

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Recycling madness

Everyone was surprised by the appearance last week of strange metal contraptions on the tarmac in front of the newsagents shop on Causeway Head Road. These turned out to be supports from which recycling bins will be suspended.

In this day and age it beggars belief, or does it, that Onyx can install recycling bins on our pavements without any consultation with, or even advance notification to, adjacent businesses or residents. Neither local councillors or the Dore Village Society were informed.

It does not take a genius to see that the bins will act as a magnet for litter and vandalism. They create a hazard for the poorly sighted, will block the delivery of papers to the newsagents forcing delivery vehicles to park in the road at a dangerous point, while car drivers using the bins will be tempted to park on the adjacent private drive.

The Society and local councillors are trying to establish how this all happened and get the bins resited. All we know at the time of going to press is that the workmen involved have said Sheffield Highways Department gave Onyx carte blanche, declaring the contraptions to be street furniture, and so not requiring planning permission!

We are all in favour of recycling, but when will the powers that be realise that to succeed they need to work with communities, not against them.

*John Baker, Chairman,
Dore village Society*

Hathersage Road safety

After the pressure from local residents, work has begun on safety improvements to Hathersage Road as headlined in our last issue. Already erected are signs "Five killed in five years" at Limb Lane and Fox House, with new road surfacing, and a revision of the speed limit to follow.

We understand proposals to make Cross Lane one way and to direct traffic out of Dore up Brickhouse lane will be the subject of local consultation.

(See page 18 for more details).

Alarm bells ring

The South Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority was described as weak in a recent Audit Commission report. As a result the Government will send a team of experienced officials to ensure swift and effective improvement. Surprisingly the criteria used did not include response times to emergency incidents!



Dore Band - see letter on page 7. Back Row left to right: Stuart Taylor; Jack Sykes; Frank Green; Marshall; Ernest Denton; Bernard Taylor; Vincent Taylor; Shirley Taylor; Jack Taylor; Not Known; Henry Taylor; Joseph Taylor. Front Row: Bill Brindon; C Holdsworth; Jack Burgess. Sitting: Harold Brindon & Clarence Taylor.

DORE SHOW 2005

Saturday

10th September

Old School and
Methodist Church Halls

2pm to 4.30pm

New Tesco Express

Work has started on building the new Tesco Express store at the bottom of Devonshire Road. Local concerns were expressed at the planning stage over possible traffic and parking difficulties, increased noise from customers and delivery lorries, and the threat to the viability of other local shops.

It is difficult to say what benefit the new shop will bring, given the major Tesco store just down the road. What is already apparent is the extra mileage incurred by some local residents in finding petrol for their cars, since the original petrol station closed.

Membership subscriptions

Reminders have recently been sent out to residents who have not reviewed their membership of the Dore Village Society. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. Subscriptions of £4 per person can be mailed to Anne Elsdon at 10 Rushley Close, S17 3EG.

Oral History Collection

In conversation with Graham Thorpe.

Graham was born in Dore in 1937, at 14, Church Lane, one of the old cottages that used to stand opposite the Hare and Hounds, where the Country Garden is now situated. He is the eldest of three children, having a sister and brother. His parents were Sammy and Norah Thorpe.

Sammy and Norah both came from Dore, Sammy from Townhead Road and Norah from Woodbine Cottage on Vicarage Lane. Graham recalls that his mother's family were very close and he remembers his grandmother in particular as being a 'very kindly lady' and he was very attached to her.

Sammy was well known around the village as the local odd-job man, chimney sweep and gardener. It was a very hard life being a sweep and took a lot out of him, as Graham remembers. He would return home from sweeping chimneys in the afternoon and "my mother had to get the old bath out and he had to be bathed in the hearth in what we called the back kitchen, and scrubbed down." However, following the Clean Air Act, his services were no longer required except at weddings, when he was in great demand, as it was regarded as a sign of good luck for a newly married couple to be greeted by a chimney sweep on their wedding day. He would dress up in all his kit and blacken his face. Graham describes this as a "nice little side line"

Graham has fond memories of growing up in the cottage on Church Lane and he would often see people coming out of the Hare and Hounds 'worse for wear'.

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Dore Well Dressing

A big thank you goes out to all those who helped with and supported this year's Well Dressing.

It has been stated that well dressing is a master class in teamwork and this is undoubtedly the case. For the well dressing to be successful it takes many volunteers to give their time and energy in a variety of ways.

So, thanks and well done to all those who, with patience and enthusiasm, helped to create the tableau. To those who let us raid their gardens and donate material and not forgetting all those who work hard behind the scenes, doing all manner of jobs, to ensure the smooth running of the project.

Thanks also to Mike Cullen and Porter Contractors for again supplying the lorry to transport the completed boards from Scout Hut to Village Green, to Jane for taking the photographs and to the men from the Devonshire for providing the muscle.

Judging by the compliments received it is obvious that both well dressings have been greatly appreciated, both in subject and design. This makes all our efforts worthwhile.

Once again thanks to all those who supported this village event.

Barbara Jackson

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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Please forward items for the Winter (November) issue to the address on page 2 by Friday 28th October 2005

Dore male voice choir

Once again the Choir were pleased to participate in the Dore Festival and enjoyed the concert with Dore Mercia and Totley Townswoman's Guild at the Church Hall.

The Choir did very well to be selected to sing at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in July. Singing with major Choirs from Sweden, Hong Kong and the New Zealand National Male Voice Choir was a great experience at this most prestigious event.

The Choir sang at Endors in a most enjoyable Summer Concert and performed at the Whitby Pavilion Gardens in their summer season of concerts before going to Bruges for a week in September.

David Heslop

Did you know

Now that there is a 7.5 tonne weight restriction through Holmesfield, the signed HGV route within the Sheffield boundary becomes the A621 through Totley, Abbeydale Road South and then up Abbey Lane to Norton. Local residents may have noticed extra heavy traffic, but then the sheer volume on Abbeydale Road South increases year on year. No doubt some of this is people driving to the nearest petrol station, now at Tesco's supermarket.

Getting out of side roads, such as at the bottom of Dore Road, gets increasingly difficult. But for pedestrians trying to cross to and from the Dore & Totley station it can prove suicidal.

Amazingly there are no pedestrian islands between the bottom of Devonshire Road and the Abbey Lane traffic lights. This is despite the presence of the station and the fact that the Sheffield Round Walk crosses the road nearby.

For a council that prides itself as road safety conscious, it is noticeable that they can spend money on reducing car driver deaths on Hathersage Road, but not on protecting pedestrians on Abbeydale Road South!

Doremouse

Councillor surgeries

Local councillors are available for consultation in the Dore Village Society room on a regular basis. Forthcoming dates are: Saturday 27th August; 24th September & 22nd October, 10am to 11am - Conservatives. Saturday 8th October & 12th November 10.30 to 12 noon - Liberal Democrats.

Recycling in Dore

Onyx is extending the trial textiles recycling service to more areas, including Dore and Totley, and providing an extra bag for recycling aluminium and steel cans. Onyx are urging residents to separate these items to increase the city's recycling rate and protect the environment.

Cans and textiles will be collected by local charity Reclaim, who provide employment and training for people with learning disabilities, mental health problems and others who have trouble finding work.

The bags will be collected on the same day as blue bins for paper and card, every four weeks, with textiles being used for charity. Cans will be sent for reprocessing and manufacturing, with the cash raised helping Reclaim's work.

This kerbside collection trial will continue until the end of March 2006.

Council letting policy

In June Local fury arose over the discovery that a council house on Totley Brook Grove had stood empty for 6 months, after the successful applicants from the nearly 170 who applied, failed to move in. A subsequent application by the successful tenants to buy the property was turned down. Council letting policies and procedures will now be reviewed, following pressure from Dore Ward councillors and coverage in the Sheffield. Councillor Anne Smith has now reported that the property is available for re-letting and is due to be advertised shortly.

Open mornings

The Dore Village Society room at the Old School is open to visitors on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Please come along to see the facilities or talk to members of the committee about local issues and the history of the village.

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Daffodils

Yes! It is that time of year again. We have ordered 2000 bulbs this year; fewer than in previous years but enough to make for a good addition to the Spring display.

The daffodils and crocuses are becoming well established. Last years addition in Townhead Road and by the Doctors Surgery in Dore Road made a good shown. The snowdrops on the Village Green were a picture and will continue to thicken up each year. We still have problems of vehicles driving over the grass verges, and even onto the Village Green, but somehow the crocus and other bulbs seem to survive.

This year we will be planting at the Parkers Lane/Causeway Head Road junction and hope to complete the planting on Cross Lane up to Hathersage Road. Anyone interested in helping (or donating towards the cost) is most welcome. Please contact me on 236 5043 or Anne Elsdon on 236 0002.

David Heslop

About time!

English Heritage and the Department for Transport have recently urged local authorities to repair traditional "finger posts" and install new ones. A new guidance leaflet says that the signposts are falling into decay and should be repainted in the traditional black and white livery every five years.

Philip Davies, of English Heritage, said:

"Finger posts are not only attractive in there own right, but have become icons that are important to national as well as to rural identity. They enrich the countryside wherever they are found and enhance local character." The oldest finger post, in Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds, dates from 1699.

Our only local finger post is on Hathersage Road, pointing down Limb Lane. The Dore Village Society saved this from being replaced by a modern council version several years ago, and it has been repainted twice since by local enthusiasts.

News in Brief

A planning application has been made for a new platform and footbridge at Dore & Totley station.

A Scouts Dinner will be held at the Dore Grill on the 30th September as part of the funding efforts associated with the "Buy a Brick Appeal" for refurbishing the Scout HQ on Rushley Road.

Food is now back on the menu at the Devonshire Arms, under the care of Michael O'Kane who was formerly chef-manager at the Regent Terrace Restaurant in Sheffield.

Squirts, initially on Twentywell Lane, have now opened a further shop at 812 Ecclesall Road providing quality clothes for ages birth to 16 tears.

Julietta Patnick, who lives in Dore, was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in recognition of her work on NHS cancer screening.

Science success

King Egbert School at Dore entered two teams of young scientists in the National Online Science Race 2005 and each won the Yorkshire category of the competition, in their respective age groups.

The King Egbert's team representing Years 9 to 11, came second in the UK competing against a record number of 774 schools, whilst the team representing Y7 and Y8 managed fourth in the national standing.

Staff and pupils were invited to the Natural History Museum where they were presented with their awards by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Science and Innovation, Lord Sainsbury and television personality Johnny Ball.

Pupils representing years 7 to 8 were: Chris Butler, Wallace Cuthbertson, Alex Deal, Tom Eldridge, Sam Harrison, Jade Hawson, Elliot Hill, Ruth Ives, Max Meuth, Alayah Murphy-Bland, Liam Sabine, Philip Smith, Lauren Stokes, Andrew Wardrope.

Pupils representing years 9 to 11 were James Baddeley, Ben Fielding and Tom Hayden.

It is the fourth time the school has made the top ten in the UK competition, which is held annually during National Science Week, and is designed to test student knowledge of practical scientific and mathematical problems

Penny Baddeley

(See article on new school at page 12)

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Back to the fifties

Totley Primary pupils will be turning back the clock to the 1950s during next term, as part of celebrations to commemorate the school's half-century anniversary. Events will include a day long dance session for pupils in the art of rock and roll, a chance to sample a typical 1950s style school lunch, and screening of the post war children's television favourite, Watch With Mother. Pupils and staff will wear 1950s costume and meet a "mystery guest" connected to the period.

Former pupils and those associated with the early days of the school are being invited to make contact with head teacher Isobel Shevill on 236 4482, so they can take part in the celebrations. The school is also asking people to come forward with their stories and experiences of school life at Totley in the 1950s so that our present day pupils can chat with former students and learn about the era.

Parents will get the chance to join in celebrations via the school's PTA, which is planning to stage a 1950s disco and live entertainment from a band.

Celebrations will begin on September 22nd with a visit to school by professional art group 'Jam Tart'. The artists will encourage children to design a mosaic, the best of which will be made and displayed permanently at the school to mark its official opening on December 13th 1955.

