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## Dore Gala 2008

We thought we had got away with it! With 10 days to go the recreation ground looked fit to hold the Gala and we even spent an evening filling in all the rabbit holes so that no one would twist their ankle. But last minute rain put paid to all our plans. The Council declared our usual pitch a health and safety hazard and encouraged us to cancel Gala yet again. This we resisted (we had already spent too much to allow that) and after some careful negotiation they gave permission for us to use the top field provided we brought in all equipment via the top gate - too narrow for a lorry and definitely too narrow for the fun fair ride!

Undaunted we set to, decanted our equipment from the lorry on Newfield Crescent and lugged it by hand, in wheelbarrows or in trailers and the Gala went ahead as usual. Even the rain held off (well almost) and the Village folk turned out in encouraging numbers. Although not a record year for takings it was up amongst our best. So, thank you to all of you who supported us, to all our helpers and particularly to all those good souls who, hearing of a plight, turned out in droves to help us set up, really a magnificent effort.

Interestingly many of you have said how nice the Gala was on the top field - and how nice it was not to have the big fair ground ride, points we will bear in mind in the coming months.

Meanwhile the Council have promised to undertake essential drainage work in the recreation ground in this financial year! So things may be better next time around.

Finally, did you notice a lack of litter in the Village the morning after? All thanks to a sponsored litter pick by the scouts, courtesy of The Obvious Plaiice.

*Janet Brook: Chair Gala Committee*  
*Geoff Cope: Chair of the Scout Group*



*Surprise visitors at the Gala. Don Fisher's geese decided to come along and find out what all the noise was about!*

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**2 pm to 4.30 pm**  
**See page 16 for details**  
**of full class list**

## Oral History Collection

*Life in Dore in 1930s by John Caisley*

Starting with Transport, in the general village area traffic density was so low that it was possible for several boys to play football on most roads without undue interruption although this was illegal. One always kept a lookout for the village policeman. He lived in the village and had a bicycle, but the overall crime-rate was negligible. After 1933, when Dore was "annexed" by Sheffield, policing by cars and motor-cycles became much more evident.

Buses ran at about hourly intervals between Dore and Ecclesall where they connected with Sheffield trams. My fare to go to school via Ecclesall was one old penny each way. A further two pence on the tram would take you to Fargate in Sheffield. Trams ran at intervals of five to seven minutes and were reliable. Being on rails they had little difficulty in foggy or icy conditions. Traffic lights did not arrive until around 1933. I remember that prior to this a policeman in a shelter in the centre of Barker's Pool controlled the traffic there.

Petrol was supplied from hand-operated mechanical pumps and several brands, costing around one shilling (5p) per gallon were available. Journeys to London or Scotland were completed at an average speed of thirty miles per hour, as there

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## Eco shopping bags

It would appear that the Dore Village Society's eco-friendly shopping bags, delivered free with the last edition of Dore to Door, have been very well received and can be seen regularly around the shops in the village.

A surprise spin-off however, seems to be that their presence and use has been widespread - recent sightings have been on the Isle of Mull in Scotland, and across the pond in the USA.

Rumour has it that a bag is presently en route to Beijing and DVS would like to hear of any other sightings with or without a photograph and will publish any findings in the next edition.

*Dave Ward*

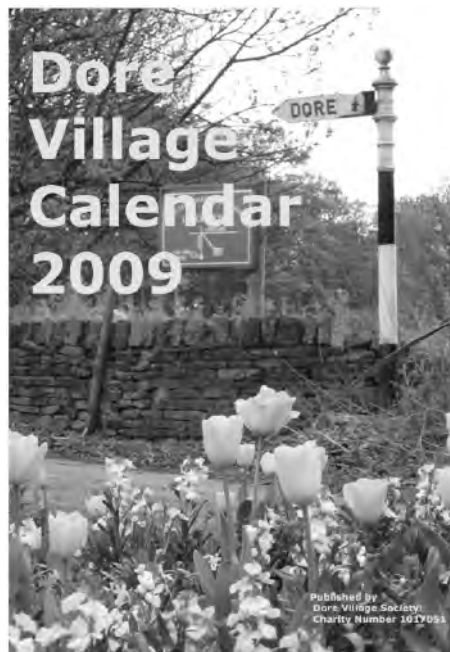
Unfortunately this year the Dore Village Society was unable to man a stall at the gala. This probably means that a number of people, who usually renew their membership of the society at Gala were unable to do so. For those people - all is not lost. Please send a cheque payable to the Dore Village society, for £5, to Ann Elsdon, at 10 Rushley Close, S17 3EG.

## Dore Village Calendar 2009

As last year's calendar was so well received, the Dore Village Society has decided to create another for 2009. If all goes to plan it will be on sale in early September, in time for Dore Show. It has an A4 format with one page for each month and a year planner at the back.

Each page has a large colour picture of the Village or its immediate surroundings and plenty of room to write diary notes. Priced competitively at £5 including a cardboard envelope it will make an ideal stocking filler for friends or family. But don't delay as stocks run out very quickly.

*Geoff Cope*



## Councillor responsibilities

Following the local elections all three of our local Councillors have been given prominent positions in the new Liberal Democrat administration. They will undertake these responsibilities alongside their regular work in the ward.

Mike Davis is the Chair of the Scrutiny Board that oversees the performance of the Council. Mike also serves on the Planning board that covers our area.

Keith Hill continues as Chair of the South West Area Panel and is actively involved in progressing the new Community Assembly initiative. This will devolve more funds and decision making powers to the areas so this is an increasingly important and influential position. Keith is also a member of the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Board and the City Centre and East Planning Board.

Colin Ross is the Cabinet Adviser to the Leader of the Council. In this role he will assist the Leader in maintaining the strategic objectives of the Council. Colin has also been made Deputy Chair of the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Board.

*Councillors are paid an allowance for their work on the Council. The basic taxable allowance is £11,315 per year. Some posts carry a Special Responsibility Allowance on top of this, the highest being for the leader of the Council who gets £18,427*

## New Village Greens

It was July last year, that following enquiries of the City Council about the legal status of Dore Recreation Ground, Totley Brook and Kings Croft Playing Fields, the Dore Village Society initiated action to protect these open spaces. We collected nearly three hundred signed forms of evidence in support of the applications to register the land as village greens in order to protect them from development and for their use for public recreation in perpetuity. We thank everybody who supported the applications.

The applications for registration were made to the City Council in March this year but progress has been painfully slow, the Council eventually deciding to ask an independent legal counsel to appraise the validity of the applications and report on the next stage of the registration process. We have waited for this report for nearly three months.

The Council has received applications from four groups to register new village greens in the City, including in Bradway and Walkley and I believe they were unprepared to deal with the provisions of the new Commons Act 2006 and the

encouragement it gave to local communities to make applications to safeguard areas of local open space.

It appears from the Council's recent response that the applications for registration are valid and that they will next advertise the applications in the local press and post notices on the sites. This advertisement stage lasts six weeks before the Council decides the cases.

*David Crosby*

## Post office future

As we go to press it would seem that Dore Post Office is secure for the time being. A major campaign is starting in the city to save the 16 local post offices that have been listed for closure. It should go without saying that if communities are to save their post offices they should use them. That means not buying stamps from supermarkets and using the post office counter services wherever possible.

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## Dore Festival 2008

What a really good Festival we had this year! Each event was enjoyable and well supported. Some of the walks were even over-subscribed and the concerts had capacity audiences. Congratulations to every group or individual who took part.

The fortnight started with the popular, bi-annual Dore Boundary Walk, led by David Heslop which attracted 70 hikers, many doing the whole route. The highlight was Graham Thorpe's lunch-time stories of growing up in Dore. Well done to all those who came along.

Then followed a wonderful Open Garden day when seven keen gardeners allowed over 260 local people to visit their terrains. Each one was interesting and different from the others; some visitors have said the best selection of gardens to date. A huge thank you to all the owners and their families who worked so hard before and on the day and to Linda Hunter, the co-ordinator.

The first week included a fascinating talk about The Pennine Lavendar Farm and John Dunston's amazing History Tour of Dore village. We were so impressed with John's wealth of knowledge about our historically important site and its development throughout the centuries. We really appreciate his inclusion in the festival programme.

All the walks from the moderate Health Walk to the long rambles were very well supported. Thank you to David Bearpark and his team of leaders from the Wyvern Walkers.

The first week ended with the Well

### PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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Please forward items for the Winter (November) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 31st October**

Dressings going up, the Service on the Green and the Cream Teas. The village well dressing, depicting the centenary of the morse code was an incredibly realistic picture while the Guides had opted for depicting endangered species. Congratulations to Barbara Jackson and her dedicated team of petallers and to the Guide leaders and girls for keeping up this local tradition. In the evening the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society put on a very enjoyable concert.

The second week got off to a flying start with the Family Fun Run which attracted nearly 300 entrants of all ages. The whole apparent chaos was expertly organised by Stephanie Barranger and her PTA team. It was a very happy and rewarding event. Afterwards, Lord Conyers Morris Men entertained and delighted the crowd at the Devonshire Arms with their skill and variety of dances. Our thanks to Tina and staff for their support.

The Gardeners Question Time was a great success and provided an informative and relaxed evening in the company of

three local experts. Our grateful thanks to Sue Kohler, Neil Grant and Ian Turner for being on the panel and to David Heslop for chairing so efficiently.

Unfortunately, the weather let us down on the Wednesday evening so the Play on the Green was transferred to the Church Hall. The Company did us proud and we were dry and warm inside. Well done to the audience for turning up, many of whom seemed prepared to sit it out on the Green despite the weather. That's what we call dedicated followers of festival!

The Church Hall was packed again the following evening for the two choirs concert which is always enjoyed by both performers and audience and produces a special mid-summer magic. We heartily appreciate their continued participation in festival.

The final concert was a sell-out two weeks beforehand and those who tapped their toes to the Walker Brothers Jazz Band had a real treat. Musical skill and humour combined to make a truly entertaining night.

Festival Fortnight finished with a rousing Songs of Praise on a lovely sunny evening. Thank you to both church congregations for organising such an uplifting service.

Our grateful thanks to all those who supported or took part in Festival 2008 and especially to our main sponsors, the Dore Village Society, the Dore Male Voice Choir, the Devonshire Arms and Valerie of Dore and to our ever loyal Friends of Dore Festival. Without you we would be broke!

*Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon*

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The book presents 25 walks, of varying lengths, all in and around Dore; and as well as detailing interesting walks, the book also gives details of features along the way together with some historical background. A number of photographs and sketches show landmarks and views in the areas of the walks.

The Dore Village Society has produced this book as a service to the local community, as well as to encourage more walking, which apart from being an interesting and inexpensive pastime, is also judged to be one of the healthiest forms of exercise.


Therefore, one copy of the book will be delivered free to every household in Dore which has a paid up member of the Dore Village Society.

Although dependent on printing timescales, it is hoped to distribute these by early September. Other copies will be available to purchase in local shops including the News Plus Village Store and would make a lovely Christmas present at £8 per copy.

So be sure to get to know what is "On Your Dorestep".

*Ed. If you want to be certain of obtaining a free copy, make sure you are a paid up member of the Society by the date of the Dore Show on the 13th September.*

*Annual membership is £5 per person. Cheques, made out to the Dore Village Society, - along with details of your own address - can be sent to the Membership Secretary Anne Elsdon, whose address is in the box on page 2.*



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This was a film crew provided by a company called Mammoth Screen for ITV, making a new production of Wuthering Heights to be screened in the autumn.

It's also being filmed at Oakwell Hall, Bramham Park and Stockeld as well as our local moors.

