on the edge of the Recreation Ground could dominate this green area and ruin a once peaceful lane loved by walkers and horse riders.

Mike Day

Dear Sir,
Christmas Lights

We are writing rather belatedly, to express our appreciation of the festive lights which enhanced the centre of the village over the Christmas Period.

The lights were most attractively displayed in the trees opposite the Devonshire Arms and we appreciated the amount of time it must have taken, together with the logistics involved, in getting the lights into position.

I trust that we represent the residents of Dore in saying that we look forward to a similar display during the 2004-2005 festive season.

Joy and Brian Hall

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to Councillor Ross's letter in your last issue on parking problems on Devonshire Terrace Rd.

I am one of those who regularly parks on yellow lines on Devonshire Terrace Road. I would prefer not to and try to ensure I will not be blocking the buses. I do this only when I am unable to park directly outside the supermarket. I am unable to walk far and use a Blue Badge.

If only there were reserved spaces for disabled I would be pleased to use them. Subject to them not being occupied by non badge holders who are always "only going to be a minute"!

Are you able to do something to acquire such spaces?

A local resident

Ed. We asked Colin Ross for his response.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for taking the trouble to reply to my letter in the latest edition of Dore to Door. The editor forwarded it to me anonymously.

Provision of a dedicated parking space for the disabled would appear to be one solution to your problem but as you pointed out, it relies on the public keeping this space free and like you I suspect that this might not happen! If a dedicated bay was provided it would reduce the available space for general parking on Devonshire Terrace Road by one and this might have the perverse effect of increasing the illegal parking on the double yellow lines.

I am concerned that increasingly the bus is blocked by cars parking on the corner and I hope my letter has had some effect. I have had some feedback that this might be the case but it could be a short-term phenomena!

Before I tried to get a disabled parking space I would have to be convinced it would be of benefit and not be abused. I wonder whether the area marked out for loading could serve a dual purpose? The other possibility is that there will be some work starting shortly on Causewayhead Road and disabled parking could be provided there. However, this might be too far away from the Coop for most disabled people.

Cllr. Colin Ross

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Letters.... continued

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in the photograph of Townhead Road circa 1914 on the cover of the Winter edition of Dore to Door (*Ed - reproduced on this page*). The name of the postmaster, my father, was Herbert not Harold Jackson. I am the baby in the pushchair near the Post Office and my mother, Mabel Jackson, is with me.

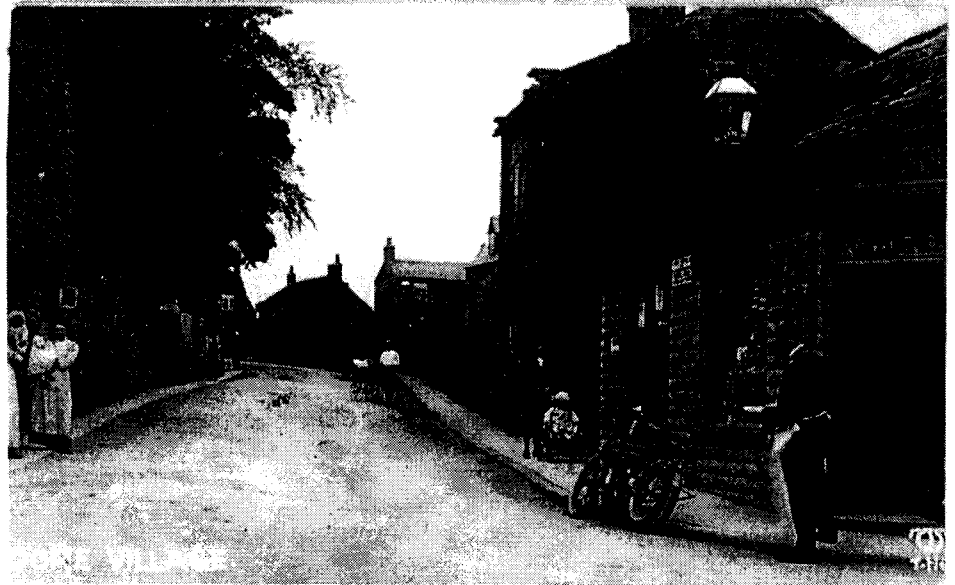
Mary Linfoot (nee Mary Jackson)

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Jean Recalls

In the 40's parcels came by rail. The L.M.S. lorry was a familiar sight in Dore and Totley. Several times a year the L.M.S. would deliver us a tea chest, packed with all kinds of goods from my father's eldest sister who was a showman and travelled all over the Midlands picking up no end of bargains on the way.

We could hardly wait for them to prise off the lid and dive in. Sometimes the chest contained items of clothing or material which Mum could make into dresses for my sister and me. For these were the days of rationing and clothing cost coupons. If Mum could make our clothes, which she invariably did, then coupons could be traded. Mum needed more sugar than



rationing allowed as she made lots of jams and preserves. Trendy women in the village were only too pleased to do a deal with her.

Sometimes we found exciting things, toys and books, though Dad made us a lot of toys. Once there was a fur coat which fitted me to perfection. I was really proud of that. No one else had a fur. I guess I was about 7 at the time. I was cock of the week then.

Tea, sugar and coffee and tinned fruit and salmon, though the coffee was usually that stuff in a bottle called Camp. Not really coffee at all. Soap too was a luxury. Mother preferred Roberts white Windsor for washing and Imperial Leather for personal use. To this day I can't stand the smell of Imperial Leather and the paper bit never came off and left a ridge.

Right in the middle of the chest, well wrapped would be what my gran was waiting for. A bottle of whisky. If it hadn't been there I think she'd have thrown a fit. It wasn't really stuff on the black market. More the grey.

With regard to the article by Maureen

Cope in the last issue about Aunt Hilda, can I set the record straight? Hilda was married for over 60 years to Harry Warnes, not Frank. I treasure my memories of Harry, a lovely man.

Finally, in defence of the noble creature "the horse" [Ed - see letter in the last issue]. I can't believe that anyone would raise any objection to horse manure. They should have lived here a few years ago when cows went through the village 4 times a day. If you didn't watch out you could get covered in their excrement, or slip on the remaining pancake and come a cropper. This is what country life is all about.

Have I missed something? When did the last person go down with tetanus? It would be interesting to know. Most of the things we eat have some connection with manure. Shall we stop eating too! I can't see what's wrong with a good bit of fertilizer; but then I'm a yoke! Are we to ban birds also? They drop their bits everywhere, after all, and we might get Psittacosis.

Jean Dean

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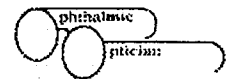
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Did you know

Council tax is a fact of life, we have to pay for the services we receive via our council somehow. But do we get value for money? I wonder how much the readers of this august journal contribute? I have no idea how many houses fall into which price bands, but lets say for the sake of argument the average is £1,500 per year times 3,200 households. That is £4,800,000 - enough to run a small country. Perhaps we would be better off declaring UDI. Then there is income tax. But that's another story!

Sadly, too many people in Sheffield envy the residents of Dore, perhaps with some just cause. It is easy to forget that in fact Dore Ward, which includes Totley, Bradway and Low Edges has a wide mix of housing and incomes. Now all that is to change, as the Ward loses Low Edges and parts of Bradway, but gains Whirlow. It doesn't take a genius to know what effect that will have on our image.

Sometimes it seems like Dore is one great building site. Well the grounds of King Ecgbert School certainly are. Up goes a huge steel frame, far more visible from the surrounding area than we imagined, while earth moving equipment busily reshapes the adjacent land. It is comforting to know that we will be paying for this building for years and years, that it almost certainly won't meet the space needs of the school, or be much use to the community at large. And the building itself? Will it be a credit to

modern architecture? Or am I alone in noticing the remarkable similarity between new PFI school buildings and new prison buildings or hospitals. Perhaps the idea is to prepare pupils for later life experiences!

Something is seriously wrong with the planning process in Sheffield. It is not just Dore which is suffering, as there are for example constant battles in Ecclesall as well. But if you doubt how serious things are, just look at the flats that have been built on the old Ecclesall Library site. These might be at home in a Swiss ski village, but are grossly out of scale and keeping with where they have been built!

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Annual Exhibition

Dore Art Group are once again happy to announce the dates for their annual exhibition which is held every year in the Main Hall of the Old School in Dore Village.

It will be before Easter this year and we will have the advantage of the extra hour of daylight to enjoy looking at the pictures - a nice thought.

We were sorry to have to say goodbye to our tutor of three years, Mr Brian Morton. But we have been very fortunate to have had the help and tuition of our new teacher Alison Down, since September, and who we hope has helped us to improve on our previous 'good works'.

It was lovely to see all of you last year - we even had visitors from overseas. Thank you very much for supporting us, and for all the complimentary comments, which makes all the hard work put in by all the members of the group worthwhile.

We very much hope to see you all again this year on Friday 2nd April and Saturday 3rd April 2004, to view and perhaps to purchase some of our pictures. Admission, as usual is free and we will be happy to provide a nice cup of tea/coffee and cakes at very reasonable prices.