Totley County Junior and Infant's, on Sunnyvale Road, was the first purpose-built school in Sheffield to be constructed following the second world war. It first opened its doors to some 280 pupils on April 9th, 1951, four years before its official opening.

Traditional Heritage Museum - Forthcoming open days on Ecclesall Road are: Saturday and Sunday 27th & 28th August; Saturday 24th September and Saturday 29th October.

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Guide well dressing

This years well dressing, at the junction of Devonshire Terrace Road and Causeway Head Road, was created by Dore Guides to highlight the plight of people in Africa. Money raised will go towards the Mitengwe Project in Malawi, which aims to sink a bore hole so the village can have a direct fresh water supply instead of people having to walk miles every day to fetch water.

Agnes Mkoko, the regional Mothers Union co-ordinator for Malawi, has been staying in Sheffield and met members of the Guides. There are 150 orphans and 300 people living in the village and the only water available is miles away and has to be collected and carried daily in buckets.

European driving laws

British motorists driving abroad risk on-the-spot fines or having their licence confiscated because they are unaware of driving laws in the countries they visit.

A recent survey of 700 drivers by the car care company Comma showed that a third did not carry spare bulbs - a requirement in most European Union countries. Another 17% had driven without a warning triangle, 19% did not carry a first-aid kit and 61% had no fire extinguisher.

It is an offence to run out of fuel in Germany and Spain, and drivers who wear glasses must carry a spare pair in Spain. In Luxembourg it is compulsory to flash your headlights before overtaking and in Cyprus it is illegal to use the horn at night.

It is well worth while ensuring you comply with local laws before you set out. In Finland, where fines are based on income, a millionaire was fined £70,000 for speeding.

A different perspective

An article in Motor Cycle News from May caught our eye. It featured what it called 30 great biking roads, including the Snake Pass! A reader was quoted as saying it is one of the most famous bike routes in the country. Plenty of scope for 'head down', pleasingly twisty though linked by bumps. He mentions the great views, its popularity with other bikers and the chance to hook up with them on the route. Then the sting in the tail. "Watch out for police speed traps and lots of dawdling tourists too".

Gillian Farnsworth

Jean recalls

I read with interest John Taylor letter's. I remember John and his family very well. The Nurse Frith he mentions lived on Devonshire Terrace in I think the house that Reg Skelton lives in now. She lived there with her husband Dougie and son Pat. Some how Dougie was related to the Friths who had the dairy at the bottom of Brickhouse Lane. His father, 2 sisters, Alice and Mildred and brother Reg, all delivered milk, but Doug worked for the council until he took over as landlord at The Devonshire Arms. Pat helped in the pub until he went to work for Gordon Tools as a rep. The Wilsons who owned Gordon Tools all lived in Dore.

Gordon Wilson lived in the bungalow at the corner of New field Lane and Kerwin. He was a great supporter of Village events especially the Football team. Every year the team and supporters had a dinner in the snooker room at the Dev. We had many an enjoyable time in there. Doreen and George Fletcher helped behind the bars and Chris Fearnough waited on tables.

We used to travel by coach to the away matches. The women supporters of Bradway were particularly aggressive to the away side. One old woman used to trip our players up with her stick as they ran down the side line. I can still hear the crack in my imagination of the time one of the players had his leg broken on the park at Bakewell. Dore won the Hope Valley League Cup in the season 1955/6

Regarding Jean Pearson's article in the last issue, and the photo of her father pulling pints. The customers are Jean's mother, her younger sister Lyne and senior Atkins.

Jean Dean

Green sack waste

Approximately 20% of the average household's rubbish consists of green garden waste. But putting this in black wheelie bins is having a negative impact on the environment, as well as wasting a valuable resource. Onyx Sheffield is now launching the latest initiative to encourage residents in the city to dispose of their garden rubbish in a more environmentally friendly way. It is offering a 'Buy One - Get One Free' offer on packs of green sacks for recycling garden waste.

The sacks are available in packs of 3 for £1.50. When the sacks are full, residents arrange a free collection by contacting the helpline number printed on the bag. Green waste in the sack is then taken to one of several composting facilities in the city and the valuable compost material is used to reclaim land.

The green waste sack collection is just one of the ways that green waste can be recycled in the city and one of the initiatives in place to increase the city's recycling rate to 21 % by April 2006. Help Sheffield to be cleaner and greener, get a green sack.

Green sacks are available locally from Totley and Greenhill libraries. For further information call the Onyx Helpline on 0845 355 5515

The new Walnut Club restaurant and bar in Hathersage is receiving rave reviews both nationally and locally. Open 7 days a week from 12.00pm-11.00pm, it also has a Breakfast Club, Friday-Sunday from 8.30am.

The Walnut Club has set its stall out to try and achieve Michelin stars as soon as possible, and the restaurant is becoming the place to be seen; Michael Vaughan, BBC presenter Lynn Faulds Wood, and Clarissa Dixon-Wright of 'Two Fat Ladies' fame have all been spotted dining there recently. Part of the restaurant's meteoric rise to success is down to the head chef – Nicholas Wilson, who has a famous former-employer.....

NOVELLI CUISINE SET TO CREATE ONE OF REGION'S FINEST RESTAURANTS

The Walnut Club restaurant and bar in Hathersage is sending out a strong message of intent that it is set to become one of the region's finest restaurants, boasting a strong influence of Jean Christophe Novelli of Hell's Kitchen fame. Nicholas Wilson, who was head chef at various Novelli establishments for a combined spell of more than seven years, was recently appointed as head chef at the Walnut Club and is already putting his unique stamp of quality on the menu. The feedback from the public was instant – the first seven weekends have been completely booked up, and people now need to book early for a Friday or Saturday table to avoid disappointment.

Walnut Club general manager and former Sheffield Wednesday FC commercial manager, Sean O'Toole, said: "You might say we are creating our very own Heaven's Kitchen – a venue of quality and distinction that sets us part as one of the region's finest restaurants and bars. The venue offers an overall experience that is truly unique that simply isn't available anywhere else. Anyone who puts a high value on the quality, originality and freshness of their food will find something they like at the Walnut Club at any time of day."

The Walnut Club buzz is never stronger than at weekends. Talented up and coming musicians strut their stuff - helping create the unique Walnut Club rat pack and crooner style dining experience. Regular performers include the highly acclaimed Black Coffee.

The Walnut Club operates a 'no rush' policy and your table is yours for the night. All meals are 100% organic and vegetarians are well catered for. For further information and advanced reservations, visit

www.thewalnutclub.com or telephone **01433 651155**.



Culinary coup: Pictured: Nick Wilson, Walnut Club head chef (front left), with his former boss and Hell's Kitchen star - Jean Christophe Novelli. The picture was taken at Maison Novelli - one of several Novelli establishments where Nick worked as Jean Christophe's head chef.

The Walnut Club, Unit 6, The Square, Main Road, Hathersage S32 1BB.

Stop Press

The Walnut Club has now been open for over a month and is going from strength to strength.

The restaurant now needs further quality restaurant staff at all levels to meet the growing demand. Average or ok staff need not apply. The Walnut Club is looking for special individuals of all ages and backgrounds, who will help the restaurant fulfil one of its missions – increasing service standards and encouraging a professional approach to restaurant service, in a similar way to the continental approach. No experience necessary for anyone with the right flair, personality, attitude and commitment to excellent service.

Call Sean O'Toole on **01433 651155** for details.

Letters

Dear Sir,

Sheffield First recently invited us all to contribute to a consultative exercise on the City's future.

We were invited to say what is unique about Sheffield? To my mind, it is the inability to make the most of its history, natural setting and any imaginative opportunities that come its way. We have a great city held back by small minded and unimaginative local government!

The second question asked what do we want it to be famous for in ten years time? How about having rejected grandiose projects, in favour of development on a human scale in partnership with the different communities that make up the city as a whole. The Council should be there to reflect the needs and wishes of the City's citizens, not the egos of some of its elected representatives!

Name & address provided

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank all the people of Dore and its surrounding area for making us feel very welcome in my first year at Valerie of Dore florists. I am very happy here and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and making some very good friends. The business is steadily increasing, and I would just like to put some of our existing customers minds at rest, by informing you that we have no intention of selling the business and moving on.

Personally, I would love to be here as long as "Valerie" was!

Many thanks for your help, friendship and custom.

Jo Marshall, Valerie of Dore

Dear Sir,

Who's up for Petanque??

I am saddened to find here in Sheffield no facility exists to enable one to play the above. During the B.B.C. coverage of the World Snooker Championships it was stated that, as far as sport was concerned, Sheffield had something for everyone. "I don't think so!!"

Petanque is no longer the exclusive domain of patis-drinking, beret clad men from Provence with a low centre of gravity.

I along with a few others feel that a Terrain should be made available to the public in general in the area, as it has an appeal across the age groups, with a limited facility for vandalism.

Obviously before any progress toward gaining the interest of the Council/ Park, Woodland and Countryside to make a case for a terrain on public land, say Graves/Millhouses Park, then we have to generate an adequate response ensuring the viability of the project.

I would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone interested in playing the game or supporting a campaign for a local Terrain.

B Parkes

You can contact Bryan by e-mail at BryanP@waitrose.com or via our address (see page 2). There used to be petanque pistes at the Beauchief Hotel and the Castle pub, but both have fallen into disuse.

Dear Sir,

A friend passed a copy of your Summer Edition to me. I was particularly interested to read the article on the front page, "Buy a Brick Appeal". I'm delighted to learn that the Scout Group still flourishes.

In 1964 I took over as Venture Scout Leader from Ron Bradford, who had been promoted to Assistant District Commissioner Venture Scouts. Two persons in the photograph, Syd Crowson and Peter Jackson were Group Scout Leader and Scout Leader respectively.

At that time the Dore Scout Group enjoyed a very successful Parents Committee who provided funds for the new sectional concrete building and also to support the activities of the Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts. The Venture Scouts supported the Well Dressing each year with a sheep roast on the Green.

There were two Venture Scout Patrols and each built it's own two man canoe. The Patrol Leaders each built their own one-man canoe. With the assistance of a friend at a local steel works we acquired a purpose built trailer to carry the four canoes behind my car.

One expedition with the canoes was to the Norfolk Broads. My wife Eva and our dog Robbie camped separately from the boys to enable their freedom and development, but we arranged a meeting point each evening. The boys were entirely reliable and always waiting for us, I gained great confidence in them. We consolidated the confidence the Parents Committee had in us. I can't remember all the names but some were Ian Darley, Roger Brown, Peter Coggins, Peter Earnshaw, and Beverly Smith.

My task as Venture Scout Leader was less demanding than it could have been because my recruits were from the very successful Scout Troop run by Peter Jackson, assisted by Michael and Godfrey Wilkinson. I think their Mother was the Cub Leader.

My predecessor Ron Bradford's wife Beryl was the Guide Leader and I think she became a Guide Commissioner.

In 1967 I was honoured to be appointed Assistant Leader of the South Yorkshire contingent to the World Scout Jamboree at Idaho, U.S.A. Our first daughter Nicola was born in Jessops Hospital just before I departed! My career in the oil industry dictated a move from Sheffield, but the scouts of Dore and their parents enabled a very memorable phase in my life.

J. Brian Hudson

Dear Sir,

I'm not alone in being baffled by the 30 bus route and its figure of 8 dash through town. But generally I'm happy to walk the remainder. One of the main dilemmas is the loss of the bus stop at the Midland Station, and journeys involving heavy luggage.

A 2 bus journey works, changing at Hallamshire Hospital for the No. 60 route which still comes into the Interchange at D6 - the nearest stop facing the train station. However, a long trek is still required both before and after crossing the road, and Platform 1 (train) is out of action till September, causing further distances from the forecourt.