It stars Tom Hardy as Heathcliff and Charlotte Riley as Catherine Earnshaw.

*Richard Farnsworth*

## Charlie's Trust

The family of Charlie Liversidge, who was knocked down and killed in April on a neighbour's driveway in Dore, has set up a charitable trust in his memory. Charlie's Trust will work towards the advancement of education opportunities for children and young people in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire. For further information and to donate, please contact Beverley Webster (Charlie's aunt) on 0113 2878 211 or at [bw@prosperis.co.uk](mailto:bw@prosperis.co.uk)

## News in brief

**News Plus/village store** would like to thank all those in Dore for their support and efforts which recently raised £2,358 for the teenage unit at Weston Park Hospital

**A large part of Limb Lane** has recently been resurfaced. Surprising given the speed people do here, the limit is 30mph.

**Following the talk** about Edale Mountain Rescue at this year's AGM, the Dore Village Society made a donation of £250 towards necessary equipment.

**2.6 million people** in Britain -5% - now own a second home according to the Office for National Statistics.

**According to the AA** only eight other cities in the country have slower traffic speeds than Sheffield.

**A recent survey** by the Asphalt Industry Alliance found that local authorities spend more on compensating people for injuries and damage to vehicles caused by potholes than they do on repairing them.

## Charity fundraisers

Six brave souls from the Country Garden on Townhead Road recently launched themselves into the air with a sponsored skydive in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. They jumped from 10,000 feet over Bridlington and have raised over £3,100 between them. Rumour has it that a video of their faces on the decent will be shown in the shop window - that should be worth seeing!

Is Matt Lipscombe the first person from Dore to climb Mount Everest? The Sheffield Telegraph reported that earlier this year, at the age of 24, he became one of the youngest conquerors of the mountain, combining his ambition with raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Rowan School at Dore. Not only did he make it to the summit, but he ran the 26-mile Everest marathon "for fun" before returning home. But it was tough going, only 14 of the 19-strong international team made it to the summit. So far he estimates he has raised £2,000 for charity and hopes to double this.

Meanwhile another reported Dore resident Andrew Ralph will shortly be taking part in a gruelling triathlon around Oakham in Rutland in aid of the Children's Hospital. Around 1,000 competitors will line up on September 6 for The Vitruvian, which involves swimming 1,900 metres across Rutland Water Lake followed by an 85km bike ride over hilly terrain and finishing off with a 21km run. Andrew, aged 36, is pushing his body to the limit to support the hospital's fundraising appeal for a DXA scanner for the diagnosis of bone disease. Sponsor him via [www.justgiving.com/andrewralph](http://www.justgiving.com/andrewralph).

## Did you know

While residents and commuters will welcome the end of traffic delays created by transporter deliveries to the Hadfield site on Abbeydale Road South, there must be concern that the site may stay empty for a considerable time, as it has in the past. Now we are faced with further empty premises at what used to be Late Shopper, (another Tesco victory?) Add to these the empty business site at Dore Station and things are not looking so good.

Despite the downturn in house building, developers are still circling around several sites in Dore. Every large garden is at risk. Much as any delay in development caused by the so called 'credit crunch' might appear good news, there is a real danger of empty sites becoming vandal playgrounds or subject to illegal tipping. The former King Ecgbert School site is of most concern, still the responsibility of the Council and unlikely to be developed now until the housing market improves.

On a more positive vein, haven't the flower planters in the village been a picture. Although grown by the Council team, they are paid for by the Dore village Society with the help of donations from the community. The shops must have benefited from them, so I hope they were the first with donations.

*Doremouse*

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## The Old School

The work to install an upstairs room at The Old School is proceeding well and should be completed by Dore Show time.

This job was originally intended to be included in the millennium extensions but the available funds at that time were insufficient, so that project is finally being completed now. The millennium extension has proved to be great success, it's difficult now to imagine the building without it.

If you refer to page 67 of John Dunstan's book, Dore Old School, available from the paper shop, you can clearly see that the end of the school used to be a two storey building. It was the Schoolmaster's house. The photograph on that page, taken before 1910, shows a door

to the right of the present front door, and a small entrance porch. If you look carefully at that part of the wall now you can see a large stone with another stone set in the middle of it. This is where the old boot scraper was fitted.

Sometime around 1910 the schoolmaster moved to Devonshire Terrace Rd and the old school house was altered and incorporated into the school. That second floor is now being reinstated.

When the present work is completed the view of the school from the yard and village green will still look exactly as before.

It's a common misconception locally that the Old School belongs to the church. This is not the case. It belongs to the Dore School and Charity Lands Trust. This was set up in 1820 by local worthies, including

The Duke of Devonshire, to provide education for local children. Land was allocated to it by the Dore enclosures, the rental income to pay the Schoolmasters salary.

The misconception has been fostered because a clause in the deeds of trust states that the vicar of Christ Church shall be a trustee. For many years the vicar was appointed chairman of the trust, and some of them acted as if it was actually church school.

Today bookings for the old School are handled by the Vicarage office, but this is purely for convenience and the Trustees pay the church for the work done by the office. The building is very popular for children's parties and other local activities, and anyone wishing to hire a room should contact the vicarage office, tel 236 3335.

*Richard Farnsworth*

## Recreation ground news

Progress - of sorts. In early July Dore Village Society finally met council officers on site and were pleased that no fewer than all three of the local councillors attended. The end result of this meeting was a commitment by the council to install new drainage in the areas susceptible to flooding.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments and lack of manpower within the council, the work will not commence until January next year and the footpath surface has yet to be agreed, but the funding is in place and we are confident that at last we will eventually get a useable recreation ground for all seasons.

*Dave Ward*

## Dore Lunch Club

The lunch club has just finished its first year under new management. It has been a steep learning curve for the new co-ordinators but the weekly lunches have taken place generally without too many hitches.

Throughout the year there has been a loyal team of cooks, helpers and washers-up who prepare, serve and clear away delicious meals for the elderly members. A really big thank you to all of you who have been involved because without your committed support we could not function.

We had a great Christmas lunch cooked to perfection by our four male cooks for all members and volunteers. We took the members out for lunch in the Spring and again on a lovely summer's day to venues in the Peak District. Our grateful thanks to the dedicated drivers of Transport 17 who make it all possible.

Over the months some volunteers of long service have stood down and new ones have been recruited but we are always looking for more cooks and helpers. If you can spare some time on a Tuesday please get in touch. We are a very friendly and welcoming group.

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

I refer to the last issue of Dore to Door, No 90 Summer 2008, and page 12 containing a photograph of the Christchurch Dore Choir circa 1930.

I can name the unknown standing in the middle of the third row between Rev. Saxilby-Kemp and Arthur Farnsworth as my uncle Phillip Rhodes.

Phillip Rhodes was a true son of Dore. Having completed his formal education at King Edwards School Sheffield, Phillip secured a place at Clare College Cambridge to study medicine. Whilst at Cambridge he captained the University football team and whilst on winter vacation in Sheffield played for Sheffield United. In addition Phillip played for the Cambridge University cricket team.

Having gained his degree at Cambridge, Phillip continued his studies whilst working and achieved FRCS (Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons).

Throughout his illustrious career, Phillip worked at St Thomas' Hospital London, operated a private practice at Harley Street London, attained the position of Head of Medicine at Adelaide University Australia, moved back to the U.K. to head the medical faculty at Newcastle University, finally as Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics ended his working life as Dean of Southampton University.

Phillip Rhodes died some 6 years ago at the age of 82, leaving a wife, five children and numerous grandchildren.

Phillip's father Sydney Rhodes a metal trader, also played the organ in Christchurch Dore when the principal organist was not available. Phillip's mother May Rhodes (nee Denniff) was the President of the Dore Ploughing Society; his elder sister Jean Dunn (nee Rhodes) throughout her life was a familiar figure around Dore village.

*Stuart Dunn (nephew)*

Dear Sir,

Reading the latest Dore to Door, I was so interested to read about the Whirlow Wheel.

In the 40's my family and I lived in Whirlowdale Road. My brother and I would often go out of our garden, across the fields, into the woods. Often we would paddle up the Limb Brook in our wellies, looking at all the creatures therein, up to the Mill. There we would follow a footpath up to the right, to pass the cottage which has been altered in the last few years. We would knock on the back door, and could purchase bottles of lemonade or Dandelion and Burdock for a few pence. Then wended our way further up the path, to rejoin the main road, which did not at that time run straight from Dore Moor, but took a left turn past the entrance to Whirlow Brook House, past the two cottages, and the Quarry gardens.- We then drank our drinks, and went back home down Whirlowdale Road.

The Wheel had a mill pond behind, which was full of frogs and tadpoles in the spring - it was a lovely pond, not very deep, only about 12 - 18 inches deep, and I remember in the winter, when we had winters, and it snowed! That the mill pond would freeze over, and then a few people would skate on the ice. We would walk or slide on it, not having skates. It was a shame that the pond disappeared. I never did know why it was filled in.

I have seen the wheel house become derelict, and felt it a shame. I went to have a look a year ago - it was sad to see that it was almost gone. I remember it as a pretty solid building.

I have never understood why the trees were planted on the slope below the Mill, as it was a nice green meadow, sometimes horses grazed there. There were railings up from the woods, where the playing fields begin now, and a small golf area where people could have a practice. I felt it was nicer then, before the trees were planted, as I don't care for that area now,

it always seems dark and I would not want to paddle there in the stream now!!

The fields behind our garden on Whirlow were lovely, lots of hedges and trees and a lovely stream, that trickled its way down to the brook - full of birds in the hedges, either side, many that I have never seen since. There were cows and horses and sometimes a very noisy donkey! Never knew where they came from. We spent many hours playing in the fields and woods (Ecclesall). Now the whole area is full of big houses. I also remember the cuckoo's every summer. They flew over our house every day, its many years since I heard one - at least ten, since one was audible and then only in the distance. It always made me feel that summer had come, so now I never hear them, so it never arrives!

But still I do hope the wheel will be saved, and perhaps the pond - it would be nice to look for frogs once more!

*Little Owl*

*Name & address provided*

Dear Sir,

Today, I had a slight accident in my car - it is upsetting but I wasn't hurt. Fortunately, PC David Spencer was near at hand and could not have been more helpful.

He helped me out of the car, (I am disabled) took me to his house and made me a cup of tea and rang all the necessary people to see to my car.

It's so reassuring to know there are still policemen of his calibre

*Joan Turner*

Dear Sir,

I thought you would like to know how much we enjoyed the Dore Festival and being a keen gardener the Open Gardens afternoon was a joy. Once the rain had stopped two friends and myself visited them all and declared there was not one that wasn't special. They were all so different and inspiring. We also enjoyed the delicious refreshments and declared that the Carrot Cake served on Heatherlea Avenue was the best we had ever tasted and will never forget!

Unfortunately we were not able to attend Gardener's Question Time but I have heard it was excellent.

Thursday night's Choirs Open Evening was a night to remember - there was a wonderful atmosphere of anticipation in the Church Hall when I arrived. The enjoyment of the music by the audience was very evident and also the Music Director's jokes which we are still trying to remember in the hope of impressing our friends!

The next night was Jazz in the Church - another "Full House" and another appreciative audience of a superb programme. A night to remember with pleasure. Where do they get their energy!

Through Dore to Door - I would like to thank the Festival Organisers - Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon on their planning of such a varied programme which suited all tastes and all ages not forgetting the Dore Gala Committee and all the helpers. Dore villagers are very lucky to have a group of people so willing to give of their time which these days is so precious.

