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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Dore Road closure

Dore Road will be closed to through traffic between 19th February and 30th March so that Yorkshire Water contractors Watermark can undertake work on the public sewer system, to reduce the risk of property flooding from public sewers during heavy rainfall. The work will be carried out, between No 101 and Green Pastures, with 50 metres of sewer layed in the highway to divert flows from a problem area.

A diversion route will be signposted. Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be maintained. If there are any problems the number to contact is 012 7469 2037 or email to

den.tansey@yorkshirewater.co.uk Concern has been expressed by residents about the impact of diverted traffic onto alternative routes especially the increasing number of heavy lorries coming through the village.

Arctic Endeavours!

Our local MP, Nick Clegg, has set off on an arctic odvssey to raise funds for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust because he believes in the positive impact that a visit to Whirlow Hall Farm has for the children of inner city Sheffield and beyond.

He will spend 9 days with a team of huskies - he'll have to look after them, maybe even catch the odd reindeer to feed them - and build his own igloo. But his major challenge is to reach his fundraising target for his chosen charity.

Please don't let all this effort be to no avail. He pledged to raise over £5,000. What can you do? Just log onto www.justgiving.com/nickclegg and pledge a donation. No matter how small because every little will help.

Bridget Evans Whirlow Hall Farm Trust tel: 235 2678

Blue Ridge

Local residents have been up in arms again over the chopping down of trees and hedges as part of the Blue Ridge housing development on Ashfurlong Road. People were horrified to see the latest destruction involving the loss of a hedgerow that provided a unique country lane feel and helped screen the development. The site was covered by a number of planning restrictions and the latest work seems to have been done without permission. The developer, County Developments, has permission for 16 houses and flats on the site of Blue Bridge.

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A view of the Round House at Ringinglow with the Norfolk Arms in the background. Taken from a colour postcard produced by Valentine & Sons Ltd and recently published in "Postcards from Sheffield" as reviewed in our Winter 2006 issue.

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ROUND HOUSE, RINGINGLOW, SHEFFIELD.

Membership Subs

Enclosed with this issue is a membership renewal form for 2007. If you have not already paid your £5 annual subscription to the society for this year, please complete the form and post it to the address indicated or hand it in at the Society's room in the Old School between 10am & 12 noon on the first Saturday of any month.

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

If you are a tax payer, we are able to reclaim tax already paid (22%) on your subscriptions and donations, making your membership worth even more to the society.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can also claim back the difference between basic and higher rates on your tax return.

Oral History Collection

In conversation with Beryl Salisbury (nee Denniff)

Beryl was born on the 14th November 1932 at Garden Cottage, Townhead Road, Dore, the second of three children. She had an elder brother Michael and a younger sister Janet. Her parents were Joseph Denniff and Connie Frith, both from well-known Dore families. Her father was the second youngest child of Albert and Sarah Denniff of Dore Hall Farm. Her mother was the daughter of Willie Arthur Frith of Croft House Farm. The Denniffs and the Friths were respected members of the rural community which existed in Dore at that time

remembers her Beryl grandfather well "He was a farmer, a retail butcher and an early entrepreneur but very much a dragon. I suppose, I would appreciate him now but as a child he petrified all of us. He was red-haired and always immaculately dressed with a carnation or rose in his buttonhole and stiff white collar."

Beryl regrets that she never knew grandmother Denniff, who had died before she was born. "I've been told that she was a very formidable lady who did a lot of my grandfather's business for him".

Dore Hall Farm, like much of Dore, was part of the Duke of Devonshire's estate and the Denniffs were tenants but it was the largest and most important farm in the village. Sadly, none of the farm buildings remain but the house, barns, stables, paddock and yard occupied the land which

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Editorial

Three months ago we led on the story of the Council's neglect of the buildings at Whirlow Wheel (in Dore) and urgent moves on their part to demolish the remaining structure on safety grounds. Three months later we seem to be no further forward. Despite pressure from the Society and local councillors, we and other parties with a potential interested in the building's future, have still not been consulted.

All we know is that council officials have looked at the possibility of selling the site for building! Yet this site, in the corner of a recreation ground, would require vehicular access across those grounds, and look what trouble was caused at Greenoak Park by allowing a similar development.

We believe the emphasis should now be on making the remaining structure safe, retaining the wheel pit, improving public access and ensuring its easy interpretation by visitors. As it happens the wheel building is directly on the line of the Sheffield Round Walk and therefore likely to receive visitors if properly conserved with an interpretation board etc. Indeed, the wheel site could be made into an interesting feature as part of Sheffield's once rich (but rapidly disappearing) industrial heritage.

John Baker

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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

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PUBLISHING DEADLINES

Dore to Door is published quarterly in mid February, May, August & November each year. The copy deadline for each issue is the end of the preceding month.

Please forward items for the Summer (May) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 27th April**

Village Dragon Hunt

Dore Village Society will be holding its second village dragon hunt on 22nd April commencing at 2 pm in order to:-

Celebrate St. George's Day

 Encourage interest in, and knowledge of, the village

Have some fun as a family!!

The event will start and finish at the Old School, be suitable for all ages in family groups, take about an hour, and be supported by refreshments and a small gift for successfully completed entries.

More details will appear on posters nearer the time, but in the meantime put a note in your diary today to come and enjoy the community spirit of our beautiful village.

Blacka Moor grazing

There has been much controversy over the introduction of cattle onto Blacka Moor. Although initial consultation took place 5 years ago and the decision made to use cattle, when the time neared, local concerns were raised that cattle would not benefit wildlife. Consequently Sheffield Wildlife Trust commissioned a Grazing Impact Assessment by Penny Anderson Associates, who had previously done one for Blacka Moor more than 20 years ago. The report concluded that cattle would be a beneficial, cost-effective and a sustainable form of management.

Following wide consultation with conservation agencies, local interest groups, representatives of recreation users, and individuals, the decision has now been confirmed to use the traditional form of managing heathland by grazing.

About 15 Highland cattle will be introduced in the spring to help control the birch through browsing seedlings and saplings. The birch threatens to smother the bilberry and heather, which is so valued by people and wildlife alike, and its continued encroachment would lead to the loss of the heathland and its wildlife. The cattle will also help control the spread of bracken.

The grazing will take place as a trial for 5 years initially, with monitoring of the effects on the plants and birds being undertaken throughout that period. This is also a great opportunity for local people to get involved in surveys so they can really get to know the nature reserve intimately.

For further information please contact: Annabelle Kennedy, Reserves Manager, Sheffield Wildlife Trust: 0114 279 2667

Microwave Sterilising

BBC News 24 and other media outlets have recently transmitted information about a report by Professor Gabriel Bitton, an expert in environmental engineering at the University of Florida. The professor and colleagues claim that 99% of germs contained in a kitchen sponge or dishcloth would be killed if the item was placed in a microwave oven on full power for a period of two minutes.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service have recently attended a fire in the Telford area which involved a dishcloth in a microwave oven. The occupier was attempting to sterilise the dishcloth in the manner described by Professor Bitton. Fortunately the fire was contained within the microwave oven.

Attempting to sterilise a dishcloth in this way is extremely dangerous. There are too many variable factors such as the capacity/power of the microwave oven or the moisture content of the dishcloth or sponge. Scalding is another potential hazard

Station Manager 'Dave' Bedford from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (Lowedges Fire Station) strongly advises the public not to attempt to sterilise sponges or dishcloths in this way. Attempting to do so may result in serious injury or your home being destroyed by fire

Dore Needs You

Are you interested in what is happening in Dore, about its history, planning, road safety or the environment? Or are you interested in organising things, helping out with events, delivering Dore to Door?

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The Dore Village Society cares about our community, its history and future development. There are lots of ways we can improve things locally, but we need your help.

If you would be interested in helping with one of our ongoing projects, please give us a ring on 236 9025.

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Cassons Electric

The shop at Totley Rise is our only remaining local shop to store all those items you suddenly need, from a replacement vacuum to a halogen light, (the Hathersage, Bradway, and Dore shops all closing in the last few years) So it was with sadness that I heard before Christmas that they hoped to close for retirement reasons in Spring 07.

Peter started here in 1957 when Mr. Whalley was in charge and took over with Beryl in 1970, the business being twofold, with house installations and repairs as far afield as Halfway and the shop opening 6 days a week for equipment and advice. The younger generation may be happy with grabbing a packet off a shelf and puzzling all weekend over what they've got, but us oldies appreciate a friendly face and the fund of expertise behind it.

There was a stream of customers on the Monday I called. One unaware of the new strip lighting sizes, one coming for Beryl's homemade peg bags, and another for advice and reassurance. We all pitched in with advice over a recalcitrant mobile phone to save the owner raising a hammer to it!

About 2 years ago a new ECIEC regulation required every electrician to return to College at their own expense for a qualification. Even those already qualified and with a lifetime's experience were not exempt. It specifically covered rewiring jobs. Peter's continued with other work such as repairs and replacements -90 per cent of work being by recommendation anyway.

I asked if there had been any dramas along the way. Yes, some are caused by "Cando" DIY experts whose lives are sometimes saved by electricians brought in to sort out the mess. But on this occasion it was an old lady's loft. The rewiring involved a loft full of rubbish which was to be cleared before work began. But on starting Peter realised all the rubbish was piled everywhere, including around an old iron bedstead. On picking this up, the shock was so powerful as to knock him off his feet onto his back. The bedstead had been standing on the

Tel: 0114 272 9300 (7 days)

faulty cable.

Another case involved a faulty ladder at the Abbeydale groundsman's house. Only a quick reaction saved him falling down one storey to the kitchen as the rung gave way. But the last comical story sounded more like the situations us amateurs find ourselves in. Taking off a carpet gripper to start work he turned, forgot about the shelf above, banged his head and was thrown backwards. In confusion, he managed the whole sorry procedure again and ended up with TWO rows of tiny holes – tramlines on his rear end!

What of the future? Peter and Beryl's son has pursued a different branch of engineering and apprentices sent over from Stannington College (if they ever turned up!) proved unsatisfactory. They would like to retire to this end of Sheffield, have a garden, see friends and take part in all the social activities curtailed by shop opening times. An Estate Agent notice will go in at the end of January. So far, enquiries by word of mouth haven't led to anything, and there are some businesses not allowed on the row because of the deeds haidressing). So although the Cassons will not have the joys of weeding to do in March, they hope to have left by the end of the year at the latest and will be sorely missed.

Gillian Farnsworth

Halifax Agency closed

We are sad to report that another of our very well thought of local services has closed.

After nearly 27 years of providing an invaluable service to our local community in Dore, Halifax Bank terminated the Agency, held at the premises of Chartered Surveyor Estate Agents Eadon Lockwood & Riddle on Townhead Road.

