

# DORE to DOOR

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## Dore Festival 2006

What a wonderful Festival we had this year! The whole fortnight seemed to go so well and the weather for once, was perfect. Every event, from the walks, talks, and well dressings to the concerts and play on the green, created its own special atmosphere and were all greatly enjoyed.

Thanks are due to our many local groups who regularly take part in Dore Festival and to our visiting theatre group and jazz band. We hope to book them again next year. Thanks also to the community of Dore who tore themselves away from the football and tennis to make such enthusiastic audiences.

The one event which attracted a huge crowd of runners and supporters of all ages was the Family Fun Run. Well done to all those who ran (including the dogs) the organisers and large team of helpers. Throughout Festival Fortnight there were several charity collections taken and generous donations were made to Breast Cancer Care, Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, Transport 17 and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Dore Festival itself is non-profit making and relies on the generosity and support of Dore Scouts, Dore Village Society, Dore Male Voice Choir, Tina at the Devonshire Arms who sponsors the Morris Men, and the faithful Friends of Festival. A big thank you to you all and we look forward to seeing you next year!

We are always on the lookout for different events, particularly ones that appeal to young people and family groups, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

**Maureen Cope (tel 235 0392) &  
Anne Elsdon (tel 236 0002)**

## Free risk assessment

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service are offering to complete a Free Home Fire Risk Assessment for all properties in our area and to fit free smoke alarms where necessary. These are essential, but they are the sort of thing that very often gets put to one side. Just ring their hotline number 253 2314 to make an appointment.



*The top of Dore Road at the junction with High Street in the early 1950's. Note the Police Box. No need for a 20 mph limit then! The girl on the right is Vivienne Bell, daughter of Henry Bell local electrician and photographer. Does anyone know who the other girls are and when the police box disappeared?*



## Speed limits

Speed limits across the country are likely to be reviewed, with the 60 mph maximum on rural roads being reduced in many areas in an attempt to save lives. Councils are also being asked to look by 2011 at the possibility of introducing more 20mph zones in urban areas, or indeed raising limits where this can be done safely.

The overwhelming majority of people at this years Dore Village Society AGM were in favour of pressing for a 20mph limit in the centre of Dore, and the Society will be taking up this cause.

**DORE SHOW  
SATURDAY  
9th SEPTEMBER  
2pm to 4.30pm  
See page 16**

## Oral History Collection

*Blackberries -*

*A written memory by Jean Kinsey*

My earliest recollection of picking blackberries was on a beautiful late-summer Sunday afternoon. The day was fine, warm, sunny, golden and tranquil as we walked across the farmyard, through a gate into a field where the wheat crop had recently been harvested. In the hedge were the gleaming black fruits ready for picking. I held a few berries in my hand then felt the exquisite sensation of the luscious berries bursting in my mouth and the sweet after-taste of the juice.

Every September as I pick the new season's blackberries these evocative memories are remembered afresh, along with countless associated recollections.

The calmness of the day with glorious sunshine and the beautiful rural landscape was in stark contrast to the chilling words we had heard that Sunday morning at 11am. 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, when Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain broadcast to the nation saying "This morning the British government issued an ultimatum to the German government that unless their troops were withdrawn from Poland by 11.00 am, a state of war would exist between our two countries. I have to tell you that no such undertaking has been received and consequently this country is at war with Germany."

Already, the mass evacuation of children from vulnerable cities to places of safety in countryside areas had been ...

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Keep up to date with what's going on in Dore at [www.dorevillage.co.uk](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk)

## New community number

101 is a new 24-hour number provided by your police and local council to deal with community safety issues, including non-emergency crime, policing and anti-social behaviour. Sheffield is one of five areas already with this service.

Call 101 if you have problems with:

- \* Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property
- \* Noisy neighbours
- \* Intimidation and harassment
- \* Abandoned vehicles
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- \* Drug-related anti-social behaviour
- \* Problems with street lighting

The 101 service is just for non-emergency problems.

If you have an emergency problem, for example, where there is immediate danger or you witness a crime taking place, you should dial the 999 emergency service.

**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 talk to members of the committee about local issues and the history of the village.

### 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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Please forward items for the Winter (November) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 27th October**

## Neighbour Noise

Around half a million people have moved home in the last year because of noise, according to a new MORI survey earlier this year

It also found that for one in ten, noise affects quality of life, with those renting council properties suffering most. Moreover, one in ten are kept awake by noise.

This new research highlights serious impact noise has on the quality of our local environments. Many neighbour noise problems are the result of inconsiderate behaviour, and can be solved by common sense, practical solutions being promoted at local level during

The survey also found that people are now less likely to complain directly to their neighbours about noise than previously. They are more likely to call the police, rather than the local authority officers with responsibility for noise.

Councils now have more powers than ever to deal with noisy neighbours, including disturbances caused by burglar alarms.

## Charity duo

Jo Marshall and Mel Jepson from Valerie of Dore have been busy raising funds for Breast Cancer Care.

In the same week they took part in the recent Race for Life event and gave a demonstration of flower designs over the last 25 years to an audience in the Methodist Church. The demonstration was enjoyed by over 70 people who listened to tips from Jo and won designs to take home. Together the events raised nearly £400 for the charity.

Jo has recently announced proposals for a local flower school and is taking names and addresses of people who are interested in short floral courses.

## Membership subscriptions

Reminders have recently been sent out to residents who have not yet renewed their membership of the Dore Village Society for this year. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership now.

Subscriptions of £4 per person can be mailed direct to the membership secretary, Anne Elsdon at 10 Rushley Close, S17 3EG.

## New Faces

Michaela Gaitens took over *Dore to Door Catering* in April. She has dreamt of owning her own Sandwich shop/Café for some time now and looks forward to bringing some new vigour to the business. On that note, the catering side of the business will no longer be maintained and in the future the name of the shop will become Dore Café.

Michaela has already started to improve the café to appeal to a wider spectrum of customers, as the previous décor was outdated. She has purchased new equipment along with tables, chairs and a top of the range coffee machine. She has decorated the inside and will soon commence updating the outside. Michaela lives in Mosborough with her husband John.

It has been all change at what was the Supper Club next to Abbeydale Garden Centre, now re-launched in June as 'Moran's winebar and restaurant' and run by partners Bryan Moran and Sarah Lee. Bryan previously headed the kitchens for 11 years at Aitch's Wine Bar and Bistro in Bakewell.

The inside of the restaurant has been given a make-over, creating a warmer more inviting ambience whether for a relaxing drink or enjoyable meal. The aim is to serve modern European Cuisine with an Asian twist.

Fans of food with a spicy flavour, who enjoy a meal at Almas in the village, may be interested to know that the owner's son, Nas, has fulfilled a long standing ambition and opened his own restaurant in the city centre. *The Saffron Club* is well situated for a meal out in town with a prime position in the converted Glossop Road baths.

The theme is classic and contemporary and this goes for the stylish and intimate decor as well as the refreshingly different dishes that are on offer. A tempting offer for shoppers is the lunchtime special of a main course with rice, naan bread and a drink all for £4.95.

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## Wildlife Trust celebrates

Sheffield Wildlife Trust is very pleased to announce that it has reached 3200 members! Members are vitally important to the charity and numbers are growing on an average of 100 a month. As a local charity, the Trust relies on its members, volunteers and local people, to continue its valuable work, protecting Sheffield's wildlife and greenspaces.

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The Trust's target is 5000 to 8000 members by the year 2009, approx 1% of Sheffield's population. You can help the charity reach this, and show your support for the Trust's work by becoming a member today. Membership forms can be downloaded from the Trust's website [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com)

The good news comes as a bonus for the Trust, which is celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary this year, and is currently running a series of events to mark the celebrations, including a Masked Barn Dance in September and a Blues Evening in November.

The Trust is appealing for the public, and businesses to get involved in the 21st activities, if you are interested in helping please contact Nicky Moore at [n.moore@wildsheffield.com](mailto:n.moore@wildsheffield.com)



### Village Notice Board

*Keep up to date by checking the Dore Village Society notice board next to the Coop on Devonshire Terrace Road.*

*If your organisation have a public notice about events in or of concern / interest to people in the village, please contact Anne Elsdon on 236 9025 or John Baker on 236 9025. We can arrange for details to go on the notice board and the village website.*

## Dore Church Yard

When we were awarded a grant of £8000 from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, for work in the churchyard, some of that money was earmarked for wild flower planting. With the pressure on land in places like Dore, churchyards have become valuable conservation areas and many of the species we have planted are rare or decreasing in the wild. Some were planted as rooted plants and others as part of a "Meadow Mix" of seeds.

Most of the planting was done around the perimeter, but some of the seeds were planted around gravestones in an attempt to stop soil erosion. Several years of herbicide spraying had killed off all vegetation and left the soil bare. This was believed to be a contributory factor in the loosening of some headstones. This year inspectors found eight more memorials which were unsafe and had to be laid down. These will be raised and rebbed at a cost of £1000 during the summer.

We do appreciate the concerns of some visitors that the wild flowers look a little untidy, but they will be trimmed over the summer. This is the first year of the planting scheme and I am sure we will be considering the effect and making some modifications. We hope you have also enjoyed watching the flowers appear over the season. There are guide charts for flowers, birds and butterflies in Church for you to borrow if you wish.

*Rosemary Harrison  
(Dore Church Fabric Committee)*

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## The Boundary Walk

The Boundary Walk, a bi-annual event in the village, is always arranged for the Saturday nearest Midsummer's Day and this year this coincided with the first day of the Festival Fortnight. The day started cloudy but fine, a great day for a walk round the ancient boundaries of Dore.

Thirty seven stalwart walkers met at Whirlow Bridge, on the Limb Brook, not only the boundary of Dore but the ancient boundary between the Saxon kingdoms of Mercia and Northumbria. The very boundary that was so important in 829 when Egbert accepted the submission of the king of Northumbria.

The walk of 11 miles took the walkers down through Ecclesall Woods to the River Sheaf, then up through Poynton Wood, along the east bank of the River Sheaf to Grove Road, Totley Brook Road and Old Hay Brook. The walking group, having increased as others took the option to join along the way, made their way up through Avenue Farm and Shorts Lane, before plunging into the woods of Blackamoor by the side of Blacka Dyke. The threat of rain cleared as the group broke out onto the Hathersage Road and Houndkirk Moor.

Here in a heather dell, the company of 44 rested for lunch beneath the wide skies of Houndkirk and the distant views beyond. Brian Edwards, local historian and artist, entertained the group with tales of some of Sheffield's eccentric past residents (see page 24).

Then it was off again in bright sunshine to enjoy the vistas over Burbage before turning east again, to pick up Limb Brook at Ringinglow and the downhill route through the Limb Valley and home. What a great way to spend Midsummer's Day, to see the beautiful setting in which Dore lies and hear of the lives and see the places of so many past generations of our village.

See you on the Boundary Walk 2008!

*David Heslop*



*The thirty seven stalwart walkers about to set out on the Boundary Walk*



*Brian Edwards emphasising a point during his lunchtime talk.*

## Play Bridge

Have you played Bridge in the past, maybe at school or college, or maybe even with friends or relatives around your kitchen table? Maybe you have played cards and heard people and friends talking about Bridge? Then why not find out more about one of the best mind games you can play?

Beauchief Bridge Club is a friendly, social, Sheffield based club that caters for anyone interested in the fascinating, often infuriating, but always addictive game of Bridge. The club meets on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Park Hotel (formerly the Sheffield Moat House) a superb recently refurbished venue with parking and disabled facilities.

Four partners, supported by enthusiastic members and helpers, currently manage the club. The club exists to promote a sociable, friendly and welcoming atmosphere to players of all standards. We also have an enthusiastic teaching support team to help beginners learn the game or assist those returning to bridge brush up on the game. The teaching sessions are held every Thursday within the normal bridge sessions. An evening's Bridge, or being part of one of the lessons costs £4 for members, with annual membership available at a cost of £ 10.

As well as the normal Monday and Thursday sessions, the club has teams in local and district leagues and organises 'away days' where you can enjoy a day's bridge with lunch and maybe even come away with a prize!

So why not come along on Monday or Thursday and have a chat with one of the partners, or give our secretary Stan Haywood a call on 01246 452412, or if you would like to know more about the lessons and help to beginners or those returning to bridge give Ian Willmot a call on 01246 416137.