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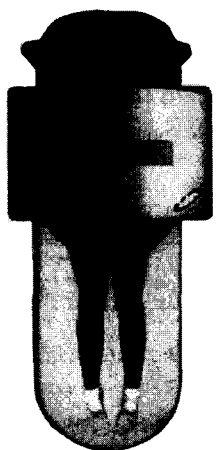
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Mi AMINGO - 60 years on

Countless stories and recollections have been told and written, about Mi Amigo over the years, but there will be many younger people and those who are new to the Sheffield area who have heard little, if anything, of Sheffield's B17 Flying Fortress, Mi Amigo, and the events which unfolded at around 5pm on, that cold gloomy evening of February the 22nd 1944.

I and my fellow workmates were preparing to finish work for the day in the cellar workshop of Fred Nichols electrical shop near to the bottom of Hunterhouse Road at Hunters Bar. At a couple of minutes to 5 o'clock we heard a huge roar, echoing across the valley that lasted only three or four seconds and ended abruptly. No sooner had we emerged from the workshop into the shop above, than someone came into the shop to say that an aircraft had crashed in the Endcliffe park.

Within 30 seconds, Tony, a workmate and I, were dashing across Hunters Bar and into the park, as a couple of kids would. The sight that greeted us on reaching the area just before the cafe and the stepping stones that cross the river, was something that resembled a present day major film set, a sight that a couple of fourteen year old youngsters would never forget.

This huge silver bomber lay amongst the broken trees, near to the bottom of the bank, and across the river. It's nose pointed down towards the river and to the right of the back of the cafe some 50 metres in front of the aircraft, which appeared to have cleared the top of the bank with the pilot intending to land in the park but having dropped too soon. What the pilots thoughts were in those last few seconds, we will never know. Could it just be that he saw people in the park, a nice thought, sadly, one that will never be answered.

There appeared to be little damage to the aircraft, which was in one piece except for

the tail and rear end of the fuselage which appeared, from where we were stood to have parted from the main fuselage and was left further up the bank. Contrary to a report that the wings had folded and the B17 had burst into an inferno, this I fear was an exaggeration. The wings, engines, fuselage and cockpit, were all relatively intact. The only fire that was visible, at that time, was a small flame and a little smoke from the left hand wing facing us.

There was a small group of perhaps 20 people where we stood, silently looking on, and a similar number further along the path to the left side of the cafe. The atmosphere was almost eerie, the only sound that could be heard was the crackle of an unseen fire somewhere in the plane and the unmistakable sound of ammunition exploding every few seconds. I am sure that none of the onlookers had given a thought that there may have been bombs on board, thankfully the bomb load had been jettisoned earlier over the North Sea, after the mission had been aborted and the aircraft had sustained heavy damage by enemy fighters.

The constabulary and other services arrived a few minutes later to usher us out of the park. Army personnel arrived later to cordon off the crash site. Tony and I left the park and caught a tram home to tell our parents what we had seen. Next days local newspaper told of the tragedy and that all ten crew members had perished. The Star also printed a picture of the burnt out wreck taken that morning, which was unrecognisable as the giant, gleaming silver B17 Fortress that we had seen the night before. Many stories of the crash were heard in Sheffield in the years following, some confirmed but sadly, many I fear were distorted and dramatised.

Shortly after the recovery team had cleared what remained of the B17 the park was reopened. Tony and I visited the crash site to look for any souvenirs...that we may find, which now appears rather disgusting, but collecting souvenirs is what kids did

during the war. I doubt at the time, that we would have given any thought of the crew who had died on that bank only three days earlier, but we were soon to realise that they had and the memory of our finds will I am sure, remain with us for ever.

There were many bits and pieces left at the site which was by then wet clay with a little snow that had almost melted. Meters, gauges, bits of aluminium with webbing attached, could have been seats, and many other bits of unrecognisable metal. Unfortunately some personal and human remains had been left by the recovery team. I picked up a piece of leather flying helmet, which was approximately six inches by three inches, the leather was hard and scorched round the edges. I turned it over in my hand and stared at it for a few seconds before realising that I was not just holding a piece of flying helmet in my hand, in shock or perhaps shame, I quickly dropped it on the ground and with my shoe, covered it with clay, where I would like to think, the remains still lay buried undisturbed to this day.

I also picked up a wrist watch, the strap was missing and the glass broken, after cleaning it and removing the glass, the fingers showed that the watch had stopped at two minutes past five. The watch was an Elgin steel screwed hexagon back with numbers or letters on the back, and could have been a U.S. Service watch. Tony found a gold signet ring which was out of shape and the stone was missing, his mother had the ring reshaped for him and a new stone fitted. I wonder if the person who now owns it knows of its history. A local man, wrote in the Totley news, a couple of years ago, that he still has in his possession a pair of flying goggles which he found in the river, below the crash site.

The memorial service in the park, this February 22nd will be scaled down from services in previous years due to the present terrorist situation. There will be a wreath laying ceremony in the park at 1pm and a memorial service at St Augustines Church, Brocco Bank at 1.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service. The memorial service will be to give thanks to and in memory of ten young men, who came from all walks of life and places across America, to help Britain in time of need, and to die together in our park.

60 years on, we can still say with pride and sorrow that Mi Amigo is Sheffield's B17 Flying Fortress.

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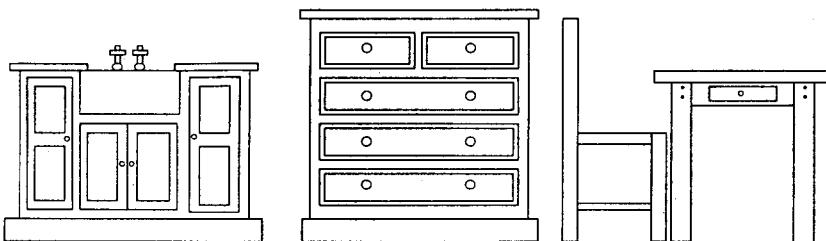
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Planning Matters

No. You will recall that a proposal to virtually rebuild 2 Glen Head at Limb Lane (near the picnic area) was reported in the last issue of Dore to Door. The Society objected because of the excessive size of the development and the harm on the adjoining dwelling and the visual amenities of the area, particularly as the property is in Green Belt. Thankfully we have to report that the Planning Board turned the application down on those grounds although a subsequent application has now been submitted.

Yes. Sadly planning consent has been granted for one dwelling house in the garden of 18 Gilleyfield Avenue. The siting of the house is to be fronting onto Savage Lane with a vehicular access onto Savage Lane on the very tight bend below the Village Green. This is a difficult corner at the best of times. Some of the trees, which form closure at this point and are part of Busheywood, will certainly be lost.

Meanwhile the mobile 'phone masts march on across our landscape. The application for a further mast at Abbeydale Sports Ground, reported in the last issue, has been approved.

Maybe. An application to rebuild the Clubhouse at Dore and Totley Tennis Club on Devonshire Road has just been approved. There was a very big turnout of objectors at the original Planning Board meeting, where a decision was deferred.

Sometime. The reports in the local newspaper on the planning application for development of Long Acre, Newfield Lane, the property previously owned by Mr Hinchcliffe are a bit premature (at the time of us going to press) as the application in its present form is invalid and cannot be considered.

The application was made on behalf of Westbury Homes Ltd for detached houses and a three storey block of flats on the site. When the application is formalised there will undoubtedly be some serious concerns particularly in relation to the height of the flats and the proposed road access into Newfield Lane. The informality of Newfield Lane and its strategic importance forming the edge of the Green Belt would be destroyed if it was brought up to residential highway standards.

Oh Dear! There is an application to redevelop 55 Busheywood Road, converting it from a bungalow to a dwelling house. Proposals such as this are not uncommon, there is one already completed lower down on Busheywood Road, and one in the process of conversion on Causeway Head Road (to which the Society objected).

In some instances such conversions are not unreasonable, but the Society take the view that the current proposal is an over development of the site and the house will tower over the adjoining bungalow on the side of the road where single storey properties predominate. Most of these applications are by developers, made with the intention of resale. Strangely there is a

shortage of bungalows on the South West side of the City, primarily because Earl Fitzwilliam the former landowner of virtually the whole of Eccleshall, would not permit bungalows on estate lands.

Green Belt. There is a planning application for the conversion of existing farm buildings to form 6 residential units with garages and erection of 2 dwelling houses at Moorside Farm Long Lane. This farm is in the middle of fields off the Hathersage Road. The applicants have already done some development here, but the proposal flouts all the principles of Green Belt policy and would be a severe intrusion into the Green Belt if allowed to proceed. The Society have rigorously objected to the proposals and trust that the Planning Authority will uphold the protection of the Green Belt here.

David Heslop

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Initial indications, from meetings, discussions and petition gathering (300 signatures against) give the overall opinion that the proposed Tram extension is not needed beyond a certain point, and that little detailed thought has been given to the proposal, other than to draw a "line on the map".

The extension is planned to stop at Dore Station, and in light of this, the common sense view is that it is unnecessary to extend beyond Millhouses Park due to the low population density along the rest of the stretch to Dore Station.