Managing Director and local resident, Alistair Humphrey, found it difficult to conceal his bitter disappointment at the treatment metered out by such a big and powerful organisation which totally lacks any feelings or compassion for local residents and the service that has been provided to them over so many years.

He went on to say that "unfortunately many other big National organisations, the Bank has imposed unrealistic targets in respect of selling personal loans, visa and credit cards and current accounts, targets which, bearing in mind the maturity and consequently the established nature of the greater proportion of customers, were totally and utterly unrealistic. Adding to that the Risk elements attached to the running of the Agency in the premises, means that apparently there was no other alternative but for the faceless minions pressing the buttons in Halifax to press the one marked 'Close'"

On behalf of Eadon Lockwood & Riddle, Alistair and his staff wish to express very sincere thanks to all customers, particularly those who have supported the facilities on a regular basis over so many years. Please be assured that if they had had any choice in the matter, ELR would be continuing to offer the service

By the time you read this, you will have received formal notice from Halifax which also informs you where alternative facilities continue to be available. For how long remains a question which no-one can answer!

For ELR, the closure does have a positive side. Once the Halifax equipment and counter is removed, there will be more space for developing the Estate Agency. The staff are being retained and will dedicate their entire time and resources to the service of ELR's Estate Agency clients in Dore and Sheffield 17. The team continues to be lead by Senior Negotiator, Kathryn Booth, a former Dore resident with many years experience of the local property market.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

I have just found your website, and notice that in past editions of the local history pages, mention is made of the Jackson family who ran the Dore Post Office in the early part of the 20th century. In particular, one person mentions that she is related to the Jacksons and would like more information on the family.

I may be able to help, as I have 4 postcards in my late grandmother's postcard collection which all have a connection with Dore. One is a postcard of Dore Village, taken outside the Dore Post Office, with "H Jackson" printed quite clearly above the door. It was postmarked 10 Oct 1914 from Dore, and sent to my grandmother, Miss Kitty Hammersley, who lived at that time in Nantwich, Cheshire. The sender's signature seems to be "S M Jackson".

The second and third postcards are photographs of the Jackson children, taken by Hardy, Promenade Studio, Cleethorpes. One of the photographs featuring three of the children is postmarked 24 Aug 1910 and again sent to my grandmother in Nantwich, with the address "Dore P.O." written on the message side. Again the sender was S M Jackson. The other photograph was taken on the same occasion, but was not sent by mail.

The photographs of the Jackson children were presumably taken against a photographer's backdrop. Two children's names are mentioned on the postcards - Catherine and Mary Jackson. I believe that the youngest child was called Catherine (a Catherine Jackson was born in March 1908, Sheffield registration district).

The fourth postcard is actually of Nantwich Wednesday Football Club 1909-10 and was sent to my grandmother when she was staying at the Post Office, Dore. It is postmarked 15 Aug 1911. The sender's signature seems to be R. C. M. I have no idea who this was.



The picture of three of the Jackson children taken against a photographer's backdrop.

I have been researching my Hammersley family for about 10 years now, but have not been able to find the link between the Hammersleys and the Jacksons. It is possible that S M Jackson was simply an old school friend of my grandmother's. If they were not related, it is also possible that she may have been employed to look after the children at some stage. Kitty was born in Dec 1892, so in 1910 she would have been 17 years old.

If you are still in touch with the person who wanted information on the Jackson family (in 2003), I would be happy to scan the images and send them to her by email. It occurs to me that your website might also be interested in the view of Dore Village. It is similar to one you already have of the same street, but is not in colour and instead of a bicycle, there is a motorbike outside the Post Office. There are also a number of people in the view, including (possibly) H Jackson himself.

Patsy Graham Auckland New Zealand Dear Sir,

I read the letter to the Editor from Roger Thorpe in the Dore to Dore magazine No. 84. He requested information about Thorpe ancestors working within the area. My deceased husband was also called Roger Thorpe. He also did his family tree, and we are an off shot of the same family. Roger's grandfather came from Eyam to work at Whirlow House as a gardener. The family originated in Ashopton under the Derwent dam. He was Percy Thorpe, married to Harriet nee Marsden and they had five children.

I have a lot of information (photographic and written) as we joined together with some more Thorpes (Joan Bowley) in Nottingham and put the family trees together. It stretches on computer paper round a whole room. My husband sought many people in Sheffield to put his tree together.

There is too much information to put in a single letter. I have re-married hence the changed sir name.

Carol J. Bourne (previously Thorpe) caroljbourne@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Sir,

Having received my Winter copy I would like to say how much I enjoy going back over the years. I lived in Busheywood Road and in the years from 1935 - 1945 I attended Dore School.

I remember well the people mentioned in the 2006 copies. Miss Trott, Mrs Eaton's sweet kiosk at Dore and Totley station, Mrs Spring's sweet shop and the 1/2d and 1 penny tray. Also I remember the teachers at school, in particular Miss Talbot, a wonderfully versatile teacher. We had swimming lessons at Glossop Road and domestic science classes at Carterknowle Road as part of our curriculum. We also managed to learn the 3 R's along with the usual added subjects. We had regular P.T, played hockey with shinty sticks and so on. I loved it all and remember it well.

The old school reunion must have been simply wonderful - I would like to have attended - perhaps next time.

Congratulations on a wonderful magazine - long may it continue.

Mabel Robertson (nee Hodgson)

Dear Sir,

Reading the article about Dore Service Station brought back childhood memories galore! Mr Gill had several wicked geese who patrolled the area which is now parking for the flats above the deli etc. Woe betide anyone who entered this areanecks outstretched these birds noisily saw you off their territory!

One of the old farm sheds was used by a Mr Woodhouse(?) who did wrought iron work. He made the gates for our house when my parents lived there.

The fish and chip shop, a wooden black painted building, was run by my paternal grandparents. My sister and I would sometimes sneak up there from the village school, using our school dinner money to buy 3d. worth of chips - wrapped in newspaper of course. My grandfather, William Bell, was featured some years back on a front cover of Dore to Door. The



picture was of him on horseback in front of the Hare and Hounds, wearing a top hat! No idea where the horse was from - I did not know he was a horse rider! Perhaps it was a skill acquired when he was in S. Africa in the Boer War.

Their original home was one of two or three cottages where the Hare and Hounds now has its car park. My Father, Henry, was born there, and then they moved to the row of cottages opposite the butchers. These were very tiny dwellings with no water apart from a small sink downstairs in the kitchen - yet the family numbered five in total!

My Grandmother set up a haberdashery shop in the front room of her cottage. We would call in there hoping for sweets and threepenny bits for our money boxes - she always obliged.

Back to Oliver Gill - his croft had a wide variety of hens, ducks and geese. The baby chickens or ducklings were very appealing to us children. We kidnapped quite a few for 'pets', but were sternly told 'to take them back where they came from'! There was also a pond in the croft - about where the garage building is now - perhaps that is why the pits floods! Shame we no longer have a pond - Don's ducks would love it.

Dore was a lovely village to grow up in - so quiet and peaceful with ample safe play areas.

Pat Heawood

Dear Sir,

I wonder whether you can help me?

I am trying to make contact with Brian Morton - we used to teach together at Herries School in the 70s. I noticed a piece in Dore to Door that said some time ago that the Dore Art Group would be losing Brian as a tutor.

If anyone knows anything about him, or can give me an address or phone number, I would be very grateful.

Martin Buck martinhbuck@gmail.com

Ed. If you have news or intersting memories to recall, just drop us a line to the address on page 2.

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Dore Recreation Ground

It is now a few years since a dedicated group of residents worked with the Dore Village Society to ensure that our treasured open space, known as the Recreation Ground, received a superb playground for the use of local children.

Since this time the Society has been contributing to its up-keep, both financially and physically, and increasingly so over recent months due to the seemingly declining interest in the area by our council. Many contacts have been made with the Development, Environment and Leisure Department but progress is slow. The footpath between Townhead Road and Newfield Crescent is now almost unusable for large parts of the year and the field, when wet, is a quagmire.

It is felt that the area needs a focus and a little push, so the Society would like to set up a small group who will discuss the future of our village amenity, think of improvement ideas, and generally take an interest in a very important local feature. DVS would therefore welcome anyone in the village who has an interest in the "REC" (either parents, teenagers or local residents) to join the group which will probably meet about every two months – please contact Dave Ward on 236 3472 to register your interest.

Woodlands project

Freeman College's Woodland Project, in the heart of Ecclesall Woods, will allow the college's students, who have a range of disabilities and special needs, to work under cover and have the benefit of a compost toilet and log burning stove. A vital element of their educational programme is the ancient and sustainable technology curriculum which enables the young students to take part in Iron Age forge work, charcoal making and woodland crafts.

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Long Line

Experimental Traffic Safety Scheme

The proposal to make Long Line one way originated from the road safety improvements on the Hathersage Road, where there had been a number of serious accidents. A number of improvements were introduced including resurfacing, better drainage, warning signs, camber improvements, a relocated speed camera and a flashing vehicle activated warning sign. However the Council's Road Safety Team said that action also needed to be taken to reduce accidents at the Long Line/Cross Lane junction.

In order to do this, they proposed to reduce vehicle movements at this junction by making Cross Lane one-way down from Hathersage road and Brickhouse Lane one-way from the junction with Cross Lane up to Hathersage Road. This scheme was recommended to the Council's Planning and Highways Board despite overwhelming local objections, made mainly on environmental grounds. In particular the 1,000 extra vehicles a day which would have to travel up Brickhouse Lane and because of the dangerous turn out into the Hathersage Road at Dore Moor. These objections were voiced at a very well attended public Open Day in the Dore Old School.

The Planning Board unanimously deferred the decision and asked that a small group of residents get together to discuss the officers' proposals and come up with an acceptable solution. Those who attended were people who had shown particular interest in the original safety scheme proposal, along with a representative from the Dore Village Society and all three Dore Ward Councillors. One of the proposals put forward was that a "wait and see" approach be adopted and that nothing be done until after an assessment of the effects of all the recent improvements on Hathersage Road. However officers could not accept this option. The group unanimously agreed that just one option should be put to the Planning Board; this was the Long Line scheme.

The Head of Highways went back to the Planning Board in May. Whilst still recommending the original Cross Lane/Brickhouse Lane proposal, he did accept that if the Long Line option was favoured by Members of the Board, then it should be introduced as an experiment.

Prior to the Board meeting, some of us from the group, including myself sounded out the views of some residents of Long Line, (those who were in on the Saturday afternoon concerned). The majority of those spoken to supported the one-way system on Long Line. Two Long Line residents spoke at the Planning Board meeting, one for and one against the proposed scheme.

After discussion, the Board, unanimously voted for the Long Line experimental scheme. At the end of the experiment a full assessment will be made, including public consultation, on whether the scheme should be made permanent.

