

# DORE to DOOR

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## Autumn Meeting

The autumn meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place on Wednesday 23rd September in Dore Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm. We will be welcoming back Kath Birkinshaw to give an illustrated talk on Dry Stone Walling.

Kath, hill farmer, shepherdess, dry stone waller and passionate photographer, lives and works in the Upper Derwent Valley. Kath and her sister Andrea work in partnership, proudly carrying on the family tradition as tenant farmers for the National Trust on land worked by their great grandfather.

A photographer since her teens, Kath has a camera with her a all times while working in the stunning scenery and countryside around her, complete with the companionship of her faithful border collies. She is renown for her excellent photography and talks.

## Dore Festival 2009

What a good festival we had this year! All thanks to those who took part, to those who supported the many events and especially to some of the best weather of the summer.

The Open Gardens attracted more visitors and raised more money for charity than ever before and at the end of a hot sunny afternoon refreshments in the shade were welcome in all gardens. A big thank you to Linda Hunter for organising this popular event and to the gardeners and their families and friends who worked so hard beforehand and on the day. Thanks also to Keith Shaw for opening his innovative vegetable garden to a large number of enthusiasts on a lovely warm evening.

A special accolade to John Dunston for giving us such a fascinating history tour of the village. This event is always oversubscribed and John's knowledge is boundless. The different walks organised by David Bearpark were enjoyed by those who went along in sun or rain. We are

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This is the original Wheatsheaf at Parkhead, Ecclesall c1908. The current building in a mock Tudor style dates to the 1930s. Photograph taken from 't'owd locals' by J R Wrigley, as reviewed in our Winter 2008 edition.

**DORE SHOW**  
**SATURDAY**  
**12th SEPTEMBER**  
**2 pm to 4.30 pm**  
**See page 16 for details**  
**of full class list**

## New Discovery Centre

Plans for a Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods have been given the go-ahead by Sheffield Council.

The intention is to create visitor, education and training facilities in a £458,000 development, adding to the timber businesses and community activities already at the sawmill site. The centre will have toilets, facilities for school visits, woodcraft training courses, information for visitors and a refreshments kiosk.

Funding of £250,000 is due to come from the JG Graves charitable trust, while the Friends of Ecclesall Woods have raised more £100,000 from other grant aiding bodies with the Council making up the balance.

The hope is that the centre will help even more people to understand the history and management of this, the most visited and largest ancient semi-natural woodland in South Yorkshire.

Work is due to start in November with an anticipated completion date of June 2010.

## Dore Voices - War is Declared - 70 Years On

This autumn it is 70 years since the start of the World War 2, a defining moment in the lives of many of the older Dore residents. To try to understand the impact of that moment and as a tribute to those who came through that momentous time these stories are told as part of their collective memory. They are also offered in remembrance of those who did not survive the War or have died since then.

September 3rd 1939 was a beautiful late summer Sunday just perfect for taking a walk or going blackberry picking. But, a dark cloud hung over the nation. The Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain had made his historic broadcast at 11.00a.m. "This morning the British government issued an ultimatum to the German government that unless their troops were withdrawn from Poland by 11am a state of war would exist between our two countries. I have to tell you that no such undertaking has been received and consequently this country is at war with Germany."

Judith Hubbard recalls how it all began. "I remember the day when war was announced. I must have been about five - and my mother at the back door talking to the grocer who said War has been declared! She looked serious but I didn't know what war was or why we should be concerned. She looked worried but I didn't know why."

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

## Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society took place on Wednesday 10th June. Mrs L E Baker and Mrs A Slater were re-elected to the committee at the meeting. Retiring Chairman Mr J Baker was appointed Honorary Vice President.

At the following committee meeting, Mr D Heslop was appointed Chairman, and Mr D Ward took over the role of Vice Chairman. The committee was also delighted to be able to co-opt Mr K Shaw.

Keith moved to Dore in 1998. Formerly a secondary school teacher, university lecturer, owner-manager of an educational software company and, latterly, a freelance education consultant advising Government departments and agencies on educational uses of the Internet.

Also a founder member and programme secretary of the Dore Garden Club. He will be taking on development and maintenance of the DVS website and helping develop plans for wider use of the Internet to support the work of the DVS.

## All change in Dore

Love & Kisses have now opened on the High Street, taking over the shop previously occupied by the short lived Pressed and Dressed. New owner Andrea Burke moved to Dore with her family from Bradway a few years ago. This is her first independent venture having always wanted to work for herself. She enjoys meeting people and would welcome your dropping in for a chat.

We are still waiting for the new beauty shop on the High Street to open after what seems to have been an endless shop fitting. On a more worrying note, Ellis Interiors near Dore & Totley station have closed, while rumour has it that Sainsbury's are behind the application to turn the old Hatfield's showroom into a retail outlet.

## 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 Autumn (August) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 31st July**

## School head suspended

Bob Evans, who has been in charge of King Ecgbert School since the early 1990s and is one of the city's most experienced principals, was suspended from his post in mid July over allegations related to his management of the school. Senior deputy Tim Eldridge is now the school's acting head.

No details behind the reason for the suspension are available but this is believed to be standard practice to allow an investigation to take place.

Mr Evans has a home in the Newcastle area. During his time at the school he has overseen its move to technology college status, a move into new buildings and consistent improvement in exam results.

## Road resurfacing

Wonders will never cease. After years of bottom numbing, suspension ruining, bumping up Dore Road, it has been resurfaced, along with Whitelaw Lane, Drury Lane and parts of Causeway Head Road. The ride is smoother, well at least for a while, but why did they not fill the worst dips created by the service companies before adding the new tarmac layers? It looks good, but how long before the new layers peel as they have done on Furniss Avenue and things return to normal!

## Community Assemblies

Sheffield is now home to seven Community Assemblies, which will change the way the Council delivers services in the city. Community Assemblies have replaced Area Panels that existed for more than a decade, and will build upon their work with local groups and residents.

Each Community Assembly has a budget to spend on specific services and will ask communities how this should be spent locally. There will be an opportunity to influence decisions on how much is spent on parks, street cleaning and libraries. More services will be added in the future.

Your views and ideas for how you want your community to be improved will be vital in shaping plans for each Community Assembly area. 'You Say' and 'You Choose' sessions will be held regularly around each ward in various locations for you to discuss what you'd like to see change or improve.

Open to everyone, the 'You Say' sessions will be where ideas and projects will be developed while 'You Choose' sessions will pinpoint funding priorities. These will then be put forward to formal meetings every quarter where Councillors will in public say what has happened.

These views will then, along with those of partner organisations, be used by Councillors to prioritise services for their areas. A Community Plan will be prepared for each Community Assembly by early autumn that will outline what has been decided locally, and include targets for services that will be monitored.

There will be some services that Community Assemblies cannot change, such as those to protect vulnerable children and adults.

The South West Community Assembly will cover the wards of Dore & Totley, Ecclesall, Crooks and Fulwood and is made up of the 12 locally elected Councillors.

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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

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grateful to David and his team of energetic leaders. The family Fun Run, once again, attracted a large number of entries of all ages. The whole event was superbly organised by Stephanie Barranger and her brilliant team who managed to ensure that everyone had a safe and enjoyable time. Well done to all!

Well Dressing was an important feature of Festival 2009 with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the village well dressing. Barbara Jackson and her dedicated and talented team surpassed themselves this year with their artistry and mending in the face of adversity. The Guide team, as usual, put up an intricate and appealing picture which also required fixing. It was a heartbreaking moment for all the well dressers when they heard of the wanton vandalism of their week's work, even before the Well Dressing Service.

Happily they were made good in time and the 50th Well Dressing Service on the Green was an uplifting community event. The very professional displays of Dore Well Dressings and the demonstrations of how it is done were enjoyed by large numbers over the weekend. A very big thank you to Steve Pounder for his time, support and advice on these occasions and to the members of the Dore Oral History Group and friends who put up the displays and manned the room.

All the musical events of Festival 2009 were very successful and we are delighted that the audiences keep coming back. We really appreciate the continued support of Lord Conyers Morris Men, Dore G&S society and our local choirs whose



Betty Brown and Barbara Jackson at the 50 Years of Dore Well Dressing Display

concerts are so enjoyable. The Walker Brothers once again gave us a sensational evening of great Jazz.

The dry weather held out for this year's play on the Green. The Company performed their funny and fast-moving production of The Taming of the Shrew to a good audience.

Our final thanks must go to the two church communities in Dore for their willing participation every year in Festival Fortnight and to our faithful Friends of Dore Festival. We pull the programme together but we rely on all these teams and individuals to keep Festival vibrant and successful.

*Maureen Cope & Anne Elsdon*

**Extra copies of Dore to Door**, price 20p each, are available at the newsagents on Causeway Head Road, at Totley Library, or from the Dore Village Society room during open mornings.

## Open gardens 2009

At 2pm on 28 June the weather was almost a complete reversal of that for the Open Gardens in 2008. Then at 2pm the heavens opened; this year the sun came out and, what is more, stayed out to give us a perfect afternoon. Not surprisingly the good weather encouraged lots of people out and we had 333 visitors.

Each garden has its own character and ambience and part of the fun of going round is to pick up ideas for your own garden. What about a white border; or do you fancy a stream? Wondering what to do with that large tree? - try some topiary. Too much lawn to cope with? - why not try a gravel garden to reduce it. How do you cope with children and get a nice garden? - try making separate 'rooms'. Not much time? - try a selection of shrubs with bark underneath to stop those weeds.

All these features, and many, many more, were found in this year's gardens. And of course one of the things about opening your garden means you try and get round to doing those jobs you have been putting off for ages; it concentrates the mind!

So a big 'thank you' to all those who opened: The Hunters, the Mangles, the Prices, the Rhodes, the Thorpes and the Walls. Over £2800 was raised for the following charities: Weston Park, Cancer Research UK and Breast Cancer Care, WORK, World Challenge, Transport 17, Bluebell Wood and the Lifeboat Institute.

If you would like to open your garden next year then please contact me on 236 3480 or email at [mutagwok@aol.com](mailto:mutagwok@aol.com)

*Linda Hunter*

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## Heritage Open Days

The Heritage Open Days from 10-13 September are a once a year opportunity to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture. There will be free access to properties throughout England which are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

There will be over 25 Sheffield participants. The events/activities include: the Upper Don Walk Trust's 3rd Down by the Riverside Event near Kelham Island; exhibitions at the Shakespeare (an 1830s coaching inn) in Gibraltar Street; boat trips, tours and other attractions at Victoria Quays; and participatory hand spoon forging and craft makers' demonstrations at the Sterling Works in Arundel Street.

There will also be tours of Sheffield Cathedral (one of the oldest buildings which is still being used in the City), the Town Hall, the 82 seat Lantern Theatre in Nether Edge (one of the few purpose built Victorian theatres which was and still is privately owned) and several other buildings.

More locally both Beauchief Abbey and St Peter's Church, Greenhill will be taking part in the scheme. At Beauchief Abbey there are the remains of a 12th century Praemonstratensian Abbey together with a 17th century chapel with original box pews. The Abbey will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on both the 12th and 13th.

St Peter's, which was consecrated in 1965, is an early example of the influence of the Liturgical Movement, bringing the celebrant closer to the people and ensuring the whole congregation have a clear view of the altar. There is a fine stained glass window in the chapel.

The Church will be open on Friday 11 September between 9 am and 12 noon, on Saturday 12 September between 10 am and 4 pm, and on Sunday 13 September between 8 am and 12 noon.