*Mrs K Stobbs*



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## Letters

Dear Sir,  
May I say "Thank You", for the lovely little shopping bag. It was a very nice surprise, and so useful too.

*E Fletcher*

Dear Sir,  
Having just read the article concerning Red deer on Blacka Moor, I thought that I might spend an hour or so tramping the pathways.

Within an hour (and this my first visit to Blacka Moor) I had spotted a parcel of four Red deer stags with their antlers in velvet. Despite my presence, which prompted little more than a look of studied disdain, they continued to browse and rub their antlers against overhanging tree branches. I think that next time I head up there I'll take my camera, with telephoto lens!

*Andrew Claxton*

Dear Sir,  
I'd be very interested to hear from any of your readers who know of the history of Dore Football Club as used to play in the Hope Valley League. There's a couple of mentions in your publication back in 2005. I'd be interested to learn more

*Neil Cameron (by email)*

Dear Sir,  
The (not so) Mysterious Case of the Shoe in the Hedge (A true story).

I was cutting my hedge this morning when I discovered a ladies shoe; about five feet up and twenty feet from the road. However, I not only know who the shoe belongs to, I also know how it got there.

I also know why Twentywell Lane was closed for several hours on Tuesday 24th June; the events are not unrelated.

But first, let me tell you about Muriel, my next door neighbour. Muriel is a very fit seventy-something who enjoys walking; often travelling by train to meet up with friends. She was given a new lease of life two years ago when a cataract operation restored her eyesight and she could enjoy her walks even more.

On the morning of 24th June Muriel set off for Dore Railway Station, but had barely stepped of her driveway when she was hit by a car. I now know that when she

was sent flying in one direction, her shoe went off in another.

Muriel has so far spent three weeks in hospital, most of it in Intensive Care or the High Dependency Unit. She has so far survived her extensive injuries and several operations, and last week overcame a bout of pneumonia. Her sixteen fractured ribs have been plated together and what appears to be miniature scaffolding is holding together her right arm and left leg. This week she will be having an operation to piece her jaw back together. Luckily she had no significant head injuries. Muriel will have to undergo several more operations and will be in hospital for a considerable time to come.

Please remember Muriel the next time you drive along Twentywell Lane and take particular care when rounding the blind bend on the way up; one of our neighbours has put up a small "Slow Down" sign to remind you. Remember that you should be able to stop for any obstruction in the road; should it be me reversing off my drive, a parked delivery van or an elderly lady or small child. Thank you.

*Ian Grant*

Dear Sir,  
Vandalism and litter in Dore.

As most observant people will know, litter and graffiti have recently become prevalent in Dore. The source is quite evidently school kids and youths as most of the graffiti and the litter (alcohol, take-away and snack related) can be found in the alley routes to and from the schools and recreation areas, around local shops that sell snacks, and at bus stops in Dore.

I have contacted streetforce by phone and sent an email listing all the locations in Dore that are affected, asking for these areas to be checked and cleaned of their litter and graffiti regularly. They have emailed me back saying they are 'assessing' the locations.

I also complained about the state of the derelict King Ecgbert school site which has become an attraction for vandals, fly tippers, as well as litter louts and graffiti 'artists'. Streetforce have now sent someone to clear the fly tipping. As the site has not yet been sold, it is the Education directorate who is responsible for the security of the site. They are now

looking into fencing it off and blocking it off from Furniss Avenue to stop the fly tippers getting on in the first place - this is now remedial action as the site is unlikely to sell to a developer in the near future. They think they can block off the site without blocking off access to the playing field. We shall wait and see!

Graffiti to public and private property is of course vandalism and therefore a police matter. The rise in this sort of problem is national and not unique to Dore. But, specific to our area, the local police say they are aware of two gangs operating in Dore and Totley. Their ages are unclear, but some are definitely of school age: one gang comes from outside the area (from Highgreen S35) and the other is homegrown from Totley and Dore. The graffiti is often tagging related to the territory of these gangs. Common tags are S35, S17, TNT, Prove... Some of their activities have attracted ASBO type conditions in recent months.

Older members of the gangs are apparently buying alcohol and giving it to the younger members.

As stated, this is a common problem across the city and the UK, but unfortunately in Dore the police admit it is difficult for them to deal with the situation because they don't have the manpower, or the inside information to know where the gangs are gathering or to be there when they do. Success depends on the continued information from the residents of Dore. The police have told me that if people don't tell them about anti-social behaviour they notice then the police cannot argue for more manpower to deal with the situation.

So people need to be encouraged to report anything that is done to them or their property - it will not be treated as trivial by the police; and residents need to be encouraged to report and complain about any vandalism done to public areas in Dore. Only by doing this will Dore residents keep Dore the special place that we have all come to adore.

Numbers to ring: Totley Brook Road Police station: 0114 2963681

Safer Neighbourhoods Team: 0114 2964803

Sheffield Council: 101

Streetforce (vandalism and litter): 0114 2734567

*Jen Henderson*

## All change

It is all change with local retail outlets. Firstly Late Shopper at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road has closed. Then local Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealer Hatfields has, after 14 years of operation in Dore, relocated its business to its more modern facility at Sharrow Vale Road.

In the village Gaby is closing and Saxton Mee is moving out with its premises up for sale or lease. The Thresher off licence has been re-fitted and re-branded as Wine Rack, but with the same friendly staff under manager Paul. The pharmacy has also be re-fitted and we should not forget the recent changes at Almas.

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## Open gardens 2008

The gardens opened at 2pm and at 2.15pm the heavens decided to open too! Ever the optimist I kept saying it was only a shower (as the rain bounced 6 inches off the patios) but my optimism was rewarded; the clouds dispersed and the sun came out and the rest of the day was lovely.

We had 7 very different gardens of various sizes and there were lots of interesting tips to pickup and ideas to go home with. A number of gardens had refreshments and the range of cakes was wonderful so many of us enjoyed a good afternoon tea as well.

Charities supported this year were Heeley City Farm, the People's Church in South Africa, World Challenge, Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group, Brooke Hospital and Cancer Research. A marvellous £1600 was raised overall.

Many thanks to those who opened and gave us such a good day - The Cawoods, The Howes, The Jackons, The Pitchforks, The Scholeys, The Thompsons and the Walls. Thanks too to Valerie of Dore for helping with ticket sales.

*Linda Hunter*

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The White Rose of York was probably introduced in the 14th century by Edmund of Langley, the first Duke of York. It was adopted by the county at large during the Wars of the Roses against Lancashire, which sports a red rose.

## News in brief

In our spring issue we reported a helicopter rescue on Blacka Moor which had been filmed for television under the Helicopter Heroes series. We now understand the programme will be broadcast on the 26th August.

Sheffield Council has issued a temporary traffic regulation order prohibiting vehicles to exceed 30mph for a maximum of 18 months from 1st August on Hathersage Road, between Whitelow Lane and Stony Ridge Road.

## Dore garden club

Good news! The proposed garden club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday 10th September in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm

Fruit, flowers, veg., trees etc. - let us know your interests and we will try to arrange meetings to appeal to everyone. So join us on this date, tell us what you want from this club and help us to get it up and running. If you can't make it this time, but want to get in touch, then contact either of the following.- Janet Herridge, 181 Dore Road Tel: 236 0915 or Keith Shaw 120 Townhead Road Tel- 236 3508 or email keith@keithshaw.co.uk

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## Dore Colliery

This photograph comes from Graham Thomas' collection and was taken in 1975. It shows the City of Sheffield Estate Surveyor's drilling rig, mounted on an ex-military 'Green Goddess' lorry, boring deep holes on the site of the proposed Rushley Road estate. The houses on Causeway Head Road can just be seen in the background.

This site has had an interesting history, being an ancient 4-acre common called Rush Leys from at least the seventeenth century, it was the site of the Dore Colliery up to the 1880s, prefabs stood on the site from 1946 to 1974, and the present estate was built in the late 1970s.

An Old Coal Pit Shaft was still shown on the early Ordnance Survey maps, but had disappeared by the 1920s. There was no record of what happened to the shaft, but usually shafts became filled with whatever rubble was available to the farmer to prevent his livestock disappearing. In 1975 the Council quite correctly decided that they could not build new houses without locating the shaft and making it permanently safe. This is what the drillers are doing; they successfully located a three metre diameter shaft, 41.5 metres deep. Nine tons of cement grout were injected into the old rubble fill to form a solid plug which will now never collapse!

There are records of at least six coal mines which were operating around Dore over various periods from long before the 1870s up to the 1940s and Dore Colliery was the major operation in the centre of the village. The Coal Authority mine abandonment plans show an area worked under Causeway Head - Rushley Road from this shaft. A Mr Hancock and a Mr Wilbraham were operating this mine when it finished working in 1880.

Dore Colliery also worked an area to the north east of Rushley Avenue with five recorded shafts in the fields of the present



*City of Sheffield Estate Surveyor's drilling rig, on the site of the proposed Rushley Road estate. Graham Thomas*

Ryecroft Farm. This part of the mine was being worked by John and William Wilbraham when it closed in 1888.

The coal recovered from the Dore Collieries was the Ganister Coal, elsewhere called the Halifax Hard Bed. It was some fifteen to twenty-six inches thick with a bed of ganister some two feet thick underneath it. Ganister is a very strong refractory rock formerly used to make crucibles for the iron and steel industry. However its quality was not very good around Dore so it was not often recovered with the coal.

The Mr Hancock was certainly the notable village worthy Joseph Hancock of Rushley Farm. Rushley Farm, also named Abbey View or East Rushley, was on the east side of Rushley Road and was demolished about 1937. The Old Days in Dore, edited by Roy Bullen (1988), records that Hancock also operated the colliery under Ryecroft from 1849 to 1852.

A scan of the 1861, 1871, and 1881 censuses for the names of mine workers in Dore is informative but leaves many unanswered questions. In 1861 John Wilbraham, with a son William, of Finney Wood House was a farmer of 13 acres and also a Coal Owner. By 1881 William himself was recorded as a farmer of 14 acres, a Colliery Owner, and lived at Abbey View. Confusingly, Abbey View was also the name given to The Moss on Limb Lane at various times, it is probable that Wilbraham lived at The Moss because the census entry does not appear adjacent to Hancock's. Were the Hancocks and Wilbrahams related or merely business partners?

The censuses record about a dozen further names employed in coal mining at any one time over that period, including two boys under 16 and one woman. There are several Sykes listed as miners: William (60) and John (23) lived at Greenwood Mount in 1861. These cottages were owned by Joseph Hancock in the 1860s so it is probable they worked at his collieries. In 1871 John has moved to Cobblers Row

(Pryors Buildings) on Savage Lane to be replaced by another William (19). Samuel Sykes (43) lives at Causeway Cottages in 1861, but is living at the East Rushley farm in 1871 and 1881 so must have been in Hancock's employ.

James Wright (41) and Levi (12) are at Slack Cottage in 1861. James is at Greenwood Mount with a younger James (15) in 1871, both presumably working for Hancock, and Levi, now married, is up at Piper House.

Other names of miners appear sporadically over this period and presumably were either itinerants or only part time miners. John Hill at 72 is the oldest miner listed in 1861; he lived at Townhead Road. From "Drewry" Lane in 1861 there was Thomas Gregory (14), and Charles Gregory (18) in 1871. In 1871 there was Thomas Drewry (24) at Town Road (now High Street) and Joseph R Ward at Townhead Road. In 1881 there was Samuel Eyre (14) at Brick Houses, and the Broomhead men, Robert (47), John (38), and Harry (33) on Townhead Road.

Heald Unwin (27), from another worthy Dore family, was a Coal Agent/Merchant at West Rushley (Causeway Head) in 1871, but had moved to Hancock's farm in 1881. Another Coal Merchant was Alexander Bingham (21) also at Hancock's farm in 1881.

The most interesting entry in 1871 is Ann Martin (63) from Townhead, described as a Coal Leader. This term usually refers to a leader of a team of horses. It's not likely that ponies were used underground in Dore, so she probably led a coal wagon around the village.

It should be pointed out that the old workings at the Dore Colliery are well over a hundred feet deep; there is no chance of your cellar floor disappearing. And the old shaft is now protected by a very large and heavy lump of rock!

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Entries should be made between **9am and 10.30am** to the Old School (classes 1-50) and the Methodist Hall (classes 51-78).

Entry forms for Floral Classes (48-50) available from Valerie of Dore or the show secretary on (0114) 236 9025, and should be submitted by 5.30pm on Friday the 12th Sept. \*Kit for class 73 available from Mon Sept 1st in the Devonshire Arms Porch, High Street.

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 individual savoury scones (white flour)
  - 32 A Dundee Cake \*
  - 33 A Victoria Sandwich \*
  - 34 Lemon Drizzle Cake
  - 35 A plate of 5 plain flapjack biscuits
  - 36 A 1 pound loaf of white bread (not machine made - and cold)
  - 37 A jar of chutney
  - 38 A jar of lemon curd
  - 39 A jar of soft fruit jam
  - 40 A jar of stone fruit jam
  - 41 A jar of marmalade
  - 42 A Carrot cake with frosting (no filling -any recipe)
- \* **Class 38 -41** Jars to be labelled with and waxed with cellophane cover. Class 39 jam not jelly.

### Wine Section

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

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

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

- 48 Novice Class. For competitors who have never won a 1st prize in a floral art competition. An exhibit of flowers and/or foliage using any glass container. No size restriction.
- 49 An exhibit featuring any unusual container.
- 50 "Oriental Inspiration" Space allowed: Width 70cm, Depth 60cm, Height 90cm. Background light blue.

### Textile & Hand Craft Section

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

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

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

### Photography Section

- 64 A Black & White photograph 7"x5" min. size
- 65 Colour photo - "An Urban Landscape" of min. size 7"x5"
- 66 Colour photo - "My Family"
- 67 Colour photo - "An aspect of Dore" Classes 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

- 68 A vegetable animal
- 69 A mug of garden flowers
- 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)
- 71 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)
- 72 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
- 73 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age 8 & under) \*see above
- 74 A decorated hard-boiled egg in cup (age 9 to 11)
- 75 A craft exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)
- 76 An art exhibit (age 12 to 14)
- 77 A colour photograph - max size 6" x 8" Unframed snapshots
- 78 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 raspberry jam, sprinkled with caster sugar.



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were no dual-carriageways. Travel by train from Dore station was usually comfortable, but there was always the mile-long uphill trudge back into the village. There never was a bus service up or down Dore Road.

Postal services were handled by Stanley Mace and his wife Hilda from the post office in the village centre. Deliveries started at 7am and at 2pm and occupied Mr. Mace and two regular postmen on pushbikes. The area covered from the top of Long Line down to Dore Station. There was a morning collection at 10am (taken and put on a train to Sheffield at 10.30am) and an evening one at 6pm. A late collection was made by attaching a posting-box to the rear of the bus leaving Dore at 9.20pm allowing posting at each stop on the way to Ecclesall where the box would then be attached to the rear of a tram arriving at the General Post Office by 10pm. The contents would be delivered next morning, even in London or Inverness using the railway. There was no junk mail in those days. There was the usual morning delivery on Christmas Day, an event quite unthinkable in 2008.

Only the more recently built houses had central heating and indoor toilet facilities and pipes were almost always of lead making them prone to bursting if exposed to freezing conditions. The local plumber was seldom short of work. Heating relied on coal fires in the living rooms and also in the bedrooms. A coal burning kitchen range included a back boiler for the hot water supply and an open fire to heat the main oven for the preparation of food. Many households used this oven for baking their own bread.

Supplies of coal were delivered from a horse-drawn cart or a lorry and were dumped down a chute into a cellar or directly on to the road if the house lacked a cellar. Coal cost one shilling per cwt (one pound per ton). Extra heating was provided by paraffin stoves, but these could be dangerous if not carefully watched. Fires were lit in bedrooms mostly in cases of illness, especially for measles or pneumonia. Outside toilets were much at risk during winter because of freezing of the water tanks.

Household catering needed organisation. There were no supermarkets and domestic fridges only arrived in the early 1930s. Vegetables and their storage were not a problem; most people grew their own supplies in their gardens. A cool pantry or a cellar with a cold stone slab for a table kept most commodities in a reasonable state. Fruit from local orchards or berries picked from the moors or the hedgerows were preserved. Eggs were bought in bulk in springtime when they were plentiful and therefore cheap. They were preserved in ising-glass, stored on the cellar table and then used for cooking purposes during the remainder of the year. Home-baked bread would keep in the cellar for up to one week.

Milk was delivered daily by the local farmer, using a horse-drawn float (a small cart). The milk was pasteurised on the farm and then put into a large churn and put on the float, ready to be poured into a



*Last call? The telephone box on Hathersage Road in Dore nestling comfortably in a bed of weeds.*

Take a last look as our local telephone box opposite Dore Moor Inn it could soon be gone if British Telecom have their way. It wants to shut down a further 9,000 of its 62,000 payphones, of which 60 per cent are said to be unprofitable. BT has removed 31,000 payphones since 2002 as mobile phone use has become almost universal.

basin on the door step from a pint measure. Milk could not be kept unused for more than 36 hours before it went sour. It usually cost only a few pence per pint. Occasionally fresh fish could be bought from a hand-cart in the street. I remember my pet dog helping himself to a large portion while the fish-merchant's attention was distracted.

Local wages were not high. My grandfather worked as a gardener to several houses on a one day per week basis from 9am to 5pm and for this he was paid ten shillings per day and if it was raining "no work- no wages" that day. The Old-Age Pension, as it was then known, was ten shillings a week when aged 65 years. It has always amazed me that both my grandfather and his son were able to purchase their own houses in 1926 and pay for them in pound notes without using mortgage facilities, although neither of them was earning more than the average wage. They had been taught to be thrifty.

Medical services were provided by a local general practitioner, both at his surgery and in your own home if you were too ill to venture out. The doctor supplied any treatment directly to you, there being no nearby pharmacies. Measles, mumps and whooping-cough could be serious illnesses but the dangerous ones were diphtheria (often fatal), scarlet fever (six weeks in an isolation hospital without visitors) and rheumatic fever (three months complete bed-rest). Tuberculosis was also a scourge leading to an early

death. Fortunately these have now been eradicated by advances in medical science. One Dore resident developed Pernicious Anaemia but by good chance he was related to a local butcher. The only treatment in 1930 was a constant supply of fresh liver. Synthetic vitamin B12 did not arrive until 1937.

Hospital treatment was almost universally free, being supported by local charities. Sheffield had three large general hospitals augmented by several specialist establishments for maternity cases or for isolating infectious diseases and large sanatoria for the care of the numerous victims of pulmonary tuberculosis. Basic meals were provided free and the standard of these was excellent. Patients themselves could supply extras such as fresh eggs and bacon (the breakfasts were very basic) and pots of jam and cakes and biscuits.

The hospitals were financed by various fund raising schemes and also by occasional "flag days" as street collections were called. A more reliable source of income was provided by the "penny in the pound" scheme. This was operated by most of the large employers in Sheffield and its surrounding areas but it was quite voluntary. As its name implies, each employee had one penny deducted from his wages for each pound that was earned, and taken over the whole area must have produced a considerable sum. Membership of the scheme entitled one to free hospital care and also the use of the ambulance service at any time.

One effect of the charitable nature of hospitals was that staff were not highly paid. The consultants gave their services without any remuneration as they had private practices, but the lower members did not fare so well. When I started in my first qualified post as a resident house surgeon at Sheffield Royal Hospital my salary was less than one pound per week with no "off-duty". A trainee nurse earned less than ten shillings per week, yet the ward cleaner was paid four pounds for a week's labour. This was in 1948 - pre National Health Service.

I have tried to describe the way life was in Dore during my childhood, especially in the areas which have seen the greatest changes as I record this in the early part of the 21st century. In 1930s only one family in ten owned a car and only one house in ten was connected to the telephone network. How times have changed!!

*John Caisley*

*Dore Voices (Oral History Project)*

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## Disabilities day

An event arranged for you to discover the advice and services various organisations and groups in the City provide to disabled people, in areas such as employment - housing - leisure activities - support etc.

Tuesday 9th September, 11am-3pm at the Quaker Meeting House, on the corner of St James Row and Vicar Lane, Sheffield. FREE admission. Light refreshments available. Event organised by UNISON City of Sheffield Branch



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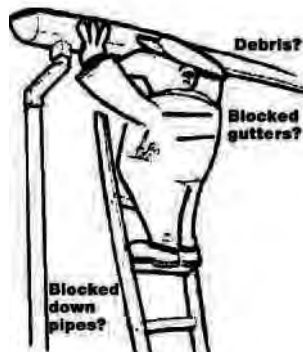


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When ancient man created fields, stones were piled up to create enclosures in order to keep livestock under control. He then made primitive pole gates. The Romans appear to have introduced swinging and hinged gates. Pole gates were used too whereby openings in the walls had substantial stone pillars with slots to take the poles and the Totley area contains many examples.

Footpaths were created between settlements or, for example, to gain access to water. When a wall (or hedge) was encountered then methods of passing over or through that obstruction were created. It was okay for pedestrians but kept the animals from passing through. There are many examples incorporating different solutions.

Large projecting 'through' stones were passed through the wall enabling pedestrians to step over. These were called stiles and there is an Anglo Saxon term stig (or stigel) which refers to climbing up or down and this term led to the word stile.

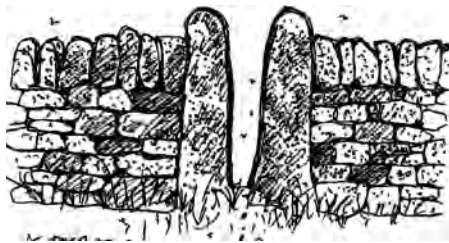
In some cases instead of stone, the stile may be made of wooden or iron steps and there must be hundreds of different designs, some dating from the middle ages. Several places have 'stile' as part of their name and there is a Styal in Cheshire.

Constructions were developed whereby people could pass through a narrow opening whilst proving too difficult for animals to pass through. So vertical pillars of stone were introduced on either side of a narrow opening rather like a smaller version of the pole gates mentioned above, but sometimes known as a 'vee' or 'wedge' openings. These pillars are locally called 'stoops' and where there is a pair they are called squeezers or 'belly squeezers'. At a lecture I was giving in Preston I was informed that in Lancashire they were known by the wonderful name of 'fat man's agony', a term also used in the Bath area.

On occasions where larger pillars are not available the wall on either side of the opening is terminated in stonework called cheeks. I have no doubt that there are many other versions around the country. Many examples of squeezers have one or two low steps between the stoops and others have an additional stoop positioned centrally but set back. Look around and you'll be surprised how many varieties there are; if you see something special do a quick sketch and send them to me at (appropriately) Two Stones, Mires Lane, Great Longstone DE45 1NP. Please give the location.