Councillor Michael Waters

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is now Dore Hall Croft and Rushleigh Court. Croft House still stands on Church Lane along with a very ancient cruck barn. The Dore Grill restaurant is built on what was Willie Arthur Frith's stockyard.

When Beryl was seven years old War broke out and she recalls vividly the antiair raid preparations. "We were still at Garden Cottage in 1941 and my father reinforced a lean-to on the back of the house with old railway sleepers and sand bags and that was our shelter. When the sirens went we all had to pile in there and he'd built bunks for us and actually as children we found it just very exciting. We had mugs of cocoa in the bunks."

Beryl remembers clearly the night that the bombs dropped in Dore. "There was one at the top of Drury Lane in the field at the side of Sycamore Farm, quite near to Garden Cottage because it shook all our windows out... and the next morning going to peer into the crater. The whole village turned out to peer into this huge hole and people were looking around for bits of shrapnel. I can't remember anybody being frightened. Certainly as children we weren't."

Soon afterwards, Joe and Connie Denniff and family moved into Dore Hall Farm to look after the ageing but still dragonian Albert and eventually take over the farm. Beryl continues "We were in Dore Hall by the time of the Sheffield Blitz because I remember watching it from there. It was fairly elevated; we could look out over Sheffield and see the whole sky. I can remember it vividly; it was as if massive fireworks were going off. My father went into Sheffield the next day but he could not get the car beyond Beauchief because of the debris and the mayhem."

Life at Dore Hall Farm was pleasant and Beryl admits "We were never ever short of food and people queued at the door for black market butter and eggs. The hotels like the Maynard Arms at Grindleford and the Marquis of Granby had cream from us.

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Aerial view of Dore village on 22nd January 1963 deep in snow, with the church bottom left and Dore Road along the top. Dore Hall Farm can be clearly seen between Vicarage Road and Dore Road.

They used to come all the way and fetch it because you just couldn't get it."

Beryl describes the spacious farmhouse. "It had five bedrooms and a bathroom. Downstairs there was a big farmhouse kitchen with a scullery off, which had stone benches all the way round and one of those very shallow sinks. The milk came in twice a day and was filtered and cooled. There was a cellar which I distinctly remember had a stone bench in the centre. That's where all the pigs were killed. My father was appointed the local chap for shooting any animal that was injured through war and for this purpose he was given a humane killer but the only thing it was ever used for was for killing illicit pigs during the war!" Beryl laughs and continues her description of the farmhouse. "There was the dining room and what was always known as the billiard room, for the very simple reason that in there was a full sized billiard table. My brother played on it and his friends. We sat in the dining room or the kitchen but family meals were always around the kitchen table. It seemed huge as a child."

Beryl went to Dore School when Mr. Speight was Headmaster and like every pupil remembers Miss Dobbs. "She was quite amazing; had a back as straight as a ramrod; was a wonderful teacher." Then it was Miss Palmer, Mrs. Watts and Miss Midgeley as teacher of the senior class where "the boys were always a bit of a nuisance and tolerated by the girls" Asked about the work at school she admits "I remember nothing about it but I must have learnt something to get to Dronfield Grammar School. I remember taking the 11+ like we all did."

Beryl has many more memories of going to Dronfield. "We went by train and we were known by the teachers as "the train people" because we were let out of school ten minutes earlier than everyone else in order to catch the train back at night." In the morning, along with

Michael Walker of High Trees and Stephen Platt of Causeway Head Road, her cousin Helen Green and later her sister Janet, they used to sprint down Dore Road. "There was a wonderful railway porter called Frank Taylor who stood on the bridge at Dore Station. He could see the bottom of Dore Road from there and he would wait for us all zipping round the corner then bellow at the top of his voice "Come on, you little bastards! I can't hold it any longer!" He would hold the train up for us and we would pile on, absolutely on our knees!"

Beryl also remembers the strict uniform. "If you were seen without your hat you were punished. And of course, we were not allowed to wear trousers as girls. I remember the winter of '47 and we had icicles on the farm buildings as high as a room and there was snow on minor roads right into May but we had to wear our gymslips and wellingtons and were still expected to plough down Dore Road through it all."

At Dronfield Grammar Beryl enjoyed games. "I loved sport and was in the hockey team and we got to the semi-finals of the County Championships. We used to play High Storrs, Chesterfield Grammar, Swanton, near Derby and many others. Every Saturday there was a hockey match and if it was away we went on the buses"

Beryl found the work interesting and has fond memories of some of the teachers. "I think the most inspiring one was our history teacher because he inspired a love of history which has stayed with me and his name was Norman Dixon.

There was a French mistress called Isabel Gardner who was very avant-garde because through her progressiveness we were one of the first bodies of pupils to go to France at the end of the War. We went to France in 1946 on an exchange trip for six weeks. In fact we ended up staying a lot longer than we'd intended to because the French railways went on strike and we

couldn't get back" Beryl laughs, "So, we ended up going to school in France, which was quite an experience!"

The headmaster at that time was Norman Milligan who lived in the headmaster's house and would walk over to school every morning in his gown to take assembly. The senior female teacher was Miss Darley, the art mistress and something of a dragon. Beryl explains "You were 'referred to Miss Darley' if you'd really committed the unforgiveable of whatever sort of crime." After "very happy days" at Dronfield and Higher School Certificate Beryl left at eighteen to go on to Agricultural College in Aberystwyth.

In the meantime, her father, Joe Denniff had the opportunity to buy Dore Hall Farm from the Duke of Devonshire who was selling off his holdings in the village in order to raise money to pay off huge death duties. The land farmed by the Denniffs was very extensive and covered nearly all the fields in what are now the Burlington and Devonshire roads as well as the site of the old King Ecgbert Upper School and Old Hay Close. There is not a child brought up in Dore before the 1960s who cannot remember playing or walking in these fields, often watching or joining in with the farming activities. Indeed "the path down Denniffs fields" was a wellused route for everyone from the village to Ashfurlong and beyond.

In the scramble for land most of Denniffs fields were bought by housing developers, thus changing forever the character of the area and sealing the fate of



Beryl Salisbury (nee Denniff) on the right catches up with her cousin Vera Gregory (nee Smith) at the Dore Old School Reunion in September 2006.

the farmer. Beryl explains "As sitting tenant my father could have bought all that land but he'd got to buy the farmhouse and the farm buildings and the fields around it and that is all he could afford to buy." Eventually, after Joe Denniffs death in 1962 these too were sold for development. Every building, including the spacious farmhouse was demolished and not a trace was left of the original farm of the Manor of Dore.

Beryl describes in detail the layout of Dore Hall Farm as she knew it in childhood with its "wonderful range of farm buildings" She talks of the Dutch barn, the fodder room "where there was a machine for turning and chopping up turnips and Swedes", the stable with the Suffolk Punch horses, the cowshed below the pigeon loft and "up the wooden steps into the hayloft where we used to love playing." She remembers with emotion

the "broken and neglected" farmhouse that she "just could not bear to go and look at" before it was pulled down.

And then suddenly Beryl finishes with a humorous picture from the past "Hay time and harvest tune were very thrilling days for children, you know. The threshing machine would come round and then it was all hands on deck because every farmer helped every other farmer. I remember an old farm labourer known as Albert Coates who always wore string tied round his trousers. That was to stop the mice going up because at threshing time, of course, they did!"

So, when you saunter down Dore Road look out for the two big trees that mark the former entrance to Dore Hall Farm and perhaps in the wind you might catch the bygone laughter of children in the hayloft.

Maureen Cope Dore Oral History Group

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The Department of transport has recently issued guidance to councils on introducing schemes to allow cars with two or three occupants to use bus lanes during the rush hour. Somehow I have my doubts if we will see such sensible initiatives in Sheffield. This is the city that has just spent mega bucks to create an additional lane on Ecclesall Road, just for a few buses!

Now I do occasionally use the bus, free bus passes for the elderly are a great, if community expensive, idea. But I cannot help wondering how we ever got into this public transport mess. Just a cursory glance shows that the majority of buses in the outskirts of Sheffield carry hardly any passengers outside the rush hour. Not only that, but by and large they stick to the main roads and rarely venture into places where we actually live.

So how come we allow these huge, traffic snarl-up generating, ugly, gas guzzling and fume belching machines onto our roads? They are too infrequent and the routes and vehicles inflexible. Yet visit some so called 'third world' countries and hey presto, public transport is provided by more 'human scale' mini buses that ply their trade frequently, visit virtually every street, are not capital intensive and are often run for just part of the day while their drivers do other work at quiet times. We desperately need something between the taxi and two decker monsters!

Anyone who reads my missives will know what I think about development. Yes progress is necessary and even in Sheffield where the overall population is not increasing, we do need changes to our building stock to reflect changing living patterns, the requirements of an increasing percentage of pensioners and improved overall housing standards. Seems like a key community requirement to me.

Yet the hard fact is that the planning

process does not take into account the needs of local communities, including Dore. It is supposedly driven by 'the market' which in crude terms means profit. I cannot understand why 'new builds' are VAT free but renovations are not; Why we skew the market and value of homes by taking no tax on capital gain, unlike with any other investment; Why we only levy 'planning gain' on development of more than 5 houses rather than on each building?

As for Dore. Soon there will be no large gardens left as the 'brownfield' site raid continues. Yet it is the existing homes and gardens which add immensely to the very character of Dore. Soon we will see hundreds of houses on the old King Ecgbert School site while the last large garden on Dore Road at no 79 is also going the developers way. These could have been the last chances to create new public open space in Dore, more allotments, or purpose build housing for the retired. But then such considerations would require planning wouldn't they!

Doremouse

Dore Festival 1-15 July

Plans for this year's programme are already well advanced so please make a note of the dates in your diary and come along to support the many community events.

Festival fortnight will start with the welcome return of the Open Gardens on Sunday 1st July. The Well Dressing Service will be on Sunday 7th July and the Scout and Guide Gala on Saturday 14th July. Other dates to note are Wednesday 11th July for the Open-Air Theatre on the Green and Friday 13th July for Jazz in the Church.

Look out for details of all events in our next edition and in the Gala Programme, as well as on the village notice boards.

Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir performed to two full houses in the Parish Church for our Christmas Concerts. These concerts are always very popular and this time we had a real 'Green' guest spot with our music director, Paul Green's son-in-law Tim Boswell and grand daughter Jessica playing violins to Paul's accompaniment.

The Choir membership has increased significantly in the past three months and we now have over 65 members. The Choir has a full concert programme for 2007 including the Gala Concert on 28th April at Ecclesall Church where the Lord Mayor will be attending, and we will have the 'Saxational', a saxaphone quartet as our guests. We are singing at the St John's Music Festival, Ranmoor in May, and on 23rd June we are back at Ranmoor giving a concert for local charity the Whirlow Farm Trust.

In September the Choir are performing at Whitby Pavilion Gardens as part of the Whitby & Scarborough Summer Festival. Then later in the month we go to the Rhineland on tour for a week.