Why not consider a much easier option. The tram stop is within Midland station and all routes stop at the Cathedral. It takes 5 mins, and costs 80p or 40p concessions. It is at the back of the station, nearest to Platforms 6 and 8. On arrival at the Cathedral it's an easy cross on the flat to the bus stop. As there is a blue and purple route serving this short distance, frequency for the main part of the day is; Mon-Fri and Sundays every 10 mins, and Saturdays every 7 mins. Outside of those times the old 50 Dore bus goes from Pond Street, though not very frequently.

It's almost worth the tram fare to avoid the obstacle course that is the station forecourt. Like one of those nightmares where you think you're inside a stack of giant supermarket trolleys!

We're used to an infrequent bus service and lack of consultation on this side of town. There seems to be an assumption that everyone drives (really? even under 17s and over 70s?) Where do you park if you do drive? Or is the assumption that Dore people lightly catch taxis everywhere.

Putting that aside, did the powers- that-be consider the many bus journeys to St. Lukes Hospice from all over South Yorkshire, often at distressing times and served solely by the Dore bus route?

Gillian Farnsworth

Dear Sir,

Recently I joined the "Watermills" walk organised as part of Walking Week 2005. This was very enjoyable and informative as I used to live close to Oldhay Brook. It has led me to doing some looking up of my own maps and books.

I was especially interested in the siting of Nether Mill as it appears that in my childhood I lived about 200 yards away in King Ecgbert Road. Careful measurements transposing my Ordnance Survey 1st edition one inch map onto a modern map confirm your positioning of this mill. Then in my teens and twenties I lived close to Bradway Mill. Although on one occasion I visited the former dam of this Mill, I knew nothing of the existence of either mill until some years later.

On Grove Road we admired the signal box which dates from 1893 when the line was opened. I think there is just one other box on the line as old as this and that is at Edale. I was surprised to find that nearly all the Victorian houses had gone from the road and been replaced by a modern housing estate. I remember that several of the old houses used to form Dore and Totley High School for Girls (preparatory for boys) - Principal Miss Trott. Some of the girls were borders. I think that the school must have closed in the 1960s.

The mill pond for Totley Rolling Mill was large as the map on page 23 of Brian Edwards 'Totley and the Tunnel' shows. As well as occupying the site of the present Milldale Road it is shown extending as far as the old Thompson's barn in back Lane behind the Totley Rise shops. Brian Edwards writing about this structure says "We do know that in 1876 an unmarked building was in this position by the side of Rolling Mill Dam" (Totley District in Old Photographs page 22).

John Booth

Dear Sir,

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I am sure your readers will have noticed that Dore's sole surviving butchery business changed hands and trading name from 1st July 2005. I would like to thank all my customers for their support and friendship over 27 years. I hope that the personally selected stock, processed locally, was appreciated by my valued customers both old and new.

It was at this shop that I trained as an apprentice butcher almost 30 years ago before trying my hand in the engineering trade and then returning to the shop as proprietor of the business in 1993.

The butchery trade has changed very dramatically during my working life. Many modern consumers have little time to shop and try to pick up all the food they need once a week at one of the four large supermarket chains. The tradition of village butchery once originated from the local farms, through to a small slaughterhouse and to the butchers who made sausages, pies, mince, cured hams and products little seen now such as tripes, chaps, hocks, haslet, brawn etc. often delivering them to homes each week.

I successfully kept parts of this tradition going and now we see the development of local farmer's markets and farm shops as people are drawn once more to local products with taste and craft qualities.

Many of my customers know that I am a keen gardener, have always maintained and improved my own and family properties and have made a hobby of working on both motorcycles and cars of character. So, although I have left the butchery trade I intend to keep my strong links with the village by offering a range of gardening, landscaping, paying and hedging services as well as a handyman service for property repairs and improvements.

I will advertise regularly in Dore to Dore but wanted to express my appreciation to valued customers who supported me in my last business and assure them of the same traditional quality of service in the new one.

Richard Akitt

Dear Sir,

I have just been reading a copy of the Dore to Door and in it the question was asked, did Dore ever have a band.

It did indeed, the bandmaster was a Mr Shirley Taylor, he lived in the block of houses at the bottom of Townhead Road opposite the Chemists. They held their meetings in the old British Legion club also on Townhead Road. I know that because I once went for cornet lessons they didn't last though, much to my regret as I had other things to do in those days.

It was very interesting reading Jean Clarkes memories as a lot of those are my memories too. I can recollect at least two bombs dropping in Dore. One was right opposite our house at 96 Townhead Road, it came whistling down and landed about 50 yards away in the field opposite making a big crater. The other landed in the middle of Hartley's house at the top of Old Hay Lane. It split the house in two and if I remember rightly the only casualty was their dog.

We spent many hours huddled in the Anderson shelter buried in the back garden waiting for the all clear to sound. I much prefer the picture of the old Dore not a car in sight. I suppose that's what they call progress.

The cows that came through Dore used to come to the recreation ground, we had to play football and cricket around the cows pats. There was also a stream and a pond near the passage that goes into Kerwin. It was filled in and the stream piped underground. It grew lovely watercress and was full of frog spawn. We climbed every tree in the recreation ground or the 'recca' as we called it. There are still nails in some of the trees that we used to make them easier to climb, the old bent oak tree in the top corner was our base, we called it The 'Geeza', but don't know why.

Fred Marshall's shop was the first shop to sell ice cream after the war, it was yellow and full of bits of ice but we thought it was wonderful. My uncle ran a bakers and confectioners next to the now pulled down Rose cottages. His bread was supplied by a bakery behind the Devonshire arms called Watchorn's. There was also Levesley's butchers, Midgley's greengrocers, and Henry Bells electrical and cobblers shop. We had a watchmakers shop too, it was in a wooden hut just below what is now the chemists.

J Taylor

Dear Sir,

At the end of June I was walking through Dore village at lunchtime when a youth, who appeared to be in his late teens, threw a bottle or a can across the road at a house nearby where it landed either in the hedge or garden. Having brazenly done this in my presence he then proudly boasted to his friends (about 8 of them) that it was a good shot.

I was disgusted at such loutish behaviour in my quiet village centre in front of decent members of the

community. But what could I do? We have read in the papers all too frequently of members of the public who make their stand against such yobs only to suffer badly as a consequence. So I dare not take the matter up with them there and then.

If there had been a constable nearby, or anywhere in Dore, I would have gone and found him or her and taken them back to the scene and gladly made my identification of the culprit. But, of course there wasn't. And had I telephoned the police I have little doubt that I would have been given short shrift by them for what would have been regarded as such a minor matter. So, I dare not deal with the matter myself and I had no police officer to turn to. I was powerless.

What is to be done? Didn't New York get it right with their zero tolerance policy? Why should we be made to feel so helpless in our own communities against yobboes like these? How are ordinary people like me to be made to feel empowered to deal with this sort of antisocial behaviour at the time it occurs?

Or is the truth of it that our Chief Constable and local MP Mr Clegg will have to tell me and those like me (the vast majority of our society I suspect) that we will just have to grin and bear it? If that is the case surely something will have to change. I am surprised at how enraged I felt (and still feel) by this single disrespectful yobbish act. I have little doubt that all of my community feels the same way.

I would welcome any suggestions as to what I ought to do next time and I have written to our Chief Constable and local MP Mr Clegg seeking their wisdom on the matter.

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Occasionally there would be a fight, which made life a little more interesting.

At the age of five, he attended Dore School, where he recalls some of his teachers. He particularly remembers Miss Dobbs, who taught Infant 1. She lived in Dronfield Woodhouse and would walk to Dore and back every day. Apparently, she lived well into her nineties and was "a lovely lady, much loved by all the children". Then there was Miss Palmer, "who is renowned amongst people of my age" and was "not particularly well liked by quite a number of the children." But Graham found her discipline good for him, as his father was away at war and it wasn't easy for his mother to always enforce it at home. His mother worked in service for the Firth family at King's Croft during the war while Sammy was away.

The headmaster was Mr. Clark and he remembers him particularly because he always wore spats, something he had not seen before or since. "You were sent to him if you did anything wrong." He also had a punishment book, in which Graham feels sure his name appears.

At the age of eleven, he left Dore School and moved on to Hunter's Bar School where he was particularly impressed by one of the teachers, Mr. Bower, who encouraged him in many ways "not least of which was in sport...particularly football". It was largely thanks to him that Graham took the entrance exam to the old Central Technical School on Leopold Street, where he was introduced to the building industry, in which he is still involved on a part-time basis. He did well there and was obviously suited to this type of education. The teachers were very practical men and he responded well to them. Here he learnt his trade and thanks to the headmaster, Mr. Herbert Wadge, the boys were encouraged, "not only in their educational studies but again in sport."

Graham has always been interested in sport and as a youngster was very much involved in forming a boys' football team, called the Dore Rovers. They would play on the Recreation Ground, which Graham remembers was not always easy because of the ridges. They used to use two coats for goalposts. He recalls, with amusement,



Thorpe Family: Sam in uniform, Anne, Graham, Michael and Norah

"We thought we ought to all have the same coloured shirts and we decided we'd ask our mums for an old shirt and we went and bought some green dye and we dyed our shirts, a whole manner of different shirts. I remember the one I had was grey, I dyed that green and so it came out a very dark green. Somebody else would have had an old white shirt and dyed that green and that came out a bright green. But, nevertheless, we got together the semblance of a football team." They then persuaded their mums to embroider a little badge on the shirts which said DR. and set about trying to arrange fixtures. They played ten or twelve games a season.

At this time, there was also a men's football team in the village and a rival team in Totley. They both played in the Hope Valley League. The rivalry between the two teams was strong and it was a tradition that the two teams would play each other at Christmas. On Christmas Day they played at one ground and on Boxing Day at the other. The people of Dore and Totley used to really look forward to these matches, but according to Graham, they would invariably end up with people scrapping in one corner of the

pitch or on the touchline because they didn't agree with a decision. The boys always looked forward to these matches but Graham laughs, "there wasn't much peace and goodwill" Dore, sadly, no longer has a football team but Totley apparently does. In the mid '50s, when Graham was 17 or 18, he caused great consternation among his family and friends by deciding to play for Totley Football Club. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with them and made many friends there.

Apart from his sporting tales, Graham recollects his childhood when he was a member of the Parish Church Choir. The choirmaster was Mr Arthur Farnsworth, a relative of the farming family. According to Graham, "He was a dear chap who encouraged me greatly." Graham would sing in the choir at the morning and evening services but in the afternoon he would attend Sunday school at the Methodist Church in the village. This was because the Parish Church did not have a Sunday school. He recalls with great affection Sarah Sylvester who was the village Postmistress, Mr and Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Nassau, who encouraged the children to take part in concerts, which they all enjoyed. There was also Mr Harold Tomlinson, one of the early Methodist ministers, who brought his older son, Chris, to Dore "in a pioneering attempt to set up a youth club".

There was, apparently, not much to do in Dore in the early 1950s, as times were hard. However, Graham does remember that when he was in his early teens there was an annual ploughing match held in the village, often at either Farnsworth's farm or at Avenue farm. This was a much anticipated event. After the match everyone would retire to the Devonshire Arms where they would 'put on a spread' and then the prizes would be presented. There were also village dances, held in the Church hall and productions put on by the then thriving Dore Amateur Dramatic Society.

When he was a lad, Graham and his friends had two favourite activities. One

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was to play in the stream, which runs through Waggs Wood. Here they would dam up the stream just below the bridge on Whitelaw Lane and would fasten ropes to branches and swing over the water or simply jump into the stream. The local lads knew this area as 'the ducker'. The other favourite was to go up onto Blacka Moor, where they would play at cowboys and Indians in the bracken and would go home at the end of the day, "sunburnt and as black as anything through running through bracken and doing what boys do". He remembers these times with great humour and affection.

Graham has other reminiscences about his life in the building industry and his footballing escapades but, above all, it is evident that he feels very privileged to have lived all his life in Dore, which he regards as "one of the finest spots on earth. It's great here". Long may it remain so!

*Tricia Pitchfork
Dore Oral History Group*

Village speed gun

While the Government hesitates over the installation of more speed cameras, some people in Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, have taken matters into their own hands.

