

# DORE to DOOR

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## Save our pubs

Many pubs are struggling to survive with closures escalating to nearly six a day nationally. Yet they are a quintessential element of our urban and rural landscapes and society would be poorer for their demise. Competition from cheap supermarket drinks, too much legislation, brewery greed, the smoking ban, a reluctance to change, have all contributed to this decline. Changing social habits are another factor, but that is a too edged sword if pubs can successfully adapt themselves.

We, the public have a role as well. When did you last go to one of our local pubs? Have you tried the competitively priced food they offer, the entertainment, the warm welcome. If not, then give it a try: many of our local pubs will be delighted to serve you.

The **Hare & Hounds** and the **Devonshire Arms** on the high street, are offering special meal promotions. You would be hard put to cook the food yourselves at these prices, never mind the pleasure of being served and not having to do the washing up! **Dore Moor Inn** has got offers in the national press at two meals for £10 and will be bringing in a new menu next month.

**The Castle Inn** on Twentywell Road also offers a range of meals including retirement specials and has recently been redecorated with the refreshing new look complimented by Ian Geary paintings which are available to buy. **The Crown** at Hillfoot is under new management with previous head barman and local musician Phil Knight in charge. **The Norfolk Arms** at Ringinglow is going back to its roots, with jazz nights every Thursday and admission for man's best friend. **The Fleur De Lys** pub at Totley now has a monthly Folk and Acoustic music club on the second Tuesday each month.

Do not wait too long to try them for yourselves. All too near to home the **Cross Scythes** at Totley has closed its doors, having been unable to pay its way despite offering accommodation over the last couple of years.

*You will find a complete diary of local events on the back page of this issue.*



*New streetlights march into the Green Belt towards Owlter Bar, bringing creeping urbanisation to this stretch of Baslow Road and lighting up the night sky for miles.*

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Spring meeting

**7.30pm Wednesday**

**25th February**

Methodist Church Hall

Talk by Mr David Templeman

**“The history of  
Sheffield Manor Lodge”**

Everybody welcome

## Art competition

Talented Artists are required to help us celebrate Sheffield Environment Week !

This year the Dore Village Society is running a competition for local artists in conjunction with Sheffield Environment Week. There are 4 Age categories.

Three for younger entrants :  
age under 5yrs; 6 to 11yrs; 12 to 16yrs  
and a fourth class for adults  
The theme : **“Where I Live”**.

Any medium may be used but there is a size restriction of no bigger than A3 for paper / canvas entries.

The closing date for entries is Saturday morning the 4th April. They can be handed in at the offices of Dore Village Society in Dore Old School between 10am and 12 noon that morning. Alternatively please contact any member of the DVS committee or deliver the entry to: 8 Thornsett Gardens, Dore; S17 3PP.

Prizes will be awarded and the winning entries will be displayed in the Dore Old School on Saturday 2nd May.

## We need SPACE

One of Sheffield's greatest assets is its proximity to stunning countryside. Many people living on the western side of Sheffield and others visiting this area feel let down by Sheffield City Council's failure to protect the environment of areas fringing the Peak Park.

S.P.A.C.E (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment) is a new campaigning group that has been formed, prompted by the recent installation of lighting alongside Totley Moor - yet another example of unacceptable and damaging development in this area.

The aims of SPACE are:

To protect this green border with the Peak National Park. These areas to the west and south-west of Sheffield are particularly vulnerable to creeping urbanisation and inappropriate development, as most are unprotected by National Park planning restrictions. We want to work and campaign to maintain the rural sense of place, the character of the area, the views from the Peak Park, and thus the experience and enjoyment of this national asset.

Membership is free and open to everyone including established societies and organisations. Dore Village Society, Totley Resident's Association and Friends of Blacka Moor are already members but we need individuals to join up too. If you are interested, please contact us at [space.sheffield@talktalk.net](mailto:space.sheffield@talktalk.net) or phone 0114 235 6907.

[www.sheffieldspace.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldspace.org.uk)

*More on the lighting issue, and an update from SPACE on page 4*

## Village Dragon Hunt

This years village dragon hunt organised by the Dore Village Society will held on Sunday 19th April commencing at 2 pm.

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

- \* Celebrate St. George's Day which falls this year on the 23rd
- \* Encourage an interest in, and knowledge of, the village
- \* Enable people to have some fun as a family!!

St George is bound to join us along with our very own village Wyvern who will be playing the part of the dragon.

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

## Community Assemblies

Seven new Community Assemblies will come into being in May replacing the current 12 Area Panels. In South West Sheffield the local assembly area will consist of four complete wards.

Dore and Totley; Ecclesall; Fulwood and Crookes.

Each Community Assembly will have a team of five staff and will also be supported by a team of people from other services and partner organisations.

Community Assemblies will have more influence on how budgets are spent in the area, and by deciding how local services will be provided to meet local needs. Councillors will have more power to make local decisions, based on the views of residents. The assemblies will use public meetings and events and a website to reach local people plus Assembly Roadshows in each ward.

## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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

Please forward items for the Summer (May) issue to the address on this page by **Thursday 30th April**

## Quote - Recognise the scenario?

"Owners of capital will stimulate the working class to buy more and more of expensive goods, houses and technology, pushing them to take more and more expensive credits, until their debt becomes unbearable. The unpaid debt will lead to bankruptcy of banks, which will have to be nationalised, and the State will have to take the road which will eventually lead to communism"

*Karl Marx, Das Kapital, 1867*

## Bradway Tunnel work

Trains are once again running through Bradway tunnel after the completion of an £11 million improvement scheme.

The line between Sheffield and Chesterfield was partially closed from September 8th and was re-opened mid December. Network Rail said the project had been delivered on time and on budget.

Engineers have worked to not only renew and improve the lining of the tunnel but also to completely replace the track. The work will reduce the need for intrusive maintenance and the track works should provide passengers with a smoother ride.

Bradway tunnel was built between 1865 and 1868 and needed to be repaired and relined with concrete in several parts. Track renewal was brought forward to coincide with the job.

## Dore Festival 2009

Sunday 28th June to Sunday 12th July.

The full and varied programme for this years Festival is almost complete and the Gardens Open afternoon will be the first event on Sunday 28th. Many of the ever popular walks and musical evenings are booked including the Jazz Evening in the Parish Church (always a sell out) on Friday 10th. During Well Dressing weekend there will be an exhibition in the Old School to mark the 50th Anniversary of Well Dressing in Dore. So book your favourite events in your diary and look out for more information nearer the time.

Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon

## What's going on?

Are you interested in what is happening in Dore, about its history, planning, road safety or the environment? Are you good at organising things, helping out at events, prepared to deliver Dore to Door?

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

If you would be interested in finding out about the Society and our ongoing projects, come along to our room in the Old School between 10am and 12 noon on the first Saturday of the month, collar a member of the committee, or just give us a ring on 236 9025. We'll be pleased to hear from you.

This year's **Women's World Day of Prayer** will be held at Totley United Reformed Church on Friday 6 March at 10.30am. The speaker will be Rev S Knibbs. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea. Everyone is welcome at the service, and refreshments will be served.

*Rosemary Bilbin*

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

*Registered Charity No. 1017051*

*The Society aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development. Current membership rates £5 per person per annum.*

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## Dore Writing Competition For Young People

Dore Village Society is sponsoring a writing competition for young people this year as part of its aim to encourage a spirit of community. We hope that young people find it fun and it is well supported. Depending on the interest it generates and its success then it is the intention to make it an annual event.

The competition has two age ranges and prizes are awarded separately in each.

- \* The first is aimed at young people up to the age of 12 and,
- \* The second for those between ages 13 to 15.

This year the competition subject is **"How I See The World In 2050"**.

The entry must be the author's own work and may be prose, a story, a report or poetry. This is a writing competition so the judges are looking for the following qualities from each entry:

- \* subject relevance
- \* imagination and enthusiasm
- \* good use of the English language
- \* logical construction of ideas

The competition is open to all young people attending schools in Dore, (i.e. Dore Primary, Rowan and King Egbert's schools) whether living in Dore or not.

Additionally, the competition is open to all young people living in Dore and attending schools outside Dore.

Three prizes will be awarded in each age range. The two winners will each receive a book-token of £100. The two runners-up will each receive a book-token of £30 and

the third-place entries will each receive a book-token of £10.

Competition entries may be typed or hand-written on single-sided sheets of paper and should be no longer than 1000 words please.

Entries must contain the name, address, age and school attended by the author at the top of the first sheet. As this is a local competition name and address details will be made anonymous to the judges. The age of the author may be a factor when judging to encourage younger people entering.

Entries must be received by no later than 31 March 2009. They should be sent to:- Dore Literary Competition, 9 Thornsett Gardens, Sheffield S17 3PP.

All 6 prize-winners will be notified by 1st of May and prizes awarded immediately afterwards. The two winning entries will be printed in 2009 issues of Dore to Door.

The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dore village society will be on Wednesday 25th February, starting at 7.30pm in Methodist Church Hall. Local historian David Templeman will be talking on "The History of Sheffield Manor Lodge". David is advisor to the Mary, Queen of Scots society for the story of the Lodge and its most important characters, as featured in the BBC2 Restoration series.

## Dore Gala

As many of you will remember Dore Gala 2008 went ahead under leaden skies after a hurried change of venue and the cancellation of some of our rides. Nonetheless I am pleased to say that thanks to our programme advertising, some generous sponsorship and the takings on the day we were able to distribute a significant sum to the local Scout and Guide Groups. Thank you to all of you who supported us so generously.

Worryingly however our income on the day was down on both 2005 and 2006 (you will recall we had to cancel in 2007) and the Gala Committee is keen to redress this situation in 2009. If you have any comments about how the Gala is run or any ideas as to how we can improve it and increase our revenue from stalls and activities, the committee would be pleased to hear your views. Please drop us a line at [g.h.cope@btinternet.com](mailto:g.h.cope@btinternet.com)

Dore Gala 2009 is scheduled to take place on Saturday 11th July with the Well Dressing service taking place on the Sunday before (5th July). Preparations are well underway but we are desperately seeking extra help both on the day and during the time leading up to Gala (or even serving on the Committee). If you would like to become involved, putting up the bunting, running a stall for us (there are several important ones that are currently un-assigned) or helping in any other way we would love to hear from you. Do please give ring me on 235 0392.

**Geoff Cope**

*(Gala Committee member)*



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## Icons of England winner

The pictorial pub sign is the number one "Icon of England", according to a recent poll by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). Pub signs come top, second were red post boxes and third canal boating.

However, CPRE fear the traditional pub sign is dying out as independent ale houses close down and old fashioned pubs receive a makeover. Bryson, President of CPRE, says "A Royal Act in 1393 made it compulsory for inns to have signs, in order for official ale tasters and the mainly illiterate population to identify them, and so colourful signs and symbols have been gently enticing us inside ever since. They are as characteristic of rural England as church spires and ancient hedgerows. The diversity of English life has been reflected in these intriguing and deceptively informative artefacts for centuries."