The devastation to the environment, ecology, recreation, historical and residential aspects of this corridor would be enormous. Safety is also of major concern, especially with Trams traversing the much loved and widely used Millhouses Park. Public Transport beyond Dore station towards Totley would be affected if the Tram takes passengers away from the buses - Bus companies obviously not wanting to operate unprofitable routes. The "green"

credentials of this scheme are also suspect in that car journeys will still have to be made in order to access the Tram.

Indeed, the general view is that more investment should be directed towards the Railway, with more frequent local trains and an additional station at Totley Brook - exactly what the Council themselves Proposed in the U.D.P Plan of 1998! Needless to say this would cost far less than the Tram extension and create much less disruption and permanent blight to the local environment.

Unfortunately the Consultation Period for local people to give their views is drawing to a close and all submissions for consideration must be received by 26th February. Therefore it is imperative that if you have a view on this matter you must write to S.Y.P.T.E. before this closing date. We urge you to do so. This unnecessary and ill thought out scheme needs to be consigned to history.

Please write to: Pam Horner, Supertram Extensions, S.Y.P.T.E., P.O. Box 801, Exchange Street, Sheffield. S2 5YT.

Jackie Waller S.W.A.T (262 1354)

New Youth Worker

Dore has a new youth worker in the shape of Joel Toombs, recruited by the three churches behind his appointment. The Dore Village Society has made a grant of £400 towards the lap top computer essential for his work.

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- Taking part in the Knitting challenge or £ for LB event;
- Be a Million Coins Collection Point;
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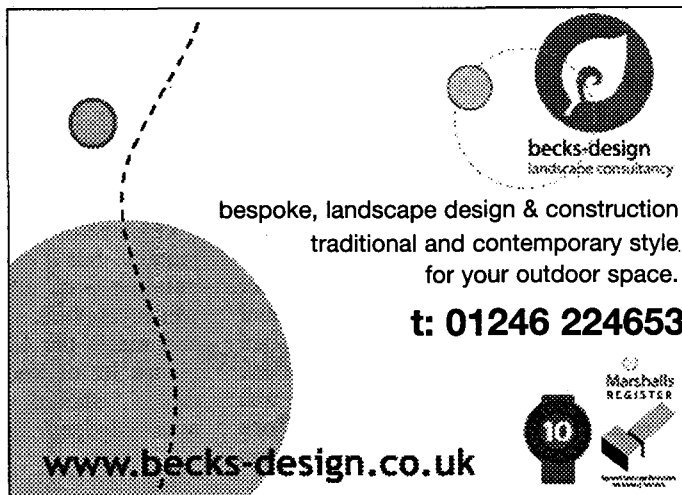
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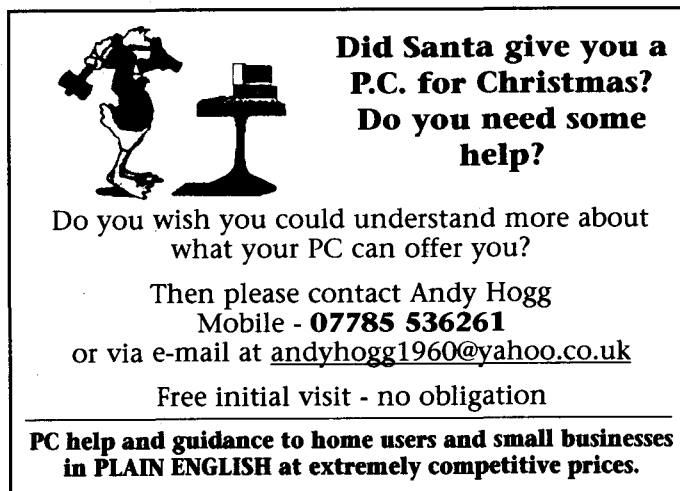
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2003 Commendations

One of the Society's prime objectives is the protection and enhancement of the local environment, to ensure that the Village remains a place of which we can all be pleased and proud.

The Society tries to ensure that developments and changes within the Village are sympathetic to the surroundings and enhance, rather than detract from the present circumstances. In doing so the Society is aware that some of the high profile work of objecting to inappropriate development proposals may seem negative, particularly when the Society's views are reported in Dore to Door.

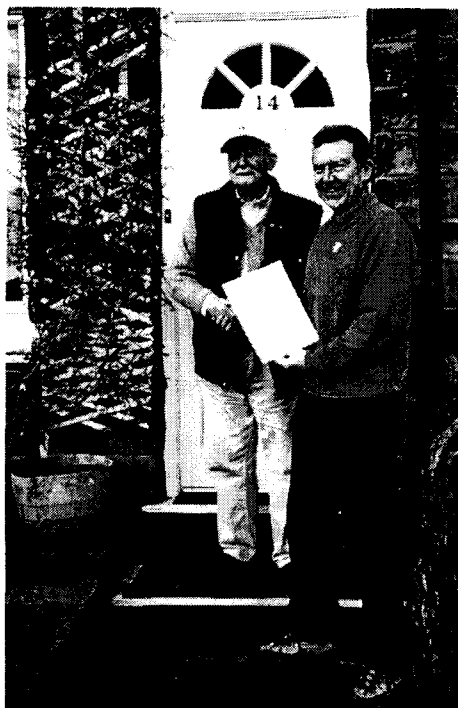
However there are many good things that happen or are developed within the Village that appear to go unappreciated. It is for this reason that the Society has decided to highlight and recognise good developments and features in the Village, and award Annual Commendation Certificates. This is the first year of this scheme and we have selected four projects for 2003 that merit recognition, and for which Commendations have been issued.

Devonshire Terrace Road, in the middle of the Village, suffers from the local residents point of view, from car parking, the bus terminus, heavy goods vehicles and the activity around the shops. But even though the front gardens of the terrace houses are small some of the owners have provided a glorious display of summer flowers in pots, beds and hanging baskets for all those who pass by to enjoy.

The Society have singled out the following three gardens on Devonshire Terrace Road for the pleasure that has been provided during the past year.

Pat and John Marsden	No.6
Kathryn Acaster	No.12
Reg Skelton	No.14

For some time now, building works have progressed at 183 Dore Road, at the corner of Dore Road and High Street. This semi detached house, which until recently had white painted rendered walls, has been completely renovated. The rendering was all removed and the original brickwork repointed and restored. This pair of houses



Reg Skelton receiving his award from John Baker, DVS Chairman.

Nos 181 and 183 Dore Road are the only brick built properties in this immediate vicinity. All the other properties are in natural or reconstituted stone.

When the single storey extension, so prominently situated on the side of the house, was proposed, it was appropriate that it should be built in stone to match the predominant material of the centre of the Village, rather than extend the use of brickwork. The extension has been built in natural stonework to blend sympathetically with the neighbouring properties and their dominant boundary walls. The Society considers this high quality restoration work by Mark and Julie Cunningham deservedly merits a Society Commendation award.

The awards each year, will be limited in number, but if during 2004, there is some building work or other feature or activity which you think enhances the Village scene and meets the aspirations set out above, please let us know. It is right that such things should be appreciated and acknowledged.

David Heslop

Forthcoming anniversary

Later this year sees the 40th anniversary of the Dore Village Society. Hopefully there will be a number of events and initiatives to mark the occasion, but it also provides an opportunity to reflect on what we all want to achieve in our community.

The Society would therefore like to hear from any residents who have an idea, or outline community project, that they would like to pursue, but need practical or financial support to do so.

Just call any member of our committee with details of your idea and we will give every help we can.

News in brief

Streetforce now have the new crossing on Causeway Head Road in their schedule for late March/early April, no doubt after they have finished the new crossing on Bradway Road.

Tina Gage, previously at the Angel Inn Holmesfield, has taken over at the Devonshire Arms, with plans for a complete redecoration and a repeat of her culinary success at the Angel.

Local criminals will no doubt have heaved a sigh of relief on the news that long serving local policeman Graig Dent has finally retired.

The charity Christmas card shop in Sheffield Cathedral achieved record sales of more than £60,000 in 2003.

Construction work is well under way on the new King Ecgbert Secondary School being built by Gleasons at a cost of £13 Million and scheduled to accommodate 1,140 pupils.

Shoebox appeal

Operation Christmas Child. Many people in the Village will probably have been involved with this Charity and sent a shoebox filled with gifts, toiletries, woollen hats, scarves and gloves for deprived children in Eastern Europe, some of whom have never received a gift in their lives. Christmas 2003 saw over 43,500 boxes sent from Sheffield to Belarus, Romania Serbia and Montenegro.

Local volunteers, who went to some of the areas to help deliver these shoe boxes saw at first hand the joy of the children who received a shoebox. Sadly they also witnessed the many children who had to standby and see their siblings and friends receive these gifts and not receive one themselves as there are never enough boxes for every deprived child.

Already volunteers throughout Sheffield are busy knitting hats and scarves for next years boxes and knitting wool is always needed to keep the knitters well supplied, one lady made 2003 hats last year and yes she hopes to knit 2004 this year.