Residents of the village have bought a hand held speed gun from the police, and set up a rota for using it. Details of repeat offenders are given to the police who follow them up.

Dore Festival 2005

The 10th Anniversary Festival was very successful and all the events were well supported by the community of Dore. The fortnight started in glorious weather for the Open Gardens with over £1,200 being raised for several charities. We would like to express our grateful thanks to Julie Bearpark who has organised this popular event for nine years and has now decided to step down. Thanks also to the many Dore residents who during that time have welcomed the masses into their beautiful gardens and given such pleasure to us all.

Throughout the first week the DVS Wyvern Walkers put together a most interesting programme of walks, which were enjoyed by the many who went along regardless of the weather. A big 'merci beaucoup' to Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild for their entertaining concert 'a la francaise', and to the Gilbert & Sullivan Society for their summer medley. The Dore G&S took part in the first Dore Festival in 1995 and every year since they have delighted us with their concerts.

The Village and Guide well dressings were particularly successful this year, both in their choice of subjects and in the large number of helpers and visitors to the Scout HQ during their preparation. It was a perfect day for the Well Dressing Service on The Green and good to see so many young people parading. Once again the Methodist Ladies did us proud with their cream teas and their lovely floral displays.

Many thanks to them and to David Heslop for his informative exhibition on

Dore Methodist Church. In the Fun Run there were over 300 runners of all ages, (many accompanied by the family dog), raising funds for Dore Primary School. They were later entertained by Lord Conyers Morris men who always like to perform in Dore. Brian Edwards pulled in the crowds and as ever we admired his skill as an artist and photographer.

Unfortunately wet and windy weather on Wednesday evening meant that the play was removed to the Church hall. Despite this a packed audience enjoyed the performance by 'The Company' who must surely be the most versatile and enthusiastic theatre group ever. On Thursday the Church Hall rang to the voices of our own Male Voice and Ladies Choirs while at King Egbert School the community was warmly welcomed to an Open Evening. The wonderful new school building and the talented pupils who took part in the music, drama and PE displays impressed the crowds who attended.

The 10th Anniversary Festival ended with two events in Christ Church. Our guest choir the prestigious Sterndale Singers attracted a large audience and gave us a varied and enjoyable programme of quality. On the final Sunday both churches combined for a rousing Songs of Praise on a beautiful summer evening. A fitting end to a fortnight of community talent and friendship.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support Dore Festival and to the many groups, local businesses and individuals who have done so over the past ten years.

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Planning matters

'Farfield' Townhead Road. An outline planning application has been made for the provision of two houses in the garden of this property. The property has a long frontage to Blackmoor Road and the proposal shows the two houses fronting onto that road. It also shows the existing house with gardens and a small paddock at the rear. Whereas, in principle, there can be no real objection to the development with two houses, the applicant does not show any of the trees that are on the site, or what is proposed in respect of the trees. It has to be said that a number of the trees are in a very poor state but we would expect those trees that are in good condition to be retained mainly for screening purposes.

'Walled Garden' Dore Moor Estate, Newfield Lane. The owners of the Walled Garden that was originally part of Door Moore House have made an application to build a bungalow in the Walled Garden. There have been a number of similar applications and enquiries, but as the property is well into the Green Belt, these have been turned down. It is almost certain that this application will be refused also. Dore Moor House was split up for sale in the 1980's and a strong indication was given as to the possibilities (or otherwise) of any development on the parcels of land. There was no real prospect of any development on the Walled Garden, and it is a pity it was sold off separately.

114 Totley Brook Road. There are two new planning applications on this property. You may recall that it has been the subject of applications in the past. The property occupies one of the larger Edwardian houses on Totley Brook Road. The owners have applied once more to build houses in the back garden. There are three shown in one application. The other application shows two in the back garden and one at the side of the house. The Village Society considers this to be inappropriate development. The properties at the rear would destroy the privacy of adjacent houses apart from it being a serious over development of the site.

12 Townhead Road. You will recall the demolition of the front stone garden wall to this property and the construction of a car parking space. The work was done

without planning consent, even though the property is in the Dore Conservation Area. The Council served an Enforcement Notice and the owner appealed. A Public Inquiry was held in June at which the Village Society made representation. The Inspector has not yet given his decision. The concern is that the loss of the stone walls in the village, in this way, would be seriously detrimental to the principles of the Conservation Area.

'Long Acre', Newfield Lane. A number of people have spoken to me about the excavations in the recreation ground and the breach in the boundary of Long Acre. The work relates to the provision of a drain, connecting the property to a main sewer, and not a footpath across the Recreation Ground. The land should be fully reinstated after the completion of the drain and we will be watching progress here. There will be no footpath across the Rec from Long Acre. The application for that was turned down.

David Heslop

Dore on-line

The Dore Village web site has been improved and now provides an up to date information service.

Pages are updated frequently as information is received - we had photographs of the well dressing and the Scout and Guide gala on the day that each took place. We have also carried news items on the same day as the Sheffield press!

The Events Diary is constantly updated and there is a search engine allowing you to trawl the site. The complete Village Design Statement document circulated earlier this year can be viewed on the web site and copies down loaded. Local business and information links have also been checked out and updated, so please use them and support local business.

To make best use of this new village service everyone is welcome to e-mail information as soon as it is available - news, diary dates and changes, comments and points of view - there are e-mail links to enable this on the site. Please use the web site and spread the word. - www.dorevillage.co.uk

Colin Lavender

"Mediums"

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Glassware is very popular, but who wants to see a big piece of green foam sat inside it. That's why more and more cut flower sales are now becoming hand tied designs, where the florist uses their skill to arrange the flowers into their set positions and clean the stems, all you need to do once home is find the vase, fill it with clean water and flower food and re-cut the stems, easy!

Or maybe you may have tried out the new coloured oasis foam (rainbow foam) that looks nice through a glass vase and there is no need to try and hide it.

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Totley gardens

This year a total of 12 Totley gardens, and the Pinfold at Hillfoot, were opened to the public on a mid July weekend.

Altogether 412 people bought tickets and anything between 200 and 320 people visited each garden over the two days. £332 was made from the sale of plants at two gardens, £408 from the sale of teas and cakes at another two gardens, and £50 from the sale of home-made cards at another.

All those who sold produce and refreshments gave generously of their goods and time to make such good money. A lot more people than the owners of the gardens are involved in making this event a success, so a big thank you to you all.

The total taken from the event was £2,030, which after expenses of £55 meant that a profit of £1,975 was made. With the Totley Residents' Association chipping in £25, we shall present a cheque for £2,000 to Transport 17.

Our star gardeners were again, of course, Danny and Isabel Reynolds, who have tended their garden for 70 years - the same number of years that they have been married. Their garden was a picture this year - a riot of colour that everyone enjoyed.

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Haymaking wasn't any easier. We got our first pickup baler in 1962. Before that we mowed it, with a horse pulled mower until 1955. When the first tractors arrived it was still basically the same process with the machine pulled by a tractor rather than horses. The hay was turned several times at intervals of a day or so, then raked into windrows, cocked up and led off. To get hay without it being rained on was unusual. Pick up balers revolutionised the job of getting hay from the field to the stack but it still needed a week in the field to dry out after being cut. Again it usually got rained on at some stage. The worst stage was if the bales got wet before being led off, as they wouldn't dry out. A shower of rain could reduce the feed value of the crop by half.

Compared to manufacturing industry in the 60's, every new development in farming mechanisation was always eagerly seized. Anything to speed the job up and cut down the labour. Every day motor and engineering works were on strike over the introduction of new machinery, but not on the farms.

At least not in my time. My father remembered the time when hay was mown by itinerant Irish labourers who came over and cut the grass with scythes. We had a room in one of the barns where they would stay. He said one man could cut an acre a day, which was really going some. The first horse drawn mowing machines in Dore came in around the time of the First War. He said the old scythesmen would drive short stakes in the hayfield to break the cutter bar as they were afraid of losing work.

Father was the first farmer in Dore to get a binder to cut the corn, but they still used a scythe for the next 40 years for opening out. This was cutting the first swath so that uncut corn wasn't run over and wasted. He used to cut other farmers' corn for them before they got their own binders. You could adjust the height of the cutter bar so more or less stubble would be left. If too low it'd pick up earth so he usually left a few inches of stubble. Old Harold Thorpe used to run around after him saying "Can you just get it a little bit lower". This meant he'd have a bit more straw.

The lengths they went to get every last scrap of produce from the land. I don't

know what they'd make of today's world with the government paying grants not to grow crops.

Modern silageing equipment can get the grass crop harvested in a couple of days with a quality undreamed of in the old days. The machinery is so expensive that it's not economic for a farmer to have his own tackle. It's a job for contractors, so all the farmer has to do is make a phone call and then take a deep breath when the bill arrives!

Despite the huge improvement in harvesting machinery and crop varieties, the overriding factor is still the weather. From the London based media you get the impression that we're suffering unprecedented drought. A recent report in the Daily Express showed a picture of an almost empty reservoir and said water use restrictions are unavoidable. The last paragraph did acknowledge that other parts of the country had had more rain. Why don't they show a picture Ladybower and Howden dams brimful and at the end say we believe other parts of the country have had LESS rain.

For the record recent local monthly rainfall statistics from Weston Park are:-

In millimetres	London 30yr av	London		
2004	2005	30yr av		
Jan	106.5	48.1	87	60
Feb	50.8	64.7	63	35
Mar	41.5	31.8	68	50
Apr	107.0	82.6	63	43
May	49.0	17.5	56	45
Jun	68.5	42.2	67	45
Jul	45.9		51	45
Aug	181.0		63	43
Sep	34.6		64	43
Oct	88.2		74	73
Nov	36.2		78	45
Dec	46.3		93	58
Total	855		827	591

At the time of writing, July 2005 statistics aren't available, but we must have had at least 20 mm on July 28th.

Richard Farnsworth

Litter fines

Dropping litter is punishable by a fine of up to £2,500 in a magistrates' court, or a fixed penalty

notice, in England, of £50.

Until June 7, it was an offence to drop litter only on land to which the public have access. This has been extended to all land, including private land. From April, local authorities will be able to authorise officers other than their own to issue fixed penalties, and they will be able to set the level of the fines, within a range. The standard default will be £75. It will also be an offence not to supply your name and address when asked to by an officer serving an on-the-spot fine.

Heritage Museum

Forthcoming open days at Sheffield's secret museum on Ecclesall Road (300 metres below Hunters Bar) are: Saturday and Sunday 27th & 28th August; Saturday 24th September and Saturday 29th October.

Fewer buses

Residents in Dore and Totley are upset over the scaling down of bus services during August. More than 400 have signed a protest petition.

They say the 97, 97A, 30 and 50 services are running every 20 minutes instead of every 15 throughout August, part of a reduced summer programme bus managers say is necessary because there are traditionally fewer passengers.

King Egbert School

The move into the new building is a tremendous opportunity for everyone concerned with the school. Indeed, it is the chance of a lifetime and we are all privileged to be part of it. Everyone has been extremely impressed with the new school, and it really has given staff and pupils a lift.

We have fantastic new facilities, all new furniture and lots of new equipment. The school is fully networked and there are interactive whiteboards in most classrooms. Facilities for drama, music and sport are much better than in the old buildings.

There will inevitably be 'teething problems', as with any new building, and of course there is still a lot of external work to do as the old Wessex buildings get demolished and car parks etc. are built in their place.

It is very important that everyone takes pride in our new school and takes great care of the new facilities so that not only do they remain in excellent condition for us now but for pupils in the future.

We have had a number of Open Evenings for parents of our pupils and we also opened our doors to the local community as part of 'Dore Festival'. The official opening of the school will take place sometime around January/February 2006. The exact date has still to be fixed.

Sean McClafferty, Deputy Head

Farm clean-up

Farmers have been ordered to clean up the countryside and remove their rusty tractors, mounds of tyres, bale twine and oil drums. The spring clean is to ensure that farmers comply with tight waste controls set out in a European directive which the Government has ignored for more than ten years.