At a time when 36 pubs per week nationally are closing their doors, it is heartening to hear of the value still placed on this heralded tradition. Only around 30 independent pub chains and breweries in Britain are still ordering individually painted signs. Amazingly a few of these fine artists are still working and there are some notable examples such as The St Austell Brewery in Cornwall that still employ sign writers. But it is a shrinking market and the dominance of a few chains has contributed to the disappearance of traditional British pub names, and led to a profusion of bland corporate re branding.

Sebastian Faulks who nominated pub signs to be included in the 'top 25 list' of icons said: "People who think of England as a practical country with little flair for the visual would never have imagined that its lanes and roads would be regularly punctuated by what look like cards from a wooden tarot pack - optical extravagances, creakily offering delight, escape and risk. But it is so; and sometimes we hardly see



the strangest things by which we are surrounded."

There is no better place to celebrate this result than inside an equally iconic British pub. With the latest research suggesting 1 in 8 pubs will be calling last orders by 2012, people in the business will welcome this public support for their trade."

You can order your 176 page hardback copy of 'Icons of England', published in association with Think Publishing and Pan Macmillan, from CPRE at a special price of £16 (incl p&p). RRP £20. A share of the book's profits will go to help support CPRE's campaigning work.

To order by phone please call Supporter Services on 020 7981 2870.

## Wanted

Dore to Door is delivered by volunteers to every household in Dore, four times a year. We have a team of over 60 deliverers, but inevitably with people moving away, being ill, or no longer able to help, we are always looking for new deliverers or reserves. If you think you can help by delivering around 60 households each quarter, please give us a call on 0114 236 9025. Many thanks.

## Lights Out!

Our new group, SPACE (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment) have made some very encouraging headway. Within a very short time we managed to get almost 600 signatures against the new ugly and visually intrusive lighting out on the Baslow Road.

In addition we garnered support from the local branch of CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) and Sheffield Wildlife Trust who have put in objections to the lights.

We put together a thorough and clear briefing for councillors detailing the evidence in the case against the lights - that the council did not consult the Peak District National Park (which they are bound to do under the Environment Act), that they were acting against their own Green Belt policies, that the lighting was put up before planning was passed, that their road safety arguments did not add up, even making the roads more unsafe.

We spoke to Full Council and received an encouraging reception. We knew that our arguments were being taken more seriously than usual when Cllr Ian Auckland, the Cabinet member for Transport and Sustainability, announced that due to our concerns and those of others, a special inquiry meeting was to be held between the Peak District National Park, the Council and the Passenger Transport Executive. We will have the chance to respond.

Our local councillors are also now being much more supportive of our efforts. So - community action does make a difference - especially if you garner your support and present your arguments and evidence carefully. And, of course, keep up the pressure.

We want the Council to put any further work on the terminus on hold until the situation with the present Cross Scythes terminus is clearer (the landlord having recently left), until there is a proper road safety report and until all the powers-that-be have properly considered the impact on what they themselves term an "Area of High Landscape Value".

We are also flagging up our concern about costs - not only the £375,000 for the new terminus and lighting scheme, but also the considerable ongoing environmental and financial costs of the extra fuel and lighting.

In the meantime, we are also acting on other examples of inappropriate local development - the hugely intrusive Fairthorn development in Dore and the ugly materials used on the new path from Strawberry Lee up onto Moss Road.

We hope to make links with other Sheffield communities which border onto the Peak District National Park in order to protect these vulnerable and precious rural fringes against "urban creep."

For further information or to get involved please contact Dawn Biram on 0114 2356 907 or Sally Goldsmith on 0114 2367 996 or you can email at [space.sheffield@talktalk.net](mailto:space.sheffield@talktalk.net).

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*Sally Goldsmith*

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## Threat to Houndkirk Moor

What are Britain's National Parks for? To many of us they are simply a place to enjoy quiet recreation, balm for the soul after a tough week at work. For others they are a crucial conservation resource and home to many endangered species. National Parks are a magnet for climbers, walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders, a source of free exercise for millions of people.

Such pressure inevitably causes conflict. To see that conflict in microcosm, one only needs to take a walk on Houndkirk Moor. There, walkers, bird watchers, horse riders and mountain bikers generally coexist without too much

friction. However, a recent increase in 4x4 and trail bike use is a source of concern for other user groups. While it's self evident that motor vehicles can legitimately use Houndkirk Road because it is a byway, the manner of that use is not above criticism.

A major concern is the area of open moorland at the highest point on the road, just above Parson House Farm. Here 4x4's have created a trials circuit for themselves on land that is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Not only is this illegal, it is an eyesore and an invitation for unscrupulous drivers to drive further out onto the moor. Equally worrying is the fact that 4x4 users continue to drive over the road when wet weather has reduced it to a quagmire.

The damage wrought on Totley Moss is

still fresh in the mind and a similar level of destruction on Houndkirk would be unforgivable.

CPRE/Friends of the Peak District believe that the national park is primarily for quiet recreation, and while 4x4 users and trail bikers have legal rights, they also have responsibilities.

Illegal use of the moor should be dealt with by the police and irresponsible use of Houndkirk Road should be actively discouraged by 4x4 and trail bike representative bodies.

**John Horscroft and John King**  
CPRE/Friends of the Peak District

Ed. Houndkirk moor should really be known as 'Han Kirk Hill', which according to some local historians means, Giant's Church Hill.

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

*Lighting on Baslow Road, Totley*

CPRE South Yorkshire wish to publicly support those Sheffield residents who are campaigning against the intrusive lighting erected by Sheffield City Council on the A621 from Totley towards Owl Bar. These lights have been erected to light the road to the proposed bus turning circle near Gillfield Wood.

The need to relocate the turning circle was caused by the owner of the Cross Scythes public house's fears that engine noise from the buses turning and waiting outside could disturb overnight guests. Now that the pub has unfortunately closed, this is no longer a concern. There is no longer a need to relocate the bus turning circle or retain the intrusive lights erected in anticipation of its construction.

Often referred to as Sheffield's beautiful frame, the Green Belt and neighbouring National Park, including nearby Blacka Moor, are much valued by residents for their landscape quality, tranquillity and habitats. They must be protected from unnecessary development such as this.

Whilst a perceived U-turn would attract some criticism, given the money already spent on the lights, it would save more money in the long term as there is now no need to build a new turning circle or waste energy lighting the road. It would also make a visible contribution to Sheffield City Council's commitments to combating climate change.

CPRE SY accept that the planning situation is now at an advanced stage, but it has to be accepted that the outcome so far has been sub-optimal, to say the least. Whilst we do not want to see First's 97 bus service to Totley hindered, there is an opportunity to re-examine the location of the turning circle before development commences. This would remove the need for the lights and preserve the Green Belt.

*John King Planning Officer, CPRE*

Dear Sir,

*Lynne Stuart memorial tree*

As many in the village know, my wife Lynne Stuart died suddenly and unexpectedly in November. With Margaret Peart, Lynne was the co-founder and co-principal of First Steps Nursery School and, through it, a very well-known and loved figure by generations of parents and children locally.

Following the service in November to celebrate her life, a collection was started via the school for donations to 'sponsor a leaf' for a tree to be planted on the Village Green in Lynne's memory. This has been extremely successful and I am pleased to say that, with the support of Sheffield Council, this will be going ahead sometime in March this year. It is hoped too that a distinctive shrub may be planted around the same time in the churchyard adjacent to the nursery school, where there will be a namestone for her.

I would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive and has contributed to the tree planting initiative. Not only will the ceremony be an opportunity for the nursery school children to be involved in the event, but there will be an additional and positive symbol of new growth to the Green in the springtime.

*Ian Stuart*

Dear Sir,

*Grit bins in Dore*

I have been a resident of Church Lane in Dore for the past four years.

Today we have had a very large helping of snow which has frozen in the sub zero conditions. So I thought it wise to grit the road outside our house and the drive leading to it, as a matter of safety for all.

I sent my daughter Abby out to the surrounding roads in search of a council grit bin. None to be found. Not one for giving up easily, I got the out the wheelbarrow and a spade then proceeded to circumnavigate the village.

Proceeding along Church Lane, Causeway Head Road, Kerwin Road, down Newfield Lane. Then I found a grit bin at the junction with Whitelaw Lane where I filled my wheelbarrow. Then low and behold fifty yards up Townhead Road at the junction with Blacka Moor Road there was another. Which was empty.

Not a bad 'round tour' to find a bit of grit to make our section of Church Lane a little safer. What do we pay the rates for? Mine are £2,500 per year! Surely a little goes into the highways coffers to provide a few grit bins at key locations. Not just two at the top end of the village. One full and one empty!

*D. Jacobs*

Dear Sir,

I have this morning just walked past the United Reform Church on Totley Brook Road where 4 young girls and 2 young Asian boys were accosting everyone who passed them on the pavement with a barrage of obscene language at the tops of their voices. Everyone presumed that they were pupils from King Ecgbert School for whom this type of behaviour is commonplace.

Why should we have to tolerate this type of behaviour? It is bad enough going into the 2 village pubs and listening to this

language from older people but at least we have the option of steering clear of these places. We have to walk along the pavement.

*M J Hodgson*

Dear Sir,

Moss Road was tarmac surfaced only up to the point of access to Bole Hill Lodge. After that point a natural stone track continued up Bole Hill and out across Totley Moor. It became such a favourite with 4x4's and motorcycles that a section at the top became impassable for walkers so the Peak Park erected a re-enforced natural stone wall to prevent access to cars. Another track byway branches off from Moss Road, running down the hill to join Strawberry Lee Lane. The whole track is widely used by walkers, frequently taking advantage of all the bilberry bushes in July/August.

This month Sheffield City Council surfaced the whole stone track using tarmac scrapings from old roads. This came as a shock to local walkers and has been done without any consultation with the Peak Park. We have informed the Peak Park and expressed our concerns. We have no objection to track repairs, but this material is foreign and unsightly. It is yet another example of Sheffield City Council's lack of consultation and use of inappropriate materials in this outstanding SSSI moorland area.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust (SWT) last year surfaced some paths on Blacka Moor using urban house rubble, changing the natural appearance of the paths. This still happened in spite of SWT's own reserve management plan and the wishes of the Reserve Advisory Group stating that only natural materials should be used.

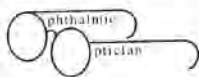
If there was any place that justifies the use of local gritstone/sandstone it is this beautiful area. The problem we face is that once this inappropriate action has been taken it is very hard to get it rectified and we are left to live with the damage.

*Dawn Biram*

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## Letters *continued*.....

Dear Sir,

I am looking for members of the Haslam Family but have very little information.

Howard Joseph Haslam was born 1885 in Birmingham and married Lucy Mary Merrett in 1918 in Moseley. Howard died 28 March 1927 of influenza at "The Haven", Grove Road, Dore, Derbyshire and his occupation was cutlery manager. I do not know if they had any children.