*Padley Chapel drawn by David Heslop. Padley Manor, Gatehouse and Martyrs Shrine at Upper Grindledford, will be open under the Heritage Open Days scheme on Sunday 13th September: from 12noon to 5pm.*

*Medieval gatehouse complete with magnificent hammer beam roof, and manor house ruins. Home to the Padley, Eyre and Fitzherbert families. Scene of the capture of priests, Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam, who were charged with treason, hanged, drawn and quartered on Derby Bridge 24 July 1588.*

*Padley Chapel is only one of many sites open in Derbyshire to be found listed at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).*

On the Saturday members of the congregation will be pleased to show visitors round. There will also be a discovery trail for children. Cups of coffee or tea will be available in the adjacent Parish Centre for a small charge.

To see brief descriptions of buildings which are taking part and find out when they will be open, log on to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and then search the Events Directory.

*John Child*

## Planning in Dore

Dore Village Society accepts applications for two proposed infill dwellings and objects to two other proposals.

Based on the Dore Village Design Statement prepared in consultation with all residents of the Village in 2005, the difference in our response relates to the siting of the four proposals.

The infill houses proposed at Half Acre, Church Lane and Sunningdale, Victor Road are acceptable because they are sited on the frontage of the plots and they continue the existing building line. We have suggested that the roof pitches at Church Lane match existing roof pitches in the street to be more in keeping with the character of the area.

The proposals for dwellings within the curtilage of the plots at 3 Newfield Crescent and 20 Cavendish Avenue are not acceptable to the DVS. The dwellings are proposed to be sited in the rear gardens which will damage the amenity and privacy, not only of the houses in whose gardens they are located but also adjoining dwellings. Neither proposal follows the general character of the area in continuing frontage development. Both proposals are likely to lead to more on-street car parking and will reduce the wildlife habitats in the localities too.

The DVS has objected to the outline planning application to change the use of the former Hatfield's Garage on Abbeydale Road South to retail use. The issue is that there is no detail information in the planning application to ensure that on-site car parking and service deliveries will be adequate.

Recent details submitted for building materials at Plot No.1 Farfield for natural stone and Welsh slates and for sustainable drainage of proposed hardstandings are welcome.

*David Crosby  
Planning Coordinator, DVS*

## Any gardens left?

The development threat to gardens has been of real concern since their designation as Brown Field land by the Government. During the progress of the Planning Act 2008, the Government committed to review the evidence on the extent and impact of housing development on garden land, in order to establish whether there was a genuine problem. The Government has stated that it is committed to considering action if the evidence discloses a problem, provided that any changes should not have the effect of undermining overall objectives on housing.

In response to Government requests 127 detailed responses were received from local planning authorities and these are being analysed by Kingston University, London. The Minister for Housing stated before the recess that the aim is to conclude the review and make a further announcement and publish summary findings and evidence to Parliament after the summer recess.

## Empty homes galore

According to official figures in 2007, there were 673,000 houses standing empty throughout England. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) believes it is folly to be building more houses in the countryside when this housing stock is waiting unused. Meanwhile the Government has cut off funding to the Empty Homes Agency, which exists to find ways to bring empty properties back into use.

Part of the problem is our tax system, where new homes are VAT free, but modernisation attracts VAT at the full rate. Therefore as part of its latest campaign, CPRE have given support to a Parliamentary motion which is asking for VAT on building repairs and maintenance to be reduced to five per cent. They believe this will help to bring empty homes back into use, reducing the need for more houses to be built in the countryside. It will also help home owners to make their homes more energy-efficient and help reduce carbon gas emissions.

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## Letters

Dear Sir,

In the current issue and previously, complaints have been made about the 30 bus service. For the past two years I have been campaigning for the provision of buses which are accessible to the disabled. I even wrote to our MP Nick Clegg who contacted a government transport minister and the South Yorks Travel Executive. I made the point that buildings have to be accessible but apparently not buses or trains.

Nothing happened until Wednesday 29th April, when I caught a 30 bus from town, which had the disabled logo on it and which proved easy for me to walk on to it.

I have not seen it since!

**R B Waterhouse**

Dear Sir,

As a car driver I have often noticed some owners of mobility scooters driving around Dore on the road rather than the pavement and have mumbled to myself "Don't they know these scooters are meant to travel on pavements, roads are for cars".

However having very recently had to acquire a scooter myself (though I still drive my car), I have discovered the reason for this, and that is because the pavements are so appalling in Dore. Full of pot holes with an awful camber in some areas. It makes scooter driving like an obstacle course.

I have to take the scooter to the village as very often I find I can't park in the designated 'Disabled' spots outside the shops due to either workmen or four wheel drive vehicles (driven by very able occupants) using them instead.

I'm not asking for new pavements or expensive road repairs, I'm just telling motorists why sometimes scooters are in the road instead of on the pavement.

**Gwen M. Dowson**

Dear Sir,

*Ecclesall Woods*

I regularly use the magnificent Ecclesall Woods to walk my dog - along with many others - and occasionally pick up litter on my way round. It appals me that people leave litter anywhere, but I am particularly baffled by those dog walkers who pick up dog mess in a plastic bag and then leave this at the side of the path or hang it in a

tree! I am fortunate that my dog tends to 'go' deep in the undergrowth but I also regularly use a stick to clear other dogs' mess from the paths.

However, what especially concerns me is the use of shortcuts in the woods. What possible advantage can a shortcut which saves a few paces and even less seconds have to anyone? All that happens is that the shortcut kills off the vegetation, (bluebells especially at this time of year) and turns the ground into a muddy morass.

The Council does a good job trying to keep paths passable although this is not always possible, due to heavy rain or snow etc, but, although most people would wish to avoid mud, anyone going into the woods in poor weather should realise the probability of bad conditions underfoot and wear the appropriate footwear so that they do not have to walk through the undergrowth and spoil a further bit of woods.

At the current rate of shortcuts, it is surely a short time before the woods become simply trees, paths and mud and I would appeal to all readers who use Ecclesall Woods to try to stick to the proper paths.

**Peter Burnett**

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate the Council on voting to remove the intrusive street lighting on Baslow Road outside Totley. This was a courageous decision because the Council now face the embarrassment that their incompetent officers and councillors have wasted at least £365,000 of our money. However they have finally done the right thing and this is refreshing. Often organisations that get things wrong won't publicly admit it and continue to defend their actions. This then leads to more frustration, anger and disillusionment of the public.

But I hope now that lessons will be learned: that consultation with all relevant bodies is essential. There also needs to be a system of informing and inviting public comment for all schemes such as this on the Council website, before they are undertaken. A weekly list of future works needs to be circulated to residents groups as currently happens with planning applications. Consultation with local users would have avoided the very expensive, unnecessary surfacing of Moss Road as a by-way that has ruined this beautiful stone

track forever, when a much smaller, more natural, less expensive repair is all that was required.

I hope the Council will also admit its mistake in allowing the construction of the completely out of character Fairthorn block of flats on the edge of Blacka Moor. All we are currently getting from the Council is the repeated statement that they are committed to protecting Sheffield's green belt. But these are just words and clearly it isn't being protected! Now Fairthorn is in place, we need the Council to tell us exactly HOW they are going to prevent developers gaining permission to construct similar blocks.

**Dawn Biram**

Dear Sir,

In our garden we have what I call a sump. It is about 3ft deep by 3ft wide, it is lined with stones and running into the bottom of it are 3 cast iron pipes which I think are land drains coming from the recreation ground. There are pipes running out of it so from time to time we have to dredge the silt out in order to keep it flowing freely.

A few years ago I found a green glass bottle in the bottom that must have been washed down one of the pipes. It has a label that is stamped onto the glass. Although it is very worn and dirty parts of it are still clear. It is labelled Rolling Rock, 1939, Latrobe Brewing Co, Pennsylvania USA.

What has brought this bottle to mind is a programme that was broadcast this week on Radio 4. It was all about Burbage Moor. They said in the second world war it was used as a training ground for troops training for D Day. There was Canadian and American soldiers training there and they were billeted in Dore.

I wonder if this bottle of beer came over from America with their supplies, has been drunk and discarded by a GI way back in the second world war. I wonder how it got into the drainage system for the recreation ground. In the war part of the rec. was let out as allotments as part of the Dig for Victory campaign, did someone drink the beer to slake their thirst

after vigorous digging. It is a wonder that it has survived all this time without a crack or chip.

Can anyone tell me exactly where in Dore the accommodation for the American troops was located?

**Janet Stapleton**

Dear Sir,

The Sportsman Inn

On the 1861 census, my wife's 3x Gt.Grandfather, James Ellis was publican ( and woodman ) at the Sportsman Inn. The address is somewhere between Totley Rd. which I presume is now Totley Brook Rd, and Townhead. Looking at old maps, it seems possible that Totley Rd continued up to Townhead Rd, which is interesting as his last address before he died in May 1893 was South View, Drury Lane, Dore, which is about the same area. This building is still standing, and I'm wondering whether it could be the old Sportsman Inn. Is there anyone in Dore who could throw some light on this for me, or am I barking up the wrong tree ?

**Alan Marshall**

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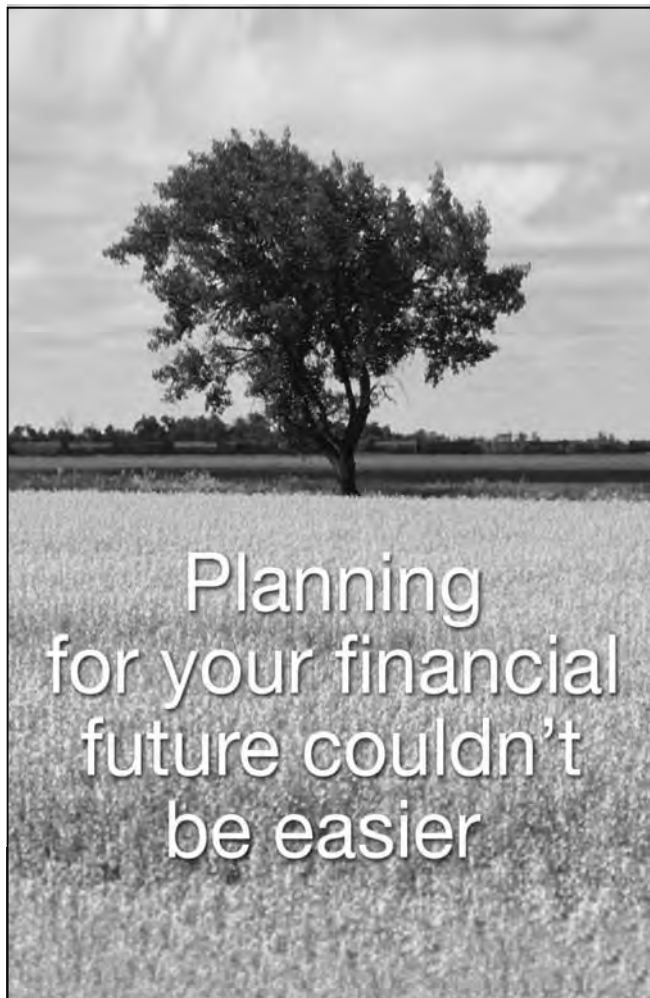
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Dear Sir,

As a resident of Dore village, I would like to say how appalled and frustrated I feel about the increasing number of houses, extensions and other buildings being built, which look totally out of character with the traditional heritage of Dore village.

Dore Road is especially blighted with the ever increasing houses and extensions being built, which are ruining the appearance of this once beautiful approach to the village.

Drawing attention in particular to the top of Dore Road almost in the heart of the village itself is the latest addition of the most gigantic, ugly, eco monstrosity so called house, in the process of being built. This almost skyscraper can be seen from most of the houses and streets surrounding Dore Road. Surely it will be visible from miles around as the height is enormous. It blocks the view over the surrounding countryside from some houses already and in winter when trees are bare this awful sight will be a blot on the horizon. A devastating change from the normally lovely views over and around Dore.

I question how planning permission is granted for such buildings, as affected neighbours surrounding this particular building never received any notification of any of these plans.