An immediate ban on farmers dumping old machinery and equipment on their land and burning plastic waste was announced this spring when senior officials at the Department of the Environment admitted that the Government had been guilty of breaching Brussels laws and that a hefty fine could be imposed by the European Commission.

Farmers have been exempted from the law in the past because ministers felt that the timing was not right for implementation when farmers were struggling with the BSE crisis and foot-and-mouth disease.

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Kidnapped!

The caller announced that he was speaking from the village green. We were impressed. Mobile phones were rare and expensive 10 years ago and the prospective tenant was speaking at the same time as looking at the cottage on Savage Lane that we had advertised for rent. He would like to look around. When would it be convenient? Right now? Fine.

Little did we know that, a decade or so later, our prospective tenant would have his face on the front page of every national newspaper having been found guilty of twenty incredible crimes of kidnapping and theft whilst duping his victims with stories of MI5 and the IRA. His name was Robert Hendy- Freegard and he is now facing a life time in prison.

Rob, as he invited us to call him, was charming. He had, he told us, a wife and two children living in Sheffield. He described the interview he'd had with the head of Sheffield High School, a possibility for his two girls, but wondered what we thought of King Ecberts. His work was arranging transport of highly secret loads across Europe. He needed somewhere quiet, away from the family, to work. It wasn't what we had expected – live-in tenants were what we had had before – but there had been no other interest and a rent was a rent so we agreed.

Before the contract could be signed we had another call from Rob. His wife, it appeared, had met and made friends with a bar maid at the Hallam Towers Hotel. The girl was in desperate need of accommodation and, in the circumstances and if we would agree, he was prepared to relinquish his claim on the cottage in her favour. We were suspicious. We could think of other scenarios whereby a young, handsome and well-off married man might want to place a young lady in our cottage. On the other hand it would be back to residential use so we agreed and Sarah Smith moved in during December, 1994.

In her own story, "My Ten Years of Terror under the Conman's Spell", published in the Daily Mail during June of this year, Sarah has described how she had been conned by Hendy-Freegard. It all started at agricultural college where she and two fellow students had made friends with the barman at the local pub. He

eventually confided to them that he was really a secret agent keeping surveillance on the college where an IRA bomber had previously trained. The three were so taken-in that, when he suddenly announced that his cover had been blown and that they personally were in danger because of their relationship with him, they agreed to go on the run with him. It was eighteen months later that Sarah ended up in our Dore cottage as one of many "safe houses" that he found for her during her 10 years in hiding. The other girl in the trio, Marie Hendy, had meantime borne him two baby girls and he had changed his name to include hers.

Sarah was the perfect tenant. Whilst in the cottage she entered products of her marquetry hobby in the Dore Show and these were to be seen hanging on the walls of the lounge. One unusual thing was her failure to set up a standing order, as asked, to pay the rent – she would arrive at our door, usually late at night, and hand over her monthly dues in cash. Subsequently she told us that she had a new job as a farm worker which puzzled us on two counts – owning no transport, how did she get to work and, given her lowly position, how could she afford the rent for our cottage?

Two and a half years passed without incident. Returning from work one day we were met by Rob standing on our drive. Sarah, he told us, had broken her leg whilst holidaying in Canada and he had been asked to pay her rent for that month. He paid the next rent too but a month later said he couldn't pay us again from his own money. She owed him too much already. We never saw Sarah again – and of course, we now know, she had never been to Canada.

On entering the cottage it was like the Marie Celeste. All her clothes were there. Fresh food was in the fridge. We got the impression that it had been lived in more recently than the Canadian holiday period. We left notes for her to find but these were untouched when we revisited. We sought advice from Rob – we still had his mobile phone number – but he declared himself as mystified as we were. Eventually we changed the locks and moved all her possessions into our own garage. We told the police of her disappearance.

Months later we had a single phone call.

It was Sarah! She would come and collect all her possessions but couldn't do so instantly because she had been "beaten up by my boyfriend"; her face was not fit to be seen. She never came.

Imagine our amazement when, in the Summer of 2004, we received a letter from a firm of London solicitors acting for a Mr Robert Hendy-Freegard. They wanted to talk to us about the tenancy of Sarah Smith some seven years before. We disputed the idea that her accommodation was inferior and, although the charge was to be kidnap, from our point of view she hadn't exactly been in chains.

After Rob had changed his legal team three times, the trial collapsed and a retrial was ordered. Nothing more appeared in the papers until the full story came out in July and we learned the incredible truth about the most convincing liar the police have ever seen. Not only had he duped the three students, he had also conned an estimated one million pounds out of them, their families and a string of other victims, many of them professional women with whom he formed romantic relationships.

Sarah had been found hiding by the police and had refused to believe they were genuine. He had warned her to expect the IRA to come up with such a deception. By now, hopefully, she will be coming to terms with her lost years including her enforced stay in a cottage in Dore.

Pete Severs

A grouse

Has anyone any ideas how to stop members of the male sex from urinating up the Video Shop wall and in the back yard? One Saturday night I counted 5 runs. Is there a chemical that can be put down that would fizz up and give them a scare, or have I to just turn a blind eye, which isn't easy when you turn the corner and nearly bowl the offender over.

I wish dog owners would not pick up their pets waste in plastic bags and then leave the bag on the roadside. It is especially nauseous if the bag is transparent.

I have every sympathy with the unnamed writer who wrote in your last issue about the extension on her neighbours property. What a selfish peoples we have become. I have recently had experience of work being carried out to the property next to mine. The noise and dirt has been horrendous. The workman was the most aggressive uncouth person I have ever come across. I have had connection with the building trade for nearly 60 years and I have never met such untidy work in my life.

I have read with interest your booklet on the Dore Village Design Statement. I see at the time of writing this that you are no nearer having any success with the hole in the wall on Townhead Road. When I lived in that Conservation area we were threatened with legal action if we so much as changed the colour of the paintwork. All that seems to have gone by the board now.

Jean Dean

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Entries should be made between **9am and 10.30am** to the Old School (classes 1-48) and the Methodist Hall (classes 49-75).

Entry forms for Floral Classes (46-48) are available from Valerie of Dore on the High Street or the show secretary on (0114) 236 9025 and should be submitted by 5.30pm on Friday the 9th September. Kit for class 72 available from Valerie of Dore from Sept 5th.

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

Vegetable and Fruit Section

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

Flower Section

- 20 5 dahlias, cactus variety
- 21 5 dahlias, decorative variety
- 22 A vase of mixed dahlias arranged to effect
- 23 3 gladioli
- 24 A vase of spray chrysanthemums
- 25 3 roses, any container
- 26 1 foliage plant in a pot (max pot size 12")
- 27 1 flowering plant in a pot (max pot size 12")
- 28 A vase of any other flowers
- 29 A vase of sweet peas

Domestic Section * denotes recipes and additional notes

- 30 4 fruit scones (white flour)
 - 31 A Dundee Cake *
 - 32 A Victoria Sandwich *
 - 33 4 iced buns
 - 34 A plate of 4 biscuits (any)
 - 35 A loaf of white bread (not machine made and should be cool)
 - 36 A jar of chutney
 - 37 A jar of lemon curd
 - 38 A jar of soft fruit jam *
 - 39 A jar of marmalade *
 - 40 A Chocolate cake with filling (any recipe)
- * **Classes 38 - 39** Jars to be labelled with type of fruit and waxed with cellophane cover.
Class 38 jam not jelly.

Wine Section

(Home made wine in clear corked bottles with plain labels)

- 41 A bottle of dry red wine
- 42 A bottle of sweet red wine
- 43 A bottle of dry white wine
- 44 A bottle of sweet white wine
- 45 Any other home made wine - any colour

Floral Art Section

- 46 "From my Garden" Novice Class. For competitors who have never won a 1st prize in a floral art competition. An exhibit featuring garden plant material. No size restriction.
- 47 "September Basket" An exhibit No size restriction.
- 48 "The Sparkle of Glass" An exhibit. Space allowed: Width 70cm, Depth 60cm, Height 90cm. Background light blue.
No artificial plant material allowed in any entry

Textile & Hand Craft Section

- 49 A handmade decorative cushion
- 50 Tapestry or embroidery or cross-stitch from a kit or chart
- 51 A personally designed embroidery or tapestry or cross-stitch
- 52 A handmade knitted garment
- 53 Any soft toy
- 54 A craft exhibit in wood
- 55 A craft exhibit in any other material
- 56 A découpage (framed)
- 57 Item in crochet

Visual Arts Section (minimum age 15 years)

- 58 A piece of calligraphy
- 59 A water colour painting - landscape
- 60 A water colour painting - any other subject
- 61 A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- 62 A monochrome drawing - any medium

Photography Section

- 63 A Black & White photograph 7"x5" min. size
- 64 Colour photo - "A portrait" of min. size 7"x5"
- 65 Colour photo - "Summer holiday"
- 66 Colour photo - "Nature" Classes 65 & 66 are for - standard or panoramic size only. Unframed snapshots.

Junior Section (up to age 14)

- Entries must be children's own work and show their age. A3 is max size for classes 69 and 70
- 67 A vegetable animal
 - 68 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup
 - 69 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)
 - 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)
 - 71 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
 - 72 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age 8 & under) *see above
 - 73 A 'kit' model (age 9 to 11)
 - 74 Art exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)
 - 75 An art exhibit (age 12 to 14)

Recipes and notes

- Class 31** Dundee Cake recipe:
Approx 7" tin, 1lb plain flour, 1 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 3 hens eggs, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz soft brown sugar, 6oz each of sultanas and currants, 2oz peel, 1oz red or dark cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tbsp milk and 1oz almonds for the top.
- Class 32** Victoria Sandwich Cake recipe:
Weight of two hens eggs in margarine or butter, sugar and white self-raising flour. Pinch of salt and a little water, baked in two 6-7" tins, sandwiched with jam and sprinkled with caster sugar.

Parking decriminalised

From the 4th April 2005 Parking was decriminalised. Enforcement of all Sheffield's parking regulations, that have been the responsibility of South Yorkshire Police traffic wardens, was passed over to the City Council. There are no new parking offences and the change does not alter any of the current parking regulations, but more effort will go into keeping the streets and pavements clear of illegally parked vehicles.

Parking attendants numbers have been increased in order to carry out their new duties. Initial priorities will include ensuring that bus lanes are kept clear when required, patrolling school entrance areas to provide improved and safer access for children, and making sure that local and residential parking schemes operate successfully. There is also the opportunity to report any illegal parking 'hot-spots' to the Council in order that they can be tackled.

The fine for a motorist who parks illegally is £60, reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days. However the Council is calling on all motorists to avoid these fines by not parking illegally and helping to keep Sheffield moving.

Any money raised from fines will be used to enhance the enforcement of the regulations and to keep the City's traffic flowing.

Any queries about the Council's implementation of the parking regulations or to report any illegal parking 'hotspots' phone Parking Services on 0114 273 6158.

Dore Show 2005

This years show will be opened by Nick Clegg, MP for Sheffield Hallam. Entertainment will be provided by Oughtibridge Brass Band and the Yorkshire Chandelier Dancers.

Sheffield in bloom

This year Sheffield was invited to represent the UK in the Europe in Bloom Competition, which judges European towns and cities against strict criteria, in relation to their floral displays and management of parks and green spaces. Sheffield was chosen to take part in Entente Florale due to its achievements in last year's 'Britain in Bloom' competition.

On Tuesday 19th July, fifteen judges came from as far a field as Germany, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Hungary and Croatia to name just a few. The judges were all experts in Landscape Architecture, Horticulture, Urbanisation, Forest Engineering and the Chairman of the judges is the Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment in Ireland.

On judging day they visited landmarks such as Ecclesall Woods, the Botanical Gardens, Winter Garden, Peace Gardens and Norfolk Park, ending their tour in the city centre. The judges were shown woodland demonstrations and exhibitions depicting the heritage and history of the city. Now we must wait until September to find out if Sheffield has won Gold in Entente Florale.