Howard's sister Theodora Jessie was born 1891 in Birmingham. She married Horace Sydney Wall in 1918 at Moseley. They had a child called Rita born 1920 at 24 Dover Road, Sheffield.

Howard and Theodora's mother was called Maria Caroline Haslam and she died in 1929 at Dore. The address given on

the death certificate was "Danby", Busheywood Road, Dore. Horace Wall was present at the death and gives his address as "Danby".

So I know it is a long shot but I wondered if anyone remembered this family or know the properties mentioned. Photographs would be a wonderful bonus!

**Lynda Ottaway**

*Ed. If you can help Lynda please contact me on 0114 236 9025*

Dear Sir,

I've been complaining for a bit about the state of Twentwell Lane, and I have just received an e-mail from Streetforce (Below) saying it is to be re-surfaced. Also in the Dore area I have been told Long Line ( The Patchwork Quilt ) is to be done as well in 2009/10 This was the road I did some filming on with the BBC for the 10

clock news and The One Show, when I contacted the BBC in 2007 to complain about the state of Sheffield's Roads Paul Johnson

"Sinking Utility Works on Twentywell Lane at junction. Thank you for your feedback form dated 5 January 2009 regarding the above.

A Street Force Inspector visited the site and found there was a deteriorating ride quality due to a combination of weathered utility reinstatements and carriageway surfacing. A review of the Street Works register identified that the utility reinstatements in this road are at various ages, some of which are now outside their guarantee period and the maintenance responsibility now lies with the Council.

Street Force has an ongoing planned maintenance programme to resolve the poor surface condition of sections of the highway network. This road is due to be resurfaced as part of the 2009/10 resurfacing programme.

I hope that the above information answers your concerns and thank you for bringing the condition of this section of highway to my attention. Mike Shaw, Head of Technical Services, Street Force"

Dear Sir,

Before Christmas I was disappointed to find that bus services to and from Dore and Sheffield city centre did not feature in the special Christmas - New Year timetable produced by First and Sheffield City Council. As a regular bus user and someone who worked throughout the festive period I found this unacceptable.

Almost every other major Sheffield suburb was listed (Totley, Bradway, Lowedges, Fulwood, Ranmoor, Crosspool, Lodge Moor etc). Consequently bus users had no idea what the 30 bus timetable was over the festive period or what time the first and last bus on the festive days were running. In contrast, the festive timetable contained full timetable details for First Bus services such as 40, 52, 60, 75, 76, 97 and 98. All this, despite the fact that No 30 is a major service to Hallamshire Hospital.

The vehicles used on the No 30 must also be some of the oldest, dirtiest, decrepit and polluting buses anywhere in Sheffield. Often these are M, N and P registered, the oldest of which are well over 15 years old.

This is in total contrast to other routes. Today alone I saw nine buses on the 97/98 & 75/76 routes all of which were '58' registered i.e. less than six months old.

Will all this tempt Dore Commuters back on to the buses?

Now the First web site is trying to justify a fare increase of over 8% quoting "big improvements this year, with significant investment and the introduction of over 100 low-floor buses in 2008 across South Yorkshire including 77 brand new, low-emission Euro4 double deck buses at a cost of over £13m".

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*Peter C Herbert*

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Dear Sir,

I do so enjoy my copy of Dore to Door. I moved into Heather Lea Place as a toddler and remember the house being built. We went to see the construction and were very excited. I helped my father measure the rooms, (he is an architect) one of my first memories.

I loved growing up in Dore when we had such freedom to roam the moors. I decided to be a teacher when I sat in Miss Palmer's classroom. I was going to treat children well and not be abused. My parents would not listen to what went on in school but I am sure my contemporaries have terrible memories. I am still teaching and love it after 42 years. So it was the best decision I ever made.

Mary Farr

Dear Sir,

Dore Old School book

Many thanks for introducing me to this very informative work by Mr John Dunstan. He is to be congratulated on his many years of research.

We have the photo on page 55, and my father John Edward Wragg is at the back row far left, (with the large white collar). On the front row, third from the right, the girl is, I believe Alice Taylor, daughter of Farewell Taylor.

I think I am in the photo on page 81, taken on the Green. Blond hair, to the left of picture, just in front of the girls skipping, and with hands behind back.

On page 63, regarding Margaret Wynne, who, I seem to remember, came with a Miss Griffiths, and they lodged at the Woolleys in Ashfurlong Road for a time, as did Mr E.W. Clark.

My abiding memory is of Miss Davies, who taught us many things of value. She taught a whole range of subjects to the seniors, and I have to add my praise for her.

Peter Wragg

Ed. Copies of 'Dore Old School - in records and recollections' is still available from the Society room on the first Saturday morning of the month. It can also be ordered by phone via 0114 236 9025.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank all our volunteers for the fantastic contribution they have made this year to Leonard Cheshire Disability's Mickley Hall on Mickley Lane.

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Stacey Lewis

Volunteer Co-ordinator

## Help needed

The Wildlife Trust for Sheffield and Rotherham are currently setting up a Blacka Moor lookering programme (the word lookering literally means looking after other peoples livestock).

From late March our grazers will let out the cattle from the pastures onto the heath to munch the scrub. This traditional form of land management helps to clear the heather of scrub and increase the biodiversity of this internationally important site. We need individuals to help us monitor the health of the cattle, and note the condition of the fencing and gates.

If you are a regular user of Blacka Moor with your support we can regularly check the condition of the cattle and respond to problems a lot more quickly. Whether you enjoy a morning stroll, walk your dog, ride your horse or cycle your bike participation is easy! You don't need any experience simply fill out a simple checklist and post it back to us. Checklists and postage are free we'll then do the rest.

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## Planning matters

*(Is it any of our business!)*

**Fairthorn.** A retrospective application has been made for the erection of these 29 apartments with associated car parking and external lighting ( - including increased height and revised elevations). As the building has not been built to the approved plans, the Society has registered an objection in principle to a project which has amply illustrated some of the fundamental weaknesses in the city's planning process.

Amongst the objectors are CPRE South Yorkshire who having viewed the built development from the Peak District on Blacka Moor and Green Belt around Dore and Totley, feel that this should not have been permitted. They believe the building is an eyesore and whilst it may weather, it will remain an intrusive development due to its location, scale and design, all of which result in a development that does not respect this valued landscape.

They also argue that as the retirement home is located within the Green Belt, Area of High Landscape Value (AHLV) and is visible from the National Park, these unauthorised alterations should have complied with UDP policies GE2, GE4 and GE8. These seek to conserve and enhance the valued landscapes in the Green Belt. They also seek to prevent developments which are not in keeping with the character of the area or respect the scale of developments around them. Considering this areas rural character and the scale of buildings within its vicinity (detached housing), the increased intrusion caused by the unauthorised additional height and greater prominence of windows/balconies are felt to be in breach of these policies.

**Abbeydale Hall.** An appeal has been lodged with the Government after Sheffield Council refused permission for three villas in what was once a nature garden at the back of the hall.

**Dore Moor House,** Newfield Lane. After many refused applications over the years, the Council has suddenly granted permission for a house to be built in the walled kitchen garden of the former Dore

Moor estate, in the Green Belt.

**79 Dore Road.** Plans to demolish the existing house and build 13 new properties on the front part of the site have been approved by the Council, despite considerable local opposition. Dore Village Society objected to the application on the grounds of over development, inadequate amenity space for each property and that the proposal does not compare with other properties in the area. At the same time the appeal for a further five houses at the rear of the site has been granted by the Government.

**135 Dore Road.** An application for eight dwellings, instead of the existing one, on this site next to the Doctors surgery has been approved. The site includes trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Concern about excessive density and road safety issues created by access on a dangerous bend were widely raised. Interestingly the official's recommendation to councillors says ...."The land on the opposite side of Dore Road is designated as being within the Green Belt. The proposal is considered to be acceptable in design terms respecting the character of the immediate street scene, safeguarding amenities of neighbouring occupiers and being acceptable in relation to highway safety implications". We will see.

**Finally** it has been reported that the Council is drawing up plans to simplify the planning process as part of the Council's "Delivering for Business" programme. No mention then of the interests of people in the area of any development. The Dore Village Society spent time and effort consulting on the needs of the community and producing a village design statement circulated to every house in the area. For a Council that said it would be listening to the needs of the people, the following extract from an official briefing to the planning committee says it all:-. **"Dore Village Design Statement - this document has been prepared by the Dore Village Society. It has not been adopted by the Council and therefore carries very little weight."**

*Why do we bother?*

*John Baker*

## Porter FC Charter Award

Porter Football Club (Founded in 1981), continues to go from strength to strength both on and off the pitch. The club runs teams from U9's all the way through to U16's in the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League. There is also an under 8 squad that trains and plays friendlies.

Porter is a club that puts a great deal of emphasis and importance on being part of the local community and encouraging the youth of the area to play and be involved in football. The vast majority of our 130 players are from the Dore and Totley area. Several of our older players have now qualified as referees, and referee the younger age groups. We also have a couple of senior players who help coach other age groups as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Porter FC is very pleased to announce that it has recently been successful in its application to be awarded the accolade of being a Charter Standard club by the FA. This is a recognition that the club is well organised, managed and meets many stringent FA requirements with regard to issues such as coaching ( all teams have qualified FA level 1 coaches ) and child protection.

Another important step forward this season has been the introduction of the clubs website. So if you would like to take a look for yourself then please visit [www.porterfc.org.uk](http://www.porterfc.org.uk)

The season traditionally finishes in March, however due to the bad weather over the winter months several teams will be playing well into April in order to complete all their fixtures. The end of season awards will again be held at Sheffield United's Bramall Lane Stadium towards the end of April as has been the case for many years.

*Gordon Mackenzie  
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## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Last year's production of "The Mikado" seems in the dim and distant past as we start the floor rehearsals for this year's show. We have been rehearsing the musical side of "Patience" since September under the direction of Paul Wright, our MD, and it does sound good!

Although it is not one of the best known of the operettas it has plenty of comic moments and some of Sullivan's loveliest music (even Hinge and Brackett parodied music from Patience). The story is a skit on the aesthetic movement of the late 1870s and 1880s and tells how some of Gilbert's Dragoon Guards tried to combat the changing tastes of the fickle females.

Gerry Kersey, who has been our producer for the last 3 years has moved on to other things and we thank him for all the time and effort he gave us in making those 3 years such a success. This year we are proud to announce that the well respected and very talented professional, James (Jim) Newby, has joined us to be our producer for Patience. Jim took a production of "Patience" to the Waterford Open (not only G&S) International Festival some 3 or 4 years ago and won against fierce competition, so we are looking forward to putting on a winning show for you this year.

Jim travels down from Bradford each week to put us through our paces and we are being worked harder than ever to put on what promises to be the most professional show we have ever done. The comic timings will be perfect by the time

the show is performed and the marching of the Dragoons will be really special if our rehearsals are anything to go by (we hope!). Don't miss this opportunity to watch the maidens swooning at a couple of reprobate "poets" and the soldiers trying to become aesthetics - not very successfully!

