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Festival Fortnight

A message from the Festival Organisers
Dore Festival is now firmly established as a two week event and we hope that this year's festival programme will have plenty to attract young and old and appeal to the wide range of interests within our village community.

We are delighted to see the return of the Gardens Open Day which is our first event on Sunday 1st July. It promises to be hugely popular with some different and unusual gardens to visit and admire.

The ladies of the village and the Guides will spend the first week of festival preparing their floral Well Dressings for the Green and the horse trough and welcoming visitors and helpers to the Scout H.Q. If you have never been to the Well Dressing service come along to the Green on Sunday 8th July and experience an old Derbyshire tradition. Afterwards sample the best cream teas in the county served by the Methodist Ladies.

The Dore Fun Run has become a favourite family event which always attracts a huge number of entrants. Come and cheer them on and finish the evening at the Devonshire Arms entertained by Lord Conyers Morris Men. Once again Dore Village Society are organising various walks throughout Festival Fortnight so look out for more details on the village notice boards.

Our programme of summer concerts starts with the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society and includes the Open Evening
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Wheely bin fines

The city council is using new powers to clamp down on residents who persistently leave their wheely bins on the street. They can expect a £100 fine if they consistently do not take in their bins within 24 hours of their rubbish being collected.

Apart from being unsightly, the bins cause a hazard to many footpath users, particularly those using wheelchairs, prams or anyone with impaired sight, so there are good, practical reasons why this is being pursued.



Turver's Stores about 1920 with Ernest Turver at the door. Notice the old signpost pointing to Whirlow and Ecclesall.

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AGM and talk by
Peter Machan

**“An illustrated walk through
Victorian Sheffield”
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6th June**

Dore Methodist Church Hall
Everybody welcome

Long Line traffic flow

The Long Line saga continues, with as predicted a fair number of drivers ignoring the no entry restrictions and continuing to drive down the road when coming from the Ringinglow direction.

Although this is against the law, there is no evidence of the restriction being policed, although council officials have been seen monitoring the situation.

Sadly a number of drivers are taking the alternative route down Whitelaw Lane into Dore creating an increased risk to walkers and horse riders using that road.

Several years ago the government grandly announced legislation to create quiet lanes with speed restrictions, but like so much else nothing has happened, despite our requests for the lane to be so designated.

Oral History Collection

In conversation with Clive Tiddy.

Clive Tiddy was born on the 8th August 1934 at Sister Pilley's Maternity Home on the corner of Bannerdale and Carterknowle Roads. He was the only son of Leonard Noel Tiddy and Clary Gertrude Unwin, who owned Turver's Stores which was a high class grocery and provisions store situated on the corner of High Street and Causeway Head Road. The shop no longer exists but if you look carefully at the corner house you can see the outline of the original facade.

Clive's great grandfather James Turver, a prosperous Sheffield grocer, had bought the original Devonshire Terrace properties in High Street about 1900. His purchase included the bakehouse and smithy which were in the yard behind the cottages. He then built a shop on the corner and a further terrace of five stone houses, Devonshire Terrace, at the junction of High Street and Causeway Head Road.

Turver's Store quickly prospered and groceries were delivered to the local houses on a horse drawn dray. Mr. Watchorn, the baker, supplied the shop with freshly baked items and baked the loaves for all the village housewives at one old penny a loaf.

James Turver was already forty-two when he came to Dore and he obviously intended to settle because he had a grand stone house called "Heatherlea" built for his large family. It was situated adjacent to Upper Causeway Head Farm, which he also owned.

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Dore Show 2007

This years Dore Show will take place on Saturday 8th September in the Old School and Methodist Church Hall - be sure to note the date in your diary. Brass band, entertainment and side displays of interest to everyone as usual.

There will be over 70 open classes for you to enter for or come and see, ranging from vegetables to paintings, flower arranging to childrens' exhibits. The full schedule and entry forms for Floral Art classes will shortly be available from the Valerie of Dore shop on the High Street.

For those keen photographers wishing to plan ahead, the 4 adult photography classes will be: a) Black & White - Open subject - min 7" x 5"; b) Colour - "An Urban Landscape" - min 7" x 5"; c) Colour - "My family"; d) "Aspect of Dore". Classes c) & d) are for standard or panoramic size photos only (max 8" x 6") & unmounted please. There will also be a class for children - "Any colour photograph".

The Show has become an established part of village life, largely thanks to the exhibitors and those who plan and run the event on the day. As always many hands make light work! If you can offer a little help on the day please contact the Show Chairman on 236 4257 or Secretary on 236 9025.

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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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Dore Road works

Following the closure of Dore Road earlier this year to lay a new sewer, traffic lights have again been in evidence. On this occasion work was carried out to investigate subsidence along the centre line of the road. It was known that a culverted watercourse ran parallel to the public sewer, the same culvert as collapsed at the bottom of Dore Road a few years ago. A new access chamber onto the culvert has now been made at the point of the depression in the carriageway outside number 79. From this it was possible to establish that the Victorian culvert is good condition and not the cause of the subsidence.

Have your say on health

People are being given the chance to have their say on when and where healthcare services should be available in the city through a public consultation, 'Achieving Balanced Health', launched by Sheffield Primary Care Trust (PCT) and partner organisations including Sheffield City Council.

The consultation, which runs until June, is designed to find out how people currently use their local health services, such as pharmacies and GP surgeries, as well as hospitals and Accident & Emergency departments.

It also aims to discover which locations people feel are most convenient and effective for treating a range of health problems and ultimately, what can be done to make sure that those who need most healthcare have access to the most appropriate treatment or service.

Residents will be able to give their views in several ways: through community forum groups and centres, at local libraries, GP surgeries, dentist surgeries and pharmacies and online at www.sheffieldbalancedhealth.nhs.uk.

The feedback will then be used to inform a strategy for developing healthcare services in Sheffield over the next five years, and to ensure that money is spent in areas of care where it is needed most.

Health in Sheffield is now on a par with the national average. Comparison with the rest of the country shows that Sheffield has relatively high levels of health service use. In particular, the use of hospital services is 3% higher than the national average, while the use of "general, acute and A&E" hospital services is 10% higher.

New Discovery Centre

A new Moorland Discovery Centre has opened on the National Trust's Longshaw Estate. It is designed to provide people of all ages with the Peak District and Sheffield with the opportunity to discover why the moorlands are so special and what challenges they face.

The project is the latest result of the partnership between the National Trust, the Moors for the Future Partnership and the Peak District National Park Authority.

The centre has been specifically developed with education groups in mind, although the large space will also be used for some public events throughout the year. Environment features include untreated natural materials in the design, the optimising of natural light, ventilation and solar gain and the minimising of heat loss. By using timber, the building will weather naturally taking on the natural colours of the landscape and becoming a prime example of a "sustainable build".

Late night opening

There are fears that the Co-op in Dore will shortly move to late night opening, perhaps until 10pm. The Totley branch already stays open until 11pm and no doubt there is pressure on businesses to match the late hours at Tesco Express.

Whether anybody benefits from these late hours must be debatable, given the additional staff costs and other overheads involved, against the small numbers of customers. Certainly local residents adjacent to these businesses suffer additional disturbance.

Deli Junction

The Deli Junction restaurant based in the old Dore & Totley station building closed at the beginning of April. There is now concern over the future of this historic building which has had a chequered past since it stopped being used by the railway.

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with the Dore Male Voice and the Dore Mercia and Totley Townswomen's Guild Choirs which are always well attended. Our final musical entertainment is a return, by popular demand, of the swinging Walker Brothers Jazz Band. Book your tickets early to avoid missing this amazing event.

We are pleased to welcome back our resident theatre group The Company who are performing a lively adaptation of "Pride & Prejudice" on the village green. We always hope for a fine summers evening, so come along with your chairs and refreshments.

We would like to thank all the local groups and individuals who willingly take part in Dore Festival and hope that all events will attract good audiences. The continued financial support of Dore Village Society is also greatly appreciated.

Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon
Festival Organisers

Still going strong

We missed an important birthday in our last issue when Blanche Spaven reached 107 at the end of January.

Blanche who was born in the year 1900, lived on Limb Lane for most of her life, and was married to the late Thomas Spaven, a carpenter. She has lived at the Dalewood View Care Centre, Woodseats for more than three years, but prior to that she managed to remain independent until well into her 100th year.

Dore Gala

Dore Gala will take place on Saturday 14th July this year. As usual it will start with the Scout and Guide Parade through the village, arriving at the 'Rec' at 2pm (or thereabouts). Then there will be the maypole dancing, It's A Knock Out, Dog of Dore, and stalls and fairground rides as in previous years. However to make the day a success we are asking for your help - we need over 100 active participants, starting with loading up the van at 7am and ending with clearing the rubbish at 8 to 9 pm. If you could spare an hour or so on Gala Day, please contact Paul Wright (235 0980) or me to volunteer your services.

This year, with reluctance and due to falling receipts, we have decided not to run a Grand Raffle, which was our fund raiser for a range of children's charities. We are thinking of running a much smaller raffle on the day itself to support two special schools, the Rowan and Wooley Wood, so look out for the stall near the loud speaker trailer, where, Richard Scholey, our master of ceremonies will be delighted to see you.

The Gala could not take place without the goodwill and support of local businesses, which provide prizes, sheep for the sheep roast, sponsorship and advertisements in the programme which should be dropping through your door anytime from the middle of June onwards - this time without all those extra bits of paper.

I would like to take this opportunity to

thank all the committee members, past and present, who give up their time throughout the year to organise what I hope will be a successful fund raiser and village family day out. See you on 14th July!

Janet Brook, Gala Committee
Chairman. 236 4360

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th June in the Methodist Church Hall on the High Street.

After the traditionally short formal business, (see details displayed on the society notice board), Peter Machin will give an illustrated talk on Victorian Sheffield. Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting. Admission is free and everyone is-welcome.

Disabled access

If you are disabled or know someone who uses a wheelchair, visit the website www.yourlevelbest.com. You can type in your postcode and view a list of restaurants and pubs near you that meet "suitable access" criteria.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

A friend passed the latest addition of Dore to Door on to me. I was interested to see the letter from Pat Heawood regarding Mr Gill's geese.

The mention of Mr Gill's geese brought back many memories, I was terrified of them. I think that my father Bill Epworth was the steel fabricator mentioned, unless Mr Woodhouse was there before him. He worked in a now demolished building at the back of the "new" row of shops below The Devonshire Arms. The geese used to attack him, and their own reflections in his car hubcaps!

My grandparents lived in Dore from the early Twenties and my Dad's first business there was in a building behind the Methodist Church, in the 1940s, making plastic combs and serviette rings. He then went on to be a cutler and it was only later, in the late Fifties and early Sixties that he worked in Dore again, making wrought iron gates and repairing farm machinery etc.

He made some gates for my Grandparents who lived on The Causeway. The design featured "branches of leaves", the leaves being made of copper. I think that the idea was that as it aged, the copper leaves would turn green with verdigris, but last time I saw the gates, they had been painted all over and I think they've now gone.

Gill Warburton

Dear Sir,

I am replying to the letter from Patsy Graham in Dore to Door Spring 2007, being the only grandchild of Frances Mabel and Herbert Jackson who ran the Post Office at Dore from 1903 to 1916. I had never seen a picture of the three Jackson children - Winifred (born 1901), Leslie (born 1903) and Catherine (who died before Mary was born in 1913), but can see the family likeness.

Presumably the postcard sender's signature would be "F M Jackson" rather than "S M Jackson". Miss Kitty Hammersley is unlikely to be related to

the Jackson family or an old school friend of my grandmother as she was born in 1877 and educated in Dore. It is possible that Kitty helped to look after the Jackson children, as another person looked after the youngest child, Mary (my mother), later on.

I might be able to help Melody Reeves, who wanted information on the Jackson family, to find out how she is related to them. My grandmother, Frances Mabel Jackson, was the daughter of Thomas and Harriet Marshall (nee Reeve). Harriet was one of the seven daughters of Thomas Reeve who died in 1877 aged 65. Harriet was born about 1844 in Brailsford (Derbyshire) before the family moved to a farm on Dore Moor.

Two of Harriet's sisters emigrated to New Zealand, one to North Island and the other to South Island. One had the surname Boaz and the other Baker. The Baker family had a daughter Violet and a son Berry - who had two sons, one of whom was called Reeve.

I hope that this information is of some help to your readers and I would be happy to be contacted if they think I could be of further assistance.

Ruth Beckford

Dear Sir,

I am looking for photos, newspaper clippings or any information on my great grandparents and great great-great ones too. My grandma was Mary Vickers and the address in 1871 was Ryecroft. I believe it was a farm? Others in the census were Charles, Emma, Henry & Edward. I have been on your website and found 1 photo of Ryecroft farm. I was wondering if anybody knew anything about them or the farm.

Mrs Linda Daniels

Dear Sir,

"A sad farewell to the village green", is it? A lengthy letter lamenting a war of attrition waged against the village green by lorries and vans was published in the last edition of 'Door to Door'. We should be so lucky! Living in Church Lane, we have to watch juggernauts, trucks, four-by-fours, delivery vans and school-run

cars ignoring the kerb and driving up and along the muddy fringe of the verges outside our homes all day and every day.

The problem is not just confined to the hours of daylight - in the evenings further damage is done by more people too impatient to wait their turn, squeezing past each other as they drive to or from the Dore Grill and the Hare and Hounds. Some nights cars are even parked, not just on the church side of the road, but up on the grassy side as well, compounding the destruction and obscuring the safe passage of cars into and out of our properties.

The mess that should be part of a pleasing, daffodil-planted barrier between pavement and roadway is wider, dirtier and deeper with every day that passes.

What's to be done? Couldn't the kerbing be painted white as a first step, reminding lazy and selfish motorists that roadway is roadway and grass is grass?

Kirsten Thorley

Dear Sir,

Dore station building is needed for passengers!

Now that the Indian restaurant "Delhi Junction" has closed down at Dore Station, it is time to return the station building for use by rail passengers. In the last few years there has been a large increase in the number of passengers using the Station and there are now around 400 people either boarding or alighting trains on a normal weekday.

Around 90 passengers per day require car parking but the car park has only 20 places! The only waiting facility is a "bus shelter" which accommodates around ten people, not much use in bad weather at around 08.00 when around 50 people can be waiting on the platform. There is a PA system which has at long last returned to use after being out of order since December 2005.

South Yorkshire PTE could be instrumental in returning the building for passenger use. They spent £1 million on waiting facilities at Woodhouse, a station which only has one tenth of the number of passengers who use Dore (but Woodhouse is, of course, in a Labour area).

Dore station desperately needs improvements. Following on from the success of the recently formed Dronfield Station Action Group, I am proposing to start a similar group for Dore Station.

Anyone interested should write to me or telephone me on 0114 236 7783. It is intended that, among other things, the group will campaign for improvements to waiting facilities, a proper car park, an hourly local train service and more calls by express services to Manchester. Other improvements could be progressed in the longer term.

Peter Fox

15 Abbeydale Park Rise, S17 3PB.

Dear Sir,

Dore Rec - is it a wreck?

After recently moving back into Dore I now regularly walk across the recreational ground to get to the village, an area I remember from my childhood. Fortunately we have been reasonably lucky with the weather at the moment but on a few occasions I have struggled to stay

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on my feet as I made my way across the rec. The footpath seems non-existent anymore, and is ever more becoming impassable, something that did not seem to occur in the past.

After reading my first copy of Dore-Door I decided to join the newly formed steering group for the Rec. This is a subgroup of Dore Village Society and at our first meeting it was evident I was not the only person concerned about the condition of the footpath. Apparently it had got so bad that the other day that an elderly woman had to be rescued after getting stuck in the mud! She attempted to make the dangerous journey across the rec in her mobility scooter and due to the path being so narrow and unkept one of her wheels got stuck. It was quite some time until she managed to get back on track and has now vowed never to use the path again.

Dore Village Society is looking for members to join in helping raising and bringing this and other issues to the attention of the local council in due course (already eight trees have been planted in recent weeks). I can really recommend joining this worthwhile venture in maintaining this excellent amenity in our midst and should you wish to help please contact Dave Ward on 2363472 to register your interest.

Robert Addy

Dear Sir,

During the past year, I have endeavoured to use the 9.05am (previously the 9.10am) No 30 bus from Dore into Sheffield on Tuesday mornings. This bus is rarely on time except during

school holidays (anything up to 20 minutes late) and has broken down at Banner Cross with the following bus not stopping to pick up the passengers.

Today, the bus arrived at Dore terminus at 9.15am, the driver allowed the passengers to alight and then said "I am late so I am going out of service". He then closed the doors and drove off leaving approximately 12-15 passengers stranded at the bus stop; this is diabolical. No explanation, nothing, no indication when the next bus might arrive.

What about people with hospital appointments, trains to catch, meetings to attend, etc. etc. I shall now revert to using my car as I think many others will, from listening to the comments at the bus stop.

Robert Eastwood

Ed. The Society is been monitoring the service. Complaints by individuals are dealt with by platitudes and we still seem to get the older buses. Dore is a prime commuter area yet badly served by bus or train which seems totally counter to the councils drive to cut down on car journeys.

A Visit to Eyam

Eyam is famous for being the 'Plague Village' and the story of the heroism and self sacrifice of the villagers in 1665 appeals to the imagination of its many visitors. The fleas carrying the plague arrived in a bolt of cloth for the village tailor from London. He was the first victim but the disease spread swiftly

through Eyam. Thanks to the Reverends Mompesson and Stanley, who persuaded the villagers to remain within the village, it was contained. Although at least a quarter of the population died it did not spread beyond the village.

Two of the many beautiful old buildings in Eyam are Old House and Eyam Hall. Old House was the home of the notable poet and composer Richard Furness, who later moved to Dore. He was a man of extraordinary talent who was as happy working as a monumental mason as he was as an architect. His carols are still sung in Eyam every Christmas.

Eyam Hall, opposite the village stocks, was built by the Wright family in 1671 and remains in the family today. It contains a wealth of family portraits, costumes, toys and tapestries that give a fascinating insight into family life over the last three and a half centuries. Garden enthusiasts will enjoy the 17th century walled garden with its espaliered fruit trees, rose walk and knot garden. The house and garden are open for visitors during July and August and at bank holiday weekends. The old farm yard is now a delightful working craft centre, with shops and a restaurant and is open throughout the year.

Ed. You can find details on visits to Eyam Hall and some of the businesses in the old farm yard on page 13.

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The house was in the Victorian style with a terrace and lawn at the front and a spacious garden and pond behind, very similar to many on Dore Road, which were also built at the turn of the century. The farm buildings remained, with stables and a cowshed forming a courtyard with a wash-house and other outbuildings. When it was built "Heatherlea" was the only house on that side of Causeway Head Road and there were fields and open land down as far as the High Street and across to Newfield Lane.

As well as running his grocery business James Turver managed Upper Causeway Head Farm, assisted by his son-in-law Shirley Arthur Unwin who had married his second daughter Gertrude in Dore Parish Church on April 6th 1904. Shirley Arthur was the fourth son of John Unwin of Moorside Farm, at the bottom of Long Line. The fields of Causeway Head have long been covered in houses and in 1970 "Heatherlea" and its outbuildings were demolished for the development of Causeway Glade and Gardens. Only a stable block remained which was converted into a house which stood at the entrance to Causeway Glade.

In 1918, at the age of sixty James Turver retired to a villa on Leyfield Road and the shop passed to his son, Ernest who stayed until 1933 when it was bought by Clive's parents. Clary (Claire) was James' granddaughter through his daughter Gertrude and Shirley Arthur Unwin.

When Clive was born his parents were living above the shop at 1, Causeway Head Road but they soon moved into No.3, next door, while retaining their original flat. Clive remembers "There were connecting doors on the ground and first floors, stone steps down to the cellars and on the second floor a skylight window from where you could look out over Sheffield." At that time all the houses had outside toilets and baths were taken in a tin bath in front of the kitchen range.



"Heatherlea" built by James Turver about 1900 on Causeway Head Road. Does anyone have memories of this house?

At the age of three Clive started at a small private nursery and infant school on Trolley Brook Road run by Miss Margaret Richardson. He has happy memories of the main school room where all ages were taught together and the pupils "progressed" around the room with the oldest ending up at the big table in the centre. He left at eight, having passed the entrance examination to King Edward V11 Junior School which was situated in Clarke Dell, off Clarkehouse Road next to the Botanical Gardens. In September 1945 and after the 11+ exam he went on to King Edward V11 Grammar School, which he loved. Clive says "I was too busy playing cricket and football to worry about my academic career but I scraped through and went to Sheffield University to study Economics."

Clive grew up during the war and post-war years and talks about that time. "I remember the string of bombs that fell on Dore and one of them hitting Hartley's bungalow; they were friends of ours, but I have no memory of the Sheffield Blitz, only the stories afterwards. My father had reinforced an area under the stairs where there was just room for a small bed and when the sirens went I was dispatched down there." Clive's father Noel started in the Home Guard and then joined the Fire Service where he was on duty for 48 hours at a time. Clive recalls that his father was a member of one of the fire crews who took their engines from Sheffield to Hull and Ipswich when these towns were ablaze.

During this time Clive's mother Claire had to hold the home and business together as well as keep an eye on her energetic son. "During the war the dried goods like dried fruit and sugar arrived in bulk in wooden cases. It all had to be weighed out and scooped into strong paper bags; sugar was always in a blue bag. However, tea always came already in packets." Many basic food items were rationed and each grocer received their allocation. Clive says that his father always had problems trying to share rationed goods out fairly. "Once he got a consignment of Picnic Hams, shoulder

hams, a great stack, without restriction and they sold like hot cakes. People were buying two and three at a time." Another memory is of Palethorpe Sausages which arrived by train and had to be collected from Dore Station.

Turver's Store (L.N.Tiddy) delivered high class groceries and provisions to houses and hotels in the surrounding area and no order was too small or no route too difficult. Clive recalls with amusement that his father once delivered two teacakes to a customer on Long Line. Another story tells of a trip made in heavy snow one Christmas to a customer in Holmesfield when the van got nearly to the top of Mickley Lane before having to give up and find another route. The distinctive Turver's van was garaged in the yard behind the shop next to Mr. Stones, the Blacksmith's workshop. Clive recalls that during the war, when petrol became scarce, the family car was put away on wooden blocks until it could be used again.

Clive describes Dore village as he looks at an aerial photograph taken in 1946. "By then we had moved into No.11 Causeway Head Road where Grannie Unwin and Auntie Maud Turver had lived. It was a much larger corner house with a good yard at the back where I used to play cricket with my cousin Peggy who lived at 16 Leyfield Road. Sometimes the ball would end up on the roof of the Co-op Stores next door and we were supposed to ask permission to get it down but we didn't at the weekend when the shop was closed." Clive's cousin Peggy (Margaret Tiddy) was a very sporty girl who went to High Storrs School, became a P.E. teacher and played for Lancashire in the Ladies Cricket team.

Looking at the 1946 aerial view again Clive gives the names of all the shops and shopkeepers as well as the families who lived nearby. It is a list that includes three butchers, three grocers, a green grocers as well as the post-office (Postmaster Stanley Mace), Marshall's corner shop and Mr. Holmes' fish and chip shop. "Dore was a very different place then!" sighs Clive.

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Where is New Totley?

Nowadays the good old map seems to be out of fashion with people relying on sat nav systems of AA route guides. Recent stories in the press have highlighted the dangers of being sent the wrong way, but what if you cannot start or finish in the right place. As you may have guessed from the title, where exactly is New Totley?

Well, travellers to Dore could well be confused, because if you put a Dore post code into the AA route finder system on the web, you'll find you live in New Totley! No doubt our neighbours the other side of the Old Hay Brook will be amused by this, but it has confused more than one traveller to the village.

So back last year we raised this point with the AA and were assured things would be put right. But as we go to press 6 months later nothing has changed. So if you are asked by a bewildered motorist where New Totley is, you'll know what to tell them!

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May

17-23 Tissington

19-21 Etwell

26-31 Middleton-by-Youlgrave

26-2 Monyash

24-27 Wirksworth

June

2-10 Ashford in the Water

10-17 Cressbrook

22-29 Killamarsh

23-1 Hope

23-30 Litton

23-1 Over Haddon

23-28 Rowsley

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23-28 Youlgrave

29-8 Bakewell

30-7 Old Whittington (Chesterfield)

July

1-8 Hathersage

7-11 Coal Aston

7-15 Dore

8-16 Buxton

13-20 Dronfield Woodhouse

13-20 Pilsley Village

14-22 Cutthorpe

14-22 Holmesfield

13-23 Millthorpe

15-23 Bamford

21-30 Stoney Middleton

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8-6 Hartington

Dore Well Dressing

Well Dressing time is nearly upon us once again. Have you ever wondered how it is done? Would you like to join our friendly team of volunteers?

Whether it is just to have a look (we'll explain all the different stages), or maybe to have a go, (no previous experience is necessary), everyone is welcome. Simply come along to the Scout Hut on Rushley Road during the week beginning Monday 2nd July to see the Well Dressing being made and all will be revealed.

Look out for the posters that will appear around the village nearer the time giving details of session times or contact me on tel. 236 0332 for more information.

Barbara Jackson

Did you know

Sheffield is hard up, or so the Council keeps telling us, and the state of the roads confirms this - or does it. Just look at the money spent on building a beautiful retaining wall at the top of Whitelow Lane, or on a large stretch of new green carriageway for Ecclesall Road, just for the occasional bus! Then why on earth have new metal drainage gutters been fitted at the top of Savage Lane - on the opposite site to where the River Savage flows? No doubt they will argue that the costs of these projects comes from ring fenced budgets. But it is all our money, so when do we get a say on how it is spent! Time again to push for a Parish Council?

Still on the subject of money, I am at a loss as to why any nation, let alone ours, would want to host the 2012 Olympic Games. The bill so far is estimated at £9.2 billion and rising, of which the government (that's you and me) will pay £6 billion and the lottery (that's good causes) £2 billion. Sheffield is still paying off the debt for the World Student Games, so for us it will be a double wammy. Still the UK does have some relevant experience. Remember the 'Millennium Dome' fiasco and the new Wembley stadium being two years late. Better pencil in 2014/5 for the Olympics!

Locally the installation of wind turbines has become an emotive issue. Now we have some European leadership towards combatting global warming, perhaps the Government should switch the subsidy of taxpayers' millions away from monstrous wind turbines - of spasmodic and doubtful benefit, to other more worthy causes. No one dares to confess how long it takes wind turbines to recoup the carbon emissions caused by their manufacture, transport, site preparation, roads and transmission lines. Then, for every megawatt they might develop on a windy day, there has to be a parallel investment in alternative back-up fossil fuel capacity.

It must be obvious to the greenest of green protagonists that wind farms are the least reliable and least cost-effective ways of saving the planet, as compared with better insulation, tidal power, warmer clothing, slower driving speeds and low-energy light bulbs - to name but a few.

Doremouse

Before you dine out check out www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk which gives access to the results of council health protection inspections for over 1,300 businesses in Sheffield, including food outlets, top restaurants, takeaways and works canteens.

But then he laughs "I remember the fun we had when they were building those houses on Causeway Head Road, where the Dentist is now, chasing each other along the building planks and playing around!"

In 1947 Turver' Store was sold to John Shentall Ltd and in 1976 the shop was converted to a domestic dwelling.

*Maureen Cope,
Dore Oral History Group*

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

Dramatic Society


The Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Dramatic Society spring performance was from the Farndale series of plays. For anyone who hasn't heard of them these are plays performed by the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society. This one was the generously titled "The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle".

Just about as crazy as it's title, the play followed the up and downs of performing a play at the women's group meeting. From a misbehaving tablecloth and Tupperware box to a secret panel that didn't always open when it should and a convincing painting of the Laughing

Cavalier, this play had plenty of laughs. The plot seemed to have been taken from a wide variety of sources, The Rocky Horror Show, Sweeny Todd, Dracula, just about anything you could mention. The cast and crew had plenty of fun putting on this one and we hope it came through in our performance for the audience to enjoy too.

We are always looking for new members for our society. You don't have to act, we need front of house members to welcome the audience, decorators and handymen to put up the set, anyone who is handy with a needle (doesn't have to be sewing, the cat in the last production was knitted), people to make the tea, etc. we have a job for just about anyone. If you are interested please give me a ring.

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Planning matters

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The planning application for 109 houses on this site is still under consideration by the Council at the time of going to press. There have been a considerable number of objections, mainly relating to the over development of the site and local residents are understandably upset about the impact of a development of this magnitude on the village and services. Dore Village Society are so concerned that we have instructed a national firm of solicitors with planning experience to assist in this case. The Society has lodged objections and it is hoped that the planning authority will heed local fears.

114-116 Totley Brook Road. This is a long running saga. Having obtained consent to build two houses on the back garden of 114, a developer has submitted detailed plans which show three large three story houses on the site, two of which are in the back garden and look at the rear of adjoining properties. That is bad enough. However a new application has now been submitted to include the back garden of No.116 with another house there. The present owner of that property has presumably decided enough is enough and sold. However this does nothing for the adjoining properties that are faced with the same problem. This is the result of an appalling planning decision and does nothing for the peace of mind of other residents in the road. It will no doubt not be long before the whole of the road has two rows of houses on minute gardens and the pleasant equanimity of this road will be lost forever.

19 Dore Road. This property is a bungalow with a short garden, relative to the neighbouring properties. A developer has made a planning application to demolish the bungalow and build three large, five bedroomed, three story houses on the site. This is another example of pure over development of an area and



Lovely garden - should be able to fit five houses on it! John Wells

totally out of sympathy with neighbouring properties. The Society has objected and we hope the applicant is not successful.

'Farfield' Townhead Road The planning application for a house in the front garden of this property (another three storey monster) has been refused. The developer has now submitted a new application for a house, lower in height and with the garage now behind the building line.

6-11 Newfield Place. You may recall that we reported an application by the developer of this site (backing onto the Rec) to convert a garage, originally built to serve a block of flats, into a dwelling house. The application was understandably refused as the proposal was totally out of keeping with the other properties and was a loss of car parking facilities. The developer has now appealed to the Secretary of State. The DVS are objecting and asking for the appeal to be turned down.

David Heslop

Garden Grabbing

The following letter has been sent to local MP Mr Nick Clegg.
RE: Save Our Gardens

We am writing to you to raise our concerns about the growing phenomenon of "garden grabbing".

Property developers are snapping up large detached houses, knocking them down and then squeezing a small estate of new homes onto the same plot. This is being allowed by a loophole in the law which sees gardens defined as brownfield sites, making them ripe for development.

We passionately believe that this is having devastating affect on many areas of our life, not least the environment, children's health and education and everybody's general well being.

We am concerned that with building land at a premium in urban areas, cases of "garden grabbing" are on the rise, with local planning authorities seemingly powerless to stop it.

Decisions are being turned down at a local level but then overruled by the Planning Inspectorate, completely disregarding town planning and our communities. There are countless examples of this in Dore, and locals are powerless to prevent this never-ending creep of housing development into unwanted areas.

We believe that this is a problem that must be addressed and we would like you to attend the next hearing of Caroline Spelman's Bill on Land Use on Friday 15 June 2007 calling for the removal of gardens from the definition of brownfield sites, to represent our concerns and show your support for the Save Our Gardens campaign.

Garden Organic, the UK's leading organic growing charity in conjunction with MPs Greg Clark and Chris Mullin, are spearheading this campaign.

We look forward to your response.

Colin & Valerie Robinson.

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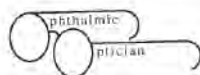
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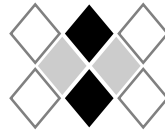
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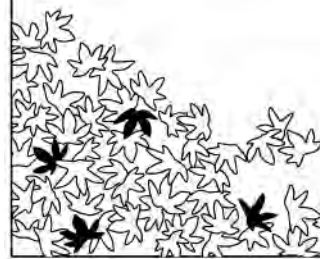
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Dore Blues

A Community Constables View.

"I have noticed a distinct lack of Police recently". These are not my sentiments but certainly sum up the usual and general types of comments I have had made to me over the last few weeks.

As many will know I'm a simple straightforward chap, one who does not shy either his responsibilities or facing criticism. I also do not wish to lose any of the support and goodwill that the people of Dore have shown me in the 2 years I have been your "Local Bobby"

I will attempt to offer some explanations as to why the above is most certainly true. As many will know the Community Officers for Dore and Totley are part of the Sharrow and SW Sheffield safer Neighbourhood Teams. This team covers an area from Bramall Lane to Surprise View. The team has to face many challenges ranging from the usual Community issues to less obvious strategies to tackle long term matters, which might lead to Criminal activities. These types of things can include something as simple as assisting children in the worthwhile "Right to Read Project", to far more complex matters like organised Drug Production and circulation. It is this latter matter I would like to highlight.

Since the start of 2007 The Sharrow SNA have dealt with approximately 8 large scale Cannabis factories. These have been mostly discovered through Intelligence and Public Information. These "factories" have consisted of large terraced houses being converted so that each room acts as a large Greenhouse. I'm sure many of you will have seen a number of well Publicised reports in the press. Each of these houses has housed about £35,000 worth of plants alone, with also large amounts of propagating equipment. What this has meant is that Sharrow SNA have recovered approx. £250,000 worth of Illegal Cannabis Plants and about the same value in equipment. Some of which could of course found its way into our neighbourhood.

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the most obvious use of a Community Constable's time. But "local Bobbies" have the necessary skills and are best placed to tackle such things. The Team benefits from good local contacts, community awareness and excellent Policing skills. All this has led to the arrest of a number of persons and a realisation that there is definite link to Vietnamese Organised Crime.

I would ask that if any readers of this article have tenants or know of such persons that they can be extra vigilant with regard to properties that might be suitable for such illegal activities.

As you will realise the above has caused me to be away from Dore from time to time. But it also highlights that I am part of a team and as such rest assured that if I needed such assistance then my colleagues would be here in force. This will be more than evident during the summer months at such events as the Dore Festival.

I hope that the above short explanation provides some reassurance and helps you to understand that even I would like nothing more than walking/cycling my area occasionally I am obliged to work elsewhere. You can also rest assured that I continue to be well informed of activities affecting the local area and community and will continue to provide a service the envy of many other neighbourhoods.

I do have some good news with regard to an increase in the Policing cover for both Dore and Totley. We have been fortunate to be allocated a Police Community Support Officer. PCSO Paul Harran has already joined the team and has already provided a degree of foot patrol duties. I know he will be made most welcome.

You may recall that in previous articles I made mention of crime patterns in

particular Car Crime during this early time of year. I am encouraged that these types of crime have been decreased on the whole. I hope that this is due to our actions as a whole with better Crime prevention practices. As usual I would encourage people to visit the website www.crimereduction.gov.uk for many helpful tips or advice.

I am also pleased to report that other problems i.e. parking and youth nuisance seem to also have become less of an issue although the parking around the bottom of Dore Road does cause me some concern.

I am looking forward to the summer months. I am especially looking forward to the Dore Gala and festival. I am even hoping to take part in the Fun Run although the thought of three miles in uniform is causing me some sleepless night.

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 2963187 or at Totley box on 0114 2963681 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*

Love thy neighbour

Four out of five people have never socialised with those living next door and more than a third do not even know their names, according to a recent survey by Foreign Currency Direct.

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It found that 36 per cent of Britons do not know their neighbours' names and almost a quarter avoid those living next door. About in 10 per cent have had a row with a neighbour, with noise being the most common cause, followed by parking and garden maintenance.

The Noise Abatement Society confirmed that there was a 28 per cent increase in complaints about garden noise alone last summer, while the Office for National Statistics reported that almost six million neighbour complaints were made to councils in 2006.

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Old School Snaps 1960

John Dunstan writes

Early in July 1960 Susan Smith (now Sue Wheeldon), aged 9, was rushed into the then Royal Hospital in West Street for a major operation on her ear. She made a rapid recovery and wrote a letter to her classmates in Mrs Alldred's J3. So imagine her delight when she received, all at once, 32 "Get Well Soon" replies.

Her mother kept them throughout her life and Sue sent them to us on the occasion of the September 2006 Old School Reunion. Like a collection of photos snapped on the same day, together they form a fascinating detailed picture of the school life and concerns of Dore children nearly 47 years ago, very matter-of-fact, sometimes serious and sometimes funny.

Writing the letters. "Yesterday we got your letter", says Jane Jordan. "Mr Wright came in with it and Mrs Alldred read it to us". Then she pinned it on the cupboard door for others to read. "At first I thought it was typed", comments Michael Dent, paying tribute to Susan's handwriting.

In fact nearly everyone's writing is good and looks a lot like Dore children's today. The spelling is variable, while interestingly the punctuation is almost non-existent! I have edited these things, partly out of respect for the youngsters and partly to clarify what they say.

The letters are on paper folded like cards and usually with vivid crayon drawings on the front and back. They are mostly abstract designs but a few evoke hospital life. Michael Barker has drawn Susan in bed in the ward, grinning broadly. Richard Hinson, however, has produced a rather unsettling picture of a patient swathed in bandages with an arm and leg in traction.

Many of the children voice concern about Susan, but the most common topic is lessons, with practices for the forthcoming sports a close second. A variety of other events and routines figure too.

Thinking about Susan. The girls are more solicitous about Susan's welfare than the boys, who occasionally are either solemn or flippant. "I was very upset when the teacher told us that you were ill and were having an awful time", writes her friend Jane Bradford.

Another friend, Florence Jukes, says "I was very sorry to hear about your illness, I will be coming to see you at home when you get there". Pamela Nelson remarks plaintively, "I am missing you a lot because you used to play with me so often". Lynn Thorpe, with what sounds like a fine sense of humour, has this to say: "All the girls have had lots of fun without you, but I am sure we will have lots more when you come back".

Richard wonders if the nurses are being nice to Susan. Other boys go in for ominous imaginings or Job's comfort. John Aldersley says darkly, "Things could have been worse for you if something went wrong in the operation". Michael Dent tells her he has recently had several "bashings... so you aren't the only one with earache".

The girls are not content just with letters. "All the girls in our class have given some money to buy you a basket", writes Judith Wiggett. Whether this is the same basket as the rather splendid one drawn by Nicholas Boyce and piled high with fruit, I'm not sure. Jane Bradford talks about buying the present, with Florence and Pamela, for four shillings.

Learning by doing. The children have a lot to say about their school work. Many of them mention that they have been doing gallons, quarts and pints, and Jennifer Bonsall thinks "they are easy as pie". That is the general opinion. But Graham Irving gives the game away: "They are easy

because there is a table on the wall".

Lynn writes, in her jokey way, "We have been doing lots of nice things at school like tests". Mr Wright, the head teacher, has been giving them. Robert Woodhouse confesses, tongue in cheek, "I have not done very well in our tests". He goes on to say that he got 97% for arithmetic and "mental" and 84% for English. In fact John tells Susan: "Robert Woodhouse is top boy". Most of them found English harder than arithmetic, but Jane Maidment came top in English with 93%. Michael Barker makes a strange remark to Susan: "It seems odd in spellings without you". Was that because she shone? Some children refer to tests in "acrisy", which foxed me until I said it aloud to myself.

Practical handwork occurs in different subjects and is generally popular – children like making things – but girls' needlework gets a variety of reactions. Rosemary Epworth describes it in enthusiastic detail, but Jane reports "I am having to stay in every playtime to go to Miss Palmer and do knitting and sewing until it is finished", and she is not alone.

Geography, history and art all provide happier experiences. Lois Shipley, along with several others, writes "We are learning in geography about lumberjacks in Canada. We have made some models of lumberjacks' huts". "We've all made dolls about history" – thus David Fearnough. Lynne Udall calls them "figures of the Middle Age people". "I made a knight in armour", says Eric Crane.