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Superintendent John Burford

A letter in Dore to Door magazine no.71 from David Burford asked for any details of his great, great grandfather, John Burford, who was a copper stationed in the Derbyshire Constabulary's Dore & Totley Police Station on Baslow Road from 1886 to 1890. From my own records, and those of David, we have been able to track the life of John and below present a very much-shortened version.

This period was perhaps the most difficult for policing because the construction of the Totley Tunnel had brought many navvies into the district and crime certainly increased with this huge increase in the male population. However there were several incidents, before the villages were swamped, that may give some idea of the policeman's lot.

On 26 March 1887, PC Burford caught 11 men drinking out of time, at 3.45, and they were fined five shillings or two shillings and sixpence. The men said they came from over three miles away (Ecclesall and Sheffield). The case was dismissed.

Then on 25 April 1887, PC Burford caught young boys damaging the underwood at Dore, owned by the Duke of Devonshire. PC Congreave corroborated, mentioned that there were thousands of people in Dore on Easter Monday. No fine, but the lads were ordered to pay four shillings and sixpence costs.

Around 1888-9, a tailor named John Royles, probably from Sheffield, made a couple of waistcoats and walked up to Totley to see if he could sell them to any of the navvies working on the Totley Tunnel; for the waistcoat was part of their usual dress. He could not interest anyone in the Cricket Inn so he walked down to the Crown. Here a miner called George Thymne tried one on and strutted outside where he was chased by Royles and the waistcoat retrieved.

The tailor, realising that nobody there was going to buy from him, wrapped the garments in a bundle, tied it to a stick and set off towards Dore. After 20-30 yards Thymne ran up and snatched the bundle,



Wood Lea on Dore Road, site of the shooting

quickly disappearing. Constable Burford was called and when he arrived at the miner's house in Totley Bents, found him wearing one of the waistcoats. In court the prisoner explained that he'd been drunk and as he had a mother and father to keep he hoped the bench would be lenient. The outcome is not known. One corroborating witness, Samuel Ware, who lodged for a time in the Cricket Inn was later to be found guilty of beating up his wife.

Burford was involved in many incidents whether assault, burglary, poaching or the attendance at accidents in the tunnel workings. In November 1888, tunnel labourer Edward Harris was accused of stealing a basket and sixteen eggs from local shopkeeper Mrs. Thorpe. The P.C. apprehended the thief and received a good kicking around the legs for his trouble. He stated that the navvies went around in gangs and the police needed protection. Harris received six weeks hard labour, probably no worse than tunneling.

Then in October 1889, our bobby caught J. Dyson a pipe manufacturer of Stannington, driving a traction engine without licence. William Lomas appeared in court and said that the locomotive was his property as he had taken over the business. However the eagle-eyed Burford

had spotted that a plaque was clearly marked Dyson 8991, which was for a Yorkshire licence and the traction engine had been spotted at Dore Station, some 50 yards into Derbyshire. These machines were not at all popular for they made a mess of the rather primitive road surfaces and also frightened horses that were travelling past.

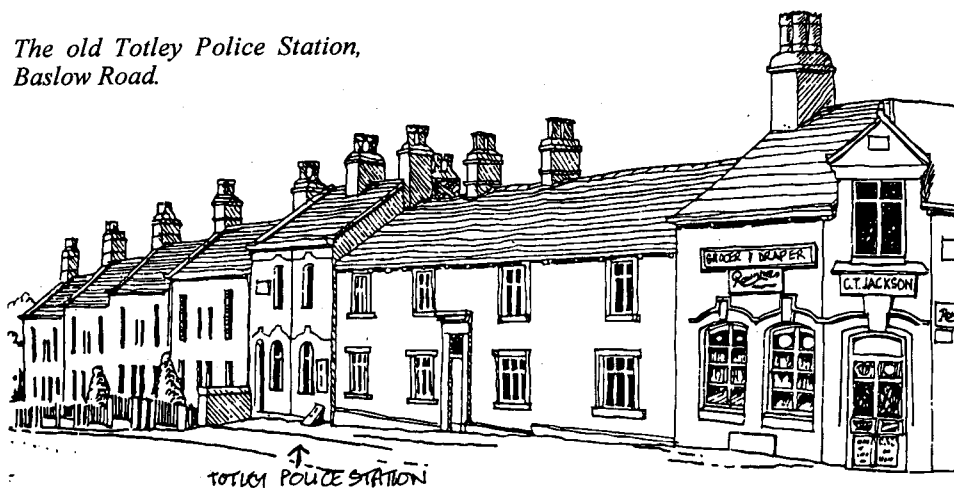
Policemen tended to serve in Dore & Totley for just a few years before moving on elsewhere. In Burford's case his term here was probably brought to an abrupt close by an incident that happened on the night of 17th January 1890. A burglar was spotted in bushes in the garden of Mr. G. Slater at Wood Lea on Dore (New) Road and was tackled by the P.C. who received two crashing blows to the head after his helmet had been knocked off. Despite being stunned, he fought vigorously and Mr. Slater, hearing the commotion, threw open the window, at which the burglar pulled out a gun and fired two shots at Burford. One bullet whizzed through his whiskers and grazed the cheek; the other glanced across the top of his head. The policeman became faint from the loss of blood and his assailant escaped. I do not know if any arrest was made.

John Burford was off work for three months and was then promoted to sergeant and transferred to Parwich. Dore & Totley residents presented him with an illuminated address, silver watch and chain, and a *purse of gold* as a mark of respect and in recognition of the faithful and able manner in which he had despatched his various duties. For a time he was stationed at Roston where he was attacked by a stick-wielding poacher, who was thrashed well and truly!

Later in life, John rose through the ranks and became a Detective Inspector and, in this capacity, he had the honour of acting as bodyguard to the Prince and Princess of Wales when they visited Chatsworth. Eventually John ended up as Superintendent of the Ashbourne District, being affectionately known as the father of the Derbyshire Constabulary. He died aged 58 in 1913. There was a large turn-out for his funeral, a mark of the respect in which he was held.

Brian Edwards

*The old Totley Police Station,
Baslow Road.*



Update on Moss Road

The local Rambler Association report that Sheffield Council have decided, on grounds of the cost involved, not to take action on the ongoing desecration of the section of Moss Road that is in Sheffield.

Derbyshire CC have placed an order against vehicular access on their section but so far have not actually enforced it. They may now pursue a new approach which could deter vehicles from using the Sheffield section also.

To find out more about regular walks and the work of the Sheffield Group ring Terry Howard on 266 5438.

Digital black spot

Large areas of Dore are in a digital black spot, unable to receive the Freeview digital TV channels by terrestrial means. We tried to find out why, and when the situation will be rectified.

Currently there are 80 transmitters broadcasting digital television, but they only cover 70% of the population. We understand there is little more that can be done to increase coverage without creating interference with current analogue broadcasts, due to a shortage of wavebands. Yet the Government plans to switch off analog TV sometime before 2010.

No date or firm proposals for the balance

of the change over have yet been fixed, but an announcement is expected later this year. In the meantime we are in limbo, unless you switch to satellite TV.

Furry Friends

Twelve years ago Jane Ward clambered onto the roof of Dorothy Perkins shop in Chesterfield after someone told her they had spotted a feral kitten. Jane took the kitten home to her house in Dore and named the kitten Perkins. She has cared for the kitten and hundreds of other feral and ill-treated cats ever since.

Now Jane is Chairman of Furry Friends a registered charity based in Dore which

works with the RSPCA. After being rescued all the cats have to be checked over by a Vet and slowly introduced to life living with humans, so eventually they can be found new homes.

As you can imagine the care and feeding of these little animals is a time consuming and very costly business and Jane must rely on good friends and fellow animal lovers to give a much appreciated helping hand. Alas, these are in very short supply as most of us lead very busy lives, but, if there is anyone who can spare an hour or two a week or at anytime convenient to themselves she would be most grateful.

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The Grand Duke

Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society are to present *The Grand Duke* in April. This was the last of the G & S operettas and was first produced at the Savoy Theatre, March 7th 1896. It was not as successful as some of the other operettas, and for various reasons, is rarely performed by operatic societies or professional companies these days. The last time it was performed in Sheffield was, as far as I know, 1967.

In my view, there are three reasons for it being left (unjustly) on the shelf. The plot is complicated and even by Gilbert's standards, somewhat convoluted. There are 17 named roles ('though some of them can be doubled up as they only appear in either the first or second acts, not both). The chorus music is technically difficult to sing in places but when sung well is as good as, if not better than much of the other music Sullivan wrote. Personally I think it is wonderful music and as good as anything in *The Mikado* or *The Gondoliers*.

This means that societies must have sufficient singers to play the roles and have enough left over for a chorus; the singers have to be fairly adept and the libretto has to be presented clearly to be understood by the paying public such that the comedy comes through.