The talented actors and singers we have in the Society will have great pleasure in entertaining you with this, another of Gilbert's silly stories and with Sullivan's excellent music played by a professional orchestra. Please come and see the results of all the hard work put in by the members under Paul and Jim. I'm sure you will be well rewarded.

"Patience" will be on at The University Drama Studio, Glossop Road from Tuesday 21st April to Saturday 25th April 2009. Evening performances will begin at 7:30pm and there will be a Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm. Tickets at £9 (concessions £8 Tues and Sat Matinee) are available now from Val, Tel: 01246 416364, or from any member of the Society.

*Derek Habberjam*

## News in brief

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Among special occasions coming up at 10am, we would especially mention the following:

March 22nd - Mothering Sunday

March 29th - 'Steelroots', young people from across S17, will be sharing in the leadership of this service and providing the music.

April 5th - Palm Sunday

Friday, April 10th - Good Friday. An informal service for all the family at 10am; a chance for quiet in church any time between 12noon and 3pm

April 12th - Easter Day. There will be Communion at all 3 services on this day.

On April 26th we have our Annual Parochial Meeting in Church at 10am with a review of the past year and a look ahead into the future. Because of this meeting, there will be no other service on this date.

To find out more, just join us one Sunday, contact the Parish Office on 0114-236-3335 or you can email us via :office@dorechurch.org.uk or view our website at www.dorechurch.org.uk

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## Dore Voices - Trevor Biggin

Trevor was born in April 1937 at 34 Barkers Row, Townhead Road, Dore, the youngest of three children after sisters Velma and Dorothy. His father was Ben Biggin and his mother was Evelyn Thorpe, both from old established Dore families.

There was a tradition of army service in the Biggin family. Two of Trevor's great Uncles, George and Rowland Biggin lost their lives in the Great War and are among those named on the Dore War Memorial. Rowland was killed on July 1st 1916 on the first day of the terrible Battle of the Somme. George also met his fate on the Western Front.

Trevor's own father was a professional soldier as he explains "My Dad joined the army quite young, between the first and second World Wars. He was a corporal, drill instructor in the Yorks and Lancs Regiment and he served his time at Pontefract which was the regimental depot and also in Solingen, Germany."

Trevor's maternal grandfather Samuel Thorpe was Verger at Dore Parish Church for many years. His uncle Sammy Thorpe was a well known local figure and village chimney sweep. Uncle George Thorpe was a good footballer who played for the British Army team and for Dore Football Club in the 1950s when Ben Biggin was club secretary. Thus, service to country and community and a love of football have been strong characteristics in the Biggin and Thorpe families and still are today.

When he left the Army, Trevor's father worked as a Deputy and Shot Firer at a ganister mine on Strawberry Lea Lane. "He set off explosives to dig out this ganister and then it was loaded into tubs and drawn out by the pit ponies. I remember Dolly and Tommy were the two ponies when I was a kid." Trevor recalls.

Speaking in what is now First Steps Nursery, Trevor remembers his years at Dore School. "The war was still lingering on in 1942 when I started here in this school building, probably in this very room. I remember the teacher for the Infants was a lovely lady, Miss Dobbs, who had been here for years; she'd taught



1948 11-plus Scholarship Winners: Back Row (L to R) Margot Trevethick, Janet Denniff, Shirley Houghton, Mrs Watts, Mr Clark, Hilary Coppock, Maureen Wilkes, June Fisher. Front Row (L to R) Don Fisher, Bill Marshall, Nigel Thorpe, Trevor Biggib, John Booth, John Wood, Peter Belk.

my mum and dad. She lived at Holmesfield and used to walk here and back every day in all weathers. Down at the bottom part of the playground there were brick built air-raid shelters. We never had to use them in reality but we'd have air raid warnings and practices when we had to go into them."

After Miss Dobbs, Trevor went next door to Miss Hutchinson. "Our main memory of her was that she used to bring fruit from her trees for nature lessons, a fruit on each desk. She too was a lovely lady. Then we moved into the big long divided classroom which faced out onto the playground. Miss Palmer was the teacher there and I haven't got very happy memories of Miss Palmer. She was a bit physical! Then, we went on to Mrs Watts who took us right up to the eleven-plus exam," he says.

Trevor remembers one particular school day during the bad winter of 1947. "We had a huge snowfall and my dad helped us to dig our way down to school. The snow on the front of our cottages on Townhead

Road was up to the windowsills. Not many people made it in to school that day and the teachers who did trekked in from Ecclesall. They sent us up to Thomas Marshall's shop - he sold ginger nut biscuits and things like that - which we brought into school and then they made us tea. I don't suppose they got round with the school milk deliveries that day."

When asked about village life Trevor replies "Dore was a real village in those days. No television of course, only radio to listen to, but we used to gather in groups of kids and play games in the village and on the village green, kicking a football about and playing sort of chasing games round the village." Travelling beyond Dore was done by reliable public transport. "There was a bus service that ran from Dore to Ecclesall and back and then you used the trams to get down into town or up to football. On Saturday we used to go to Sheffield Wednesday but the trams ran right up to Wednesday football ground and beyond to Middlewood Terminus. To Totley and thereabouts, you would walk, obviously."

There were very few cars in the village especially in wartime when petrol was strictly rationed and only allowed for essential business purposes. Trevor recalls when a car was really needed and it was a struggle to find one. "I remember when I was about eight or nine, I had an accident. There had been some big flagstones taken up from the floor of one of the cottages where I lived. We were messing about round there and one of them fell over and it crushed my left foot, quite badly, one of the toes. It was in wartime and Mr. Jackson, the plumber managed to use his car to get me down to the Children's Hospital."

In 1948 Trevor, along with the other pupils in Mrs. Watt's top Primary class sat the eleven-plus examination which determined their future secondary education. He says "I was lucky enough to pass the eleven-plus and I was able to go

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to Dronfield Grammar School. About half the class passed; five of us went to Dronfield but some lads went to King Edwards and High Storrs. To Dronfield meant the train every day and five or six years of walking up and down Dore Road. I don't remember ever having a lift down but occasionally one of the parents would pick us up and bring us back. We must have got wet through some days."

Nevertheless, Trevor enjoyed his time at Dronfield Grammar as he recalls. "It was completely new. It was a total life change for me to suddenly go to a school with so many teachers and so many classrooms, with classrooms on the first floor; stairs in a school seemed amazing. We were taught the usual Maths and English but also science in the chemistry labs. Languages, which we'd never touched at the Primary school, I thoroughly enjoyed these and were my best subjects." After the 'O' Level examinations at sixteen Trevor was ready to leave school and worked for two years for British Rail as Booking Clerk at Bamford Station. However, while at Dronfield Grammar he had belonged to the Army Cadet Force so it was not surprising that he joined the Army as a regular soldier in March 1955.

He had a most interesting army career with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Attached to the Cheshire Regiment he was posted to Berlin behind the Iron Curtain for fifteen months and experienced the Russian troop movements at the time of the Hungarian Uprising in 1956.

However, the love of a local girl, Janet Andrew drew Trevor back to Dore and they were married on Easter Sunday 1959 by Reverend Heawood at Dore Parish Church. Trevor recalls "Mr. Arthur Farnsworth, who had been organist and choirmaster when I was in Dore Church Choir and when my dad and my uncle Sammy were, played the organ for our



*Snow in the village during the 1940's (1947?). What was then Dore Post Office is on the right, a car and motorbike are stuck outside Moseley's shop (now the Hare & Hounds carpark) and Marshall's van is going up the High Street. Notice how different the Methodist Church looks and the lack of trees in front of the house to the left.*

wedding."

Trevor and Janet lived for about twenty years at Longley Park, Sheffield during which time they had three daughters but when the opportunity arose they were happy to return to Dore, in fact to the very same house in Barkers Row where Trevor was brought up. He says "It was really a blessing moving back to Dore, to people who we'd known from the early part of our lives."

Asked about the differences in the village since his young days in the 1950s Trevor says immediately "Traffic! It's congested. Most people seem to have two or three cars and don't do much walking to the shops." Then he adds regrettably "There is no village sport now. There is a football team that plays on the football pitch on a Sunday but it is nothing to do with Dore. When I was a kid we had a Dore young boys' team and my dad played in a really good men's team that we used to follow everywhere in the Hope Valley league. He also played cricket and we had a boys' cricket team. There is no village cricket now. The football field stands idle through the summer."

Despite these regrets but inevitable changes Trevor would not want to live anywhere else. He feels that his life has come full circle. Having been born and raised in Dore village and having left it during his Army and early married years he is very content to return to his strong family roots. He is also enjoying linking up again with former pupils of Dore School and Dronfield Grammar and actively supporting those who want to record the detail of life in our village throughout the 20th Century.

*Maureen Cope  
Dore Oral History Group*

## Extra DORE to DOORS

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## Dore Art show

As I sit down to gather my thoughts on how to introduce my once yearly addition to the Spring edition of Dore to Door, I realise another year has gone, like a flash it seems - and I don't think many of us will be sorry to see the back of 2008 with all the ups and downs left in its wake.

Christmas has been and gone with what seems like weeks of preparation beforehand and then all the clearing away of the debris afterwards, (there always seems to be more to put away each year) leaving us a bit jaded and as someone said "is it worth it?" I think it is - well worth it.

We need a little mid-winter cheerfulness and bright lights to lift our spirits and warm us up, and the message of Christmas does that. (Where has global warming got to?) Christmas is traditional, and despite the cold we mustn't lose sight of that. Life goes on. And so does the Dore Art Show - another "Tradition" the village has taken to its heart, and I hope will continue to be a looked forward to event.

It certainly gives us, the members of the Dore Art Group, a goal to aim for - it's the taking part that makes it all worthwhile, and the appreciation of what we do, when we see our friends, who still support us, over the years, enjoying our efforts, it makes it all come together. Thank you all for still believing in us!

This year's show will take place as usual, in the Old School in Dore on Friday 3rd April from 2pm to 6pm and Saturday 4th April from 9.30am to 5pm and as before we hope to be providing our delectable selection of home-made cakes, that welcome cup of tea or coffee at our usual affordable prices - all served with a smile and a word of welcome.

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## Blacka Moor Reserve Advisory Group

The Blacka Moor Reserve Advisory Group meets three to four times a year and consists of people interested in what happens on Blacka Moor. Whatever your interest whether you are a walker, rider, biker, nature lover all are welcome. Get in touch with Sheffield Wildlife Trust to be added to the mailing list to receive agendas, minutes and updates.

Forthcoming meetings;

March 17th 5.30pm - 7pm On site. Meet at Stoney Ridge Car Park on Hathersage Road. A chance to discuss the year's planned works and meet the grazier.

June 15th 7pm-9pm Totley Methodist Church, Baslow Road.

October 19th 7pm-9pm Totley Methodist Church, Baslow Road.