On-line auction

You will probably have heard of on-line auction website ebay, even if you have never used it. If you do decide to, then you need to know some tricks of the trade.

Everyone uses "proxy bidding". You tell the website the maximum you're willing to pay and it automatically bids on your behalf. Another feature is "sniping"-placing a bid in the last few seconds. There are even programs to automate it.

Your reputation is crucial. Any honest seller will have had good feedback so always check. If you want to sell, build up a reputation first as an honest buyer.

If you're selling, remember that items go for more at weekends; and adding a picture can boost the price significantly.

Finally don't be tempted to push up the price of your item with dummy bids under an alias (or getting friends to bid)?It's called "shilling" and ebay forbids it.

Methodist Women's Fellowship

Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship meets on alternate Mondays at 2.30pm for a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, followed by tea and biscuits. The meetings are open to everyone and offer a chance to meet and get to know people as well as being entertained or informed on a variety of topics.

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Michael Hunter, Vicar

Art in the Gardens

The second annual "Art in the gardens" event will take place in Sheffield Botanical Gardens on

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm. It will feature an Art and craft exhibition; Botanical Art Marquee; Photographic Marquee; Sheffield Photographic Society Exhibition; Celebrity Portrait Competition; Childrens' Art Activities; Art through Textiles; Sheffield Art & Craft Market; and Floral Art Marquee.

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Southey sing at Dore

They say charity begins at home, but on Saturday the 24th of September charity will begin in S5, travel to S17, and help out S8, because 'Dore and Totley' United Reformed Church are hosting a concert performed by the Southey Musical Theatre Company, to help raise money for the rebuilding of Meersbrook United Reformed Church on Chesterfield Road which is home to many community groups.

The current church building has been condemned, but plans to build a new church on the site of the original building are well under way, and as the project will cost in excess of £175,000 a massive fundraising effort is taking place. The concert will be performed at the church, doors open at 7pm and tickets can be bought on arrival, or by calling 258 4642 for advance bookings.

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Safety improvements to Hathersage Road

We would like to thank everyone for signing the petition about safety on the Hathersage Road. We are delighted to report the current position which is set out below.

Detailed investigations have been carried out into the painting of double white lines on a section of Hathersage Road between Sheephill Road and Limb Lane. The investigations have shown that the lines can be implemented at certain locations within this section.

The speed limit has been reviewed in line with the Sheffield Speed Management Plan Guidelines and the Department for Transport Guidelines, which indicated that the speed limit from Limb Lane to Brickhouse Lane should be set at 50 mph. At the West Planning and Highways Area Board meeting Members chose to advertise the intention to extend this speed limit up to the Sheephill Road junction. A speed limit of 40mph to be extended from Limb Lane up to Brickhouse Lane would not be appropriate for this section of Hathersage Road under the Sheffield Speed Management Plan or the Department for Transport Guidelines.

There are strict guidelines for fixed safety cameras to be installed. The criteria requires there to be at least 4 fatal or serious accidents per kilometre per 3 years. Hathersage Road meets this criteria, but only in the section between the junction of Limb Lane and the junction of Long Line. Therefore the current speed camera is to be moved from its present position to a point between Limb Lane and

Long Line. Many drivers have and always will, ignore speed limits, drive under the influence of drink and use mobile phones whilst driving and accidents do occur throughout the City because of this.

The Council has records of all reported injury accidents and applies criteria to all roads in Sheffield to make sure that road safety funds are used where most benefit is likely to accrue.

There have been 5 fatal accidents, which resulted in 7 fatalities since 1998, along Hathersage Road from Sheephill Road to just before the junction of Limb Lane. Five of the fatalities occurred between Limb Lane and Brickhouse Lane but none of the fatalities have occurred at the junction of Limb Lane. Accident investigations take into account accidents over a 5 year

period. Over the last 5 years there have been a total of 48 accidents on the Hathersage Road between Limb Lane and the Fox House junction. Records for 2002 show there were 10 injury accidents, 9 of these occurred between Limb Lane and Brickhouse Lane, the other accident occurring at the junction of Houndkirk Road.

There are many factors which have contributed to the accidents on Hathersage Road. The road surface between Limb Lane and Brickhouse Lane has been tested for skid resistance and is approaching the intervention level. So Highways are proposing to improve the skid resistance by replacing the road surface with a high polished stone value aggregate surface.

The Council have a standby team, which if notified of an accident, will attend the incident and immediately carry out any necessary safety measures. This would include clearing the footway and carriageway of any debris as a result of an accident. If the accident was not reported then the area supervisor on his inspections would report and arrange for works to clear any debris. As part of the carriageway maintenance scheme repairs will be carried out to the boundary walls on Hathersage Road.

The blocked gullies were cleared on the 25th May 2005. The drainage gullies on Hathersage Road are cleaned as part of a routine citywide programme. Currently the gullies are cleaned annually, but it is now proposed to increase the frequency to 6 months on the section of Hathersage Road, between Limb Lane and the City boundary. There are no surface water systems in that area and the gullies are connected to soakaways. As it has been decided to re-surface the section between Limb Lane and Brickhouse Lane, Highways have also taken the decision to re-design the carriageway to include super-elevated bends for improved ride quality and improved drainage. It is likely that the works will be carried out this September.

Signage and road markings on Limb Lane have been reviewed by the maintenance section and are to be renewed as part of the road safety scheme. Warning signs stating the number of fatalities have already been erected.

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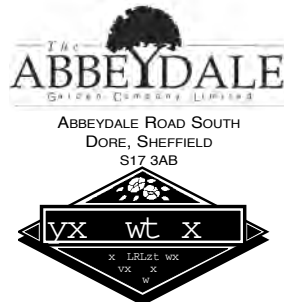
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The dates are Wednesday 23rd November to Saturday 26th 7.30 pm. at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. We have had to increase ticket prices due to rising costs of hiring the Church Hall, but they are still very reasonable at £3.50 (£3 for concessions), available in October from Kate Reynolds on 236 6891. Coffee, orange, red and white wine are on sale for the interval, and a good evenings entertainment is assured.

Longshaw Sheepdog trials

The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place as normal this year on 1st, 2nd and 3rd September, on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge.

On the first two days there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" television programme competitors will be taking part. This year the judge will be Mr. Gus Dermody, who is the commentator on the programme.

At approximately 3pm on the 1st there will be a bound trail run over the moors

facing Longshaw, courtesy of the Yorkshire Hound Trail Association.

On Saturday 3rd the day starts at 7.30 am with a local class sheep dog trial and then the third Longshaw Fell Race, open to all corners (entry on the field) which starts at 11am. This will be followed by the Search and Rescue Dogs and the local mountain rescue team display at lunchtime.

The trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, starting at approximately 12 noon, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver coffee pot.

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Sheila Humphreys

Epilepsy and memory

One in 133 Britons has epilepsy. According to charity Epilepsy Action, the problem sufferers most often seek help for is poor memory. Someone who has had a seizure may not remember events surrounding it, and epileptic activity in the part of the brain responsible for recall can lead to general memory problems.

To help, the charity has produced a booklet *Memory Problems and Epilepsy*, which can be ordered from 0808 800 5050 or epilepsy.org.uk

Picture Exhibition

The Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art will be holding its 93rd Picture Exhibition at the Clocktower Gallery of the Northern General Hospital from 26 August to 5 October. Preview 26th August 6.30pm to 9pm. Continues - Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm. Enquiries for Exhibiting Tel: 236 0941.

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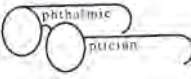
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Chairman's Report for the year 2004

This year marked the beginning of the 40th anniversary of the Society's foundation. Over the years it has evolved and grown to embrace a host of activities in support of the local community.

This was another good year for the Society during which we fulfilled a number of projects, donated funds to local good causes and improved our healthy overall financial position. The following is just a brief summary of some of the many issues the society has been actively involved with during the year.

Planning: Major planning issues arose around proposals for development of the 'Long Acre' site on Newfield Lane; the site of the Caretaker's bungalow on Totley Brook Road; around redevelopment of the land at Totley Bridge Garage; new buildings in the Green Belt at Moorside Farm Long Line; the building of the new King Ecgbert School and the demolition of the stone wall in front of cottages on Townhead Road which are within the Dore Conservation area.

Considering and responding to the constant flow of planning applications for in-fill housing and extensions absorbs a lot of the Society's time. Consultation continued on the development of a Village Design Statement with the aim of influencing the Council's forthcoming new 'Local Development Framework' document.

Publications: Dore to Door continued to grow with the support of advertisers and contributors with three issues reaching 28 pages and one a record 32! The magazine makes a considerable contribution to the Society's profile and income. The 2004 Christmas Card featuring the Devonshire Arms and Dore ducks in two sizes was a sell out. The Dore web site, www.dorevillage.co.uk attracted viewers and response from around the country and overseas

Events: The Society arranged three public meetings during the year with talks on 'Wild Flowers in the Peak District', 'Old Maps of Derbyshire' and 'Derbyshire Place Names' while our 'Wyvern Walkers' Group offered a regular programme of guided walks in the area and ran a walking week during Festival Fortnight.

The annual 'Wassail Walk' attracted over 80 people while the DVS stand at the Scout Gala received plenty of enquires and Dore Show proved popular again. The Society funded and installed an increased number of Christmas trees and lights in the centre of the village as well as organising an evening opening of many of the village shops with seasonal entertainment.

Traffic & Transport: The condition of local roads continued to cause concern as do problems created by bad parking and speeding. Improved crossing facilities in front of the Causeway Head Road shops have been implemented, but it has become clear that Dore is not a priority area for traffic safety spending as far as the Council is concerned. There is still no news on Whitelaw Lane being made a 'Quiet Lane' or on safety improvements to the length of Hathersage Road that borders the village.

Environment: As well as the flower tubs, further plantings of daffodils, crocus and snowdrops took place within the village. Local environmental issues were discussed at each committee meeting, and the Society was active in support of Friends of Ecclesall Woods. We welcomed the recent improvements to the picnic area on Limb Lane and continued to pressure the Council for improvements to the recreation ground.

We were increasingly concerned about the number of trees subsequently removed from new developments despite planning requirements for their retention. The Society is a member of a number of organisations with shared or overlapping interests and objectives.

Dore Collection: At the end of the year the Dore Oral History Group merged with the Society to become a sub committee able to draw on the Society's funds. Additions to the collection included the purchase of a John Speed map of Derbyshire from 1610, on display in the society's rooms at the Old School.

Members of the Society's committee were available in the rooms from 10 - 12 noon on the first Saturday of every month, to discuss local issues with members or talk about the work of the Society and local history. The rooms were also made available by the society for Local Councillor Surgeries and committee meetings of the Dore Male Voice Choir.

People: For the first time the Society topped over 1,000 current members, a figure reached at the Dore Show in September. We are grateful for this widespread support within the community and from past residents.

We would however welcome more suggestions for local initiatives and for anyone with time to contribute in order to enable us to achieve still more in the year ahead. This does not require joining the committee and you can put in just as much time as you wish.

I wish to place on record my particular appreciation for their help to: fellow members of the committee, and also to Roger Millican who left the committee shortly after the end of the year; helpers on the Dore Collection and at the Dore Show; deliverers of Dore to Door; advertisers; Green's shop for their help over the years and all our active supporters and members.

John Baker

Chairman, Dore Village Society

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A letter from Canada

I recently received a letter from Mrs. Kathleen Rutherglen (nee 'Bunty' Stanley) who had recently visited Topley to see her niece, Sue Ruthven. Kathleen was born in 1924 at 38 The Quadrant and her father R.J. Stanley was one of the first to have a house built, in 1933/4, by Mr. Melling on what was then known as the Heatherfield Estate. In 1935, after her father retired, the family moved to Worthing.

Marjorie Wise, pictured on the school photo (page 83 of Topley and District in Old Photos) lived at no. 34 and her young brother Graham and Kathleen became inseparable from the time they could ride their bicycles. The late Pat Sneath and her brother Guy lived at no. 26 next door to the Dench family, Ronald, Barbara and Audrey. Mrs. Rutherglen also seems to remember Ruby Mather and Joyce Henderson (Lemont Road?).