There are one or two surviving examples of wrought iron wicket gates in the Dore and Totley areas and are known as 'kissing gates' for obvious reasons; they provide a fine excuse for coming face to face with your partner, planting a kiss on his/her cheek. Sadly, very few examples remain in entirety and replacements are rare. Great Longstone, where I live, has recently had a complete replacement kissing gate installed on the approach to the church; the graveyard also has a fine example of squeezers.

*Brian Edwards*



*A pair of gritstone stoops or posts, sometimes called 'Belly Squeezers' or 'Fat Mans Agony'. Brian Edwards*

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## Charity Golf Day

Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB) are organising a charity golf day at Dore & Totley Golf Club on Monday 22nd September. Both teams and individuals are welcome to attend for a Stableford Game with the first tee off at 9am.

There will be drinks and a bacon roll on arrival with refreshments at The Halfway House. A homemade pie and pea meal rounds off the day. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best team scores as well as many more. Tickets £35 per player.

SRSB is currently undertaking a major redevelopment of its Mappin Street premises which will include new social, educational and care facilities. All monies raised will go towards the new building due for completion in autumn 2008.

For more information and to book your place please contact Sue Coggin, Fundraising Manager, SRSB on 0114 251 9643 or 07970521758.

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## Biggest Coffee Morning

Macmillan Cancer Support will be holding this year's popular "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on 26 September. Last year nearly 2 million people raised £7.5 million for people affected by cancer and in Sheffield 350 coffee mornings raised £61,000. The money helped Macmillan fund more specialist nurses, doctors, health and social care professionals, cancer buildings, improve access to cancer information and provide more financial support for people living with cancer.

Last year there was a remarkable effort, but this year they want to raise even more, so come on, get the kettle on, stock up on the cakes and biscuits and help make a difference to the lives of people affected by cancer. Every cup really does count.

To register for your free World's Biggest Coffee Morning pack, you can visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) or call 0845 602 1246 or . You can also support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning by cheque or online at [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) or by debit or credit card on 0845 602 1246.

Every year 270,000 people are diagnosed with cancer and 2 million people are living with cancer. If you have questions about cancer call the Macmillan free Cancer Line on 0808 808 2020 or, visit [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

## Dore well dressing

Judging by all the comments received this year, the well dressing has been a tremendous success and a credit to the dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time to help with this wonderful village project.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the team of petallers who pulled out all the stops and once again rose magnificently to the challenge set before them. Thank you to John, the man with the van, who stepped in at short notice and to Richard for the superb photographs.

A big thank you also to the men and lorry from Porter Contractors, who along with the men from the Dev, battled on despite the pouring rain. Their job is to transport the completed boards from the Scout Hut and put them up for all to see on the Village Green, not easy at the best of times, but this year it caused quite a stir in the village. The boards are at their most vulnerable whilst lying flat and as the rain continued unabated, this led to an impromptu slow parade through the village, which consisted of a lorry with flashing lights surrounded by a lot of people grimly holding on to several metres of plastic sheeting in an attempt to stop the boards from getting damaged; it worked!

Is it worth all the hassle? Well, without a doubt, 'YES' has got to be the answer, as each year, in a joint effort, both the Village Well Dressing and the Guides' Well Dressing, with your generous support, raise many hundreds of pounds for charity. So, to all those who helped in whatever way, once again I want to thank you very much and I hope to see you all again next year.

*Barbara Jackson*

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## Heritage Open Days 2008

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture. Free of charge and literally on people's doorstep, Heritage Open Days is an event for everyone, whatever their background, age and ability.

Information about local listed buildings which will be open at various times during the four Heritage Open Days, 11-14 September, is available at [www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org)

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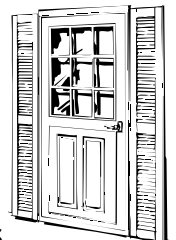
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## Longshaw Trials

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On 28th and 29th there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part, and this year Mr. John Wood, who is himself a keen and experienced competitor, will judge the trials. At approximately 3pm on 28th there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers, Pennine Foxhounds and Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 30th, the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at 11am this is open to all comers and is entered on the field. Following the fell race there will again, unless they are called away to an incident, be a display by the Search and Rescue Dogs and the local mountain rescue team. (Hopefully not having to rescue any of the fell racers!)

Starting at approximately 12.30 on Saturday 30th the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot.

Entrance charges are just £4 per person, 50p for children each day with free parking, and we start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. For further information please contact me, the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys on 01433 651852, or e-mail [lsdta@talktalk.net](mailto:lsdta@talktalk.net)

This will be the 110th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest sheep dog trials in England. There will be a licensed bar, food, drinks and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world. We look forward to meeting you.

**Mrs. Sheila Humphreys**

Longshaw sheep dog trials association founded 1898 Registered Charity No 234523 [www.longshawsheepdog.co.uk](http://www.longshawsheepdog.co.uk)

## Well Dressing Diary

Throughout the spring and summer, a succession of old Derbyshire villages put on well dressings, often associated with a week of village festivities.

These are just some of the remaining dates and venues for 2008. You can find out more details, and about opportunities to see well dressing in progress, by ringing 01246 345 7777/8.

### August

16-23 Taddington  
21-29 Holymoorside  
23-30 Eyam  
23-31 Wormhill  
23-31 Foolow  
30-7 Wardlow

### September

13-20 Chesterfield  
13-21 Hartington



*A border collie in action, but nearly every breed takes part in flyball.*

## Flyball fun

Flyball racing is a hugely popular dog sport - a relay race for a team of 4 dogs and their handlers. Each team competes against another in a round robin format and each dog in turn must hurdle 4 jumps set in a straight line, trigger a flyball box at the far end, which releases a tennis ball that the dog must catch and return over the 4 jumps with. It is electronically timed to get the fastest team and the dogs love it.

Any dog can take part, although Collies are in the majority. Competitions are held outdoors Easter to October either at Flyball only venues or at Game Fairs and other public events - it always draws a crowd of spectators. October to Easter competitions are held in Sports Halls, so we can compete most weekends, all year round!!

I set up Sheffield Speeders in 2000 and we compete all over the country as well as hosting 3 Tournaments a year here in Sheffield. We currently run 5 teams in Open competition with dogs of a variety of breeds competing, plus 2 Multibreed teams. The Multibreeds must have 4 dogs each of a different breed whereas the Open teams can have any breed - most teams consist of 4 Collies as they are generally the fastest and most accurate combination. We run Collies, Jack Russells, cross breeds, Spaniels, Lurchers, a Boxer, a German Shepherd, a Border Terrier, an English Pointer and a PowderPuff Chinese Crested (the only one of his breed in Flyball).

We train Thursday evenings and any Sunday afternoons we are not competing, on the playing fields off Limb Lane, unless it is pouring with rain. Flyballers aren't faint hearted (a little barmy maybe!) and cold, wind, and moderate rain don't deter us!

If you have a dog who loves playing with tennis balls, is dog friendly and reasonably obedient and you think would enjoy flyball, contact us - we will be starting a new Beginners Course in September. Come along and watch us train - see how much our dogs enjoy the sport.

For details, please contact 07765697513 email [SheffieldFlyballTeam@talktalk.net](mailto:SheffieldFlyballTeam@talktalk.net)  
**Linda Powell, Team Captain**

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If the vehicle is no longer in use it is essential that either a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) declaration is

mode or the registration cancelled if the vehicle has been scrapped or exported. See [www.tinyurl.com/26argb](http://www.tinyurl.com/26argb) for more information on SORN.

If you don't tax or SORN your vehicle you will get an automatic penalty of £80. Remember too that failing to notify a change of address is an offence and will result in not receiving the renewal reminder, which in turn will lead to a penalty for non-renewal.

The address of the local DVLA is: cedar House, Hallamshire Court, 63 Napier Street, Sheffield, S11 8HA.

## Tesco Express deliveries

Residents near to the Tesco Express store have recently been protesting to councillors about the noise and parking problems caused by lorries making deliveries to the store. Despite these concerns councillors agreed to Tesco's request for deliveries to be made on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 10.30am and 6.30pm. At the same time the delivery hours during the week and on Saturdays are being reduced so that they run from 7.30am to 7pm.

## South West Area Panel

Future meetings of the panel are scheduled for:

September 24th at Sir Harold Jackson School Bradway.

November 26th Lodge Moor  
January 28th Totley

Meetings run from 7.30 to 9pm. Refreshments available from 7pm and the opportunity to talk to local councillors from 7.15pm. Details from 0114 205 3049

The above dates are subject to change

## Cookery demonstration

Friends of the Peak District are organising a AGA cookery demonstration event at the AGA shop, Sheffield, on October 16th, 6.30-9.30pm.

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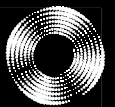
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## Save our Trees

Sheffield is claimed to be one of the greenest cities but for how long? In our area it seems trees are falling faster than they are being planted. So called tree surgeons are having a field day, yet trees not only make our overall living environment more pleasant, but play a vital role in absorbing CO2.

In reality few of our trees are protected in any way, unless they are in a conservation area or covered by a preservation orders (TPOs). So it is no surprise when the chainsaw strikes, especially when developers get their hands on likely building plots. Recent tree work at 135 Dore Road, next to the Doctors surgery is a case in point. The only course of action is to apply for TPOs to be imposed on trees you feel are of amenity value well in advance. Anyone can apply to the Council. The relevant planning officer is Ray Harris on 273 5002.

TPOs are not in themselves a guarantee of preservation. Clearly some trees may become seriously diseased or dangerous. Sadly even for those that are not, it seems reasonable pruning (you might think it unreasonable) may be granted. Recently permission was given at 79 Dore Road to raise the crowns (cut off the lower branches) of a row of TPO protected trees, and to fell some, in order to provide an access road to a proposed new housing development. Yet the Council had only recently turned down permission for this very development, partly on the grounds of potential damage to these same trees. As the developer had already gone to appeal, it will be interesting to see how some poor council representative justifies their left and right hands not knowing what each was doing!

The Council is far from a culprit when it comes to damaging trees. Recently the lower branches of trees on Cavendish Avenue have been removed by council

teams totally changing the view in this once wonderfully tree lined road. But then those with longer memories will recall that on an earlier occasion council employees poisoned these trees when resurfacing the footpaths!

Trees take only minutes to disfigure or destroy, yet decades to reach maturity. Lets hope our new council recognises the value of trees as a community benefit and an essential part of the battle against global warming. More importantly, that it has the willpower to set a tree strategy in place and to adequately resource its implementation and policing.

*John Baker*



*Working Woodlands new 'Gallery'.*

## New woodland Gallery

Working Woodlands new 'Gallery' at Ecclesall Sawmill, on Abbey Lane, was opened to the public on Saturday 19th July. The unique new timber framed building was created by Hector and Cedric Ltd, with its amazing features - curves, carbon efficiency, and eco friendly build quality.

The 'Gallery' is the showcase for South Yorkshire's independent woodworking community. All things wood, including furniture, sculpture, gifts and jewellery, charcoal, logs and woodchip produced by local crafts people using sustainable timber, are on display and for sale. It is

open weekends, Friday to Sunday 11am-4pm (phone 07925 125619).

Working Woodlands Limited is a diverse group of local wood workers encompassing sculptors, furniture makers, tree surgeons, turners, sawmill and heritage wood craftspeople, all sharing a common interest in sustainability.