It would appear that if a building is classed as eco-friendly, the builder has carte blanche to go ahead and build to their own specification without any consideration for other residents surrounding the building or the surrounding countryside, or village etc. and planning permission is automatically granted.

**S Shaw**



*One of the new buildings on Dore Road. Parking by trade vehicles on roads and verges is an inevitable consequence of building work, yet the impact is not considered as part of the planning application process. In this case vehicles are parked on what was Hall Green, regardless of the damage they are doing.*

## Letters ... continued

Dear Sir,

We lived at 5 Long Line. We moved there when I was 9 or 10 in 1946. I remember the bad winters of 1947, 1953 when Long Line was blocked for months and a car was hidden under the snow. Every morning I cycled down to the village newsagent, bought newspapers and magazines and then delivered them through the village and right up to the top of Long Line as far as the kennels, even in the winter when Long Line was blocked. I walked on top of the car that was hidden.

I found bronze age hut circles in a nearby field and reported them to the Museum in Sheffield. The museum director came and confirmed what I had found and he congratulate me - I was only 13 or 14 at the time. That make the bronze

age hut circles the earliest settlement in Dore, I suppose.

I sang in the church choir as a boy until my voice broke. Mr Farnsworth was the choirmaster. Vicar Thorpe was the vicar and had a contentious reputation.

My father was thrilled to be made church school headteacher. It was the happiest part of his life. I have one or two slates from the school and I used to have some of the tables. I went to King Edward VII School and later to the Slade School of Fine Art. I made two or three paintings of Dore Village, the churchyard and some old houses.

*Ed. This is from a letter by Andrew Wright who now lives in Hungary. His father was IWF Wright the last headmaster of Dore School.*

*There are more letters about the behaviour of young people in Dore on page 26, a subject we are closing with this issue.*

## Dore Deli's jet-setting chef

So who's the new owner of Dore deli?

Drew Rathbone a globe-trotting local, who's got an amazing pedigree of working in the top kitchens with world renowned chefs.

Drew's formal training began at the exclusive Prue Leith's School of Food and Wine; Prue Lieth is also known as a judge on the BBC's 'Great British Menu' programme, & a good qualification with her always leads to a position in the top restaurants or as a private chef with celebrities & royalty.

Drew was no different; his first job was as a private chef, & although he's a bit cagey about saying who it was, this experience did lead onto the Dormy house hotel and the famous Lygon Arms, and then his first head chef position in Sunningdale.

Drew's reputation grew & the opportunity to work with Albert Roux, the pioneer of haute cuisine in Britain, came along and was in Drew's own words "an astounding privilege". This specialist training gave Drew his next break as Head-Chef at the Grand Soleil in the exclusive ski resort of Megeve, creating a combination of modern French classics and world cuisine, it really was the place to be, visited by the Rothschilds and Arab Princes.

Later Drew decided it was time to open his own restaurant & bought a hotel in the mountains of Andalucia, Spain, where his neighbour turned out to be the renowned Spanish chef Amalia Peralta, who not only gave him an insight into traditional Andalucian dishes, but chances to cook on Spanish TV.

So what brought him back to Dore? Read more about Drew's Deli-Dream & his experiences on the new doredeli.co.uk website.

*Ed. We would be interested in writing about other local residents with tales to tell. Just call the editor on 236 9025.*

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The surveys will be available online at [www.Sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.Sheffield.gov.uk) and in branch libraries across the city, and there will be consultation events as well with specific groups. Everyone completing the survey will be entered into a prize draw for vouchers (two £50 vouchers for adult entrants, and two £25 vouchers for children) that can be spent at Waterstones, HMV or Marks and Spencer.

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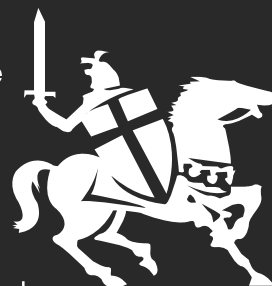
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## John Baker retires

After 12 years as Chairman of DVS John Baker retired at the Society's AGM in June. John's tenure as Chairman will be a hard act to follow. His enthusiasm and energy seemed to have no bounds.

During the past 12 years the Society has made considerable progress in new ventures and developing regular activities. Fresh projects such as Wyvern Walkers, the biannual Boundary Walk, the Christmas Wassail Walk, St. George's Dragon Hunt and the Christmas Tree project and Carol Singing at the Open Evening have all flourished in that time.

Publications such as the 'A to W of Dore', 'Dore Old School', 'On Your Dorestep' the recent Walks book, have all been popular. Dore tea towels, aprons and shopping bags have been well received, as have the Society's Christmas cards and calendars featuring village life.

The Local History Group with interviews and exhibitions is flourishing and the Gardening Club has got off to a great start. The Dore Archive has expanded with new artefacts, including maps and two 18th century longcase clocks made by Pearson of Dore.

The planting of 13,000 daffodils, 40,000 crocus' and 3,000 snowdrops have made a significant and welcome improvement to the village scene.

All these projects have been developed by the committee under John's Chairmanship and encouragement; and that is apart from all the regular work such as Dore Show, Planning issues and a gradual increase in membership.

John leaves the Society in a very healthy situation; but he does not stop work for the Society. The one piece of work, which gives the Society major public exposure and publicity is the production of Dore to Door. Editing, publishing, advertising and organising; a mammoth task each quarter, to produce arguably one of the best community magazines in the country. Enjoyed by every household in Dore, And all done single handed by John.

Thank you John for all your work on behalf of DVS and the village.

*David Heslop*



## Longshaw Trials

The Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials will take place this year on 3rd, 4th and 5th September on Longshaw Pastures, near Grindleford starting at 7.30am. This year the President is The Duke of Devonshire.

On the 3rd and 4th there will be open class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part, and this year Mr. Raymond Macpherson, who is himself a keen and experienced competitor, will judge the trials. At approximately 3pm on 3rd there will be a parade of local hounds courtesy of the Barlow Foxhounds, High Peak Harriers, Pennine Foxhounds and Ecclesfield Beagles.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday, the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at 11am this is open to all comers and is entered on the field. Following the fell race there will be a display by the Search and Rescue Dogs and the local mountain rescue team. At 12.30 on Saturday the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot.

Entrance charges are just £4 per adult each day, (no charge for children) with free parking. Weather permitting, the trials start at 7.30am and finish at approximately 5.30pm.

This will be the 111th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest sheep dog trials in England. There will be a licensed bar, food, drinks and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please join us for a day on the moors to see some of the wisest dogs in the world.

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## What are we doing?

Nowadays the press seems full of worries about global warming and fears over what we are doing to our natural environment. Dore is, or was, a relatively green area of the city, yet it is constantly subjected to development pressure and a drive to build on existing gardens. It does not take a genius to realise the implications to wildlife of more rooftops, driveways and patios, or of run-off to flooding. Sensitive development can help mitigate these effects, with the use of porous surfaces and imaginative planting. Sadly developers care little about our environment, but would no doubt shout if you were to threaten theirs.

Trees are cut down indiscriminately, existing mature plants and shrubs bulldozed, all with no regard to season or the impact on wildlife. The woodland verge to historic Ashfurlong Lane, described as wildlife rich and worthy of retention by the City's own ecologist has gone.

At 79 Dore Road a whole orchard was grubbed out, simply to impress government inspectors who came to consider an appeal against the councils refusal of planning consent. Good logic that, the inspector sees nothing of value, so agrees development can go ahead. So, what if one set of trees goes you might say.

Yet the impact is cumulative. Whereas neighbours to No 79 have enjoyed the evening flight of pipistrelle bats for 27 years or more and the excited cries of swifts overhead in the summer, this year they have all gone. No trees, flowers or fruit means no insects or roosting sites. No insects means no insect eating birds or mammals.

Until our elected representatives, the officials they employ, developers, in fact all of us, stop and think before we act, then it won't just be Dore that disappears under concrete, but the whole balance of our natural environment that is destroyed. "I came, I saw, I concreted" could well be man's epitaph!

*Doremouse*

## Proposed Village Greens

In response to the City Council's latest request for information on our applications for three new village greens the Dore Village Society has taken further advice from the Open Spaces Society. The Open Spaces Society advises numerous communities on making applications, the administrative process and the legal hurdles and loopholes to be overcome.

Sixty residents who originally supported the application for Kings Croft Playing Field have responded marvellously by giving further written evidence that they have not been prevented from using the land for lawful pastimes by the use of the land by the Dore Primary School.

The Dore Village Society is now pressing the City Council to proceed with the statutory process of advertising the applications.

*David Crosby*  
*Planning Coordinator, DVS*

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## About time!

Back in the autumn of 2005 English Heritage and the Department for Transport urged local authorities to repair traditional "finger posts" and install new ones. A new guidance leaflet said that they were falling into decay and should be repainted in the traditional black and white livery every five years.

According to English Heritage, finger posts are not only attractive in their own right, but have become icons that are important to national as well as to rural identity. They enrich the countryside wherever they are found and enhance local character.

Following their enthusiastic removal by the council over recent years, our only local finger post is on Hathersage Road, pointing down Limb Lane. The Dore Village Society saved this from being replaced by a modern council version several years ago, and it has been repainted twice since by local Dore enthusiasts.

Now we are pleased to report that the council has contracted for this post to be restored. The supporting post has already been re-painted and we are now awaiting the return of the finger post itself.

## Young at Heart?

The last of a series of summer events organised by Sheffield Rangers and aimed at the over 50's 'Young at Heart' will be on September 30th. Bird box & bird feeders. Greenhill Park. Come and make a bird box or a bird feeder to take home for the price of peanuts. Tools and a helping hand available from the Rangers, then with a cuppa in hand, stand back and admire your handy work. Small charge to cover the cost of materials. 1pm - 3pm. Please book by phoning the Rangers on 0114 2839195.



## Sewers and Samson

There must be concern over the capacity of Sheffield's ageing sewers to cope with increasing rainwater run-off arising from further development in the area and changes in our climate.

After heavy rain on the morning of 28th July, the sewage overflow tank at the Archer Road end of Millhouses Park was discharging a foul smelling grey liquid into the Sheaf, sufficient to kill any wildlife that might have remained in the river.

Having reported the problem to Yorkshire Water, we are pleased to report that 3 days later work was being carried out to pump out the sediment that had accumulated in the tank and then been churned up into the river. The work happened to be witnessed by a Wyvern Walkers group out on a 6 mile walk who enjoyed the sight of Samson supervising the work on his owners shoulder.

## New clubhouse needed

A £100,000-plus campaign for a new football clubhouse in Dore has been launched. Money is being raised for a replacement building for Brunsmeer AAFC whose existing premises have been vandalised and even set on fire.

The club was founded in 1967 and has been in Dore for 23 years. It has attracted some of the best junior players from across the city, including Scott Sellars, Kevin Pressman, Kevin Davies, Richie Humphries and Chris Wilder. Now officials want to secure its future with a new clubhouse that meets FA standards. Given the cost of new facilities the club is looking for sponsorship as well as planning fundraising events.

Brunsmear supports 11 teams, including female teams, and uses pitches in other parts of the city as well as the two in Dore.

## OBE for voluntary service

Dr John Richard Shortland has been awarded an OBE for voluntary service to the St John Ambulance Brigade. The 69-year-old from Dore has devoted more than 50 years to the organisation and was inspired to become a doctor after training as a cadet.

John has occupied many ranks both at local and County level. Currently he is serving the members of St John in the capacity of Commander, a post which he has held for about 10 years.

John was heavily involved in the post traumatic counselling of some 34 members of St John who were there at Hillsborough in 1989. The counselling support that was given the members at the time has evolved into the post traumatic/event support system which exists today for members of St John nationally.