For more information on agendas, transport to meeting places, joining the mailing list and any other issues regarding Blacka Moor, contact JohnPaul Ward at Sheffield Wildlife Trust on 0114 263 4335 or j.ward@wildsheffield.com

### Blacka Moor events

The following bookable public events have been organised by Sheffield Wildlife trust. To book a place please call JohnPaul Ward on 0114 263 4335 or email j.ward@wildsheffield.com.

*March 7th* 1.30pm to 3.30pm Heathland dwellers; Join the Peak District National Park Archaeologist to discover the human history that helped shaped the landscape and character of Blacka Moor.

*April 19th* 1.30-3.30pm A Spring Stroll on Blacka Moor; Join the Reserve Manager for walk around Blacka Moor to discover more about it's wildlife, history and management.

*May 3rd* Birds of Blacka Moor 1.30pm-3.30pm. This is the time of year for nest building and staking a claim to territories. Join our bird expert Jim Clarke and discover the rich bird life of Blacka Moor.

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## Beat the winter blues

Sheffield Wildlife Trust will be holding a Blues evening on Saturday 7th March 2009 at the Polish Club on Ecclesall Road. The Robin Hoare Band and guests will be playing to help raise funds for the Trust. Doors open 8pm.

As well as great music and good company, there will be a raffle, merchandise on sale and a well stocked bar. Children are welcome and tickets cost £6, or £3 for concessions. The price includes a vegetarian buffet. For advanced tickets call Nicky at Sheffield Wildlife Trust on 0114 263 4335 or you can pay on the door.

## A chance to bowl

Have you ever wanted to play Crown Green Bowling but don't know how to get started? Well here is your opportunity. Abbeyle Park Bowling Club will be holding 2 Saturday morning sessions on the 4th & 18th of April at 10am, when you can come along and have a go.

There will be members to guide you through rules and methods of play, so, as long as you have some flat soled shoes (e.g. Ecco or similar) then do join us.

For any further information please contact either Trevor Davies (Captain) 0114 236 0318 or John Hall (Hon. Secretary) 0114 236 7174

## Bridge Club

Is it worth getting worked up for a top prize of 50p?? (Or less if the turnout is down). We have this on offer each week on a Thursday evening at 7.15pm on Slayleigh Lane, Fulwood when we play Duplicate Bridge, 5 Thursdays in succession followed by 1 Thursday of Chicago (Prizes are not only for the winners on that night!).

You may have guessed that we value social cohesion and enjoyment slightly more than the intimidation of a more competitive Bridge Club. We generally play 20-24 boards before 10pm.

We are a separate section of the Hallam Grange Tennis Club, and are looking for new members, so, why not give us a try, and join the others who come from Dore. A partner would be preferable, but not essential.

Please phone Nonna Barnsley (230 6443) or Tim Marsh (230 1622) for further information.

## The Crown

In these difficult times it is nice to know just one of our local institutions is alive and kicking. The Crown on Hillfoot Road, Totley has recently been taken over by long serving bar manager Philip Knight. Philips approach will be to implement changes that will further improve the tradition and character of what is a proper pub.

He intends to broaden its appeal and encourage local community participation bringing back the feeling of well being that has always been associated with The Crown.

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- \* In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- \* A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- \* No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- \* A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- \* Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'

- \* Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- \* A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- \* Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- \* A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- \* A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
- \* A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- \* The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- \* The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- \* When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

## Credit Crisis hits Japan

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on Northern Rock in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

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## Dandelion delight

I find that Dore to Door issues are the most interesting reading of any published local work at this moment in time. As an ardent reader, I was attracted to an article with the heading *The Wildlife Garden*, page 24 of the No. 92 Winter 2008 issue.

This article, extremely well researched and documented was the subject of the common dandelion. The article answered a question that had bugged me for many years of life in Greece. I will explain.

My wife is Greek, and we married in Athens some twenty five years ago. One particular year I was helping a friend to paint his flat -topped house roof with a silver based aluminium paint to reflect the heat of the sun. From the roof, I could see many local tomato growers tending large bush tomato plants. Each bush had dozens of dandelions growing around them, deliberately planted, but why?

When I read Jack Daw's article, the mystery was solved, and I had my answer. Jack explained that the dandelion released Ethylene gas that caused such fruits as tomatoes to ripen. The tomatoes that I purchased locally were out of this world for colour and taste.

Now, as an extra dimension to my letter, I will sing the praises of the common dandelion, brought to light by the Greek people, in their culinary world.

There are two varieties of dandelion that the Greeks put to use in their kitchens. The first is *Horta* or common dandelion, and the second is *Vleeta*, a cultivated variety the kind that takes the shape of the ground hugging rosette, as Jack describes. Both these varieties are prepared and cooked exactly the same method. The dandelions are dug up by hand, as far down the root as possible, leaving damp soil on as to keep the plant fresh. When enough are harvested, they are washed thoroughly in cold water and cleaned, leaving the root on the plant. The cleaned plants are boiled in a large cooking pan, until tender, a tiny pinch of bi-carb added.

The *Horta* and *Vleeta* are served with Olive oil, and a good squeeze of fresh lemon. The remaining liquor, dark green, has medicinal properties for such as kidney complaints and a general well

being tonic. To order a dish of either variety of the dandelion is by no means cheap, for every plant is picked by hand on all fours, a backbreaking experience, not for the fainthearted.

Please express my thanks to Jack for bringing the subject to life.

*Leslie Vine*

## Everest conquered

Last summer, at the age of 24, Matt Lipscombe became one of the youngest conquerors of Everest, combining his ambition with raising £4,000 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 to Dore. Now he is back working as a management trainee with Aldi.

Next month he will be telling his story in a presentation at Hallam University on Saturday, March 14. He plans to make this as interactive as possible so the audience can experience a little bit of what living on the world's highest mountain for two months is like. For a practical example he will give every member of the audience a straw through which to breathe. This will give an idea of what it is like coping with the altitude.

Only 14 of the 19-strong international team Matt was with made it to the summit. One suffered hypothermia, another snow blindness. It was hard going and he lost nearly two stone in muscle, as when you are high up your stomach contracts and you can't eat very well.

Fortunately on summit day the weather was clear and warm, and having gone 48 hours without sleep, Matt stood on the top of the mountain. There is only one-third of the oxygen at sea level, so he says it was a case of slumping down and admiring the view, quite surreal, a bit like a dream.

Now Matt has set himself a fresh challenge by aiming to climb three Alpine peaks in a week next summer. Appropriately Matt's lecture is in Hallam's Peak Lecture Theater on the city center campus, starting at pm. Tickets cost £2 and can be obtained via [mattlipscombe@hotmail.com](mailto:mattlipscombe@hotmail.com)

## Healthy road

When times are tough, it's time to take care of your health - that's the message from Sheffield's director of public health who is urging people to take simple steps to protect their physical and mental well-being during the current economic crisis.

Dr Jeremy Wight says he understands that when people are under pressure, they may be tempted to resort to bad habits - comfort food, no exercise, an extra drink or, for smokers, more cigarettes. But he is also well aware that the difficult economic times can impact on people's health.

"We know that the fear of losing your job, of facing your home being repossessed and of increased household bills can all affect your health," he says. "And as Christmas approaches, many families will be faced with an added dilemma - whether to push the boat out and provide presents for their children or be forced to cut back because the money is not available. Both options could cause stress and be bad for their mental health."

Dr Wight, who acknowledges that when people feel stressed it can be difficult to change their lifestyle, urges them to seek help from a variety of sources. He suggests smokers seek advice from the city's Stop Smoking Service for help to quit. For more information on the service, or to sign-up, call 0800 068 4490 (the call is free from landlines). Stopping smoking not only improves health but also saves a lot of money.

Physical activity - anything from walking to cycling to more strenuous sport - also helps both general fitness and well-being. It helps in the obvious ways by preventing people becoming overweight or obese with the increased risks that brings, but it is also a good way of protecting our mental health - it helps to protect against depression. If people can walk or cycle instead of using the car for some journeys, so much the better - helping with fitness and saving money.

Being involved in any community activity or group meeting, and maintaining personal friendships, is another way to protect against stress and ill health. "Strong community networks can be very helpful, - they enable people to get out of the house and be involved with other people in an activity they enjoy." But if people feel they need professional help, Dr Wight urges them to see their GP.

There is some evidence that heavy drinkers often blame their alcohol consumption on serious problems including unemployment or the threat of losing their home. Some people admit they drink more to relieve the pressure, but that should be avoided.

Finally, a healthy diet is just as important during hard times as ever. A recent report by academics at Sheffield and London universities states that healthy eating campaigns risk failure because they do not take enough notice of the different circumstances facing families.

The £1.2 million report says that even high-profile campaigns, such as those by Jamie Oliver, can only reap short-term benefits and that too many of them fall back on the 'blame culture.'


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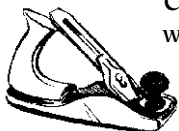
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## Life in the 1500's

Never had it so good? The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about life in the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold".

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much

meat.

They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying people alive.

So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a ...dead ringer.

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said History was boring !!!

## Leadership Challenge

Dore Scouts is one of the largest and most active groups in South Yorkshire but we are becoming victims of our own success. We have 2 cub packs involving more than 40 boys and each year about 20 of them expect to move on to scouts.

But, realistically, we can only accommodate about half this number as we have only 1 scout troop. Currently, this is run by just 2 dedicated leaders who supervise more than 30 boisterous scouts. This is far too many both for safety reasons and for the sanity of the leaders and can not be allowed to continue.

We urgently need at least 2 more scout leaders so that we can provide the training and supervised activities that are at the heart of scouting. Failing this we will be obliged to make some drastic changes to our mode of operation possibly including the establishment of a waiting list for boys wanting to come up to scouts. We would prefer not to do this.

We are appealing therefore for anyone who would be interested in joining our team to make contact as soon as possible. Full support and training will be given. If sufficient people come forward (a couple of friends for example) it need not become a burdensome commitment. If you are interested or would like to discuss the matter please give me a ring on 0114 2350392. Thank you.

*Geoff Cope: (Group Chairman)*

## Fund-raisers thank you

Pam Maltby and the staff from News Plus Village Store wish to thank local businesses and residents of Dore and Totley who have supported them in fund raising for Western Park teenage cancer unit.

Pam, who is the manager of News Plus Village Store said "It's just fantastic that local people and businesses have supported me in this and money raised will help continue the work of this much needed unit".

Pam, who's grandson is terminally ill with Hodgkins lymphoma is a patient at the hospital. The fund raising, which included three raffles and a 'pub crawl', has raised over £3,550 for the unit.

Many local businesses supported Pam by giving prizes for the raffles and many local people joined the 'pub crawl' to raise the funds.

## New NHS dental vacancies

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## Plight of the honeybee

Late last year beekeepers marched on the Houses of Parliament with a 130,000 name petition calling on MPs to save the British honeybee. According to the Honey Association the situation is so bad that there will shortly be no English honey following a dreadful harvest.

While some beekeepers had a decent crop, the majority suffered badly. Bees die every winter but the losses last year were up 25 per cent or more, rather than a more standard 5-10 per cent. To add to the problem the wet spring and summer meant that the bees stayed in their hives. No flights, no nectar, no honey.