Ecclesall Woods is a unique resource in the City, designated as a Local Nature Reserve. It is estimated that over 300,000 visits are made to the woodland every year, with its over 15km of public paths. The woodlands is also of major archaeological and historical interest, with features from prehistory (Scheduled Bronze Age rock art), through to the Middle Ages (charcoal hearths, wood colliers grave) and beyond. Friends of Ecclesall Woods is a very active local community group working to protect and improve the woodland. They can be contacted on 0114 236 9025

## Advice Sessions

Advice sessions are available at Totley Rise Methodist Church, Grove Road, on Tuesdays from 10am-12noon. This is a 'Drop in' service provided by Woodseats Advice Centre.

All advice is free, impartial and confidential. Help is available on filling in forms, benefits, tax credits, pension credits, problems with debt, employment, housing, consumer or disability issues etc.

## Information Roadshows

South West Area Panel roadshows will be taking place on Thursday 18th September at Ecclesall Library and Monday 10th November at Christ Church Fulwood. Open from 2-5pm they feature information displays, freebies and refreshments. More details from Teresa on 0114 205 3049

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## Roundhouse Ringinglow

The 'Round House' - actually an octagonal toll house- was built around 1778. It controlled the turnpike roads westwards to Hathersage and Chapel-en-le-Frith, and southwards via Houndkirk Road to Fox House and Buxton.

Now Grade II listed, it may have been octagonal because the angle between the roads is sharper than 90 degrees, so a square building wouldn't have fitted into the angle. The house has recently been featured on the local BBC website. It is also currently for sale through ELR.

We understand that the building went out of use in 1827 and became a small dairy farm. The old kitchen, near the entrance, is not part of the original house, but was built in about 1850. It became a shop, where an elderly lady called Mrs Watson sold ice creams over the stable door according to the current owner of the house.

The Roundhouse was also home to a tea shop situated towards the back of house in the 1950s and run by the Ward family. Three generations of Wards were here, from 1895 to the early 1950s. The teas were served in a square wooden hut in the yard immediately outside the door.

The layout of the house consists of two rooms downstairs with a staircase going up to the main bedroom. The chimney flue goes up the middle of the house, just off-centre. To get to the top of the house and an occasional bedroom there is a ladder.



*The Roundhouse Ringinglow*

## Stanage Stumble

The Stanage Stumble is back this year on Sunday 28th September in aid of Home-Start Sheffield, a charity supporting vulnerable families with young children in Sheffield.

The challenges are 10 or 25 mile circular walks to be completed within a 10 hour limit. Start and finish from the HSBC Sports Ground at Limb Lane Dore. Registration from 7.30am, start 9am prompt. Entry fee £10 includes certificate, badge and meal following the walk.

For more information and a registration pack contact Alison on 0114 278 8377 or email [enquires@hssheffield.org.uk](mailto:enquires@hssheffield.org.uk)

## T.O.A.D.S production

For our next production, we have chosen "Dying For Dinner", a comic whodunit by Paul Beard. Members of an Amateur Dramatic Society Meet on the set of their latest production to take part in a social event - a Murder Mystery Dinner. The members arrive in the costumes of the eccentric characters they are playing and the game begins! And, NO, I cannot reveal what happens, but suffice it to say that you will thoroughly enjoy the many twists and turns.

There are twelve characters in this play! How do we do it, you ask yourselves. We also ask that question sometimes! But it's all good fun, and we hope you will come along and see this reasonably new play. Paul Beard was grateful to Alan Ayckbourn for his support in giving him permission to use the characters from his stage play "Table Manners" and for being allowed to make references to his play in "Dying For Dinner", although no part of it was written by Sir Alan.

So, get your diary out - Wednesday November 26th to Saturday 29th, 7.30pm at St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Tickets £3.50, Concessions £3, from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds, 236 6891.

We shall be playing the National Anthem before the curtain rises, and have had a lot of support to continue this tradition. We really do not mind if people prefer to remain seated while it is playing!

*Kate Reynolds*

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## Book Reviews

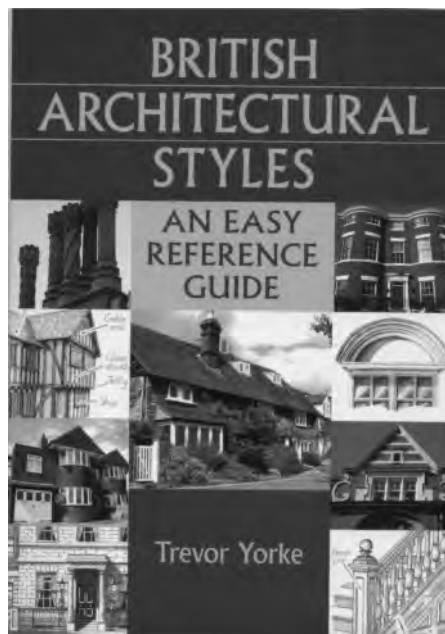
Burt Crookes of Five Trees Close has just written a book of his life in Sheffield. It is a fascinating story of one man's life from birth during the Depression years in the 1920s, through the devastation of World War II and the technological advances of the 1960s and 70s to the present day. Memories of school, family, RAF service, work and colleagues are packed into 84 pages and accompanied by B & W photographs. There is reference to a mystery millstone grit gear shaped stone he found in his garden and once featured in Dore to Door, and to Friends of the Botanical Gardens, of which he is still a member. In fact lots of people will know Albert and find the book interesting, as will anyone interested in the changing world of the 20th century. *The life and times of Albert Crookes* is available from Albert at 2 Five Trees Close price £4.50.

There was a time when it seemed that there was a pub on virtually every street corner, certainly in the industrial East End of the city. Many have gone and in the present market conditions are likely to continue doing so. But these pubs are all part of the city's history, occasionally the scene of some dramatic event but mainly the centre of social activity.

The demise of these pubs is charted in a new book by Mick Liversidge, *Time Gentlemen Please*. The memories come thick and fast, from the Adelphi Hotel where the Crucible now stands and birthplace of both Sheffield football teams, to the more recent loss to a car park of the Yorkshire Grey in the city centre. Some were destroyed by bombing during the Second World War, others have given way to new roads or blocks of apartments. *Time Gentlemen Please*, is published by Pickard Communication, 120 pages price, £12.99.

Everyone uses bridges in their day to day lives. But what do we really know about them? How and when were these bridges built? What exactly does a particular part do? And, most importantly, why don't they fall down? *Bridges Explained* by Trevor Yorke answers these and many more questions, using 107 illustrations, diagrams and photographs to explain the basic principals and styles of

bridges helping the reader to recognise how they work and from what period they date. The book is divided into four sections. The first gives the background to the subject; the second describes arched bridges; the third explains other forms of bridges and investigates viaducts and aqueducts. The fourth section is a quick reference guide with a list of bridges to visit and a glossary to explain any unfamiliar terms. Published by Countryside books in paperback, 160 pages, price £9.99 ISBN 978-1-84674-079-4



*British Architectural Styles* is an easy reference guide, helping the reader to date the wide variety of building we see around us. Written by Trevor York, it covers the immense range of architectural styles from 1500 to 1950, complete with a glossary of architectural terms and a historical time chart. Each chapter covers a distinct period with a background to the social and economic history and details of the styles of architecture in fashion at the time. The result is an invaluable companion when visiting villages or stately homes, or for those who are renovating, tracing the history of their own home. Published by Countryside books in paperback, 64 pages, price £4.99 ISBN 978-1-84674-082-4

The Teach Yourself series of books were launched in 1938 and are still going strong. *Tracing Your Family History* is a greatly revised and updated third edition packed with useful information. The book is ideal for all those who want to discover more about their ancestors, tracing a clear path through a maze of information, from effective planning to tracing births, marriages and deaths. It offers checklists, advice on researching migrant ancestors and plenty of guidance on the internet and other technology - including information on how to draft a family tree electronically.

Do you want to know about your roots? Then this is a good place to start. Edited and written by Stella Colwell, Family and Local History Specialist Reader Adviser at the Public Record Office, Kew, the book is published in paperback, 330 pages, price £10.99 ISBN 978-0-340-92830-1

I have always been a keen reader of historical novels, especially covering the Roman to medieval periods. *Warrior of Rome* by Harry Sidebottom is set in the third century AD, when the Roman Empire had passed it's zenith and follows the character of Ballista, a northern barbarian in the service of the empire, who is sent to defend a border city against a threat from the east. As you would expect from a Fellow of Archaeology and Classical Art at the University of Oxford, this book has been carefully researched and is well written. Set on the borders of the Roman Empire, the story unfolds with irresistible momentum, bringing to life a violent and turbulent period. The characters are skilfully developed against a backdrop of everyday and political life in the period, heightened by the portrayal of exceptionally vivid scenes of siege warfare.

This is an exciting novel by a promising new author, which interweaves history and adventure to recreate a cracking good read in the style and class of Conn Iggulden and Bernard Cornwell. I found it difficult to put down. Now I can't wait for the next book in this promising series. Published by Michael Joseph Ltd, price £12.99 ISBN 978-0-7185-329-4

## Sheffield U3A

The Sheffield University of the Third Age (SU3A) has reached a milestone with a record number of activity groups.

There are now 150 groups active in the city and surrounding countryside. They cover a wide spectrum from Arts and Crafts, Science and Technology, Languages, History, Travel and a host of other recreational interests including walking.

Sheffield U3A forms part of a rapidly expanding international organisation. It has close on 2,500 members which is another Third Age success story. People wishing to join need to be retired or semi retired.

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## Victoria County History

If you look for history sites on the internet you might have come across the VCH. The initials stand for Victoria County History. This is a series of formal history books started in the 19th c.

The counties have brought them out at different times with later updates. Revision work had been started in the early 20th c. on Derbyshire, but not continued. 'England's Past for Everyone' supports the project, in which groups of volunteers under a team leader do the research for villages.

We go to classes at the Local Studies Library in Matlock, and there are groups meeting in Chesterfield and other areas. We use the Local Studies Library first for information, and follow up at the Record Office in Matlock, Sheffield Archives and Sheffield University Library. As Dore was in Derbyshire until 1934 it is included as a former Derbyshire village.

I was recruited about 4 years ago by Brian Edwards and I asked Barbara Jackson to join me. The Derbyshire groups are led by the VC County Editor Philip Ridden from Nottingham University History Department. Although we are working as volunteers we are getting tuition in research and eventually there will be a booklet on Dore, partly drafted by us together with the Editor, who oversees anything written. Eventually it will be incorporated into a book on the Scarsdale Hundred. A booklet on Bolsover is coming out in the autumn.

The modern format of the volumes will be different from the 19th century originals and our topics of research are arranged as follows:

**Introduction** Location and boundaries; Geography and geology; Population, Communications; Landscape, settlement and buildings.

**Manors and other estates**

**Economic history** Farming and Estate administration; Industry; Retailing &

other services

**Social history** Social structure; Education; Charities for the poor; Community activities.

**Local government**

**Religious life** Church; Non-Conformity.

*Anne Slater*



*Victorian Chimney Sweep and Flue Boy*

## Victorian style fun

A Victorian style Summer Garden Fete was imaginatively brought back to life at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet on the 1st Sunday in August, as families were entertained by Victorian characters, craft demonstrations and live music from the Yorkshire Volunteers Military Brass Band.

Hundreds of families turned out to enjoy the summer sunshine and the Victorian themed activities. These included floral displays and Victorian posies by 'Flowers For Laura'; weaving techniques by Hallamshire and District Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dryers

while Sheffield Lace makers demonstrated their intricate talents and a Victorian Chimney sweep explained the precarious practices carried out in the Victorian era.

## Oral History Open Day

Dore Oral History Group will be having an on Open Day in Dore Old School on Saturday 18th October from 10am until 5pm. The theme of the day is 'Childhood - Then and Now' and we would like to invite Dore people of all ages and their families and friends to come along.