Currently he is busy focusing on Centres of Excellence within the three sectors of our County. St John recently opened a centre in Broadfield Close in Sheffield which supplemented their Headquarters in Ossett and they are exploring properties in Leeds for a new centre. These centres are equipped with up to date audio-visual equipment which enhances the training of members to serve the public more effectively. They are also about to embark on a new charitable venture supporting carers.

John describes the vision of St John as to provide training so that no one should suffer for the lack of a trained First Aider. Their mission amongst other things is to provide an effective and efficient charitable First Aid service to our local community. The motto of St John translated is 'For the faith' and 'In the service of humankind' - service is the essence of St John.

He considers this award as recognition, not only for his contribution, but in recognition of the many hours of public service that the members of St John in South and West Yorkshire give to the public within the county and beyond.

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The team are listed as : left to right

Back row - N. Bingham (Sec), W. Hancock, S.Ward, E.Bellamy, C.Walker, G.Fear, J.Nalty, A.Catton (Trainer).

Front row - J.Coward, E.Frith, N.Bedford (Capt), L.Burnell, H.Truswell.



## A questionable will

The question of mental capacity when it comes to preparing a will

The following case illustrates the importance of drawing up a will with proper advice and how expensive litigation could be avoided.

The deceased's Will was prepared by his brother on a stationer's will form. Easily purchased from the Post Office. The Will left everything to the deceased's partner. Only in the event that she died before him would his daughter get a half share of the Estate. The deceased had apparently prepared his Will in this way on the basis that his partner would draw up a Will in similar terms.

The daughter sought to challenge the validity of the Will on the basis that her father did not have the mental capacity to

sign the Will. At the time he signed the Will, he was receiving hospital treatment for a terminal illness. Documentary medical evidence was produced, stating that his condition made the deceased's mental capacity to make a Will questionable, and that he did not have the capacity to authorise or sign legal documents.

The Court held that based on the medical evidence and other matters referred to in Court that the Will was invalid.

This case raises several issues for consideration. It is possible that with some advice from a solicitor this matter could have been avoided. A solicitor would have dealt with issues regarding capacity. It is an essential part of drawing up a will for the Testator (person who makes the Will) to have sufficient mental

capacity to provide a solicitor with instructions understand the effects of his instructions, the extent of the property he is disposing of and which persons he needs to consider in his will.

In addition, the deceased would have been advised that making Wills in similar terms with another is no guarantee that the other person won't change their Will. The solicitor would also have discussed how to provide for a partner, without excluding children from a previous relationship, perhaps through trusts which would take care of both parties. If the issues are considered properly and at the time the will is prepared, it could prevent the need for future litigation.

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It is a serious issue. Every year a dozen people are killed and hundreds injured with the blame placed on drivers using handheld mobile phones. Despite widespread publicity about the dangers a significant minority of drivers arrogantly assume they can concentrate on driving at the same time as taking a call. Anything that can be done to help prevent these deaths and injuries should be considered.

### Miss Ann Elizabeth Bonnington

A friend of mine, who takes the 'Dore to Door' magazine, has heard me speak of the family connection there and has suggested that I write it down for possible interest to others.

My mother was born in 1880 on December 19th in one of the Jesmond Villas on the Green. I think there were 2 Jesmond and 2 Osbourn Villas but I am not certain of that.

Her father was a landscape gardener, a popular activity at that time. She attended a private school along with Miss Hancock, the Squire's daughter where the pupils were fined 3d if found speaking to a maid. Sometime in her youth she enjoyed skating which her father forbade, but mother had the holes in her boot heels (which fitted with the skates) filled with cork then painted black so that they were hidden! I know of no stretch of water at Dore where one could skate but here may have been changes since then.

Although I have never heard of any formal training she became a teacher in the village school where she alleged she once broke a slate over a boy's head for being such a cheek. This came in useful later in life when the family were blitzed out of the home in Nether Edge in Sheffield and stayed with Miss Marsden in one of the Villas - another school friend. The said boy was then a butcher in the village - Joe Thorpe - and eked out our meat ration for 'Miss Bonnington' - by now married with 5 children.

At some point she laid the foundation stone for the Primitive Methodist Chapel but the stone (with her name carved in it) has since been moved when the building was replaced, I don't know when. The gavel she used is now in Dore Museum?

I do not know when her father died but she had to leave teaching to care for her

mother at home who had had a stroke. To earn money she then took up dress making and provided lodgings for local preachers who visited Dore (I never heard of a resident Minister. One of these was John Arthur Jarman whom she married in 1910. He said he was tired of being known as Miss Bonnington's husband.

Perhaps thinking she would never marry her father had bought her some streets of houses in Sheffield for which I still have the rent receipt book, the rents being 8 shillings and 6d per week; Neill Road and others just below Hunters Bar off Ecclesall Road.

The only connections with Dore thereafter were the funerals of her eldest son George who was killed on a motorbike in 1933 and buried in Dore Churchyard and of my mother who died in 1950; there

being 4 coffins (the limit) in that family of graves. My father was cremated and his ashes scattered there in 1976.

*Mrs Florence Dorothy Parkin  
(nee Jarman) aged 85*

From the Registers. Methodist Church Marriage Register -

October 30th 1910 - John Arthur Jarman 24 Pawn Broker's manager, 68 Southview Rd, son of William Henry Jarman to Annie Elizabeth Bonnington, 29 Osbourn Villa Dore, daughter of George Bonnington.

Burial Register - George Bonnington 24th August 1895 aged 57 Dore.

Sarah Ann Bonnington 20th September 1921 aged 81 Sheffield

Ann Elizabeth Jarman, 20th February 1950 aged 69.

George Arthur Jarman 25th May 1933 aged 21.

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

### Vegetable and Fruit Section

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

### Flower Section

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

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

- 31 4 individual savoury scones (white flour)
  - 32 A Dundee Cake \*
  - 33 A Victoria Sandwich \*
  - 34 Lemon Drizzle Cake
  - 35 A plate of 5 plain flapjack biscuits
  - 36 A 1 lb White loaf 24 hrs old (not machine made)
  - 37 A jar of chutney
  - 38 A jar of lemon curd
  - 39 A jar of soft fruit jam
  - 40 A jar of stone fruit jam
  - 41 A jar of marmalade
  - 42 A Carrot cake with frosting (no filling -any recipe)
- \* **Class 38 -41** Jars to be labelled with and waxed with cellophane cover. Class 39 jam not jelly.

### Wine Section

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

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

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

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

### Textile & Hand Craft Section

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

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

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

### Photography Section

- 64 A Black & White photograph 7"x5"min. size
- 65 Colour photo - "An Urban Landscape" of min. size 7"x5"
- 66 Colour photo - "My Family"
- 67 Colour photo - "An aspect of Dore" Classes 66 & 67 are for max size 6" x 8" Unframed snapshots.

### Junior Section (up to age 14)

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

- 68 A vegetable animal
- 69 A mug of garden flowers
- 70 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)
- 71 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)
- 72 A miniature garden on a dinner plate (age up to 11)
- 73 'Take it and Make It Kit' model (age 8 & under) \*see above
- 74 A decorated hard-boiled egg in cup (age 9 to 11)
- 75 A craft exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)
- 76 An art exhibit (age 12 to 14)
- 77 A colour photograph - max size 6" x 8" Unframed snapshots
- 78 4 fairy cakes to be judged on decoration only

### Recipes and notes

\* **Class 32** Dundee Cake recipe: Approx 7" tin, ½lb plain flour, 1 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 3 hens eggs, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz soft brown sugar, 6oz each of sultanas and currants, 2oz peel, 1oz red or dark cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tbsp milk and 1oz almonds for the top.

\* **Class 33** Victoria Sandwich Cake recipe: Weight of two hens eggs in margarine or butter, sugar and white self-raising flour. Pinch of salt and a little water, baked in two 6- 7" tins, sandwiched with raspberry jam, sprinkled with caster sugar.



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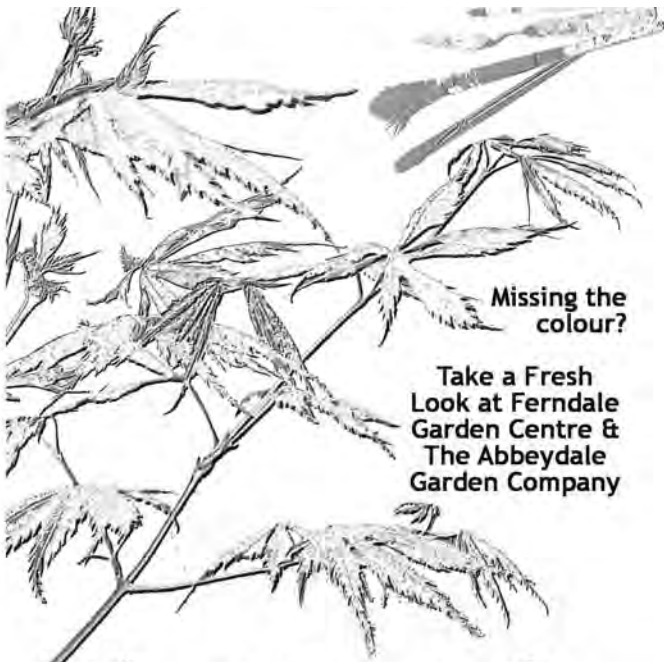
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## Motability presentation

*Motability, the great, the good, the dog...  
Oh yes and me.*

Firstly a few words about the motability car scheme. It enables disabled folk to lease a car for around £2500 pa, which includes insurance, servicing, tyres, windscreen replacement, along with certain adaptations and RAC cover. There is also an initial charge which ranges from £0 for a modest car to several thousands for a luxury car. The car is leased for 3 years after which time it must be changed..

Motability is a charitable organisation which aims to provide a way for the disabled to be as independent as possible, offering financial assistance if required.

A few times a year the charity acquires publicity and contacts through presenting the keys to a car to a scheme user by someone who will attract publicity. So, you've guessed it, they needed a user in Sheffield with certain extra conditions. These were a car acquired locally and to live in the Hallam constituency.

I fitted the bill and was asked if I would receive the key from Nick Clegg MP, a senior patron of Motability (as are all the leaders of the 3 main parties) at the Botanical Gardens. There would be a few photos. I am actually allergic to cameras, but more of that later.

Friday 24th April was to be the date which turned out to be a pleasant, dry day. Euro, my assistance dog, went for a shampoo and set and had his nails done on the Wednesday and his jacket washed. I had a shower, washed behind my ears and washed my hair. He was very much the centre of attention and was wanted in all the photos so money well spent. One of my aims was publicity for Dogs for the Disabled and their Chief Exec attended.

Attendees also included Motability Director, Motability vice chairman, representatives of the car firm, a Renault executive, car adaptations manufacturers and fitters, a couple of personal guests, the



*Beryl, accompanied by Euro, receiving the keys from Hallam MP Nick Clegg.*

curator of Botanical Gardens, a representative from MS Resource Centre and of course Nick Clegg.

The day was well organized and pleasant, Nick Clegg spoke briefly and well and made a point of speaking to me personally beforehand which made me a little less anxious about the presentation itself. Refreshments were provided in the pavilions on arrival, then a light lunch after the speeches and presentation.

It did not matter that I have actually had my car since November (the garage gave it a much needed clean). The day ended with a guided tour of parts of the gardens given by the curator. This was most interesting, a real bonus.

Now the photos, I seem to remember it is called implosion therapy. They were literally in the hundreds. Maybe I should have had a shampoo and set and my nails done!

*Beryl Benjamin*

## Dore Parish Church

We want to thank all those who met with Alastair Simmons, our architect's facilitator, in May and so contributed to the audit of church and community that he has been drawing up. He found the variety of contributions very stimulating and helpful and has now shared his initial findings with a group of PCC members. In consultation with Alastair we are preparing a summary that will be made widely available early in the autumn.