Dore G & S Society is lucky enough to have such members with some fine singers who act well and a solid chorus who make a good sound so why not take the opportunity to come and see this rare work. I know those that do will enjoy it and so, in order to give you a fighting chance of figuring out what is going on to begin with here is a very brief résumé of the first half:

The Grand Duke is to be married to wealthy Baroness von Krackenfeldt. The good people of Pfennig Halbpennig, many of whom belong to a theatrical troupe

managed by Ernest Dummkopf, are sick of The Duke and intend to de-throne him the next day. Everyone knows of the conspiracy but shouldn't talk of it without discovering if the person listening is a member of the secret organisation, the sign of which is to eat a sausage roll, of which they are sick! (Typical Gilbertian stupidity.)

They intend to rig the election after deposing The Grand Duke and vote in Ernest who has promised to provide for everyone. Julia, an English comedienne who has joined the troupe thinks she is very professional and a cut above the rest.

Ludwig, the leading comedian, unwittingly lets slip the plan to The Grand Duke's detective (because he ate sausage rolls) and so risks death. The Notary (a prodigious legal mind) comes up with a plan. Ernest and Ludwig must fight a Statutory Duel. This is unlike a normal duel as it is a law allowing the winner to take the loser's place and assume his responsibilities while the loser is deemed to have died. The law (due to a quirk of Pfennig Halbpennig's rules) lasts 100 years unless renewed and this one is due to expire on the morrow. The duel is enacted by drawing of cards, the lowest losing. The plan is for the winner to denounce the "dead" loser as the perpetrator of the plot to de-throne The Grand Duke. On the morrow when the loser comes to life again, everything is back to normal (almost). The loser, having "died" once cannot be condemned to death as their law only allows a person to die once!

In amongst this, all sorts of other things are going on which you will only find out about if you come to see the show. This will be presented at The University Drama Studio, Glossop Road, Tuesday 20th April to Saturday 24th April at 7:30pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2:30pm. Tickets (£7, concessions £6) are available from Rita Drew on Sheffield 0114 248 7766.

Derek Habberjam

Dore Gardens

This year the Open Garden day is to take place on Sunday 27th June 2-6pm. Like last year, this will be one week earlier in the Festival period than it used to be.

This is a popular and successful event. People enjoy looking at different gardens, seeing a variety of plants and getting new ideas. We always welcome and need new gardens. If you think you have an interesting garden then please share it with local people for the afternoon. As well as having appreciative visitors you will raise funds for your favourite charity.

Some gardens have plant sales or offer teas but it is not necessary to do either.

We do not advertise outside of Dore because this is a community event and part of the Dore Festival. Every size and type of garden is welcome - formal, wildlife, vegetable, cottage, etc. If you are interested, or would like to have some information then please contact either

Anne Elsdon 236 0002 or Maureen Cope 235 0392

Councillor surgeries

We are pleased to have arranged for local councillors to be available for consultation in the Dore Village Society room on a regular basis. Forthcoming dates are: *Saturdays 13th March, 10th April & 8th May*, 10.30 to 12 noon - Liberal Democrats. *Mondays 23rd February, 29th March & 26th April*, 6pm to 7pm - Conservatives

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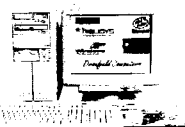
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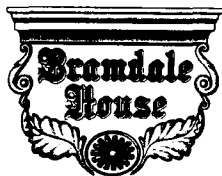
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Eric and Doris were married in 1938 by which time they had already bought their home at 1 Meadway Drive, where Doris still lives. Building on the Meadway in 1935 was the first stage of the inter-war development of Dore and the arrival of so many "incomers" was rather resented by the long-term residents. Doris laughs, "Well, coming to Dore, which was decidedly a village, the villagers didn't like us at all. Even the shopkeepers were a bit peculiar." How things have changed!

Doris remembers a village quite different from today's busy centre. There were a few shops for the basic food requirements but very little else - two bakers, two butchers, a post office but no chemist. The post office managed by the postmaster Mr. Mace was situated in the middle of the present Hare and Hounds building with the sorting office on the first floor. W.E. Thorpe, Family Butcher occupied the shop on the left hand side and a little grocer's shop was on the right, next to the original public house.

As a newly married, energetic young woman who had worked in a large firm for nine years Doris admits to having been "bored stiff". She explains "In those days a married woman didn't keep her job; she had to leave when she got married. She was doing someone else out of a job and, anyway, she was expected to be at home looking after her husband." So, Doris joined the W.R.V.S. and became active in voluntary work like so many women of her generation.

Eric and Doris soon made friends in Dore and through Alex and Mary Aldrich they were introduced to the Dore Dramatic Society. The group met in the Church Hall that had just been built in 1938. Although the Society faded during the war years it started up again immediately afterwards.

Doris reflects fondly, "It was a very good society, very professionally run and we met every Monday." They staged two or three full length plays every winter and usually performed from Monday to Saturday to full houses of audiences from Dore and elsewhere. Many patrons came by public transport and it was the custom to print the relevant bus times on the back of the tickets! "If the play was running a bit late you'd get perhaps twenty or thirty people leaving in a hurry because the last bus to town was going," laughs Doris while reminiscing over an album of photos and programmes of plays from 1946 to 1966. She mentions producers like Victor Mole and Lilian Hartley and actors such as Geoffrey Tomlinson, Pauline Moxon and Olive Lingard with backstage Clifford Hartley, Eric Stead and so many more friends and supporters. "Oh, it was great fun," she declares.

Dore Dramatic Society could not perform during the war years because the Church Hall was kept ready as an emergency Red Cross hospital but thankfully it was never needed. Doris took part in the war effort by working again, driving for the W.R.V.S. and taking her turn at fire watching. "My opposite number lived at the top of Meadway Drive. He used to come and knock me up at 2 o'clock. I'd put my tin hat on and keep awake and be ready for anything happening." she chuckles. It was largely a case of looking out for bombs and knowing how to use a stirrup pump. Meanwhile Eric was doing his stint with the Home Guard.

Doris remembers vividly the night that a bomb dropped on her friends', the Hartley's bungalow on Church Lane. She was at a house on Furniss Avenue with a group of ladies who were knitting for the Forces, thick fisherman's socks! "On this particular night there was an alert and then we got this terrific noise and I can see us now, a room

full of us, we all stood up immediately, (we didn't get on the floor) and said "There's bombs!" She relates that the bomb hit the centre of the bungalow and as the bedrooms were on either side, fortunately no one was killed. The only casualty was the dog! Doris pauses as she feels again her emotions of the night of January 9th 1941 - 63 years ago.

When asked - What is the recipe for her long and full life? Doris replies "I do think that being active and having a strong will to carry on and do things is the main thing." She does however bemoan the changes in today's society "Everybody's working, everybody's mobile, people watch television instead of going out. It's very dull now." Doris laughs lightly and her bright eyes and chic appearance display a lady who at 92 years of age still enjoys life to the full.

Maureen Cope, Dore Oral History Group

Easter services at St John's

Palm Sunday April 4th 6.30pm. The choir of St. John's and other Singers from around the area are singing a short passion from St. Matthews' Gospel, by Johan Sebastian Bach. Everyone is welcome to come and hear this beautiful work, a fitting preparation for the passion.

Maundy Thursday - Agape Meal followed by Communion 7.30pm.

Good Friday - 10am Family Service

2pm - 3pm Devotion by the Cross.

8pm - Service of Tennebrae. A joint service for all the churches in S17 to be held in Christ Church Dore.

Easter Sunday - 8am Said Communion Prayer Book service.

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Winter awareness!

The onset of colder winter weather brings with it a new set of hazards for our pets. When out on walks, it's great to enjoy the winter weather, but beware of frozen ponds and lakes which are a hazard to both pets and their owners.

At this time of year many people will also be topping up the antifreeze in their car radiators. Antifreeze usually contains ethylene glycol which is very toxic to both humans and pets.

Ethylene glycol has a sweet taste and any spillage is very attractive to dogs and cats who will readily drink it. If ingested, even small amounts can cause serious kidney

failure and usually death. Thus it is very important to ensure that any spilt antifreeze is cleaned up.

Additionally, don't forget that chocolate - especially the plain variety can be very toxic to dogs. If you want to feed your dog chocolate, specially formulated pet chocolate is the safe option!

Small pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs are very susceptible to cold and damp weather. With this in mind, move their hutches into a sheltered area or garden shed, give them extra bedding and check water bottles regularly to ensure they don't freeze.

The winter is a good time to talk about the PETS Passport Scheme! Why? - simply because if you are planning on taking your

dog or cat abroad in Summer 2004, now is the time to act since you must start the process at least seven months before you intend to return to the United Kingdom!

Since March 2000, dogs and cats qualifying for the scheme have been able to travel abroad to European destinations and return to the UK without having to spend six months in quarantine. More recently the scheme has been extended to cover the USA, Canada, Australia New Zealand and several other countries.

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Haddon Hall revealed

Derek Briggs, historian and woodcarver from Great Longstone, fascinated a packed Dore Village Society house in December at Dore Methodist Church Hall, with his "biography" of Haddon Hall.

William the Conqueror gave land in Derbyshire to the Peverils who built at Haddon a fortified manor house and held it until it was confiscated by Henry the 2nd and given to the Avernels. Haddon passed to a son-in-law, De Vernon, who built most of the structure we see today.