Why not come and join the Choir. We meet every Thursday at the Church Hall at 7:15pm. Come and sing or just sit in. You will be most welcome. You can contact me on 236 5043.

David Heslop

Dore Art Show

To quote Arkwright, "Its been a funny old year, one way or another!" Who would have thought the seasons would go through so many fluctuations since my last contribution at the beginning of 2006. I seem to remember saying then, that the bulbs were peeping through, in our tubs and I thought that it was far too early for this to be happening, and surely we'd have hard frosts to nip them all off, but not so!

Nature won, and we all had a lovely show of colour, followed by the hot, hot, hotter than ever summer. The topsy-turvy seasons seem to be following on this year with lavender in flower as well as Spring flowers, and new growth on the holly I picked for Christmas in December.

Now Christmas is gone and we are into the new year, which means I and fellow colleagues in the Dore Art Group are looking forward to presenting our 'Annual art Show' which is to be held as usual in the Old School on Friday 13th April and Saturday 14th April.

It is a busy time for us in the group, as we all much enjoy what we do, in the hope that we can present our usual colourful display of pictures for you to see and maybe purchase at the Show.

We will have a varied selection, to suit all tastes in watercolour, gouache, oils and pastels and as usual we look to seeing you all on either of the two days.

There will also be the usual selection of tea/coffee and home-made cakes on offer to enjoy by way of refreshments.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

How do we stop selfish and unthinking motorists using the two designated 'disabled' parking spaces outside the shops on Causeway Head Road?

This happens with monotonous regularity, making it extremely difficult for the registered disabled, such as myself, to visit the bank and the shops. Even the short walk from Devonshire Terrace becomes hard work!

Surely something can be done to make these motorists realise that these two spaces are not for their use - not even for a short period.

I was intending to suggest a third space be designated in front of the shops on High Street but it seems this will be a waste of time energy and paint.

Ed. It is not just the disabled that find it difficult to park outside the shops. I suspect the real problem is people parking there all day, having caught a bus into the city or because they work locally. A 2 hour parking restriction would solve the problem, but repeated requests to the council for this have fallen on deaf ears!

Dear Sir,

A sad farewell to the village green!

Yes it is going. In the warmth of a local pub a recent discussion between people from the village made this more than apparent! At the start of the discussion only 4 people were involved, such was the strength of the feeling, that by the end over 15 were involved!

Last year some areas of the village green shrunk by as much as 2 feet, the cause, not greenhouse gases, not too much salt in the recipe, not alcohol abuse, passive smoking, obesity, too much refuse in the refuse bins, political correctness, global warming, not even everyday traffic. Lorries are the answer.

Once upon a time a lorry negotiating down the side of the Green meant someone moving in or out, the furniture van would have been met by neighbours with cups of tea, a welcome, an offer of help. The lorries these days fly past so fast they rattle the teacups in the neighbourhood houses!

These are not furniture vans, but skip lorries, delivery wagons, as well as veritable Juggernauts, This summer unbelievably an 18 wheel articulated lorry became stuck under the bow of a tree on its journey from Dore Road to Furniss Avenue. Why via Vicarage Lane God only knows! And this is not an occasional occurrence; we are talking some times upwards of 15 to 20 lorries a day!

On regular occasions a bread delivery lorry thunders down Savage Lane in the morning from the village on down Bushywood road, and I mean thunders, well in advance of any speed limit. We all wait in anticipation of him meeting something on Bushywood bends, which will invariably happen as he attempts his suicide run around about school time.

Two years ago we lost several trees, felled by the council. They were deemed to be a risk due to their proximatey to the

edge of the green, (their roots were being undermined). A recent risk assessment has indicated 2 more trees are on the borderline of being felled, with 4 more being monitored.

As little as 5 years ago every road leading to the green had signs stating "3 ton limit, no turning room." They were situated at the junction of Vicarage Lane - Dore Road, the top of Savage Lane, the bottom of Bushywood Road, and every entrance on to Bushywood Road. Now there is only one lonely sign left, it stands all on its own, on one side of the road at the junction of Gilleyfield Avenue as it joins Bushywood! They have all mysteriously disappeared!



Of course we can park here!

John Wells

Last year the Well was demolished; this week it was damaged again, this time only nudged and the mortar cracked although it does look very precarious at the moment, mind you the wall opposite the Well belonging to Sycamore farm was demolished. Some of these walls have stood for hundreds of years

stood for hundreds of years.

The top edge of the green along Vicarage Lane is constantly being chopped away by lorries and Skip wagons using it as a shortcut from Dore Road to Furniss Avenue, most driving on the Green to get past parked cars. This, as well as the curbs and grass frontages that are fast becoming eaten away along Vicarage Lane, is becoming a problem. The speed some of these lorries travel at down narrow roads is frightening!

And now Lord be praised the council in their infinite wisdom are considering diverting ALL the traffic down Vicarage lane for 6 weeks due to drainage work on Dore road!

Normally there is no earthly reason for any lorry to use the roads mentioned, the recognised routes into the village for heavy goods are Dore Road, Furniss Avenue, and Causeway head Road.

I wonder how long it will be before we loose the rest? At 2 feet a year, not long I think! But this is only an indicator of a changing of attitude towards what was once a lovely village to live in. On the Saturday night of Dore Gala this year 3 cars even parked in the middle of the Green. I hear the driver of one found it quite amusing doing hand break turns before he eventually drove off when the pubs closed!

I bet that did a lot of good to the hundreds of bulbs so kindly donated. The lovely bench placed on the Green is no longer synonymous with pensioners enjoying the sunny afternoons, it is associated more now with drunken youths jumping all over it after the pubs have shut, or sitting down not talking, but shouting and swearing in the early hours of a weekend morning for hours on end, (at least we hear its drink?). Only last week I understand a group of 5 were banging a football around at 2 clock on a Sunday morning, (they have better eyesight than me!)

We have ceased to be a village; most people know that by now. But one thing is for sure; the introduction of another 108 houses in the grounds of Kings Croft will more than confirm it!

I do have faith in the continuity of the authorities though, I know they will find a solution in the long term; after all the way they plan things, there is room for at least 15 houses on the Village Green!

You never know, with a bit of luck the bread van might just meet a skip lorry driving across Vicarage lane junction one morning. Should it happen, you can be sure of one thing, there will be no neighbours with cups of tea or a warm welcome, their teacups were smashed a long time ago, and their hospitality towards lorries is very much disappearing at the same rate as the Village Green.

But then again, as a neighbour said just yesterday, "what's the point in putting the "3 ton, no turning signs" back? You will never get back to the times when a lorry down these roads was as rare as a police presence would be today in the village to enforce the "Bally.. things!" (As the hoodlums visiting Dore every night from all areas of Sheffield already know!)

Enjoy the Green folks; its doubtful there will be much left for your grandkids, But by then, the way things are going, would they really want to live here anyway?

The Badgers name & addresses supplied

Dear Sir,

Passing through Dore Village, we see that the river still flows from the Hare and Hounds, down Savage Lane, after new drainage work in November. The problem still lies between the old corner shop and westwardly up some where to the Devonshire car park and upwards towards Leyfield Road.

The once flowing culvert down Causeway Head Road and corner of Devonshire Terrace is now dry. Possible reasons were the building above the recreation ground and surrounding area.

The drainage system on Limb Lane is still non-existent. Floods on the 11th, 18th, and 21st January. Both ends are still not rectified.

A big thank you to the staff of H.S.B.C. Sports Ground, we believe, on clearing the fallen tree and other debris on the 18th on Limb Lane and warning drivers of the floods.

Ray & Joan Bradway

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.



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Planning matters

'Farfield' Blackamoor Road. This property, with a large garden has been purchased by a builder, County Developments, who has taken on a number of controversial developments in Dore in the past few years. These include the building off Newfield Lane, with flats overlooking the recreation ground and Blue Ridge on Ashfurlong Road, over which there have been numerous objections.

Having acquired 'Farfield' and obtained planning consent for two houses in the back garden, (after an appeal to the Minister), the builder then applied for three houses on the same site. One five bed roomed house was placed on open land overlooking the Green belt; and all three houses were three storeys high, much higher than others in the neighbourhood. We are pleased the Planners have turned the application down.

However the builder has now re-applied for a larger house in the front garden, on the corner of Blackamoor Road and Townhead Road, on which there is already outline consent for a smaller property. Unfortunately this house is again three storeys high and fills the plot which is situated in a very prominent position. The plan submitted to the Council show a very much bigger plot than is the case as the whole of the pavement is shown as being included in the plot. In addition some trees not shown on the plans would be felled.

Newfield Place. The same builder, County Developments, having built houses and two three storey blocks of flats off Newfield Lane and apparently completed, have now applied for another house. Incredibly this is created from a small garage building which is within the garden of a three storey block of flats. Not only would the flats, which have limited parking, be without necessary parking, but there is virtually no land attached to the



proposed building as shown on the plan. It is not surprising the Planning Authority have turned the application down.

79 Dore Road. An application has been lodged for the building of six houses in the grounds of this property. (It is the large white house on the right before Thornsett Gardens). The development is on back with a long drive access. Unfortunately the applicant has again shown very high buildings, being three storeys together with rooms in the roof space. The Society has real concerns that these tall buildings that are out of scale with neighbouring properties. Also, in the event of more of this site being developed high buildings of this type could be perpetuated and would dominate the landscape. Established trees covered by TPOs are also threatened while the proposed vehicular access onto Dore Road, down a single carriage driveway,

also creates safety concerns.

Other Applications. The Society recognises that development on existing 'brownfield' sites, such as large gardens, is inevitable, and indeed has some encouragement by the Government. However there is always concern that many of these proposed developments are submitted for planning consent without a care as to the impact on neighbouring properties. This is not a case of 'nimbyism' but just bad planning. Sometimes it is seen in applications such as one in Old Hay Close and another on Gilleyfield Ave, both made in the past two years and totally overlooking adjoining properties and destroying neighbours reasonable amenity. Fortunately these cases were refused planning permission, as they were excessive.

However there are others such as a current application at 3 Cavendish Avenue where a proposed house on a very small area of back garden is shown facing directly into adjoining properties and at right angles to the road, this not facing the original house to which the garden belongs. In another application in the garden of 61 Ashfurlong Road a two storey house is shown on a very small plot and within three feet of the neighbours side boundary. That neighbour would face a large blank two storey wall throwing a shadow across the back garden. We hope that the Council will not approve these applications as they stand. Perhaps 'do as you would be done by' would be a good planning maxim!

David Heslop

New golden number

Sheffield Homes has launched a single contact telephone number for customers accessing housing services on the south side of the city. The new 'golden number' - which is 205 3333 - aims to make it easier for tenants to contact us and get a prompt, helpful response to all housing enquiries, except repairs. Lines are open between 8am and 5.30pm.

The new number does not apply to dayto-day repairs, which tenants should continue to report to Kier's service centre on 273 5555.

TOADS spring play

Our next production is another good comedy - we know you like them and our aim is to keep you happy! "The Other Fellow's Oats" is written by James Pattison and Peter Clapham and is set in a London flat. The owner, Charles, has lent it out to his friend Desmond, whilst he is on a short holiday abroad. Of course, things never work out the way you expect them to, and chaos ensues. Good news for the audience!

You can take part in the fun at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, May 16th to 19th, at 7.30pm. Tickets are still £3.50, or £3 for concessions from any member of TOADS or from me on 236 6891. Red and White wine will be on sale along with coffee and orange in the interval, so come along and enjoy the entertainment.

Kate Reynolds

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Another successful concert season is behind us having sung for a number of organisations in and around the city. We are now concentrating on this year's show which is Utopia Ltd, a spoof on the "English" way of doing things. The action takes place on a south sea island and leaders from 'The Establishment' are imported to help the Islanders progress. (Heaven help them). As usual, the plot is peppered with odd characters like Tarara, The Public Exploder, whose task it is to blow up the King if he fails in his duty. This lesser known work is lots of fun with the usual excellent music.

Both old and new members are taking principal roles - all of whom are splendid singers and actors - so why not have a fun night out at the University Drama Studio on Glossop Road between April 17th and the 21st. Tickets (£8.50, concessions £7.50 with a matinee on the Saturday) are available from any member of the society or by telephoning 01246 416364.

Derek Habberjam

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Easter Worship:

April 5th - Maundy Thursday, 7.30 pm Parish Communion.

April 6th - Good Friday - 10am - Family Service, then hot cross buns in the hall.

2pm - An Hour By the Cross - a service of devotion - in church.

April 8th - Easter Sunday - 8am - Holy Communion (said)

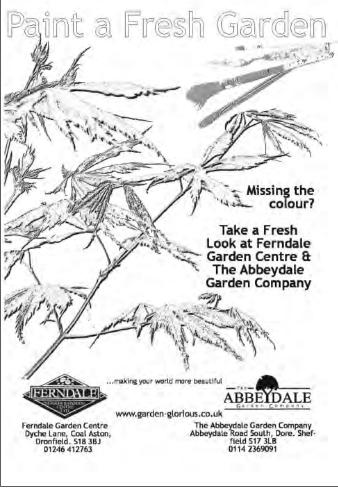
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These are not as you might imagine all school kids, but older students and the semi-retired - the pay makes useful beer money! Wake up early and you might spot Richard Farnsworth, Graham Thomas and Albert Bradley just to name three. Out in all weathers perhaps, but an invigorating start to the day and a rare sight of the village when it is quiet!

The shop opens at 6am to a steady stream of customers, probably more that any other shop in the village. In addition to the newspapers and dozens of magazines, (specialist magazines can be got to order), the shop does a steady trade in confectionary, tobacco, cards, gifts, soft drinks and of course the lottery.



Weekend newspapers await sorting ready for delivery to homes in Dore.

Around 11.30 the Star arrives, there is only one edition a day now, which gives plenty of time to make up the evening rounds. Most of the week the shop closes at 6pm, but stays open until 7pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays for the lottery. On Sundays they are open 6am to 12.30.



Pam Maltby checking customer bills

Manager Pam Maltby, who lives in Totley, has been in the business for 19 years, the last 12 here in Dore. It may be hard at times, but she enjoys the job and reckons some of the customers are brilliant, with several offering to help when her husband died a few years ago.

There are always some problems, like papers being stopped automatically by the computer if bills are not paid within 6 weeks. That is mild compared with the knife point robbery of takings nine years ago and another robbery they managed to foil 4 years ago. In this later case the man was subsequently

caught and given 14 years for a string of offences.

Being at the heart of the village staff in the shop are often the first to hear of peoples problems. They are able to offer a sympathetic ear, along with good humour and quick witted comments. One problem they face is the all day parking by some in

front of the shops which makes visits by customers more difficult. They also have a first hand view of drivers battles with the badly placed bollards and near misses on the badly sighted crossing point outside the shop.

Pam has asked us to thank her customers for their custom and her staff, which includes two Sue's, Janet & Joe (Saturdays) plus the rest of the team, for their hard work.

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Book Reviews

We all know how good the Peak District is for walking and that other less fortunate souls are forced to travel miles to enjoy the Peak. Walking Weekends: Peak District is written to cater for this market but is just as useful to us. Written by walking and pub expert Mark Reid, author of 'The Inn Way' guidebooks, the book offers 24 circular walks from 12 villages throughout the Peak District. There are two walks of varying lengths from each village, ranging fro 5 to 11 miles. Each walk has an outline map description of route and historical points of interest including some line drawings. For each village there is also a list of pubs offering accommodation or refreshment on route. Featured villages include: Bakewell, Castleton, Edale, Eyam, n, Hathersage, Hayfield, Baslow, Longnor, Tideswell, Wetton, Youlgrave. Published by Inn Way Publications in paperback, 224 pages, price £8.95 ISBN 1 902001 12 5 Hartington,

It seems ironic with all the debate over the merits of wind turbines that there is no parallel review of water power. Yet for many centuries waterwheels provided the only source of power available to man apart from animals and his own sweat. Used on these islands for at least 2,000 years they were joined in the 12th century by windmills, both reigning supreme until the arrival of the steam engine in the 18th century. This extraordinary long timespan has made them a part of our history, but how many of us know what they did or how they worked.

Windmills and Watermills explained by Stan Yorke, sets out to explain, using easyto-follow text, plus extensive drawings and photographs. The book describes the various styles of mill, the process of grinding grain to produce flour and looks in some detail at the way the energy of the waterwheel or the windmill's sails are used to power the machinery. Fortunately there are some 400 restored mills that can still be seen, many working, some even producing flour for sale. The book includes suggestions and guidance on finding these sites, plus a glossary to explain some of the unfamiliar terms. Published in paperback by Countryside Books, 125 pages, price £7.99 ISBN 1846 74011 8

Drivers on call. Nearly half of drivers continue to break the law by using their mobile phone while behind the wheel, according to a poll by Whatcar.com. The internet guide said the figure - 46 per cent - was higher than in polls conducted in previous years. New safety laws increase the level of fines and add three penalty points for each offence.

Wheelchair Loan. A wheelchair in very good condition is available to lend (at short notice) to anyone who needs it. It is available for anything up to a few months at a time and can be arranged through Janette Reilly at Dore Parish Office on 236 3335.

English Tulips

We're used to seeing miniature, double petalled and tall tulips nowadays. The last 40 years has heralded a big expansion in Dutch exports of vigorous showy tulips of every colour and size. But in the early 1830s there were 200 tulip shows around Britain of the small flower originals now called English Florist tulips. The shape should be between that of a claret glass and half a tennis ball with level petals. The only group from the 1830s still showing

these is the Wakefield and North of England Tulip Society.

The tulips with random stripes or feathering on the petals were the ones painted by Rembrandt and Jan Breughel the Elder. They were at the heart of the 17th Century tulip-mania when men would place a fortune on a single bulb. But it was discovered in the 1920s that the reason for the breaking colours on the petals was the occurrence of a virus. So

they are no longer sold on the open market. And the only way to acquire these tulips is to become a member of the Wakefield Society.

Every member each year receives a few bulbs and the more each member exhibits at the May Show in Outwood Memorial Hall, Victoria Street Wakefield, the more tulip bulbs each receives. The other custom kept alive is that each flower is displayed in an empty beer bottle, as was done 70 years ago (when judging followed a drinking session in a pub!)

The Society has a worldwide membership of 250 but half a dozen Wakefield families have been over the years the mainstay of cultivation, and guarantee the flower's fortune. One of the present judges is from such a family. Jane Green became a judge at the age of 17. She passed on her enthusiasm to daughter Isobel who entered a tulip last year at the age of 6. One she had tended herself.

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Dore Blues

A Community Constables View.

A Happy New Year to you all and many apologies for missing the winter edition of Dore to Door. This was not an oversight on my part, it was just a case that I was extremely busy and there was never enough hours in the day.

There's a lot to talk about this month with a number of matters I would like to raise. But first can I offer my timely reminder about Crime prevention matters.

I have recently carried out a brief survey of Crimes that have occurred in the Dore/Totley Areas for the last 12 months. Whilst we have not suffered the same levels as more urban areas we have certainly had "our fair share". A quick glance at the types of crime suggests two things. The first is that our area suffers the main proportion of its crime in the first 3 Months of the year and secondly that this crime is mostly car related.

This could be simply that most of us have received car related accessories for Christmas i.e. Satellite Navigation Systems, or it might be that the criminals take full advantage of the "cover" of early dark nights. Truthfully I don't know, all I do know is how to prevent such crimes. The only sure-fire way is the most obvious that is to remove all valuables from the car. For even the shortest of absences PLEASE take your valuables with you. If anyone has any concerns about Crime Prevention matters as a Team we are more than willing to offer any advice. Comprehensive advice can also be found at www.crimereduction.gov.uk

I am still able to provide UV pens for Postcoding your property and I would advise this as the most reliable way of having Stolen Property returned. I have included my contact details at the end of this article. Feel free to contact me at anytime.

I have ceased to hold a monthly surgery at Dore Village Hall. I think in the months that I did it I had 3 visitors for about 12 hours of attendance. Not the best use of my time so I shall welcome anyone to the Police Box on Totley Brook Road.

Since the last issue of this magazine I have been joined on two wheels by P.c. Wadsworth the Community Constable for Totley. I look forward to sharing my patrol

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time with P.c. Wadsworth.

As indicated I have a number of issues I would like to mention, in no particular order of importance.

Parking... There seems to have been a rise in the number of complaints I have received about parking in the centre of Dore. Particularly around the Co-Op and surrounding roads. I would ask that people are responsible where they park cars and bear in mind that even a short time that a vehicle is left inconsiderately parked can cause problems for Buses etc.

Youth Nuisance... This does seem to have quietened down recently and I think the excellent work being done in the area by Sheffield Futures is beginning to pay of. I have a number of concerns though about underage drinking and the almost common perception that's it ok for youths i.e. under 16yrs, to drink heavily. I have noticed a rise in this type of behaviour and whilst most of it is not strictly anti-social it does not bode well for the future if our children readily consume large quantities of alcohol. Naturally as a Police officer I have to focus on activities that constitute a Breach of the law, but as your community Constable I must share concerns about this

I do have access to many resources that can help address youth drinking and I know my colleagues in the Schools Liaison work closely with schools about this matter. If anyone wants to talk with me "off the record" about this matter please contact me.

Drugs... I suppose its natural to follow the above subject with another which causes me some concern. I do not wish to be alarmist but I have also seen a rise in the number of reports to me of Drug Use/Abuse. These reports are not just restricted to lower level drug types but

also of Class A use etc. As I said I don't want to be alarmist about this and we have yet to reach anything like the levels found in other parts of Sheffield but I feel strongly that this type of activity is not welcome in Dore and its surrounding areas. I shall be working hard to not only identify where this is happening but also to identify and prosecute offenders. I would welcome any information about any types of drug related activity.

I am looking forward to continuing working in Dore, especially on the bike, and am told that the areas Policing strength will be shortly increased with the provision of a Police Community Support Officer deputed to work both Dore and Totley Areas. That's got to be good news.

Well I think that's enough. Any of the Dore/Totley Policing team can be contacted on the following numbers below at Meersbrook on 0114 296 3187 or at Totley box on 0114 296 3681 or e mail david.spencer@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

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.

Pc 2247 David Spencer Dore Community Constable

4 x 4 dangers

Large four-wheel-drive vehicles are twice as likely as other cars to roll over in crashes because of their higher centre of gravity, a Transport Research Laboratory study has found. Their occupants are also more likely to be killed or injured if they hit a roadside safety barrier.

Although 4x4s offer more protection, their greater mass and higher riding position means that in collisions with them, smaller vehicles and pedestrians tend to come off much worse. However the study also found that 4x4s were more vulnerable to turning over after hitting objects such as kerbs or when swerving violently. Injuries tend to be much more severe when vehicles overturn.

The study noted the doubling in annual sales of 4x4s in the past decade and said that they tended "to be bought for image value and for a perceived sense of safety on the road". It said many modern 4x4s had "questionable off-road abilities" and added: "The closest many of them get to an off-road environment is the supermarket car park." The authors concluded that many people bought them to transport children to school because they believed they were more likely to survive unscathed in collisions.

But the authors said that perception may change as owners become aware that the growing number of larger vehicles on the road meant they were more likely to have a collision with an equally heavy and tall car. The total forces in such a collision would be greater.

Andrew Howard, the head of road safety at the AA, said 4x4 drivers tended to be lulled into a false sense of security about safety and were more likely to think they could drive as fast in wet or frosty conditions.





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Richard Furness carols

In reply to Maureen Cope's article in the Winter edition. Yes I have 6 Furness carols, words and music, but that needs further qualification. Furness's allegiance to Eyam was in some ways stronger than his allegiance to Dore in spite of his 36 years here. I sang with both the Eyam and the Hathersage carollers this year. Their "Peace o'er the World" is very familiar because of its resemblance to our "Awake my Harp", but the words are by Alexander Pope, the harmony lines form a different underlay and the tune has extra flourishes. I was given another version of it about 15 years ago by a Castleton caroller. The versions change around the villages and it is even sung at Thorpe Hesley. So for the 6 numbered above, you could say 5.

For as long as I can remember, "Awake" and "Let sorrow and darkness" have been sung by everyone at Dore church at Christmas (the latter this year at the 9 lessons and carols service on Dec.17th), as well as being sung in the Devonshire Arms on Boxing Day- a Dore Male Voice Choir tradition. "On the dew besprinkled morn" mentioned by Hazel Hoffman, is a more sedate one, so to a certain extent it has been dropped. It was of course included in one of the Dore Millenium plays. My copy seems to be in Arthur Farnsworth's handwriting (The first Dore organist). The others, such as "Victorious Love" are regarded as Eyam carols and as some have music added by Furness' friend Thomas Froggatt, Eyam's organist, that's not surprising. We sang them outside the Furness family home this year to an assembled throng of 8 or 9 and they were asked to search their trunks for further manuscripts. Jenny Bland of the Dore G & S singers is also related to the family.

The Eyam local carol revival took place 10 years ago after a gap. Oral history similar to our scheme has gathered in folk's memories. Cicely Daniels who many in Dore remember along with her husband Clarence for teaching our original welldressers, recorded the songs she remembered before leaving the village for North Yorkshire. Ian Russell has had a lot to do with the collection, recording and revival of disappearing carols and often talks of the "lost" Furness carols. In Josie Dunsmore's book "I, Richard

Furness..."comes the phrase "Each Christmas for almost thirty years Richard traditionally produced a new carol to be sung by the choir on Christmas Eve," Many choirmasters do this. It doesn't imply authorship. But Russell's view is that there are 20 or so carols out there still.

Outside of Cornwall the Sheffield / North Derbyshire area has the most local carolling in England. It was traditional to start on Christmas Eve and sing through the night, walking to each farmstead with travelling musicians. The inhabitants had to be woken to greet the happy morn. When I played viola quietly with such a group, I was told it was no use unless it could be heard 3 fields away! Hence the many carols that begin HARK! Reg Skelton used to regularly join the Stannington carollers. From Stannington over to Worrall was quite cut off till the 20thC, has a very strong tradition and the many Blue books of collections. Many of the other singing is common to all the villages. Well known words such as While Shepherds Watched to a huge variety of tunes, the Derbyshire Wassail, or Rolling Down the Midnight.

Further information from "I, Richard Furness....." a Dore Village Society publication by Josie Dunsmore and Ian Russell (Director of the biennial Festival of Village Carols, Sheffield and also Director Elphinstone Institute, ian.russell@abdn.ac.ukAberdeen)

Gillian Farnsworth

Church services changes

Sunday the 25th February will see a change to Sunday morning services at Christ Church, Dore. From that day the normal Sunday service pattern will be:

8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 5.30pmEvening Worship

The big change will be the starting of a new 10am service which will replace the current 9.30am and 11am services. This new service is born out of more than twelve months discussion within the church, the purpose being to effectively harness the church's resources in fulfilling its mission statement.

A planning team for the new 10am service has been formed and is planning

an outline of services through to September. The services will embrace a mixture of organ, band and voice, and also provide a crèche plus children's activities. Holy Communion will be celebrated twice in a four Sunday month and three times in a five Sunday month, dependent upon how festivals fall.

Whether or not you have already been to Christ Church, do come along to one of these services and make yourself known to the Service Wardens who will be pleased to welcome you.

Calendar of forthcoming services:

21st February at 7.30 pm - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service in Church followed by coffee

Wednesday 7th March - 7.30 for 8 pm Joint Meeting for Lent at Dore Methodist Church

Sunday 18th March at 10 am -Mothering Sunday Uniformed Church Parade

Wednesday 21st March - 7.30 for 8 pm Joint Meeting for Lent at Dore Methodist Church

Wednesday 4th April - 7.30 for 8 pm Joint Meeting for Lent at Dore Methodist Church

Friday 6th April - Good Friday 10 am All Age Service (followed by hot cross buns)

12-3 pm Vigil at the foot of the Cross in Church

8 pm S17 Service of Tenebrae at Totley Brook URC

Sunday 8th April - Easter - Services at 8 am, 10 am and 5.30 pm

Sunday 29th April 10.30 am Joint S17 Service at King Ecgberts School

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Farndale Ladies return

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The ladies of Farndale Avenue are no strangers to Dore & Totley, of course, and this time they make yet another spectacle of themselves, complete with harassed producer and some extremely vigorous sound effects guaranteed to bring the house down – or at least a substantial part of the set!

Versatile as ever, the company is led by Thelma (playing the juvenile lead) with spirited support by a man smuggled in as a new recruit by the effulgent Guild. And, as a special treat for the audience, the annual Farndale Laureate will be chosen from the three finalists in the Poetry Reading Competition – a most moving experience. All in all, it is an evening no one dare miss

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Charities: During the last few weeks of term we raised money for a local charity – HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas). HARC provides shelter, food and friendship for people in Sheffield who have no home over the Christmas and New Year period (this help is also extended throughout the year).

The Christmas Concert was held early in December, and on the last Tuesday of term pupils from Y7-Y9 ran a variety of stalls at the 'Christmas Cracker'. The idea of this event is to allow pupils to take responsibility for organising fundraising stalls (sideshows, games, sales of homemade food etc.) and to have fun at the same time. Staff also raised money by busking at the Christmas Cracker and making a 'Colleagues' Christmas Card' – instead of sending individual cards.

As a result of these events we were able to send a cheque for £1,000 to HARC.

Oxbridge success: We have always been proud of the fact that we are a truly comprehensive school that does well for pupils of all abilities, including the academically most able. This year we have been working on supporting applicants to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The Oxbridge application system is very demanding, involving individual interviews (which most other universities no longer do) and for some subjects additional university tests. This year four of our students have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge (to study medicine, physics, maths and human sciences). Now they just have the small matter of achieving the required

grades ('A's in all subjects!), and we wish them every success in doing so.

Re-Branding: When we moved into the new building, it was decided to mark the occasion, by reviewing our branding – logo, letterhead etc. The overriding view from the consultation process was that our original identity should not be lost but modernised.

We plan to phase in the new logo on items of pupils' school clothing in the next calendar year. This means that all year 7 pupils will wear items of clothing displaying the new logo from September 2007. For all other pupils they will purchase clothes with the new logo when their current school clothing needs replacing.

Use of the drives and car parks: Dropping off and picking up. Parents who bring and collect their children to and from school are reminded that pupils should be dropped off and collected outside the school gates. Pupils are quite capable of walking the 100 yards from the top of the drive.

Visiting school. If you need to come into school during the day you may be able to find a parking space in the car park – otherwise, please park on Totley Brook Road. If you have parked in the car park you will be asked to give the details of your car when you sign in at reception. We do have some spaces for drivers with disabled permits.

Suspended timetable day: On 13th December we had a Suspended Timetable Day, with different year groups taking part in a variety of activities. This included visits to the English Institute of Sport for a series of PE aptitude tests, and iceskating; Others focused on Health (including Sex) Education and personal relationships with families and friends; technology, which involved designing and building various structures; science discussing genetics and carrying out practical work on DNA. Y11 pupils weren't so lucky. They had mock exams.

Our next Suspended Timetable Day is scheduled for March 22nd.

Adult education classes: On Thursday 18th January our Adult Education classes began with classes in ICT and Asian Cooking. If you would like to know more or are maybe interested in attending one of the classes, give us a call.

School Travel Plan: The school travel plan was produced to coincide with the opening of the new building. The aim of the plan is to raise awareness of and encourage sustainable travel to and from the school site by staff, parents and students and to reduce the use of the car for these journeys. We shall be actively encouraging staff to car share and for students to travel to and from school by bus or bicycle. Further information on events we have planned in relation to this plan can be obtained by contacting me.

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

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

Animals at large

Sometimes it just seems like a jungle out there. Nearly 6,000 large cats have been reported stalking the countryside over the past 6 years, but according to Beastwatch UK, they have now been joined by a host of other dangerous beasts from wolves to crocodiles. The South West is the big cat hotspot, while raccoons seem to favour Leicestershire and wild boar roam freely in Kent and East Sussex.