The group of PCC members has also been working on a statement that draws together and summarises our purposes as a Church. This too will be made generally available once it is finished. The results of both this summary of purposes and the audit are being shared with the architect as we continue to explore together. The whole process is proving both thorough and rigorous and at this stage no specific conclusions have been drawn.

The ongoing life of Christ Church of course continues in the autumn. Of particular interest in the near future I would like to mention the following:

September 27th. Harvest Festival: celebrated at 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

October 4th. 'Back to Church' Sunday: a day to encourage those of us who have got "out of the habit" of going to church

October 17th. In King Ecgbert's School at 10.30am: a joint service for all the churches in S17

November 1st. Memorial Service at 5.30pm: an opportunity to remember those precious to us

*Michael Hunter*

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## The Wildlife Garden

Despite gardens being extremely diverse 'man-made' habitats, visiting birds actually have well defined niches. Much of this has to do with the shape of their bills and even subtle differences can bring about major changes in their behaviour. This is perhaps best illustrated by two of our most successful garden birds: the greenfinch and the chaffinch.

From a distance, their bills look identical i.e. they are short and chunky, in fact the classic shape you would expect for a seed-eating bird. However, the greenfinch is blessed with a smaller, more robust bill when compared to the relatively long, slender and sharply pointed one of the chaffinch.

This means that while both birds eat seeds, the greenfinch's beak is strong enough to pull apart flower heads and berries (for example rose hips) to get at the seeds inside, whereas the chaffinch is unable to do this with its more delicate beak. Consequently, these birds feed mostly off seeds they find on the ground.

On the other hand, it does have another quite extraordinary way of getting food: chaffinches will actually grab conifer seeds in mid-air. The shape of their bill also makes it easier for them to catch insects and as a result, these, together with caterpillars and spiders, make up a larger proportion of their diet than any other finch - apart from its close Scandinavian relative, the brambling.

This is particularly apparent during the breeding season. Although the parents of both species will initially feed their nestlings on animal protein, greenfinches quickly switch to providing seeds for their young. In contrast, chaffinches continue to feed their progeny on caterpillars and insects for up a month after they have left the nest.

Both birds are quite dumpy and greenfinches use their body-builder-like girth to chase other finches from bird

tables and feeders. It is not that they are averse to feeding on seeds which are spilt on the ground; they simply prefer to feed higher up. Unlike many other small garden birds that flit from cover, quickly grab a seed from a holder and then return just as swiftly, greenfinches will often sit on a perch and eat so leisurely, it would appear as though they were savouring every last morsel.

On the other hand, chaffinches rarely take seeds from bird tables or feeders (unless they have perch rings). The extent of their adaptation to feeding on the ground is quite apparent when you observe one move: even though it can hop like a greenfinch, it is just as likely to walk and they can even run, something which no other British finch does.

*“ The importance of gardeners putting out bird food, particularly in cold weather, cannot be overstated. ”*

Chaffinches love peanut hearts and de-husked sunflower seeds, but in the wild, beech mast forms a major part of their diet. As a matter of fact, the availability of these nuts profoundly influences their movements: the larger the beech mast crop, the less they rely on seeds put out in gardens, yet when a premature fall of snow covers fallen beech mast, the birds will quickly return to them. Otherwise, in a normal year, most chaffinches start to reappear in gardens round about Christmas time.

Nest building usually starts in late April or early May and the female will construct her cup-shaped nest in the fork of a tree or amongst the branches of a dense shrub. She weaves one of the tidiest nests of all British birds: a complicated structure made from dry grass, moss and rootlets; lined with feathers and hair, while the outside is camouflaged with lichen. The amount of work she puts into it is quite staggering and individual females have been recorded making over a thousand journeys to collect enough suitable material. Chaffinches seldom use a nest box.

She lays 4 or 5 blue eggs which have purple blotches. They take a couple of weeks to hatch and it is a further 2 weeks before the nestlings fledge, the female doing all the incubating and most of the feeding herself. Meanwhile, her partner spends his time singing and keeping other males out of his territory.

Chaffinches only have a second clutch sporadically, in stark contrast to greenfinches. These birds often have more than one clutch in a breeding season and sometimes can still be feeding their young as late as November.

Also, they only hold loose territories; in fact greenfinches prefer to nest in colonies of around 5 or 6 pairs. Early in the season

they often use conifers, while later in the year they will nest in dense climbers and hedges. Just like chaffinches, greenfinches seldom use artificial nest boxes.

As with chaffinches, the hen builds her nest alone, but this time it is an untidy cup of dry grass, moss and twigs; lined with hair and rootlets. She lays around 4 white eggs that are speckled with red and incubates them herself for approximately 2 weeks, but once they fledge, the male will help feed them.

If there is a good supply of food - particularly black sunflower seeds - she will often start building another nest before her first brood have fledged, leaving her mate to raise them on his own. Her dull, olive brown feathers are perfect camouflage for sitting on eggs, yet it does mean she is often mistaken for a female house sparrow.

However, unlike the sparrow, she has distinctive yellow wing patches and a forked tail; both of which are also present in the male. During the breeding season, his apple-green plumage becomes really bright and when I see one take off from my fruit tree, it is almost as though one of the Bramley apples has miraculously learnt to fly. The fledglings resemble female greenfinches, except they have even duller feathers, albeit beautifully streaked, rather like a siskin.

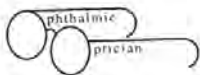
Soon after leaving the nest the young birds disperse, although most of them don't travel very far and stay within 3miles/5km of where they were born. The adults are also quite sedentary, but even so, some individuals have particularly itchy wings and have been recorded flying up to 700miles/1400km.

The importance of gardeners putting out bird food, particularly in cold weather, cannot be overstated. During the winter of 1963, virtually all of the several hundred greenfinches examined by scientists at a roost site were found to be surviving entirely off peanuts!

*Jack Daw*

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*Ed. You can add your own nominations to the list. But why do we still avoid the number 13?*

## Joined up thinking

If, in maritime terms, pedalos and surfboards are to be classified as 'ships' under new Government legislation, then surely the same logic should be applied, on land, to bicycles, skateboards, scooters and electrically powered wheelchairs. All of these would be designated as 'vehicles'. Where their use on the footpath is legal, full responsibility and duty of care to pedestrians should apply; where not, then enforcement should be exercised.

Quite how horses might be classified is in question, but they can certainly be a nuisance on footpaths.

## Big Bluebell Ball

Magna Science Adventure Centre and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice are teaming up for a charity ball on Saturday 26th September to raise money for both charities.

The Big Bluebell Ball will take place in Magna's Big Hall - and will be a black tie event with a delicious sit down 5-course meal, a charity auction and live performance from Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers, as well as the Glitzy Girls and Swamp Circus. A disco will follow into the early hours giving guests plenty of time to enjoy the evening.

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## Tideswell

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Tideswell's vicar, Canon Martin Hulbert, writes in his pamphlet about some of the remarkable characters who lived in Tideswell. The pamphlet is available in his beautiful and ancient church. In Dore our minds immediately turn to Richard Furniss who came here as the self taught schoolmaster of Dore Old School.

Pat Pryor



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## Dore Well Dressing

As Well Dressing in Dore celebrated its 50th birthday the volunteers who give up their time to help with this wonderful village project once again turned out in force. Every year all the money donated during this event goes to charity, this year we chose to support St Luke's Hospice and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and raised over £800.

To all those who helped, in whatever way, I would like to say a big thank you to each and every one of you; without your help none of it would be possible. A special mention must go to the repair teams who sprang into action early on Sunday morning and rose magnificently to the challenge set before them to ensure that the well dressings were ready for the service later that day on the Village Green; well done everyone.

Once again, thanks to you all and I hope to see you all again next year and as the late Syd Crowson used to say "Together we are a great team" would seem to be a very apt note to finish on.

*Barbara Jackson*

## Tea with the Lord Mayor

On Friday 8 May 2009 20 residents of Five Trees Estate were invited to meet the Lord Mayor, Mrs Bird at the Town Hall and to have tea in The Parlour. We spent an enjoyable afternoon with the Mayor and some of our younger residents were allowed to don the Mayors regalia and inspect her chain of office. Refreshments were also made available which completed an informal, enlightening visit. We were invited at a meeting of 'Sheffield in Bloom' for our work on planting 6000 bulbs on our grass verge.

## News in brief

**The South Yorkshire police helicopter** has helped directly in around 1,000 arrests and indirectly in another 2,000 since being launched six years ago, say police. It has also helped to locate 123 missing people, 590 vehicles and £8.9m worth of property and drugs. It's presence is also felt to have a huge effect on people's feeling of security.

**Sheffield's population** is predicted to rise from the present 530,300 to 575,400 over the next ten years, thanks to people living longer, more babies being born and immigration. Much of the population increase will be among the over 65s.

**Local councillor** Colin Ross has joined Sheffield's management cabinet with responsibility for Planning, employment and enterprise.

**The NCT Dore, Totley & Bradway Coffee Group** meet at each others houses on Thursday mornings 10 till 12. Bumps, babies and toddlers welcome. Contact Amy on 07710493429

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## Dore Garden Club

The club continues to be a success. In the last few months we've enjoyed excellent talks with demonstrations on composting, planting up containers (I now know that I've been doing it all wrong) and have been shown round Keith Shaw's interesting vegetable garden. Janet Hewitt organised two excellent trips - to Harrogate Flower Show and to Handley Rose Nurseries. A very successful plant sale was also held.

There are promising talks still to come this year - plus our Pie and Pea supper for our 10th December meeting - this last to be on a first come first served basis. The committee already have a plan in hand for next year's programme so why not come and join us ?

Find out more details on the DVS website or ring me on 236 0915.

*Janet Herridge*

## Art in the Gardens

The 6th Annual 'Art in the Gardens' will take place on Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th September from 10.30am - 5.30 pm Adults £5, accompanied children free. There will be an Art Exhibition Marquees with over 2000 pieces of art; a Children's Art Activity Marquee; Sheffield Art and Craft Market; Performing Arts Stage; Photography Marquee; Children's Entertainment; Showcase of Botanical Art; Garden Sculpture Exhibits; Professional Artists and Craftspeople; Good Food and Refreshments.

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War had long been foreseen and the Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Act had been passed at the end of 1937. It brought in measures to protect civilians from air attacks. These included gas masks, shelters, camouflage, anti-aircraft (ack-ack) guns, barrage balloons and fire-fighting along with plans to evacuate London. Thus in September 1939 the mass evacuation of children from vulnerable cities to places of safety in the country, Operation Pied Piper, was put into action.

Jean Kinsey describes her own experience on leaving Liverpool. "Along with many other children from my school, I boarded a train with some of our teachers. We each wore a luggage label bearing our name and carried with us our gas masks and a minimum of belongings. Additionally, each child had a stamped addressed postcard to be sent home to parents to inform them of their child's location and new address. We travelled for some hours to a small village in mid-Wales where we were allocated to billets in local houses, cottages and out-lying farms in the area. At this time I was just six years old."

Sydney Hoffmann tells a similar story. "I went to High Heaton Grammar School for Boys, Newcastle. I was in the fifth form (Y11) when the war broke out and I was dispatched among the oldest of the evacuees to the west coast of England, to get me out of harms way, with the rest of my school. We went to Whitehaven in west Cumberland and I was billeted on various families for the next three years. I enjoyed a tremendous amount of freedom and I had the undivided attention of my teachers because I was in the sixth form (Y12/13) with only two or three others. Because of the evacuation I suppose that lots of pupils dropped out and some were called up."

June Clayton went to Penrhos School which was relocated to Chatsworth House. "I went the first Christmas of the war and it was so bitterly cold that we skated on the Emperor Lake. I slept in the state bedroom and we used to go to bed with hot water bottles and everything we could

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think of to try and keep warm. I remember the headmistress coming round one night and I'd got a hat and gloves on and a scarf round my neck in bed. We were in every room in Chatsworth. The Painted Hall was where we had morning prayers; the choir used to sit on the steps and the rest of the school on the floor. I used to have singing lessons in the chapel and piano lessons in the library where the portrait of Henry VIII was. They didn't cover him up!"

