



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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Judging by the number of people who attended the subsequent consultation meeting on the 26th October, there is widespread concern about the proposal to make Cross Lane one-way. Sheffield Highways also received over 130 letters on the subject before the meeting. Hopefully the highway engineers will take peoples comments constructively and come up with some more viable alternative schemes to ease problems on the Long Line/Cross Lane intersection. The only sensible answer is to build a roundabout at the junction!

Tesco expansion

TESCO, Britain's biggest supermarket chain, has told an inquiry by MPs into the state of the high, street, that it wants at least to double its number of small shops in the next ten years. It has argued that its move into convenience stores had been good for shoppers.

The inquiry is intended to decide whether there is a need for a new Office of Fair Trading (OFT) investigation into the retail market and to recommend public policy to protect consumers. It is likely to find that British retailing is at a "tipping point", at which a major policy change will be required to prevent the big four supermarkets becoming too dominant.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 1017051

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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Christmas in Dore

It will not be long before the Christmas Trees and lights will again be up in Dore Village, thanks to the Dore Village Society the work of Geoff Cope and his helpers.

The Society are once again organising a special evening opening of many of the shops following last years successful event.

The Open Evening will start at 6pm on Thursday 8th December with a celebration of Christmas Carols by the Brownies and Rainbows around the big Christmas tree outside the Country Garden. Then look out for Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society who will be singing carols around the centre of the Village from 7pm. The Guides will be selling coffee and mince pies on the Dore Service Station forecourt and the following shops and business will be open:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Country Garden | Dore Classics |
| Dore Post Office | Dore Opticians |
| Dore Delicatessen | Gaby |
| Little Mischiefs | Valerie of Dore |

Open as usual:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Hare & Hounds | Co-op |
| Devonshire Arms | Tasty Plaice |
| Dore Health & Beauty | Dore Grill |
| Dore Video | Threshers |
| Almas Restaurant | Vivid |

Dore is fortunate to have such an excellent range of local shops restaurants and hostleries. Between them you will find a wide range of ideas for Christmas presents, all the food and drink you need for your Christmas celebrations as well as places to go to with family and friends over the festive season. Many of them will be offering something a little different at the Open Evening, so don't miss this great local Christmas shopping opportunity.

Anne Elsdon

Scouts Headquarters

Following extensive refurbishment, Dore Scouts will be re-opening its headquarters on Rushley Road at 10.30 am on Saturday 3rd December.

This will be followed by a Christmas Bazaar at which a number of 'Christmas Essentials' will be on sale, including a scout Christmas card depicting the Village Green on Christmas morning 2004, complete with snow!

Although the refurbishment process is not complete and the Buy a Brick Appeal will run well into the New Year, this will be an ideal occasion to see what we have achieved so far, what is yet to do and to share with us some Christmas cheer. Everyone is welcome.

Geoff Cope

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. Christmas cards, tea towels and aprons will be on sale on the 3rd December.

Round Table Collection

Members of Hallamshire Round Table will be carrying out their annual Xmas food collection in Dore on Sunday 11th December. Leaflets will be posted out to those houses we will be collecting from.

The collection has now taken place for well over 40 years and each year the residents of Dore have contributed an enormous amount food.

Last year the food collected was donated to the Sheffield Cathedral Breakfast and Archer Project. Thank you very much for your generosity over the years.

Round Table offers an excellent opportunity for meeting new friends from a variety of backgrounds from your own community. Membership enables you to take part in a vast array of new and interesting worthwhile activities. Social events and outings are a core activity of the Round Table - bringing members and their families together.

Mike Braddock

Ed. Anyone interested in joining Hallamshire Round Table should contact Mike on 236 6757 or go to www.roundtable.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Post

UK last posting dates in December are:
Wednesday 14th for Standard Parcels
Saturday 17th for Second Class
Tuesday 20th for First Class
Thursday 22nd for Special Delivery

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Christmas Fair

On Sunday the 4th December a Christmas Fair will be held at the Dore Moor Nursery. Visitors will have a chance to buy all types of gifts and cards order their turkey and enjoy other Xmas fare.

There will be a Jazz Band, complimentary mulled wine and a raffle with proceeds going to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity.

Come and join the fun between 12 and 4pm. It will be under cover so don't worry about the weather.

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir have just returned from a very successful tour of Belgium. A party of 105, having spent a week in Bruges, enjoyed presenting three, concerts, two in Bruges (including Bruges Cathedral) and one in Ghent. The Choir performed to large audiences on each occasion.

Another memorable visit was to Ypres where the choir were invited to sing at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. This is presented by a bugler every evening at 8pm (since 1921). The Menin Gate is a memorial to the British and Commonwealth soldiers of the 1914-18 war. There are 58 thousand names on the plaques on the building. It was a great honour to sing two hymns and the National Anthem there, before a large crowd, and to present a wreath. The visit was most enjoyable and memorable and

the Choir were pleased to be supported by a number of friends.

The next concert is our Christmas Concert in the Parish Church on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December. This is always a very popular occasion and the church is again likely to be full. Tickets can be obtained from any Choir member, or me (tel 236 5043) nearer the time.

David Heslop

News in brief

Royal Mail has applied to install new Pouch Boxes in Newfield Lane, Vernon Road and Devonshire Road (2).

The proposed closure of **Ringinglow Fire Station** is again causing considerable concern locally.

Pollyanna Pickering's latest exhibition entitled Highlands and Islands runs from 26th November to 4th December in her Matlock gallery - 01629 55851.

Original locally made **Duck Walking Sticks** are now on sale in the village at Valerie of Dore.

Foothills are holding a special Paramo clothing event on the weekend of 26th & 27th November, complete with bargains.

Well done to **Gerry New** who raised £2,500 for the Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation, by successfully walking the route Great North Run in September.

Friends of Blacka Moor reported almost 700 signatures in recent weeks from walkers and users of Blacka Moor concerned about securing its status against possible change.

St. John's Luncheon Club

We are desperate!

It is a great concern to those of us involved in the running of this club that our helpers and cooks are all reaching the age when they could actually be "members", not helpers. I guess that 90% of us are aged between 70 & 80 and when we are forced to give up there is no-one to take our place!

Do you want the club to die?

I see the club as a valuable asset to the community and we have a reputation as the best luncheon club in the area to live up to, not to mention a constant waiting list. With the best will in the world we cannot go on for ever! I foresee that unless we have some younger people coming in to learn the ropes very soon, then the club will die within the next 5 - 10 years.

If you can offer some time on a Thursday between 10am and 2pm then please speak to me soon! We need both cooks & helpers and it really isn't as daunting as you may think, in fact it can be good fun! Think about it! Please!

If the thought of cooking for 30 people scares you, why not come in on a Thursday and work with one of our cooks and learn just what it involves and how it can be good fun. We have lots of laughs in the kitchen and good equipment. The more you do it, the easier it gets! Give me a ring on 236 2597 if you are free on a Thursday morning and would be prepared to give it a try.

Phyllis Glossop
(co-ordinator St. John's L.C.)

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Gift ideas for Christmas

To keep up with the huge demand for the 'Dore Ducks' tea towels produced by Dore Village Society we have had to place another order in time for the Christmas season. Together with the matching apron, which has also proved to be very popular, these could be the ideal Christmas gift.

However stocks are limited and we will not be placing any further orders, so visit the DVS office at the rear of the Old School on Sat 3rd December between 10am and 12noon where they will be on sale. Both the apron and tea towel feature drawings of the village by David Heslop and were produced to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Society.

News on the High Street

One our not so recent arrivals is packing up and moving back to Australia. Michelina, you remember the fish wife in the Millennium play and lately the owner of Gaby on the High Street in Dore, is going home to Oz with her family next year.

I am pleased to report that the shop has been sold as a going concern and will be taken over by the new owners after Xmas.

For the time being I am told its business as usual and the shop is full of Xmas gifts and gorgeous winter clothes and accessories handy for the cold winter forecast.

Recommended Website

If you're fed up with phoning pricey 0870 numbers, then take a look at: (www.saynoto0870.com). This excellent site lists non premium rate alternatives for a whole host of companies. Enter the name of the company or its 0870 number and click for a cheaper option.

Sunny Garden Design & Maintenance

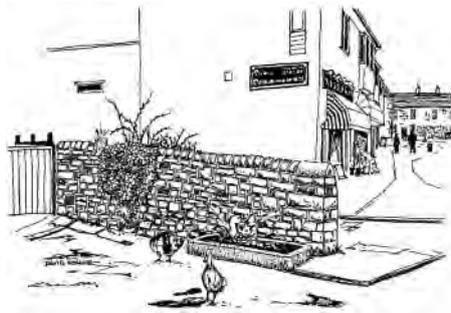
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Two of the four illustrations featured on the 40th anniversary tea towel.

St. John's Church

November 20th. Toy Service 10am - a Family Service when you are invited to bring a toy or a gift suitable for a 6-8 year old or a gift of money. These gifts will be distributed to needy families. Do support this service and please bring a gift.

November 27th. Advent Carol Service 6.30pm a moving service of Advent Carols & Readings led by the choir.

December 18th. A Family Service of preparation for Christmas 10am.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30pm a candlelit service in a beautifully decorated church with carols sung by the choir & well known carols for all to sing. Come early to get a seat!

December 24th. Christmas Eve.

Christingle Service 5pm - a family service for everyone of all ages especially children, with the lighting of the Christmas tree & the Christingles. 11.30pm Midnight Communion. By candlelight with carols. All are welcome to come and greet Christmas Day with the first Communion of Christmas with carols led by the choir.

Christmas Day Family Service for everyone 9.30am.

Everyone at St. John's wish you a very happy & blessed Christmas.