We are planning to display photographs and memories of Childhood as told by those who have already contributed to the oral history project Dore Voices. These will include descriptions of activities, hobbies and games that were popular in the past during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. There will be a display of toys and games from then and later and an opportunity to try your skill at some of them.

We would like the young generation to come along and tell us what they enjoy doing now, what toys and games are important to them. We would love to meet or hear about your favourite cuddly friends. It is essential that Dore Young Voices are heard as an equal part of our 'Childhood - Then and Now project'.

There will also be a memory tree for contributions from young and old and a picture board for those who wish to send us photos in advance or bring along on the day. So look out those black and white portraits of little master or miss with their favourite toy or those colour prints of picnics, parties and sporting activities. We would be delighted to see them.

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*Maureen Cope*

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case, it is true to say that the benefits of making an LPA far outweigh the cost element. An LPA allows you to decide who will deal with your affairs (either financial and/or personal welfare) should you not be able to make the decisions yourself.

Under an EPA the Attorney has a duty to register the document at the Court of Protection when they have reason to believe that the 'Donor has become or is becoming mentally incapable'. This registration process not only backs up the Attorneys authority but also provides some protection for the actions carried out on behalf of the Donor. It may be that the Attorney has been dealing with the Donor's affairs for several years under the unregistered EPA with the Donor's

consent, however, it is extremely important that the EPA is registered at the Court should the Donor lose (or begin to lose) capacity.

In contrast to the EPA the LPA needs to be registered before use (regardless of the Donors capacity). This can be registered by either the Donor or Attorney. An LPA dealing with personal welfare can only be used once the Donor has lost capacity although a financial LPA can be used at any time (once registered).

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## The Wildlife Garden

It was nothing remarkable, just a purple opium poppy of uncertain parentage growing in a corner of my garden. The sepals which had once surrounded the flower bud remained, rather like a small green cap on top of the crumpled petals; not much, but enough to prevent the flower from opening.

A bumblebee headed towards the bloom, flying round and round, searching for a way in. Frustrated, she tried to force her way between the closed petals, but even this didn't work, so I took pity on her and removed the offending sepals. The flower slowly opened and the bee seized her opportunity, making her way to the centre where her goal awaited - the anthers. Buzzing furiously, she scrambled around the flower on her side, all the while transferring pollen grains into her pollen baskets, ending up covered with them in the process.

Other bumblebees arrived and soon there was a steady stream of bees flying backwards and forwards; but the pollen bonanza didn't last long and the flower was quickly abandoned. The following morning, all that remained were a few wilted petals on the soil below and a fat seed-capsule swaying in the breeze, but the flower had succeeded in doing its job.

What seems so incongruous is that this 'bee-friendly' flower should have such a notorious history. The opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) would appear to be the plant world's equivalent of Pandora's Box, as both heroin and opium are derived from its unripe seed-capsules. However, the same addictive chemicals which have caused unmitigated misery for humanity throughout the last few centuries have also given us analgesics, such as codeine and morphine, whilst the oily seeds - that do not contain narcotic substances in any discernible amounts - are widely used in baking and the paint manufacturing industry.

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But this flower is not the only *Papaver* to have strong cultural links, the corn poppy (*P. rhoeas*), which for generations of farmers has been nothing more than a troublesome 'red weed', is now viewed as the archetypal wild flower. On the one hand, it seems to have very little going for it: the seed capsules are of no interest to flower-arrangers and the red flowers are small and short lived, but when growing in large patches, few flowers are so evocative; beloved by painters, photographers and poets alike. However, it is in November that this poppy achieves its most notable symbolism when worn on Remembrance Day, linking us back to the killing fields of WW1, where the plant acquired its other common name - the 'Flanders Poppy'.

But what exactly is a 'poppy'? One gardening dictionary I consulted, listed 86 plants with 'poppy' mentioned somewhere in their common name. Even if you dismiss plants such as the 'poppy mallow', a considerable number of poppies still remain. Most of these plants come from the *Papaver* genus, which contains around 40 or so annual, biennial and perennial species. Bizarrely, the name *Papaver* is said to be derived from a Latin word used to describe the sound made when chewing its seeds.

The remaining 'poppies' come from over twenty genii belonging to the *Papaveraceae* family. This includes *Eschscholzia* (the Californian poppies) and *Meconopsis* (the Himalayan and Welsh poppies), as well as genii that have some decidedly un-poppy-like plants, such as the corydalis and dicentras, linked only because most of them have a thick white- or orange-coloured sap.

To my mind though, what makes a 'poppy' is not the colour or consistency of its sap, but the cup-shaped flowers. Four or occasionally six silky petals are tightly-packed within a bud composed of two or three sepals; but 'tightly-packed' hardly does justice to this plant's miracle of natural storage. There is something quite magical about the enormous bloom of an opium poppy unfolding, rather like a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis.

Poppies prefer a well drained, moderately fertile soil in a sunny position, although corn poppies are best grown in soils of low fertility. They flower from June to September, reaching a height of 30 to 61cm (12 to 24in).

Annual or biennial poppies can easily be raised from seed if sown in either spring or autumn, where they are intended to grow. As poppy seedlings dislike being transplanted, I find it more convenient to sow my seeds in modules or small pots,

before planting the seedlings into their final positions. All poppies will readily self-seed and with upwards of 17,000 seeds in one seed-capsule, annual species should be controlled by dead-heading, that is unless you want a sea of these glorious flowers and their attendant bees, which can't get enough of the pollen.

*Jack Daw*

## Changes in Whinfell Quarry Garden

All Gardens are constantly changing but not usually as fast as Whinfell Quarry Garden! If you haven't visited in the last month or haven't ever visited this hidden gem at the bottom of the Limb Valley, now is the time to go.

Although this is a Garden and not an arboretum it does now contain almost fifty newly planted specimen trees from all around the world to add to the existing redwoods and acers. Some such as the variegated tulip tree, are the only ones in Sheffield. For anyone interested we have all the Latin names of every tree as well as where they are planted. Of course there are also the three magnolias paid for by the Dore Village Society at the top of the Garden which blossomed this year.

The clearance of the old trees allowed under planting and cowslips and primroses thrived in the spring. The space created also allowed existing plants to flourish in the sunlight and it has been a good year for bluebells and foxgloves.

At the end of May and into early June, volunteers with BTCV worked for eleven days wheeling sixty-five tons of sandstone and tamping them down on the paths. The whole effect is to create a much more cared for look in the Garden and to increase accessibility for those who need a little help.

Also at the end of May, a bench in memory of Dr. Otto Fleming was placed at the top of the cascade area in Little Quarry. It was donated by his wife, Dorothy, and the place was one he chose himself shortly before his death. It looks down over an area containing four acers, one which is well established so this should be particularly colourful in the Autumn.

Our next two working days are Saturday September 27th and Saturday November 22nd. Just meet at the entrance on Ecclesall Road S at 9.30 and tools and refreshments are provided.

Like all charities we are constantly looking for more volunteers. People assume that as it is about restoration it is about hard physical work. This is not the case. The organisation to get the volunteers to lay the paths, for example, was considerable in terms of letters, phone calls etc. The committee is at the moment very small. We need fresh blood. If anyone thinks they have a few hours to spare per month to help please get in touch with me.

*Kathleen Cox* Chair of the  
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Moles belong to the mammalian group of insectivores, which are descended from the early mammals that scurried around the forest floors whilst dinosaurs still roamed the Earth. Moles, like their close cousins golden moles and desmans, have changed little from their early ancestors. They are small (smaller than your hand), have long, pointed snouts and short fur. Relying predominantly on their senses of touch and smell, they have small eyes. They live a mostly solitary existence and are nocturnal.

Despite spending their time digging through soil, moles manage to keep their fur very clean as it is short and waterproof. Moles can also lay their fur in any direction, so that they can move forwards or backwards in a tunnel, without their hair bristling backwards against the walls, limiting movement. In fact a mole's fur is so well adapted to the elements that moleskin clothing was very popular in Britain during the nineteenth century.

As it became ever more fashionable so there emerged professional mole catchers, or "Wanters" whose entire time was spent killing and skinning moles. By the turn of the century more than a million skins each



year were being sold in London, and twelve million a year were being sent to the United States.

Although no longer hunted for their skins, moles are still widely persecuted because of a perceived pest status. Moles are actually a gardener's friend and leaving them undisturbed means they are less likely to dig new tunnels. Moles can actually benefit the garden by eating harmful insect larvae like leatherjackets, cockchafers and carrot flies, while tunnels help drain and aerate heavy soils.

Are you ever likely to see a mole? The only time an adult mole will come to the surface is to collect leaves and grass to build a nest. This will be located under a larger than normal molehill (known as a fortress). Litters of 3-4 young are born in these underground nests in the spring. Born naked the young weigh about 3.5 grams and are weaned in 6 weeks. Juveniles reach adulthood in about 3

months and are ready to breed in the spring after their birth.

The mole is thought to be one of the most common mammals here in the UK, however there is very little basic information about them and their numbers. With continuing changes to our countryside it is important to monitor species that can be affected by farming methods and the fragmentation of their habitat, before something happens and it is too late to help. Currently there is no detailed distribution map for moles in the UK.

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At first one is optimistic. Perhaps the changes will not be too bad. They might be in keeping with the surroundings. Of course the disruption will be a bit annoying while they are being built, but then it will all settle down again.

But no. First their will be the planning applications. Not one or two reasonably sized houses, but several (as many as they can fit in), tall 5 or 6 bed roomed, huge things, with rooms in the roof and all overlooking your once fairly private garden and house. And they will be very close to your boundaries. So much for your privacy! Then when you object, back will come changes probably making things worse. And just so the developer can show he means business in will come the tree vandals (sorry, surgeons) to take out all the beautiful trees that you thought would be safe because they had TPOs on them.

Surely all this cannot be right. When the planning committee sees that all this will be spoiling the pleasant area they have been elected to take care of and manage they will suggest reasonable changes that will not blight people's lives - won't they?

I wish! And what is more, you cannot escape the disruption and feeling of frustration by selling, because who will want to buy your house while all the building is going on. No, you are stuck there until all the "vandalism" is complete. I am sure there are many people who feel that sensible property development has been largely taken over by the greedy aspirations of the developers. The one-time balance of a variety of housing providing for the varied needs of the local population has gone out of the window.

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*Lorna Baker*

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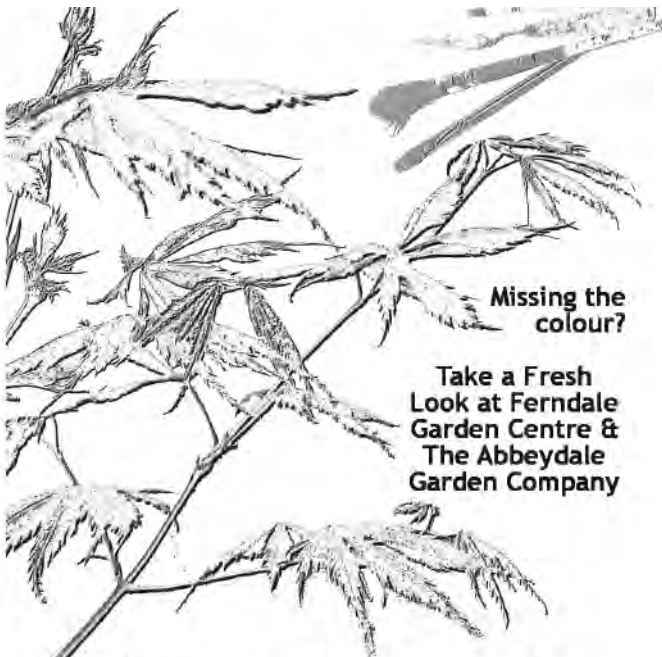
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## Seeing stars in Dore

As summer draws to a close in Dore and the evening twilight falls earlier we can begin enjoying the celestial canopy once more. Our Milky Way now passes overhead stretching from the NNE horizon near Capella, up through Cassiopea and Cygnus and all the way down to the south where Jupiter shines brightly. Full Moons now occur near the middle of September, October and November so the best time to see the Milky Way is presently during the last week and the first week of each of these months, essentially after moonset or before moonrise and far from street lights.