As well as having a great time, meeting and making new friends, who knows, one day you could be playing for your county or even country. One thing is for sure, once you have started playing Bridge you will be hooked.

*Stuart Barnes*

## News in Brief

**Concern** has been expressed to local councillors about the condition of Dore Recreation Ground. The footpath across the rec is in a dreadful condition and needs to be upgraded to an all weather path. Playground equipment has not been replaced and collapsed culverts to a water course have not been replaced after 4 years with a temporary barrier. The Dore Village Society had planned to re-open this water course a few years ago to attract more wildlife, but was told this could not be done because of pollution by foul water, yet nothing has been done to repair the collapse and stop access to the water involved

**Local transport managers** are urging Network Rail, which owns Dore station, to revive their proposals to add another platform, a footbridge and more parking spaces which had earlier been shelved due to estimated £10 million cost. Planning permission had been granted after discussions with Transpennine Express, which would be able to stop more trains at Dore.

**Busy Bee**, our local hardware shop on Baslow Road is now open Sundays from 10 till 4.

**Well done** to Dr Geoffrey Cope, who has won a Senate Sustained Excellence award for 2005/06 at the University of Sheffield, in recognition of his continued excellence in teaching and/or learner support.

## Whirlow Hall Farm Trust

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In his new book on the Story of Dore Old School, John Dunstan's makes a reference to the burial scandal which he fully covered in his book *Methodism in Dore*, published by the Village Society in 1980.

In the mid-1870s something occurred which brought Dore Methodists into the national news and caused questions to be asked in Parliament.

In March 1876 there was living at Townhead a farm labourer by the name of Sanderson, a Lincolnshire man. His infant son, who had been christened in the chapel, died, and the parents wanted him buried in Dore Churchyard.

The vicar, Rev JTF Aldred, refused on grounds of conscience to bury the boy himself, but said the body could be interred in the churchyard by another parson. He asked a colleague, the Rev EB Chalmer of Sharrow to officiate, but didn't tell Sanderson he was doing so.

Meanwhile the father had arranged for the Methodist Minister, the Rev W Whitby to take the service, but since by law he was not allowed to conduct a service in the churchyard he would do this from the road outside.

When the Methodist Minister arrived in Dore at 3 o'clock on the funeral day the grave was not ready, so part of the service was held in the Chapel. When the grave had been dug, the funeral procession, headed by Rev Whitby, left for the churchyard, but when they arrived they saw the Rev Chalmer coming up the path reading from the Church of England Service.

## The Great Dore Burial Scandal

What the reporter from The Sheffield Independent (who somehow contrived to be in just the right place at the right time, much as happens nowadays) described as "a painful scene" then followed. Chalmer was asked to stop, but, rightly in law, refused to allow the child to be buried without himself reading the Anglican service. The Rev Whitby was understandably upset, having thought himself to be in charge of the proceedings and having conducted part of them already. Amidst tears and sobs, Mrs Sanderson was finally asked to decide what should be done, and she wished the boy to be buried in the churchyard. So the coffin was carried into the church, the second funeral service was resumed, and the coffin finally buried.

For the next month or so an acrimonious correspondence rumbled on in the local press. The Bishop of Lichfield supported the vicar, the Methodist Minister of Nether Chapel in Sheffield took a swipe at the Established Church

Vicar Aldred was praised by various correspondents, but remained fairly tight-lipped. The original report had alleged that the vicar had said that he could not inter the boy inasmuch as he had not baptised him.

The affair had now been reported in the national papers and spotted by Osborne Morgan, MP for Denbighshire, who was zealous for dissenters' rights and currently backing a Bill to permit interments in the

parish churchyards of England and Wales either with or without any burial service, or with burial services other than Church of England and performed by persons other than Anglican clergy.

So it came about that in Parliament Morgan questioned the Home Secretary as to the legality of the vicars alleged refusal. The Home Secretary had written to the vicar and read out his reply. Aldred denied the assertion and gave his version of events, adding that he supported his deputy whose actions he considered to have been correct.

The Home Secretary denied any further knowledge of the matter, but when Morgan raised the matter again a week later he conceded that if interment had been refused on the grounds that the child, albeit baptised in the chapel, had not been baptised by the vicar, this would have been against the law.

The Dore Burial Scandal, as it became known, reflects little credit on either of the protagonists. It's unclear why Aldred refused to conduct the service himself, although making arrangements for a proxy to do so. He was somewhat evasive in his replies. And the Methodist minister seems to have pursued him with an excessive degree of vindictiveness and pettiness of argument.

And who tipped off the press, and why?

We thank John for allowing us to quote this extract. His new book on Dore Old School is a must read for everyone in Dore and particularly past pupils.

*Richard Farnsworth*

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

As Dore Ward's three local Councillors, we have shelved our political differences to challenge gross over development by Persimmon Homes on the former King Ecgbert's school site.

We believe the proposed 109 dwellings, with the associated traffic volumes, pressure on overburdened facilities, highways, school places and the local infrastructure, is just not acceptable to our community.

We already have severe congestion and parking problems. Dentists have unprecedented waiting lists and doctors have to refer patients elsewhere. This plan, if approved, will further damage the quality of life in Dore.

The proposed number of units may be within Government planning guidelines, but fails to respect the nature of the locality. This development would be completely out of context with the surrounding area.

We will be putting these plans on display locally and organising public meetings. The views of the local community must be heard. We will do all we can to resist this gross over development.

**Anne Smith, Mike Waters & Keith Hill**  
*Ed. You can see the plans, and talk to the councillors about them, between 10am & 12 noon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at Dore Old School.*

Dear Sir,

I have been a resident of Dore (Brickhouse Lane) for 20 years and I have appreciated the beauty of the area from the day I arrived. Like most other residents of the village I care about the appearance and maintenance of the village - particularly the roads and pavements. With this in mind, the main purpose of my writing to you is to express my concern over the excessive growth of hedging plants that spill over the garden walls of many homes and onto the pavements. This is particularly noticeable when walking along Causeway Head Road.

I agree that in itself this overgrowth has a certain "visual appeal", but many of these plants are encroaching outward and

well over the pavements - to the point of appearing neglected and untidy.

Would the members of the Dore society consider a mini-campaign to make the owners of these hedging plants aware of this and politely encourage them to take action to reduce the amount of encroachment. I am not proposing an all out "butchering" of this excessive growth to fully expose the boundary walls/fences, although that in itself wouldn't be likely to harm the plants. Just a regular trim to hold back the encroachment.

**S. Smith**

*Ed. This problem crops up every year, with many home owners not being aware of the difficulties caused, as they rarely walk past their own gardens.*

*When notified about individual cases, the Society does write to the homeowner pointing out the problem. In most cases people are only too pleased to put matters right. Ultimately the Council can enforce action by undertaking the work and billing the householder.*

Dear Sir,

### TOTLEY BROOK POLICE POST

For some time there have been rumours that the Totley Brook Police Post would be closed because it was uneconomic to keep it open.

I am pleased to report that Chief Inspector Rachel Barber of South Yorkshire Police and on behalf of the South Yorkshire Police Authority, has confirmed that this Police facility will remain. It will be used as a base by officers working in the Dore and Totley area as part of the new Safer Neighbourhoods Team for the South West.

**Councillor Michael Waters**

Dear Sir,

I have been hoping to trace Mrs. Ivy Hartley, late of Dore. Her husband, Percy deceased, was a well known figure walking with his guide dog, and also sang with the Dore Choir.

If you would place a note in your local newsletter asking if anyone knows of her whereabouts I would be most grateful.

**Rita Webster**

*Ed. You can reach Rita by email at [rita.webster.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:rita.webster.t21@btinternet.com) or via the editor at the address on page 2.*

Dear Sir,

Whilst researching my family's history I traced my paternal Great-grandmother Agnes Burgess to Dore. She married Samuel Haslam in 1904 and moved to Barlow. Her father was Joseph Burgess originally from Northampton who married her mother Sarah Ann Robinson from Dore, in St Phillips Church, Sheffield in 1872. I was hoping that your readers may know of these two families; Burgess & Robinson and any relatives that are still in Dore today.

Sarah Ann Robinson (b 1851). Brothers: George (b 1846); William (b 1848); James (b 1853); Samuel (b 1863); Sister: Mary (b 1859). Agnes Burgess (b 1885). Brothers: John (b 1876); Joseph (b 1880); Sisters: Hannah Sophia (b 1873); Fanney (b 1874); Alice (b 1890).

**Simon Carter**

Dear Sir,

*Dore prefabs.* I worked on erecting the prefabs in Dore village and do not recall much resentment at the time but in later years I realised there must have been a good deal of devaluation of property adjacent to them, though I never heard of it but was curious.

**Arthur Fearnough** (by e-mail)

Dear Sir,

*Dore and Totley Station and Mrs Eaton's Sweet Shop*

There used to be two wooden huts standing at the edge of the field now occupied by the flats. They were a little distance apart so the second one is not shown in the photographs in your Spring Edition. One of these huts was occupied by Mrs Eaton's Sweet Shop, the other was a tailor's workshop. My memory is telling me that the one shown in the photographs is the tailor's. I used to attend Dronfield Grammar School and used the train daily. The walk home took me past Mrs Eaton's. It must have been a good position for the shop with Dronfield pupils passing one way and Dore & Totley pupils going in the opposite direction.

Dore and Totley Station (now just called Dore) is of course still open. It used to have 4 platforms but these were reduced to 2 when the trains to Dronfield and Chesterfield were withdrawn in 1967. Later in the 1980's, a further platform was removed leaving a single platform to be used by trains in both directions - a retrograde step. At some time, perhaps in 1967, it became an unmanned station with tickets being purchased on the train.

Back in the 1940's and 50's there was a Station Master- Mr Mey, 3 porters and 2 or 3 booking office clerks. The porters were Frank Taylor (featured in Brian Edwards' books) Horace and Jim, working shifts. I can still remember Jim announcing the 8.16am train - Dronfield, Chesterfield, Derby, Repton, Burton, Tamworth, Wilnecote, Kingsbury, Birmingham, stations Worcester. Sometimes on a Sunday, Mr Mey would be working as Pilotman when single line working was being operated through Totley Tunnel. He would personally have to give the driver of each train permission to depart before going through the tunnel.

**John Booth**

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Dear Sir,

Your correspondent, John Booth, is correct when he points out that the photographs, in your magazine, were not of Mrs Eaton's sweet shop. Her shop was located on the other corner of the plot where the flats were built, almost on the corner of Twentywell Road.

To Rowland Sheard I would point out that she was not a war widow, but a divorcee. After she retired she moved to a house in West View Close, facing the bottom of Busheywood Road, where she and her three sisters had lived as children. She lived in West View Close, happily and independently, till she died in hospital after falling and breaking her hip, in December 1986. It is good to know that people still fondly remember my mother.

**Sadie Khalak-Dina**  
Arkley, Herts

Dear Sir,

Regarding the photograph in your Spring issue, taken at Dore and Totley Station. I wonder if any of your readers, besides myself, remember that Mrs Eaton's sweet shop was not the one shown in the photograph, but was actually situated about 50 yards further up Abbeydale Road near the bottom of Twentywell Lane.

The building shown in the photograph was I believe used by a gentleman as a Watch and clock business.

I must say how much I enjoy your magazine which I read when I visit my 89 year old auntie who lives in Brickhouse Lane at Dore.

**R. Barnes**

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to visit the lovely little village of Dore last Saturday afternoon. I had previously been evacuated there 1941-1942 approx. my Mother, baby brother and I stayed at 16 High Trees with a Mrs Roddy and her young son Rex. I had a little playmate called Pat Thompson who lived opposite. I attended the village school and also the Sunday school where I received a prize for good attendance. I remember the Magic Lanterns at the church, also the village Post Office where my Mum bought me my first Easter egg. I was five or six at the time having been born in 1936.

I remember some ladies presenting some of us with a precious bar of chocolate. I believe it was on the village green. Later we stayed with a Mr and Mrs Hamlet or Hamlyn and there daughter Heather. That was in another road in Dore. We had all come up from London to Sheffield to escape the blitz and walked straight into another one. We were staying at my Grandmother's house in Heeley and moved to Dore as I had bronchitis and to escape the bombs.

After the war we returned to Ruislip in Middlesex. I am now in South Wales. I would love any information about Dore village at that time. My son who lives in Nottingham kindly drove me up.

I must also mention my Dad who was in the RAF, stationed at Norton about that time.

I thoroughly enjoyed my few hours in Dore last Saturday.

**Mrs Diana Mollie Taylor**  
(Known as Mollie Dent then.)

Dear Sir,

To correct Mary Crosslands' recollections, Ralph Roberts was shot down on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1940, near Wissant, France. About two weeks later, the local doctor during an air raid warning - not the Sheffield blitz which was in December - heard Lord Haw Haw on the radio say that Ralph was a P.O.W. and immediately went to tell his parents. This was confirmed by the Red Cross shortly afterwards. Ralph returned home in May 1945 and we were married the following January. Sadly Ralph died in 1994.

On the bitterly cold night of 12<sup>th</sup> December, the night of the Sheffield blitz, our house in Millhouses was damaged and we were advised to leave. My parents, myself and the dog walked up Rycroft Glen to Dore, where in the brilliant moonlight we saw a damaged bomber overhead, very low, which I believe came down on Totley Moss. We then walked down to Ashfurlong Cottage to join Mr and Mrs Roberts in their cellar, along with some neighbours. We stayed with them until the 'all clear' sounded.

To add to the reminiscences of Dore High School. When our son went there he was taught by my mother's cousin, Margaret Burgin, who I was told, went there as a pupil, and never left.

**Joan Roberts**

Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent correspondence concerning Dore & Totley High School.

My schooldays began at "Miss Trott's" in September 1939, along with Roger Needham, who lived in Furness Avenue, and whose father was a "Local Preacher" at the Totley Rise Methodist Church.

I was delighted to meet up with him again in 1953 when we went up to Cambridge, along with John Hanford of that same Kindergarten, under Miss Burgin, and one other whose name escapes me.

Some 40 years on, or a little bit more, Roger Needham had become Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and he came and stayed with me as the first Guest of Honour at the Dinner of the newly formed Sheffield

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## Dore Post Office

At the heart of the community

For decades the village Post Office has been at the heart of our village. In Dore we can trace its location through a number of buildings over the years, until it moved into its present location on Townhead Road..

### A family business

We talked to Penny Clover about her families' involvement and the current threats to village Post Offices.

The Clover family first moved to Dore and Furniss Avenue in the early 50's. Penny's father Reg worked in the Sheffield Fruit & Veg market then and it was only by chance that he called in at the Post Office one day and remarked to the previous owner about his interest in such a business. It turned out that owner Mike Mower was thinking about retirement and a deal was done for Reg to take over the business and rent the property.

In 1982 Reg was injured at work and it was Penny's mother Brenda, a familiar face in the village still, who took over. In 1984/5 she bought the shop, gave up the newspaper business and selling cigarettes before refurbishing the shop as we see it today. Now the post office business is supplemented by selling a wide range of cards, gifts, children's toys and sweets.

In 2001 Brenda herself retired and Penny became sub post mistress as she is today. Penny still lives in Dore along with her mother and sister Mandy. She is a great fan of the village but when pressure permits enjoys travelling with the family on cruises or to warmer climes.

### Changing times

Sadly over recent years Post Offices have been closing at an unprecedented rate under pressure from new technology including the internet, changing retail trends and Government decisions over the provision of services. Most significantly was the move towards paying benefits directly into bank accounts. For many this broke the habit of going once a week to the post office to collect as pension or child benefit, in fact any benefit, and took away a core business.

Now thousands more Post Offices could be under threat if the Government ends Post Office card accounts in 2010 while actively discouraging their use in the meantime. These accounts are understandably very popular with older people, who use them as a basic savings



*Dore Post Office on Townhead Road, complete with its classic post box. Along with the Chemists shop next door, it is one of the busy hubs within the village.*



*Another satisfied customer at the Post Office counter being served by Penny.*



*Brenda Clover, a familiar face behind the counter.*

account with payments such as Social Security benefits and pensions paid directly into them, while allowing withdrawals across the Post Office counter. Only this year the business has been squeezed further by the loss of TV licence renewals.

### A vital service

Yet we must never forget that the local post office has a valuable social role in rural and urban communities.

For many, the traditional Post Office is not just a convenience, but a vital lifeline. It's where older people go to do their banking, to pay bills, to buy stamps and fill in benefit forms. For some, visiting the Post Office might be their only contact with other people each week. By taking away Post Offices, older people are being robbed of services and contacts they rely on.

Closing Post Offices means more cost and more hassle for older people, who will have to travel further on public transport, and spend more of their meagre income to do everyday things like buy stamps or pay bills. Older people may not be able to pay bills on time, their safety may be at risk, or at best they face longer queues when they eventually get there.

### Post Office closures

The Post Office says too many of its branches are not viable and are competing with each other for business. It wants to close thousands to save money, despite Government subsidies. But often, branches targeted for closure are exactly those most needed by older people. In some rural areas, the Post Office is one of the only shops or services around. Decisions on closure should always be made on social, as well as commercial grounds.

### What next

The good news is that, all over the county, village communities are rallying to support their local Post Offices. As a community we must continue to value the services available through our Post Office and the convenience of having one in the village. It is a truism "use it or lose it". So next time you are in the shop take the opportunity to check on all those extra services available. These include ordering foreign currency, organising travel insurance, banking facilities, mobile phone top-ups, savings and investment accounts etc.....



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Branch of the Cambridge Society, when he assured me that on his appointment as Pro Vice Chancellor, he only took office provided he did not have to buy a suit - the last of which he had purchased when he was twenty.

Sadly, Roger is no longer with us, but before he died he persuaded Bill Gates of Microsoft to invest over £20million pounds into Cambridge University.

*David J Kirkman*

Dear sir,

A few comments and memories from your last issue.

Dore and Totley Station forecourt in the snow. I knew Mrs Eaton and her sweet shop well. I am fairly sure that the wooden hut shown in the photo was not the sweet shop. This was further up the road towards Twentywell Lane, it was much smaller, open underneath with the back supported by timber posts, there was a steep bank down from the side of the road. This position is supported by a 1250th scale ordnance map I have of the 1950s, it shows a little square in the position where I remember the sweet shop.

I haven't any clear memories of the use of the hut shown in the photo, probably because I never had to use it. I seem to remember it had a number of different uses in the 1940s, a tailor's shop may have been one.

Is it worth putting a few more memories down which otherwise may well be forgotten when my generation dies out?

During the war troops were stationed in one of the houses at the bottom of Dore

Road, they built a training obstacle course on the open land now occupied by the garden centre. And of course W.H. Smith had a large shop in a substantial wooden building on part of the area now occupied by the garden centre, with the frontage onto the station forecourt.

The occupant of one of the houses opposite the station, possibly Woodland View mentioned in your picture caption, achieved national fame or notoriety in the 1940s. He was a Mr. Whittaker who was an architect who I believe designed the Abbeydale Cinema. The Sunday Dispatch announced a major scoop; they had discovered three original Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes stories, never before published. After the first one appeared in the paper it all turned out to be a hoax, they had been written by Mr. Whittaker.

Other small details, the garage at the bottom of Twentywell Lane was Bookless Brothers, a son had the garage at Bradway, now Murco. There was another large sports club called Sheffield Collegiate Sports Club further up Abbeydale Road South, on the Bradway side opposite and between the entrance to Abbeydale Sports Club and Abbeydale Park Rise. It closed at the beginning of the war and became allotments.

I believe all this area today is referred to as being in Dore. I am fairly sure that in the 1940s we always considered the area from Totley Rise to the station, including Totley Brook Road, Bushey Wood Road, Devonshire Road and Abbeydale Park Rise as Totley Rise. They were part of Totley Rise postal district, mail was sorted

at the post office on Totley Rise. Bushey Wood Road and Abbeydale Park Rise didn't go through to Dore at that time; Dore was a distant place at the top of the hill, separated by a wide belt of farmland.

Peter Bradley in Dore to Dore mentioned Dore Show. In Totley we always knew it as Abbeydale Gala (it was on the Abbeydale Sports Club ground) it was a wonderful occasion, one of the highlights of the year. The dodgem cars were a great attraction, another great attraction was the lady in a bed, one threw a ball at a target, and if it hit the spot the lady was tipped out of bed. It was always said that the girl in the bed was often the Shepley daughter, of Woodthorpe Hall. I believe she later lost her life in the war from a torpedoed ship tragedy.

Does anyone remember the other annual fair in the neighbourhood, at the bottom of Totley Rise in the field built over by the houses of Milldale Road?

I never heard of any American troops being stationed in the area, and then on the same day I heard about it twice. One is the mention in the magazine about them training at Burbage and then in a programme called 'The Way we Were' (ITV 7.30) there was a feature about a large number of American troops at Chapletown which I suppose would be reasonably convenient for the Peak District.

And finally back to sweet shops, who remembers Mrs. Spring's sweet shop on Totley Rise, with her 1/2d and 1d trays.

*Tony Smith*

*Ed. Please keep the letters coming.*

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## Planning Matters

**King Egbert Mercia Site:** Furniss Ave. A full planning application has now been made by Persimmon Homes to demolish the caretakers house and erect 109 dwellings with associated garages and car parking spaces.

What is proposed constitutes a gross over development of the site, and takes no apparent account of the probable impact on the local community. Many local public services are already stretched to the limit, the infrastructure, from roads to sewers, is overloaded and the extra traffic that will be generated is worrying.

This whole saga illustrates the total domination of commercial interests on the planning process and the failure to take a broader view of community needs and development.

**Ash House Residential Home,** Ash House Lane: Proposals have been made to demolish the existing buildings and erect 18 flats on this site within the Green Belt. We understand it is proposed to move the home to another site in Sheffield.

**Hare and Hounds,** High Street: Proposals have been lodged to extend the outside drinking area with a new boundary wall. Sadly there have been several cases of disturbance caused by drinkers to local residents and shop keepers, leading to a number of objections including one from the Dore Village Society.

**Kirkwold,** Townhead Road: A retrospective application has been made in respect of two conditions on the original granting of planning permission for the creation of a Menage on land partially within the green belt. These relate to the installation of a lighting column and the storing of vehicles on site. Unless initial conditions are enforced this makes a mockery of requiring them in the first place.

**Farfield,** Townhead Road: An application has been made to build a new house on the front garden of the existing

property and to add an extension and conservatory to the original building. This is a sensitive site partly adjacent to the Green Belt and in risk of over development. The rear garden has already been the subject of a rejected planning application overturned on appeal to the Secretary of State.

## Front garden design

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) is calling for households across the UK to retain some green space within their front gardens. The plea follows a Mori survey commissioned by the RHS and the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), which shows that 30% of homes in the UK have paved virtually their entire front garden.

The paving over of front gardens can cause many environmental problems, including flooding, due to excess water run-off and increased air pollution. According to Leigh Hunt, RHS Horticultural Advisor, "we recognise that homeowners, especially in urban areas need to utilise their front gardens to park cars, but the environmental impact of paving over front gardens can't be ignored any longer."

In order to help people create 'green' solutions for low maintenance, car friendly front gardens the RHS has produced an information leaflet that includes designs showing a variety of ways to incorporate a paved area into a front garden, advice on a range of permeable paving products that allow water to seep into the soil and ideas on low maintenance planting schemes.

The leaflet is part of the RHS Gardening Matters Urban Series and is available as a PDF file on the RHS website at [www.rhs.org.uk/gardeningmatters](http://www.rhs.org.uk/gardeningmatters) or send a 46p SAE to Front Gardens leaflet, Advisory Services, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB.

## Neighbourhood Watch

The next neighbourhood watch coordinators meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, meeting at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, Grove Road. The meeting is open to anyone interested in finding out more about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the possibilities for becoming involved.

## Making the Right Connection

Avoiding water pollution in Dore. Most people think of factories and mines when they read about the pollution of our rivers and underground water supplies. Yet in many cases the pollution comes from a much less obvious source – our homes. If there is a fault in the drainage systems serving a house, the dirty water, which should go to a sewage treatment plant for purification, might discharge directly to a local stream. If such "wrong connections" occur at several houses, the combined effect can cause a serious pollution problem. In the worst cases, the regular amounts of untreated sewage can create a mat of grey "sewage fungus". This can coat the bed of a stream, suffocating all the normal water life.

Members of DVS are currently aware of this effect at two locations in Dore, one of which affects the Recreation Ground.

By learning how wrong connections occur, and their effect, it is possible to understand why it is so important to "make the right connection".

Many homes built in the last forty years have some form of "separate" drains, with two drainage systems. One, the foul sewer, carries dirty water from Southwest Sheffield to Blackburn Meadows Sewage Works where it is treated to a high standard before it is discharged into the River Don.

The other system, the surface water drain, carries clean water directly to a local stream or a soakaway, as do most road drains. In Dore, the streams that receive surface water run-off (and any wrong foul discharges) are Oldhay Brook, and Limb Brook in Ecclesall Woods, flowing eventually into the River Sheaf.

Wrong connections occur when toilets, washing machines, dishwashers, baths and showers are connected by mistake to a surface water drain. This often occurs when an extension is built, when a new water-using appliance is installed, and even when the house is built. Any discharge into this drain will pass untreated into a stream or soakaway and will cause pollution. In a stream this can cause unpleasant smells and unhealthy conditions where plants and fish will not be able to survive. Public health is also compromised where access is possible to the stream.

Who is responsible?

The chances are that you were not responsible for plumbing-in your own appliances. However, you *are* responsible for putting it right. Wrong connections are not only harmful to the environment but

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they are also illegal. Failure to take corrective action could lead to prosecution.

Checking things out.

In order to check your house drainage, the first step is to contact the Technical Services section of Yorkshire Water. The YW Contact Centre is on tel. no. 0845 1242429, a low cost call. They should be able to direct you to the best person dealing with drainage records. Ask them if your house is drained on separate systems (one drain for dirty water and one drain for rainwater), or on a combined system. If your house is on a combined system you should have no problems, because all water from your house should be collected in one sewer which goes to a sewage plant for treatment – unless some roof water goes into a soakaway in your garden.

If your house is on a separate system,

you will need to take a look at the outside of the house to check where any outside waste pipes run. If they connect to an original toilet waste pipe, then you are correctly connected.

If the waste pipe leads into a roof drainpipe or a grating at the bottom of the drainpipe, then you have a wrong connection. If this is the case, contact Yorkshire Water or a responsible plumber for advice or assistance. In most cases it will be a simple matter to reconnect to your dirty water drain.

Action you can take.

Don't connect waste pipes from toilets, showers, baths, sinks and water-using appliances into roof water downpipes or gullies. Good plumbers already know this and won't offer short cuts to save costs.

Don't ignore existing wrong connections.

Don't dispose of cooking oil, engine oil, garden and household chemicals or cleaning waste down any drains, into gutters or into the garden.

Do ask Yorkshire Water or Sheffield Council whenever you are connecting a waste pipe to your drains.

Do ensure that if you are buying a house there are no wrong connections. Ask your surveyor to include this in the survey report.

Do check your existing drains. If you find a wrong connection, put it right – don't put it off. Most of us sell a house at some time; wrong connections can delay a sale.

Do make the right connection and help to keep the streams around Dore clean for us all to enjoy.

*Martin Jay*

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*A visit to see the evacuees - end September 1939. L to R Jean's parents and the kind Morgan family with Jean and her brother Michael.*

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taking place for two days. On 1st September, I, along with many other children from my school, boarded a train with some of our teachers. We each wore a luggage label bearing our name and carried with us our gas masks and a minimum of belongings. Additionally, each child had a stamped addressed postcard to be sent home to parents to inform them of their child's location and new address.

Having left our parents behind, we travelled for some hours to a small village in mid-Wales. From the little country station we walked in a crocodile to the village hall where refreshments awaited us and we played with local children before being allocated to billets in local houses,

cottages and out-lying farms in the area.

All over the country many thousands of children were being evacuated as Operation Pied Piper was put into action. This scheme had been meticulously and secretly planned in advance should hostilities be declared.

Much gratitude is owed to local communities and kind people who rose to the occasion lovingly taking in young children from various backgrounds, offering compassion, care and support in such difficult times.

These were events in an eventful time. I was staying at a farm which was so different from the home I knew. There was no accustomed telephone, electricity or gas; cooking was done at an open range and lighting was by oil-lamps or candles. There was no piped water into the house and the privy was outside. So, many adaptations had to be made all round.

I remember vividly the day of the evacuation, the wonder and excitement of my new surroundings and inevitably the apprehension I had in making the many adjustments needed to merge into my new life. In fact, I was the only evacuee at the tiny school I attended as my new home was too far away to join in classes with my previous school friends. At this time I was just six years old.

*Jean Kinsey*

## Photographic Competition

This year Sheffield Wildlife Trust is once again running its Environment & Wildlife Photographic Competition, aiming to get more people outdoors to enjoy South Yorkshire's wildlife, open countryside and urban green spaces.

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages and entry is free. The closing date for entries is December 29th 2006, and you can get full details at [www.swtphoto.com](http://www.swtphoto.com)

## Plague at Eyam

In 1665 Dore and Eyam had many similarities - both were small Derbyshire villages depending on agriculture and bravely dealing 'with the everyday difficulties of 17th Century life. A further connection is that Richard Furniss of Eyam became Dore's schoolmaster and is buried at Eyam. But only one of the two villages - Eyam - became known as the Plague Village.

In the fateful year of 1665 a tailor - George Vicars - died of the Plague and was buried on the 7th September. He was lodging with a family just west of the Church and had recently received a box of clothes sent from London. The next victim - a child from the same house - was buried 15 days later. There were 6 burials in September and 23 in October. Though the disease seemed to have abated somewhat during the winter months by May the following year 77 people had died out of a population of 350.

In the following 5 months the death rate was terrifying - 19 in June, 77 in August, 24 in September, and 14 during the first 11 days of October when the visitation suddenly ceased.

The parish register gives the number of people dying during these months as 267. Five are described as "infants" and possibly died independently of the Plague - and 3 others were brought from the hamlets of Foolow and Bretton. The subtraction of these 8 leaves 259 - the number given by William Mompesson himself as dying of the Plague in the Village and its surrounds.

It would have been easy for the infection to spread to the villages around and though remaining in the village of Eyam meant a much greater risk, William Mompesson, Rector, persuaded the villagers to seclude themselves from the outside world. The then Earl of Devonshire, who resided 5 miles away at Chatsworth, promised to supply vital provisions.

A local historian describes the heroic quarantine thus: "A kind of circle was drawn round the village marked by particularly well-known stones and hills, beyond which it was solemnly agreed that not one of the villagers would proceed whether infected or not". At designated places on the perimeter of the circle articles and food were deposited and payment made by leaving coins in a stone trough to be purified. (Visit Mompesson Well on the road to Grindleford via Eyam Edge).

The winter which followed the cessation of the Plague was spent in burning furniture, bedding and clothing from the "pest houses". Writing on the 20th November 1666 William Mompesson - who had seen his wife die of the affliction

- described the situation in a letter to a friend: "The condition of the place is so bad that I persuade myself it did exceed all history and example. My ears have never heard such doleful lamentations - my nose never smelled such horrid smells - and my eyes never beheld such horrid spectacles. There have been 76 families visited within my Parish, out of which 259 persons died.

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Now (blessed be to God) all our fears are over for none have died of the Plague since 11th October and the pest houses are empty. I intend (God willing) to spend this week seeing all woollen clothes fumed and purified”.

Memorials to the Plague and burial grounds are now visited by tourists. So anxious were the survivors to bury the dead that many were interred close to the houses in which they died. Of these the Riley Graves - named after the farm on which they are found - are the most startling example. Six headstones and a table tomb record the memory of the Hancock family - a father, 3 sons and 3 daughters. The wife and mother buried them within 7 days performing this heart-breaking task unaided, before fleeing to Sheffield to live with her remaining son in Alsop's fields.

How would the vicar of Holmesfield have reacted to the Plague, for Dore and Holmesfield were in the same parish in those days. How would I have responded to the crisis? Locked the house and fed to sympathetic relatives? I think it is very likely I would have fled.

*Pat Pryor*

## Dramatic Society

The Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Dramatic Society started this year with a production of Donald Churchill and Peter Yeldham's play "My friend Miss Flint". The play centred round the life of a TV botanist and how his accountant and ex-wife had invented for him Miss Flint as a tax dodge. Bogus and genuine tax inspectors turn up as the play takes farcical turns.

This was my first try at production and it was a lot of fun. I still don't know exactly what I did to make it happen, but everyone put in their two penny worth and I supposed I was there to get them to agree to differ and get on with it. I hope all of you who came to see it enjoyed it as much as we did.

We'll be putting on another production from 25th to 28th October at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road. If you'd like to come please look out for Posters nearer the date, or phone me on the number below.

We're always looking out for new members, so if you've ever fancied treading the boards or back stages or front of house we'd love to hear from you, just get in touch also on the number below.

*Linda Williamson Tel 236 3569*

## Fundraising concert

Last year, Southey Musical Theatre Company performed a concert at Dore and Totley URC to help raise money for the rebuilding of Meersbrook United Reformed Church on Chesterfield Road, which is home to many community groups. The current church building has been condemned, but plans to build a new church on the site of the original building are well under way, and as the project will cost in excess of £175,000, a massive

fundraising effort is taking place.

Last year the concert was not only a great success, raising a sum of £765 for the cause, but it was also great fun to perform. The group are all looking forward to having the opportunity to perform at Dore and Totley again. The concert will be at Dore and Totley URC, Totley Brook Road on the 23rd of September. Doors open at 7.00pm and tickets can be bought on arrival, or by calling 0114 258 4642.

## Plight of the bumblebee

Scientists trying to save the 25 bumblebee species left in Britain say that their loss could have a catastrophic effect on the countryside.

Academics at Stirling and Southampton universities fear that many plants - and animals that depend on them - will be under threat if the bees, which are important pollinators, die out. They have set up the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

## T.O.A.D.S Autumn Play

Well, we have a very seasonal play for you this November! Have you ever spent the Christmas holiday staying with eight relatives, one of whom trots out his puppet show year after year? Not so good for the rest of the relations but hilarious for the audience! Christmas presents get rifled, petty squabbles break out, Uncle Harvey continues to watch his film on TV while everything happens around him. In fact, it is Alan Ayckbourn at his very best and most humorous.

"Seasons Greetings" will be at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley, on Wednesday to Saturday, November 22nd to 25th at 7.30pm.

Do not miss this well written and very funny play as a start to your run-up to Christmas. There will be wine on sale along with coffee and orange, and tickets are still £3.50 and £3 concessions, from me, Kate Reynolds, 236 6891, or from any other member you know.

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## Dore Blue's

### *A Community Policeman's view.*

As I sit at this infernal computer trying to gather my thoughts about what to write I cannot help but reflect on what has so far been a very successful year for myself and the Sheffield Police team. When I started my "stint" as Dore bobby I had a number of objectives, which I felt, were worthy and a "long time coming".

The first and most important was giving Dore back its own Bobby. Someone who was friendly, local, whom most knew (either positively or otherwise) who was approachable, efficient and reliable. I have tried to be most of these, and certainly from the Responses I got on Gala day I think I have made good progress. More about Gala day later.

I have also tried to Police in a "firm but fair" way and the last few months have proven that approach does pay dividends. I have experienced a number of occasions when a quiet word or home visit has sorted out potential neighbour disputes, led to offender identity, or prevented Crime. Couple this with a number of school and group talks and it's been a busy time. I have also been placed in the enviable position that most people now know what type of biscuit I like. Joking apart. The South West team and myself have had a number of Policing Successes of late, which have included a number of Crime Detection's, Youth Nuisance arrest/warnings, Drug Activity detection's etc.

I hope to continue with talks to various local groups etc concerning Policing matters (if any groups out there wish me to talk on matters from Crime prevention to Cycling Proficiency, from Local Policing to ....well you get what I mean....just ask on 0114 296 3681).

I don't want to give the impression that suddenly Dore has become a hot bed of Crime and Disorder, far from it, what's been happening is that with familiarity comes trust and with that information. This has directly led to the above successes.

I shall briefly mention just a few things about logical Crime prevention initiatives ([www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk).) As always I would ask that we are all extra careful with open windows, unlocked cars, unattended bags/purses etc and especially satellite Navigation tools. We still have enough crime, as an area, for it to concern

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me. I shall only be happy when we have No crime. Especially when a large number of crimes are avoidable. With a little extra thought and little more effort we really can make an impact of this type on "petty" crime. Its purely opportunist stuff, no great plan just a thief taking advantage of local people who either trust too much or think it wont happen to me. It does and there is nothing more frustrating than knowing that Crime could have been avoided.

If ANYONE has any information about Crime or other matters they wish to speak to me about I would ask that they leave any NON-URGENT messages on 0114 296 3681. I'm especially interested in getting the "heads-up" on what we call emerging issues i.e. those which start out as little concerns but if not addressed, can become more of a problem. Please don't think that I wont be interested I would rather know than not.

This is the number of the section house on Topley Brook Road, which I use. It is my intention to make more use of this section station, to hold things like surgeries etc. This building is a very useful foothold in both communities of Dore and Topley. I strongly feel that both ourselves and the public we serve should make better use of it. I am willing to make this facility open to other "partners" should it be feasible. If any groups wish to make use of this for meetings please contact me to discuss this. I can be contacted there or faxed on the same number.

I would like to make special mention of GALA day. I'm sure elsewhere in this publication there are comments but I would like to offer my own views. From a Police point of view the day was a complete success. It would have escaped no-ones attention that there were Police everywhere (even the sight of my legs didn't scare too many young children) this was a deliberate ploy on our part with a number of objectives. The first was that anyone wishing to cause any trouble (and we had info that this might be the case)

would be left under no illusion that it would not be tolerated. We also wanted to ensure that the event as a whole went smoothly from the initial parade to the final clear up operation, so that everyone could feel safe and enjoy the day. We played a very small part in what was a great day and as I said I think the day was a great success. I would like to offer my own thanks to the organisers who made all my colleagues welcome and to the residents of Dore for all their kind words of support.

So what's ahead. Well my crystal ball was won on the tombola stall so forgive me if I get this bit wrong. As we approach the late summer and autumn from a Policing point of view we start to prepare for the darker nights and a projected rise in anti-social behaviour and minor criminality. This can affect our quality of life.

I shall strive to make Dore a Safe, Crime free and pleasant place for people to live, work and visit. I hope to achieve this through a continual productive relationship with the people of Dore.

*P.c. David Spencer*  
*Dore Area Constable*

## Driving dangerously

A recent study by two researchers from Imperial College London and one from Australia has shown that owners of big four-wheel-drive cars are more likely than others to break the traffic laws.

The study indicated that those who drive a 'Chelsea tractor' were nearly four times as likely to use a hand-held mobile phone while on the move, and significantly less likely to use their seatbelts, than were drivers of more common-place cars. Drivers who committed one of these offences were also more likely to be committing the other, indicating a persistent behaviour trait.

Big cars are safer (for the people who drive them) than small ones, a fact that has been publicised by the Department for Transport. No doubt driving in a large, high and muscular vehicle such as a 4x4 makes motorists feel that they are immune to danger and therefore inclined to take more risks when driving. Yet UK insurance data shows that urban 4x4s are involved in 25% more accidents than ordinary cars. They are also more lethal in accidents with smaller vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Four-wheel-drive vehicles have become so unpopular among other road users that a group dedicated to banning them, the Alliance Against Urban 4x4s, has been created (see [www.stopurban4x4s.org.uk](http://www.stopurban4x4s.org.uk)).

This group argue that "too many people are driving what is a dangerous weapon through our crowded streets because they regard it as a fashion accessory".

Their aim is to make driving a big 4x4s in town as socially unacceptable as drink-driving, and to increase taxes on the most polluting vehicles, including increases in road tax and a higher congestion charge in London. They are also seeking an end to 4x4 advertisements in the mainstream media.

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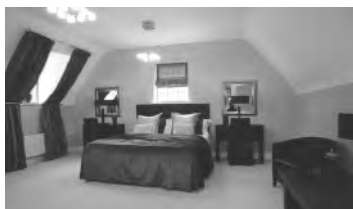
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*Charles Church*

Entries should be made between **9am and 10.30am** to the Old School (classes 1-49) and the Methodist Hall (classes 50-77).

Entry forms for Floral Classes (47-49) are available from Valerie of Dore on the High Street or the show secretary on (0114) 236 9025 and should be submitted by 5.30pm on Friday the 8th September. Kit for class 73 available from 11 Rushley Ave from Sept 5th.

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

### Vegetable and Fruit Section

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

### Flower Section

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

### Domestic Section \* denotes recipes and additional notes

- 31 4 fruit scones (white flour)
- 32 A Dundee Cake \*
- 33 A Victoria Sandwich \*
- 34 4 iced buns
- 35 A plate of 4 biscuits (any)
- 36 A loaf of white bread (not machine made and should be cool)
- 37 A jar of chutney
- 38 A jar of lemon curd
- 39 A jar of soft fruit jam \*
- 40 A jar of marmalade
- 41 A Chocolate cake with filling (any recipe)

\* **Class 39** Jars to be labelled with type of fruit and waxed with cellophane cover. Class 39 jam not jelly.

### Wine Section

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

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

### Floral Art Section *No artificial plant material allowed*

- 47 "From my Garden" Novice Class. For competitors who have never won a 1st prize in a floral art competition. An exhibit featuring garden plant material. No size restriction.
- 48 "Candlelight" An exhibit No size restriction.
- 49 "Congratulations" An exhibit. Space allowed: Width 70cm, Depth 60cm, Height 90cm. Background light blue.

### Textile & Hand Craft Section

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

### Visual Arts Section (minimum age 15 years)

- 59 A hand crafted greetings card
- 60 A water colour painting - landscape
- 61 A water colour painting - any other subject
- 62 A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- 63 A monochrome drawing - any medium

### Photography Section

- 64 A Black & White photograph 7"x5" min. size
- 65 Colour photo - "An Urban Landscape" of min. size 7"x5"
- 66 Colour photo - "My Family"
- 67 Colour photo - "An aspect of Dore" Classes 66 & 67 are for standard or panoramic size only. Unframed snapshots.

### Junior Section (up to age 14)

Entries must be children's own work and show their age. A3 is max size for classes 70 and 71

- 68 A vegetable animal
- 69 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup
- 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)
- 71 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)
- 72 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
- 73 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age 8 & under) \*see above
- 74 A 'kit' model (age 9 to 11)
- 75 A craft exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)
- 76 An art exhibit (age 12 to 14)
- 77 A colour photographic

### Recipes and notes

#### Class 31 Dundee Cake recipe:

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

#### Class 32 Victoria Sandwich Cake recipe:

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



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## The Wildlife Garden

I have no interest in sport whatsoever, which probably stems back to my ordeals at school where I was treated as though I had all the sporting potential of a broken hockey stick. Not surprisingly, every time I was picked to make up the numbers for a team, my admission to the ranks was usually accompanied by deep groans from the members of 'my' side and gleeful smiles from the opposition.

But having said that, I love it when big sporting events are held over the summer, such as the Olympics, the World Cup and Wimbledon. However, I am not sat glued to the television watching these sporting dramas unfold, but out in the garden where something else takes place which is probably just as rare as a Briton getting through to the finals at Wimbledon - peace and quiet.

So a few weeks ago when the nation was gathered round their televisions yelling out words of encouragement for the England football team to get through to the next stage, I rushed outside. There were no workmen blasting out 70's pop music from their radios whilst chopping up bricks with slab cutters; no youths roaring up and down the roads in their hatchbacks as if they were taking part in the British Grand Prix and even those banes of the Accident and Emergency Ward at the Children's Hospital: garden trampolines, had fallen silent. It's only at times like these you start to realise just how much man-made noise we are constantly being bombarded with and how much it masks the sounds of nature.

It had been a hot day and the evening air was gradually starting to cool down. The few clouds, in every reddish hue imaginable, were so beautiful that no doubt if Monet had been there, he would have been rushing off for his paints. The swifts however, oblivious to the splendour enfolding above them, had collected together in a large group and were busily



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screaming challenges at one another. Each bird moved so fast that when one flew overhead, you could clearly hear the rush of air as it scythed onwards, turning this way and that, through an intricate and, at least to me, unfathomable pattern.

A thrush was singing for all he was worth on top of a poplar tree, his melodious song ringing out as clear as a bell, while close by, two male wood pigeons snapped their wings together fighting over territory, with each resounding clap a strange counterpoint to the songster's warbles. One of the squabbling pigeons gave up the fight and flew off to his roost in a nearby tree, crashing into it with about as much aerobic skill as that of an elephant, showering leaves and twigs in all directions.

By now the light was fading fast, but there were still birds flying home for the night; a pair of crows headed north, cawing all the time to one another, while a lone heron winged its way towards Millhouses Park, its screeching call echoing in the still air.

As the bird calls diminished, I became aware of other sounds: a timid mouse stuck its head out of the tangle of sweet pea leaves and with barely a rustle, was gone. Frogs plopped into the birds' water bowl for a dip, a snail slithered noisily across the gravel which was supposedly there to protect my lettuces and a steady crunching noise from the base of my apple tree indicated that our resident hedgehog, barely visible in the darkness, had arrived for his evening meal. He set to, picking out his favourite bits from the saucer of food - a mixture of bird seed, raisins, honey and 'hedgehog niblets' - I had left out for him. Nearby, the vegetation was pushed aside and a much larger hedgehog came out, making a bee-line for the food. Startled, our resident hog knocked over the saucer, scattering seeds everywhere and reluctantly gave way to the newcomer, snorting all the while at the larger animal.

It was now almost too dark to see, but the sweet rocket flowers stood out like glowing beacons and a number of small hawk moths were flitting from one opalescent bloom to another, hovering just in front of each flower and probing deep into it with impossibly long tongues; their

rapid wing-beats just tantalisingly beyond my range of hearing.

Loud cheering erupted from an open window nearby and together with fireworks being let off, it could only mean one thing: England had progressed to the next round of the tournament. I, like millions of fans, gave a little prayer of thanks. For although I might not be interested in sport, you will always find me supporting England, Murray or the British Olympic Team - albeit silently, for silence, not cups or medals, is truly golden.

*Jack Daw*

## Dore Well Dressing

A big thank you goes out to all those who helped with and supported this year's Well Dressing. For the Well Dressing to be successful it takes many volunteers to give their time and energy in a variety of ways.

The Well Dressing this year was certainly a challenge in more ways than one, what with the complexity of the design and the cold, wet weather beforehand, affecting the availability of the flowers we had intended to use, to name just two. However, it was a challenge to which everyone rose and judging by the comments we received, we were successful once again.

So, thanks and well done to all those who, with patience and enthusiasm, helped to create the tableau. To those who let us raid their gardens and donated material and not forgetting all those who worked hard behind the scenes, doing all manner of jobs, to ensure the smooth running of the project. Thanks must also go to the scouts, who kindly let us have free rein of the scout hut, whilst we made the well dressing and to Mike Cullen and Porter Contractors for again supplying the lorry to transport the completed boards from the scout hut to the village green.

In a joint effort, both the village Well Dressing and the Guides' Well Dressing raise many hundreds of pounds each year for charity. So, once again, thanks to all those who supported this village event and I hope to see you all again next year.

*Barbara Jackson*

These are just some of the remaining dates and venues for Well Dressings in 2006. You can find out more information by ringing the Chesterfield Tourist Centre on 01246 345 7777/8 or visiting [www.derbyshire-thepeakdistrict.co.uk](http://www.derbyshire-thepeakdistrict.co.uk)

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## Aircraft noise

A few months ago a local resident complained to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) about the "increased aircraft noise over Dore and Bradway. In their reply the CAA stated they believed that this was due to increased traffic out of, and into, Manchester Airport. Having been an aircraft enthusiast for many years I felt I could perhaps make some informative (and perhaps some speculative) comments on the subject.

Firstly I believe the gentleman in question is correct in his assertion that aviation activity is in the ascendancy (no pun intended) in the Dore area but, I believe, this is minimal compared to other parts of the country. I also believe that the reasons given by the CAA are incorrect probably as a result of someone in their southern office having limited geographical knowledge north of Watford Gap!

So which airport is to blame? Firstly it is not Manchester. Aircraft arriving and departing Manchester do so on an east-west runway and those flying from and to the east do so on an airway that runs between Barnsley and Sheffield. Not only is this well north of Dore but the aircraft are already at a considerable height to avoid the Pennines and certainly have little audible impact locally. (Owing to Britain's normal prevailing winds aircraft generally take off to the west, climb out over Warrington before turning back east often reaching 15,000 feet by Barnsley). Aircraft arriving from the south head for a navigational beacon at Buxton and can be seen from Great Hucklow or Mam Tor but again, silence at the Old School.

Many believe that the new Doncaster, Sheffield (ha!!), Robin Hood airport is to blame but this is not the case now that their radar is up and running although when first opened aircraft arrived from all angles and we could have experienced the odd straggler searching for the airfield trying to avoid mid-air collisions.

Thirdly it is not Nottingham East Midlands. This is too far away although we do experience some (very) late night turboprop aircraft noise on mail and cargo flights inbound from Scotland.

Fourthly, it is true that we have seen an increase in light aircraft noise since Sheffield City Airport became home to around 20 machines including helicopters.

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I'm sure we all agree these machines cause little nuisance and are only our fellow Sheffielders (and probably Dore residents) having some fun – if you book a trial flight they always let you fly over your own home. In any case Sheffield City Council, in their wisdom, have decided we should be the only large city in Europe without an airport and it is to close soon with all inbound business aircraft flying into Doncaster or Retford Gamston where no doubt businesses will flourish to the detriment of us Dore ratepayers.

So if it is not Manchester, Doncaster, Nottingham or Sheffield who is to blame? The culprit (if that is the correct word) I believe is Leeds-Bradford.

At certain times of the day, usually in the late afternoon and early evening when the air is still, inbound aircraft from the south start their descent over Dore. They are more noticeable today because it is the relatively new low-cost carrier Jet 2 who are dominant and they tend to arrive in waves and have certainly seen a dramatic increase in numbers (they didn't exist 2 years ago). Also inbound Leeds-Bradford are the usual holiday flights from the popular UK carriers as well as charter airlines from Spain and Malta plus other smaller aircraft from UK operators such as Eastern Airways and British Midland. I emphasise though, that this is not all day everyday just at certain times when air traffic control dictates.

If anyone is interested I could explain the major airways that criss-cross the skies over Dore leaving vapour trails on cold clear days and, indeed, create more noise when the wind is strong. A major international cross roads is right above our heads!

If you are aware of what is up there and where they are going aircraft can be interesting rather than annoying.

*Dave Ward*

*Ed. We have asked Dave to write about the international routes over our heads for the next edition.*

## Heritage Museum

This is an independent museum, run entirely by volunteers, which tries to reflect aspects of Sheffield's life and history. It includes some of the old shops, houses and trades of Sheffield. There is a grinding hull, corner shop, file cutting, buffing, silver smithing, back-to-back house, etc.

The museum has been running since the 1980s but it is only comparatively recently that we have been able to open more regularly. There are also group visits, by arrangement.

An entry fee is charged to help maintain and improve displays, there are no grants from public funds. There are concessions for children, students and OAPS. You will find the museum at 605 Ecclesall Road, next to the church and 300 metres down from Hunters Bar.

The museum is open on the last Saturday in the month and on Bank Holiday Mondays.

## Art in the gardens

The third annual art exhibition in Sheffield Botanical Gardens takes place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

It includes an Art & craft exhibition; Botanical art marquee; Photographic showcase; Celebrity portrait competition; Children's art activities; Art through textiles; Sheffield art & craft market and Performing arts.

Information line: 0114 236 1398  
Admission £3.50, children free.

## Mobile danger

People should be wary of using mobile phones outdoors in stormy weather because they may be struck by lightning. According to doctors, if someone is struck, the high resistance of human skin usually results in lightning being conducted over the skin rather than through the body - a process known as "flashover". However, conductive materials in direct contact with skin, such as liquids or metallic objects (including mobile phones), disrupt "flashover" and result in internal injury, with a greater risk of being killed.

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## Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir has enjoyed a summer season, which included a concert during the Festival Fortnight, again in company with the Dore Mercia and Totley Townswomen's Guild Choir. Always a merry occasion, the Church Hall was full on one of the hottest evenings of the year. It is always a pleasure to participate in the Dore Festival.

One of the major events of the season, a regular appointment these days, was a Summer Concert at Edensor. This was followed by a pie and pea supper at Beeley (on another hot day) with the usual singing in gusto afterwards. The Choir is busy rehearsing for the tour to Jersey in September, with a contingent of 37 joining Wigston and District Male Voice Choir for three concerts in a week on the island. It promises to be a good event.

*David Heslop*

## Ramblers Association talks

The Sheffield Group of the Ramblers Association promotes a series of illustrated talks during the winter, many of which are on local themes. These talks are held on Tuesday evenings at the Friends Meeting House, St James Street (close to the Cathedral) and start at 7.30 pm. Admission is £1.70. All are welcome.

The Autumn Programme is:-

Sept 26 - Malcolm Nunn on Derwent to Sheffield, an historical journey

Oct 10 - Geoffrey Hutchinson on

Darfield Area Amenity Society

Oct 24 - Howard Smith on The History of Droving

Nov 07 - Mike Burgin on Peru

Nov 21 - AGM followed by slides

Dec 05 - Paul Chandler on Derbyshire Curiosities

Further information from Stan Chandler at 3 Aidam Croft, S17 4GF or via stan.edward@virgin.net



## Longshaw Sheepdog Trials

The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place on 7th, 8th and 10th September, on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge. On the 7th & 8th there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" television programme competitors will be taking part. We have as our judge Mr. Gus Dermody, who is the commentator on the programme. For the first time this year at approximately 3pm on 7th there will be a parade of local foxhounds.

On Saturday 9th the day starts at 7.30 am with a local class sheep dog trial and then at 11am the Longshaw Fell Race, open to all comers and entry on the field. This will be followed by a display by the Search and Rescue Dogs and the local mountain rescue team at lunchtime, before the trials culminate in a double gather championship at 12 noon. This is between the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, with the winner gaining the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot.

Entrance charges are just £3 per person each day and we start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. Hot and cold food will be available on the field. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display each day. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys on 01433 651852.

This will be the 108th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest trials in England. Please come and join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world.

## Walk Sheffield

Sheffield's first civic walking map is now available free or from libraries. The Sheffield Walking Map details recreational and potential commuter routes for walkers, along with a listing of cafes and public toilets etc. Established walks such as the Round Walk and Five Weirs are included along with two new routes, the Iron Age to Steel Age Walk and an Inner City Round Walk.

## Path access comparison

Statistics have been published recently on the percentage of rights of way that are classified as 'easy to use'. These are compiled by Councils using a standard method. Local figures are:

Sheffield	80%	10th position
National average	64%	Met Districts
Derbyshire	57%	26th position
National average	66%	County Councils

Well done Sheffield, but as for Derbyshire - watch where you walk!

## Horses bow Out

Bakewell Show this month saw the last appearance of the famous Tetley dray horses. For 184 years they had delivered barrels of beer to Leeds pubs. More recently they were used for promotional events and county shows.

The 3 remaining Shire horses are Charles, Prince and John Jo. This last one was retired a couple of years ago, and has been quietly grazing near Holmfirth. They are now all in their late teens and the brewery has decided that combined with the cost of running the team, the time has come for them to retire. The trio will be looked after at Bankshire Stud Farm near Thurstonland.

*Gillian Farnsworth*

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**Middle row:** Mark Gore; Caroline Street; Angela Bradshaw; Elizabeth Vaughan; Lesley Harrison; Judith Holroyd; Gillian Houghton; Jane Young; ? ; Catherine Lowe.  
**Bottom row:** Angela ?; Pauline Howland; Kathryn?; Sharon?; Carolla Moulding?; Kathryn Shipley?; Paula THorpe; Jill Bishop; Jocelyn Bradford.  
**Floor:** Andrew Bownes; John Fox; Arthur Bromhead.

**News in Brief**

**Firefighters** were called to Brinkburn Drive in June, in order to remove a training potty from the head of a two-year-old girl, who apparently thought it might make a better hat. Her parents asked for help after failing to remove it with baby oil.

**Within Europe** only Greece has a worse record than Britain for burying biodegradable waste.

**Heatherhill Farm Meats** continue to win awards, this time at the Robin Hood Championship at Newark Show Ground, where they were awarded Gold for their pork pies and Braised steak in red wine, Silver for their Cumberland & Sage sausages, and a Bronze for their standard pork sausages. **More than 700 homes** in Dore suffered a power cut for 2 fi hours in early July after an 11,000 volt underground electricity cable exploded in Church Lane, blowing a big hole in the ground.

**Residents of High Trees** were woken at 6am on the 17<sup>th</sup> July by a fire engine called to deal with a shed fire which generated a plume of black smoke. The fire may have been caused by a pile of grass cuttings against the shed catching fire, leading to the loss of the shed, some fencing and part of a tree.

**The price of passports** is to rise to £66 from October, an increase of 57% and the second rise this year.

**There was excitement** at the doctors surgery on Dore Road when an elderly patient lost control of a new automatic car and crashed into the corner of the building causing considerable damage but fortunately no injuries. This is the 4th such incident at the surgery.

**A RAC survey** has found that loud music played by car drivers is one of the most irritating neighbourhood noises. The amplified bass section of in-car music can also set off nearby car alarms, themselves a common source of irritating noise

**22 billion** items are now estimated to be sent through the post per year!

**A photograph** of Ecclesall Woods showing a flooded stream at bluebell time has won the Gold Award for Tom Sanderson in the Lord Mayor's annual photography competition.

**Sheffield's first** vehicle-activated solar-powered sign warning drivers to observe the 30 mph limit is now in action on Ringinglow Road, sadly not Dore Road.

**Two youths** recently used a home-made launcher to fire a potato at a horse in a field off Old Hay Lane, causing the horse to bolt and sprain its back leg.

**Nearly a third** of 2.5 million parents have so far failed to use government vouchers issued in order to open a Child Trust Fund savings account for their children.

**Dore Old School**

The Dore Village Society has recently published a new book on Dore Old School. It covers the history of the school from its humble beginnings in 1751 to its closure in 1965, with reminiscences from those who attended in its final years. In the process it provides a fascinating insight into the village's growth and pen pictures of many of the associated characters.

Expertly and authoritatively written by a local historian John Dunstan the book is, in part, based on material gathered by Dore Oral History Group. The book is illustrated with drawings by local artist David Heslop and old black & white pictures - many old pupils will no doubt recognise themselves.

*Dore Old School in Records and Recollections*, 135 pages in paperback price £6 ISBN 0-950046-0-8: It is available from Valerie of Dore on the High Street or by post (£9 to incl p&p) from the Dore Village Society, 8 Thornsett Gardens, Sheffield, S17 3PP.

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## Jean recalls

I read with interest that further applications for permission to build in the walled kitchen garden at Dore Moor House have been submitted. I don't really see any quarrel with that.

I remember when the kitchen garden was thriving. Many a happy hour we spent under strawberry nets eating more than our fill. Garden peas, apples, red and blackcurrants and gooseberry clothed the walls. The gooseberries were of the desert variety, large sweet and juicy. When I had scarlet fever, I had a problem swallowing but could manage the inside of these fruits, so Lady Grant said no one else could have any. I guess I lived on them and scallions for some time.

There was an asparagus bed, one temporary cook threeway the tops and cooked the stems, though edible not what was favoured. There were currant bushes and fruit trees round the vegetable plots.

Nick, Sir Alan's favourite gun dog had a large kennel and run near the greenhouses. These were large and in 3 sections. The temperature was varied so that the 3 sections were suitable for a variety of uses. There was a grape vine which grew delicious large black grapes, many a rap on the knuckles I've had for touching them and spoiling the bloom on the skins.

Tomatoes and cucumbers were grown in the cooler section. A massive passion flower covered at least a third of the back wall. Early strawberries too and other exotic things. Even in war time there was

plenty of variety. The greenhouse was heated by a coke burning boiler. Lorries used to bring the coke from the steel works and dump it next to the potting sheds. I think it was the stuff from the works and it stank of sulphur a bit.

I have no idea what state the garden is in now. The greenhouses I remember, have long since been demolished. Sir Eric Mensforth once had the idea of heating them by electricity using wind-power. The wind turbine was placed near to the pigsty. I don't think it was a great success. It either didn't move at all or flew round so fast it was frightening and I don't think the pigs enjoyed it much either. I think whoever gets to live there will be very fortunate.

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## Sheffield funnies

The Sheffield Area has had its share of characters and events. Here I mention just a few.

**RATTATTACK.** In the late 1800s 'Fagey' Joe was the landlord of the Seven Stars pub in Holly Street (the now unrecognisable street next to the City Hall). 'Fagey' was a local word meaning putrid and it is easy to see how Joe earned his nickname. In those days there were many pits within pubs where terriers fought with rats. If the contest was not too exciting at his pub he would pull the dogs out, leap into the pit and attack the rats with his teeth.

There is no doubt that Fagey was a canny chap and it is said that he was one of the best judges of dog, bird and horse in Yorkshire. Around the 1850s there were dancing bears performing on the streets of Sheffield and bear grease became very popular.

One day along came a Russian carrying a long pole and leading a bear by a rope. Whether the Russian was out of funds or the bear was ill we don't know, whatever the animal was sold to Joe who had it slaughtered and announced that he had genuine bear's grease for sale. He sold the grease for a long time until he had sold a lot more than the weight of the bear complete with fur.

**UPSY DAISY.** A newspaper report of the 1870s tells of a man called Herbert Moss nicknamed Upsy Daisy who sold boot laces to a sort of sing-song chant which ran 'Long leather laces, penny a pair; the better you grease them the longer they'll wear'. Perhaps he did a deal with Fagey?

**BREAD AND BORNE.** In the eighteenth century inspectors went around Sheffield to check on the weight of bread, scales etc of bakers. One such baker heard that the inspectors were making the rounds and, in a sudden panic, he thrust a number of half crowns into some loaves that he knew to be short in weight.

The action was spotted by a passer-by who entered the shop just before the 'posse' arrived, stood by while the bread was weighed and bought them there and then. The baker saw his loaves, complete with half crowns, disappearing down the street but didn't dare give chase!

**HALF BAKED.** A cutler in Sheffield expressed desire to go fishing and his comrades in the pub suggested he took some paste. So when he went home, his wife was baking bread and he filched some of the paste. When he got to Boston for his angling, on a hot summer day, much to his astonishment he found that the paste had 'risen' and completely filled his basket.

**LADIES IN PARADISE.** At one time a market was held in Paradise Square and was the setting for wife selling. In 1796, John Lees took his wife Margaret to the market with a halter round her neck and sold her for six pence. Apparently the last wife selling that has been recorded was in 1822 when a man got five shillings and a gold watch for his spouse and the woman is supposed to have said that she was not loathe to a transfer.



*Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel,*

### **RAINING HENS AND DUCKS.**

Up to the late eighteenth century, every other householder in the back streets of Sheffield kept hens usually in the cellar where a coal grating, let into the pavement, could be opened to allow the fowl to scratch around the streets for titbits. One householder complained to his landlord about the state of the cellar for the water was so deep that it drowned his hens. "Then tha shud keep ducks" the landlord retorted. It could be that this incident led to keeping hens in the attic.

### **RUN RABBI, RUN.**

Edward Stainesbury was born in Derby in 1825 and for some reason was nicknamed Rabbi. In his early life he was known as a waif, a stray and a drudge. He started his working life as a framework knitter then became a pedestrian or foot racer. This came about when he went along to watch a professional running race and he was asked to hold the clothes of a



*Edward Stainesbury nick-named Rabbi*

competitor.

On the whistle Rabbi set off too, dressed in his working garb and encumbered with clothes, and beat all the professional runners. He went on to beat all corners including Webster of Sheffield (against great odds), collecting many prizes and was adept at running, hurdling, vaulting and was quite at home in wheelbarrow, donkey and pony races.

After his athletic career during which he was coached by Dick Manks of Sheffield, Rabbi became a lace maker, labourer, navy, greengrocer, collier and hawker of fish shrimps, mussels etc. After a days work in the pit he and his sturdy wife could be seen with pony and cart in the streets selling salt.

**ALLUNSORTED.** In 1832, fourteen year old George Bassett from Ashover was apprenticed to a Chesterfield confectioner for the full term of seven years plus a further three. By 1845, George was a Wholesale Confectioner, Lozenge Maker and British (!) Wine Dealer. Along the way he expanded into the undertaking business and advertised that he would furnish funerals with hoods, scarves, biscuits and wine. A smart cookie he had become!

After a busy life along with partner Samuel Johnson he died in 1886 but it wasn't for another 13 years that the firms best known product appeared. Charlie Thompson, a travelling salesman for the company was showing a tray of sweets to a customer when he upset the lot. As they were being swept up, two, sweets became mixed up thus prompting the customer to exclaim "Charlie I like them as they are, I'll order some". Thus were born Liquorice Allsorts.

### **GRAVE MATTERS.**

When Joseph Newton was buried at the Parish Church (now the Cathedral) in 1787, his gravestone read that he wished to live peacefully with all men. Presumably he wasn't thinking about the future.

### **NO PANTING PLEASE.**

I understand that the 1820 Trust Deeds of the Bethel Chapel in Cambridge Street stated 'Under no circumstances whatsoever shall any preacher be allowed to occupy the pulpit wearing trousers'.

### **STAINLESS CHARACTER.**

Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel, had a number of hobbies that were not really what you would expect from this scientist.

One was blowing up balloons and setting them off. Another was the creating of some thousands of ink blots using differing techniques. You might say that he blotted his copy book.

### **THE FINAL CHAPTER.**

A Sheffield scandal sheet called The Owl had such items as: 'if the man who was seen in the Red House on Fargate with another man's wife from Franklin Street, we shall tell his wife'.

Needless to say the paper was suppressed for slander shortly after this, although they had time to report that a local man had claimed the record for walking to London and back, carrying three books on his head!

*Brian Edwards*



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## My side of the story

*Euro the guide dog gives us an exclusive.*

'She who must be obeyed' left a previous copy of Dore to Door lying around and I read the article 'Beauty and the Beast', whilst I agreed with much of it you must be aware that there are (at least) 2 sides to every story and so I decided to set the balance right and give you my side of the story.....

I have been chosen for this work because I am calm and good natured and happy (generally) not to be boss, I accept that she is the one in control of my food – admittedly the most important thing in my life – and what I do, like go out for walks, and when I do it. By doing this, in a kind way of course, she is more confident that I will please her by doing jobs like picking up what she drops.

She has realised that everything like shopping takes her twice as long to do because people come up to me – not her – to tell me how beautiful I am, the article she wrote was certainly right on this point. People are much more interested in me than her. I even got post addressed to Euro c/o Beryl.

So, back to the beginning.....

My name is Euro – I don't know who chose it but I am used to it now. When I was a few weeks old I went to live with a family who were called my puppy socialisers. that was fun, everything was new and exciting, there were 3 children and 2 other dogs, I had a great time but I did notice that I was taken to places where no other dogs went like shops and supermarkets but before I went I always wore a blue jacket, they called it getting used to new situations ready for when I would be trained, but I admit I didn't know then what that meant.

I even went into restaurants but was never given any food from the table, even at home I only ever had my food from my bowl, or as rewards for being good, no



*Dore Eyesore? Skips and rubbish seem to have been placed on the grass verge outside this house on Dore Road for months, prompting its nomination as a particular eyesore.*

left-overs for me, even though the smell was frequently very inviting. Even now Beryl takes me to a vet who weighs me to make sure I am not putting weight on

I also had lots of playtime. Then, when I was about a year old, I think that's like you being about 7, I started at training school. Here they were very nice to me especially when I did things they wanted me to, then they made such a fuss and gave me treats. I did notice that the treats became harder to earn as time went on and sometimes I just didn't get a treat, so I had to keep doing what they wanted, like pick up post, every time they asked, I never knew which time I would get the treat, I reckon that was them being a bit smart, they knew I would aim at having the treat.

Just when I was used to all this I had a new instructor who used to go out and about in wheelchairs and on scooters to teach me how to walk at the right speed, she kept talking about finding me the right partner, I didn't know what she meant, I do now! My partner is Beryl and I'll tell you about life with her in a bit.

When the instructor decided I was ready I went to meet Beryl, she was used to having a pet dog so she has had to be taught how to behave well with me – she still makes mistakes but I put up with it! The instructor kept coming though to help her. She has a nice garden for me, feeds me well, always has fresh water accessible in the house and garden, makes a fuss of me but only when she decides to, not just 'cos I ask and look appealingly at her. I have a nice cosy place with bedding and lots of tasty bones to chew.

I used to pinch socks and I still pinch tea towels that are lying around, I like chewing them and she really should be more tidy. I still irritate her by getting papers out of the waste bin – well how do I know which she wants? Also I sometimes sit on the comfy seats when she is not in the room but when she finds me I have to get off, shame 'cos I like to be able to see out of the window and I can't do that when I'm lying on the floor can I?

Mostly I behave well and do what she needs but nobody's perfect are they?

After a few weeks we had to have a test

outing together with a different instructor, she was nervous, I wasn't! I was just doing my thing the same as always. The test itself was easy for me, we went to the local supermarket and she kept dropping her keys and gloves so I picked them up and gave them back to her.

We passed, naturally and I swapped my lovely blue 'in training' jacket for this horrible yellow one., not my colour at all. We are the 316<sup>th</sup> partnership! She then paid £1. She will never own me, I am like other assistance dogs such as guide dogs, she has promised to ensure I get some exercise, for which walking with me around shops counts and also that I have some time off-lead at least weekly. Once I passed my test, sorry, once we passed our test, she was given a card to carry given to all partnerships by the Department of the Environment to say it is ok for me to go to food places. She also has an ID card with a photo of me and her

So, I hear you ask, what do you do all

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day so I will tell you....

A typical day for me starts off with her letting me out for a wee, I've even learnt to wee when she tells me and I have the chance as once my jacket is on I am not allowed to wee.

She usually gets washed and dressed then and there's always things to do. She is forever dropping clothes, hangers, brushes and towels which I pick up for her. Sometimes she tries to be clever and do it herself but then she falls over and can't get up. But bit by bit she is learning to use me more, and sometimes I get a treat but always I get a thank you and a stroke and she reminds me what a good boy I am, as if I need reminding!

Breakfast is a bit hit and miss – sometimes she doesn't drop any bits for me to eat.

Then she has one of her rests and so do I, then the post comes and I pick all that up for her, she moans about some of it but seems really pleased with other bits, I don't know what a bill is but she always complains about those.

We often meet some of her friends for lunch, if it's not raining she goes on her scooter so I get some fresh air and exercise – I do like to keep fit. Once we arrive where lunch is I sit on the floor next to her, pick up her serviette when she drops it, she usually does, if it is a paper one I do prefer to eat it rather than give it back.

Her friends have learnt to ignore me but other people want to talk to me and pet me. Some even ask if they can give me some chips off their plate but she always says no but on a good day the waitresses drop some food on the floor and I help

clear up, I am faster than they are too, yummy.

When we get back home I pull off her gloves and help her take her coat off, it's only fair, she takes my jacket off for me.

Friends often call in the afternoon, usually it's very boring. I don't know what they find to talk about and if they play cards although she sometimes drops them I am not allowed to pick them up in case I slobber on them. Fussy lot.

If it's a day when we go out and she has to take something with she can't carry anything so she puts it in a blue bag she has with red handles and she loops the handles round my neck so I can carry it, I don't mind cos she never makes it too heavy

She has a little phone she uses round the house which she often drops and I pick up, she is really pleased when I do that, she says it is an important job.

Occasionally we go to the cinema, too noisy and crowded but I don't complain. The theatre where we have been a couple of times is different, there they even reserve a seat for me although I sit on the floor but they clap so loudly it's dreadful.

Ooh, forgot to tell you that when these friends come round they usually have tea, cake and biscuits, I sit on the floor and don't bother anyone but if they forget I am there and leave the room with the cake in it still, even I can work out they don't want it anymore which I believe means it's mine so I take it, mmm, lovely!

Sometimes she then watches TV, often she asks me to bring her the remote controls and the paper, she points to things but if there are 3 remotes which do I bring,

so I just bring them all.

What don't I like? Well, sometimes I just don't feel like going in the car. Her driving is ok, but it is noisy in the car and her scooter always looks like it will come forward and squash me. So, I sometimes refuse to get in, pretend I haven't heard her, she says I am like a teenager ignoring her polite request. Anyway she has learnt that special treats will often do the trick and get me in! She is not too difficult to train.

When the trainer came she suggested Beryl feeds me in the car too and said if all else fails she could have a different dog but by the look on her face I don't think she wants to do that so maybe I will be a bit more cooperative.

Altogether I have a good time and enjoy my work and, yes, I would ideally like you to greet me but no can do, work is work so if I have my yellow jacket on please don't tempt me to play and distract me from 'she who must be obeyed'.

If I say so myself I don't think she could manage without me.

Any questions please c/o Beryl

**Woof for now (Euro)**

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Though Ducks delight in nature harsh  
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*Pat Pryor*

## News in Brief

**The odds are** that you will not win the National lottery, but at least you can be sure your money is going to help the poor and homeless, right? Er, not quite. An

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**Two large** garden bench tables and shades were stolen overnight from the Devonshire Arms pub in July.

**The number of cyclists** killed on British roads increased by 10% last year, according to figures from, the Department of Transport. This is thought to be because of the increase in the number of novice cyclists.

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## Stop Press.....

Dear Sir,

I write to clarify some of my concerns about the proposed Hathersage Road danger reduction scheme.

I welcome the reduction of the speed limit to 50mph, better speed monitoring through vehicle activated signage and improvements to road markings. However taken as a whole the "scheme" falls far short of what is required.

I believe that speed limits need to be lowered further. From the Tigers ground into the city a 40mph limit would be more appropriate. Likewise side roads into Dore should be 30mph (enforced!) and the core of Dore should be 20mph. Slower speed gives drivers a little more time to assess possible hazards and they stop "mild" accidents from becoming serious ones.

The Long Line one-way system should be abandoned. This needlessly inconveniences a significant number of residents and huge numbers of road users. It displaces traffic onto highways that are unsuitable (Sheephill Road, Ash House Lane, Whitelaw Lane) or already close to saturation point (Rushley Road/Limb Lane.) It reduces highway and given that vehicle ownership is set to increase by 20% over the next few years it is clear that we need more road space, not less. Speeding along it and hazards to pedestrian traffic/horse riders will continue. Confusion at the top end will invalidate the whole affair!

The Dore Moor junction must be redesigned. At present it minimises customer traffic to the nursery and the left hand turn into Brickhouse Lane is too sharp.

Brickhouse Lane must have better parking & footway provision. Finally redirecting inbound traffic away from Brickhouse Lane will create a "stacking" problem at Cross Lane - a serious hazard on a 50mph two-lane highway on a fog-bound, dark winter night.

On the bright side I note that much of this scheme is "experimental" and that a review is scheduled for twelve months after the entire scheme comes into operation. I look forward to this and it behoves us all to learn from this catalogue of errors and flawed consultation of both residents and users.

*Keith Hill  
Councillor Dore & Totley Ward*

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## Stars in Dore

Summer may have officially passed but it seems that parts of Northern Europe have experienced sub-tropical weather this year. The writer travelled north instead of migrating south to the sunshine with the masses of tourists, and so benefited from this oddity in the weather. Midsummer night in Dore is relatively bright as the sun at midnight skims just below the horizon but at more northerly latitudes the sun's light scarcely disappears even at midnight. This is not beneficial to the astronomer but it is surprising how much can be witnessed in northern latitudes.

The writer was speaking to an SAS pilot holidaying on his yacht and was somewhat amazed that he knew neither the stellar constellations nor the names of the brighter stars. Why should he, with all the modern navigational aids? Two celestial wonders, however, were impressed on his mind, and that was Venus and the Aurora. Flying to North America by the polar route he occasionally saw the curtains of colour, greens and reds, draped across the sky, changing in shape and intensity by the minute. These dramatic displays are sometimes even seen from Dore in the northern night skies when the Sun has ejected streams of magnetic particles towards Earth during one of its solar storms. Astronomers can see these so-called coronal mass ejections commencing in the Sun's outer atmosphere long before they reach Earth, a couple of days before the hazardous particles are dragged into the Earth's polar magnetic fields and thrown around by the solar wind.

As a pilot my friend feared most, not the Aurora, but the cosmic rays which are other particles streaming toward Earth from distant parts of the Universe. We suppose that no airborne traveller would wish our pilots to ponder too much on the Universe. Pilots are much more human than we imagine.

A wonderful story related to us was that

of a flight to North America stopping over in Alaska. The flight crew consisted of a tough Norwegian and three Viking Danes, all except our friend fully equipped for a stop-over fishing expedition, warm clothes, waders and fur balaclavas. Would he like to join them? Well, in smart silken trousers, polished shoes and only a long SAS overcoat, shivering by the river bank, he was unlikely to even enjoy catching his first large salmon. After several disappointing attempts, his co-pilot colleagues were preparing to return to their log cabin when my friend noticed a gigantic salmon just hovering in the shallows beside a nearby rock where he was standing shivering. In disbelief and not without some deflated bravado they just grabbed the fish and threw it onto the bank. Next day the four 'fishermen' flew the remaining hop to Los Angeles.

The clear blue daytime skies this year have allowed the Moon to be watched right through the day. This occurs when the waning Moon's path takes it very high in the sky. When the Moon is waning, growing more slender and crescent-shaped every day during a couple of weeks each lunation, it can occasionally be seen to rise shortly after midnight and then move slowly through even the day sky. The Sun and Moon shining at the same time! The writer was able to focus his webcam attached to a telescope in broad daylight (mornings are usually best) in preparation for the nights' observing, saving valuable minutes of dark sky. This is one piece of astronomy, watching the pale Moon in daylight, that can be practiced from Dore, too.

This autumn the planets are rather unfavourable in Dore and worldwide since they are huddled close to the Sun. They could be better seen if one travelled down to the Tropics. Jupiter may just be caught in early September low in the southwest just before sunset, and Saturn will gradually reappear later in September just before sunrise in the east. The path of all the planets and the Sun (the ecliptic) strikes the horizon at a much greater angle (nearly at right angles) at low latitudes so that the planets appear much further vertically upwards from the Sun once the Sun has set. The Sun must be well below the horizon (15 to 20 degrees) for twilight to end and night to fall.

Venus is the only planet which can be fairly easily seen in daylight, say, from the bottom of a well. But, then wells are rarely built at a convenient angle. Egyptian pyramids and their sloping inner walkways are better, and even sometimes designed to align with important celestial objects. Several interesting constellations are, however, visible in Dore in Autumn, the Square of Pegasus rising in the east, Cygnus, Lyra and Aquila overhead, the Milky Way stretching up from the northeast, overhead and down to the southwest.

Hercules is prominent, high in the southwest. This is the constellation towards which our Sun and all of us are hurtling in our path around the centre of the Milky Way. The top leftmost star in the 'Square of Pegasus' actually belongs to the constellation of Andromeda, and the

stars of the Flying Horse, Pegasus, lie mostly to the right. The Horse is seen sideways at this time of year with its legs kicking out to the right. Those starting to learn the constellations can easily make out the Little Bear almost overhead (a pair of faintish stars and the Pole Star lower in the north), mimicking the Big Bear high in the northwest. Incidentally, Alcor and Mizar, the double star in the middle of the Big Bear's tail, is an easy object to record with a small telescope and a webcam, as, indeed, is the Moon.

For more advice and information on webcams contact the Sheffield Astronomical Society which meets in the Mayfield Valley. This Society is an ideal centre for all those budding young scientists who have just received their O- and A-level examination results.

Good luck to all our young Dore engineers and scientists who will soon hopefully be rewarded with many happy days at University.

*David Andrew*

## News in Brief

**Sheffield** is the most welcoming city in the UK, according to a new survey by TV licensing, with some 29% of people who relocated to Sheffield last year saying their new neighbours made the effort to introduce themselves.

**The Government** has given the go-ahead in principle for a £86 million programme of street lighting improvements in Sheffield under a Private Finance Initiative scheme, where the work is paid for by the private sector and then repaid over its lifespan by the council.

**Sheffield** is being told by the Government to aim higher with its recycling targets from 18% to 20%. Many local authorities are now producing rates in line with the best in Europe, showing that recycling rates of 40% and even 50% are possible.

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## Diary - Autumn 2006

### AUGUST

- 20 **Plant Fair**, Renishaw Hall, 10.30am- 4pm Tel: 01246 432310
- 26 **Eyam Wakes Week**
- 26 **Frogatt Show** Stoke Lane, 2pm-5pm
- 27-28 **The Sheffield Fayre** Norfolk Heritage Park
- 31 **Cycling Tour of Britain** Yorkshire stage finishing next to Peace Gardens after 2.45pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 & 3 **Chatsworth Country Fair** 2 full days of country pursuits, rural pastimes, crafts & trade stands. 8.30am-6.30pm Tel: 01328 701133
- 2 & 3 **Art in the Gardens**, Sheffield Botanical Gardens, 10.30am-5.30pm. Information from 236 1398
- 2 & 3 **Art in the gardens** art exhibition at the Botanical Gardens, 10.30am-5.30pm Tel: 236 1398
- 4 **Talk** by Rev Garry Dawson-Jones for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm
- 5 **AGM** Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 7-9 **Longshaw Sheepdog Trials** 7.30am-5.30pm. See article on page 21.
- 8 **Bat Walk** with Sheffield Rangers, meet 8pm at Old Saw Mill in Ecclesall Woods. Details: 283 9195
- 9 **Step Out** with Sheffield Rangers. 7 mile walk meet Totley Library 10.30am. Details 283 9195
- 9 **Dore Show** Old School and Methodist Church Halls. 2-4.30pm. See schedule on page 16
- 13 **Fun & Games in M & S**. Talk by Mr. Chris Bailey for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild.
- 18 **Sheffield Theatres** Past & Present Part 2. Talk by Mrs Margaret Maxfield for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm
- 19 **Inspirational - Chesterfield Spire**. Talk by Tony Hallam for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 23 **Exhibition & Old School Reunion** Dore Old School, 10am-5pm
- 30 **St Luke's Ball** at Baldwin's Omega. Details: 236 9911 Ext 124

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Plant Sale** at St Luke's Hospice, 11am-4pm
- 2 **My Church Mission to Nepal**. Talk by Mrs Jenny Hardy for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm
- 2 **Turner** - Taking Watercolours to new heights. Lecture by Frank Milner for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art, 2.30pm at Tapton Hall
- 3 **Scenic Britain by Train**. Talk by Stephen Gay for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 11 **A Light Look at American Music**. Talk by Mr. Bertel Hutchinson for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild.
- 16 **St Cuthbert's Way** Pt 2. Talk by Anne & Jim Headridge for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm

- 17 **Glimpse of Chatsworth**. Talk by Christine Robinson for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 21 **Autumn Fair** at St Luke's Hospice 11am-4pm Free Entry
- 23 **Concert** by Southy Musical Theatre Company, 7pm Dore & Totley URC. Tickets: 258 4642
- 25 **Artistry & Design** Lecture by Prof Pamela Robertson for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art, 2.30pm at Tapton Hall. Admission free
- 25-28 **My friend Miss Flint** performed by D & T United Reformed Church Dramatic Society, 7.30pm in the church hall Totley Brook Road. Te: 236 3569
- 30 **Talk** by Rev Garry Dawson-Jones for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm
- 31 **Christmas Traditions**. Talk by Patricia Flinders for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall

### NOVEMBER

- 1 **35th Anniversary Dinner** for St Luke's at the Cutlers' Hall. Details: 236 911 Ext 124
- 8 **Flowers at Christmas**. Talk by Valerie of Dore for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild.
- 13 **The Home Farm Trust**. Talk by Mrs P Edwards for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm
- 14 **Hessian Figures for Christmas**. Talk by Margaret Armour for Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group, 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 22-25 **Seasons Greeting**, autumn play by T.O.A.D.S. 7.30pm St John's Church Hall. Tickets 236 6891
- 24 **Visit to Ecclesfield Church** by Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art Information from 236 0941
- 27 **My Work in the Community**. Talk by Pc David Spencer for Dore Methodist Ladies Fellowship 2.30pm

This year Dore Show takes place on Saturday 9 September in the Old School and Methodist Church Hall - be sure to note the date in your diary. There will be lots to see, a Brass Band, entertainment and several side displays of interest to everyone.

There will be 77 classes for you to enter for or come and see, ranging from vegetables to paintings, flower arranging to childrens' exhibits. The full schedule and entry forms for Floral Art classes will shortly be available from the Valerie of Dore shop on the High Street.

We hope to see you on the day!

### Councillor surgeries

Local councillors are available for consultation in the Dore Village Society room on a regular basis. Conservatives. 4th Saturday of each month 10am to 11am Contact details: telephone 273 4108 Email: anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk or michael.waters@sheffield.gov.uk

Liberal Democrats: 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30am to 12 noon. Contact details: telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk

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