Advice available

Staff from Woodseats Advice Centre hold regular advice sessions at Totley Rise Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. This is a "drop-in" service, which can help with filling in forms, benefits, tax credits, pension credits, problems with debt, employment, housing, consumer or disability issues etc. All advice is free, impartial and confidential

Christmas recipe

We asked Nick Wilson, Head Chef at the Walnut Club in Hathersage, for an original recipe to tempt you over the Christmas break. The result - Banana Tatin with Clotted Cream which serves 6.

Ingredients

250 grams of organic butter
250 grams organic flour (Doves Plain)
/tsp salt (Maldon salt flake)
fi tsp organic white wine vinegar
150ml Ice cold water
1kg Organic fair trade bananas
1 x 400ml tub of organic clotted cream
For the caramel
400gms of organic (billingtons caster sugar)

The Method

Puff Pastry. First of all make you puff pastry

Divide butter into 225 gms and 25 gms. Set aside 25gm of flour. Sift rest of flour then add salt.

Rub in the 25gms of butter in a food processor with the flour and salt then slowly trickle the vinegar and water into the food processor until the mixture comes together into smooth dough then remove from processor and rest in the refrigerator.

Then take your remaining 225gm s off butter and your 25gms of flour and mix to a paste in your food processor when you have your butter and flour paste flatten it out between two sheets of cling film into a rectangle of around (30 cm), then chill it in your refrigerator.

Then take out your dough mixture and roll to double the size of your butter and flour rectangle then sandwich your butter mix into your dough mix and fold over three times then refrigerate for 30 mins and repeat the rolling and folding process then rest again for a further 30 mins then repeat the process 2 more times. Then the puff pastry is complete.

Caramel

To make the caramel place sugar in a thick based pan with a few drops of water and boil until golden brown then remove form the heat.

Final Cooking Process

Pour your caramel into a large non stick frying pan then cut your bananas into 1fi inch pieces and place in pan as close together as possible. When this is done roll out a puff pastry dish to cover all bananas and tuck in the edges neatly, then bake in a pre heated oven at 200 c until the pastry is deep golden brown and totally crisp. Allow to rest for 8 mins then turn out with bananas facing upwards onto a pre heated plate then slice and serve with plenty of fresh organic clotted cream

Carton recycling

Carton recycling is now available in Sheffield at Waitrose on Ecclesall Road and Sainsbury's on Archer Road. This includes all drinks cartons, frozen drinks containers, ready mixed custard, washing powder boxes etc. Details from The Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment tel : 020 8977 6116 or info@drinkscartons.com



CHRISTMAS @ THE WALNUT CLUB

The inaugural festive season at The Walnut Club promises to be as exciting as it is mouthwatering; we can now exclusively reveal The Walnut Club Christmas Party menu:

Christmas Party Menu 2005 (£27.50 for three courses)

Traditional smoked salmon platter, garnished with marinated olives and guacamole with honey and lemon dressing

Game broth garnished with smoked ham and ricotta tortellinis

Goats cheese and roasted pepper roulade wrapped in potato and celeriac, pan-fried and served with a tapanade dressing

Mains

Prime roast organic bronze turkey with an orange and cranberry forcemeat, smoked bacon and chipolata rolls and a traditional roasting gravy

Thai salmon fish cakes served with a sweet chilli and cherry tomato chutney and a cool Greek yoghurt dressing

Pumpkin and pistachio risotto topped with glazed smoked tofu and dressed with a red wine syrup

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding with a rum sauce

Mandarin crème brulè with almond tuilles

Selection of organic cheeses and home-made chutney with organic savoury biscuits

Filter coffee and mince pies

The Walnut Club, Unit 6, The Square, Main Road, Hathersage S32 1BB is open 7 days a week from 12.00pm-11.00pm.

For further information and bookings, visit www.thewalnutclub.com or telephone 01433 651155. Live music is planned throughout the festive season, and a door-to-door taxi service is available (minibus service for larger groups).

Important: The Walnut Club Christmas Party menu is available for group bookings, Monday-Thursday only; not at weekends, and not on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.) A separate Christmas a la carte menu will be available Nov-Jan on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

Upcoming Events

Live Jazz now on Tuesdays as well as Fridays & Saturdays.

We have now launched a mid-week specials menu from Sunday to Thursday which is in the daytime and evening from £14.95 for 2 courses, £18.50 for three courses.

20th Dec, live Christmas Carols. mulled wine and mince pies, tickets £2.50, proceeds go to local charity.

24th Dec Christmas Eve Party, Live music with 4 course menu £40

25th Dec Christmas Lunch, glass of champagne 4 course menu £60

31st Dec New Years Eve, Party like no other party till late, welcome 2006 with a bang! live Jazz, late licence with a 5-course menu £95

Every 1st Wednesday of the month, Wine tasting with John Hattersley formerly of Aitches Bakewell 6 micro menu with eight wines £39.50



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..... and hell's kitchen star - Jean Christophe Novelli. Nick worked for Jean Christophe for several years as Head Chef.

The Walnut Club is an 100% organic or wild restaurant, serving the freshest and grade A food. We have an extensive wine and drinks menu with a fine wine menu also.

Independent food reviews

'In a different league, smells and tastes like the real deal – Rating food 4 stars'

- Caroline Stacey, The Independent - Sept 2005

'This was eating in 3D, upmarket and trendy Restaurant – Rating 4 stars'

- Martin Dawes, Sheffield Star- April 2005

'I have never contemplated the amalgamation of such foods but it worked divinely.'

- Francesca Hurley, The Regional Magazine Company - Nov 2005

'Non-condescending and mature dining experience, cooked to perfection- superb service' - John Hattersley, Former restrauteur for over 30 years - Nov 2005

'Good food, cheerful service and a great concept of fine dining in a brasserie atmosphere' - David Baldwin, Chairman of the Restaurant Association - Sept 2005

'I've never tasted better, a superb demonstration of the chef's talents- Light years ahead of its rivals in terms of style'

- Lesley Draper, Sheffield Telegraph newspaper – June 20005

'Great location, customer service exceptional, buzzing atmosphere, the food



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Letters

Dear Sir,

Residents in Bradway (and Dore) should be aware that I recently saw three young men (probably mid - to late teens) trying several cars parked on drives and on the road in the early morning hours of 21st October. They ran off towards Wollaton Road when challenged, too quickly to get a clear look at them. I shall, however recognise the language again.

I passed on what little I could to the police, but it occurred to me that perhaps other people might take extra care securing their vehicles.

Name & address supplied

Dear Sir,

I have just read the interview with Graham Thorpe which I found very interesting as I went to school with Graham. We went to Dore school together and The Central Technical School. We used to catch the 5 past eight bus from Dore to Trippet Lane, which was handy as the school was just a few minutes walk away.

I played in both the Dore football and cricket teams with him. I have a picture of the team in those awful dyed green shirts but sadly its not good enough quality to publish.

We all had many happy hours playing in the stream we called The Ducker, and in winter we used to sledge down the steep field nearby which was called Gills field. Many hours were spent picking bilberries a very labourious task ,and you were surrounded by flies and midges most of the time, which made it even worse.

Jean Dean mentions Gordon Wilson and his support of the football team, he also sponsored 2 motor cycles in the TT races .He supplied a 350cc Velocette and a 500cc Manx Norton. The rider was called Cryil Scott and he was a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy. I served with him and used to try and keep up with him on my AJS as he practised around the

airfield. Sadly. I never got within 200 yards of him.

Dore was a wonderful place to live in the 50s there wasn't much to do but we were always busy, playing football, cricket and things boys do. The only drugs we knew about were aspirins, what a different world now. You could count the cars on both hands, now it's gridlocked sometimes.

J Taylor

Dear Sir,

I am trying to locate the birthplace of my great-great-grandfather Samuel Frith. He was born in Dronfield in either 1811 or 1816. However, I don't know what parish of Dronfield he was born in. It was possibly Dore and I have read about a few Frith people on your website. Is there anyone researching the Frith family of Dore?

Simon Rollitt

Ed. If you can help with this enquiry please contact me at the address or telephone number on page 2.

Dear Sir,

William Tyzack.

I have enjoyed looking at your most informative web page and would be grateful if you could recommend any contacts who could help me obtain information in regard to the above person who I believe was a local mill owner. (possibly Abbeydale)

My research relates to Fredrick Naylor who was born either in Dore or Totley in 1866 and became a page boy to William Tyzack in or around 1878.

We know from family history his uniform was maroon and gold, and that due to a poor diet when an infant, was very small, so much so it was said he was the smallest page boy in England.

I would be most grateful if you or members of your local history group could tell me where did William Tyzack live so that I can check census details. Also is it known if there are any paintings or photographs of Wm Tyzack or any which may show his house hold staff etc.

I noted that the history group keeps details of such things as parish records etc, is it possible to view these records either on line or in person.

Bryan Blay

Ed. We will be checking against our archives which are available to view in the Dore Village Society room at the Old School by arrangement, or on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. In the meantime if anyone else can help please contact me at the address or telephone number on page 2..

Dear Sir,

Hathersage Road – blackspot.

First, the good news: the drop-in session at the Old School Hall on Wednesday Oct 26 was very well attended indeed. For the entire four hours the number of people in the room rarely dropped below 25. Not only were Highways officers fully engaged with the public throughout, but also it was also good to see (and hear) members of the community exchanging views and refining options.

Moreover, it became clear that the

business of ensuring highway safety is no easy matter. If we add the huge (33%) increase in car ownership in recent years and the projected 25% increase by 2012 then small scale measures begin to appear expensive palliatives. Nevertheless, something must be done – even in the short term.

The bad news is that the information available we had before us was incomplete.