Barbara Ainsworth lived in Nether Edge in September 1939 but was not evacuated to Leicestershire or Nottinghamshire like hundreds of Sheffield schoolchildren. She explains what happened "The government didn't want people to meet in large groups and so we had what was called Home Service. Teachers used to go round to houses where there would be 8-10 pupils who lived in that vicinity and we would be at a certain house for a particular subject. I had just passed the 11+ and had started at Grange Grammar school. I was one of four children and the teachers would come

to our house for lessons."

Jean Dean told us what it was like for her in Dore. "Instead of going to school we had lessons in various homes in the village. I remember going to Rosaline Wilkins' house on Causeway Head Road, the Wards' on the Meadway and the Tiddys' on Leyfield Road. I think the idea was that if we were all scattered about there would be less chance of killing us all."

Gas masks, air raid shelters and blackout became the norm for the British people. The Sheffield Telegraph carried an advert for Blackout Material at 3/3 per yard available at Suggs.

Pat Lazenby soon came to realize the importance of the blackout. "Mum made a pair of thick maroon velour curtains. These were placed at the lounge window to act as blackout and to keep in the warmth. One night a warden arrived at the door and pointed to a chink of light shining through the window. We were made to put the matter right immediately."

Within families older members dispelled the fears of the young as Jean Dean recalled again "My grandmother, who lived with us, told me that Hitler couldn't possibly get to Sheffield - so we didn't bother really!"

If some lucky children were blissfully ignorant of what war entailed the adults were fully aware of the seriousness of the situation. Nan Boulton was working in Monmouth, Wales when she heard the news of war and tried to return to Sheffield immediately but could not buy a train ticket. "It took us two weeks to get home because all the trains were full of soldiers. Before we left Monmouth they were recruiting young men in the city centre. They were supposed to have a uniform but all they had was a pair of grey trousers, a lumber jacket, a cap and a broomstick - that was their gun! We weren't prepared for war!"

Contrary to this widely held belief, mobilization of the forces had already started as Pat Lazenby explains. "My father Herbert Thompson was a member of the Territorial Army so was called into action a few months before war was declared in 1939. I was just three years old."

Reg Skelton was working as a young gardener for Lady Mappin on Fulwood Road when he joined the Territorial Army. "Four or five of us were standing at Crookes and this recruiting sergeant came along with a 15 cwt lorry and he says 'come on my lads, let's have you in the army'. And we all jumped in and went down to Edmund Road Drill Hall and raised us hands and got the King's shilling and swore in as a soldier. That was in April 1939."

For the people of Dore, one of the immediate priorities in September 1939 was to protect themselves against possible enemy bombs. Thus, a big air raid shelter was constructed in the school playground, cellars were reinforced and every family built a shelter to their own design.

John Caisley remembers his effort on Brickhouse Lane. "I was an active fifteen year old when the war broke out. We'd got a large rockery and an angle of two brick

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walls so I built this shelter in the garden. I covered it with corrugated iron and put about two feet of soil on top and big stones and everything and put some seats inside.

Don Fisher recalls his father's well made shelter on Newfield Lane. "We had a directive from the War Ministry to say that what you should do was build a turf wall in front of a substantial building and turf off the top of the roof."

Gradually the reality of being at war was felt everywhere although the government kindly waited until after Christmas before introducing meat rationing on 28th December 1939. However, by 8th January 1940 butter, bacon, sugar and ham became rationed, ration books were issued and became part of every household's life. In Dore it was

definitely an advantage to have a farm or smallholding and most village folk grew their own vegetables.

Jean Dean was one of the lucky ones. "We were fortunate really because my father kept a pig and we had chickens. We always had plenty of vegetables. My father used to trap rabbits and he could shoot pigeons on the estate. So we were never short of anything."

Don Fisher's father made the most of it too. "We were allowed to keep pigs and to kill two annually. But of course we used to keep the type of pigs that had 19 legs and many other people in Dore did!"

Richard Farnsworth recalls his grandmother's innovative way of avoiding the prying eyes of the inspectors. "My grandmother Farnsworth realised that for

never went upstairs and so she'd have sides of ham and legs of pork hanging up in the wardrobe!"

And so our small rural community on the edge of Sheffield settled into five years of wartime, little knowing what lay ahead of it. How did the men survive, how did the women take on the war work and how did the children still have a free and happy upbringing? Find out next time.

**Maureen Cope**

*Dore Oral History Group*

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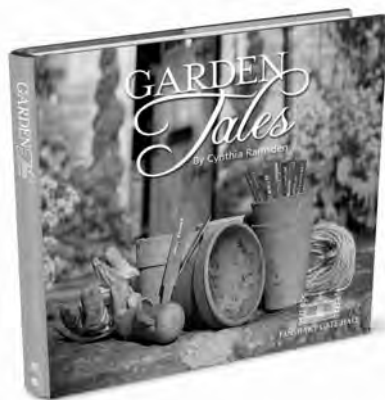
## Book Reviews

Gardening and garden-visiting are quintessential English summer pastimes which have been thoughtfully and colourfully captured in **Garden Tales**, the second book by award-winning Derbyshire garden owner Cynthia Ramsden. The perfect antidote to dark winter evenings, *Garden Tales*, goes behind the scenes at Fanshawe Gate Hall, as designers, builders, gardeners, artists, volunteers and visitors talk about their own lives, and what brings them back to one of the most popular private gardens on the edge of the Derbyshire Peak District.

Through interviews with over 40 characters associated with the Hall and its garden, Cynthia invites the reader to share in the pleasures, and occasional pains, of opening a private garden to the general public. The octogenarian sequence dancer, who recalls post-War Fanshawe Gate with soldiers billeted nearby, is joined by the Art Group leader whose early-morning arrival at the Hall once startled pyjama-clad owner John Ramsden en-route to collect his milk. Profits from the sale of *Garden Tales* will be donated to the charities supported by both The National Gardens Scheme (NGS) and Fanshawe Gate Hall, including the Oesophageal Patients Association. Published in Hardback by Grafika Limited Price £16.99 ISBN

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As an enthusiastic reader of historical novels from the Roman to Saxon periods, I rated the first book in the Warrior of Rome series highly, particularly given that it was the work of a new author. Although the book was self contained, it left the prospect of more, and this second book by Harry Sidebottom, **King of Kings**, largely fulfils this promise. The political and military background to this tempestuous period of history is further developed, as are those characters, family and staff, who move through the story with our hero Ballista. If that is what he is? There is action, political intrigue and a feeling that



*Garden Tales by Cynthia Ramsden*

we are all pawns in a game of declining empire played by others above our heads. My only criticism is that the author becomes too engaged with displaying his knowledge of the details of Roman life and administration, which to some extent detracts from the pace of the book. But when you put it down at the end there is no doubt you will want more. Published in hardback by Michael Joseph Ltd, price £12.99 ISBN 978-0-718-15331-1

## Cards for good causes

This year the Sheffield Charity Christmas Card Shop will be in the Scout Headquarters on Trippet Lane. Starting on the 9th October, the shop will be open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. On sale are cards from both national and local Charities. For information call Mary Watson on 236 5666.

## More Letters.....

Dear Sir,

Last issue Summer No.94 you published a number of letters in response to the letter by M.J Hodgson in issue 93. These letters complained about him describing the poor behaviour of a group of children out of school as "commonplace" and typical of

K.E.S pupils. Their view was that this was too generalistic a statement as many pupils at K.E.S behave well.

Whilst I agree that to generalise about all K.E.S pupils is wrong, it is also true that the numbers of K.E.S pupils out and about in the village and streets surrounding the school at any time during the school day is seemingly increasing and the amount of litter and graffiti in Dore is also increasing at the same pace.

Every Monday to Friday every morning, lunchtime and home time routes that the pupils take to and from the school are littered with kiddie contraband - sweetie wrappers, cans, plastic bottles, ice-lolly tubes, smarty tubes, sandwich cartons, polystyrene cartons; litter is stuffed in peoples hedges, thrown into the grass verges and under hedges; litterbins, pavements and alleyways are sprayed with tags. The village is littered everyday, and defaced with tags regularly where pupils gather and to and fro from the school for lunch and breaks to the take-a-way, etc.

The litter outside K.E.S school gates, under the hedge and around the bus stop on Totley Brook Road is often appalling, Furness Avenue is littered with bottles and cans every day, the bus stop at the Tesco on Baslow Road is littered every morning and afternoon, the village centre is treated to a new layer of litter outside the 'chippy' and along Church Lane every weekday lunch time - all this despite there being plenty of bins in all these areas.

I and other local people go round Dore every day, sometimes more than once a day, picking up the litter to try to keep the place from becoming too bad. But there should be no need for this thankless task, and certainly it should not be residents' responsibility to pick it the waste of K.E.S pupils too lazy, dirty, uncaring and disrespectful to use a bin.

Clearly, and sadly K.E.S pupils are not unique. Much of this increasingly poor social behaviour goes on countryside, but that does not make it right. It would be nice to be able to go to the village at any time of the school day and feel confident that you are not going to be confronted by newly littered pavements, more graffiti and loud groups of K.E.S youths in uniform outside the 'chippy'. Or groups of uniformed K.E.S youths walking through the old Mercia site cutting through to K.E.S with take-a-way cartons in hand and cans throwing them in the hedgerow as they go.

Of course they currently have the right to come and go as they please from the school, but local residents who put up with this daily littering of their environment also have a right to complain.

I respect young people as the future of this country, and I want them to give the community and the environment they are educated in equal respect. After all, it is right that the respect they gain from the community is earned. Those with children at K.E.S will say that their children are good and well behaved and do earn respect. This may be so. But, parents must also realise that those who do not have children at K.E.S or who are not associated with the school in any other way will only see the litter and the graffiti

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that is distributed about the place everyday. This does not endear respect

from a community towards a school or its pupils. It only creates a poor image for the school and those who attend it.

Constructively, I want to believe that K.E.S is doing something to address the issue of litter and graffiti, to improve their pupils' behaviour in the community. Yet, the Monday to Friday term time littering and spraying is so consistent that it is clear that nothing effective is being done. If Mr. Eldridge wants the local community to see the pupils of K.E.S in the positive light the majority of them surely deserve then K.E.S needs to show that it takes the behaviour of its pupils in the community seriously, and he needs to show that K.E.S is willing to take a positive and constructive role in Dore to deal with

these issues permanently and effectively. Let's see no litter and graffiti from K.E.S pupils, and let's see some community action from them. Perhaps they could clear up what they have already dropped and sprayed ?

*Jen Henderson*

Dear Sir,

May I take the opportunity to respond to the recent letter from M. Hodgson regarding the writer's broad negative comment about the behaviour of pupils of King Ecgbert School.

I was lucky enough to spend some time within the school several years ago, shadowing in the English department and was greatly impressed by the courteous, polite and helpful behaviour of the pupils, not only whilst in class but also in corridors between classes.

As parents, we chose the school for our children as we believe it is a fine example of good comprehensive education, where our youngsters not only get the opportunity to achieve highly on the academic front but where pupils from different social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds enjoy a rich life experience which fosters tolerance and mutual respect. These seem to me to be values that are inestimable in our current political climate. I would like to congratulate KES for the valuable contribution it makes to our community and would like to wish pupils the best of luck in their exams this summer, and also to thank staff for their teaching and support of our son, who leaves KES this summer after a happy school experience.

*Penny Baddeley*

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They said it could never happen! Against all the odds and after much campaigning from local people, the huge urbanising street lights out of Totley and along the Baslow Road towards Owl Bar are to be taken down.