At that time, many Topley inhabitants were brought into the world by Nurse Jessop, who lived in the house at the bottom of Lemont Road, and who cycled everywhere, whatever the weather. Kathleen's sister, Win, was 13 years older and had a good friend, Marjorie Creswick of Moorwoods Farm. It was a real treat to walk across the 'meadows' from the bottom of Main Avenue, through 'Jillfield' Wood, up to the farm and stoke up on bread and dripping in the Creswick kitchen.

Win and her family lived in Chatsworth Road from the mid 1950s until her death in 1998 and her husband George Nelson passed away last November. They had been married at All Saints Church in 1938 and held their reception in the Cross Scythes.

Although she later went to school in Dore, Kathleen spent her first four years of education at Norwood High School, run by the Misses Annie and Ethel Crossland, in the Union Church Hall on Topley Brook Road. These sisters lived in one of the three cottages at the foot of Bushey Wood Road and from around 1900 to 1920 they ran a kindergarten from Norwood House on Glover Road. The directories of the 1925 list the Crossland sisters as having opened a private school at the 'Topley Brook Hall'.

Brian Edwards

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Letters

Dear Sir,

I have recently started to research my late father's family and I came across your interesting website on Dore village. Can you help me?

My grandmother was Winifred Warren, her father Joseph Cole Warren and her grandfather, George Warren (he was 76 in the 1901 census). I think he owned quite a bit of land around Dore and lived in Ecclesall Bierlow. I understand the family lived in Dore and were quite wealthy in the early 1900s. Am I right in thinking they had a large estate - or is this just family myth?

Several years ago, I worked (for Bank of Scotland) with a Susan Vick (some years my junior) who came from Dore. I wonder if her family is still there.

I am tackling the usual sources, but any other information would be really helpful.

Fiona Robertson (nee Shaw)

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Dear Sir,

Every year we see bored young teenagers hanging around in Dore and getting into mischief. They need somewhere to go where they can expend their energy without causing offence or damage. They often congregate in the recreation ground where they 'play' on the younger children's equipment. How about having another area where they could have their own and more robust equipment?

Another area where they get together is up on the sports field off Cross Lane. Could this area be used for a skate board area and perhaps other adventure type activities. Obviously this would require funding and planning.

Ideally the young people could be involved in all this: from the planning, fund raising and even including the implementing. Perhaps 'The Ark', could be involved although I don't want the scheme to be exclusively for their members. A competition could be run inviting ideas and schemes.

Lorna Baker

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We need to purchase new kits (home and away), weather proof jackets and many more items, and would appreciate sponsorship from local business or individuals. We will also be running raffles at all home matches to pay for fees etc, and any prize donations would be appreciated. We also need help from someone who can design our web sites.

If you can help with funding, raffle prizes or web design, then please call me, Vincent Nolan, on 0114 236 3080.

We are still looking for a few more players and desperately need another goalkeeper. If your child would be interested in participating, then please contact our Manager Eddy Kitchen on 01709 367460 for details on next training dates and times. Players must be aged 6 or over and born on or after 31st Aug 98.

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Vincent Nolan

Parent Lifeline

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Parents get a lot of stick these days when the papers carry stories of children as young as four or five creating mayhem in class and of older children committing acts of violence and generally being out of control. There has recently been a spate of television programmes showing experts teaching parents how to make their 'little angels' behave. I am sure some parents can learn useful tips from these programmes, however life is usually more complicated than following a few guidelines.

A recent survey reported that mothers nowadays get an average of three and a half hours' sleep a night, ninety minutes less than their own parents did, leading to 40% becoming depressed. Parenthood has never been easy, but many women now work outside the home as well, so they are constantly tired.

All of which brings me to the point of this article which is to appeal to anyone who is a good listener to consider applying to join Parent Lifeline (Helpline for Parents). We urgently need men and women volunteers to help us take some of the hundreds of calls we receive a year.

We are running a free training course at Lawton Tonge House, Nether Edge, starting at 7.30pm on Monday 26th September and lasting two hours a week for ten weeks. The course will teach you to become even better listeners and to get some idea of the sort of problems callers



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Mary Alexander

Book Reviews

There can be few things more enjoyable than a well earned cool drink after a healthy walk. No doubt that is why there is a close association between walkers and pubs. The White Peak is famous for its white limestone walls, its patchwork of ancient fields, and its excellent potential for walks. Now the new updated edition of *Pub walks in the White Peak* makes it easy to explore in the sure knowledge of refreshment and sustenance to follow. There are 30 walks ranging from three to nine miles, most of which are accessible by public transport, leaving you free to sample what is on offer in the authors' favourite pubs. There is a description of each pub, plus clear maps, information on the Peak District in fact everything needed to enjoy your day out. 162 pages, published by Sigma Leisure price £7.95 ISBN 1-85058-828-7.

If you enjoy walking, are prepared to travel a little further and only plan a modest indulgence then *Pub Walks for Motorists* might be for you. This new book contains 40 circular routes in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire. Ranging from three to eight miles they all provide for an interesting day out. Illustrated with pictures of the pubs and some of the scenery, and with clearly drawn maps this book provides an introduction to some of the most beautiful scenery in England. The three counties are very different in both landscape and

buildings, but they all boast some good pubs for food. 144 pages, published by Countryside Books, price £8.99 ISBN 1-85306-901-9

Sheffield is renowned for its parks, woodlands and open spaces which make it one of the greenest cities in Europe. Yet in the early nineteenth century this heavily industrial town was overcrowded and polluted and there were no green spaces for leisure and recreation. Through more than 150 fascinating old black and white photographs with deep explanatory captions, *Sheffield Parks and Gardens* provides an insight into how our parks and gardens were acquired and developed. Many of the photographs show park features long gone, or depicted everyday events and special occasions such as Royal visits and Whitsuntide. What is striking from the photographs is how popular these open spaces were in the past as testified by the number of children paddling in the Sheaf at Millhouses Park or playing in the Lido. Sadly our public spaces have suffered from years of neglect and we must wonder what the original city benefactors would make of this. 128 pages, published by Tempus Publishing Ltd, price £12.99 ISBN 0-7524-3542-6

Historic Parks and Gardens in and around South Yorkshire takes us further afield and looks in more detail at the development of parks (deer parks, landscaped parks and public parks); English ornamental gardens and country house kitchen gardens. It offers a fascinating overview of garden fashions and trends over many centuries and puts our local parks and gardens into their national historical context. It contains short historical and visitor guides to nearly thirty parks and gardens open to the public and is illustrated with nearly 100 coloured and black and white photographs or images. Reading the different sections in the book will greatly add to the interest of anyone planning to visit any of the locations detailed. 160 pages, published by Wharncliffe Books, price £12.99 ISBN: 1-903425-47-6.

The nostalgic attraction of Sheffield Trams is widely recognised, and a new book by Bernard Mettam will find a popular audience. *Riding the Sheffield Lines* is full of pictures he has taken all of Sheffield scenes featuring trams which have been a lifelong passion. The photographs are in colour and black and white, and although trams are the theme, they do capture a changing Sheffield in the background from 1954 to the trams sad demise in 1960. 96 A4 pages, published by Pickard Communication, price £12.99 ISBN 0-9544045-1-3

A Darnall Camera by J R Wrigley is the seventh book in his series of books containing old Sheffield photographs. Most were originally old postcards with some of his own photographs added. They capture a time and place from early in the 19th century to the 1980s. This book makes you realise how important photographs are at capturing the past and how much more information they contain than many a book. 80 pages, published by Pickard Communication, price £7.99 ISBN 0-9547264-8-0.

Keep working

A recent survey, commissioned by HSBC bank, has shown that far from accepting retirement as the beginning of the end of their working lives, more than three quarters of all adults now believe that they should be allowed to continue working to any age they choose.

Based on interviews with over 10,000 adults in ten countries, including Britain, it turned out that the majority reject a mandatory retirement age, which they regard as a hindrance to the active life they want to live after they have officially retired. There is however a growing acceptance that people would have to retire later to ease the burden on pensions and taxation, and to pay their own way in their later years.

Fewer than half of those below retirement age had calculated their financial needs in retirement even though there was widespread awareness that the State alone would be unlikely to support them adequately. In Britain fewer than a quarter of people, said that they hoped never to work again after retirement, while just over a quarter said they would like to "cycle" back and forth between periods of different types of work, gap-year style travel and further education, while more than a third wanted to work part-time.

Only 28 per cent of adults in Britain said they expected their retirement to be primarily about rest and relaxation. Given the choice between increasing taxes, reducing pensions or raising the retirement age, 45 per cent chose the latter.

Just 26 per cent said they would accept

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The Wildlife Garden

My road suffered a 'Boscastle event' during the big thunderstorm in June. Although it was relatively short-lived, 'tropical downpour' hardly does justice to the intensity of this deluge and as is often the case with rain in summer, it fell onto ground baked hard after days of hot weather. Inevitably a lot ran off; first in trickles, then in small rivulets which joined together to form a sheet of water that covered the entire road as it rushed downhill, bubbling along over blocked drains.

Flooding from summer storms is hardly something new, but what is worrying an increasing number of local authorities is that it seems to be happening in areas not previously considered at risk and these episodes are becoming much more regular and severe. It would be easy to blame all this on global warming or perhaps even the council's inability to clean road drains (which are often blocked due to builders using them as convenient places to dump all their surplus concrete and plaster), but there might also be another underlying factor, our current love affair with block paving.

Having paving in one form or another in the garden is as old as the hills, but what has changed is that more and more front gardens are now being paved-over, with plants relegated to narrow strips around the edges or grown in a few strategically placed pots.

You could of course argue that this is very responsible of the owners, as they are moving cars off already congested streets onto their property. But isn't it more likely to be simply a response to the problem faced by multiple-car-owning households who want a secure place to park their burgeoning collection of vehicles, rather than any benevolent intention?

Nevertheless, in theory block-paving should be far better at preventing run off than traditional non-porous materials (like concrete or tarmac) as it is bedded on sand, but from what I have seen happening to rain water on my neighbour's plot, there

seems to be very little difference between them.

During the thunderstorm, water surged across their paving and ran off, somewhat predictably, into my garden. (As a workman later explained to me, block paving is fine under normal conditions as rain will slowly seep away through the sand, but it just can't cope with heavy rain.) And just like the annual flooding of the Nile brings silt washed down from the Ethiopian Highlands, my neighbour's run off carried kilos of sand from between the paving blocks, along with all sorts of flotsam including plastic bags, twigs, sweet wrappers and even a plastic toy soldier.

Although I had enough sand dumped on my garden to make a fair-sized delta, the consequences of all this hard landscaping are potentially much more serious for wildlife. Paved areas offer few feeding opportunities for birds and mammals which eat worms or soil-living insects, for example blackbirds, starlings and hedgehogs.

As if this isn't enough, back gardens are still being covered in timber decking - despite it being lethal in wet weather - and to suppress weeds and limit the amount of time spent maintaining a garden, shrubs and perennials are increasingly grown through plastic membranes. If we're not careful, our gardens will become as wildlife-friendly as a supermarket car park and this may already be contributing to the steady decline of British hedgehogs.

What I find ironic about all this enthusiasm for block paving 'deserts' is that it has opened up a whole new ecological environment for plants that thrive in narrow, well-drained cracks, which in turn has generated a boom in sales of pressure cleaners. At weekends, not only do you get people cleaning their vehicles with these noisy devices, they are now being increasingly used for their block paving as well, by householders trying to get rid of all the encroaching weeds.

This however is a sisyphian task as the more often paving is pressure washed, the

more sand is removed and the more plants will find a ready home there. And where does all the sand end up? In the drains of course, helping create yet more 'Boscastle events' each time the heavens open. Perhaps 'blocked drain paving' would be a better name for these surfaces?

Jack Daw

Wild About Gardens is a joint project between The Wildlife Trusts and the Royal Horticultural Society. It aims to promote gardening for wildlife throughout all gardens in the UK. You can find out more at www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk

A fresh cut

Our local butchers shop is under new management having been taken over by Anthony Hoggarth and his partner Elise. The new name, Heatherhill Farm Meats, comes from the family farm in Bamford which supplies the shop's beef, pork and lamb. The aim is to sell local produce wherever possible, including dairy products and eggs. Anthony is enthusiastic about this new venture which builds on his experience in recent years selling the farm's meats at Farmers Markets and national Food and Drink fairs.

Cards for good causes

This year the Sheffield Charity Christmas Card Shop at the Cathedral will be open from Friday 7th October. Cards from both national and local charities will be on sale from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. For information call Mary Watson on 236 5666

Light pollution victory

Following a campaign by CPRE, Parliament has agreed to make light pollution a statutory nuisance. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act enables local environmental health officers to take action against intrusive lighting. Light pollution not only affects the quality of sleep for human beings, but disrupts the breeding and migration patterns of wildlife.

A remote turn-off


Fed up with finding TV screens facing you everywhere, from airports to pubs and cafes? You are not alone.

A new protest group called 'White Dot' is campaigning to turn off TVs in public places. The group's secret weapon is a remote which can turn off almost any TV covertly. More information from www.whitedot.org

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust For more information on the work of the Trust you can contact them at East Mill, Bridge Foot, Belper, DE56 1XH, phone 01773 881188
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Managers House. Even further back it was part of the Mill complex of buildings. The terrace, known as Rolling Mill Cottages, still exists as a reminder of the days when it housed the workmen and their families. No detailed plans of the Mill seem to exist but we do know the approximate size and overall shape. The tunnels would be known as tail goits and, in this case, fed water along a still visible ditch into a downstream mill known as Upper Wheel (today partly covered by the West View Flats).

In future articles I will detail the history of Totley Rolling Mill and describe the complex of water- powered sites between Totley Rolling Mills and Abbeydale Works. An old friend, the late Charlie Coates whose father and brother worked at the latter, emphasised how valuable water supply was to the viability of each operation. Sometimes the same water was used in several local mills, the workmen carrying their tools from one site to another.

Chris Rogerson was kind enough to supply me with a cd showing the journey undertaken by the exploring little boat. I hope to show it during my next talk. Sadly because new pipes are passing across the tunnel it has been necessary to fill the explored section, but that does leave a section undisturbed. My thanks to Chris, Jim Webb, and the owners of Mill Cottage and 32 Milldale Road. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has photos, plans, deeds or any other details referring to the Totley Rolling Mill area.

Brian Edwards
01629 640752

News in Brief

Moorside Farm and the adjacent barns with planning permission for redevelopment are back on the market.

Dore Grill has recently been redecorated, interior walls have been repainted, new carpets fitted and an outside canopy added.

A recent CPRE survey found that 84% of people asked want to ensure that the Green Belt remains free of housing.

Mobile phone users are still making calls in their cars despite changes in the law and overwhelming evidence of the distraction creating accidents.

The application by brewers Mitchells and Butler to extend the opening hours of the Hare and Hounds has been granted, allowing it to stay open from 10am to midnight every day from November.

Research for the Samaritans found that two Britons in five do not give regularly to charity.

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Louise Taylor

Stunning price

A simple drawing of a girl by Lowry (1887-1976) recently made £21,600 when sold at a specialist sale in London having been entered by Independent Auctioneer and Valuer Vivienne Milburn, FRICS. It had been brought to her by a Sheffield Client who had inherited it from his parents; they had originally bought it from the artist in person in the 1960's. This sort of firm history helped to enhance the value, as drawings are very easy to copy.

Certain artist's works are fetching very large amounts in the current market, reflecting the strength in the current market for 20th Century Art and design pieces. Since his death in 1976 prices achieved at auction for Lowry's pictures have increased dramatically, in this case from a valuation of some £1,000 10 years ago. Lowry's original works of art now fetch so much money that even signed limited prints will make £700/£1,000 in reasonable condition.

The key to the success of selling things at auction is entering them in an appropriate sale. If you have items that you think might be valuable, or require a valuation for sale, probate or insurance purposes then it is worth consulting a specialist such as Vivienne.

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It will not appear quite as large as in 2003 but it should be possible to make out the famous Syrtis Major Planum, a gigantic albedo feature 1000km wide and 1200km long just north of the Martian equator. It is named after the Gulf of Sirte on the north African coast whose shape it resembles. Fittingly, this great Martian area is, indeed, a vast dark, wind-blown area similar to the great terrestrial sand-bank.

The motion of Mars in September, October and November 2005 is particularly interesting. The planet appears to be stationary for several days, by which we mean that it sits almost motionless against the background of stars. Normally the outer planets (Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) move slowly eastwards but then they may sometimes appear to stop and start wandering westwards. After a few weeks they turn again and resume their usual paths.

If one wishes to witness this spectacle one only needs to watch the planet Mars over the period mid-September until mid-January 2006. Use the distance to the Pleiades cluster to keep a measure of its position in mind. The term for this strange behaviour is 'retrograde motion' and it is caused by the Earth catching up with Mars in its own near circular orbit around the Sun.

The ancient astronomers had great trouble explaining this odd motion and it was not really solved until the time of

Copernicus in the early 16th century, although Ptolemy (2nd century AD) and the Arabs, al-Tusi and Ibn al-Shatir (14th century) certainly were aware of the importance of this retrograde motion to the dynamics of the solar system. We hope Arabic-speaking readers will excuse our lack of accents in the names of these two famous men.

By the time Mars has risen to its highest point in the morning Autumn sky in the south, the planet Saturn will have risen in the east. Saturn will then be in the constellation Cancer appearing as a rather feeble object compared to Mars. Its magnitude is about 0.5, not bright enough to even rival some of the stars. Above it are Castor and Pollux (Gemini) and to its right is Procyon, the brightest star in Canis Minor. The rings are slowly closing and there is now a substantial part of Saturn's southern hemisphere visible. By Christmas Saturn will be an evening object again.

As seen from Dore the bright star Vega in the constellation Lyra passes almost overhead early in the Autumn evenings. Arcturus in Bootes is then low in the west. Between these two stars may be found the somewhat unspectacular constellation of Hercules. This mythological strong man is represented by a scattered grouping of third magnitude stars, the most obvious feature being a squashed-box shaped group of four stars, wider at the top where Hercules' shoulders may be recognised. Having identified this, look at a spot one third of the way down from the top right-hand star. The magnificent globular cluster M13 at a distance of 23,500 light years, like a mass of twinkling diamonds, may be easily seen in a small telescope, and it never disappoints the observer.

There has recently been a lot of interest amongst astronomers in such globular clusters. One cluster known as Terzan 5 has been found to contain lots of millisecond pulsars. These are objects spinning at several hundred revolutions per second, and appearing like a lighthouse out of control, rotating faster than a kitchen blender! There are many globular clusters in the outer region of our galaxy, the Milky Way system, and, of course, around other galaxies like ours.

Another discovery of paramount importance is the presence of close neighbours to our Milky Way system which were totally unexpected until recent months. An enormous tidally-extended dwarf galaxy has been detected like a great arc traversing the sky from near the bright star Sirius through many constellations as far as Scorpius. It is estimated as 75,000 light years long. Named as the Argo Star System, this remarkable feature is believed to be one of the remnants of an innocent intruder being cannibalised by our Milky Way. This really brings us to a moot point which was brought up during a conversation which the writer had with a friend at a wedding in Sicily this summer.

Could Charles Darwin have been mistaken about the origin and evolution of the species? Could there be only one true dimension, not the three (straight-ahead, sideways and upwards) plus time that we

all know so well, nor the eleven dimensions that scientists are talking about? Can one invent any theory one likes as a layman? Sitting in a comfortable armchair in Dore, with all windows shuttered and without any communication with the outside world, of course, one can invent any ideas about the Universe. OK as long as they go unchallenged. These ideas may possibly become pure poetry, interwoven thoughts blossoming into a wondrous fabric of ideas, each flower confirming the previous flower's existence.

Sadly many beliefs we hold today are founded in this way. As a scientist, one can sometimes be accused of the same error, at least by the same armchair dreamer. The writer's friend, like all of us, requires a personal security with which to survive the traumas of everyday living, but it is doubtful whether it would be safe to fly in an aeroplane designed by a solo dreamer. Scientific discovery is an awe inspiring thing, and the writer firmly believes that all should respect it. Why not build it into our most personal philosophical daydreams?

David Andrews

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- 20 **Grindleford Horticultural Show**, 2-4.30pm
26 **Batty about Bats** Stroll with the rangers in Ecclesall Woods starting at the Sawmill 8pm Details - 283 9195
27 **Froggatt Show** Stoke Lane 2pm-5pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 **Longshaw Sheepdog Trials** 7.30am-5.30pm See article
6 **AGM** Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
9 **Golf Day** with Abbeydale Rotary Club in aid of St Luke's Hospice Tel: 236 9911
10 **Dore Show** Old School and Methodist Church Halls, 2-4.30pm - To be opened by Nick Clegg MP. See schedule on page 16.
11 **Autumn Plant Sale** Sheffield Botanical Gardens 2-4pm
14 **Volunteer Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Details 236 1113
14 **Wildflowers in your garden** talk by Mr Roger Kite for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Old School at 2pm.
14 **Rockingham Porcelain** Talk by Alison Duce for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art. Tapton Hall, Shore Lane at 2.30pm. Free admission
19 **Caring in the community** 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. All welcome. 235 1754
19 **Joseph Locke, Engineer**: his life and work. Talk by Graham Hague for South Yorkshire Industrial History Soc 7.30pm Kelham Island Museum. Adm £1, 230 7693
20 **Northern Refugee Centre** talk for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
24 **Annual Charity Ball** at Baldwin's Omega in aid of St Luke's Hospice Tel: 236 9911
24 **Thomas Boulsover Tercentenary Walk** with South Yorkshire Industrial History Soc. Meet 2pm outside Forge Dam Café, Contact: 230 7693
28 **Southwell Minster & Upton Hall** (British Horological Institute). Visit arranged by Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art. Tel: 236 0941

OCTOBER

- 3 **My Days with the Boys' Brigade**. Speaker: Ray Hunt 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship.
4 **Flo Jo & the Faery** talk by Canon Lacey for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
8 **Step out from Whirlow** 6 mile walk with the Rangers, meet at the Quarry Gardens at 10.30am Tel: 283 919524
8 **Musical Evening** on World Hospice Day in aid of St Luke's Hospice Tel: 236 9911
12 **Your health - how bees can help** talk by Mrs Gloria Havenhand for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School at 2pm.
17 **The Sheffield Flood**. Speaker: Mr R Hobson 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship.
18 **Quiz** by David Bramah for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
9 **Sculpture Day** - Two lectures by Matthew Withey Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at a Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, 11am and 2.30pm. Admission free. Light interval lunch available at 1pm. Enquiries: Tel: 236 0941
28 **Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society** at The Painted Hall Chatsworth in aid of St Luke's Hospice Tel: 236 9911
31 **My career in the Police Force** Speaker: Craig Dent, Sheffield's longest serving policeman. 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. Everybody welcome.

NOVEMBER

- 1 **This Radio Life** talk by Gerry Kersey for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm

- 2-3 **Autumn Fair** at St Luke's Hospice Tel: 236 9911
9 **The life of Kathleen Ferrier** talk by Mr Bertel Hutchinson for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Dore Old School at 2pm.
14 **The Rivelin Valley Project** Speaker: Roger Kite 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship.
15 **Criminal Court Artist** talk by John Gilbert for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
16 **Kelham Island Museum**. Behind the scenes visit South Yorkshire Industrial History Soc. Tel 230 7693
17 **Dinner & Cookery Demonstration** for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at the Minstrel Restaurant, Castle Centre, Sheffield College, Granville Road, at 6pm. Enquiries: Tel: 236 0941
19 **Volunteer Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Details 236 1113
28 **J.G. Graves** Speaker: Miss Doreen Cobain 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. Open to all.

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