One Vernon nicknamed "King of the Peaks" perhaps because of the large area of land he held here, had two daughters, one of whom - Dorothy - did elope and marry at Aylesford Manor in Kent. From this union sprang the Manners dynasty, the heir becoming Earl of Rutland because of services to his monarch. In 1703 the Earl was made Duke of Rutland and deserted Haddon for Belvoir Castle.

Remarkably Haddon Hall was then left empty for two hundred and seven years! In 1910 it was repaired but mercifully not modernised. Derek Briggs pointed out that the Victorians would certainly have "improved it" thereby ruining the fascinating time-capsule it is today.

The chapel is basically 1170 with some small extensions since. Ancient wall paintings there, overprinted during the Restoration of the Monarchy, have now been expertly restored. There is no central heating at Haddon Hall, though electric fires are used on the coldest days to keep out the damp. The kitchens, which you may find are the most fascinating part of Haddon are dated 1370!

Haddon is known for its romantic gardens and famed for its roses and six foot delphiniums. They benefit from their own water supplied by a hill side stream.

Haddon Hall is closed to the public between October and April. The present Duke, Lord Edward Manners, lives on the Estate and is a businessman. During the public off-season, shooting and fishing parties contribute to his income, but a more important source is film-making.

"Jane Eyre", "Moll Flanders", "The Prince and the Pauper", "Elizabeth the 1st", "Travels with Pevsner", "Henry's 6 Wives", "Isaac Newton", "Gardeners' World", (for roses), and "The Seven Ages of England" have been made here. Extras are recruited from Bakewell and paid £30 per day but have to be on site from 7.15am to 8pm. Matlock Cinema, sadly closed recently, was always used to view the "rushes", and then always ran the whole film - the first showing - for a fortnight.

After questions had been thoroughly answered, Mr. Briggs was sincerely thanked by Mr. David Heslop. Finally, mince pies were savoured, coffee and tea sipped, and much good humoured chat enjoyed. I know that many of us felt that we were now even more able to recommend our Peak District to friends and visitors.

Pat Pryor

Wyvern Walkers

The Dore Village Society offers a regular programme of led local walks through its Wyvern Walkers group. Walks are usually between 5 and 6 miles long, starting from The Old School at 9am and back in time for lunch.

Some 60 people joined Dore's third Wassail Walk in December 27th. The pace was reasonably gentle but just enough to stir up the heart and lungs. A glass of punch and a warm mince pie awaited people at the finish.

For details of forthcoming walks, or to join our mailing list, please phone 236 9025

Abbeydale Cinema

In November 2002 various performing arts organisations and groups plus the Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society got together to examine the possibility of bringing the old cinema back to life. That meeting resulted in a charitable trust being formed, headed by local people and named "Friends of the Abbeydale Picture House". The ultimate aim is to re-open the building, not only as a cinema but also as a live theatre and with cafe, restaurant and souvenir gift shop.

Considering the years of neglect, the building is in a remarkably good state. After closing in 1975 it served for a while as an office furniture warehouse during which time the seating was removed. The ornate plasterwork is still mainly intact and should still restore beautifully. The proscenium arch survives and, as the stage is larger than the Lyceum's, large scale productions with a 1,000 seater capacity could be easily accommodated.

There are many amateur dramatic societies, operatic groups, orchestras, choral societies, choirs and dance groups in Sheffield which could benefit from a new venue. Hopefully then, when the building re-opens in maybe 2-3 years time, it is anticipated that its uses will be more varied than when it was originally opened in 1920.

Where is the money coming from? Well, mainly grants and hopefully Lottery funding, but as this works on a match funding basis the group still need to raise a lot themselves.

If you feel that you can help, you would be getting a really worthwhile project off the ground, create lots of jobs and at the same time save a really important Grade II listed building. Friends of the Abbeydale Picture House - registered office, 375 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 IFS.

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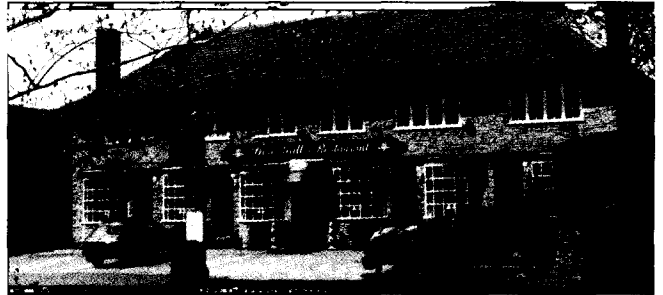
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The Wildlife Garden

Taking part in the British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) Sparrow Survey last year was one of the most depressing things I have ever done as a naturalist.

In itself the survey was quite simple: all I had to do was walk up and down the roads and paths in my assigned kilometre square, twice in May, once in October and make a note of all the sparrows I encountered - as well as any sparrowhawks, magpies and cats. My kilometre square centred on Twentywell Lane and included a large chunk of the golf course, the railway cutting, scrub, tracts of woodland and built up areas in Bradway.

You may have thought that such a mixture of habitats would be perfect for sparrows, so what did I find? First of all I discovered just how difficult it is to survey birds in an urban environment. In the woodland fringes it was relatively easy, as not only was I usually able to see them, I could also listen

to bird calls and songs to get a good idea of just what species were present. Unfortunately, roads like Twentywell are so busy these days that the noise from traffic drowns out all but the loudest bird sounds, so I ended up having to rely on identifying them by sight alone.

The other problem is, just how do you survey the birds in someone's garden? Although it would have been very useful to visit the gardens in my survey area, this was hardly feasible. I had enough strange looks from householders as I walked down their road armed with a clipboard and binoculars - you can imagine what the reaction would have been if I had tried to get access to their gardens! All I could do was observe as discreetly as possible from the adjoining roads and paths.

In May it was relatively easy to spot the sparrows, as males were chattering on roof tops trying to attract mates and I would see females flying with their beaks full of nesting material. What I did find disheartening was just how few of these

birds I actually counted in my survey square - the highest number was 26. However in October, there were hardly any sparrows to be seen, they were all hiding in hedges and I only caught the occasional glimpse of one as it broke cover - usually to visit a nearby seed holder. During all three surveys I never saw any in the golf course grounds; none along the railway cutting; none in the scrub and none in the woodland.

There were other birds in these four areas: magpies and crows in and around the golf course; woodpigeons in the cutting; blackbirds and robins in the scrub; gaggles of tits, woodpeckers and tree creepers in the woods, but all the sparrows were in gardens, especially those with large, thick hedges. Could the fate of sparrows in our cities be linked to something as simple as to how many thick hedges there are?

Of course on its own my limited survey can't provide a definitive answer, but despite all its faults, it did show me just how important big, thick hedges are for our urban birds. My garden is surrounded by broad, two metre high privet hedges and I regularly get upwards of thirty garrulous sparrows using them as a safe haven, flitting in and out to visit the seed holders. I was hoping to reduce the height of these hedges substantially as they are so difficult to keep trimmed. However, I now realise I will have to leave them like this for the birds and continue my seasonal battle with the hedge-clippers, and that is perhaps the most depressing thing of all!

Jack Daw

Wild Flowers of the Peak

The next open meeting of The Dore Village Society will be on Wednesday 4th March, when there will be a 60 minute talk by Patrick Harding on 'Wild Flowers of the Peak District'. The talk will last about

The talk will look at why the Peak District is such an important site for wild flowers and at how the book 'Wild Flowers of the Peak District' came to be illustrated and written. Slides of flowers will be shown, depicting the many different habitats in the Peak. Information on plant names, identification and medicinal usage will be given. Copies of the book will be available at a discount to shop prices.

The meeting will be held in the Methodist Church Hall and will begin at 7.30pm.

Whinfell Quarry Gardens

The Dore Village Society has recently made a grant of £68 towards new signage at Whinfell Quarry Gardens, as being installed by the Friends group. They are always looking for new supporters and can be reached on 236 1113.

The Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens have arranged a number of working days this year to clear paths, undertake fencing work or general tidying. The next date is Saturday March 20th from 10am to 3.30pm - all tools provided.



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OFSTED. The school was inspected in the last week of January. It had been 6 years since our last full OFSTED inspection and we had hoped they would delay their next inspection until we were in the new school, however that was not to be. We are quietly confident about the week. We know our strengths and equally we know which areas we would like to develop further. I have every confidence in the staff and students of the school and hope that we will come through this with flying colours showing the community once more that we are a school that they can be proud of.

The New School Building. As many of you will know, the work on the new building started in September. Most of the work last term involved site access, preparation and drainage work. This term we expect to see the foundations being built and the structure beginning to take shape. The work is currently on target for the main building work to be finished by April 2005, ready for us to move into. Other exterior work – landscaping and demolition of the old buildings should be complete by November 2005.

Litter. Like most other schools in the land we have a small minority of students who do not behave as we would like them to with regard to litter. Students from years 7-11 do litter picks around and between the sites, they are very much aware of the problems litter brings to the local

community. It is true that in PSE (Personal and Social Education) we speak to them about citizenship and the role/responsibility they have to play in keeping our community clean. Our school councils have in fact requested more bins for the school – the students themselves want to live, play and study in a litter free environment. We shall continue to treat seriously this issue and hope that by educating our youngsters we can help to lessen the litter problem in our local community.

Adult Education. I am very pleased to announce that we have two adult education classes beginning at the start of January. To be honest, we have been over-whelmed by the interest for our ICT lessons and will be running further classes after February half-term. We are also pleased to be running an Asian Cooking class for a 6 week block in January/February.

My hope is that we can expand the area of 'Adult Education' further at KES. In our opinion, the more opportunities we can give our local community to come into school and 'learn', the better.

6th Formers. And finally a word of praise for our 6th Formers. Our 6th Form has almost doubled in size over the last few years, as the reputation and popularity of the school has spread across the city. Large numbers of our own students stay on to the 6th Form and we have many more wanting to join us from schools from across the city.

I personally have never worked in a school with a 6th Form before. My previous experience has been only of 11-16 schools.

The difference is quite noticeable. The level of maturity of our 6th Formers, and the important role they play around school in modeling good behaviour and leading by example help create our special atmosphere. The work they do with helping younger students who have difficulty in reading and in helping to organize events and competitions at lunchtimes and after school – all these things (and there are many more examples!!) contribute to making KES such a very special school.

If you have any questions to put to me or any comments to make, could you write to me at King Egbert School, Furniss Avenue, Dore, S17 3QN

Sean McClafferty Deputy Headteacher i/c Community and Technology College Status

P.S. Although not officially available until around March 2004, it would seem that once again our main indicators comparing us with similar schools (so called PANDA grades) for Summer 2003, were all A and A* (the top grades available)

Visually Impaired Group

The Totlely and Dore support group for the visually impaired will be holding meetings on: Wednesday 25th February; Thursday 25th March; Tuesday 27th April; and Wednesday 26th May; from 11.30am to 12.30pm.- Newcomers are most welcome. For details please first ring John or Pat on 255 0758.

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Many readers will be familiar with Howard Smith and his excellent books on Turnpike Trails. His latest publication covers *The Sheffield and Chesterfield to Derby Roads*. This is a fascinating history book, starting with the Roman route, then following the later development of turnpikes along the route. There are sections on road making, coaching and coaching inns, suggested walks on parts of the route, details on carriers and the decline of Turnpikes. The book is amply illustrated with old and new photographs, drawings by Mike James and maps by Tony Smith. This is a must for anyone interested in local history or history in general. The book is available direct from the author himself on 0114 258 8054 price £9.95 or from Greens shop on Causeway Head Road, Dore. ISBN 0-9521541-5-3

Listeners to BBC Radio Sheffield will be familiar with Melvyn Jones and his regular local history spot. His new book *South Yorkshire Yesterday - Glimpses of the Past* develops and records much of his research to create a rich 170 page miscellany of the region's economic, social and cultural history. There are 18 chapters ranging from our Viking ancestors to striking miners, from mythical Ivanhoe to Victorian migrants along with Sheffield in the 16th and 17th centuries and old calendar customs. Amply illustrated with old photographs, drawings and maps there is something here for everyone interested in our past. Dalesman Publishing, price £11.95 ISBN 1-85825-187-7

With longer spring days in prospect, it is time to think about getting back out into the Derbyshire countryside. There are plenty of places to go and things to do, and while you are out, why not stop off somewhere for lunch or a refreshing tea break.

The Peak District Cafe and Tea Room Guide contains details of some 74 establishments, carefully researched by author Andrew McCloy. Along with

location, telephone number and opening times, each cafe has a brief general description plus a note on the range of food and drinks it serves. Venues vary from the famous Pudding shop in Bakewell to less well known locations in railway stations, book shops and even a motorcycle showroom. Sketches and pictures illustrate many of the places and there are extra snippets on such things as coffee and speciality tea choices. This competitively priced, refreshing and compact guide, is published by Johnson Publishing price £3.95 ISBN 0-9542574-1-3 (or direct from the publisher on 01623 645471 for £4.50 incl p&p)

It is often difficult nowadays to draw a clear distinction between pub and restaurant, as the former offer increasingly wide and ambitious menus. But there are still plenty of pubs in the Peak District, catering for all manner of customers and needs. *The Peak District Pub Guide*, now in its first reprint, details over 200 pubs listed by location within four geographical divisions of the Peak District. This best seller provides key information for each pub covering beers, food, accommodation and opening times. There is also a general description of each pub, and the guide is illustrated with occasional line drawings, pictures, and maps. Interesting snippets such as What's in a pub name and details of Peak Breweries add to the overall interest. This indispensable guide for local or tourist is published by Johnson Publishing price £4.99 ISBN 0-9542574-0-5 (or direct from the publisher on 01623 645471 for £5.50 incl p&p)

Cicerone continues to publish new editions to its excellent range of guides for walkers, covering the UK and many locations overseas. *Historic Walks in Derbyshire* brings together in its 288 pages some sixty circular walks of 2 1/2 to 9 1/2 miles, specially selected for their historical interest and suitable for all the family. Key information on routes, terrain and starting points are provided for each walk along with a full colour OS map extract. All are

illustrated with photographs taken by the author, showing some of the most interesting places visited on route. There is an overall location map and a useful introduction to the geology, history and customs of the area. I can think of no better handy sized way of being introduced to, and exploring, the history of Derbyshire. Published by Cicerone Price £ 12 ISBN 1-85284-353-5

Getting away from the crowds, inventing your own routes, discovering new areas, and gaining the confidence to do these things yourself, are all part of making the outdoor walking experience more enjoyable. A new 160 page guide *Map and Compass* - the art of navigation, aims to give you the skills and incentive to do this. Author Pete Hawkins has some twenty years of experience of teaching navigation and puts this across in a humorous and accessible style. The books fifteen chapters range from why we need to be able to navigate, through how to use the equipment, including satellite guidance (GPS), to what needs to be considered when planning a walk. OS map extracts and photographs are used throughout. In short everything you need to learn how to plan and enjoy hill walking in safety. Published by Cicerone Price £12. ISBN 1-85284-394-2

Extensive forest woodland provides opportunity and fascination for both walkers and nature lovers. The National Forest project is now 10 years old, involving the planting of 30 million trees on 200 square miles of farmland and reclaimed coalfield near Birmingham. Already some 350 km of trails have been built, and you can enjoy these in the form of 15 walks detailed in a *Forest Walks Guide*. Ranging from 3 to 22 miles, the walks pass through new and existing woodlands or sites of interest in The National Forest. Held in a useful ring binder so that guides can be carried separately, each walk details the route with map and points of interest. To obtain a copy send £5 made payable to the National Forest Company, to Enterprise Glade, Bath Lane, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6BD.

The Woodland Trust is active in saving and preserving some of the best woodland in the country. They have recently produced a series of five Exploring Woodland guides in association with Collins publishers.

Our local guide *Peak District and Central England* describes a good number of easily accessible and beautiful woodland sites both privately and publicly owned. Overall guide maps allow each site to be easily located, and there are descriptions of history and wildlife that you might encounter. Well presented, with colour photographs taken in many of the woods, this is a guide to make you want to explore. To order any of the five guides at £4.99 a copy or £22.95 the set, (p&p free) call FREEPHONE 0800 056 0643. During normal office hours

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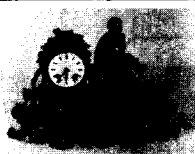
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Stars in Dore

With so many bright planets visible from Dore during the early part of this year, something weird and interesting is bound to occur, not collisions as such, fortunately, but close, apparent encounters in the sky. By far the most important event to be seen this year involves Venus and the Sun on the morning of 8th June 2004. On that day between 6am and 12am BST we shall witness a transit of Venus across the lower part of the Sun. Since the Sun rises at about 4.42am this event will be easily observed with the Sun well up in the eastern sky. And the planet, as large as Earth, may be seen as a small black spot traversing the Sun.

Mercury did the same thing last year but this year's transit will be much easier to observe and it is an extremely rare event. Venus last did it in 1882. Take a look at the regular, cyclic pattern of these events. Past and future Venus transits run like this, 1631, 1639, 1761, 1769, 1874, 1882, 2004, 2012, 2117, 2125, 2247, 2255, and always in June or December. This strange celestial clock has repeated throughout history and will do so almost forever. See if you can spot the pattern (answer given below). It has been said the Creator must be a mathematician!

The usual warning must be given regarding the Sun. Do not look at the Sun with the naked eye, and never without recommended eye protection, especially through a telescope! A trick one can use is to turn one's back to the Sun and look at the fainter multiple reflections in a double-glazed window through a dark filter. The run-up to the Venus transit during the previous months is also particularly interesting.

As the brightest object in the January to April evening skies, Venus can still be followed from dusk in the south-west until it sets in the north-west. Through small telescopes the disk of Venus looks like a minuscule Moon, each week or so appearing progressively more crescent-shaped, and larger, until at last it passes over the Sun in June. On 3rd April Venus passes close by the Pleiades cluster in Taurus which will make a beautiful picture in binoculars, although because of a large Moon nearby the sky will not be absolutely dark. Saturn is also nearby (above and to the left of Venus). Venus at this time will appear like a half-Moon and extremely

bright at magnitude -4.27. It outshines Jupiter at magnitude -2.25, which is about six times fainter. Also, do not miss looking for the crescent Moon at dusk on 24th March (Venus just to its right).