Our Moon is a very erratic creature or so it would seem. Prior to the 19th century sailors had great difficulty navigating by the Moon. Take, for example, just the compass bearing of moonrise at the sea horizon for the months of August, September, October and November. Sailor Jim would have to realise that, unlike the Sun (which also may or may not be shining when needed), the Full Moon rises in the ESE, E, ENE and NE through those months at a single northerly latitude. The Reader can check this out in Dore. The planets, however, never wander far from their pathway amongst the stars (the so-called ecliptic).

In mid-August before sunset Mars, Saturn, Venus and Mercury huddled together east of the Sun. Jupiter and Pluto were far away near the horizon. Readers may have seen the partial eclipse of the Moon on August 16th although generally these events pass unnoticed unless we are informed in the newspaper. Sadly, the public seems more concerned about their horoscopes. We shall say more about this later.

On September 1st Mars in Virgo will be setting before midnight. Venus and Mercury might just be glimpsed westwards above a New Moon. Jupiter is really the only bright planet likely to be seen, very prominent in the S or SW from twilight onwards. On October 1st Venus in Libra is very low in the WSW in the twilight, and again above a New Moon.

Jupiter still reigns. On November 1st it is a very similar story but the Moon's thin crescent is more obvious. We can look forward to Saturn's reappearance in the east in November before dawn. Its rings have closed substantially since last year and its moons are spread out left and right of the rings but, of course, only seen in a telescope. Time to buy a telescope!

Let's come back to astrology. Take a day and time like 3pm on September 27th which may be of significance to you.

Venus, Mercury and Mars in Virgo are in the south, left of the Sun. Saturn and the Moon are in the SW in Leo to the right of the Sun. Pluto is rising in the SE in Sagittarius. Great Jupiter is below the eastern horizon. What a scenario for the astrologer! Mars is taunting beautiful Venus; fleetly, whimsical Mercury is hovering nearby. The Sun is high in the southern sky with the young damsel, Virgo; Pluto, for our purposes, is a Disney dog barking on the horizon in Sagittarius, the Archer, and powerful Jupiter, the

largest planet, is hidden from view. Scenarios like this inspired the Renaissance painters and, surely, would spark the imagination of anyone, not only the astrologer!

Pluto might as well be a dog; it has been upgraded again recently. From being a member of the Solar System, then a rather unimportant asteroid-type intruder, and now a special Pluto-type planet, apparently worthy of renewed, special attention, Pluto has led a dog's life recently. Incidentally, there are now 287 known extra-solar planets being studied by astronomers. Hopefully, these will not be added to the astrologer's pitiful and exploiting activities.

Al Gore, the American senator who failed to become President, has renewed his political efforts to become noticed. Climatic change has now been linked with Chinese financial loans, oil and the global economy, and, of course, pollution caused by Humankind. Remember the phrases, homemade produce, free-range eggs, pick-yourself fruit, organic, ecological farming, green living, power-saving, alternative energy, sales-now-on (all year round), three for the price of two. Then, we have chocolate Easter eggs during twelve months, Christmas starting in the summer. In England we started to hear the word 'robust' in every political speech. Now the word is 'global'!

Not that the Writer is against a clean atmosphere, other sources of energy (preferably not more expensive), and, most importantly, a thought for others on Our Planet, but we should always remember that the climate is a changeable phenomena taken over thousands and millions of years.

The little bit of atmosphere that we are currently considering, considerably more than that which concerns our everyday weather forecasters, up to, say, the ozone layer at 15 to 20 miles high, in which that horrible hole appeared over the Antarctic, is pretty enormous. Its volume is several hundred million cubic miles. It sits above about 200 million square miles of the Earth's surface, deserts, ice-caps, mountain ranges, two-fifths being ocean, all with their own complex different topographies and climatic influences.

The Earth rotates dragging the atmosphere with it, and the Sun pours in radiation and particles from above it. Heat is gained and lost in strange and very complex ways. Mostly, climatologists only speak of carbon dioxide and the Greenhouse Effect, but there are other more toxic gases exuding from the Earth like methane, and harmful, possibly poisonous, dust and gas from the active interior of the Earth from volcanoes and earthquakes. We must not forget the natural effects caused by the Sun itself, those which can only be studied above the Earth's lower atmosphere.

Politicians rarely mention details and many scientists are alarmed at the warning bells when some world leaders speak. Scientists, too, are frequently not to be trusted when money for research is involved. The word GLOBAL has become a very good tool for allowing the more powerful nations to interfere with

developing countries. Politicians are trying to create an unattainable global economy, not unlike that envisioned by the Nazis in the 1930s and '40s, except they can pose as the good guys. Such an economy can never be freed of corruption and exploitation. No doubt, great care must be exercised when we pursue our best intentions for the Planet.

*David Andrews*

## Harvest appeal 2008

The Cathedral Archer Project continues to work with the most marginalised and destitute people in the city centre. With your help we offer crisis support in Sheffield City Centre, providing hot meals, food parcels, health and hygiene facilities as well as advice and support on many issues to do with homelessness.

Each harvest we are grateful to organisations and individuals across South Yorkshire for supporting our work with collections of food and toiletries. We trust that this year you will continue your support and enable us to supply the 2000 food parcels we distribute, the 14,000 breakfasts and 10,080 lunches we serve each year.

We appreciate all gifts we receive but ask that you share with your donors the list below. The needs of homeless people can be very specific, for instance, a rough sleeper needs food that can be prepared and eaten on the street, often without the luxury of mugs, plates or tin openers. In this instance pot noodles, cup-a-soups and ring pull tins are particularly useful. Other items include biscuits, cereals, coffee and toiletries from towels to razors.

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## Diary - Autumn 2008

### AUGUST

- 23 **Froggat Show** Details from: 01433 631722  
 25 **Hope Show & Sheepdog Trials**, Castleton Road.  
 Details from 01433 620905  
 28 - 30 **Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials** 7am-6.30pm see article  
 28 **Summer Open Day** at Whirlow Hall Farm - childrens events  
 29 - 31 **Chatsworth Country Fair**. Details from 01328 821821

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **A.G.M.** Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm  
 6 & 7 **Art in the Gardens**, 5th annual event at Sheffield Botanical Gardens 10.30am to 5.30pm 01142 736839  
 9 **Disabilities Day** advice and services explained, Quaker Meeting House Vicar Lane, 11am-3pm  
 9 **A.G.M** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group-7.45pm  
 10 **Dore Garden Club** founding meeting, Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm Tel: 236 0915 or 236 3508  
 11-14 **Heritage Open Days** see article  
 13 **Step out from Bradway** with the Rangers - family walk via Dronfield Woodhouse & Holmesfield 10.30am-2pm Meet Bradway Fire Station. Details 283 919  
 13 **Dore Show** Dore Old School & Methodist Church Halls. Brass band, dancers & side stalls 2pm - 4.30pm  
 14 **Farm Fayre** Whirlow Hall Farm Trust 10am-4pm Family day out craft fair, farmers market etc  
 14 **FOBS Autumn Plant sale** Sheffield Botanical Gardens 2pm to 4pm Thompson Road entrance Admission free  
 15 **Our Minister** Rev Talk by Garry Dawson-Jones for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm  
 18 **Information Roadshow** South West Area Panel, Ecclesall Library 2-5pm  
 20 **Totley Show** Totley Primary School 2pm-3.30pm  
 22 **Charity Golf Day** in aid of Royal Soc for the Blind, Dore & Totley Golf Club 9am start tel 251 9643  
 22 **Stroll round three woods** in the Sheaf Valley. 10.30am-12noon Meet Millhouses Cafe. Book via 283 9195  
 23 **British family growing up between the wars.** Talk by Stuart Trickey for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 24 **South West Area Panel** Sir Harold Jackson School Bradway 7.15 - 9pm  
 26 **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan cancer support 0845 602 1246  
 26 **Going Batty** in Ecclesall Woods with Sheffield Rangers. 8pm start at woodmill site - family activity Book via 283 9195  
 27 **Working Day**, Whinfell Quarry Gardens, start 9.30am  
 28 **Stannage Stumble** HSBC sports ground Limb Lane 9am registration from 7.30 in aid of Home-Start. tel 278 8377  
 29 **Basic Broad Yorkshire** Talk by Mrs. Margaret Maxfield, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm

### OCTOBER

- 4 **Handel's Messiah** John Wade Singers at Millhouses Methodist Church 7.30pm  
 4 & 5 **Art Exhibition** Leonard Cheshire Home, Mickley Lane. 10-6pm Preview 3rd Oct 7-9 pm  
 7 **Love in a shoebox.** Talk and presentation by Val and Tony Loach for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group-7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 13 **A Teacher's Life** Mr. Glenn Evans, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Methodist Schoolroom  
 18 **Oral History Open Day** "Childhood Then and Now" Dore Old School 10am-5pm All ages welcome  
 21 **My work as an M.P.** Talk by Helen Jackson for Dore Methodist Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 22 **Nearly new fashion show** Leonard Cheshire Home Mickley Lane 7pm  
 25 **Christmas Fair**, stalls & gifts at WORK on Ringinglow Road Tel 262 0094  
 25 **Autumn Craft Fayre & Farmers market** Leonard Cheshire Home Mickley Lane 2- 4pm  
 27 **Northern Cyprus** Mrs. Jean Clayton, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Methodist Schoolroom  
 31 **Colin Yates Big Band**, HSBC Sports and Social Club, Limb Lane. 8pm £5 Tickets tel 236 3482

### NOVEMBER

- 4 **White water rafting in the Zambezi.** Talk and slides by Lyn Jackson for the Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 10 **Information Roadshow** South West Area Panel, Christ Church Fulwood 2-5pm  
 10 **Members' Afternoon** Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Methodist Schoolroom  
 13 **Autumn Fair** at St Luke's Tel 262 1242  
 15 **South Yorkshire Archaeology Day** Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, pre-booking essential Tel: 273 6354  
 18 **Visit to the Synagogue** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group  
 22 **Working Day**, Whinfell Quarry Gardens, start 9.30am  
 24 **Transport 17** Mrs. Margaret Barlow, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Methodist Schoolroom  
 26 **Art Photography:** Landscape, City & Coast. Lecture by Dave Butcher for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art, 2.30pm Tapton Hall Admission free Tel 236 0941  
 26-29 **Dying for dinner** autumn play by T.O.A.D.S. 7.30pm St John's Church Hall. Tickets 236 6891

### Councillor surgeries

Local councillors are available for consultation in the Dore Village Society room on the 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30am to 12 noon. Contact details: Keith Hill telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk or Mike Davis 274 8002 Email: mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk Colin Ross telephone 235 1948 Email: colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk

**Dore Show** takes place on Saturday 13 September in the Old School and Methodist Church Hall - be sure to note the date in your diary. There will be lots to see, a Brass Band, entertainment and several side displays of interest to everyone.

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

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