• The Limb Lane exit onto Hathersage Road was not considered – surely all three lanes accessing and leaving the village have to be considered as one.

• Accident figures for each of the 3 principal junctions with Hathersage Road were not to hand (viz. Brickhouse Lane, Cross Lane, Limb Lane) to inform discussion.

• Speed survey figures & traffic volumes were not readily available to the public – hence our discussion may have been ill informed.

• No details were displayed of the imminent proposals to alter speed limits on Hathersage Road, Ash Lane & Newfield Lane – due to be decided in mid-November.

• No explanation was available for the extensive resurfacing, drainage work or camber changes to the stretch of Hathersage Road on the topside of the village – in truth they are coincidental, part of the Council's road highways programme anyway.

• Highway engineering and design costs would have helped attendees priorities.

Consequently the Highways engineers' main proposals (to make Cross Lane one-way) had to be considered in a vacuum. Unsurprisingly, the overwhelming view was that they failed to address the problem, largely "solving" one problem but generating at least 2 others.

I share this view. Although I can welcome some modest changes in road markings that fall well within the engineers' £80,000 budget, I continue to believe that the principal problem is that of speed. Unless and until the speed limit along Hathersage Road from the Rugby ground on into the city is reduced to 40mph (and enforced!) we shall continue to suffer serious casualties and even fatalities.

We learn that the police are against this and that Dept. of Transport guidelines do not support this. Guidelines are simply advisory and have to be interpreted in the light of local conditions; police views are suspect since they rarely enforce traffic regulations and their perceptions tend to consider the past rather than the future.

Accordingly I urge your readership to help me lobby for :

• A 40mph speed limit (see above) – enforced through physical means e.g. Vehicle Activated Signs

• A 30mph on all roads/lanes accessing the village

• A 20mph speed limit zone within it.

• A right filter lane for inbound traffic opposite the Dore Moor Inn

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Councillor Keith Hill

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Letters continued

Dear Sir,
New Tesco Express -
(from another perspective).

I have read with increasing annoyance the many negative articles and letters regarding the opening of the new Tesco Express. The most recent comments on the front page of Dore to Door (Autumn issue) have finally driven me to respond.

There is no difficulty in saying what benefits the new shop will bring (I quote) "given the major Tesco store just down the road" if you take a moment to consider those residents who either have no car, cannot drive or don't have access to a car 24 hours a day. The free Tesco bus is useful but carrying heavy bags on and off is difficult for the elderly or infirm and of course this service only runs on Mondays. I am in neither of those categories but would think twice about using the service again.

I can't wait for the store to open but will continue to support the other local shops who provide good quality and service.(e.g. Martin Scrivens).

Barbara O'Connor

Dear Sir,

It is most interesting to note the column parking decriminalised your last issue: Sheffield Council now being responsible for keeping our streets and pavements clear of illegally parked vehicles, rather than this being a police concern.

We write with regard, to pavements on Dore Road, which suffer severely from 'illegally parked vehicles', particularly

down from the doctors surgery. This is just below the blind bend in the road, forcing pedestrians into the road, having made it impossible for mothers with prams and mobility vehicle users to pass, as well as blocking access viewing for drivers entering Dore Road from side lanes.

After a long year of determined perseverance from ourselves, along with our local MP, Sheffield Council finally put STREETFORCE into action recently, lowering pavement curbs from Dore Village down Dore Road, as far as South Court, in order to facilitate access for mobility scooters and wheelchair users.

However, some extremely thoughtless and selfish drivers appear to feel that this new kerb access has been solely provided to facilitate their own easier access to pavement parking, even to the extent of actually parking on these newly constructed access areas! Do they truly imagine this work has been carried out for pavement parking purposes?

We must add that nowhere else in S W Sheffield have we seen this occur.' But it does appear that anything goes along Dore Road pavements, like the enormous skip decorating the pavement width a little lower down from South Court. How long has that been in situ? It seems to be a permanent feature of the street scene, with all its varied detritus spilling over and sticking out, preventing any passage of any width to pass by. Why not use the spacious house frontage for this purpose?

However, thank you Sheffield Council for carrying out this long awaited work. But, what about easier pavement access further down Dore Road? Is it assumed

that the physically challenged do not wish to travel in that direction? Why, oh why, should we be denied these simple, but essential pavement accesses when the same have been installed throughout most of Sheffield, and particularly with the recent schemes in Bradway and Totley?

Why have we had to request repeatedly that this work be carried out along Dore Road, and why has it taken so long? Why has only the upper stretch of this long pavement been given kerb lowering facilities? Materials appear to have been taken away now, suggesting that work is complete.

What about access to the station? What about residents further down the road who need this facility to get up to the village? They will still have to travel (we are informed 'illegally') along the racetrack which is Dore Road. Surely life is difficult enough without facing such dangerous traffic obstacles? Surely every help should be offered and given by Sheffield Council to people with mobility difficulties?

And, drivers, please note this issue when parking on our very narrow and uneven pavements.' Try to think just a little about pavement users proper and why these access areas have been constructed. Please park on the road instead of the pavement. Please give us ALL the chance to move about safely!

Mr & Mrs C Armes

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Jean Recalls

All this fuss by Onyx regarding household waste. Before long they'll have us all on payroll. I well remember when the refuse cart went round the village at no particular fixed day or time. The men emptied the bins into open galvanized baths and carried it to the cart regardless of the distance they had to go. They wore a sort of leather saddle on their shoulders to give a bit of protection. In the days before plastic bags most rubbish was either wrapped in old newspaper or chucked in the bin. You can imagine the mess this created. Though I suppose as the major part of the contents of the bins was ash from the fires, this would soak up any liquid and alleviate most of the odour.

I recall that the man who drove the cart was rather stout and we used to wonder how he climbed aboard, - with great difficulty I would imagine. Anyway back in those days we didn't belong to today's culture of buy it and throw it away. Potato peelings and vegetable waste was boiled up and turned into mash for the hens and pigs to feed on and table scraps were fed to the family pets. Perhaps that is why in those days dogs didn't seem to live as long as they do now. Obesity in children was practically unknown and if any child was fat it was put down to them having a glandular problem.

Can you remember the rag and bone man? He used to visit two or three times a year on his flat cart. His horse used to tear round at a fair old lick. He used to yell out his presence. I think he was calling out for old rags and bones but the children named him Johnnie Oynka because that's what it sounded like.

The reward for giving him stuff varied from pumice stone, white pot basins, wind mills and the occasional gold fish. I bet there are few now who remember the old pumice stone. Every week the women would pumice stone the door steps and windowsills. If pumice wasn't available there was another soft stone which could be used but didn't give as white a finish as the pumice. I believe pumice is a kind of lava and also it floats on water. Sir Alan told us this was because it was full of gas bubbles.

I see in the current issue mention of making Cross Lane one way. When I was a child and until the beginning of the second world war, the No 50 bus used to go up Brickhouse Lane and down the Hathersage Road. I am not saying that Cross Lane was one way then but the practice was stopped on 2 counts. No1 because the drivers found it difficult turning out of Brickhouse Lane on to the Hathersage Road, and there was far less traffic then than now. Though I do believe that the front of the Dore Moor is slightly different from then, when Ron Bells garage butted out somewhat. No2, over the year the extra fuel used going round would not have been inconsiderable and it was rationed.

If saving fuel then was a priority it should be even more now because of the dwindling world stocks. Though if the Aztecs and Incas were correct with their calculations all those years ago and we are

all to perish in 2012 I guess it doesn't matter.

I can't think of anything to grumble about unless it's children tearing up and down the pavements on bikes which look far too big for them and using their impudence if reprimanded. The flower tubs have looked really well, pity some idiot had to squash the one near HSBC. Some of the shrubbery overhanging the pavements could do with a good prune. The bumps on Dore Road get worse.

Jean Dean



The Mercian Way?

This sketch, drawn from Woodthorpe Hall Farm, shows a humble footpath heading towards Totley. My guess is that this is the remains of a bridle way dating back over a thousand years; could it be that King Ecgbert travelled this route in AD829 as he marched up to Dore for his meeting with King Ecgbert from Northumbria?

That this track was important is perhaps born out by the nearby finding, in 1971 by Clive Bellamy, of a coin from AD41 when Claudius became head of the Roman Empire. The coin is now in Sheffield Museum.

To reach the track from Totley, head up the 'white track', from near The Shepley Spitfire and after a few hundred metres the ancient way leads off to the left, towards Woodthorpe and Holmesfield, and to the right the way would lead to a ford through the Totley Brook and then on to Totley Hall Lane. Perhaps this was a very ancient "M 1" and it is quite likely that there were traffic jams in those days too!

Brian Edwards

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Mollie loved High Storrs, which at that time was divided into two schools, one for boys and the other for girls, each with its own Headteacher. She recalls "Ours was Alice Battensby, a very modern woman who listened to what we had to say." Pupils came from all over Sheffield by bus or tram, many leaving before 8am to arrive on time.

Mollie says "All the staff were lovely. I especially liked Miss Ibbotson, the chemistry teacher." However, her passionate interest and talent was in Music and when she decided to do teacher training there was only one place to go - St. Catherine's College, Tottenham. A strong link had been established between St. Catherine's College and High Storrs Grammar through the music tutor Muriel Hewitt who had taught at the school and many Sheffield teachers were trained in Tottenham.

This was 1940 and in order to escape the London Blitz the young ladies of St. Catherine's were evacuated to Babbacombe, near Torquay, Devon. Mollie remembers that they were housed in very smart hotels and often did their college work sitting on the beach. There was the added attraction of large numbers of young men from the R.A.F. who were stationed nearby! St. Catherine's organised the course for them as best as they could. "We used to do our school practice in the villages and take our instruments with us. In those days they'd never seen students," laughs Mollie.