At the beginning of June, a majority of councillors on the Joint Planning Board bravely challenged Council officers and agreed with local people and the group SPACE - Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment - that the lights should be removed. At the meeting, SPACE embarrassed Council officers by revealing that their own report justifying the lights and the new 30 mph limit was astonishingly full of incorrect and misleading statistics.

**Background:** SPACE has continually argued since the New Year that these lights represented an unacceptable urbanisation of the city's rural fringes

within the green belt. Erected in countryside, near open SSSI moorland on Totley Moss and Blacka Moor they scar the road by day and by night pollute the night skies. They are visible from high ground all around, including from within the Peak Park itself.

The lights were erected in connection with a new 30mph zone out of the city, in turn connected with understandable safety concerns about buses turning out of the new 97 bus terminus at the end of Gillfield Wood. However, many people believed this to be entirely the wrong solution - not only visually, but in terms of road safety. It made the road more dangerous with many incidents of tailgating and overtaking as never before.

**A catalogue of errors :** Out of considerable research, it was SPACE's belief that the new terminus, the new 30mph limit and the lights were introduced without proper consultation, with undue haste and using flawed advice and research by Council officers. Some of these errors were:

\* it should not have been necessary to

## Lights out at last!

move the bus terminus from its site outside the Cross Scythes pub in the first place given sensible discussion with the landlord of the Cross Scythes, Enterprise Inns, First buses and SYPTE. The present and indeed past landlord had no objection to the buses turning there providing drivers turned off engines. Enterprise Inns were also open to negotiation. The new terminus is extremely costly and wasteful of energy.

\* The lights and speed limits were put in place after informal advice only - and very unclear advice at that from Council Road Safety Officers.

\* The lights were erected before the plans for the new terminus were passed

\* The Peak Park Authority were not consulted under Section 62 of the Environment Act about development in the green belt which borders it. They only met after SPACE pointed this out, a meeting likened by one of the senior planners at the Peak Park Authority to an episode of Fawlty Towers.

\* SPACE members (2 of whom are ex engineers) proved that the sightline towards Totley out of the new terminus was actually 3 times as long as the Council's calculations - at 350 metres. In fact the sightlines were commensurate with Government recommended design speeds of 50mph, not 30 mph as the Council had stated.

\* 6 of the 7 reportable accidents referred to in order to justify the lights and the new speed limit, though regrettable, happened over 8 years ago in 2000 and 2001 before safety measures - chevrons and crash barriers - were put in place in November 2001. The sole reportable accident since that date (when the limit was 60mph) was due to the driver "momentarily taking his eyes off the road and crashing into a wall".

Planning Board members questioned Officers about their report, the statistics SPACE had discovered, and the way in which decisions had been made. Officers were obviously highly embarrassed - one almost letting slip that he had recommended a speed of 40 mph, not 30mph. The Board voted to remove the lights, asked Officers to review the speed limit and to look again at the Cross Scythes site.

**What now?** Some local people believed that we were putting aesthetics before road safety and that the new 30 mph speed limit and the lights represented a safer road. SPACE has shown that this is not the case, that this is an unnatural speed for this type of road and has resulted in frustrated drivers too eager to overtake and tailgate others. A recent Government Report also pointed out that streetlights often encourage drivers to go faster.

Remember that the speed on this stretch of road used to be 60 mph. There is no doubt that this road is subject to speeding, has a number of bends and is on a gradient, now with the added hazard of frequent buses turning onto and travelling along the main road. SPACE feels that a reduction to 40 mph as far as the Totley border, certainly from the Brickworks, but possibly all the way from Owl Bar

where the limit is still 60 mph, is advisable.

We also believe that the 30mph speed limit through Totley itself needs to be properly enforced and road signage and calming methods instituted - painting 30mph signs on the roads and vehicle activated 30mph signs for example - as the only 30 mph sign is near Abbeydale Garden Centre.

We will be actively pressing the council for a joined up road safety plan for Totley, both in and out of the city. Traffic calming through Totley itself will not only be safer but result in a more tranquil environment for residents.

**Thanks:** We are so pleased that Councillors have seen sense on the issue of the lights and that we will once more be able to enjoy the beautiful and gradual transition from city to country and back again. We are grateful for support from all those who signed our petition or have supported our campaign, concerned individuals, local residents' associations, environmental groups, the Campaign for Night Skies, The Peak National Park Authority and the local branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

In the meantime, SPACE continues to take up other cases of inappropriate development in the city's beautiful rural fringe. If you want to get involved please email: [space.sheffield@talktalk.net](mailto:space.sheffield@talktalk.net) or ring 0114 235 6907

**Sally Goldsmith**

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## Abbeydale Hamlet event

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet was busy on the 2nd August celebrating Lammas. There were lots of demonstrations including a Poacher cooking a traditional dish from the Victorian period, traditional baking in the manager's house, a display by Sainsbury's, birds of prey from Meadowhall Raptor Rescue, live music and lots more.

Remember entry to the heritage site on Abbeydale Road South is free until the end of the 2009 season.

The final event of the season is a Steam Weekend from 3rd to 4th October.



*Who's watching who ?  
One of the Owls on display at  
Abbeydale Hamlet in August brought by  
staff from the Meadowhall Raptor Rescue  
who take birds of prey and british  
wildlife into the community.*

## Well Dressing Diary

Some of the remaining dates for 2009.

### August

27-5 Holymoorside

29-5 Eyam

29-6 Wormhill

29-6 Foolow

### September

5-13 Wardlow

12-19 Chesterfield

12-20 Hartington

## Green sacks

You may have noticed in recent weeks piles of green plastic sacks by the roadside. Such has been the popularity of the green sacks that it can take up to 15 days for them to be collected.

An average of 5,000 green sacks a week have been collected by Veolia Environmental Services, on behalf of the Council, since April of this year.

A popular trial distribution of 200,000 free garden waste sacks to Sheffield residents was run last year. The sacks were snapped up by local people and the Council decided to continue the scheme to encourage local people recycle their garden waste.

Up to six green sacks are issued free of charge to residents per visit from several Council outlets across the city, including Totley Library.

Residents just need to fill a minimum of three sacks and contact Veolia to arrange collection. Instructions for arranging collection are printed on the sacks.

## Heart Transplant humour

An elderly patient needed a heart transplant and discussed his options with his doctor. The doctor said, "We have three possible donors. The first donor is a young, healthy athlete who died in an automobile accident. The second donor is a middle-aged businessman who never drank or smoked and who died flying his private jet. And, the third donor is an attorney who died after practising law for 30 years. Which do you want?"

"I'll take the lawyer's heart," said the patient.

After a successful transplant, the doctor asked the patient why he had chosen the lawyer's heart. "It was easy," explained the patient, "I wanted a heart that hadn't been used."

*Anon*

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### How your money helps:

- £22 funds a Macmillan family support worker for an hour, helping families who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis receive the support they need
- £40 helps a cancer support group hold their first meeting



## Angel cake with blueberries

- Preheat oven to 170°C/gas mark 3.
- Brush the inside of a 3pt non-stick ring tin with oil.
- Whisk 8 large egg whites to soft peaks.
- Add 1tsp cream of tartar and whisk until stiff but not dry.
- Then whisk in 1tsp almond essence.
- Add 250g caster sugar, whisking in 1tbsp at a time.
- Sift 115g plain flour over the mixture and fold in lightly with a metal spoon, then fold in 125g blueberries.
- Spoon into the tin and tap gently to remove large air bubbles. Bake for 40-45 minutes until golden brown.
- Run the tip of a knife around the cake edges to loosen. Leave in the tin for 10 minutes then cool on a wire rack.
- For the icing mix 100g icing sugar with enough lemon juice to make a paste that almost holds its shape. Spoon over the cake and top with fresh blueberries.

**Register now** to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September. To register and receive a free fundraising pack go to: [www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee) or call 0845 075 2017 quoting NAD21. Alternatively, post the coupon to: World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2009, Macmillan Cancer Support, FREEPOST RG172, Bracknell, RG12 1ZX.

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## Sheffield in the frame

Heeley art club are organising an exhibition "Sheffield in the frame" at the Winter Gardens from the 9th to 18th October. All the paintings in the exhibition will have a Sheffield theme and will be in a range of media, including watercolour, oil and acrylic. The exhibition will be open daily 9am-6pm, and 9am-3:30pm on Sunday 18th. For more information visit [heeleypartclub.org.uk](http://heeleypartclub.org.uk) or ring 2369191.

The Heeley Art Club is the oldest in Sheffield, being founded in 1895 and providing members with a source of mutual encouragement and criticism. It meets at Millhouses Methodist Church.

## Open Door Lunch Club

We are a small friendly lunch club which meets on a Tuesday in Dore Old School. We have only 12-14 members who are collected from their homes by Transport 17. We are organised and run totally by volunteers. Some have given faithful service for years, others have just started but we always require more.

Helpers work in pairs in one of three areas; to prepare the room and the table and clear away, to cook and serve the meal or to wash up afterwards (dishwasher provided). We have male and female cooks and helpers but so far only female washers-up! Is there a message here? The rota is organised roughly on a monthly basis but with a good deal of flexibility.

So, if you can spare some time on a Tuesday to help we would be most

grateful. We can promise you a very pleasant working environment, no stress, stimulating company and a hearty meal. If, as the government are forecasting we are all going to live to a hundred, we have to keep these lunch clubs going not just for today's elderly but for ourselves in the future. Contact details below.

Maureen Cope Tel: 2350392 or Karin Ould Tel: 2369606

## Dore Web Site

The Dore Village Society now has a new website. <http://www.dorevillage.co.uk>

Please let us know what you think. This is what it contains at the moment:

- \* About Dore Village Society
- \* Dore to Door
- \* Society Events Diary
- \* Gala & Festival Programme for 2009
- \* Dore Then & Now
- \* Timeline of Dore
- \* More History
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Links to Other Sites

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Dore Garden Club

- \* About Dore Garden Club
- \* Programme of Events

Let us know of you'd like anything else added. Suggestions so far include:

- \* the programme of Wyvern Walks
- \* the programme for the Dore Show

\* podcasts of the oral history of Dore  
Contact Keith Shaw by email or phone with your comments or suggestions:

Email: [keith@keithshaw.co.uk](mailto:keith@keithshaw.co.uk)  
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## Private Library in Dore

Ark Library is a new and the only private library in Sheffield open to public membership. It will open on Saturday 19th September at 10am, and all are welcome to visit the premises and look at the titles. The address is Rowan Tree Lodge, 27A Dore Road.

Ark Library currently offers over 1500 and growing, specialised titles in the fields of Philosophy, Psychology, Yoga, Christianity and World religions, Tantra, Alchemy, Ancient Civilisations and Mysteries, Freemasonry, and other disciplines including Natural Medicine and self-help. The titles are carefully selected from rare books to high-quality writings that have been highly cited and survived the test of time.

The library will also offer subscription magazines in the related fields, and book club meetings to its members, often including video-projections from its documentary collection.

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Steve took on the challenge to raise funds in order to help The Children's Hospital Charity acquire a special baby simulator, which would be used by his team in the Intensive Care Unit at The Children's Hospital. The charity needs to raise £33,000 to fund the simulator.

For more information about The Children's Hospital Charity please visit: [www.tchcharity.org.uk](http://www.tchcharity.org.uk) or phone 0114 2717203

## No sign for Dore

Travelling around Sheffield you will be aware of the road signs welcoming you to different areas of the city. Many of these have been sponsored by different business organisations. Thus locally you are welcomed to Totley, Bradway and Whirlow, but not Dore.

The Dore Village Society felt it would be helpful and appropriate to mark the boundaries of Dore, particularly on Abbeydale Road South, and began negotiations with the relevant council department. The idea was to site these signs on the reverse of existing ones or unused posts. Each would welcome travellers to Dore, along with an indication that they were provided by the Society.