Lois sometimes has a way with words: "We have made some butterflies and painted them. They are fluttering on the wall now". Jennifer reports: "You know those animals and creepers we painted, well, Mrs Alldred has pasted them on to grey paper and put black lines down, so it looks as if the animals are in cages".

Contests and conquests. Sports Day is coming up and they have been having

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practices to pick the finalists. The children are factual about this. Nicholas tells Susan, "I am going in the finals for the high jump. That is easy for me because I have got long legs". Her friend Florence, however, says "I am not in anything because I have twisted my ankle". Mark Hague cheerfully describes how he and his partner Pamela came next to last in the three-legged race practice because they had to take avoiding action when the pair in front fell over.

Outside the classroom, youngsters of this age usually prefer the company of their own sex, but customary patterns are sometimes interrupted. A few of the children report a playtime incident when a boy steps on a girl's fingers. Robert dramatizes this. "The boys are fighting the girls".

Indifference and hostility don't quite form the whole picture, though. A certain Jamie Armstrong provides the exception. He has sound peer-group credentials – "we had a terrific time with pea shooters till a pea happened to hit Mrs Crawshaw in the face and she started bellowing and banned them" – but a romantic side too. He refers to Susan's boyfriends' concern about her, "in case you did not know you had any like me". There is more. "I sent Jennifer and Doreen a love letter and Doreen sent me a reply saying 'I love you too, Jamie'. Jennifer did not send me a reply but she started laughing at me. I would have sent you one too if you had not been away". The last sentence has been heavily crossed out – by Susan – highly embarrassed but secretly flattered.

Youthful yesterdays. That incident is unique. More typically the children speak of routines such as who is on sweets duty, or special events like their collection for Miss Davies's wedding and leaving present, or particular interests: Jane Denniff tells Susan a lot about her boxer pups and ponies.

The J3 class of 1959/60 present us with a time capsule to visit a vanished and yet strangely familiar world. And they write with style, some of these youngsters. Jane Bradford ends her long letter to her friend like this: "We have a lot of things to tell you that would take too much paper to write it all down". St John ended his Gospel with much the same thought.

John Dunstan

with help from Sue Wheeldon



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Dore Dragon Hunt

The 2nd annual Dore Village Society Dragon Hunt took place on Sunday 22nd April and was enjoyed by over 180 adults and children in 47 groups. Participants were welcomed at the Old School by St. George himself and spent around an hour wandering around the village solving clues and generally discovering hidden corners of Dore unknown to many.

Younger children collected natural items to display on a collage back at the Old School whilst the older children assisted their parents in planning a suitable route and searching for the answers to thought provoking questions, all which could be found by just walking around and being observant. "I have never seen so many people around the bus stop and notice boards on Devonshire Terrace Road, all with happy smiling faces" said one local resident.

On return the children received a dragon's egg, a piece of dragon cake and a glass of dragon's blood, whilst the adults enjoyed light refreshments and everyone seemed to make new acquaintances.

Dore Village Society would like to thank everyone who made the day such a success and thank those who made donations totalling £77.25 towards the costs. See you all again next year.

Dave Ward

Ed. Particular thanks to Dave, who thought up the idea and does most of the organisational work.

Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Utopia Limited turned out to be a very good show if the feedback we have received is to go by. Only today I got an e-mail praising the show from a Wakefield student. It was a difficult show to produce because there are so many minor principal roles, so many in fact that many of us ended up playing more than one. Still it was good fun and it was a very happy week.

Next on the calendar are two concerts, one at Ridgeway in May and the other, of course, our own Summer Concert which will be held as part of Gala week on Saturday 7th July at the Church Hall on Townhead Road. The concert will start at 7:30pm and tickets will be £5 each available from me - tel 0114 236 2299 or from members of the Society. If anyone would like to join our merry band please get in touch with me directly or via the web at doregas.co.uk

Derek Habberjam

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Crowds around the notice board

Mabuhay! (Welcome!)

My name is Masoma Sherazi and I am long-time resident of Dore Village. I hereby send you warm greetings from the Philippines, my new home since September 2006 as a Youth for Development (YfD) programme volunteer with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)!

VSO is an international development charity that works through volunteers to fight global poverty and disadvantage. The Youth for Development initiative provides young people between the ages of 18 and 25 like myself the opportunity to develop and share skills by actively participating in the development of some of the world's poorest regions, and in the process promotes innovative approaches to globalising volunteering.

I am working in the Philippines for one year as a Peace Advocacy Advisor with a non-profit, social research and advocacy institution called Alternate Forum for Research in Mindanao (AFRIM) in Davao City, the third largest commercial city in the Philippines (and the second largest in the world in terms of land mass!) in the southern region of Mindanao, the second largest island in the country. My placement falls under VSO Philippines' peace building programme which aims to support current efforts of NGOs working towards peace and development in a region of Mindanao that has been the locus of ethnic warfare for decades and the scene of the longest standing conflict in the Philippines.

As for the land of the pinoy (Filipinos) itself, the 7000-island archipelago (the second largest in the world!) must be said to be a heavenly paradise of natural wonders both below and above sea level and indeed, one of the great hidden treasures of Southeast Asia! In terms of

climate, the wet season has finally passed (I, in fact experienced my first typhoon on the first week of my arrival in the capital, Metro-Manila!) and the dry season has once again dawned upon the country bringing with it a scorching heat wave!

The diet is mainly meat/fish- and rice-based which can be quite challenging for vegetarians and for those of us who are not used to eating rice three-times a day! Filipinos themselves are hospitable, friendly and easy-going people and very curious when it comes to foreigners! While 'Tagalog' or Filipino remains the official language, in a country of over 165 native languages, 'Cebuano' is the most widely spoken language in the region of Mindanao. As for my hometown, Davao city is a highly urbanized metropolis with a vibrant mix of diverse cultures in the close vicinity of beautiful beaches and mountainous landscapes.

It costs VSO approximately £7,500 to recruit, train and send a YfD volunteer on a one year placement. This year's batch of YfD volunteers collectively managed to raise a staggering £70k to support VSO's efforts in sending young volunteers overseas.

As part of my contribution and thanks to the generous support of my donors, I managed to fundraise £1,162.65 towards the grand total, exceeding my initial expectations and those of VSO! In my endeavours, I was generously supported by my local village and wider community, in particular the Dore Parish Church and the Abbeydale Rotary Club of Sheffield, with whom I both met to share my motivation for joining VSO and my journey towards volunteering in the Philippines.

With wishes of peace from Southeast Asia,

Masoma

Nobody told me

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The Stroke Association's "Nobody Told Me" campaign aims to provide better quality information to stroke victims when they leave hospital. www.stroke.org.uk

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Where do I live?

I know my address, but where do I live? I was born in 55 Marstone Crescent, which, in 1944, was in Totley, sometimes called "New Totley", Sheffield. The house, when built, was in Derbyshire, hence the street numbering being from Derbyshire, towards Sheffield. I married & moved to Stonecroft Road, in Totley. When we had children, they attended Totley County School. I was a member of the PFA & eventually a governor. I was also Chairman of 1st. Totley Scout Group, at the time of the building of the new scout hut.

According to the carved stone, in the wall to the river bridge adjacent to the Methodist Church, on Baslow Road, we had moved from Totley to Dore, when we moved to Totley Brook Road. We had to write to the Education Authority to ask if our children could still attend the County

school, rather than Dore school, which was agreed. Estate agents agreed, as they would! However, we were living on Totley Brook Road, the brook ironically being further away from us than the Old Hay Brook.

We live next to the cautiously named Dore & Totley URC, near to a Dore Ward Councillor (& vote in Dore Ward), receive Dore to Door magazine, are in the proposed Dore Village Society conservation area and our house is deemed to have historic value which is of interest to the Society. However, we are under the "Totley" policeman, P.C. Wadworth.

Last year, I entered the photographic section of Totley show. I paid my money & my entry was accepted. When I went to collect my winnings, I was told that I shouldn't be getting them, as I didn't live in Totley! They had been happy to accept my entry fee!

I also entered Dore Show. I paid my

entry fee & subsequently collected my winnings. A few weeks later, I met the winner of the photo competition, who told me that I shouldn't have entered as I don't live in Dore! She went on to tell me that the Dore/Totley boundary, was "somewhere" about halfway down Furniss Avenue. (I guess she means about Mercia Drive which was allegedly the boundary of Mercia). Her argument was based on the fact that she had to apply to marry in Dore Church (a good few years ago) as she was deemed to be living in the parish of St. John's, Abbeydale.

To complicate this even further, when the land for our house was sold, by the Abbeydale Estates Company in 1907, it referred to the land being in the township of Dore in the parish of Dronfield, in the county of Derby. But, a previous conveyance, dated 1906, showed the parish of Dore, in the County of York!

I don't think that I live in Totley, and therefore may not be eligible to enter Totley Show, but I do think that I live in Dore, or is it Abbeydale, in which case, is there a show which I can enter, without causing upset to someone?

Since the start of my research into this article, I have found that Totley Show is classed as an open show, with one regular competitor coming from Wisewood!

I suppose that I can live in the comfort that I live nearer to the "Welcome to Totley" sign than most people who live in Totley!

Roger Hart

Ed. Despite previous articles, including one by local historian Brian Edwards, it seems people are still confused as to whether they live in Totley or Dore. This seems to be mainly because the Post Office includes parts of Dore in its Totley Brook Postal area and the Totley Brook estate was wrongly titled by the original Victorian developers. As Roger rightly says, it should more appropriately be the Old Hay Estate.

The situation is further confused by the local ecclesiastical boundaries, with the administrative area of Dore being covered by Dore Parish and part of St John's!

As for the shows, I can confirm that the Dore Show is, and always has been, an open show, which means the winner of the photographic competition is wrong.

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Adele Beckett

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Patrick Pryor

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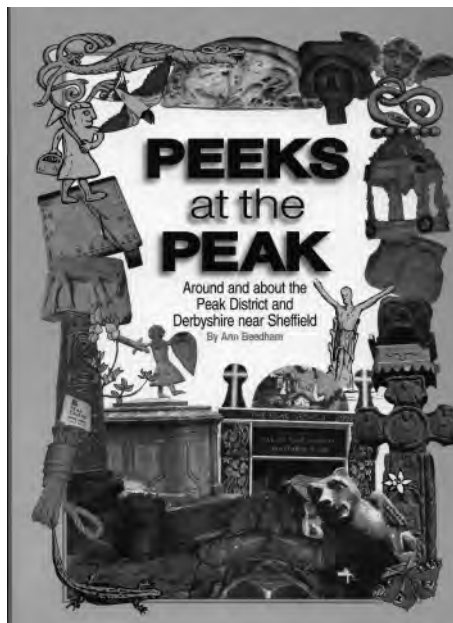
Book Reviews

Still inspired by her love of old Sheffield, local author Marjorie Dunn has launched her latest novel *Call of the Lapwing*. The story is set locally and in China during the 19th and 20th centuries and is a free standing sequel to her historical novel *Abe's Legacy* which was published nine years ago and now out of print. It features a heroine Mimi from American who comes to Derbyshire to research her family tree and the family farm, which is about to be demolished. A body is discovered and Mimi has a hunch she knows who it is.

Marjorie is best known locally for her children's books *Mr Fisher's Ducks* (in Dore) and *The Wild Rocking Horses* of Ringinglow, and is also known as *The Puppet Lady* for her marionette displays. Published by Hallamshire Publications at £7.95 the book is available locally at Totley Rise Post Office and Little Mischiefs in Dore.

We all know the Peak District, are familiar with its landmarks, and steeped in its stories and legends. At least we think we do. But one of the joys of the Peak is not only discovering your own hitherto unexplored corner, but also unearthing nuggets of information from the past and the present.

Peeks at the Peak, a new book by Ann Beedham, does just what its title says, providing an insight into some of the hidden sites and stories of the area. It is full of fascinating information about places, people and events and packed with photographs and drawings. Thus we learn about dry stone walls and that the openings left for animals are called 'smoots'. How the familiar Monsal Head Viaduct was opposed by John Ruskin as destroying the beauty of the dale - he had a point - and by the Dukes of Rutland & Devonshire as passing too close to their residences. About strange ring carvings on



Gardom's edge, the early water supply in Eyam village, and Virgin Crants carried at the funerals of young girls that had never married. You can see four of these in the church at Ashford. Reading the book is an exploration in itself! Published by Pickard Communication, 115 pages, Price £12.99 ISBN 1-90527S-09-8

Do you enjoy dining out, but are not entirely comfortable with the process behind the scenes? *Kitchen Con* by food critic Trevor White will open your eyes, ears and taste buds to the restaurant business and sadly how diners are routinely duped. This is a feast of a book, not menus or descriptions of food, but how customers are manipulated, hurried and conned.

Written in a witty revealing style, we learn some truths about celebrity chefs and critics, about waiters and being kept waiting. There are lots of tips as well. Not those you give but ones like choosing a restaurant for its food not the view, if you

want a good table for two then book for three and avoid restaurants with a time limit, they will be more interested in getting you out than offering a service. Published by Mainstream Publishing 272 pages price £7.99 ISBN 1-84596-220-6

From the early 1800s when George Stephenson's steam engine Rocket was built, the British have had a love affair with steam trains. A new book by engineer Stan Yorke, *Steam Railways Explained*, is an easy-to-follow account of the subject from its beginnings to the heyday of the Railway Age around the turn of the 20th century.

Sadly, the romance started to falter in the 1930s, found a new lease of life in the Second World War but was dealt a near fatal blow by the branch line cuts made by Dr Beeching in the 1960s. Over 100 photographs and detailed drawings back up the text and illustrate exactly how it all worked.

Today the flame is kept alive by the many Railway Preservation Societies who look after what steam engines, rolling stock and track are left and keep them open to the public. A list of these with their addresses, web-site addresses and telephone numbers is included at the back of the book. Published by Countryside Books in their England's living series, price £7.99 128 pages ISBN 9781 846740121.

Roadside discovery

1894 saw the opening up of the Hope Valley when the Dore & Chinley Line was driven through, making remote villages like Edale popular with day trippers. However, for most people, journeys were still made by Shanks's Pony i.e. on foot. The newspapers of the time were busy reporting that pedestrians were found at the roadside and if still alive were totally exhausted. Simple journeys of ten or twenty miles were undertaken, for instance to visit a relative.

In March 1894, in the dark of a winter early evening, two farmers were travelling by cart towards Sheffield and about a half mile from Owl Bar came across a body by the roadside. Henry Thorpe, a farmer of Great Longstone, and Mr. C. Oldfield, of Ashford, made out a well dressed gentleman of 40 or 45, sporting black suit and tie, white shirt and blue waistcoat.

He was barely alive but recovered enough to ask them if they would take him to Sheffield if he paid them six pence - and then he expired. There were no visible marks of violence but he had a tattoo on his forearm. In his pockets they found 11 pence, tailor's scissors, 2 thimbles, 2 pocket knives and a pocket book. I don't think the deceased was ever identified.

Brian Edwards

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Oral History News

The Dore Oral History Group continues to flourish and we would like to share with readers some of our activities during the last few months. After the publication of John Dunston's excellent book 'Dore Old School in Records and Recollections', we held our first Old School reunion in September 2006. This very successful event was attended by hundreds of past pupils of different generations who came from all over the country to meet their classmates and reminisce. Since then we feel that the interest in our project has never been better. Having started with the aim of collecting the recorded memories of the elderly residents of Dore we now find that those in their fifties and sixties have wonderful recollections of their own very different childhood.

2007 has already been a busy year for our group. In January we took part in the South West Area Panel Road Show held in Dore and enjoyed spreading the word about our local sound archive. The panel are so impressed with what we are achieving that they have given us a discretionary monetary award for which we are most grateful.

In February we started a new venture, linked with Sheffield Hallam University. Three community history students have been working with us on our current theme of 'Shops and Shopkeepers', recording and transcribing some interviews. It has been a learning experience on both sides but the young people have been pleased with the outcome of their research and we shall certainly maintain the link.

In March we hosted the South Yorkshire Area Network meeting of the Oral History Society to which we belong. These whole day meetings are a forum for hearing about other oral history projects and exchanging ideas and experiences. We were happy to welcome representatives from other groups to our lovely village



Dore Old School Boys meet up at the Reunion September 2006. Left to right: Nigel Thorpe, Trevor Biggin, John Taylor, John Booth, Johnny Marshall.

and to present our Dore collection as a vibrant community project. Interestingly, this year's Annual Conference of the Oral History Society is about making community oral histories so two of us will definitely be attending in July.

Also this year we have been forced to take stock of our archive and spend time on indexing our recordings and creating a database of interviewees and contacts, who are numerous since the Old School reunion. We have had to update our recording and transcribing equipment and get to grips with the rapidly changing digital sound technology. Hard work for some of us who are still struggling with computers!

Furthermore, we have recently had some change of members on the Oral History Group. Barbara Jackson, one of our founders and secretary has resigned while we welcome two new members. We would all like to express our sincere thanks to Barbara for her efficient and inspired contribution to the Dore Oral History project.

Looking to the future, we are already planning another school reunion on Saturday 20th October 2007, so make a note in your diaries. We shall continue to record the memories of the people of Dore, to talk about our project to interested groups, hold events and contribute to Dore to Door.

Finally, I would like to apologise to the family of Vera Gregory (nee Frith) for the incorrect caption to the photograph of Beryl Salisbury (nee Denniff) and Mollie Evans (nee Gregory) in the Spring 2007 issue. Sadly, Vera died in March aged 90 years but her funeral service in Christchurch, Dore, where she was christened and married, brought together members and friends of the Denniff, Frith and Gregory families to remember and celebrate her long life.

Oral History is living history and that is why we must collect it while we can. If you would like to join our friendly group contact me or any member.

*Maureen Cope,
Dore Oral History Group
Tel: 235 0392*

Tai Chi in Dore

A new group has been set up in the church hall on Townhead Road to begin to learn the art of Tai Chi. We meet once a week on Thursdays from 2-3pm.

Our qualified teacher, David Barrow, also works with the medical staff at the Hallamshire Hospital teaching Tai Chi to patients who have had a heart attack. He has been involved in research to compare the effects of aerobic exercise and Tai Chi after having a heart attack. The results have been published and demonstrate that the Tai Chi group have done better in showing an improvement in their symptoms and maintaining that improvement. Other groups that the medical profession have discovered also benefit from practising Tai Chi are those with high blood pressure, osteoporosis and problems with balance.

A recent article in The Daily Telegraph quoted a study by the Harvard Professor of Physical Rehabilitation Joseph Audette who compared two groups of previously sedentary seventy year olds. One group took up brisk walking and the second group half an hour of Tai Chi. The Tai Chi group did better on several counts with stronger lower limb muscles, greater flexibility and improved balance.

If you would like to enjoy the benefits of practising Tai Chi why not join us in the church hall. The cost is £32 for eight sessions or you may have a single session trial for £4. Just turn up at 2.50pm or Contact me Gail Crosby - Tel: 262 1127

Dore Male Voice Choir

The choir had a successful Gala Concert on 28th April with the Lord Mayor present and a big audience as usual. Our next performance is at St Johns Ranmoor Music Festival on Wednesday 9th May. The Choir is then at Ranmoor Church again on Saturday 23rd June when the concert will be given for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Tickets for the concert will be available from the Farm Trust or any choir member.

On 1st April the Choir were performing on BBC3 for Aled Jones programme on choirs. It was an honour to be asked.

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A Vision for Blacka Moor

Alderman Greaves purchased Blacka Moor in order to protect this beautiful wild site on the edge of the city from development, to preserve as an escape from urban life and for the enjoyment of Sheffield citizens. In 1932, it passed into the hands of the Council, bound in trust by the Alderman Greaves Covenant. The site now has SSSI status. For many years Sheffield City Council did little to manage Blacka Moor. This neglect has in fact perhaps been the very thing that has made this site so uniquely beautiful and special to so many local people now. It is so very rare these days to be able to go to any green space, so close to a city, that is not manicured, farmed or managed for tourism with items perceived to be wanted such as sculptures or educational boards. Blacka Moor is therefore different and offers a unique psychological and spiritual as well as physical escape from urban clutter.

Five years ago Sheffield City Council handed the site over to Sheffield Wildlife Trust (SWT) for a period of 25 years. So in the last five years a lot of changes have been made to knock Blacka Moor into shape. Firebreaks cut across the heather stands, new signposts and a couple of years ago, the erection of a 4-strand barbed wire fence in preparation for the introduction of cattle farming.

It was at this point that I joined the Blacka Moor Advisory Group into which SWT welcome anyone who cares about Black Moor and would like to be involved in its management. When I joined, as now, a lot of controversy was raging about the changes being made to the site. The most controversial, being the change of use of the site to include conservation farming with Highland cattle and thus the erection of the barbed fencing. In order to try to resolve the split in opinion, SWT last year appointed Icarus, an independent facilitation company to host a series of meetings. In all Icarus held seven three-hour meetings for SWT at a cost of around £8,000.00 pounds.

In the meetings we drew up a vision for Blacka Moor that we could all sign up to and to hold long into the future. Everyone present could agree strongly that the main quality of Blacka Moor is its wild untamed

appearance. The majority of people said they valued the wonderful mosaic of current habitats including the wet woodland, open heather moorland, birch scrub, bog and rhododendron woodland. Maintaining the open heather will require some management, though some people would prefer to allow the complete re-wilding of Blacka Moor back to woodland.

The next stage of the process was to draw up a list of various management methods and test them against how well they meet the vision. The method with by far the least opposition was to employ a full or just part time site worker to cut back invasive birch and bracken. The advantages of this method included the fact that this person would become a well known presence on the site and could involve the community by co-ordinating volunteers, can carry out many tasks that cattle can't do including conservation tasks such as the removal of Spanish Bluebells, maintenance of paths etc. The site worker would avoid many of the problems with the cattle method; avoid trampling of ground nesting birds and hibernating amphibians/reptiles, no danger to dogs or people, no need for the barbed wire compartmentalisation of the site that has already caused injury to a dog and could injure wildlife such as the deer on the site, and it would meet the vision of Blacka Moor remaining a wild place.

The cattle option split opinion. People expressed many concerns about the use of cattle, including their interaction with people using the site, the dangerous and unsightly nature of the chosen fencing, the danger of closure in the event of threats such as foot and mouth, the trampling of certain plants and animals, and felt that it did not meet the vision very well. The use of a horse-drawn bracken bruiser had good support and chemical control was mostly unsupported.

So the meetings ended with the hope that money would be allocated to fund a site worker. I attended a full meeting of Sheffield City Council in November and asked if the Council would give SWT the money to at least trial a site worker. I was promised a reply but I have still not had one, despite repeated requests. I only discovered in an article in the last issue of Dore to Door that the cattle will be

introduced this spring and the barbed wire fencing will stay as SWT regard this as the most cost-effective way of maintaining the site.

Whatever ones views are of cattle and fencing, I think everyone at those meetings will agree that, contrary to the impression given in the notice by SWT in the last Dore to Door, this was not the preferred outcome of the public consultation and is a decision taken by SWT. It also raises the general issue of whether a resource held in trust for the people of Sheffield should be leased out by our Council to a body that is not accountable to those people and to totally offload financial responsibility for it.

I personally am very happy that Blacka Moor is being managed to protect its habitats and wildlife, but we need to remember that the intention of Alderman Greaves was that this land is foremost for the enjoyment of people and so I hope that we can find a way to maintain this site in a way that respects the land, the wildlife, the people who love this site so dearly and to meet the vision of it being uniquely wild. I am writing this article because I would like everyone to share in our vision for Blacka Moor and to hold this long into the future.

Dawn Biram

Open Garden

The garden at Lower Bents Farm, Penny Lane (opposite the Cricket Inn) will be open to the public on the weekend of Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1 July.

The 17th century Grade II listed cottage, which is thought to be the oldest stone building in Dore and Totley, has a classic English cottage garden. There are particularly fine collections of herbaceous perennials (some familiar, some highly unusual), a greenhouse, pond, vegetable garden, propagation area and compost heaps. Also of interest is the barn which, built with left-over bricks from the construction of the Trolley Tunnel, is now home to swallows and bats. Visitors will be able to purchase teas and plants. Parking will be available in the farm's adjoining field.

Mrs Valerie Taylor, who owns Lower Bents Farm, will be donating all proceeds to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. Her granddaughter was a patient at the hospital last spring and Valerie is keen to raise as much as possible as a thank you for the outstanding care provided by the Children's Hospital.

Walking Fortnight

This is the fourth Walking Event organised by the Dore Village Society and its Wyvern Walkers Group, providing a range of interesting local walks as part of the Dore Festival. The idea is that there will be something within the walks organised that everyone can enjoy, whatever their abilities and level of fitness. For more details on the fortnight or the Wyvern Walking Group, please see posters or call David Bearpark 236 9100.

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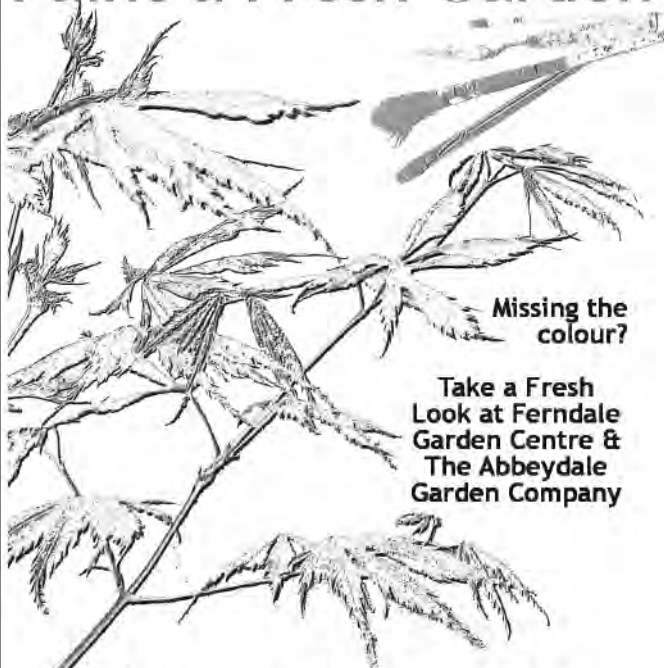
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A three-stage restoration was agreed between the council, the Charity Commission and Friends of Graves Park, the first phase of which has already been completed. A conservation group is currently working on the land and has reported several rare creatures returning to the site.

The Friends argue that although St Luke's Hospice is a worthy cause, it is hardly suitable to be located within a public park. They say the facility would require 24-hour operation and bringing large amounts of traffic into the heart of a residential estate. A new exit road would be required through the park for the use of staff, visitors and service vehicles, putting park users in danger.

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John Wells

News in brief

A successful objection was lodged by the Society against a retrospective planning application for the raised roof of a garage being built at the bottom of Dore Road, which is felt to be out of scale and keeping with the immediate environment.

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust is taking inspiration from the Bollywood Film Awards in Sheffield for its annual ball at the Cutlers' Hall on June 8 and will feature an Indian banquet and dancers. Tickets, £55, from 235 2678.

Reporters were interviewing a 104 year old woman and asked: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Sheffield has been ranked the ninth worst place in Britain for mobile phone thefts, according to a recent survey which showed almost one in five people have fallen victim, with phones snatched from bags in many cases. Glasgow was named the worst spot.

The 12th Millhouses Park Festival and Family Fun Day will be staged on June 3 in aid of the Help a Hallam Child charity. The event is organised by MA leisure management students of the University of Sheffield.

Looking good - the number of cosmetic surgery procedures in the UK has increased by 240% over the last five years.

Private Finance Initiative (PFI) deals are wasting millions of pounds of taxpayers' money according to the National Audit Office. The spending watchdog said that many contracts to build schools and hospitals are uncompetitive and involve only one bidder. The situation has worsened since its last report four years ago.

Councillors are getting older. The average age for councillors in England rose from 55.4 in 1997 to 58.3 last year. While 18.4 per cent of councillors in 1997 were under 45, this dropped to 13.5 per cent in 2006.

South Yorkshire Police mounted a month-long crackdown on motorists who continue to use their mobile phones while driving during March. They used marked and unmarked vehicles to enforce the new legislation, which brings an increased fine of £60 and the possibility of points on the offender's licence. Last year 4,149 motorists across the county were fined for illegally using their mobile phone.

One third of new homes should not have received planning permission, according to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment. It believes that only 18 per cent of houses built recently measure up to design standards.

Sheffield is the second worst authority for fly tipping in the country according to the latest information

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust raised £1.66 million from parking fees on its sites last year, the fifth highest amount in the country.

Well known local doctor Carol Shawcross has retired from full time work at the Baslow Road surgery.

A crackdown on roadside billboards that blight the countryside and distract drivers has been announced. Local planners will be able to track offenders who allow lorry trailers festooned with advertisements to park in fields next to motorways and other main roads, moving the trailers when challenged.

The UK website www.youareable.com is an extremely useful service for disabled people, parents and carers. As well as providing tremendous amounts of information, it is also a forum, shopping and resource database.

The Bank of England estimates that there are 220 million £5 notes in circulation, with almost 203 million brand new fivers held in storage by the bank. So why are they always a bit tatty? It seems banks are reluctant to use them in cash machines as they limit the amounts available.

Dore High Street -The Dore Village Society has been pressing for a centre white line on the High Street between the shops and the Hare & Hounds pub, as southbound vehicles often take a more direct line around the bend. A promise has now been received from the Council's Traffic Management division that this will be painted sometime this financial year.

Area Panel meetings

The next South West Area Panel meetings are on:

Wednesday 23 May, 7.30pm Sir Harold Jackson School, Bradway. Agenda includes - Bradway Action Group; South West Area Plan 07/08; Review of Area Action 06/07; Shelter's Older Persons Housing Support Project.

Wednesday 18 July, 7.30 Bents Green Methodist Church. Council Land and Asset Management is on the agenda.

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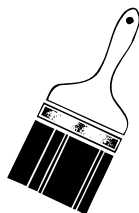
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Stars in Dore

General chaos in the starry universe is very apparent to astronomers. It is a miracle that we and our planet Earth have survived for so long. Life may feel fairly permanent to us individually, and several hundreds of thousands of years may sound like a long time since humankind, or something resembling it, walked the Earth, but we should really feel grateful that Life has miraculously survived for as long as it has.

The chaos is the stirring of the pudding, a necessary step in the whole process in which we human-beings play either an extremely small part or an extremely important part. Take your standpoint where you wish! We were once told that our lives are like doing a jigsaw puzzle upside down with only the uncoloured, cut-out shapes to piece together. When, and if, the jigsaw is finished you just turn it over to see the full picture. It would have to be a very small simple jigsaw but the thought is nice. Putting together the jigsaw of our wonderful Universe is possibly something like that but one cannot easily explain what appears like cosmic chaos

rather than harmony.

Local chaos, too, may be found at our doorstep. Drive down the main Hathersage Road near Dore, up Long Line and turn left along Sheep Hill Lane. Inspect the new road signs. This we might call the Dormuda Triangle. Now do the same journey in the reverse direction. Try another day to return home to Dore from Fulwood via the refurbished Norfolk Arms on the Ringinglow Road. Piecemeal planning of the Hathersage Road system will alarm and annoy. This applies to both the most careful driver as well as the racer hurrying back from work. Imagine coming home from the Derbyshire Moors hungry and tired, or after a match at Sheffield Tigers, with mobile phone pinned illegally to the ear. Add a little hill mist and ice on the the road. Perhaps also try driving into the setting sun or meeting a stream of headlights. Catch the happy eaters and drinkers coming out of the Dore Moor Inn. Myriads of road signs will confront the confused driver.

It is not surprising if most Dore residents are cross and bewildered by this Dormuda Triangle! Certainly there are protests about closing Long Line downwards. One only has to watch the streams of defiant drivers ignoring the closure signs. The author has considered carrying a bale of hay on top of the car to qualify as an agricultural vehicle which is allowed down Long Line. Money seems to be no object in the Council's decisions to render some of our local roads truly 'experimental' (a term they used themselves).

Why spend a fortune on 'elegant' stone walls at the top of Whitelow Lane when it was only the road that needed banking up. Why place a ridiculous bus stop plus slip road at the top of Whitelow Lane anyway? This particular project is one mile from the outskirts of Dore village. Take a very close look at this expensive monumental wall. Then compare the wood fencing that sporadically appears further up the Hathersage Road to fill in broken and missing stone walls! One wonders whether there are border disputes between the South Yorkshire and Derbyshire authorities.

It is obviously too late to backtrack on all the Council plans, but would it not have been easier and cheaper to just have had a general 40 mph speed limit from the top of the hill on the Hathersage Road? It is speed that kills not a bend in the road. One might also ask what happened to the planned speed limit and ramps for Newfield Lane just nearby in Dore?

Let's return to the tranquility of the stars. The Dore skies have been adorned with the beauty of Aphrodite during the Spring, and now as the planet Venus draws closer to the Sun more wonders will unfold. Through a small telescope the changing phases of Venus are easily visible. On 1 June the Sun sets at about 9.30 BST, and during the days leading up to midsummer the three planets, Venus, Mercury and Saturn are lined up to the left of the setting Sun, with Saturn (in Leo) in the WSW, Mercury (in Gemini) in the WNW and Venus (also in Gemini just beneath Castor and Pollux) in the west. Mercury is lit on

only 38% of its disk (a crescent), Venus on 53% (a half-moon) and Saturn is tilted substantially out of our line of sight revealing its beautiful rings well. Saturn's moons are closely clustered around their mother planet. It is an excellent time to see Titan, Mimas, Tethys and Dione since they wander far from Saturn and are usually quite difficult to pinpoint.

A month later there is an event worth looking out for. Venus and Saturn appear extremely close together on 1 July just to the right of Regulus in Leo. It is, of course, Venus (magnitude -4.32) that has been doing the moving since June. This conjunction may be seen just after sunset low in the west. Also, during the all-night summer twilight the giant planet Jupiter is visible in Scorpio just above Antares but still very low in the south at midnight.

The Moon is Full on 1 July, a beautiful sight but never far from the horizon. Even in August the Moon remains rather low in sky. Its highest point is not more than 20 degrees in altitude. This is in sharp contrast to the Springtime when the Moon passed almost overhead. Mars is near the Pleiades in Taurus not far from the Sun and rising well after midnight in August but it will be better placed after the summer. The bright star which appears in the evening in the east is Vega in the constellation Lyra, the Harp.

Another prominent summer star is Arcturus in Bootes, high in the evening sky. Of the three bright stars mentioned, Antares is the furthest (326 light years), and Vega and Arcturus are a mere 26 and 36 light years, respectively. It is just as well these stars are as far away as that otherwise we should all be fried alive since they are much bigger than the Sun.

Global warming would take on a totally different meaning if any of these stars stood where the Sun sits in our solar system. It is unfortunate that astronomers are so inadequately funded that they cannot very quickly come up with the true explanation of the Earth's global warming if it is true. In the writer's opinion, it is undoubtedly due to the Sun. The Sun's influence reaches right out to our atmosphere and to us.

David Andrews

Poor school design

The lives of generations of young people will be ruined by poor quality private finance initiative (PFI) schools, according to a leading architect. The magazine Public Private Finance (March) says that this is what prompted Malcolm Fraser to resign as deputy chairman of Architecture & Design Scotland.

According to Fraser "The best [PFI schools] are not good enough. The worst fill me with despair for the generations of young lives that will be blighted by their poor facilities and playgrounds." He cites examples of poor design, including rooms with tiny windows, or dining halls lit only by skylights. Fraser's calls to investigate PFI's design quality and value for money have been ignored. "The general silence of the building industry on this issue is a disgrace."

Diary - Summer 2007

MAY

- 21 **Sheffield's Turnpike Roads** talk by Howard Smith for South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 22 **S.Y. Police Air Support.** Talk by Helen Scothern for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm. Church Hall
- 23 **Public Meeting** South West Area Panel Sir Harold Jackson School 7.30pm
- 29 **Pirate fun** with Sheffield Rangers at Millhouses Park in fancy dress + treasure hunt Meet at Playground. 12.30pm-3.30pm. Details from 283 9195

JUNE

- 3 **12th Millhouses Park Festival** and Family Fun Day in aid of the Help a Hallam Child charity
- 4 **Derbyshire Outing** for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship Tel: 235 1754
- 5 **The Jewish Way of Life** Talk by Marvin Moore for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm. Church Hall
- 6 **Victorian Sheffield** talk by Peter Machan & AGM, Dore Village Society, 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall Everyone welcome
- 9 **Step out** for 7.5 miles with Sheffield Rangers, 10.30am-2pm. Meet Fox House carpark. Details from 283 9195
- 9 **Classic Car Rally**, Harold Jackson School Grounds, Bradway, 12am-5pm Details from 01246 419520
- 10 **Plant Hunters' Fair** Sheffield Botanical Gardens 10.30am-3.30pm
- 10 **Summer Garden Party** St Luke's Hospice 236 991
- 13 **The handover of Hongkong.** Talk by Mike Waters for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild . 2pm Dore Old School
- 14 **Golf Day** in aid of St Luke's Hospice 236 991
- 15 **Barn Dance** in a real barn! Whirlow Hall Farm.Ceilidh Band, licenced bar, Bangers & Mash 7.30pm to midnight Tickets from 235 2678
- 17 **Garden party** - Motor Neurone Disease Association at 40 Newfield Crescent. 2pm, to 5 pm. £3 includes tea and cakes / scones; children free.
- 18 **Joel-Our Dore Youth Worker.** Talk for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 19 **History & Work of the Assay Office.** Talk by Shirley Carson for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. 7.45pm. Methodist Church Hall
- 23-1 **Use your paths week** - the Ramblers Association
- 23 **Summer Fete** 2-4.30pm Leonard Cheshire Home Mickley Hall, Mickley Lane. Details from 236 7647
- 23 **Sheffield Bach Society** Concert Ecclesall Parish Church 7.30pm Tickets 266 8257
- 30 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden 235 0534

JULY

- 1 **Totley Festival 2 Visit to Uganda** Open Meeting with Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 3 **Annual Lunch** for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group
- 13 **Bat Walk** in Ecclesall Woods with Sheffield Rangers 9pm start - family activity. Details from 236 7647
- 14-15 **Open Gardens** in Totley, 2-6pm details from 236 2302
- 15 **Practical working day** at Beauchief Gardens with Sheffield Rangers 10am-12noon. Details from 283 9195
- 16 **Talk** by Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones to Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 30 **Entertainment** by the Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm

Councillor surgeries

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Conservatives. 4th Saturday of each month 10am to 11am Contact details: Anne Smith telephone 273 4108 Email: anne.smith@sheffield.gov.uk

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Dore Festival 2007

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- Mon 2nd **Preparation of Village & Guide Well Dressing** Scout HQ Rushley Road, visitors welcome
- Fri 6th
- Mon 2nd **Local Walks** arranged by Dore Village Society - see village notice board for details
- Sun 15th
- Tues 3rd **Dore Ladies Group** - Bradwells Ice Cream Dore Church Hall 7.45pm Visitors welcome
- Sat 7th **Coffee & Church Open Morning** Dore Methodist Church 10am - 1pm
- Guide & Village Well Dressing erected** 10am Dore Village Green 10am Devonshire Terrace
- Summer Concert** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Church Hall 7.30pm Tickets: 236 2299
- Sun 8th **Well Dressing Service** Village Green 3pm
- Afternoon Cream Teas** Methodist Church Hall 3 - 5pm
- Mon 9th **Family Fun Run** Dore Rec 7pm
- Lord Conyers Morris Men** Devonshire Arms 8pm
- Wed 11th **Open Air Theatre** 'Pride & Prejudice' by The Company, Village Green 7.30pm Interval Collection
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- Fri 13th **The Walker Brothers Jazz Band,** Dore Parish Church 7.30pm Tickets £5 including wine
- Sat 14th **Annual Gala** Recreation Ground, 2pm
- Sun 15th **Festival Songs of Praise** Dore Parish Church 6pm

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