After college she returned to Sheffield and in 1942 started her first teaching job at St. Barnabas Infant School, Alderson



Mollie Woodcock

Road where she stayed for five years. A post in charge of the Infant Department at Intake School followed and then on to Lindsay Road Infant at Parson Cross until 1955.

In the meantime, Mollie recalls that she had met "a very serious young man who eventually became my husband Geoff." There were however certain difficulties to overcome first. She explains. "After sending me to teacher training college, my mother and father did not like the idea of me entertaining any young man. They thought I would continue teaching and become a Headmistress. But, that wasn't my idea!" Geoff, who had been in the R.A.F. was sent to U.S.A. then India and she could only receive letters from him through the help of a kind neighbour. In the end her parents gave their blessing and

they were married on 26th July 1952 at St.Paul's Church, Norton and came to live in Dore.

Then Geoff takes up the story "We were determined that we would not get married until we'd got a house. So, how do you get a house in 1952? You see, in those days you could have a new house built but you had to find a site and pay a development charge which was about £400. So, that was out of the question. Then we heard about a builder at Dore who had started building houses before the war and was about to carry on with no development charge." This builder was Mr.Jones and the plots of land were at the top part of Heather Lea Avenue.

Geoff vividly recalls. "When we first saw where we are now it was a cornfield with manhole covers sticking up out of the corn." He recorded the whole building process through photographs which show the skill of Mr. Jones and the pleasure of seeing their own self designed house going up over fifty years ago. Theirs was the first to be built on their side of the road and all for less than £2,000!

In 1965 the new Dore Primary School was opened and Mollie (Mrs Woodcock) was asked by the Headmaster Gordon Cook if she would join the staff and take the J1 class. She talks of those pupils with real affection. "That J1 was wonderful. The children were absolutely marvellous. It was a new school and everything that those children touched was brand new. Not often you get that!" The other teachers were Miss Palmer J2, Mrs Morant J3 and Mr. Philbidge J4. Mollie recalls with kindness the "dreaded" Miss Palmer who had taught for many years at the old



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The after performance refreshments proved very popular, particularly the mulled wine for the adults! Santa's house was the main attraction for the children as they collected their present from him, with the free donkey a close second. The whole event lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours, with the narrated play taking about 30 minutes at the beginning. Do visit our website at www.totleychristmasfestivals.co.uk for pictures of last years performances and a list of special options for groups and clubs that start at £2.50 per person. Below is a schedule for this years performances and we would love you to join us for this unique and special start to Christmas.

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school and transferred to the new one. "Dear Connie Palmer, we kept in touch and I got to understand her a bit." Mollie describes a lonely spinster who finally found happiness through dancing classes by marrying her partner, Mr. Henderson of Henderson's Relish. She gave up teaching, joined her husband in the family business and after his death carried on successfully running it herself.

Mollie will be remembered fondly by the hundreds of children who were in her Base in Dore Infant School or who spent their dinner hours with her learning the recorder or practicing band pieces for assemblies and concerts. The highlight of the year was, of course, the Infant Nativity Play with its large cast of actors, choirs and piping recorders who gave such pleasure to generations of parents. Mollie's long career as a dedicated and talented primary teacher will have touched the lives of many in Sheffield and particularly in Dore.

To conclude Mollie says that she has so many happy memories of colleagues and pupils from 18 years at Dore Primary School but she adds "It's strange now...it's happened this last five or six yearsit's only the mums now I see in Dore. My last reception class have all now gone. The birds have flown! That's the sadness in a way." There speaks the caring and interested teacher who can never really let go.

Maureen Cope
Dore Oral History Group

Ed. You can read more about the Dore Oral History Group on page 18.



This aerial photograph of Dore is believed to have been taken from an RAF Lancaster bomber in 1944. It shows a half developed Heather Lea Avenue and open fields where Kerwin Road and Newfield Crescent are now. The circular shaped object in the field opposite the end of Devonshire Terrace Road is a wartime fire pond created as a precaution in case of bomb damage to water mains.

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Planning Matters

Planning applications, decisions and issues have raised some surprises, disappointments and satisfactions during the last quarter.

'Fairthorn' Townhead Road. As is well known, Home Farm Trust the owners and occupiers of 'Fairthorn' have had a change in policy in the provision of housing accommodation and in consequence put 'Fairthorn' on the market some time ago. There was a significant amount of interest in the property, but because of its position in the Green Belt any prospect of significant development of the site was out of the question. A planning application has now been made by Methodist Homes, a charity providing sheltered accommodation and housing particularly for the elderly.

The application is for 30 units for retired people and includes 30 car parking spaces. The proposal is for a single new building on the footprint of the existing main building, sheds and greenhouses would be demolished and the applicants propose extensive landscaping and tree planting on the site. Whereas we would prefer nothing at all in this Green Belt, the proposals are probably of the better type for the site. The Society have asked that if the application is approved, the property is only occupied by the elderly retired and that the building is faced in natural stone, and not stone and rendering as shown on the plans.

114 Totley Brook Road. Since last reporting the application for housing in the back garden of this property, regrettably the planning authority have given planning permission for the development. This is a disappointment to the Society as the proposed houses will look directly into the backs of other properties and tandem development of this type is not to be encouraged. Needless to say the neighbours are not happy.

64 Dore Road. A similar situation occurs here where this property is a bungalow on a fairly large site at the back of the Victorian Villas in Dore Road. An application has now been made for three further houses on the land.

'Farfield' Townhead Road. This is a substantial property at the corner of Townhead Road and Blackamoor Road. At the back of the house is a paddock, which has a frontage to Blackamoor Road. An application was made for two large detached houses on part of the paddock. Whereas this would not have been over development of the site there was concern that the existing tree belt which screen the site from Blackamoor and the Green Belt, should be retained as far as possible.

As it happens the planning committee turned the application down because the paddock is not within the village envelope for housing. Whereas this might please some it is understood that the property has been bought by a developer with a record for flat developments. Who knows what might happen here now.

Totley Bridge Garage Site. You will recall that planning consent was obtained for a convenience shopping outlet on this site, and Tesco have recently taken up occupation. The shop has extended hours

opening and there has been some nuisance to neighbours, primarily from noise from an air-conditioning unit. Tesco's have now applied to extend the times for delivery vehicles visiting the site to operate from 7am to 11pm with half an hour less on Sundays. The Society considers this most unreasonable in a primarily residential locality and has objected strongly.

22 Townhead Road. It is with considerable sadness that the Society learned that the Inspector allowed the appeal against the Council's Enforcement Notice against the demolition of the wall and the construction of a car park at this property. The case made by the Council and DVS was that the loss of stone boundary walls in vulnerable situations was serious in the Dore Conservation Area.

Dore Village would be a very different place without the stone walls fronting the roads. The Inspector said in his report that he could understand the Society's disappointment, but the appeal was allowed on technical grounds set by precedent elsewhere. Regrettably the gain by the owner of 22 Townhead Road is the community's loss.

David Heslop

Drivers escape

Judges and magistrates sentenced a record 1.5 million people last year, the highest number for a decade - chiefly because of a rise in motoring offences. According to Home Office sentencing statistics, despite this increase, drink drivers and those who drive while disqualified are less likely to go to jail than at any time in the past ten years!

Only 3 per cent of drink drivers and 36 per cent of offenders who drove while disqualified received an immediate jail term in magistrates' courts last year. New sentences for dangerous and careless driving are now proposed.

Community Constable

In Line with the restructuring of the Sheffield South District a new Community Constable has been appointed to cover the Dore Area. This post forms part of the Safer Neighbourhood Area initiative. This allows for an extended team of 1 Police Sergeant, 7 P.c.'s and 3 Police Community Police Officers who cover an area ranging from Brincliffe to Surprise view.

P.c. 2247 David Spencer took up his new post on the 17th of October and will work closely with the current Totley Area Constable P.c. Wadsworth. Two Police Community Support officers support the Dore/Totley team. These officers can be contacted on 0114 2963187.

P.c. Spencer has been in the Police for 22 years and has served in various posts, including Area P.c. at Burngreave and Lowedges as well as a stint on the Underwater Search team. He lives locally. He very much feels that it is time that Dore had its own "bobby on the beat" so expect to see him around as often as he can. Please make him feel welcome.

P.c. Spencer will try to form a blend of current policing methods with a practical no nonsense old-fashioned attitude to Policing. To this end he has already been visiting local schools attending assemblies so that the local youths can put the face to the name.

P.c. Spencer believes strongly in Community relations and hopes to set up a local surgery where he can be spoken to about any quality of life issue that he might be able to assist with. He has made a temporary arrangement to be available at the Old School on the 1st Thursday of every month between 12noon and 1.30pm starting on 1st of December. Please feel free to "pop" in and have a chat about any concerns you have. It is hoped that the Police section Station on Totley Brook Road will become a more permanent base for the officers working in the Dore/Totley Areas.

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While I am on explosive subjects, what about November the 5th. I like a good firework display, but while I watched, my mind could not help straying onto some of the implications of it all. For a start, what about global warming, then given that they are invariably Chinese made, what about the balance of payments. And should we be wasting all these natural resources and money when the majority of people in the world are living below the poverty line?

No doubt I will be accused of being a killjoy, but looking around at the skyline I could not help thinking that all those who want to, could still enjoy firework displays, but far more economically. Finally, why are areas of Sheffield with small gardens being given green garden waste bins for recycling, while Dore with its larger gardens is not? A recent one-off collection of garden waste in parts of Dore generated large amounts of 'green' rubbish. Presumably once we do get more bins for separately recycling materials, the large black bins will be replaced by smaller ones. Sometimes it seems to be a matter of honour amongst some residents, that they must fill their bins to the top every week!

Doremouse



Nelson's monument conquered

Wyvern Walkers

Despite the weather, a gallant band set out on 21st October, Trafalgar Day, to visit the Nelson's monument above Baslow. When they arrived they found 50 people who had walked up from the village in commemoration of an earlier event. Apparently in 1905 a "pilgrimage" was organised from Baslow to the monument, attended on the hundredth anniversary of the battle by 100 people. They are concerned that in 2105 there will only be 25! Oh and yes, the group did sing a snatch of Rule Britannia.

The Wyvern Walkers Group, part of the Dore Village Society, have a regular programme of led walks from or around Dore. The next walk on 26th November will explore parts of the Longshaw Estate. Walks start at 9.30am from the Old School. More details from 236 9100.

The next meeting of the Dore & Totley Support Group for the Visually Impaired will be on 23rd November at 11.30 am at the Methodist Church on Grove Road.

Journey to Bethlehem

Can't get to Bethlehem this Christmas? Never mind - Bethlehem is coming to Totley Rise Methodist church. Over the weekend 10th and 11th December the church buildings are transformed into the Bethlehem of Jesus' time for the church's *Journey to Bethlehem*.

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Beware the bargain hunt

Judging from the enormous number of T.V. programmes, it is quite clear to me that the current trend is for "clearing out your clutter" or finding bargains and selling them at a profit.

My advice to you, if you are considering a home makeover, is to get some sound professional advice. A Independent Antiques Valuer and Auctioneer can advise you of the most appropriate place to sell your items, whether it is a regional General Sale or a high profile London Sale.

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Every cowboy landscape gardener for miles around dumps lorry loads of green waste in the gateway or by the roadside rather than paying to dispose of it at a dump-it site. We don't want any of it!

We have to handle it 3 times and then it doesn't burn well. Inconsiderate folk from the Village exacerbate the situation by off-loading, under the cloak of darkness, all kinds of rubbish – boxes of old bathroom tiles and an avocado Jacuzzi complete with gold plated taps being the most memorable items. The middle aged men who have to handle this rubbish can't cope anymore so please desist and ask your landscape gardeners to do the same.

We will gladly collect your bonfire fuel as a service to the community, providing it is wood (not conifers), not plastic and not likely to unduly pollute the environment. We apologise to all those who missed out on this year's collection but we spent all our time sorting out the mess.

Geoff Cope

Dore Show 2005

Despite the bad weather on the day, the annual Dore Show in September proved another success this year. The show was opened by Sheffield Hallam MP Nick Clegg who brought his family along to join the fun. The judges faced a tough task choosing winners from hundreds of entries from over 70 classes ranging from vegetables to paintings, photographs and floral arrangements. Oughtibridge Brass Band and the Yorkshire Chandelier Dancers provided entertainment for the crowds.

Oral History Group

Sixty Years On ...

The Dore Oral History group has continued to record memories of people who live or have lived in Dore and the collection is steadily growing. This year we have been especially interested in the stories of those who lived through the war years as 2005 marked the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War 2.

We used this theme for our very successful Open Day in the spring which produced such a buzz of reminiscences from the many elderly residents who attended. We have also given talks to several ladies and local study groups when our recordings of everyday events sixty years ago vividly conveyed the spirit of wartime. Dore Primary School, once again, invited a group of the older generation to give their Y6 pupils a first-hand experience of what it was like to be young in 1939- 1945. This was live oral history at its very best.

In August we were asked to be a stall holder at the BBC Radio Sheffield VJ Anniversary event at the Winter Gardens, which was a fabulous day of pure nostalgia and reminiscence. Singing and dancing to 1940s music and men and women in forces uniform and authentic clothes of the era all added to the atmosphere. There was also a large display of some of the stories of Sheffield people who have contributed to the BBC People's War Website which will become an important national archive for future generations.

Dore Oral History Group would like our village stories to be part of the BBC archive and we are working towards this. As a final effort for the 60th Anniversary year, we are putting together our own written collection of war memories and photographs which we hope will be finished by Christmas and will make a fitting tribute to all our willing contributors.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Oral History project throughout the year, in particular, to the South West Area Panel for their very helpful grant.

Maureen Cope

Dore Oral History Group

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Grindleford Station

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The summer months brought hordes of day trippers and out would come the charabancs with rows of seats facing forward and carrying twelve people.

For those travelling to Eyam, the steep going was too much for two horses and there the driver would shout "first class sit still, second class out and walk, third class get out and shove".

The photo of the station in the early 1900s shows a cool summer scene, horses having blankets and one lady a heavy cloak. In 1912 a three-foot gauge railway was built along the Hope Valley carrying stone, quarried just above Padley, to the construction sites of the Derwent and Ladybower reservoirs.

Brian Edwards

View from KES

Official opening: We have set up a working party to look at the opening of the new school. The date will be around May 2006, but we are being flexible on this at the moment so that we can fit in with the 'diary of the personality' who we have invited to open the new school. When we have definite news on this I shall let you know. We do want this to be a community event, celebrating the history of the school as well as looking forward to its future. Former students, staff and the local community will be invited to attend and the event could take place over 2/3 days.

Open evenings: In the summer we had a number of Open Evenings where we invited our parents to come and have a look around our new school. This culminated in July when the school opened up as part of the 'Dore Festival'. Our Music, Drama and PE departments showcased what they do best and our local community had the opportunity to see some of our youngsters perform.

We were due to close the school at 9pm, but such was the popularity of the performances being put on by our students, we did not leave until after 10.30pm! Without doubt these evenings were an enormous success and we were completely overwhelmed by the huge numbers of compliments, which were passed on to staff about the school and our students. We are hoping that we can contribute every year to the 'Festival'.

Community/charity group: A number of staff and some students have expressed an interest in setting up a community /charity working party within school, looking at how best we can work with all the communities we serve as well as taking a broader look at the work we do



Grindleford station in the early 1900s showing horse drawn 'fly' carriages, the equivalent of present day taxis.

as a school with charities. I see this as ten heads being better than one. By making the most of the talent around school I am sure we can come up with some ideas and approaches not thought of before.

Adult education classes: We hope to post by hand around the Dore and Totley area the latest edition of our Technology College Newsletter in the Autumn term. In this publication we are inviting local residents to sign up free of charge to a number of Adult Education classes which shall be taking place in school in the evenings after October half-term.

Sheffield College, who used the school as a centre last year had to stop due to problems they had with funding. However, thanks to our Technology College Status we are in the position to offer courses at no charge. At the time of writing, I know we shall be running an Asian Cookery class, as well as two ICT classes, one being for absolute beginners. When we put on these Computer classes two years ago we had around 60 local residents sign up for them!

Sponsored walk: We shall not be having our annual sponsored walk this year. It was originally set up as a bi-annual event and it was decided that we should revert back to this in the new school. It is a very popular event with all associated with the school and I very much look forward to organising this next Autumn.

If you have any questions to put to me or any comments to make, could you write to me at King Ecgbert School, Totley Brook Road, Dore, S17 3QU.

Sean McClafferty
Deputy Headteacher

Totley traffic petition

A 659 name petition drawing attention to the "dangerous" junction of Mickley Lane and Baslow Road has been submitted to the Council by Totley residents. It asks for traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures from Hillfoot Road to Bushey Wood Road "in view of the recent increase in traffic".

Highways officers are drawing up a report to be presented to city councillors on December 19th.

Green Flag Winners

Sheffield's parks and green spaces have now been awarded five prestigious Green Flag Awards for 2005. The Green Flag Award scheme is the national standard for parks and green spaces across England and Wales, and recognises the value of green spaces in communities, particularly urban environments and rewards excellent standards of park management. The 5 award winning sites are:

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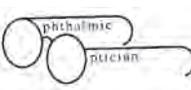
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The Wildlife Garden

While long, thin legs can earn a fortune for a supermodel, they are definitely a public relations disaster when it comes to spiders. These spindly appendages make them objects of fear and loathing in many people's eyes, everyone from Little Miss Muffet to Cardinal Wolsey.

But what is so illogical about this hatred, is that for many years spiders have been considered lucky and having a diminutive 'money spider' walk across your clothes has traditionally been thought to foretell the sudden acquisition of wealth. All in all it seems a strange dichotomy; on the one hand some of us believe that spiders bring us luck, yet on the other, many people are afraid of them, but is this fear rational?

Although there are a number of venomous spiders around the world, such as the 'funnel web' and 'black widow', no British spider has a bite which is poisonous to humans. In fact there are only three out of the six hundred or so species living here in Britain that even have fangs capable of penetrating our skin. However, some people can show an allergic reaction to their venom if bitten, but dying from a British spider's bite is about as likely as winning the jackpot in the National Lottery twice in one week.

Whether irrational or not, our fear of spiders has to a certain extent caused us to overlook the significant role they play as pest controllers in our gardens. Bristow, the doyen of British arachnophiles, wrote in one of his many books 'that the weight of insects destroyed by spiders in England and Wales each year well exceeds the weight of human beings in these countries'.

Spiders are not just important because of the sheer volume of prey they consume, they are also usually the first predators to colonise new plants or crops in any numbers. This is because 'spiderlings' have an ingenious trick up their sleeves to help them disperse. Once they leave their eggs in spring, the young spiders will climb onto a prominent piece of vegetation, raise their abdomens and release a number of long silk threads high into the air from their spinnerets. When there is a suitable breeze, the young spiders are carried along to another

location, a process somewhat euphemistically known as 'ballooning'. Inevitably some fall prey to aerial hunters like swifts and swallows, while other unlucky ones land in water and drown, but many survive and will colonise favourable environments. Their numbers can build up to staggering proportions and by late summer, an acre of rough grassland may have a population of just over 2 million spiders, which to those of you who insist on having everything in metric, is around 500 per square metre.

Actually, only a small proportion of spiders will have arrived on silken parachutes. Most emerge from eggs that were laid on the undersides of blades of grass late the previous year, in fact many British spiders survive the cold weather this way, albeit as eggs. Yet not all spiders succumb to the first frosts of autumn, the adults of some species go looking for cosier retreats to pass the winter months, such as garden sheds, cold frames and even our houses. Unfortunately for arachnophobes, it is these close encounters with large spiders lurking in dark corners or racing across the carpet at night that is the stuff of nightmares.

But for spiders, there are distinct advantages to living indoors. In the warmth they can remain active throughout the year - hunting, mating and laying eggs. Other species which live in sheltered situations like wood piles may also stay alive all year round. This means that if you bring wood indoors for your fire, you may inadvertently carry a few resident spiders in with it. To dislodge them, I usually give my logs a sharp tap and check under loose pieces of bark for clusters of eggs, so as not to condemn the next generation to a fiery end.

What else can we do to help spiders thrive in our gardens?

Basically, the same rules apply for encouraging spiders as any other garden wildlife, in that the more diverse you can make your garden, the more spiders you will attract. By doing this, you will also be providing an additional source of food for many of the smaller garden birds, such as dunnocks, robins and wrens. Interestingly those distant relatives of spiders, the harvestmen (sometimes erroneously called 'daddy-long-legs'), are not eaten by birds, presumably because they have an

unpleasant taste, although I cannot personally vouch for this.

Despite their fearsome appearance, spiders have quite delicate bodies and can easily be killed by insecticides. As far as I am aware, no pesticide is labelled 'spider-friendly', so it is best to avoid using any.

Walls that have small gaps between the stones will provide homes for crevice-nesting spiders, such as *Amaurobius*, while plants like aubrieta which drape over low structures make particularly good places for wolf spiders to hide and hunt from. Also, leave a patch of long grass uncut over the winter months, together with a few of your herbaceous perennials, so that any clusters of eggs laid there will not be consigned to the dust bin or compost heap.

And who knows what good luck might befall you if you look after the spiders in your garden?

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Jack Daw

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It was our ancestors who had to wield the hoe, to till the land and watch their produce grow.*

*We raise our seedlings now upon the windowsill, eliminating those that look quite ill.
Then, when we think it's time, we put them out
And sit back waiting for them all to sprout.
Our famous British weather is, of course, of all our problems very much the source.
So does the sun come out? You must be joking
The sky turns grey, dark clouds appear
and all our babies get a soaking.*

*Then all the predators get busy,
munching their way along until quite dizzy.
At last and just in time to save our peace of mind,
the elements decide to start being kind.
The sun comes out, what's left of all our efforts starts to grow
the garden blooms and makes a lovely show.*

(Mrs) Sheila Rodman

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Letter

Dear Sir,
Devonshire Road

I quote from a letter of May 1929 to local residents:- "Doubtless you have seen the wooden bridge which one of the householders in Bushey Wood Road is now building over the stream at the lower end of Devonshire Road to obtain access to the latter road.

This bridge, etc., is a great disfigurement to Devonshire Road - it must inevitably cause danger to pedestrians by reason of motor traffic crossing the narrow footpath and, if it is permitted to remain, every householder at that end of Bushey Wood Road will

sooner or later follow suit and a line of bridges and motor car garages will result." (Currently there are 6 bridges.)

"The houses in Devonshire Road and Brinkburn Vale Road stand on land formerly owned by the Abbeydale Land Society (formed 1875) and our legal advisers believe that the Society still owns the strip of land which lies between the footpath at the lower end of Devonshire Road and the centre of the stream. We cannot be sure until the deeds have been examined."

A meeting was held at the Bowling Green and residents of Devonshire Road and Brinkburn Vale Road resolved to plant up the strip of land with shrubs and fence it off to prevent trespass. The work cost

£40-12s-6d, plus £ 1-1s-0d to the solicitor for legal charges, and residents were invited to make donations to cover the costs.

The City Council had the area cleaned up once in the 1970s but nowadays only one or two residents keep the pathway clear of overhanging branches. How greatly it would be appreciated if Tesco could see their way to enhancing the look of this approach to their Express Store.

Bill Glossop

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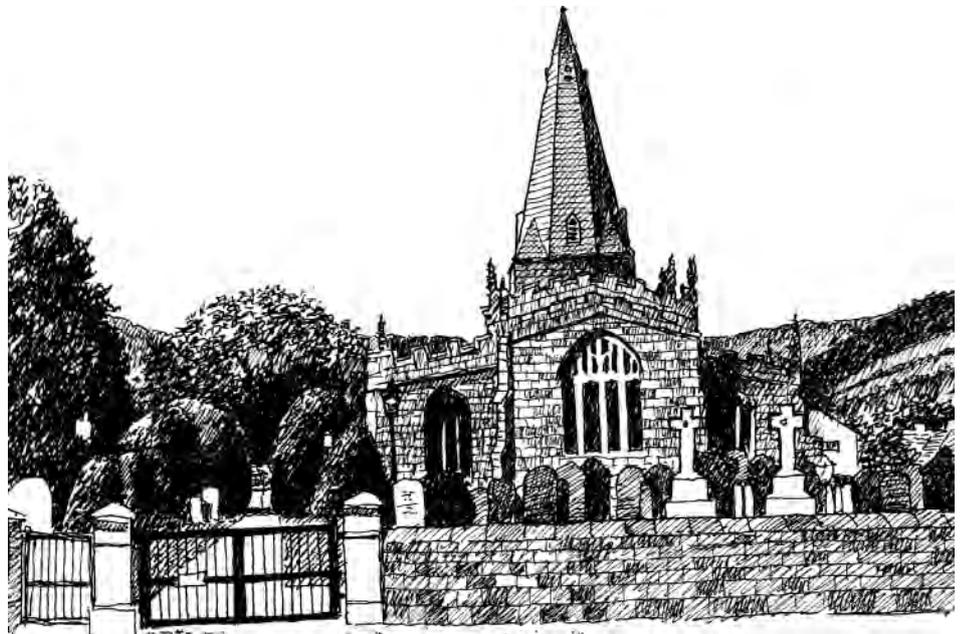
Lots of hope

The drawing opposite is of Hope Church, one of the villages 'opened up' by the arrival of the Dore & Chinley railway line in 1894 - thanks to the driving through of the Totley Tunnel.

I am currently working on a revised version of my 1985 book 'Totley and the Tunnel', which had three reprints but still sold out. I am always being asked if another reprint is on the way but I have decided to include new facts that have come to light and extend the text to briefly include the villages of Grindleford, Hathersage, Bamford, Hope, Edale and Chinley, and how they were affected.

I would be more than delighted to hear from anyone who has copies of documents, photos or anything else related to the subject.

Brian Edwards 01629 640752



An expensive switch

The Government plans to force us all to switch to digital TV, a policy hardly discussed in the press, yet destined to effect everyone with a standard analogue television set. Between 2008 and 2012, region by region, the Government intends to turn off existing analogue transmissions. It argues that this switch over has to happen because currently some 25 per cent of households cannot receive digital TV: the signal is not strong enough.

Once the switch off happens, only TV sets that are connected to satellite or cable, or have set-top boxes, will work. Your average TV will stop functioning unless you upgrade it.

The cheapest way to do this will be to buy a Freeview, or set-top, box, but you will need one for every television set and video recorder in the house. If you already have digital or satellite or cable, it will probably still not be connected to all of your TV sets.

The boxes, however, may not be enough. You may also have to upgrade your aerial, at a cost of £150 or so. And the extra set-top boxes will add to your annual electricity bill. Add to that the hassle and the chance that at least one of the extra

features won't work properly, and you have a recipe for extreme annoyance.

So far, about 60% of households have gone digital, while the remainder have not bothered, many because they are not in areas able to receive a digital signal. The Government has promised to pay for new boxes for the over-75s, the blind and the disabled, but it is not planning to subsidise the switch over for the rest of us.

No other country has switched over. None of our European neighbours plans to

Get a Will

More than two thirds of adults have not made a will according to a recent YouGov survey. 25% of those questioned did not think they had enough money or possessions to bother.

You can write your own will using a DIY pack costing as little as £2.99, but the eventual cost could be much more as it is all too easy to make mistakes which your family will need to untangle in court.

If your estate is fairly simple, a will writer may charge as little as £50 to draft your will, a solicitor up to £100. It is also important to update it with your changing circumstances, such as divorce.

Cheers!!!

At ELR Auctions Quarterly Antique and Fine Art Auction on Friday 16th September a late entry into the sale made an astonishingly high price.

Consigned by a local Doncaster Vendor who had no idea what a gem she had, the small Art Deco Clarice Cliff tea-for-two set in the very rare "May Avenue" pattern was far and away the most popular Lot ELR had ever sold.

Pre-sale interest was at an all time high and although the set was not in perfect condition it didn't deter bidders and as the time for Lot 82 to come under the hammer drew close there was an air of anticipation in the Saleroom. With many commissions already on the auctioneers' book and a bank of telephones waiting for their chance, bidding got underway. The little set was hotly contested flying up well beyond its estimate price, as the bidding slowed only two telephone bidders were left and when the hammer finally fell at £13,000 there were gasps from the watching Saleroom. The vendor was in attendance in the Saleroom and was astounded at the final price.

This was among many high value lots in the auction and once again the paintings section sold particularly well with the ever popular George Cunninghams and George Scarboroughs realizing good prices. All in all a very good sale and the next Quarterly Auction at Christmas already has entries waiting.

Liz Dashper ELR Auctions

Extended opening

Seasons Gallery on Abbeydale Road South are about to extend their opening hours. From November 7th., the gallery and cafe will be open on Monday's from 9am to 5pm, offering a 7 day a week service for its extensive range of gifts, art, ceramics and jewellery. Both gallery and cafe will also offer late-night opening until 7.30 pm each Wednesday from 9th November until Christmas.

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More from Canada

In the last issue I quoted from a letter I received from Mrs Kathleen Rutherglen (nee 'Bunty' Stanley). It struck me as coincidental in two respects. Her surname is so close to that of her niece Sue Ruthven; Kathleen's sister's married name was Nelson, and Kathleen now lives in a town called Nelson in British Columbia! She had gone over to Canada to marry someone she had met during the war.

About that time her parents moved back to Dore and lived at 81 Bushey Wood Road, previously owned by Jack Brearley, son of the inventor of stainless steel. Kathleen's brother Wilfred and his family also lived on Bushey Wood Road and mentions that a long-term friend was Jimmy Martin. Her mother and Mrs Glossop used to walk together pushing Kathleen and Bill (Glossop) in their respective prams. (I can't imagine my friend Bill in a pram). Don Marcroft who, with his father, built the houses on Marstone Crescent was a friend of Kathleen's brother Ray and lived on the top road of the Quadrant in Totley.

As I mentioned in the previous article, when Kathleen was young, the Spencer family lived at 38 The Quadrant. The property went right down to the Old Hay Brook and her father made a zigzag path down through the trees (Akley Wood).

Kathleen remembers Thomson's the butchers, Mrs. Jackson at the post office and Miss Mottershaw at the sweet shop. There was usually a fair held each year on the field behind Totley Rise and then a

much larger one at Abbeydale Hall Park where a one-legged man called 'Diving Peggy' would dive in flames from a small platform, which was quite high up, into a small portable pool.

Although Kathleen gets homesick for the 'gentle' kind of English countryside and misses the little footpaths through fields and alongside streams, she points out that the area where she now lives is lovely but rather mountainous and heavily forested.

Brian Edwards

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Totley Brook Badminton Club, who play on Tuesday Evenings from about 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall on Abbeydale Rd. South (opposite to Abbeydale Sports Club,) would welcome a few new members.

They are strictly a social playing club and standards are not very high, so beginners, or those who can play' but only want to play for fun, would be very welcome. Enquiries to John on 235 1129 or Derek on 236 2597.

The Dramatic Society at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church which performs a play in both Spring and Autumn, is always looking out for new members who are interested in joining either in an acting, backstage or any other capacity. If a career on the (Totley Brook Road) stage beckons, please contact John Stone on 236 1186 or Linda Williamson on 236 3569.

Tree massacre

There was widespread concern from local residents at the sudden felling and pruning of mature trees within the curtilage of Bushey Wood during August. The work was carried out in the woodland immediately behind one of the houses in Devonshire Road, despite the existence of tree preservation orders on the trees involved. The Council is currently considering what remedial action can be taken, including the possible prosecution of those responsible.

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As the peak book buying season begins we look at just a few of the books that deserve to grace our coffee tables after Christmas.

A fascinating new book *Chatsworth - A Landscape History* throws new light on the story of the park and gardens over the last 4,000 years. Written by John Barnatt, the Peak Park's senior survey archaeologist, and history lecturer Tom Williamson, the book interprets the evidence from landscape features and extensive historical records. The story begins BC (before Cavendish) with a Neolithic landscape, since reworked and moulded by succeeding generations, including the famous names associated with the estate. Changes to the house, gardens and estate are explored, all amply illustrated with black and white and colour photographs, maps and plans. The result is a book that is a must for fans of Chatsworth or those with an interest in the landscape or garden history. Published by WINDgather Press in 244 paperback pages, price £19.99

A builder of great country houses including Chatsworth and Hardwick House, wife to four men, each one richer than the last, jailor of Mary Queen of Scots and a shrewd businesswoman, Bess of Hardwick was one of the most remarkable women of the Tudor era. She was first married at 15, widowed at 16. Then at 19 married a man more than twice her age, Sir William Cavendish with whom she built Chatsworth House. Her second and third husbands dead she married the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Marshall of England, making Bess one of the most important women at court. Her shrewd business acumen was a byword, and at the Earl's death she became arguably the wealthiest, and most powerful woman of the Tudor age, apart from Queen Elizabeth herself.

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Yorkshire has a coastline of some 90 miles ranging from muddy estuaries to craggy cliffs. Beautiful natural areas contrast with busy ports, manmade features and industrial blight. Together these make a pictorial feast captured by photographer Ian Carstairs in a new book *Moods of the Yorkshire Coast*. Over 150 excellently reproduced colour photographs capture the changing moods and views of this spectacular coastline, from the Tees estuary to the Humber bridge. Both familiar and unfamiliar views, a reminder of past journeys or a stimulus for new ones. Published by Halsgrove in hardback, 144 pages, price £12.99 ISBN 1-84114-446-0 Available direct from the publisher on 01884 243242

When putting together a packed lunch, there is nothing harder for a busy mum than reaching a compromise between what is good for you, and what will actually be eaten. Now help is at hand in the shape of a new book *Lunch Boxes* written by Jennifer Joyce, a cookery teacher, food writer and above all a busy mother of two small boys. This is an easy-to-use and entertaining guide to making packed lunches fun, nutritious and delicious, with over 100 brilliant ideas. Weekly plans, shopping lists and everyday solutions will help tackle the search for healthy eating against the stress of a busy lifestyle and the perils of peer pressure. It can help with husbands too. Now all I need is to marinade my Honey and Paprika chicken drumsticks. Published by Penguin in hardback, 124 pages price £10 ISBN 0-718-14874-6

We all probably know that the phrase 'below the belt' originated from the Marquis of Queensberry's rules for boxing. But did you know that the expression 'a Masterpiece' originates from the fact that a craftsman, artist, writer or musician would produce a work reflecting their new status as 'master of the guild' when completing an apprenticeship? Now Albert Jack has produced a second book *Shaggy Dogs and Black Sheep* - which gives the origins of even more phrases we use every day. Who were Gordon Bennett and Silly Billy? Has the cat got your tongue? Why is the boss called the boss and why might he fire you unless you butter him up? If you want to know the answers then this is a certain stocking filler. Published by Penguin in hardback, 255 pages price £10 ISBN 0-140-51573-9

Another new book, *The Wednesday Boys*, charts every footballer who has played for Sheffield Wednesday's first team from 1880 to 2005, even those players who only graced the field for ten

minutes, or less, as a sub. This well researched and long awaited book contains information on each player as well as many pictures of the boys in blue and white stripes. Authors and lifelong Owl's fans, Jason Dickinson and John Brodie tracked down and interviewed many players to establish authentic details, and where players were no longer alive, closest relatives were also traced. This is a must for all true Owl fans. A special collectors' edition will be available in hard-back (presentation boxed) for £60 and soft-back at £30. Collectors' editions are signed by the authors and contain a Roll of Honour, which can include your name - just call 275 7222. The standard edition book costs £25. The Wednesday Boys: A Definitive Who's Who of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club will be published by Pickard Communication in December.

Who better to capture Sheffield on camera than local commercial photographer Pete Hill. *A Portrait of Sheffield* sets out to do just that with some 144 colour photographs reflecting the busy life of the city. Buildings, parks and everyday activities from cars on the Parkway to dinners in a restaurant. Parks, gardens, a busy kitchen, views inside the Crucible theatre. Excellently reproduced photographs, in a book for us to remember Sheffield as it is now, or as a showcase for the city. Published by Halsgrove in hardback, 144 pages, price £12.99 ISBN 1-84114-381-2 Available direct from the publisher on 01884 243242

It is hard to imagine today, but Norton was once a thriving rural community, sadly swallowed up by the steady growth of Sheffield. Yet there are still some old buildings left and memories of how things used to be. The Norton History Group has now produced its second publication on the area appropriately titled *Around Norton*. It pulls together over 200 photographs donated by local people, which help capture a past community, illustrating some of the buildings lost and the daily round of life in the twentieth century. Published by Tempus in paperback. 128 pages, price £12.99 ISBN 0-7524-3656-2

News in Brief

Onyx have not yet made a decision on whether or where new recycling facilities would be sited in the village.

Car tax cheats will cost the Treasury an estimated £147 million this year according to a survey by the Department for Transport, an increase of £18 million on last year.

Dore Village Society had a record 1,140 paid up members for 2004.

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Supermarkets are under fire, with Women's Institute members in Cornwall boycotting them where possible, in a campaign to save local village shops.



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Stars in Dore

The winter sky in Dore in December is dominated by the planet Mars (magnitude -1.6 to -0.6) in Aries just to the right of the Pleiades cluster. The red planet is moving away from Earth so that by the end of January 2006 it will become a far less spectacular object (mag +0.2). Saturn appears later in the evening in the east (mag +0.3) but is by no means as bright as Mars. It sits below the two bright stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux, in the neighbouring constellation of the Crab.

Venus makes an appearance in December being visible low in the south-west just to the left of where the Sun sets. Setting soon after 7pm, Venus shines in all her glory (mag -4.5) on Christmas Eve just after sunset. In a small telescope Venus will appear as a thin crescent until it fades from view in January.

One of the most exciting discoveries in 2005 has been that of several large trans-Neptunian planets at the outskirts of our solar system. That was at the end of July 2005 when the new object named 2003 EL61 was found. Hot on the heels of that came another new object, 2003 UB313, and then yet another called 2005 FY9. The sky was apparently raining new members of our solar system! The early date appearing in two of the names is simply due to the discoveries being made on old celestial photographs or images.

UB313 orbits the Sun in 557 years, FY9 in 308 years and EL61 in 285 years. Compare these figures with Pluto's period of 248 years and Neptune's 165 years. No doubt all three objects will eventually receive exotic mythological names and become known to all the youngsters of tomorrow. The new textbooks on astronomy will soon become quite unrecognisable to us of the older school!

Since Pluto already is known to have a moon-like companion, Charon, it is not surprising to hear that EL61 has a moon too. On Christmas Eve EL61 will be in the constellation Cetus (between beta and omicron Ceti) and is due south in Dore at about 8.30pm at an altitude of 31 degrees. This is the region beneath and a little to the right of Mars. Although too faint to be seen by amateurs, EL61 will be looking down at us from the night skies.

Good news from the Mayfield Valley! The Sheffield Astronomical Society has announced plans to build a permanent

centre for its activities in the grounds of the old school next to the chapel. The main access will be via David Lane on the edge of Fulwood. Yet to be accepted by Government (greenbelt!), outline plans have been approved by Sheffield Town Hall so now there remains only the question of where the funds will come from. Hopefully, a wealthy benefactor will wish to put his or her name on what must be one of the most exciting projects in Sheffield in recent years.

There is a particularly valuable aspect of this development. Young children are already catered for at the Mayfield Centre with respect to the natural surroundings but this was necessarily on a small scale. The Society hopes that their observatory and classroom facilities will open up many fresh avenues of science including, of course, their own astronomy and the science of the Universe.

Unlike some other developments, the Mayfield Astronomy and Space Centre requires very little new space other than the old school playground and virtually no demolition other than that of two wartime bunkers which were eyesores anyway. There is a picture of the proposed building on the Society's website. It is both conservationally discreet and highly functional.

Surprising as it may seem, the night skies are quite dark at Mayfield except in the direction of the City, so the stars, the Moon and planets and the galaxies will appear well through the Society's many telescopes. For those who prefer the warm, there are talks, tours, exhibits and lectures planned, as well as instruments specially designed to observe the Sun. It is the writer's opinion that the Sheffield Astronomical Society will be widely applauded for promoting such a great fellowship of young and old enthusiasts in such a worthwhile, non-profit-making concern. The Dore community and Sheffield as a whole will greatly benefit from the new Centre just on their doorsteps.

Surely one of the grandest constellations of the wintertime is Orion, and the great Hunter with his belt and sword is known to many people. A less spectacular constellation just to the right of Orion's

right-hand foot, marked by the white star Rigel, is Eridanus. This is the river Eridanus, a long, winding constellation, the sixth largest in the sky. Sometimes identified as the Italian river Po, and the river into which the son of Helios (the sun god), Phaethon, fell.

According to Greek mythology, Phaethon borrowed his father's chariot and nearly set the Earth on fire by approaching too close to it. Zeus averted the catastrophe by striking him down with a thunderbolt. One easily identifiable group of stars in Eridanus is a pair of faintish stars (mag 4) to the right of Orion's two feet. The pair lies on a straight line through Orion's two lower stars nearly twice the distance away.

Omicron-2 Eridani, as the lowest star of the pair is called, is accompanied by a white dwarf star (mag 9.5) which is the easiest white dwarf to be seen in the whole sky. White dwarfs are very old stars which have collapsed but they are not massive enough to become a neutron star or black hole. Unfortunately, the brightest star in Eridanus, Achernar, is never visible from Dore since it lies at the far end of the river quite near the south celestial pole.

Travellers to the southern hemisphere, however, or at least those who have enjoyed the glorious tropical skies below the equator, will be familiar with Achernar, alpha Eridani. Even from Dore it is worth trying to make out this fascinating constellation, perhaps with the help of a star chart. The writer would certainly urge those travellers who yearly sail around the Mediterranean or the Baltic to try a cruise to Capetown or Rio just to see the stars!

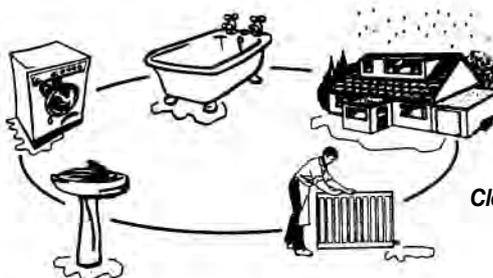
The website of the Sheffield Astronomical Society, which includes information about meetings is at www.sheffieldastro.org.uk/sas-latest or readers may visit www.masc.org.uk which is one of the linked websites.

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- 26 **Good Old Days concert** at the Montgomery Theatre, .15pm & 7.15pm. Tickets from 01909 567 326
- 28 **J.G. Graves** Speaker: Miss Doreen Cobain 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. Open to all
- 29 **Mince Pies and Magic** with Brian Varley for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
- 30 **Presentation** of development plans for Sheffield Museums Mappin Collection for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at Tapton Hall, Shore Lane, 2.30pm. Admission free. Enquiries: Tel: 236 0941

DECEMBER

- 2 **Annual Carol Service**, for St Luke's Hospice at Sheffield Cathedral, 2.30pm all welcome.
- 3 **Christmas Bazaar** and re-opening of Dore Scout Headquarters. Starts 10.30am
- 3 **Christmas Fair**. All Saints' Parent & Toddler Group Toy and book stall, cake stall, tombola, raffle, children's crafts, and Father Christmas!
- 4 **Christmas Fair** at Dore Moor Nursery from 12 to 4pm
- 5 **Handel's 'Messiah'** with Sheffield Bach Choir, Sheffield Cathedral, 7pm Tickets £13, conc £10, from Sheffield Music Shop Broomhill, Blue Moon Cafe or SBS, 3 Tapton Mews, Tapton Crescent Rd, S10 5EA (Students £6 on the door)
- 8 **Christmas Open Evening** for Dore shops with entertainment from 6pm
- 9 **Sheffield's Haunted Buildings & Christmas Social**, talk by Dr D Clarke for Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society, 7.30pm New Houlden Hall. Tel 230 9663
- 10 **Christmas Event** organised by the Friends of the Botanical Gardens, 10am
- 10 **Step out through Ecclesall Woods** 4 mile walk around the woods with the Rangers, meet at Millhouses Cafe at 10.30am Tel: 283 9195
- 11 **Special Christmas Event** at Twentywell Lane Shops from 11am with Father Christmas, entertainment and seasonal refreshments.
- 11 **Festival of Light**, St Luke's Hospice 6pm free entry
- 12 **'Come and Sing Messiah'** with Sheffield Bach Choir, Dore Parish Church 7.30pm £7 incl wine and mince pies. Scores to hire £1 at door. Tickets as 5th above
- 13 **Fire on the Danube**-destruction of a Roman Landscape, talk by Prof Andrew Poulter for Hunter Archaeological Society, Arts Tower, Sheffield University, 7.30pm. Details: Tel 01246 413496
- 13 **Christmas Celebrations** - Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
- 14 **Christmas Party** at Abbeydale Sports Club, Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Dore 12noon start
- 16/17 **Christmas Concert** with Dore Male Voice Choir at the parish Church. Tickets from 236 5043
- 27 **Annual Wassail Walk**. Meet 10am at the Old School for a 5 mile walk followed by punch and hot mince pies.

JANUARY

- 9 **Behind the Hoardings in Bangalore** Ms Heather Johnson 2.30pm Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship.
- 10 **City of Durham** - origins & development. Talk by David Butler for Hunter Archaeological Society, Arts Tower, Sheffield University, 7.30pm. Tel 01246 413496
- 11 **150 years of wedding dresses** talk by Mr R Young for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Dore, Old School 2pm
- 17 **Most Peculiar Place - Rye** talk by Bob Warburton for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
- 9 **Guest Speaker** Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones at Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 29 **Boxing Clever** join the Rangers making bird boxes in Ecclesall Woods. Meet Whirlowdale Road 1pm-4pm Tel: 283 9195
- 31 **Ladies Secrets** talk by Janet Stain for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm

FEBRUARY

- 6 **Theatres in Days Gone** by Mrs Margaret Maxfield. Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. 2.30pm
- 6 **Wortley Top Forge**, talk by Mr G Parkinson for Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society, 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, James Street. Tel 230 9663
- 8 **My year as Lord Mayor of Sheffield** talk by Councillor Diane Leek for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild, Dore, Old School 2pm
- 9 **Bridge Drive** in aid of St Luke's Hospice at Sheffield Bridge Club. Details from Tel: 236 9911
- 11 **Step out to Fanshaw Gate Hall & Holmesfield** 5 mile walk with the Rangers, meet at Totley Library 10.30am Tel: 283 9195
- 14 **Bronze Age Landscapes of Dartmoor** Talk by Bob Johnstone for Hunter Archaeological Society, Arts Tower, Sheffield University, 7.30pm. Tel 01246 413496
- 14 **Pennine Way** talk by Andrew Firth for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, Church Hall 7.45pm
- 18 **Concert** with Sheffield Bach Choir at St Mark's Church, Broomhill 7.30pm Tickets £11, conc £8, from Sheffield Music Shop Broomhill, Blue Moon Cafe or SBS, 3 Tapton Mews, Tapton Crescent Rd, S10 5EA (Students £6 on the door).
- 20 **Charity Fashion Show** in aid of St Luke's Hospice at Baldwin's Omega 12.30pm Details from Tel: 236 9911
- 20 **St Catherine's Way** Part 1. Melrose to Kirk-Yetholm Speakers: Anne and Jim Headridge, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship. Open to all

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Dore Methodist Church Christmas Services

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