After months of negotiation on sites and sizes with officials, the Society was suddenly told the sponsorship of such signs was no longer council policy, that we could pay to have them made and erected, but without any acknowledgement to the Society.

No prizes as to why there are still no signs!



*Steve Hancock prepares for his cycling challenge.*

## KESA events

King Egbert School PTA (KESA) are meeting on Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Robin Hood, Millhouses. All family & friends associated with the school are welcome to come & join us. We are busy planning our up & coming events such as the Spring Ball & quiz nights. New faces & ideas welcome.

The KESA A.G.M. will be on Thursday 8th October, at King Egbert School.

KESA will be holding a Spring ball at Whirlowbrook Hall on Friday 19th March, 2010. Starting 7.30pm with Champagne reception, Jazz pianist, 8pm Dinner and a live band followed by a disco until 1am. Tickets £40 per person. Book individual tickets or tables of 10 & 12. All monies raised will benefit Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice & KESA.

Why not sponsor the SPRING BALL. You can donate as much or as little as you like or how about offering a prize such as a voucher, a service or gifts to raffle? All donations welcome & acknowledged. Call Josee Shaw 0114 2362481.

Also look out for a "Night at The Musicals" this coming February. King Egbert School Drama Dept are planning a wonderful evening of entertainment. With twice as many students doing Drama in GCSE and A-level in the next academic year, there will be a wealth of talent to draw upon! Contact the School on 235 3855 for more information.

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For further information, please email or telephone Steve Cooper 235 3855 [sc@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sc@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk) or Roger Pickering [rp@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:rp@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk).

## Sponsored Charity Walk

On Sunday 23rd August, Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind and RSPCA Sheffield Animal Centre are joining forces to have a sponsored walk through Graves Park.

There will be two routes available - a shorter one with a treasure hunt to keep the kids entertained, and a longer one for those who fancy a slightly longer stroll (or who have dogs with endless energy!). Don't worry you do not have to have a dog to take part - this walk is perfect for absolutely anyone and everyone!!

For further information and to register online please visit the website [www.rspcasheffield.org](http://www.rspcasheffield.org) or call Sue Coggin, on 0114 267 7743.

## Lady Bower Ramble

This year the Lady Bower Ramble for Macmillan Cancer Support will be on Sunday 25th October. There are two options of either 5 or 15 miles. The 5 mile walk is suitable for all the families - accessible for wheelchairs and push chairs.

To register or for more information please go to our web site. You will then receive a confirmation email and other information leading up to the walk in October on a regular basis. [www.macmillan.org.uk/walking](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/walking)

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## Rotary - Sheffield Vulcan

Rotary International is a voluntary service organisation comprising over 32,000 clubs and 1.2 million business and professional people world-wide. In common with those clubs, our work within the Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan encompasses both local and international challenges.

Our projects are varied, for example in the past year (and by no means the full list) we have planted trees in our city, and organised a fund-raising auction to send King Egbert School pupils to help refurbish a school in Uganda. You may well have seen us with our buckets, raising money at Sainsburys, Waitrose and Morrisons in aid of Bluebell Wood Childrens' Hospice and Alzheimers. We started a schools weather station project, and held a Christmas raffle on behalf of various charities.

Over 50 days of effort was given to the Samaritans Purse project which sends 'shoeboxes' of gifts and clothing to needy children overseas, and we ran our Charity Golf Day. We've held mock interviews at schools and a debating contest to help prepare pupils for the outside world.

Most of the above are our 'annual' projects, but we try to expand our horizons with new tasks, which this year included our first Charity Walk in the Peak District. Also 20 Vulcan members assisted our Sheffield Rotary Club colleagues during the 4 day 'Music in the Botanical Gardens' event (which raised £20,000 for various charities).

Thirty years old this year, the Sheffield

Vulcan Club meets most Tuesday evenings for a couple of hours (18.30 to 20.30) at Abbeydale Sports Club, typically for a meal, listen to a Speaker, discuss our work, and enjoy the fellowship. Attendance is not compulsory for every meeting.

Clubs are non political, and open to men and women of every race, culture and creed. To find out more about Rotary in general, check the website [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Or why not contact us at [sheffieldvulcan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sheffieldvulcan@yahoo.co.uk)?

*Alan Brown*  
*The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan*

## Laws of Life

You only need two tools in life - WD40 & duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use the WD40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the duct tape.

**Law of Mechanical Repair:** After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to scratch it.

**Law of Gravity:** Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability:** The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

**Law of Random Numbers:** If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

**Law of the Alibi:** If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre.

**Variation Law:** If you change traffic lanes, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

**Law of the Bath:** When the body is fully immersed, the telephone rings.

**Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result:** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Antithesis.** When you try to demonstrate how something works to someone, it won't.

**Law of Biomechanics:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the length of the reach.

**Law of the Theatre:** At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

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No other bright planets can be seen in the evenings but Venus (in Leo) in the east and Mars (in Gemini) halfway up the sky in the east southeast will be good objects to pick up before dawn. The faint planets, Uranus (mag.5.7, in Pisces) and Pluto (mag.14.1, in Sagittarius), are extremely low, and are unlikely to be found without a good, computer controlled telescope. Neptune (mag.7.8, in Capricorn), although again very low, may be located more easily just to the left of Jupiter. Saturn and Mercury, both in Virgo, are very close to the Sun, itself in Virgo, and cannot be seen.

Most of us in Dore will remember the annual village festival of 2009. It was a great success thanks to the many organisers involved. Unaware of an impending catastrophe the crowds of participants jogged happily past our house on a so-called family marathon around the village. Later, that beautiful summer evening again brought out young and old to take part in village barbecues, and a daring girl walked on stilts down Townsend Road amidst the crowds greeting people leaving the recreation park festivities and stalls. The catastrophe came to nothing.

An asteroid had been spotted by astronomers and it was noted that its path would lead to an entry into the Earth's atmosphere. Near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) had never been picked up so close to Earth before. Only a few hours later did the asteroid impinge on the air just above us. It was seen (not from Dore or Totley) burning up in the twilight sky which was fortunate for all of us. This time the stony fragment was not large enough to cause damage, unlike the great events recorded in recent history, and the enormous event that destroyed the dinosaurs 65 thousand years ago. It is certain, however, that plans will always go on for next year's festival, and the well-dressing, jazz in Christ Church, bands and scout parades and football matches will survive!

A total eclipse of the Sun occurred in 2009 on 22 July. It was seen by people in Asia. The writer knows only one person from West Yorkshire who travelled all the way to China especially to see it. Many years ago, in 1961 I believe, we went to San Remo to see a total eclipse, and it was well worth the effort.

In those days, of course, there were no digital cameras. The best we had was a 16mm Bolex cinecamera and colour film. The camera was set up on a balcony

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overlooking the Mediterranean on the night prior to the eclipse. The Sun was to rise out of the sea in the early hours and we knew that totality would only last three and a half minutes. Things had to work right and we were extremely nervous and excited.

Beautiful pictures were obtained of a Sun blanked out by the Moon leaving only faint white streamers (the solar corona) and one red erupting prominence where there happened to be an active region on the edge of the Sun. There was hardly time to look at the Sun since we were so busy with our camera. The most wonderful part of the film turned out to be the Sun reappearing from behind the Moon. The glint from the first speck of re-emerging sunlight then appears like a diamond ring.

After totality, the Sun usually emerges from behind a jagged lunar mountain landscape, and that is why it glints briefly and suddenly rather than appearing like a slither of light. We hope the travellers to Asia were equally rewarded. My eclipse must have been especially inspiring because I proposed marriage to my life-long wife when I came home!

If we have told that story before, here is another personal experience of ours. Seeing stars from Dore or Totley is not always as easy as we make it out to be. However, since many local folk travel to distant places for their holidays these days, and the fact that stars and constellations form, in part, a recognizable backcloth everywhere, the night skies can be good friends all over the world.

Travelling, unfortunately, is not as easy as it used to be. Some airlines and airports would not be described as friendly at all now. Boarding a Ryanair flight at London Stansted has now become like finding

your way through a cattle market. In the 1970s during the Irish Troubles we transported a harpsichord (which is like a small grand piano seven-foot long) as hand baggage on a British Airways flight to Belfast. A porter carried it on a trolley for us. It cost nothing! Because of security on Irish flights in those days the harpsichord was wheeled out to the awaiting plane and its lid was opened under one of the plane's wings to be checked for bombs. We always regret we had no photograph to record the event.

In Denmark in mid-July this year the stars were brilliant on the first night. Jupiter rises after midnight shining through the fir trees. It is already so bright that it shines through thin clouds and the summer mists. At home in Dore the great planet will make a wonderful sight in the autumn even if only glimpsed through gaps in the clouds and the rooftops.

*David Andrews*

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 29 **Froggat Show** Details from: 01433 631722  
 31 **Hope Show & Sheepdog Trials**, Castleton Road.  
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### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Coconuts & Coral Atolls** illustrated talk by Mike Walters for Bradway Agewell Leisure Club. 10am Castle Inn Twentywell Road £2.10 incl coffee & biscuits  
 1 **Working for a Member of Parliament** speaker Brenda York for Dore Ladies Group Visitors welcome £3  
 2 **Footprints** - The long road from Shanghai to Sheffield Talk by Catherine Snow for Totley Rise Methodist Church Wednesday Friendship. 7.30pm  
 3 - 5 **Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials** 7.30am-6.30pm see article  
 4 - 6 **Chatsworth Country Fair**. Details from 01328 821821  
 5 - 6 **Art in the Gardens** Botanical Gardens 10.30am-5.30pm Adults £5, children free. See article  
 8 **Memories of the QA's**, Dore Mercia TG 9.30am Church Hall, coffee visitors £2  
 8 **A.G.M** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group-7.45pm  
 10-13 **Heritage Open Days** see article  
 12 **Dore Show** Dore Old School & Methodist Church Halls. Brass band, dancers & side stalls 2pm - 4.30pm  
 13 **FOBS Autumn Plant Sale**, Botanical Gardens 11am - 3pm, Admission free. Tel 0114 236 1568  
 14 **AGM** Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm  
 16 **Pruning techniques** - Dore Garden Club, talk by Ian Turner from the Botanical Gardens Tel:236 0915  
 16 **Woodseats Advice Centre** Talk by Sue Auckland for Totley Rise Meth Church Wed Friendship. 7.30pm  
 19 **Totley Show** Totley Primary School 2pm-3.30pm  
 20 **Farm Fayre** Whirlow Hall Farm 10am-4pm Family day out craft fair, farmers market etc 235 2678  
 20 **St Luke's Ball**, Baldwin's Omega, 7pm 0114 262 1242  
 22 **Quiz and Beetle Drive** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 23 **Creative Writing** Abbeydale Writers a WEA sponsored group 7-9pm UR Church Hall, Totley Brook Rd. Enrol at first meeting  
 23 **Autumn Meeting** Dore Village Society. Illustrated talk by Kath Birkinshaw on Dry Stone Walling, 7.30pm Dore Methodist Church Hall.  
 25 **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan cancer support 0845 075 2017  
 26 **Working Day**, Whinfell Quarry Gardens, start 9.30am  
 26 **Charity Ball** for Bluebell Wood Hospice at Magna. Tickets from 0845 108 1579  
 28 **A missionary novice** Talk by Mr. David Temple Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm

### OCTOBER

- 3-4 **Steam Weekend** Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet  
 6 **Annual General Meeting & Social Evening** Dore Ladies Group Visitors welcome £3  
 6 **Picture postcard railway rambles** Talk by Stephen Gay for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 7 **From Sheffield to St Petersburg** - The life of Sarah Biller (nee Kilham) Talk by John Dunstan for Totley Rise Methodist Church Wednesday Friendship. 7.30pm  
 9-18 **Sheffield in the frame** