

# DORE to DOOR

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## Oral History Collection

### *In conversation with Jean Sceats*

Jean was born in Hull on 1st September 1924, the second child of a family of four. She had two brothers and a younger sister. The family moved to Totley in 1940 when her father came to work for Kennings Motors.

At the age of 18, with the country at war, Jean volunteered for the Air Force. She joined up for four years during which time she developed many new skills and progressed to the rank of Acting Sergeant. After the war Jean met Alf Sceats at a Christian Fellowship meeting in Sheffield and they were married at Christchurch, Dore in June 1948.

In the post war years it was very difficult for young couples to find a place of their own but Alf and Jean were determined. Jean explains how they managed to get their first home on Savage Lane. "It was just a small cottage with not a lot of modern facilities but we heard that it was becoming available. We asked the vicar, the Reverend Thorpe if he knew Mrs Seaman (the owner) and he went and saw her and the outcome was that we had an interview and then moved in." Jean was working full-time as a welfare officer at Edward Priors in William Street and Alf was at Edgar Allen's Steelworks in the east end of Sheffield.

In 1950 Jean and Alf moved to High Trees just before the birth of their first child. Jean recalls, "We were visited by Colonel Hunt of Kings Croft and asked if we would exchange with some people who lived in High Trees. This we did because, of course, it was much more modern and better for a child."

Jean soon discovered that with only one income in the family "the purse strings were a little tight." In the 1950s women were expected to give up work completely and stay at home to look after the children and run the house. Jean says "I decided I ought to do something so my first activity in earning some extra money was to take in students. I took in two young ladies one of whom we are still in touch with today."

After six years Jean was ready to take on a new challenge in life. She explains how

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*View from the forecourt of Dore Service Station towards the backs of the cottages on Church Lane before they were demolished in 1970.*

**DORE SHOW**  
**SATURDAY**  
**8th SEPTEMBER**  
**2 pm to 4.30 pm**  
**See page 16 for details**  
**of full class list**

## Sheffield flood mk II

Dore did not escape the floods on the 25th June. During the afternoon of torrential rain the culvert under Abbeydale Road South carrying the Limb Brook towards the Sheaf became blocked with debris. As a result the brook burst through onto the road, flooding houses all the way to Beauchief Gardens and the businesses opposite the bottom of Dore Road. Several residents found their cellars flooded and suffered considerable damage to their gardens, garages and outhouses. Parked cars were undermined and rubbish strewn across the road.

The damage was particularly devastating for the businesses involved. On the day staff at 'Ellis Interiors' battled unsuccessfully to keep the water at bay, with help from garden centre staff. In the end they were faced with some 2 feet of water in the shop and a massive clearing up task. Jacqui Ellis estimates the initial damage at over £50,000 for stock alone, including some 423 pattern books. Once the shop is dried out, they face the task of re-fitting the shop and re-stocking. Jacqui

is determined, along with her team Rachel and Iain, that they will be back better than before by September. Jacqui is extremely grateful for the support they have received from past customers.

Bryan and Sarah at 'Morans' face a similar scale of loss, with the need for a new floor and other equipment. They hope to re-open by mid August if possible.

What cannot be replaced is the business lost during closure. I guess that as a community, the best help we can give is to shop here when the businesses re-open. As for responsibility for the flood: it seems that it cannot just be written off as an act of God. Residents had reported trouble with the culvert a week earlier and there are suggestions that Streetforce should accept responsibility for not dealing with the blockage. Small comfort for those effected and us as ratepayers!

## Dore Festival 2007

June and July 2007 will long be remembered for the terrible weather which flooded the city and forced the cancellation of Dore Gala for the first time in 52 years. Fortunately, Festival fortnight went ahead as planned and we were extremely lucky to have dry weather for the key outdoor events.

Our first event, the Open Gardens was almost a wash-out but thankfully the sun came out to dry the paths and allow the two hundred plus visitors to view the lovely gardens at leisure. A very sincere thanks to Linda Hunter for organising this popular event and to those who opened

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By popular demand, Dore Village Society is to publish its own calendar for 2008. It will be A4 portrait format, one page per month, each with its own unique local view in full colour. It will also feature a year planner and will come complete with its own cardboard envelope for posting to friends or family. Priced reasonably at £5 it will be on sale in the village from October onwards.

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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their gardens under such difficult circumstances. Their hard work was rewarded with £ 1,500 raised for their preferred charities.

The ladies and Guides of the Well Dressing teams surprised us, as ever, with their skillful pictures and we even managed a dry afternoon for the Well Dressing ceremony and cream teas.

The Family Fun Run attracted a field of hundreds from tiny tots to granddads, including dogs and mothers pushing prams. It was great to see such an energetic crowd on a rare fine evening and to cheer on their efforts. Well done to those who took part and to Jo Ashman and her efficient team of helpers from Dore Primary School PTA! Afterwards, they all watched Lord Conyers Morris Men who always say what a good audience we are in Dore.

The Company, our festival theatre group, also appreciated the responsive audience who braved the midges on the Green to applaud their witty production of *Pride and Prejudice*. Thank you to everyone who came.

All the local walks were enjoyed despite some torrential rain although the Hathersage one was on a perfect summer's day. Thanks to David Bearpark and the leaders of the Wyvern Walkers.

This year's concerts were well attended especially the Jazz concert which was a total sell-out. We are most grateful to our local choirs for their artistic and financial support. The festival songs of praise made a fitting ending to a very successful fortnight.

Our final thanks go to Tina Gage at the Devonshire Arms for her continued enthusiasm for festival events and to our loyal Friends of Festival for their donations.

*Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon*

## Richard Scholey retires

After 29 years as Deputy Headteacher at Dore Primary School, Richard Scholey will be retiring at the end of the school term in December 2007. A charismatic teacher, he has made learning mathematics an enjoyable experience for pupils with his highly individual approach to numeracy lessons.

Richard has touched the lives of many people, both inside and outside the school, with his involvement in community activities such as the Dore Motor Show, numerous other charity events, old people's luncheon club at Dore Methodist Church, carols on the Green, quiz nights, the Wileman Cup, and much more besides.

The school governors have arranged a Retirement Reception for Richard on Thursday 13 December, from 4.00-5.30pm in the school, to which parents of pupils (past and present) are invited to attend, together with former pupils and members of the community. Donations towards Richard's retirement gift should be sent to Roger Allum, Governing Body, c/o Dore Primary School, Furniss Avenue, Sheffield S17 3QP (cheques made payable to "Dore Primary School").

## Gala cancellation

Many of you will be disappointed that this year's Scout & Guide Gala had to be cancelled for the first time in its 50 year history (although we are told that events on the Village Green were cancelled in the early 60's due to an invasion of mods and rockers on the Lambrettas!).

The decision to cancel focussed mainly on the state of the recreation ground. We kept a watchful eye on its condition soon after the Sheffield floods. Rather than improving, its condition worsened over the next 2 weeks.

By the time the decision to cancel was made 10 days before the event, there were large areas of standing water, the turf was literally floating bog-style in places and water was spurting out of the ground. It would have been impossible to get fair ground equipment on or off or even lorries to deliver tables, toilets, stalls or marquees.

This cancellation followed the trend in the region where almost all outside events were cancelled for similar reasons. We did consider alternative venues but all other open spaces were unavailable (including the schools). We were mindful too that we were responsible for over 300 young people which we felt ruled out holding it on the Village streets.

We do however plan to hold an Autumn Fair at the Scout Headquarters on Saturday 13th October between 10.30 and 13.00. At this we will have all the Gala favourites including a bottle stall, book stall and white elephant stall together with a coconut shy, Champagne hoopla and target football! We will also offer refreshments and have a number of table top stalls within the scout H.Q.

We would like to thank all those advertisers in our Gala programme and our Gala day sponsors for their encouragement and continued support at this difficult time and to the people of the Village for their understanding.

We intend to bounce back next year with an even bigger and better Gala and look forward to seeing you there.

*Dore Scout & Guide Gala Committee*

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## Memorial mystery

Dore war memorial is apparently one of twenty-six monuments that have been cleaned and refurbished across the City in the past few months, ranging from Halfway in the south to Stocksbridge in the north and including the Barkers Pool War Memorial in front of City Hall. The work was initiated by the Premises and Assets section of the City Council's Development, Environment and Leisure Department with Council funding when the responsibility for maintenance passed to them in a recent internal reorganisation.

The 'JOS' method of cleaning the stone has been employed using a combined jet of water and a very fine, neutral abrasive granulate swirling almost parallel to the stone face. (A more intensive jet would have damaged the surface and detail of the stone). The two bronze plaques commemorating the two World Wars were protected whilst the stone was being cleaned, then they were polished to a bright finish and had several coats of lacquer applied. Minor re-pointing of the limestone plinth and the low perimeter stone wall completed the job.

The monument is looking somewhat bright in its cleaned state but with all the recent rain, natural weathering of the limestone plinth is already beginning to tone down the rather stark effect of the cleaning.

Three or four years ago the Dore Village Society felt it necessary to undertake maintenance work on the rather neglected memorial; cleaning the Cornish granite

## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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Please forward items for the Winter (November) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 26th October**

statue and plinth of lichen and moss, laying new gravel surrounds and paths, painting the iron fence and planting a new hedge. It is hoped that the City Council will continue to maintain the memorial satisfactorily.

*David Crosby*

## Planning

**King Egbert School - Mercia Site.** The planning application for 109 houses on this site was turned down at a recent Sheffield planning committee meeting. We now have to wait and see whether the developer will appeal or put in a revised application.

**Fern Glen Farm.** Controversial plans for a 17ft wind turbine at the farm, next to Hathersage Road were approved at the end of May.

**Abbeylee Tennis Club.** Proposals to redevelop the site by building four houses on part of the site have been approved.

## Dorcas Lunch Club

Sadly, the Dorcas Lunch Club closed in August. Dorcas was started about the time of the United Reformed Church Centenary, 20 years ago, as an outreach into the community.

We operated twice a week for 18 years, and once a week since 2005. One of the aims was to give a break to carers of people with early Alzheimer's disease and other special needs.

Most of our volunteer helpers, past & present, have been involved for many years. We are grateful to local organisations and individuals for their support, especially the Transport 17 team members who are vital to the life of all lunch clubs in the area.

Dorcas cannot continue because of the retirement of some long-serving helpers, but it will be remembered with affection by many.

*Valerie Simpson,  
Co-ordinator*

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

During World War II people in this country learned what could be achieved by training and collective endeavour to overcome external threats. The main threats which we all face now are the effects of global warming.

How are Dore residents responding? How many houses have adequate insulation of roofs, windows and wall cavities? How many households have reduced their consumption of electricity, gas and water? How many recycle glass, metal and plastic, and compost kitchen and garden vegetable matter? How many have reduced the consumption of motor vehicle fuel by improved driving, car sharing, use of public transport and more walking?

**Tom and Eileen Umpleby**

Dear Sir,

Living next door to the War Memorial and opposite The Green is a very pleasant situation - until it rains and Savage Lane becomes a river. We all know what a torrent June 25th brought for our climate records.

Could I respectfully ask the motorists who travel up to the village in "river" circumstances to reduce their speed? It would save pedestrians from getting soaked as well as having my kitchen window cleaned every few minutes.

In hopeful anticipation.

**Val Malthouse**

Dear Sir,

The Government's plans for increased house building fail to take account of the important distinction between houses and housing.

We have, in fact, plenty of housing in the UK, but it is allotted inappropriately to the population's needs. Put simply, there are too many big houses and not enough small ones, particularly in affluent areas. A very high proportion of medium-size and large houses are chronically under-

utilised because the owners cannot find suitably smaller homes of a similar standard.

This is particularly true of the elderly, who often find themselves rattling around in the family home because of the paucity of attractive and convenient smaller units.

**Name and address supplied**

Dear Sir,

I write in response to the article "Dore Blues" by PC. Spencer explaining why we see so little of him.

Before I retired I owned a pharmacy in Beighton, a village then about half the size of Dore & Totley. We had three constables who all lived in the village and we saw them every day.

If there are more police now than forty years ago where are they and what are they doing?

**Reg Close**

Dear Sir,

Lifelong learning healthy and fun...

Each day of the week groups of retired or semi retired people get together to enjoy similar interests. They may be walking, painting, exploring local history or enjoying a host of other activities. They share mutual interests and value social contact with folk of a like mind. All are members of the University of the Third Age: a self help organisation.

There are over 640 towns and villages up and down the country which organise U3A programmes. Sheffield U3A is the largest with nearly 2,400 members. SU3A does not concern itself with qualifications, examinations or testing. Its members come primarily for pleasure.

The concept of U3A is international. One of the founder fathers of the movement in 1982 coined the phrase: "Those who teach shall also learn and those who learn shall also teach."

This is a co-operative self-help organisation where everyone has something to contribute from their accumulated store of knowledge and experience.

Many members of Sheffield U3A say their membership is one of the best things that happened to them. There is no doubt that the 140 activity groups around the city provide an amazing range of opportunities, some in the city centre or members' homes, others in the local countryside, even holidays abroad. Lifelong-learning is healthy and fun.

To find out more about Sheffield U3A collect a leaflet from your library or ring Rita Webster on 289 1351.

**Peter Barclay, Sheffield U3A**

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Woodland Flush article in our Summer edition.

Has the world gone mad! We are in the 21st. century and are fitting composting lavatories in Sheffield. The Star quoted Councillor Bryan Lodge, Sheffield Council's Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Green Spaces, as saying: "The composting toilet is an exciting addition to the site and is Sheffield's first." It is worthy of "The News Quiz".

The construction uses no glue or metal; why not? Glue is one of man's earliest discoveries and as for metal, we are in Sheffield, and metal is recyclable. I

suspect that this contraption has been imposed on the site by a well meaning committee but will largely be used by volunteers and workers who have no choice. We have to ask if this a precursor to their installation in the Town Hall and the University? The answer is of course not, because while the compost will not smell, the lavatory will and most people choose clean modern lavatories.

We must all do our best to save our environment but this is totally out of proportion. I must also ask about the use of railway sleepers which are known to use carcinogenic chemical preservatives which may leak out into the ground.

**Rowland Sheard, London SE5**

Dear Sir,

Just a little something that may be of interest?

One evening last week, around 6.30pm I was watching 2 of the neighbourhood cats having an amicable boxing match on my back lawn, when all at once there was a terrified shriek and they disappeared up my drive at the speed of light!

To my astonishment a very large badger ambled on to my lawn! It didn't come near my window - just had a good snuffle round on the grass and disappeared the way it had come. I have never seen on of these creatures in my life, but the black and white marking is so unmistakable.

I might say my garden backs on to properties in Church Lane, and I should be most interested to know if any of those residents have ever seen this creature, as this was the direction it came from. I read in a local paper that setts have been found in Sheffield in the Little Dale area - but though I've lived here 40 years, this is my first sighting.

With all good wishes - and sincere thanks to all concerned for such a wonderful local magazine.

**Muriel W Fearn**

Dear Sir,

I would like to say a big "thank you" to all who supported our Open Garden fund raising event.

Thanks to a superb team of friends and family who served cream teas, sold plants, cakes and raffle tickets, we raised a total of £2,000 for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity.

**Valerie Taylor  
Lower Bents Farm**

Dear Sir,

Just seen your webpage and an enquiry from Liza Hopkinson (nee Hurst) re Clarnico Sweets. The name over the shop in Sheffield was "Clarnico", nicely done in chocolate brown script on a lemon yellow background; it was one of the first words I recognised as a small boy passing on a bus. I think the shop was on West Street, Sheffield, not far from the Royal Hospital, now long demolished.

**Ian Gregory  
West Lothian, Scotland**

*Ed. The letter was published in our Winter 2002 edition - I quote: "My father was (John) Marshall Hurst born 1900. He also worked for Clarinco Sweets (apparently rather cheap & nasty liquorice affairs) have you ever heard of them? Any information, however small would be appreciated!"*

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Dear Sir,

I read with interest the article about Clive Tiddy in your last edition. I believe the aerial photos mentioned could have been bought from my late husband Don. I am particularly interested in Heather Lea House as my Uncle Godfrey Taylor was gardener there for many years, primarily for Mr & Mrs Vickers and then for Mr & Mrs Aldon Lee.

My uncle lived in the bungalow on Causeway Head Road, which was then known as Causeway Cottage, though I believe another property built later now claims that title. Anyway when Mr Vickers died he left the bungalow to Uncle Godfrey.

Mr & Mrs Aldon Lee were a really nice couple. Mrs Lee was I think Belgian. Anyway there was no snobbishness about her. She was a really charming elegant lady. The Lees had three children, Jennifer, Robin and Christopher. I remember Christopher with great affection. Such a well mannered lad.

My cousin Rita Thorpe, nee Warnes, worked for a time after she left school caring for the children, when they were tiny. Besides my uncle working in the garden, the Lees also had a brother and sister working in the house, but I cannot for the life of me recall their names. I think he was called Bob.

Every year Mrs Lee collected jumble in the garage to raise money for the conservatives. My mother used to beg my father not to collect and bring home anymore stuff but she was wasting her breath. Locals were allowed to pick over

the stuff before the actual sale. My father was a real squirrel which probably explains the fact that when he died he had 3 gas cookers stored away and he never lived in a house with gas.

*Jean Dean*

Dear Sir,

I was interested in the article in your summer 2007 edition by Ruth Beckford regarding the Reeve family of Dore Moor Farm. My 3x gt grandmother was Catherine Reeve who was born in 1806 at Hognaston Derbyshire, and daughter of Thomas Reeve b 1785 Brailsford and Elizabeth Allsop, who married at Bakewell in 1805.

Catherine married Joseph Oakden of Kniveton near Ashbourne Derbyshire in 1828 at Hognaston and their first 3 children were born at Brailsford, but around 1840 they moved to Cherry Tree Hill Ecclesall where Joseph was a wheelwright and joiner. Around the same time Thomas and Elizabeth Reeve moved from Hognaston where they farmed, to Dore Moor, as they are listed on the 1841 census there.

Thomas died in 1844 and was buried at Ecclesall, Elizabeth lived on until 1865 and went to live with her youngest spinster daughter at Little Common. Their son Thomas who was born at Hognaston in 1822 is recorded on the 1881 census as farming 60 acres at Dore Moor Farm, he died in 1887 and was buried with his wife Harriet and parents at Ecclesall.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Reeve were all born at Hognaston and are: Catherine b 1806 married Joseph

Oakden. John b 1811 a farmer at Little Hucklow. Martha b 1814 d 1814. Frances b 1816 married Bowman Blore at Bakewell in 1836, and farmed at Brushfield Hough near Bakewell. Hannah b 1819 married James Gilman at Bakewell in 1841, and moved to St Annes Lancashire. Thomas b 1822 of Dore Moor farm. Charlotte b 1824 d 1829. Mary b 1827. Robert b 1828, living at Ranmoor in 1881, buried at Ecclesall in 1904. Charlotte b 1833 a dressmaker, living at Little common from around 1860 until her death in 1921, buried at Ecclesall.

I would be interested to hear from anyone else with connections with this family, and I have looked on the map for Dore Moor farm without success, can anyone help please?

*Mrs Marilyn Mooney*

Dear Sir,

Totley Tunnel Information & Nostalgia During a recent clear out of my parents house in Dore we came across my Great Uncle's Sheffield University Civil Engineering study notes (1909-1911). Within these notes are some details of Totley Tunnel, a colour copy of these notes are enclosed - hopefully they will be of interest to the DVS.

I lived in Dore Village as child & youth before moving away to Perth, Scotland in 1979. I always read the Dore to Door quarterly magazine with interest bringing back nostalgic memories of childhood & village life. Now settled with my family in East Lothian, I still visit my sister in the village but the magazine, with its oral

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# FOUR *at* DORE



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history, helps provide a link back to the past.

Particular warm recollections that may stir the memories of others of my age group include :-

\* The Gala - Riding on the lorry from the scout hut to the field; camping out on the field on the Friday night; helping turn the sheep roast during Saturday on the village green; marching behind Sid Crowson; constructing the aerial runway with timber poles & lashings.

\* Scouts - Bob-a-job week; Whit week camp with 'Sam' Peter Jackson; helping Malcolm Brewer & John Wainwright as a venture scout; cooking on an open fire despite the weather; monthly Church parade & marching round the village; St. Georges day parade at the City Hall.

\* School - The dreaded Mrs Palmer & the kindly Mr Wright; moving to the 'new school' for our last junior school year; bringing games in on the last day of term; walking up to the Church Hall for school lunch.

\* Visiting Wiggits corner sweet shop after Sunday School; visiting the blacksmith behind the 'Dev' car park; sledging on Fairthorn Hill; the amazing wire cash conveying system in the Co-op.

**Bill Lowe**

Dear Sir,

Rabbits galore in Whirlow Brook Park.

For the first time 3 foot high chicken wire surrounds the formal beds by the steps. On the second week of June, two beds were planted up with salvia and cinerariums. By the following morning, rabbits had devoured the lot. So far they haven't tunnelled under the wire!

**Gillian Farnsworth**

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*Quiet Lane sign in Youlgrave*

## Quiet Lanes in Sheffield

Readers will recall earlier coverage on the possibility of creating Quiet Lanes in the area, specifically on Whitelow Lane which is now seeing more traffic following the restrictions on Long Line.

The Government introduced the concept in 2001 and subsequently Sheffield Council commissioned consultants to look at possible locations in Sheffield. Their report recommended Whitelow Lane and Newfield Lane amongst others. To aid their implementation the Government published regulations in August 2006, so we thought it was time again to ask what initiatives Sheffield was undertaking. We recently received the following reply from the Council's Transport Planning Team.

"You are right that Whitelow Lane in Dore would be the type of rural or urban-fringe lane that is suitable to be designated as a Quiet Lane. I'm afraid, however, that there is currently no means of funding for this type of scheme in Sheffield. Unlike Home Zones, for example, that could be installed into new housing developments, Quiet Lanes and their associated traffic slowing measures would need to be set up on a remedial basis in existing country lanes.

The Local Transport Plan budget is the relevant funding source for transport and highways schemes, and funding is targeted at the Key Priorities of Tackling Congestion, Road Safety, Air Quality, Accessibility and Public Transport. Road Safety may appear to be the most relevant of these to Quiet Lanes. However, the budget associated with this Local Transport Plan Priority, has to be directed into the sites (or neighbourhoods) where most road accidents occur. Unfortunately, roads that could potentially become Quiet Lanes, by their very nature, are almost never the ones high up on the list of the worst accident sites. Even if they were, the physical features and Traffic Order required to install a Quiet Lane scheme are somewhat more costly than a basic road safety scheme that is designed to tackle the accident problem (i.e. the Council may

be able to treat two accident-prone roads with a Local Safety Scheme for the cost of one Quiet Lane scheme). Quiet Lanes are more about preserving rural character and uses, rather than directly addressing road accident problems.

Quiet Lanes have been identified as a potential measure in Sheffield's Speed Management Plan. However, for many of the future actions within this plan, there is currently no funding source identified. If and when funding is identified for Quiet Lanes, a prioritisation system would be required."

In short, Quiet Lanes are low priority and the Council has no money. This is particularly poignant to Dore, having been absorbed from Derbyshire into Sheffield during the 1930s. Yet Derbyshire does find the money as I witnessed on a recent trip to Youlgrave (see picture), not exactly a traffic accident hot-spot.

**John Baker Chairman  
Dore Village Society**

## Festival open gardens

In spite of having the wettest June since records began six gardens opened on July 1st. The weather had been awful the week before and the forecast for the day was not good. But in the end we had some decent sunny intervals in between the sharp showers and many people managed to visit all six gardens.

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## Dore Church Repairs

Despite the heaviest recorded rainfall in Sheffield for over 130 years the existing slate covering over the church nave and the asphalt finish to the clergy vestry roof, both of which had been letting-in rain and snow, have been successfully replaced by Sothall Roofing Specialists Ltd. of Totley under the supervision of the architect, Andrew Shepherd of Eldon Minns and Co. Ltd.

With the nave roof covering stripped, the roof trusses, rafters and the unusual diagonal counter battens were found to be in good condition. However with a building that was constructed in 1828 there were likely to be some surprises on being able to inspect the structure more closely. The gable walls required considerable additional new construction above roof level. From the scaffolding, three of the ornately carved corner, stone buttress pinnacles were found to be dangerously unstable, so all four were dismantled, pinned with stainless steel dowels and re-bedded in lime mortar. The 30,000 natural slates to match the existing ones had to be sourced from Canada because the Welsh slate industry has virtually collapsed and there was some delay in finding a replacement for a broken ridge tile, in the latter stage of the work.

The opportunity has also been taken to improve the construction of the nave roof with preservative treatment of the existing timbers, increasing ventilation around the rafters at the eaves, adding roof insulation to improve the building's carbon footprint, installing stronger under-felt, using copper rather than iron nails, introducing new secret lead gutters and flashings at the gable walls, re-pinning and replacing damaged stone copings to the gable walls and extending the lightning conductor installation around the nave to a new terminal on the chancel gable cross finial. The flat clergy vestry roof has also had

new insulation and lead flashings added whilst replacing the asphalt.

The timing of the roof works was severely constrained to the early summer period by the need to comply with the licence granted by Natural England to protect bats potentially nesting in the roof voids under the European Protected Species, Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994. Work undertaken as part of the licence included fixing three bat boxes in the trees adjacent to Vicarage Lane and the installation of four specially formed, lead bat entry 'slates' over the eaves void in the nave roof.

At the same time the stone boundary wall along Church and Vicarage Lanes is being rebuilt and re-pointed where it has been deemed liable to collapse. This priority work, largely using existing stone bedded in lime mortar, is being carried out in two phases during 2007 and 2008. Further re-pointing will be required along Church Lane to avoid additional sections of the wall becoming unstable. Much of this work has been necessitated by the poor practice, in the past, of using hard cement mortar which has fallen out, damaged the stone and prevented the natural movement of the wall to expand and contract.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is carrying out these repairs costing over £80,000 as part of a planned maintenance programme identified in its Architect's Quinquennial Inspection Report in 2003 and has had to raise the money largely from its own funds as grant aid was refused by English Heritage, deciding that Christ Church Dore PCC should be able fund these works from its own resources.

Christ Church recognises its responsibility as stewards of a Listed Grade 2 building and the wall both of which form important features of the character of the Dore Conservation Area, but the PCC is grateful to those people in the community who have contributed to the costs. The cost of the roof repairs has

been met but further contributions are still welcome to meet the cost of the continuing repairs to the boundary wall.

*David Crosby*

## You are in New Totley

Following the article in our last issue about AA route guides, we have received the following reply from their Route Department.

"NAVTEQ data is based upon the postal address system used in Great Britain. According to this postal address system S17 3PP is located in the post town of Sheffield and not in Dore. No changes have been made at present.

New Totley is in the NAVTEQ database as a Zone ID. The Zone ID identifies what most end-users feel is the "city name" and locally well known, regardless of whether or not it is the true administrative name. Nigel Phillips, Mapping Services, Automobile Association".

If you want to put him right, you can write to him at Lambert House, Stockport Road, Cheadle SK8 2DY or via [www.theaa.com](http://www.theaa.com)

## Heritage Open Days

Why not soak up some of Britain's finest culture and architecture at this year's Heritage Open Day on 8-9 September. A range of properties will be opening their doors for free, from stately homes to tithe barns, castles to temples. This year the Society for Genealogy will be on hand at selected National Trust properties to help people research their ancestry. Local sites include: Padley Manor, Gatehouse and Martyrs Shrine, Sun 9th Sept, 11.30-17.00. North Lees Hall, Hathersage Sat 8th Sept, 12.00-17.00 & Sun 9th Sept, 12.00-17.00. The Lafarge Cement Hope Works, Thur 6th Sept, talks 10.00 & 11.30 - pre-booking essential on 01629 823256 (Arkwright Society). Shepherd Wheel Sun 9th Sept, 10.30-15.30. The Town Hall Sun 9th Sept, 10-16.00.

## Dore recreation ground

Sadly the most significant news this quarter was the cancellation of the Gala due to the waterlogged condition of the recreation ground. Whilst this was due mostly to the exceptionally wet period we experienced in June and July it is still felt that long overdue renovation works to the drainage system could have helped.

The Recreation Ground Steering Group has now formed and met and also entered into dialogue with the Development, Environment and Leisure Department and are hopeful that progress can be made in the coming months on both the drainage and the footpath.

The eight trees planted by Dore Village Society earlier this year have taken well and it is envisaged more will follow.

As usual any comments would be welcome and anyone wishing to assist the group can contact Dave Ward: 236 3472.



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 Salmon

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 Melon

Melon fan with fresh fruit  
 Pâté

Chicken liver pâté served with finger toast

Mackerel

Hot smoked mackerel served with horseradish sauce

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Steak

6 oz fillet steak with tomatoes and mushrooms

Fish

Chef's fish of the day

Chicken Cacciatore

Chicken cooked in red wine, mushrooms and garlic

Pie

Chef's homemade pie of the day

Roast

Chef's roast of the day

Lamb

Three grilled cutlets with tomatoes and mushrooms

Three Bean Provençal

Mixed beans in a red wine, mushroom and tomato sauce

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Vegetables

Fresh vegetables and potatoes of the day

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Sweets

Choice of sweets

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Coffee

Fresh filter coffee and mints (£1.50 extra)

### Dinner £16.50

Four courses

Monday to Friday

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Chef's home-made soup of the day

Pâté

Chicken liver pâté served with finger toast

Melon

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Pancake

Chicken and herb mushroom pancake glazed with cheese

Salmon

Poached salmon steaks and prawns served with Marie Rose sauce

Mackerel

Hot smoked mackerel served with horseradish sauce

Brie

Deep-fried Brie served with fruit coulis

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Lamb

Shank of lamb served with mint and honey, and white wine sauce

Steak

6 oz fillet served in a red wine and Mushroom sauce

Roast

Chef's Roast of the day

Pie

Chef's home-made pie of the day

Salmon

Grilled salmon fillet served with parsley butter

Chicken

Poached breast of chicken in a sauce of white wine, onions, mushrooms and brandy

Trout

Fillet of trout in almond and butter sauce

Three Bean Provençal

Mixed beans in a sauce of red wine, mushrooms and tomatoes

Vegetables

Chef's choice of vegetables and potatoes of the day

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Sweets

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These are sample menus

4-course Sunday Lunch

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it came about. "I had made several friends in the village and one of these was Mrs Dyson who owned the block of cottages and the shops on High Street, which stood opposite the Hare and Hounds. At the back of her Andy Pandy shop as she called it - wools, knick-knacks and haberdashery- was a bake house that had been closed for some considerable time." Mr. Clayton opened a greengrocery there, but when the new shops were built on Causeway Head Road he moved into one of those. Mrs. Dyson offered the old bake-house to Jean who, encouraged by her father and assisted by her brother decided to "make a go of it" and learn about the greengrocery business.

With help from her family they cleared out the premises and opened in 1960. At first Roy Holmes agreed to bring up the produce for them from Sheffield Market but then Jean's father bought her a blue van. Jean remembers clearly "We used to drive that blue van up the slope, open the doors, put some green grass mats outside and display the fruit and veg. Nobody pinched anything in those days; they would bring in anything they wanted."

Jean's business became established once she had circulated all her many contacts in the Mother's Union at Christchurch, and eventually she had to take on an assistant, Mrs. Haywood, who lived next door to the Post Office. Jean remembers her well "It was lovely having her because she used to clean the brass scales with Brasso and the place always looked tidy."

Jean emphasises that the Sceats were only renting their premises as were the other shopkeepers Mr. Roberts, the fishmonger and Mrs. Priddon, the haberdasher. But quite unexpectedly the landlady approached her tenants with an offer to buy. "Mrs Dyson came to me and said she wanted to sell the properties. Were we interested? Her only daughter had got married and had gone to live in London." Mrs. Dyson found herself on her own so she naturally wanted to sell up and move near her daughter. None of the others were interested but the Sceats were keen. Jean continues "Well, we didn't know whether we were doing the right



*Jean Sceats*

thing or the wrong thing but in the end we did go and see the bank and they agreed to lend us some money. So, into action we went as regards buying it."

However, there arose unforeseen problems as Jean explains "My deep concern was for the cottages which were in a bad state of repair. The young lady in the end cottage had children and when she invited me in to look I couldn't believe all the water that ran down the walls!" Jean's father advised her to contact the Town Hall to see if she could obtain some financial help with repairs. This request resulted in two building inspectors coming up to Dore. "Now, we didn't want the cottages pulled down but these two men condemned them within half an hour, all the lot of them, and they said they were not fit to live in or even to be redone."

The decision was made to demolish and rebuild so plans were drawn up. There was a strong wish to design a building that provided modern shops with accommodation above and was also in keeping with the general architecture of the village, unlike the row of shops on High Street that had replaced the lovely Rose and Ivy Cottages. Jean laughs at how her family managed to do it "There was so many thousands of pounds needed and we could not raise all that but we found that if we could sell the flats that would keep us going, which is what we did." When the

cottages were demolished several people asked for some of the stone for their gardens. The new shops and flats were built by Robson's and Jean eventually moved into her own greengrocery in 1971; an amazing achievement by a very determined and hard-working lady.

So, Jean's shop flourished. But behind it all lay long hours of toil, getting up at five o'clock to go off to market and driving back through the village with her van laden with fresh produce just as Dads were catching the bus to work and Mums were walking the children to school. Jean remembers what it was like in her shop. "In those days there was no such thing as serving yourself. I served the customer and being a church person I suppose I did a lot of my church work behind the counter because if people were new to the village I would tell them what went off. We used to be asked who was the best doctor, was there a dentist and numerous other such things." Deliveries were a large part of the business and in difficult weather conditions family members helped out. "In the winter time when we couldn't deliver by road my brother and Alf would deliver on the sledge."

Jean and Alf's involvement in the community of Christchurch continues today with the support of the younger members of their family. However, for many years, it was Jean's devotion to the Mothers Union that occupied her free time and boundless energy. Her ability to organise and inspire other women to help with social and fund-raising events made her a popular leader.

The other talent for which Jean is well known in Dore is flower arranging. Through selling a few bunches in her shop she became interested in flowers and joined the Sheffield Floral Club to learn her art. It soon developed into a passion shared with close friends Betty Booth, Anne Hancock and Peggy Thorpe. Jean reminisces fondly "We had lots of lovely times and a great laugh and then gradually we got to entering shows, Sheffield Show, Bakewell Show. I'll never forget winning my first 1st Prize at Harrogate Show. Of course, the highlight was helping at Chelsea Flower Show; that was brilliant!" Jean was on the committee of the Sheffield Floral Club for 14 years becoming Chairman in 1991. She is a highly respected judge for the Floral Section of our own Dore Show.

In 1984, after 25 years in the greengrocery trade Jean retired. The shop was refitted as a self-service and renamed "The Country Garden". The end of an era.

Jean's final comments are so typical of an active and generous woman who not only built up a successful greengrocery and floral business but still has time and energy for other people. "I like to think that I am helping to raise money for a good cause so one of my main interests is in a scheme known as 'Away From It All', giving holidays to underprivileged families. This is organised through the Mothers Union and at our Summer Fayre we can raise £500-£1,000 in an afternoon, which, you know is nice; it's worth doing!"

*Maureen Cope*

*Dore Oral History Group*

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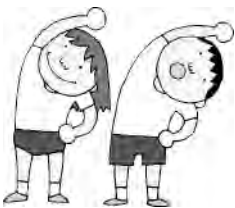
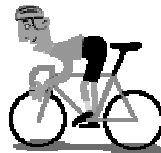
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Among the equipment on site is a tipping bucket rain gauge. This clever device consists of a collection funnel sunk into the ground below which is a see-saw like platform (bucket) that tips and makes a recording every time 1/5th of a millimetre of rain falls on it.

In the first 6 months of this year it had recorded 686 mm of rain (27 inches), over 3/4 of the long term average annual rainfall of 886 mm (35 inches). As the table shows, June has been the wettest month so far (surprise!) and the wettest

## Rainfall in Dore – 2007

	MONTHLY TOTAL	HIGHEST DAILY (DATE)
January	176 mm	27 mm (17 <sup>th</sup> )
February	94 mm	33 mm (10 <sup>th</sup> )
March	55 mm	12 mm (4 <sup>th</sup> )
April	6 mm	3 mm (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
May	103 mm	40 (13 <sup>th</sup> )
June	252 mm	64 (14 <sup>th</sup> )

**Note: 25 mm is approximately 1 inch**

day was the 14th June when 64 mm fell. This daily total equals the record for Dore since recording began in the Village in 1956. It equals the rainfall on 28th July 2005 when the same amount of rain fell although in 2005 the rainfall was more intense with 32 mm (1 1/4 inches) falling in an hour - my daughter's wedding day!

Although these figures pale into insignificance in the face of some of the rainfall that has been experienced on Humberside and the West Country in

recent days, it is clear that records are being broken more frequently in Dore, perhaps a reflection of long term climate change.

*Geoff Cope*

## Long Line traffic

*Update from Sheffield City Council, Road Safety on the Long Line Experimental Safety Scheme.*

Over the last few months, the Council has consulted the public by sending questionnaires to interested parties, and motorists who use Long Line have been able to phone in to request questionnaires too. The consultation is finished now and has produced an excellent response; we have received over 450 completed questionnaires, so "Thank you" to everyone who filled one in.

Last year counting 'loops' were permanently set into the road surface at the top of Long Line to constantly count vehicles going along the road; these loops can tell us how many cars are still going through the restriction. Additionally, extensive 'before' and 'after' traffic counts have been taken around the area to determine the reassigned traffic routes.

Officers are now analysing the questionnaires and traffic data that has been collected, in order to write a report on the trial to advise Councillors. The report will go to the Council's Area Planning and Highways Board in the autumn where Councillors will discuss the issues and determine the way forward. Those that have contributed to the consultation will be told how they can access the report and of the meeting arrangements, should they wish to attend.

*Ed. A quick survey by me suggests that a large percentage of potential users (commuters?) are ignoring the restrictions and turning down Long Line. Many of those obeying the signs continue to Hathersage Road, eventually turning right into Cross Lane. However a significant number are taking Whites Lane as an alternative route into the village, creating additional hazards for horse riders and walkers using this route.*

## Noise complaints

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## Whinfell Quarry Garden

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a much needed £47,600 boost for urgent work at Whinfell Quarry Garden off Ecclesall Road South. This little-known gem is unique to South Yorkshire because it hosts rare plants, flowers, trees, all in an unusual setting.

Although the Victorian garden was gifted to Sheffield City Council in 1968, the majority of the maintenance work is carried out by a team of tireless volunteers - the "Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden". Up until now, funding for any refurbishment has come from public subscription and from close neighbours of the garden.

The new money will go towards restoring the Victorian boundary fence to its original design and work to the pathways safe in order to provide better access to the park. This will mean that we will now be able to run activities for children from which they can learn more about the garden and acquire skills to help them engage in their local and community heritage. Adults on working days will be able to enhance their woodcraft skills by working along side the rangers.

All the forthcoming work will be carried out in close consultation with Sheffield Parks Department, which has ultimate responsibility for the 2.22 acre site. The City Council no longer has the resources to do justice to sites like this one, so help from the Friends and the Heritage Lottery Fund is a great relief for those who care for gardens past.

The 'Friends' hold a number of working days throughout the year. The next is on Saturday the 1st September, for which volunteers are needed to clear more weeds, spread wood chippings and tidy the paths. Tools and supervision are provided by official Park Rangers. Refreshments are also provided, and everyone is welcome. Please meet at the entrance to the Garden at Whirlow Bridge, Ecclesall Road South at 9.30am.

**Kathleen Cox Tel: 235 0534**



## Dore well dressing

A huge thank-you goes out to all those who helped with and supported this year's Well Dressing. Each year, in a joint effort, both the Village Well Dressing and the Guide's Well Dressing raise many hundreds of pounds for charity.

What you see when the Well Dressing goes up is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a great many people who volunteer to help in a lot of different ways. From the beginning of the process - cleaning and puddling the clay - to the end - dismantling the boards and putting everything in storage - requires a real team effort and every member of the team is as valuable as the next.

Many people come and help to make the picture, whilst others let us raid their gardens for material. Mike Cullen and Porter Contractors supply the lorry to transport the completed boards from the Scout Hut to the Village Green and the men from the Devonshire Arms provide the muscle to put up the Well Dressing.

Once again, to all those who helped in whatever way, I want to thank you very much. See you all again next year.

**Barbara Jackson**

## Youth worker trust

The third year's work of the Dore churches youth worker trust has seen further progress being made in all aspects of our activities, ably led by our youth worker Joel Toombs. Particularly so at King Egbert's School, where the school staff are very supportive of the work being done by Joel, who has assistance from Ben Harper and Seb Allwright, fellow Youth workers in SI7.

The main focus of our work is for young people between the ages of 11 and 14, who meet on a Tuesday evening for activities such as dance, football or creativity, and on a Wednesday monthly for a movie. Other get togethers take place on a Sunday evening, and annually there is a weekend away. Last year this was to Cumbria for rock climbing and a whole range of outdoor activities, and this year the venue is nearer home at Edale. During the summer Joel and his team are involved with the Dore Gala and the Totley Residents Summer Festival.

If you would like to know more about all of our activities then please contact Joel at [Dore.youth@talktalk.net](mailto:Dore.youth@talktalk.net) or by telephone on 07753 836965.

All these things, of course, require funding and the Trustees extend their grateful thanks to all members of the three churches in Dore who continue to support the work financially and in so many other ways. If you are able to support this very valuable work with young people in Dore in any way, then please contact me on 236 2474.

**Eric Barraclough, treasurer**

## Opinion

Griff Rhys Jones on Wind Farms.

*Griff Rhys Jones is currently presenting 'Mountain', a new television series on BBC1, the filming of which took him up 15 mountains in Britain. He was interviewed about the programme in the August issue of 'Country Walking' magazine. Some of his comments seem worth repeating.*

- This mountain wilderness is under attack on all fronts, Griff argues, with short-term thinking ("politicians whipping up a temporary panic") presenting a real danger to the essence of what makes mountains special. And the Rhys Jones wrecking ball clatters gleefully into wind farms, for starters.

"If the planet is dying and if we believe all these ideas about an impending crisis, then we need proper solutions to it, and that's certainly not going to be erecting wind farms on tons of concrete," he insists.

Nuclear or tidal power may hold the answer, but his biggest concern is how remote, wild places are ruined by what he sees as green-gesture politics, the erection of giant turbines despoiling landscapes irrevocably.

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

### Vegetable and Fruit Section

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

### Flower Section

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

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

- 31 4 savoury scones (white flour)
- 32 A Dundee Cake \*
- 33 A Victoria Sandwich \*
- 34 Gingerbread loaf (baked in tin - not Parkin) 4 iced buns
- 35 A plate of 5 biscuits containing oats
- 36 A loaf of white bread (not machine made and should be cool)
- 37 A jar of chutney
- 38 A jar of lemon curd
- 39 A jar of soft fruit jam (not jelly)
- 40 A jar of marmalade
- 41 A Chocolate cake with filling (any recipe)

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

### Wine Section

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

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

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

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

### Textile & Hand Craft Section

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

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

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

### Photography Section

- 63 A Black & White photograph 7"x5" min. size
- 64 Colour photo - "An Urban Landscape" of min. size 7"x5"
- 65 Colour photo - "My Family"
- 66 Colour photo - "An aspect of Dore" Classes 65 & 66 are for max size 6" x 8" Unframed snapshots.

### Junior Section (up to age 14)

Entries must be children's own work and show their age. A3 is max size for classes 69 and 70

- 67 A vegetable animal
- 68 An arrangement of flowers in an egg cup
- 69 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)
- 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)
- 71 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
- 72 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age 8 & under) \*see above
- 73 A 'kit' model (age 9 to 11)
- 74 A craft exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)
- 75 An art exhibit (age 12 to 14)
- 76 A colour photographic - max size 6" x 8" Unframed snapshots
- 77 4 fairy cakes to be judged on decoration only

### Recipes and notes

\* **Class 32** Dundee Cake recipe:

Approx 7" tin, ½lb plain flour, 1 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 3 hens eggs, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz soft brown sugar, 6oz each of sultanas and currants, 2oz peel, 1oz red or dark cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tbsp milk and 1oz almonds for the top.

\* **Class 33** Victoria Sandwich Cake recipe:

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





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## Apostrophe or not?

The battle for the apostrophe may have been lost as it is increasingly missed or miss-used, including amongst our pages.

History records that the apostrophe appeared only in the 16th century - as an indication that a letter, or letters, had been omitted. It was only towards the end of the 17th century that an apostrophe indicated the singular possessive case. It was not until the end of the 18th century that the apostrophe, after the 's', was first recorded as the plural possessive case.

No wonder people are confused. In place names for example the best guide to the effective spelling is to consult your local maps. Thus we have: The Queen's College (Oxford) but Queens' College (Cambridge). If the universities of Oxford and Cambridge cannot predict an absolute rule, what hope can there be for foreigners endeavouring to check their spelling?

Then there is the matter of pure chance. The apostrophe in St Alban's (used by Shakespeare, for example) was lost in 1877 when a parliamentary draftsman omitted it from the Bill to elevate the town to city status. It was meant to have been "the City of St Alban", but the man who drew up the charter wrote "the City of St Albans". No one seems to have spotted the omission, and once the Act became law the apostrophe had been abolished by statute.

## News in brief

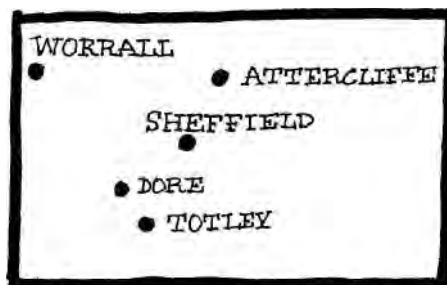
**Half the housing** built in England since the war is on flood-prone land.

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## A bearded removal

Slogging away through my huge collection of files, mostly on Totley but occasionally sneaking into Dore, I came across a copy of a settlement certificate dated 15 February 1719/20. Thomas and Mary Beard from Dore applied to move to Worrall north of Sheffield. Why all this fuss over a change of address?

Well in 1662 an Act of Settlement stated that a stranger staying in a parish could be removed by the local Overseer of the Poor if he had no prospect of work within 40 days, or he was unable to rent property worth £10 a year. For example if a stranger came on a temporary basis - say to help with the harvest - he had to have a certificate from his home parish or township guaranteeing to take him back. After 40 days the stranger could claim settlement and become a charge on the poor rate.

Persistent vagrants could be punished by transportation. There were some amendments made in 1697 whereby paupers and their families had to wear a capital P on their clothing (which sounds familiar!). If the instruction was not obeyed there could be loss of relief, imprisonment, hard labour or whipping.

Was this Thomas the grandson of Francis Beard a farmer who died in 1640 and whose will and inventory are recorded in 'Seke In Body But Hole In Mind' published by Dore Village Society? Another certificate covers the settlement of Joshua Green (son of John of Totley) and his wife Barbara from Dore to Attercliffe.

Why did these people move; was it job opportunity. Do you know? If so write and tell us.

*Brian Edwards*

## Amateur Dramatic Society

The Dore and Totley United Reformed Amateur Dramatic Society was formed over 75 years ago. We are collecting an oral history to sustain our links with the past and hopefully to gain interest in the society from the local community. This is Mavis Fletcher's history:

"I first joined the society because I lived next door to the church hall and I went to the Sunday school there. Then there was the youth club, and then there were the pantomimes. They asked me if I would join the pantomime, which I did. From there on when they had a part for a young person they came to me and that was how I got into the Dore and Totley Dramatic Society.

My earliest memory was that when a play was on, it was exciting in a way. There used to be a full house every night and you had to ring up to get a ticket. In my middle teens I found that it was nice to be involved and I've got a twin brother Miles who was in the dramatic society. Miles Lennox was quite well known.

I can't remember my first production, I know I was a maid. I was a maid quite a lot.

One I remember for the late forties was Jane Eyre, which I am sure John Hunt produced. He used to shout if you weren't doing it right, people used to get quite tearful, not just me, one or two of us did.

I distinctly remember in 1965, "Henry came to Tideswell." It was riotous, and it was such a huge cast, at least it was meant to be such a huge cast, but we all had to double up. The men were soldiers and the next time they were another character altogether. I can remember my mother in the audience laughing so much I could hear it on stage.

The very last play I was in I had to kiss this chap on stage on the settee, and I forgot all my words. I was so embarrassed, and in the interval I took myself for a walk up Chatsworth Road to calm myself down, and I think that it was then that I decided I would not go on stage again.

One disaster I do remember was when I was doing wardrobe once. Kate Edersby put this dress on and it was a zip all up the back and just before she went on the zip broke. She didn't dare turn round because she had a gap all the way down her body.

It's been tremendous; I've loved every minute of it. It's a wonderful community thing, part of our social life". Told to:

*Linda Williamson  
Society Secretary*

*Ed. If you are interested in joining the Society, they are always looking for new members, not just to act but to do all the other jobs that putting on a production involves. Give Linda a call on 236 3569*

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## A signalmans' life

Totley's own Glynn Waite has come out with yet another railway publication and in this case he fills 72 pages crammed with details on Charles Burling a signalmans from Cromford. As a coincidence Charles's son was Glynn's godfather.

After several jobs before being transferred to Cromford Sidings signal box, Charles kept two invaluable notebooks covering the period 1912 to 1917 and 1925 until 1947.

This latest book contains many illustrations of stations, rolling stock, personnel - enough to fill lots of anoraks. There are mentions of Longstone, Monsal, Clay Cross Tunnel, and many other local places.

The book is entitled 'Charles Burling, Signalmans' by Glynn, published by The Rowsley Association, price £9.99. Don't let me go on about the publication too much, just pop down to Matlock Station or other outlets and get one for yourself!

*Brian Edwards*

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The Museum is at 605, Ecclesall Road, next to Endcliffe Methodist Church, and open 10.30am - 4.30pm tickets £1.50 concessions £1 and family ticket £4).

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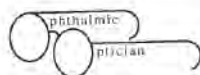


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## Dore Blues

*A Community Constables View.*

"A Good Bobby never gets wet". That small nugget of advice was given to me in January 1984 when I was "still in my wrapper". Well I guess I'm not as good as I think I am, because like most other Sheffields this last few months I've been wet, drenched, soaked and I think my bike has rising damp.

I do not wish to dwell on these matters for to long but the heavy rains have caused all of us problems. I for one would like to say well done. Not just to the people who helped out i.e. my colleagues in the other services, but the people who have suffered damage and disruption. Their Stoic response has been inspirational.

The weather though has played havoc with many plans for this summer. Most noticeably for the readers of this publication might be the cancellation of the Dore Gala. I know this decision was not taken lightly but I think it was right.

Ironically on the day it was wall to wall sunshine and the pubs were full of well-intentioned, good-humoured local's, intent of making the best. Policing plans for this event had been considered for months with consideration mainly being given for possible public order. Due to the cancellation resources were not needed and the whole day passed without incident. The rest of Festival week went ahead mostly untouched.

Can I just say a big thank you to the organisers of the Fun run, for allowing me to run. It was a real highlight for me to share this event with so many families, friends etc and a real reflection of what the essence of Dore is all about.

As we approach the autumn months and nights draw in my thoughts turn to my policing priorities. These usually centre on Anti Social behaviour. PC Wadsworth, Constable for Totley, and myself have various strategies and I am please to report that these seem to have been successful.

I am not a great fan of statistics, but I am pleased to report that our area has seen a substantial fall in Anti Social behaviour. When compared with this period last year we have seen throughout Sheffield a 39% increase in reports. However in our area we have seen a 14% drop. This is the best figure for the Sheffield Area and

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really rather pleasing. I shall briefly just mention a few things about Crime prevention ([www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk).)

As always I would ask that we are all extra careful with open windows, unlocked cars, unattended bags/purses etc and especially satellite Navigation tools. We still have victims of crime, as an area and I shall only be happy when we have No crime. Especially when a large number of crimes are avoidable. With a little extra thought and little more effort we really can make an impact on this type on "petty" crime. Its purely opportunist stuff, no great plan, just a thief taking advantage of local people who either trust too much or think it won't happen to them. It does, and there is nothing more frustrating than knowing that Crime could have been avoided.

As go to press there have been a local problem with windows shot at by an air gun in the Totley Brook Road / Furniss Avenue area. If anybody can help with information please give me a call.

A brief reminder that the Section house on Totley Brook Road, is still in use and whenever the door is open please feel free to pop in. The phone number is 296 3681.

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

*P.c. 2247 David Spencer  
Dore Area Constable*

## On your bike

It's never too late to learn to ride a bike, so if you're itching to explore Britain's scenic routes without creating carbon emissions, summer is the perfect time to practise.

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## The Wildlife Garden

Water is essential to wildlife, so a water feature is a must for a wildlife garden. Many animals will make use of it, regardless of its size

Not every garden can accommodate a large pond, but this is not a problem since even a balcony has space for a birdbath. And if you have a bigger area, why limit yourself to just one water feature? The greater the availability of water, the greater diversity of wildlife you can expect.

Take advantage of wet, soggy soils by creating a bog garden stocked with kingcups (*Caltha palustris*), Butomus, Astilbe, purple loosestrife and meadowsweet. Muddy areas at the edge of a bog garden or pond will be welcomed by birds such as house martins, swallows, nuthatches and blackbirds seeking nest-building materials in summer. Formal streams are attractive but are rather sterile for most aquatic wildlife. A cascading stream with dedicated planting pockets and drop pools will be much richer in biodiversity, but disturbed water evaporates much more quickly in hot weather than still water.

Container water features are particularly suited for courtyard or patio gardens. A pebble fountain with only a thin film of water is a safer option than a pond where children are concerned. However, for most containers, a minimum water depth of 20-30cm is sensible. This reduces the frequency of topping up and allows a few plants to be added.

Wooden barrels should be thoroughly rinsed out and made watertight before planting up. Fill with water and keep topping up until the swelling of the wood seals any leaks. Plastic barrels also work but are not as attractive. Stone troughs, old sinks and large, glazed Oriental-style pots are more eye-catching, providing any drainage holes are well plugged. Old baths can be 'shabby chic' and a haven for newts.

Having some water at ground level means that mammals as well as birds can come to drink. A pond with shallow edges, such as a 'beach' of cobbles, is ideal. Other likely visitors include damselflies, dragonflies, amphibians, mayflies and an abundance of smaller creatures. Even grass snakes can be seen hunting their prey in garden ponds.

## Safer country lanes

Help make country lanes safer! Walking, riding or driving on narrow country lanes can be a hair-raising experience, what with the threat of vehicles whizzing round blind corners at high speed. CPRE is supporting a petition that aims to persuade the Government to introduce a mandatory 30mph speed limit on country lanes to make them a safer place for everyone. Go to: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/countrylanes/>

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## Blacka Moor Grazing

Blacka Moor is an important place for the people of Sheffield as Dawn Biram pointed out in her article in the summer issue. It has a wonderful mix of established and new woodland, heath, scattered trees, copses, wooded cloughs and the valuable Cowsick Bog. It is typical of a valuable heathland, and differs from other parts of the Peak District because it has not been intensively managed with heavy grazing or burning.

However, the ever-increasing problem of bracken and birch encroaching onto the heathland and the build up of nutrients, which would eventually change the soil and ecology entirely, will not stop of its own accord and something is needed to prevent this. Contrary to popular belief, heathland is not natural - yes it's made up of natural components and has a wild feel about it, but heathland was created and is maintained through woodland clearance and livestock grazing.

Some believe that nature should be allowed to take its course and that scrub, bracken and trees be allowed to develop with the loss of the carpets of heather and bilberry. Legally, this can't happen as it's protected by UK and European legislation. Morally, is this what J.G. Graves wished for the people of Sheffield to have and do the people of Sheffield really want this?

The fundamental question is how should this wonderful heathland be conserved? From all the research and the Grazing Impact Assessment, done by an independent and well-respected ecologist who has known the site for more than 30 years, the only realistic option is to graze a few cattle for just a few weeks of the year, along with manual works. A site worker would be great to have and that option received support from many people at meetings. However, a site worker simply could not achieve aspects that cattle can - how will a person prevent the build-up of vegetation and nutrients across



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92 hectares for example? Added to that is the exponential growth of bracken, and as the heather plants collapse (as they do naturally) the colonisation gaps where birch will establish will increase rapidly, and gone is the open heathland within just a few years. The option of a site worker needs to worked up a lot more and could certainly complement cattle grazing. Once the management plan is in place then this'll form the foundations for working out staff needed and for what purposes.

Dawn Biram states that cattle grazing was not the preferred outcome of the public consultation but it is the preferred outcome to some people but not to others. The objective was to try to reach consensus - this worked for some aspects but not for others as the grazing issue was so polarised.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust has a legal and moral obligation to conserve the heathland for the people and wildlife, and cattle grazing is merely one of the tools for achieving this for the time being if future generations are to enjoy Blacka Moor as we do. The grazing of cattle is clearly not a change of use but a cost-effective management tool.

The site is still a valuable place for recreation and for wildlife. In the short-term it'll take a bit of getting used to of course, and talking with people who use and appreciate the site has always helped us appreciate what people's needs are and this is set to continue as it has for the last 5 years.

If you have the chance (now that the weather's improved), do go there whilst the heather is in flower and see the beautiful Highland heifers (there are 9 of them). There are also information leaflets about grazing available at some entrances. If you'd like a copy of the Grazing Impact Assessment or details of how the cattle will conserve the heathland, or you'd like to attend meetings or receive notes from meetings then please get in touch: a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com or 0114 263 4335. Annabelle Kennedy (Sheffield Wildlife Trust Nature Reserves Manager)

*Ed. Hopefully we have covered both sides of the argument for or against cattle and the implications of their deployment. My own observations are that they are so few in number as to often be hard to spot, but that they do seem to favour footpaths for their mobility and ablutions!*

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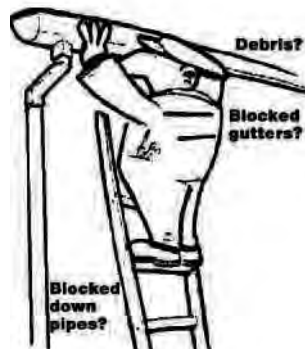
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Car dependency has increased steadily since 1993, except in London. The distances travelled by car have increased by 17 per cent. Three quarters of us have a driving licence, up from two thirds just over a decade ago. Nearly two thirds of women drive, compared with less than half in 1993, while the proportion of men behind the wheel has risen from 75 to 80 per cent.

Outside London bus use has declined by 13 per cent, and only 19 per cent of those surveyed admitted to regularly using one. Half of us have never used the bus. There appear to be few new converts to the idea of leaving the car at home!

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## On the road again

The best part of teaching driving and road safety is meeting new people both young and old. Nothing pleases me more than to walk into any of my local pub's or shops and be served by an old pupil or stopped for a chat. I like the feeling of community and everything associated with that. However, there is a spectre which hangs uncomfortably over my head, which is the simple truth that the road is a dangerous and unforgiving place, and the lives of all young learner test graduates are at risk when they drive away in their own vehicles. To put this in perspective, young male drivers between the ages of 17 to 24 are almost ten times more likely to die in a car accident than their fathers, over the same time period.

So far I am not aware of any road deaths among my old pupils, but like the rest of the road training profession I have been putting a great deal of time into the problem of accidents among young drivers.

Changes that we have already seen in the driving test have included the introduction of both a test of driving theory and hazard perception. Recently the pass level for the hazard perception test was raised, and in September the number of theory test questions will be raised from 35 to 50. The practical driving test has also been extended in time to include a greater variety of road types and situations. Questions about basic car maintenance are asked by the examiner and manoeuvring skills are additionally tested by the inclusion of reverse parking.

Concerns within the profession are that all of the above are not denting road death statistics among young people, and for this reason several other options are under consideration including pre-driver training, graduated licensing with restrictions on a car's power and number of passengers, compulsory motorway and night driving, and possibly different treatment of driving offenders. Research undertaken in America has shown that

graduated driver licensing has resulted a 39% drop in road accidents among young people, perhaps this is the way forward.

Until the changes come into effect there is still plenty that we experienced drivers can do to improve the odds of our children's survival. Demonstrate good driving habits to them, drive legally in front of them and let them watch you doing basic car maintenance. You could even consider becoming a supervising driver as part of their structured driver training course.

*John Barker Dip M DSA ADI  
is a BSM Instructor*

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*Ed. I have always wondered why tear (to pull apart) and tear (as in teardrop) are spelt the same. But then excess wear and tear on a car could certainly produce tears!*

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## News in brief

**The Local Authority Road Safety Officers' Association** is calling on the Government to ban smoking while driving to cut road accidents, claiming that drivers put lives at risk when they take their hand off the wheel to light up.

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We welcome this opportunity to say thank-you to the readers of Dore to Door for their kind donations of Furniture, Household Goods, time and money given over the years to help our project survive.

If you would like to know more about our work or maybe volunteer your help in any way or request an information pack, please contact me, Ralph Dickins, on 0114 258 4075 or 07742918154.

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## Transport 17

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us, physically or financially, so far this year. Hopefully they will carry on the good work until December!!

We have had a few problems with our oldest bus, so we are even more determined to replace it as soon as we can. This will need at least £40,000. If Michael did not look after our buses as well as he does, we would not be able to keep them as long as we do.

One of our helpers was taken ill recently. Many thanks to the staff at Dore Pharmacy for their kindness and for calling the ambulance.

Transport 17 will close on Friday 10th August, and re-open on Wednesday 29th August. This gives the clubs, their helpers and our staff a chance to catch up with our families, gardening and, possibly, looking after grandchildren.

Take care all of you. Support all the local events. Many people are working hard to make things pleasant and enjoyable for us in this area.

*Margaret Barlow*

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## Exhibition at No.10

Ag Studios in Dore will be opening its doors as a gallery again in September, when they will be showing an exhibition of paintings by the once local artist Endre Roder.

Now living and working in Swanage, Hungarian born Endre studied and then worked in Sheffield from 1955 to 2000. His paintings are now on show in galleries across the world and the UK. And the gallery at number 10 Causewayhead Road is not only proud to be one of these, but also happy it is able to provide a new local venue.

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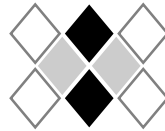
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## Book Reviews

Some people always start at the sports pages of their newspaper, others go to the financial pages or celebrity column. But if you need cheering up, or enjoy some political satire, then it could be the cartoonist who makes your day. For many a Sheffield Star and Telegraph reader it was Ralph Whitworth's cartoons that did the trick, irreverently lampooning government at national and local levels, sporting celebrities and certain, relevant, news items. With his eye for the comic detail in news that may not have appeared to be that funny at first glance, he definitely appealed to the slightly offbeat humour of the South Yorkshire public. Now you have a chance again to enjoy some 80 of his cartoons, reproduced in a new book 'Whitworth on' published by Pickard Communication price £9.99 ISBN 1-905278-121-8

'Sheffield Hero: The Life of Captain Matt Sheppard' by J P Craddock is a biography of reputedly 'Sheffield's oldest and greatest war veteran', who led the ex-servicemen's parades on Armistice Day in Sheffield for forty years until near his death in 1973 aged nearly one hundred.

The book charts his life from serving with the Yorkshire Dragoons' squadron of the Imperial Yeomanry during the Boer War, a commission and Military Cross in the Great War, service as a city councillor and his appointment as the first chairman of the Sheffield branch of the Royal British Legion. He continued to work for Sheffield's ex-servicemen until his death, for the work on which he was awarded an OBE in 1926. During the notorious Sheffield Gang Wars, he was appointed a magistrate until, as the City's oldest JP, he retired in 1948.

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The walk starts at Hayfield where the famous mass trespass onto Kinder began, passing through Hathersage, Baslow, Youlgrave, Tideswell and Castleton. Each lengthy stage is accompanied by detailed maps, and information on points of interest, terrain, accommodation and refreshments. The public houses are detailed and contact numbers provided. There are also sections on the breweries and the history, geology and fauna & flora of the district. Illustrated with some excellent line drawings of buildings and interesting features, this is a celebration of all that is great about the Peak District, with its breathtaking landscapes, exhilarating walks, attractive villages, rich heritage and a clutch of classic country pubs.

The book took two years of research, during which Mark walked over 650 miles and visited over 100 pubs about which he should know a good deal, having retired from a successful career in the brewing industry. Published by Inway Publications in paperback, 216 pages, price £8.95 ISBN 978-1-902001-09-8



The cross on the green at Foolow.

## Switch Without a Hitch

Many elderly people on a tight budget could save money by switching gas and electricity suppliers, but are less likely to do so than the population at large. Many do not bother because of the form-filling or because they lack Internet access and the ability to switch online.

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## T.O.A.D.S. autumn play

Although Agatha Christie died thirty one years ago, her murder mystery plays are as popular as ever. Indeed, one will be at the Lyceum in October. But if you would like to save yourselves a lot of money, you can enjoy TOADS Autumn offering of her play "A Murder is Announced", a classic Christie play. All the characters are there, including Miss Marple, but I couldn't possibly reveal the plot or the sensational confrontation towards the end! I would probably end up a victim as well!!

So, there is nothing for it - you will just have to come along and see for yourself at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, November 21st to 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are a very reasonable £3.50, or £3 for concessions, from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 236 6891. Don't miss it - you know we can do it. And red or white wine as well!

## Sing for Meersbrook

This is the third annual concert performed by Southey Musical Theatre Company to raise money for the Meersbrook URC rebuilding fund. So far a total of £1400 has been raised, so thank you to everyone who has attended in the past, we hope we can count on your continuing support for this great cause.

15th September - 7.30pm start. Venue - Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road. Tickets £5 each. To book, please call 0114 2584642 or email [southeymtc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southeymtc@yahoo.co.uk)

## News in brief

The Five Trees Estate now has its own web page with some local history, gardening articles and photography done on and around the estate, plus the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

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## Stars in Dore

Jupiter is very low in the southwest in the early evening in mid-September. It never attains an altitude of more than 10 degrees, and slips almost unnoticed across the rooftops just above the red star Antares in the Scorpion. Venus is a morning object rising just before 5am and follows a rather dim Saturn which sits beside Regulus in Leo. Mars is the best planet to look out for in Taurus. It rises after midnight and may be seen until sunrise.

In mid-October Mars rises about 10.30pm, now in Gemini, and makes a triumphant show of itself high in

the sky until the morning twilight. Venus is a brilliant morning object too, rising in the east shortly after 4am.

As the winter nights approach in mid-November, Mars and Venus are very prominent morning objects and Saturn will also be visible but still rather dim, rising just before Venus.

The sky is full of surprises, sometimes scary ones. In the Spring of 2007 a local resident, living a few miles from Dore, was sitting quietly in her armchair when a window was struck and pierced by a very fast-moving object. It did not shatter the glass but pierced a bullet-like hole through it, struck the wall opposite and ended up on the carpet. It appeared to be a small stone, and the obvious interpretation was that it was a malicious missile. It was, however, an unusual-looking stone and she wisely passed it on to a friend in the Chesterfield Astronomical Society since it could be a meteorite. In any case, she wished to rule out the unpleasant thought of it being a malicious act.

The writer remembers a similar event when he lived in Northern Ireland in the Sixties. It was the night of the downfall of the O'Neill Unionist Government when the Irish Troubles erupted. A very large meteorite (4kg) tracked across England and Wales and fell in a field in Ulster near Loch Neagh in the village of Bovedy. A fragment from the meteorite (handful size) fell through the skylight of a police barracks and landed on a desk.

Since it was weekend possibly the stone was not discovered until Monday, and it was assumed that it was a malicious act associated with the Troubles. When the main chunk of stone passed through the atmosphere the bright trail of burning stone was sighted as an impressive meteor or shooting star. Over Belfast a sonic boom was heard and actually recorded by a birdwatcher who was taping birdsong at the time. This story goes to show how unexpected the sky can be sometimes.

Our local lady was rightly alarmed and did the right thing to ask advice. The strange stone was passed on to the Sheffield University who are examining it in detail as a potential meteorite.

There are several meteor showers which recur at fairly regular intervals. They have come to be named the Lyrids, the Leonids etc. according to the constellation they appear to emanate from. Mostly these showers are the remnants of broken-up



*We love Dore for the peace and quiet!* John Wells

comets or fragments left over from collisions between celestial bodies in the Solar System during the early phases of the formation of the planets. They are sometimes easily identified when found on the ground. The outer surface shows signs of intense heat (melting) and sometimes their appearance is very distinctive.

The stony iron chondrites, of course, can easily be shown to be slightly magnetic simply by placing a magnetic compass near them. It is no use holding a strong magnet near them and picking them up, as so many ill-advised people believe. But, then, on the other hand, we must be careful because many terrestrial rocks contain iron, too. Suspected meteorites should always be examined by experts who have sophisticated scientific devices to test their content and examine the stones in great detail.

*David Andrews*

**More stars in Dore.** In writing his regular feature David Andrews often draws interesting parallels between the celestial and life here in Dore. In our Summer Issue he talked about the Dormuda triangle in the context of diversions around Long Line and the missed option of a 40mph limit on more of Hathersage Road. He also questioned, (as did Doremouse) the expensive new wall at the top of Whitelaw Lane and the need for a slip road and bus stop at this point.

This prompted reader Gordon Bartley to see stars, suggesting that here on earth, a 40mph road sign means you must drive above that figure (and when you arrive at your destination, you park on the pavement!). He also championed this bus stop, which he uses for the 65, 214, 215 or 272 (and to alight opposite on his return), thus keeping his car off the road.

## Courses in brief

Evening classes in a wide range of foreign languages start this September at King Edward VII School. For more information call 229 6573.

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\* If you are buying a smoke alarm, consider getting a 10-year alarm, which may cost a few pounds more but not require battery changes.

\* You should fit a smoke alarm on every level of your house - at the bottom of the staircase and further alarms on each stair landing

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 27 **Hope Show & Sheepdog Trials**, Castleton Road.  
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 31 - 2 **Chatsworth Country Fair**. Details from 01328 701133

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Working Day**, Whinfell Quarry Gardens, start 9.30am  
 1-2 **Art in the Gardens exhibition**, Sheffield Botanical  
 Gardens 10.30am-5.30pm. Admission £4. : 273 6839  
 3 **A.G.M.** Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30 pm  
 4 **Annual General Meeting** for Dore Methodist Tuesday  
 Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall.  
 6-8 **Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials** 7am-6.30pm see article  
 8-9 **Heritage Open Days** see article  
 8 **Dore Show** Dore Old School & Methodist Church  
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 9 **Table Top Sale** in aid of Trinity Daycare Trust at Dore  
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 9 **Blackberry Blunder**. Guided walk with Sheffield  
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 9 **Hardy Plants Sale**, Sheffield Botanical Gardens 2-4pm  
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 12 **Making People Laugh** Talk by Mr Gerry Kersey for  
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 14 **Bat Walk** in Ecclesall Woods with Sheffield Rangers.  
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 15 **Practical working day** at Beauchief Gardens with  
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 15 **Totley Show** Totley Primary School 2pm-3.30pm  
 15 **Concert** by Southey Musical Theatre Co, D & T United  
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 16 **Fungal Foray** in Ecclesall Woods with Sheffield  
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 16 **Whirlow Farm Fayre**, 10am-4pm  
 17 **St. Petersburg to Moscow** Talk with slides by Mr. Cliff  
 Tompkins for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30  
 pm Open meeting  
 18 **History of the Porter Valley**. Talk & slides by Anne Le  
 Sage for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm  
 Methodist Church Hall.  
 19 **Artists of the Cullercoats Colony**. Lecture by Dr Laura  
 Newton for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement  
 of Art, 2.30pm Tupton Hall, Shore Lane. Adm Free  
 28 **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan  
 cancer support 0845 602 1246  
 29 **Baldwin's Ball** for St Luke's Hospice. Tel: 236 9911

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Our Minister** Talk by Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones for  
 Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30 pm  
 2 **Red House Stables**. Talk for Dore Methodist Tuesday  
 Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 6 **Voices for Hospices** St Luke's Hospice. Tel: 236 9911  
 10 **Thieves and Thieving from M&S** Talk by Mr. Chris  
 Bailey for Dore (Afternoon) Townswomens Guild. 2pm  
 Dore Old School  
 13 **Autumn Fair**, Scout HQ Rushley Road. Bottle stall,  
 White Elephants, book stall, coconut shy & champagne  
 hoopla. 10.30am- 1pm.  
 14 **Duck Race** for St Luke's Hospice. Tel: 236 9911  
 15 **New England in Autumn** Talk with slides by Mr. John  
 Doornkamp for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship  
 2.30 pm Open meeting  
 16 **Keeping up Appearances Italian Style**. Talk by Mrs. A  
 de Chiro for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm  
 Methodist Church Hall  
 20 **Exhibition & Reunion**, Dore Oral History Group, Dore  
 Old School, 10am-5pm. Everyone welcome, free  
 entrance. Refreshments.  
 20 **Waxcap Wander**, a walk on Blacka Moor looking at  
 fungi with Sheffield Wildlife Trust. 11am-1pm. Meet at  
 Stony Ridge car park. Details from: 263 4335  
 24 **Evelyn Dunbar**: War & Country. Lecture by Dr. Gill

Clarke MBE for Sheffield Soc for the Encouragement  
 of Art, 2.30pm Tupton Hall, Shore Lane. Admission Free  
 25 **Festive Fashion Show** St Luke's Hospice. Tel: 236 9911  
 29 **Talk** by Mrs. Lesley Wallace for Dore Methodist  
 Women's Fellowship 2.30 pm  
 30 **Signs of the Times**. Slides by Andrew Firth for Dore  
 Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Church Hall

### NOVEMBER

- 3 **South Yorkshire Archaeology Day** Showroom Cinema,  
 Paternoster Row, 10am-4.30pm Tel: 273 6354  
 12 **Wartime Memories** at Dore Methodist Women's  
 Fellowship 2.30 pm  
 13 **Gentle Music and Movement** led by Jean Clark for  
 Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Church Hall  
 21-24 **A Murder is Announced** autumn play by T.O.A.D.S.  
 7.30pm St John's Church Hall. Tickets 236 6891

**Dore Show** takes place on Saturday 8 September in the Old  
 School and Methodist Church Hall - be sure to note the date in  
 your diary. There will be lots to see, a Brass Band, entertainment  
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 ranging from vegetables to paintings, flower arranging to  
 childrens' exhibits. The full schedule and entry forms for Floral  
 Art classes are available from the Valerie of Dore shop on the  
 High Street. We hope to see you on the day.

### Councillor surgeries

Local councillors are available for consultation in the Dore  
 Village Society room on a regular basis.

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

**Liberal Democrats**: 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30am  
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