The western honeybee plays a vital role within the planet's eco-system, pollinating some 70% of the food that we eat. Yet the future of the honeybee is under threat, and the rate at which their numbers continue to diminish, has led to fears that we are dangerously out of sync with nature.

What is happening to the bees? This is the question asked by the British Beekeepers' Association whose petition pleaded with MPs to find £8 million for research. Beekeepers need help. British honey is still a small-scale industry, with just a tenth of it sold in supermarkets and much still found in village stores and farmers' markets. This is more than a question of the honey we enjoy, Bees are worth an estimated £165 million to agriculture through pollinating plants.

Bee deaths are not just a British problem. Worldwide, apiarists have been distressed by their dying hives, not least in the US, where a syndrome dubbed "colony collapse disorder" has meant bee losses of 30-90 per cent. Nobody is sure, yet, exactly what is behind the bee deaths, but one factor is common to all beekeepers and widely accepted to be at the heart of the problem: the worldwide plague of the varroa mite.

This reddish crab-like parasite, just visible to the naked eye, sucks the bees'

blood, damaging the developing pupae so that, they emerge deformed from the comb. Most damaging of all, they spread viruses. Alison Benjamin and Brian McCallum in their book on the crisis, *A World Without Bees*, make an analogy between the varroa and the dirty syringes that spread HIV.

The crucial connection between varroa and viruses was discovered by British bee scientists at the government-funded Rothamsted Research institute in Hertfordshire. This team has since been broken up. As research funding is squeezed, the varroa mite is developing resistance to the current treatments and as diseases and infestations weaken the colonies, more and more die over winter. The situation is in its own way comparable to foot-and-mouth and blue tongue, yet without the resulting dramatic pictures nothing is being done leaving us to face an environmental catastrophe.

As shown in Paleolithic art, humans have stolen honey from bees for millennia, and as early as the ancient Egyptians began to create homes for bees to encourage them to live nearby. The intimate relationship between humans and the bee is fundamental to life as we know it yet mankind is now seemingly standing idly by as our bees die off.

Honey sales specialists Rowse has given £100,000 to fund honey bee health research at Sussex University and has put "Save the Honeybee" on the labels of its dwindling stocks of honey. We wait to see whether the government can also rise to this challenge.

*John Baker*

## Bees in our local history

For many years Dore and Topley were part of the parish of Dronfield, the origin of which name appears to be 'open land with drones'. Drones are the non working males of the Honey Bee which help to maintain the temperature of the hive,

provide the initial fertilisation of the queen and, like all bees, produce a humming noise - hence the monotonous speaker 'droning on'. Towards the end of the summer they are driven out of the hive by the workers to die.

The name 'Dronfield' therefore owes its name to honey, the universal sweetener before sugar replaced it in the mid-nineteenth century. A survey of inventories and wills of the 1535 - 1750 period for Dore and Topley show that of the one hundred and fifty nine scanned, ten had bee hives (6%).

Included were Grace Woodhouse of Topley (1679) who had two hives and bees valued at sixteen shillings and who left them to her cousin, Alice Woodhouse. Also Henry Yellott (Elliott), a Topley husbandman, in 1618 had two swarms of bees valued at thirteen shillings and fourpence.

In Dore, Christopher Waddy (undated) and lone Waddy (widow in 1591), had bees. In 1616 the inventory of Robert Newbould of Topley (almost certainly the father of George who built Topley Hall) included two 'hyves'. Hives of bees would be given or bequeathed, and beeswax often given to churches for candles.

More people probably had bees but either felt they were too unimportant to include in their inventories, took them for granted or had the view that bees were here today but might be gone tomorrow.

Walker and Crane, who specialise in the history of bees, say that wicker or straw 'skeps' used as hives were bought and sold. A house in Beeley on the Chatsworth estate has a stone platform in the garden where a beehive was placed. At the front of the slab is a raised piece on which the bees would land before entering the hive.

Honey is still farmed only 10 or so miles from Topley at Troway near Coal Aston. There are many claims for the benefits of honey - burns, stomach ulcers, wound healing etc.

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## The Wildlife Garden

Despite their fruits being popular with food for free' enthusiasts, if ever there was a NIMBY plant, it has to be the bramble. This is because if left unchecked, a bramble can quite easily take over a hedge with its long creeping stems or turn a neglected corner of the garden into an impenetrable thicket. Even in the countryside, where you would have thought it might be allowed some space to indulge its rampant nature, it is being vilified as one of the main causes of decreasing biodiversity in native hedge lines.

All the same, this is quite a special plant. Just like the dandelion, it doesn't produce any viable pollen (known as an apomictic plant) and sets seed without fertilisation. Due to this method of reproduction, there are often slight differences between the genetic codes of the various seeds, which give rise to plants with small variations from the parent.

In fact over 2000 of these so called microspecies' of bramble have been identified. But not satisfied with this method of reproduction, bramble stems will also root at any point where they come in contact with the ground, which means that it is not sufficient to simply cut the top growth off a plant to control it, you must also dig out all these self-layering points.

You even have to be careful moving the remnants, as any pieces of green stem that fall to the ground will readily root, while the thorns which lie along every side of the angled stems have a nasty habit of detaching themselves if you merely brush alongside one. Many times I have found them painfully lodged down my socks or inside gloves.

But as wildlife gardeners, should we avoid brambles like the plague or embrace them, albeit carefully, as a friend? This is because their flowers, which can be in bloom from May right through to November, are one of the favourite sources of nectar for speckled wood and white admiral butterflies, as well as late-summer lepidopterans such as the hedge brown or ringlet. Bramble thickets are also

secure places for birds like the blackcap or greenfinch to nest in, while a few briars wrapped around the base of a tree or bird table will deter any mountaineering cats. Yet in an era where home security is becoming more and more paramount, but conversely if you use man-made deterrents, for example barbed wire, you risk litigation from an intruder, what could be more natural, but at the same time effective, as a bramble thicket?

*Jack Daw*

## Dore Garden Club

Our first meeting for the year got us off to a splendid start. It was very well attended and Meg Jullien gave us a fascinating talk about the history of the Sheffield Botanical Gardens. As well as slides showing the gardens in their early days she had slides showing photos she had taken herself. As well as the gardens at different seasons, they showed the renovation of the glass pavilions from every angle - literally. These last will prove to be of huge archival value.

Below is our programme for this year. We hope the planned talks, demonstrations, visits and coach trips will interest more people.

### Programme of events for 2009

Wednesday meetings will be held in the Dore Methodist Church hall and Thursday meetings in the Methodist church. Meetings run from 7:30 pm to approximately 9pm.

Thursday February 19th

*Herbaceous perennials and borders*

Wednesday March 18th

*Preparing your garden: composting*

Thursday April 16th

*Growing /looking after container plants*

Saturday May 9th *Plant sale*

Wednesday May 20th

*Gardening to encourage wildlife:*

*wildlife, friend or foe?*

Thursday June 18th

*Vegetable gardening*

Wednesday July 15th

*Visit to Handley Roses*

August No meeting

Wednesday September 16th *Pruning*

Thursday October 15th *Apple growing*  
Wednesday November 18th *Wild flowers*

Thursday December 10th

*Pea and pie supper*

### Coach Visits

\* Harrogate Spring flower show

Saturday 25th April

\* Gardeners' World Show, Birmingham

Saturday 13th June

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Janet Herridge 236 0915

or Keith Shaw 236 3598

## Open Gardens

Last years' 'Open Gardens' event was an outstanding success, with several new and exciting gardens to view, along with some worthy old favourites. This year 'Open Gardens', is the first event of the Dore Festival and will take place on Sunday 28th June.

Do you have a hidden gem of a garden? Traditional, modern, wildlife, organic, ecofriendly, large or small we are interested. If you would like to explore the possibility of opening it, please contact Linda Hunter on 0114-236-3480 or at mutagwok@aol.com

## Whinfell Quarry Garden

It was a lovely surprise for the Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden to receive an unexpected Christmas present from Dore Village Society. The only question was how to spend it because although we have a general fund we want special donations to be spent on special projects.

Last year for instance, we were delighted to receive the gift of a bench from Dorothy Fleming to commemorate the remarkable life of her husband Otto who died at the age of ninety four last year. The site was chosen by the couple before Otto's death and has been appreciated by many people as it overlooks the Little Quarry and faces the newly planted acers which were spectacular in the autumn.

Now that the "big" work is done-the trees, the paths and the fence we can concentrate on smaller projects. Those who visited last spring will have seen the primroses and other plants under the trees at the top. We have now planted 4,000 bulbs which Street Force supplied. These are largely daffodil so it has aided the restoration of the Garden as we know from Frank Saltfleets paintings that there was both a daffodil wood and a daffodil garden.

We would like the entrance to make more of a statement. It's a difficult area as originally it was the rubbish heap before there was the gate from Ecclesall Road. So we have decided to buy hydrangeas, that very Victorian plant, with our gift from DVS, to put in the entrance. They should make a good show for several weeks in the summer and anyone visiting from Dore can see what the gift has funded.

A very big thank you from the Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden chaired by Kathleen Cox Kathleen.cox@bigfoot.com

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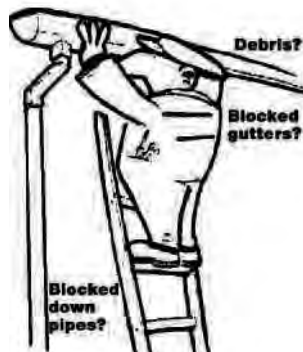
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## Book Reviews

We are fortunate to live so close to one of the country's 14 national parks. Each has its own unique character to be explored and enjoyed, and to which a new book *National Parks of Britain* provides a vital key. The book gives an insight into the history of each park, with maps, advice and tips on exploring the hidden corners, on the wildlife, history and heritage. Each park is different, but all were born from the same desire to preserve distinct regional features in what has become an overcrowded and increasingly urban land. Beautifully illustrated with the very best colour photography, this is a book to savour at the fireside, or which is bound to set you planning trips and holidays. Written by renowned National Parks authority Roly Smith, published by the AA, Hardback, 224 pages, price £20 ISBN: 978-0-7495-5671-6

After the success of his first *The Disappearing Art of Pub Signs, Ale and Arty* book which looks at pub signs in Sheffield, author Dafydd Manton has produced a second book concentrating on the inns of Derbyshire and the Peaks. These two pocket-sized books feature colour photographs of pub signs and capture what is sadly a disappearing art as the major breweries seem intent on standardisation throughout their estates. Published in full colour, 66 pages, by Arc Publishing price £4.99 and available from 07809 172872 ISBN 978-1-906722- 03-6

There can be few who have researched and written more about the Peak District than local author Julie Bunting. Her latest book *A Peakland Abecedary* draws on this knowledge and an earlier title of a similar name. As the title suggests it contains an A - Z encyclopedia of intriguing, unique, and little-known oddities from Achers & Acres (a carving in All Saints Church Bakewell to Zoos (Riber Castle). In its pages you

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*The Wyvern Gleadless. The Griffin has a lion's body, and eagle's beak and wings. The dragon, on the other hand, has four legs and wings. The Wyvern, from the Old French for Viper, has two legs, two wings and on this occasion looks rather nervous. It gained popularity with railwaymen of the former Midland Railway, whose crest it was. Probably Dafydd Manton's favourite sign and the emblem of the Dore Village Society.*

can discover such oddities as the Rindle Stone in a country churchyard, which you have to read sideways and in the process learn what a Rindle is. This is an entertaining book comprehensively illustrated with colour photographs and one to be delved into time and again. If you are interested in the Peak District, this is definitely a worthwhile addition to your bookshelf. Designed and printed in paperback by Northend Ltd, 80 pages, price £6.95, ISBN 0-901100-82-X

The love of wildlife can be infectious and it certainly has been as far as Dr Ian Rotherham is concerned. His new book *lan On the Wild Side of Sheffield and the Peak District* is a labour of love, drawing on over forty years involvement in local wildlife and environmental issues as recorded in his regular column in the Sheffield Star. Written with enthusiasm and well illustrated with colour photographs, the book covers aspects of natural history and ecology, local history and folklore, conservation and the environment. There isn't much Ian doesn't know about. Published in paperback by Wildtrack Publishing, 108 pages, price £9.95 ISBN 978-1-904098-13-3

### News in brief

**Royal Mail** have announced their tariff changes to take place on 6th April, with the cost of a 1st class stamp rising from 36p to 39p and 2nd class from 27p to 30p.

**The Co-op** on Devonshire Terrace Road has been given Council permission to alter its closing times from 8pm to 10pm.

**Staggered parking restrictions** are planned for the lower part of Dore Road to create a 'chicane effect' and reduce the problems created by commuter parking.

## £2,000 raised for charity

Over the last year Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild members have raised £2,000 by various means. The Guild has an excellent choir and in conjunction with Totley Guild choir held a concert in May which raised over £900. The remainder of the money was raised by other members selling plants, jams, and holding a cream team afternoon. The rest of the Guild contributed by the regular purchase of raffle tickets and by supporting functions.

We raise money each year for a local charity and this year it gave us great pleasure to support 'Transport 17'.

Dore Mercia Guild meets every second Tuesday morning in the month at the Parish Church Hall at 10am and are always pleased to welcome new members.

*Janet Hewitt 235 0434*

## Recognise a Stroke Victim

Information everyone should know:

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke....totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognised, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough going.

Recognizing a stroke. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognise the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognise a stroke by asking a few simple questions:

\*Ask the individual to smile. Is the face lopsided in the effort?

\*Ask the person to talk and speak a simple sentence coherently (i.e. It is sunny out today)

\*Ask him or her to raise both arms above their head.

\*Ask him or her to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke

If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call the emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

## Poppy collection

For many years now, we have put out Poppies and collecting bottles for the Royal British legion around the shops, schools and pubs in Dore during the two weeks, leading up to Remembrance Sunday in November.

As usual, in November 2008 we collected over £1000 which we think is a wonderful total in just two weeks.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in Dore who responded to this very worthwhile cause.

All the money will go to those in need who have served or are serving with HM Forces. Again many thanks.

*Bill Hume*

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## Kilimanjaro challenge

I decided with three Sheffield based friends back in January last year to climb Mount Kilimanjaro the highest mountain in Africa and the largest free standing peak in the world. We also wanted to do it for charity and chose Neurocare which raises funds for the Neurological department at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

Once we arrived in Tanzania, the views on the journey to the start of the climb confirmed our expectations that we were in for a difficult challenge.

We arrived at the start (Rongai Gate) where our local support team were waiting, the trek started on a very dusty path through shady forests and we caught sight of black and white Colobus monkeys, the views were spectacular over towards Kenya, the African plains ran for miles and miles.

The first night was spent at Camp Rongai Simbu. It had been a fairly steady day although we could all taste the dust at the back of our throats. After a wash (stood in a bowl!!) we had a short walk up to slightly higher ground to help acclimatise. The night sky was fantastic; the clearness of the sky was amazing. But it was very cold and we got straight into the tents at about 8.30 pm, ready for an early wake up call at 6.30am.

Day 2 was a fairly long trek 7-8 hours up to Camp 2 Kikelelwa Cave at 11,500 ft. However the weather was warm and it was a pleasant walk. One of the guys was feeling unwell at this stage and it was decided to get him off the mountain in the morning.

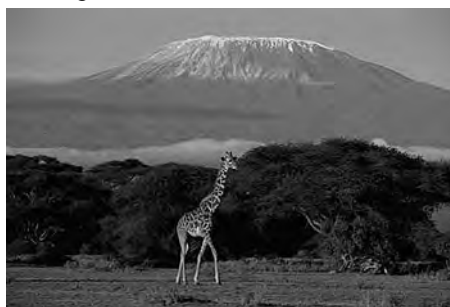
The next day we set off for a relatively short day although the climb was fairly steep. There were fantastic views towards the Mawenzi Mountains with our guide setting the usual steady pace. The cloud was really gathering and as soon as the sun went in the temperature dropped severely. We arrived at Camp 3 (14,000ft) just after



David reached Uhuru Peak on Kilimanjaro on 11 October 2008

lunchtime; the camp was beautiful, just under the Mawenzi Mountains with a small tarn and great views over the plains towards the Tula Mountain range in Kenya. After another acclimatise walk I began to feel unwell but thankfully after taking lots of fluids on board and a few tablets I perked up

It snowed heavily overnight and it was a cold morning at the Mawenzi camp. However the snow looked amazing against the mountains at the back of the camp, and also fantastic views over Kenya with a partial inversion.



We set off for Kibo Hut, the last camp before the summit. The terrain was very different and much more desert like, almost like a moonscape. We continued on the trek to Kibo, we could now see the camp although we still had 4 hours of walking which demonstrated the vastness of the place.

We finally arrived at Kibo; we settled into our tents at about 7pm and tried to get some sleep before being woken at 11pm. We had some difficulty getting to sleep, we probably got about 2 hours. We had some porridge and got all the bags ready, we left Kibo at 12.10am. We all felt really determined to get to the top, everybody appeared very focussed, not much was said as we started the 8 hour trek to the top.

We were in a tight formation, single file with the guide leading the way. We were walking at an incredibly slow pace. We felt OK with just the occasional bout of nausea. We got past each of the landmarks up to Gilman's Point (the rim of the Volcano) including William's point (16,250ft), Hans Meyer's Cave (16,737ft) and Jamaica Rocks (17,225ft).

We reached a point just before Gilman's as the sun started to rise. It was incredibly

beautiful with some cloud cover below, we sat but I didn't have any energy. Our guide had to get my camera out of my pocket to take a few photos.

We set off again and reached Gilman's point within 20 minutes. It soon became clear that the next 90 minutes to the summit (Uhuru Peak) was going to be the toughest bit, the air was so thin, and it was a real effort just putting one foot in front of the other. The views were fantastic and the glaciers much bigger than expected. We finally made it, it had been tough but it was a great sense of achievement - and relief.

A few photos and a quick call to Radio Sheffield and we made our way back. We walked down to Jamaica Rocks and then through the scree we were all thankful to get back to Kibo and into the tents for a bit of sleep before progressing further down the mountain to the final camp, Horombo.

In the morning we set off for the Marangu Gate and the end of our adventure. We collected our certificates and said our goodbyes to the team before getting into the taxi back to the hotel, a welcome bath and a few beers.

It had been a fantastic trip one which we'll never forget and in the process we'd raised nearly £6,000 for Neurocare.

**David Bollington**

*Team Members: Howard Wade, Justin Briddon, David Bollington, David Inman.*

## Did you know

Well done Sheffield. On the same day before Christmas, as the planning committee approved two more housing developments on Dore Road, the surface water drainage culvert lower down the road collapsed again and took several weeks to repair.

Despite Sheffield's horrendous experience with flooding in 2007 the Council fails to recognise that more development equals more surface water run off, something that must be taken into account in the planning process. Instead we get restrictions on the amount per site, but no effort to add all these up. Eventually either the amount of new infill development, or increased rainfall, will overwhelm our Victorian drains, and then who will be liable for the resultant damage?

You would have thought from the news that the country is facing a period of financial restraint, yet Sheffield Council has spent over £300,000 on building a new bus terminus and putting streetlights on the stretch of Baslow Road leading up to Owl Bar. Probably the money comes from central funds to improve bus corridors, but wherever it comes from it is our money and should be spent sensibly, or not at all.

To make matters worse it seems the Council failed to consult the Peak Park, CPRE and others about the impact of the bright lights, nor consider the urbanising effect on what had been a rural area. All this to move the bus terminus from outside the Cross Scythes pub, which ironically is now closed!

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Another area which can cause confusion is joint ownership with someone other than your spouse. It is not unusual for children to live with their parents especially if they were caring for them and for there to be a joint ownership. The guidance which local authorities are expected to follow when assessing payment of residential fees sets out the considerations which need to be taken into account. It is important to know what the local authority can or cannot do. Below is

an example of where obtaining advice paid off.

In a recent case, Mrs. X owned her property jointly with her daughter. Her daughter resided in the property and was paying the mortgage and other expenses to adapt the property for her mother. Unfortunately Mrs. X could no longer remain at home and had to go into a residential home. When her capital assessment was completed, the local authority claimed that her assets for capital assessment was half of the value of the property. This meant that her assets would exceed the capital threshold and therefore she had to pay for her fees fully.

It was argued that the local authority had not taken into account the guidelines when they valued the joint ownership. The guidelines state that where there is a joint ownership such as this, the value attributed to the resident should be heavily discounted. The market value of the property would be substantially reduced as no willing buyer would buy a share in a property which was already owned by another. The outcome of the representation to the local authority was that they agreed to value Mrs. X's share at only 10% which took her below the threshold. Her family do not now have to worry about paying all her fees other than what is covered by her income. Without advice, the family would not have been aware of the guidelines.

If you are faced with similar difficulties, you should seek advice promptly.

*Emilda Eaton Private Client Partner  
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Tuesday 7th April 7.30pm Chrism Eucharist at Sheffield Cathedral with the Bishop of Sheffield.

Wednesday 8th April 8pm Address & Compline.

Maundy Thursday 8.45 - Midnight Holy Communion Commemorating the Last Supper + Washing of feet followed by The WATCH of the Passion.

Good Friday 10th April 10am Family service & Making of the Easter Garden.

2pm Hour by the Cross (Meditations & Music)

Easter Day 12th April 10am Family Communion.

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## Transport 17

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One of our passengers was recently robbed by two men posing as water company officials. If you have not got your glasses on when people call, tell them to wait while you get them. Then have a good look at their badges. If you have any doubts, tell them you will phone the police or family and shut the door. I don't know how these villains can live with themselves. Can you imagine the uproar if anyone stole from their families.

Let's look on the bright side though. There are some good and kind people about. We have a lot of them work for us. Take care.

*Margaret Barlow*

## Sheffield Chamber Orchestra

Chris Beagles - formerly of the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra - plays Strauss' first horn concerto in our concert on May 9th 2009. The concert will intrude an arrangement of Mozart's Adagio and Rondo K619 by conductor Robin McEwan, and concludes with Haydn's symphony No.101 'The Clock'. This concert takes place at Bents Green Methodist Church, Sheffield.

For more information on the Sheffield Chamber Orchestra or any of our concerts please see our website [www.sheffield-chamber-orchestra.org.uk](http://www.sheffield-chamber-orchestra.org.uk) or contact the publicity officer Richard Benson [richard@bensons4.plus.com](mailto:richard@bensons4.plus.com)



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## Seeing stars in Dore

Astronomers are not always concerned solely with stars and galaxies above our heads. Like all folk in Dore, Totley and elsewhere they sometimes busy themselves thinking about the environment, as well as other things that impact on the individual. These articles, "Seeing Stars", are also intended to reflect all aspects of life in our village. If the writer is carried away sometimes by the annoyances of modern life, please be patient.

Dore has been a centre for sale promotions of a remarkable vacuum cleaner recently. We entered a free draw for a Nissan car and won a visit from a vacuum cleaner retailer who spent nearly two hours demonstrating the cleaner and then shampooing one carpet for free. The patented cleaner from the USA has a roller which vibrates the carpet instead of brushing it.

The flexible tubes involve the use of a special plastic developed by NASA initially for the lunar astronauts. Little wonder, then, that the price was £2,350. If one imagined that a cleaner at one tenth of the price cleaned, think again! However, the spin-offs from advanced space technologies seem to evade us ordinary mortals.

Space technology is certainly not applied in the cleaning of our dustbins. Of course, it only costs one pound. We have earlier brought this to the attention of Readers. If we imagine that greater hygiene is the intention of dustbin washing, then we should prepare for another surprise. Dustbin cleaners are collecting a small fortune by swilling smelly waste and bits of garbage into the roads outside our houses (not always straight down drains because there are not many of them in a given road). If we did this ourselves I am sure neighbours would complain.

The average distance between drains is about 40 to 50 metres and the slopes of roads to the nearest drain are naturally all different. Little garbage reaches a drain at all. One would hope that this disgusting performance could be stopped, unless Sheffield Council would like to clean our streets a little more often. This method of waste disposal has to be improved. The Council would also need to fill in all the pit holes in the gulleys, most of which are created by builders' transport. Take a look at Heather Lea Avenue in Dore! If we can land on the Moon, surely we can avoid returning to the Middle Ages.

Well, to brighten our lives, the glorious planet Venus is at its brightest (- 4.8 magnitude) in late February. It is visible for several hours after sunset, and even before the sky is fully dark. The length of time you can catch Venus though is diminishing through March. You may have seen Venus many times before but in these months it is so bright it could even cast a shadow of your hand on a piece of white paper in a dark environment, and it can be seen even through a layer of thin cloud.

Through February Venus appears as a large but diminishing crescent. By mid-

March it will show an extremely thin crescent (only 5% illuminated) as it draws in closer to the Sun in the west.

Saturn takes over as the evening planet in March. Rising early in the evening and at its highest in the south during the Spring at 2am to 3am. The ringed planet is under the hind legs of Leo, the Lion, scarcely brighter than the two brightest stars in that constellation, Regulus and Denebola. Its rings are about edge-on so they are not easily discernible without substantial optical aid.

In mid-Spring Jupiter is a morning object in the southeast in Capricorn. It is fairly bright (- 2 magnitude) although not matching Venus earlier in the year. Venus is then on the other side of the Sun, just to the left of Jupiter. Mercury and Mars should be given a miss. They are very close to the Sun and not easily nor safely seen.

One wonders whether there are other life forms in the Universe worried about their planets. Are they, too, experiencing perhaps a global financial crisis? Most of what we know about other worlds than ours has been rather questionable, based on firm but indirect scientific evidence. Now astronomers think they have imaged a Jupiter-like planet revolving around a well-known bright star. They actually see a small speck moving in its orbit around the star.

The star is Fomalhaut in the constellation Pisces Austrinus, the Southern Fish. This is a September object as seen from Dore, so we have to wait until the Autumn to actually see Fomalhaut. The star is somewhat more luminous than our Sun (17 times) and is 25 light-years away. The new planet, dubbed Fomalhaut b, orbits the star about four times further out than our Neptune.

Astronomers at the University of California, Berkeley, also see with certainty a dusty ring of rubble around the star reminiscent of our own Solar System when it was formed. Fomalhaut is a very young star, only 100 to 300 million years old. There are other confirmed cases of Jupiter-like planets, for example, around Beta Pictoris. Unfortunately, Pictor is a southern constellation never visible from Dore or Totley.

If you are curious as to how other planets outside our Solar System are discovered you might be interested in the following leviathan scientific programme. If a large planet crosses in front of its parent star then the light from that star will be very slightly dimmed. If the dimming occurs regularly, that is, with a definite periodicity, it is possibly caused by such a planet.

NASA has spent \$572-million on its Kepler satellite to perform an almost inconceivable task. Kepler will 'stare' continuously at a squarish field in Cygnus and Lyra for at least three and a half years. The satellite will measure the brightness of 100,000 stars every 30 minutes. Not only will many new discoveries be made but astronomers will be able to better judge how rare Earth-like planets actually are. Are we as unique as we should like to think we are?

*David Andrews*

## TOADS Production

As our audiences seem to like a good laugh in these gloomy times, our next offering is another comedy. "That's My Girl" by David Bathurst is certainly a 'good laugh'. With a cast of ten, there is a real mixture of characters, surrounding the main young man, Richard, who is awaiting the arrival of his parents. They are to meet his fiancée for the first time, so it is an important day.

Needless to say, things do not work out as planned. However, you will have to come to St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Totley, to see what actually happens. The dates are Wednesday to Saturday, May 13th to 16th, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are still at an amazing £3.50, or £3 concessions, from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds, on 236 6891. Fairtrade tea and coffee, fresh orange juice, 50p each, and red or white wine £1.25, are available in the interval. What more could you wish for!

## On stage for charity

A group of talented youngsters took to the stage to raise money for charity.

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### FEBRUARY

- 21 **Sheffield Bach Society concert**, St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, 7.30pm Tickets - 268 3812
- 24 **Gentle Music & Movement** Talk by Jean Clarke for Dore Meth Tuesday Group 7.45pm Meth Church Hall
- 25 **History of Sheffield Manor Lodge**. Speaker David Templeman, 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall. Dore Village Society spring meeting. Free admission - everyone welcome. Refreshments
- 28 **Concert** Sheffield Chamber Orchestra Firth Hall Sheffield University, 7.30pm tickets from 255 3440

### MARCH

- 2 **Jordan** talk by Mr Roy Swallow for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 6 **Women's World Day of Prayer** T U R C
- 7 **Blues Evening** Robin Hoare Band, 8pm the Polish Club, Ecclesall Road, for Sheffield Wildlife Trust 263 4335
- 10 **Greenwich Meridian** Talk by Paul Cutts for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. Church Hall. 7.45pm
- 11 **Young at heart** re-introduction to cycling with Sheffield Rangers. 1pm at Ecclesall Saw Mill Book via 283 9195
- 14 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30am
- 16 **Beetle Drive** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 20 **The Columns of Egypt**. A Lecture by Peter Phillips for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at 2.30pm. at Tapton Hall, Adm Free; Details 236 0941
- 22 **Mothering Sunday**
- 24 **The building of 'Tornado'** class A1 Pacific steam locomotive. Talk by David Elliott. The 18th Dr Kenneth Barraclough Memorial Lecture for Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Society, & SMEA. 5.30pm Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield
- 24 **Home and away** Talk by John Beevers for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. Church Hall. 7.45pm
- 25 **Area Panel Meeting**, Ecclesall Library, 7.30-9pm
- 29 **Introduction to spiders** with the Sheffield Rangers in the Limb Valley 10.30 - 1pm Book via 283 9195
- 30 **Talk** by Rev G Dawson-Jones for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm

### APRIL

- 3 - 4 **Annual Art Show** Dore Art Group Friday 2pm - 6pm Saturday 9.30am - 5pm, Dore Old School
- 4 **Sheffield Bach Society** St. Matthew Passion (J S Bach) with South Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra St. Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, 6.30pm Tickets 268 3812
- 5 **Whirlow Spring Market** Whirlow Hall Farm Enjoy a day out - farmers market, craft stalls and much more!!
- 7 **Visit to Mosque** Dore Meth Tue Group. Members only
- 11 **Round walk in Holmesfield** with Sheffield Rangers. 5 miles meet 10.30 at the Millenium Gardens in Holmesfield Details from 283 9195
- 16 **Easter Open Day** Whirlow Hall Farm Craft activities,

- 19 face painting, pony rides and tractor/trailer rides
- 19 **Village Dragon Hunt** to celebrate St George's Day for all the family. Starts 2pm at the Old School
- 20 **The Botanical Gardens** Talk by Dr S Kohler for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 20 **Charity Lunch/Fashion Show** 12 noon Baldwins Omega or St Lukes 236 9911
- 20 **The Sheffield Simplex story** talk by Steve Myers for Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 21 **Our minster** Talk by Rev. Garry Dawson - Jones for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. Church Hall. 7.45pm
- 21 -25 **Patience**, Done Gilbert & Sullivan Society, The University Drama Studio, Tickets from 01246 416364
- 22 **The Transformation of Painting**; from Titian to a Row of Bricks. Lecture by Bryan Banks for the Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at 2.30pm-at Tapton Hall, Adm Free Details from 236 0941
- 25 **Norton Local History Exhibition**, Chantry Centre, Matthews Lane, 11am-3pm free entry Norton
- 26 **Sheffield Half Marathon & 3k Fun Run**
- 27 **Talk** - a funny thing happened on my way to the theatre by Dr J A Caunt for Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting

### MAY

- 2 **Where I Live** winning entries from art competition for Sheffield Environment Weeks displayed at Dore Old School Hall, from 2pm
- 5 **Hasel and Gretel** Talk by Jean Lochl for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. Church Hall. 7.45pm
- 9 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30am
- 11 **Bring and Buy** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 13 - 16 **Spring Play** "That's My Girl" by TOADS, 7.30pm St John's Hall tickets 236 6891
- 13 **War - and Gardening**, The Normal Occupation of Men & Women). A lecture by Jane Brown for The Sheffield Society for the Encouragement of Art at 2.30pm. at Tapton Hall, Adm Free. Details from 236 0941
- 18 **An Industrial wander down the Derbyshire Wye** talk by Graham Hague for Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Society, Kelham Island Mus 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 19 **Japan** Talk by Eiko Tomaru for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group. Church Hall. 7.45pm
- 29 **Concert** Sheffield Chamber Orchestra Bents Green Methodist Church

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