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The Wildlife Garden

The German nobleman Baron von Berlepsch is considered to be one of the founding fathers of wildlife gardening, because in the late 19th century, he pioneered the use of feeders and nest boxes to encourage birds into his garden. Although his aim was to utilise birds as a natural means of controlling pests, he nevertheless laid the foundation for many of the bird feeding and conservation practices we carry out in our gardens today.

Since von Berlepsch's time, our knowledge of feeders and bird boxes has increased in leaps and bounds, but unlike a feeder, which is more-or-less guaranteed to attract birds wherever you hang one, the positioning of a nest box is much more crucial to its success. So, in an attempt to answer the many questions frequently asked about bird boxes and to persuade more of us to try using them, each February, bird conservation organisations host the national nest box week and this is my contribution towards it.

Garden birds can be split into two groups, depending on where they nest. In the first group are birds such as blue tits, great tits and nuthatches that nest in cavities. For them, the most readily available nest box is appropriate: a wooden, six-sided box with overlapping, sloping roof and a small, round entrance hole. The size of the hole is important as it determines which species of bird can use the box, for example if it is 30mm in diameter, this limits the box to blue tits; around 35mm will allow great tits access and an entrance hole larger than 50mm is necessary for starlings and sparrows. However, sparrows prefer to nest communally, so boxes with multiple entrances are designed specifically for them. These are called "terraces" and are wider then standard ones.

The other group of birds, which includes robins, blackbirds and wrens, are those that build their nests in dense hedges or the crooks of trees. Boxes for these birds have large, open fronts.

Of the two groups, artificial nest boxes would appear to be more successful with cavity nesters: for instance it is estimated that half the barn owl population of Britain now nests in artificial boxes. The main reason for their popularity is due to the acute shortage of suitable natural cavities

in old or dead trees and man-made ones in abandoned farm buildings or under eaves. What is even more worrying is that each year, the situation gets steadily worse as dead trees are felled because they are considered unsafe, while old, derelict buildings are being renovated.

Even so, open-fronted nest boxes can attract nesting birds and somewhat bizarrely, old teapots are perfect for nesting robins, but the siting of these is crucial: they need to be well hidden in dense vegetation and no more than 2m from the ground.

The position of boxes for cavity nesters also needs to be carefully considered: nest boxes for tits should be sited 2 to 4m above the ground, while those for starlings and sparrows are perfect if fitted beneath the eaves of a house. Also, it is better to fix these boxes to a wall rather than a tree, as this means fewer predators will be able to reach them easily or find a handy perch from which to rob the nest.

In America, racoons are major predators of eggs and chicks from artificial nest boxes, but ornithologists have found that if the box is fastened on top of a post which is surrounded by a smooth plastic drain pipe, these animals are unable to climb up it. Whether positioning a nest box on a slippery pipe would discourage nest robbers like cats, grey squirrels and weasels over here is uncertain, but what you can do is fix a metal plate to protect the entrance hole of blue tit-type nest to prevent squirrels woodpeckers enlarging it and gaining access. Also, if there is a perch on the front of the box it should be removed, as this will aid egg thieves like magpies and if woodpeckers are a problem, apparently mirrors attached to the box deter them.

With the open fronted-type of nest box, all you can do to help protect it from predators - including cats or large birds like crows - is to put thorny cuttings above and below the box, albeit ensuring they are kept clear of the parent birds' flight path.

Even if you don't have problems with predators, the weather, or more correctly how well the nest box is sited to protect its residents from the vagaries of the British climate, can be a major factor in determining its success. As most of our moisture-laden winds come from the west, the box's entrance hole should face somewhere between north and south-east.

This direction also guarantees the box receives some shade during the hottest part of the day, which may at first seem strange, but in a crowded nest box, keeping the fledglings warm is usually not a problem for the adults, while preventing them from overheating if the box is exposed to the full midday sun most certainly is.

It is also important to ensure the box has drainage holes and you must never put straw inside, as this may harbour spores of the fungus Aspergillus fumigatus which causes lung-disease. Dry grass or wood shavings are perfectly safe alternatives.

Finally, if everything works according to plan and birds nest in your box, there is a simple rule of 'nestiquette' you should follow: keep disturbance to a minimum. I know it is tempting to lift the nest box lid and show your children the young bluetits, crammed in like so many feathery sardines in a wooden tin, but this is a sure recipe for disaster. The adult birds will more than likely desert their nest, leaving the young to starve. And if this happens, just like Baron von Berlepsch assumed, the thousands of insects these adult birds would have caught to feed their young could instead end up plaguing your roses.

Jack Daw

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April 24th. "Jodrell Bank Arboretum"

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May 6th. Plant Sale 10.30-2.30pm May 9th. History Trail Meet at Clarkehouse Road entrance 7.15pm

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News in brief

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The sale will consist of unwanted new or nearly new items, e.g. clothes, shoes, handbags, cakes, plants, sweets, toys, china and glass, bric a brac, books, toiletries and gifts.

Please support this important event by bringing your family and friends to the sale at the Masonic Hall, it is on the left 50 yards up Dore Road behind the Alms Houses: you will be made very welcome (refreshments available). If you can help in a small (or large) way by donating any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact Veronica or Mike Teanby on 235 0796, drop items off at 68 Laverdene Avenue Totley or mail us on miketeanby@talktalk.net, and we will be delighted to hear from you.

Mike Teanby

We are desperate!

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

Do you want the club to die? I see the club as a valuable asset to the community and we have a reputation as the best luncheon club in the area to live up to, not to mention a constant waiting list. With the best will in the world we cannot go on for ever! Unless we have some younger people coming in to learn the ropes, then the club will die within. If you can offer some time on a Thursday between 10am and 2pm then please speak to me soon! We need both cooks & helpers, but especially cooks, both Main Course & Pudding, and it really isn't as daunting as you may think, in fact it can be good fun! Think about it! Please!

If the thought of cooking for 30 people scares you, why not come in and work

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Phyllis Glossop (co-ordinator)

Whist and Dominoes Do you enjoy playing whist or dominoes? If so you may be interested in joining a local U3A group that play in each others homes on Sunday evenings. For more details call Lorna on 236 9025.



Home wine making

Learning lessons: We arrived in Sheffield in 1966 during a period when house mortgages could not be obtained, so we were obliged to live in rented accommodation in Hunter's Bar for 6 months. When we were able to buy a property, we toasted the occasion with our own wine, and the note at the bottom of the first page of my wine book said, "We drank the last delightful bottle when we moved into Rushley Road."

The wine was rhubarb, the first brew we ever made, in June 1956. It is unlikely and unusual for homemade wine to keep well for more than a few years, and when one considers our ignorance when creating it, this was miraculous.

I have always kept a record, in a succession of wine notebooks, of each wine: date, ingredients, process and outcome, so I have 50 years of comparison available, and these books tell a story.

In the first few years, our enthusiasm carried all before it. We had a huge garden in which we planted everything, without knowledge of club root or marauding insects. Likewise, we made wine fromanything the hedgerows and garden

offered. Sugar was cheap and Berkshire was generous. Ailments of wine we knew nothing about.

The old wine books said, "Put all in a nice crock" so we bought a second hand bread crock and found a pile of bottles in an old allotment. What more could we want? The answer was "Experience!"

For quite a while our method involved a few weeks in the crock for water, fruit and yeast, then transfer to open bottles with cotton wool in the neck for the majority of the fermentation. Corking often occurred months afterwards, with a measure of optimism and success. My notebooks occasionally contained remarks such as: "Mouldy again... To the compost heap"..... "Fizzy each heap"..... summer"....."Still vile. Corked up"... "Wine unstable and gaseous"......Well, you have to learn from experiences like this and we took advice and read widely. Not all that is written is helpful. Commonly, country recipes put 4lbs. sugar per gallon at the start of a brew. We learned that feeding in gradually was safer and allowed more of the sugar to be converted into alcohol. Also, an experienced friend used 2½ lbs. for sweet and 2lbs. for dry, and was content to get 10 or 11% alcohol. Not quite our taste but a good pointer.

Similarly in the garden, things would go wrong and we would want to know why. Ignorance had been bliss for a young couple with nightingales in the garden, but it buttered no parsnips!

You can't keep wine-must safe for weeks in an open vessel. Crocks are hard to cover adequately and it was some years before plastic buckets with lids and gallon jars with fermentation locks improved matters. Even so, I have had a life-long battle with the fruit fly, a persistent creature responsible for many spoiled wines.

Even without the fly there are pitfalls and dangers to be anticipated. Untreated fruit soaking in cold water may soon spoil without the use of campden (potassium metabisulphite) in tablet or powder form. As this is a pungent sterilising agent it should be allowed several days in the must to disperse its obnoxious odour. Also, the too early introduction of yeast will not be successful if the campden is still active.

Careless use of sugar too may inhibit fermentation. Adding the full amount required in your recipe at the outset, can

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6 Wingfield Close, Dronfield, Woodhouse \$18 8RL Tel: (01246) 410601 Mobile: 07860 210156 deter the yeast, as can later additions not in liquid form. So it is better to start with half or two thirds of the full amount, and dissolve any further sugar in water, or in liquor from the must. (Gentle warming to 80 degrees F- comfortable swimming pool temperature- will not harm the yeast) These later additions will help maintain fermentation and allow you to keep in touch with progress. Wines will not always accept the full quantity of sugar, or may want a few ounces more than the intended amount. The sweetness of fruit varies each year, or within the season.

Temperature control is important to winemakers and house design may dictate here. Fermentation requires 60-80 degrees F. Much above that will kill the yeast and less will not encourage it. We had no central heating in our first 20 years of

winemaking. Until we had an airing cupboard with space, it was difficult to maintain fermentation in autumn or winter. So there was a fallow period in the year, or we had to be inventive.

Finished home-made wines to keep safely, need somewhere cooler than fermenting temperatures.

Commercial wines are chemically treated and do not throw sediment, so they are more tolerant. Old larders or rooms in the North or East aspects of a house are safer for keeping finished wine, and checking for sediment is important. You can rack-off or syphon with care, and rebottle to protect older wine from springing to life.

I suppose that if one is going to make a decent job of home-made wine, it is necessary to give time to it and to be

attentive. It is after all a living thing. There were half a dozen years when I was so busy that little could be attempted, but I was keen, so whenever job and circumstances permitted, we got back to it.

circumstances permitted, we got back to it.

Keeping records has been useful for repeating successful recipes and not repeating mistakes. Perhaps most important has been awareness of what was happening to the wine-in-the-making at all stages. These days the media would refer to this as proactive consciousness.

In early years we made 20 gallons a year, with a fair number of failures, and a few decent results; now we make about 6 gallons all drinkable, some good, and seldom a failure, so I can say that we have learned something from 50 years at the game.

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Botanical Gardens

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News in brief

King Ecgbert School in Dore is offering the internationally recognised European Computer Driving Licence qualification (ECDL) in Microsoft Office 2003 as part of it's commitment to provide training for the community. The course will run on Thursday nights. Further details from Andy Gibson on 235 3855.

Proposals for a 60ft high wind turbine at Fem Glen Farm, adjacent to Hathersage Road, have been deferred by councillors pending more information on noise generation and the environmental impact on such a sensitive location.

House prices in Sheffield went up by an average of £44 a day last year, according to a survey by Nationwide. The overall rate of increase for the past 12 months was 10%, taking the city's average price to £178,631 and placing Sheffield fifth in a table of house price growth for major UK towns and cities.

In an initiative intended to encourage carsharing, the Department for Transport has published guidance for local authorities on how to introduce arrangements allowing motorists carrying at least one passenger to be allowed to drive in underused bus lanes.

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Stars in Dore

Travels abroad are so common these days even to the most exotic places. The world is at our feet in many ways, not least on the laptop computer. However, not every reader will have enjoyed the effortless excursions available on the Internet. There is free software available which allows one to zoom down into any part of the world. It is called Google Earth. One can hover over New York and freefall down to individual buildings, even catch an instant as a boat passes under Brooklyn Bridge.

One can then rotate the view to see skyscrapers and look under Brooklyn Bridge.

The writer has just been up into the Chilean Andes and peeped at an old haunt, the European Southern Observatory at an altitude of 2387 metres. Then, we popped

over to South Africa to the Orange Free State and Cape Provence. The Cape of Good Hope must have been imaged on a poor day. The Cape was not too clear but we could see the Indian and Atlantic Oceans lapping up onto the rocks, that is, in a snapshot. We went to the Canadian Rockies and Antarctica this morning.

Should one like to look over a neighbour's fence, one can do just that! Try zooming down to Dore. One can see the seat at the end of Newfield Lane, the car in your driveway, the garden furniture, and who has got a swimming pool. One strange thing about Google Earth is that one sees very few people. Aliens from another world might believe that we are car-like beings clogging up our cities and motorways! Actually that is not very far wrong.

Weather permitting, Spring promises some fine views of Venus, Jupiter and Saturn. Two dates to watch out for are 21/22 March and 19/20 April when the New Moon will appear just above Venus (in Aries) in the west in the evening twilight. Also, on about 15th May the planet Mercury might just be caught low in the WNW at evening twilight as well as Venus. Saturn is visible most of the Spring between Cancer and Leo. Its great ring system is closing each year now. The Saturnian moons in the plane of the rings are passing very close to the planet, and sometimes may be seen to cross the face of the planet, or pop behind. Jupiter in Ophiuchus rises after midnight and will be spectacularly bright (magnitude -2.25 by mid-April) and a wonderful view with its four brightest moons as seen in a small telescope or even good binoculars. Jupiter's moons change position quite rapidly and provide lots of interest over a single night. Mars in Aquarius scarcely rises before sunrise.

Many of us love tales of the unexpected which certainly applies to the appearance of new comets. Rob McNaught and Gordon Garradd discovered a faint comet at Siding Spring in Australia on 7th August 2006 during routine observations. Within a week it was obvious that the comet would pass well within the Earth's orbit, and even within the orbit of Mercury. It was to become brighter than Venus! Unfortunately for us in Dore it would be extremely low in the evening sky, and its position would favour observers in the southern hemisphere. However, the comet was seen in some northern countries in December 2006, and in Dore appeared below and to the right of Venus, very near the horizon from 9th and 10th January 2007 for a few days. It was only visible during an half-an-hour of twilight. The weather was not too favourable in Yorkshire but Comet McNaught was clearly seen here in Dore, thanks to the Internet! As the comet passed around the Sun it was caught on several satellites' imagers, notably NASA's SOHO instrument. On 12th to 15th January the comet could be watched in comfort with SOHO slowly passing by the Sun as seen from space.

Most of us are green at heart. We dislike smoky factories, industrials effluents, smelly car exhausts, litter on the road, new

motorways, removal of trees. The list is endless. It extends possibly to hundreds of human-made things, and enters our diets and life-styles. It is little wonder that politicians have jumped on bandwagon, and, in some ways, rightly so. Global warming and cooling, however, have occurred several times over in the not too distant past, apart from human intervention, and certainly many times in prehistory. If the Earth suddenly halted all its dirty practises, the ice would continue to melt at the Poles, sea levels would continue to rise, the climate would hiccup around the Globe, some living species would pass through threatening phases. In the long term, natural evolution of the Earth's surface (and its interior core) will take over, and certain life- forms will sadly disappear, hopefully not humankind.

The gravest immediate threats to humanity are radioactive fall-out (and humanity has not had a good record on wars) and immense natural disasters such as large earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, as well as famine, mass migration and pandemics. The writer's opinion is that more money and effort should be spent on improving our defences against these. At the same time we cannot neglect making everyday life as safe and uniformly pleasant for as many of the world population as possible. Public opinion and world peace depend on these. But sea walls, tidal defences in river estuaries, protection of low-lying land, new sources of power, and avoidance of excessive population growth especially in remote and dangerous areas, are what are urgently required for all our children and grandchildren, and particularly for future generations in remote and poorer lands.

Politicians confuse these problematic issues when it is convenient, that is, they do not differentiate between those which are unstoppable and those which can be curbed. A bad storm in Dore or a hot summer across Europe does not constitute a global threat and no politician or government can avert them. It is only their job to alleviate the difficulties. We should be correctly informed, and therein lies the problem. Few understand the scientific jargon. We read that during the 1990s the global mean temperatures have been amongst the fifteen highest during the past century. Is this important, or, indeed, significant? Is global warming truly accelerating?

Accurate temperature records do not go back very far (only to 1880) but tree rings and ice drills reveal something of the past, certainly from long before human beings had any impact on Nature. Immense natural catastrophes do occur but there is no basis for blaming humans, rather the Earth itself. The global industrial revolution is, of course, on the increase so that anything else which is increasing (such as the Earth's temperature) is inevitably correlated with it. Causal connections, however, are not always certain. The writer believes that anxiety over our energy resources should be the driving force behind political decisions, and the facts should be stated honestly by those concerned.

David Andrews

Diary - Spring 2007

FEBRUARY

- 17 Concert Sheffield Bach Society 7.30pm St Mark's Church, Broomhill. Tickets 266 8257
- 19 Manor Lodge/Manor Castle Talk by Mr Ken Ball for
- Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Swedish Iron for Sheffield Steel talk by Rod 19 Mackenzie for Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- Jumble Sale Dore G & S, 1pm St. John's Church Hall 24 Abbeydale Road South 50p. Open from 11am to receive jumble. Tel: 236 2299
- 27 The Romantic Road Talk and slides by Robert Maxwell for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group, 7.45pm

MARCH

- Women's World Day of Prayer Dore Methodist Church. 10.30am Speaker Mrs Dell Cook. Tel:236 3027
- 5 Talk by Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 2 Archaeological Landscape of Burbage & AGM. Talk by Bill Bevan for Hunter Archaeological Soc, Traditional Heritage Mus, Ecclesall Rd 7pm 230 4243
- 9-18 National Science & Engineering Week Details of local events from 225 4888
- 10 Step out with the Rangers. 5 miles, 10.30am-2pm Meet
- rare breeds car park Graves Park + a snack Tel 283 9195
- 13 Time Team Archaeology & AGM Talk by Frank Robinson for Hunter Archaeological Soc, Lecture Theatre 9 Arts Tower Sheffield Uni 7.30pm 230 4243
- **Yorkshire from the Aire**. Slides by John Bevers for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm Church Hall 13
- Annual General Meeting Dore (A) Townswomen's 14 Guild 2pm Dore Old School
- The Mikado Opera Group Sheffield Society for 16 the Encouragement of Art Details: 236 0941
- Holidays for deprived Families Talk by Mrs Monica 19 Walker, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- Dr K Barraclough Memorial Lecture wide strip 20 mills - by Jonathan Aylen for Sth Yorkshire Ind History Society, Royal Victoria Hotel 5.30pm Details: 230 7693
- A Farndale Comedy, by Dore & Totley URC Dramatic 21-24 Society at the church hall 7.30pm tickets: 245 4166
- 22 Discussion Group, Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art Details: 236 0941
- Annual John Dethick Memorial Concert, Sheffield 24 Bach Choir, St Mark's Church, Broomhill 7.30 pm tickets 236 3373
- 27 Our Minister with Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7-45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 28 Frank Saltfleet watercolourist (Whinfell Quarry Garns etc), talk by Kathleen Cox for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art 2.30pm Tapton Hall Admn free
- 31 Bits and pieces table top sale 11am Dore Masonic Hall in aid of the Trinity Day Care Trust.
- 31 Elgar Concert Ecclesall Parish Church 7.30pm Cello Concerto, Choral works, Baslow Choir & South Yorks Symp Orchestra. Tickets £12/£10 conc £6. Tel 230 4831

- APRIL 2 Bring and Buy Sale Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- Easter Egg Hunt, Dore Recreation Ground with 6 Sheffield Rangers, 11am - 2pm Tel 283 9195
- Whirlow Farm visit 2.30pm Dore Methodist Tuesday 10
- **'Support Dogs**' Talk for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild by Mrs. Jean Whitham 2pm Dore Old School 11
- 13-14 Annual Art Show Dore Art Group Friday 2pm - 6pm Saturday 9.30am - 5pm, Dore Old School
- The Yorkshire Dales Open Meeting. Talk by Mr A Firth 16 for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- Damstead Works & spindle making talk for Sth 16 Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 17-21 Utopia Ltd, Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, University Drama Studio Tickets from 01246 416364

- 19 La Traviata Opera Group Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art Details: 236 0941
- Gardening & Wildlife Book Day Sheffield Botanical 21 Gardens 11am-3.30pm, Dem Centre, Thompson Rd
- Village Dragon Hunt to celebrate St George's Day for all the family. Starts 2pm at the Old School 22
- History of Holidays. Talk by Patricia Flinders for Dore 24 Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm Church Hall
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park, lecture by Anna Bowman 25 for Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art 2.30pm Tapton Hall Admn free
- 28 Gala Concert by Dore Male Voice Choir at Ecclesall Parish Church Details: 236 504
- **Talk** by Rev Bob Heathcote for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm 30

MAY

- Humour- Making People Laugh. Talk by Gerry 8 Kersey for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 9 English and American Patchwork and Quilting. Talk for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild by Barbara Cassidy 2pm Dore Old School
- **W.R.V.S.** Talk by Mrs C Lamby for Dore Methodist 14 Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- "The Other Fellow Oats", spring play by TOADS, 7.30pm St John's Hall tickets 236 6891 16-19
- 21 **Sheffield's Turnpike Roads** talk by Howard Smith for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693

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