Saturn is still worthy of a comment although it is considerably fainter now. The magnificent rings are still tilted away from us and appear at their best. One can also watch Saturn's gradual movement against the background stars and wonder at its peculiar forward (leftward) and backward (rightward) motion in Gemini. Saturn reaches an extreme 'rightward' point in the sky just above the 'box-shape' of Gemini in the Spring, and then next year will reappear beneath Gemini on its general path eastwards as it revolves around the Sun. The dynamics of the solar system is intriguing in its complexity but almost totally predictable thanks to modern science!

Spring begins on 20th March this year when the Sun crosses the equator between 19th and 20. This is the day before Mothering Sunday this year. We are frequently asked about the dates of the equinoxes and when midsummer occurs. It does vary from year to year which leads to confusion. The vernal equinox is around 21st March, the autumnal equinox around 23rd September. The summer solstice is around 21st June and the winter solstice around 22nd December in the northern hemisphere. When the Sun crosses the equator to herald the start of Spring it is in Pisces. Actually, if the reader of Dore to Door managed to find Pisces last winter as suggested, it may be of interest that the Sun crosses the equator just near the circle of stars in Pisces beneath the Square of Pegasus.

There are no solar eclipses visible from Dore this year. One would have to travel to South Africa or Antarctica on 19th April 2004 to witness a partial solar eclipse. It would be wiser perhaps to plan a spring holiday in Turkey for 2005 on 8th April where there will be a total solar eclipse, perhaps a cruise from Venice to Istanbul. Venus will then appear close to the eclipsed Sun. Travelling has always made the writer very aware of the Cosmos. Not only is the immensity of the Universe impressed upon one but the scale of nearby things is brought home. For example, as viewed from Dore the transit of Venus on 8th June will occur at such and such a time whereas in the Chilean Andes it occurs at a slightly different time due to the differing line of sight, Earth - Venus - Sun. This small difference actually allows the astronomer to measure the distance to the Sun extremely accurately. In 1769 an expedition was sent to New Zealand to enable the Venus transit to be observed and timed from two widely separated points on the Earth's surface for this very reason.

There is also that feeling when separated from loved ones and the Moon is visible, that to gaze simultaneously at the Moon miles apart brings one closer. The writer had a friend who years ago sailed regularly from New Zealand and nearby islands in his

110-foot schooner taking copra and mother-of-pearl to the States for the cosmetic trade. On such trips the native crew frequently went to the bow of the vessel in the evenings and 'communicated' with their spouses a thousand miles away. Telepathy perhaps! This was thirty years before the mobile 'phone. Sadly, this is not a story that an astronomer can swallow but it is appreciated all the same. Certainly a sense of the Cosmos may be felt and shared.

Once again we should like to draw attention to the Sheffield Astronomical Society which meets at the Mayfield Education Centre, David Lane S10. From Dore and Totley this is easily accessible and only three miles away. Proceed from Dore up Long Line turning right towards the Norfolk Arms, then turning left and then right into Fulwood Lane. Pass Greenhouse Lane and turn next right down Andwell Road, the hill with the view of Sheffield below, and after about half a mile turn down the very narrow lane, Mayfield Road to the Old School. Meetings are on Mondays at 7.30pm and practical observing sessions usually on Fridays, weather permitting. Telephone 0114 2692291 (Darren) for details. The Society is currently in consultation with the Sheffield Council about a 'permanent home', including a modern observatory, to enhance its public facilities. Also, for the 8th June 2004 transit of Venus the Society is arranging to present live images and commentaries at the Peace Garden in Sheffield City centre. These keen amateur astronomers come from all walks of life and welcome anyone with an interest in astronomy, especially those starting the new hobby.

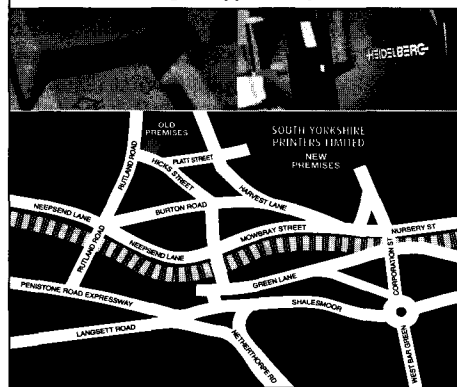
(Answer. The intervals between Venus transits are about 105, 8, 122 and 8 years, then 105 again).

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- 23 **Blacka Moor** reserves advisory group meeting 7pm,
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- 24 **A Garden for Children**, talk by Sue Kohler for FOBS,
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- 27 **Concert** by John Wade Singers at All Saints Church for
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MARCH

- 1 **Period Living: Sheffield 1600-1900.** Talk by Mrs Julie
Banham for Hallamshire Historic Building Society, 7.30
Quaker Meeting House, St James Street. Details: 255 0172
- 2 **Canon Backfiring** talk by Canon F G Lacey for Dore
Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45 at Church Hall.
- 4 **Wild Flowers of the Peak District**, talk by Patrick
Harding for the Dore Village Society 7.30pm Methodist
Church Hall. Entrance free. Everyone welcome.
- 8 **Green Roofs & Living Walls**, talk by Nigel Dunnett for
FOBS, Sheffield Botanical Gardens Demonstration
Centre, 10am. Details - 236 1568
- 9 **Mongolia**, talk by Sheila Dyson for Dore Mercia
Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am Dore Church Hall
- 9 **Davy Engineering.** Talk on its history by Michael Steeper
for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society. 6pm Royal
Victoria Hotel. Details: 230 7693
- 9 **AGM & Durham Cathedral** talk by Lilian Graves for
Hunter Archeological Society, 7pm Lecture Theatre 9,
Arts Tower, University of Sheffield.
- 10 **AGM** Dore 'A' Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School
2pm
- 10 **Computer sales event** at King Egbert School 6-8pm
- 12-15 **National Science Week** - events organised by the two
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- 13/14 **Sheffield Flood Exhibition** at St Polycarp's Church Hall,
Malin Bridge 11am-5pm on 13th, 10.30am-1.45pm on 14th
- 13 **Drystone Walling Course** on Blacka Moor, Sheffield
Wildlife Trust. 10am - 4pm. Book by 5th on 279 2670
- 14 **Spring Plant Sale** 2-4pm Sheffield Botanical Gardens.
Details from 236 1568
- 16 **Sheffield Castle**, talk by Ron Clayton for Townswomen's
Guild Social Studies programme, 9.30am, Methodist
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- 16 **Visit to Lyceum** "Me and My Girl" by Dore Methodist
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- 17 **English Mediaeval Alabaster** Talk by David Lillistone
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- 20 **Working Day** Whinfell Quarry Gardens, 10am-3.30pm.
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- 23 **Drought Tolerant Plants** talk and plants for sale, FOBS,
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- 30 **Talk**, for Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am
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- 30 **Talk** by Rev Chris Kirk for Dore Methodist Church
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APRIL

- 2 & 3 **Art Exhibition**, Dore Art Group, Dore Old School.
Friday 2pm to 6pm Saturday 9.30am to 6pm Admission
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- 5 **The Restoration of Damaged Peat Bogs**, talk by Tim
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- 7 **Spring Fair** Sheffield Cheshire Home, Mickley Hall.
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- 14 **Guest Speaker** Dore 'A' Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old
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- 20 **100 Years of Wedding Dresses**, talk by Roy Young for
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Methodist Church Hall
- 20 - 24 **The Grand Duke** by Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Soc, The
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- 20 **Hong Kong Handover** talk by Michael Waters for Dore
Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45 at Church Hall.
- 21 **Misericords - Cartoons in Wood** Talk by Grace Pacey
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- 27 **The Art of Stick Dressing**, talk by Tony Balding + sticks
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- 4 **Canal Basin Dereliction** talk by Nora Rogerson for Dore
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- 6 **Old Roads through Holmesfield** A talk on the Gleadless
- Calver Turnpike by Howard Smith. 8pm Holmesfield
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- 9 **FOBS Main Plant Sale.** 10.30am - 2.30pm. Sheffield
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- 12 **A year of a Town Mayor** Talk by Mrs J Henshaw for
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- 12 **History Trail**, meet 7.15pm at Thompson Road entrance.
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- 12 **Timber Framed Buildings of S Yorkshire** with special
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- 12 - 15 **Curtain Up on Murder** T.O.A.D.S. Spring production,
St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South,
7.30pm. Tickets from 236 6891
- 15/16 **Chatsworth International Horse Trials.** Details 01295
788492
- 15-17 **Etwall Well Dressing.** 8 wells.
- 18 **Canal Boat Trip** by Dore Methodist Church Tuesday
Group, 7.45 at Church Hall. Group. Details 236 7639
- 27-29 **Playing Away** comedy by Judith Shaw, Apex Players
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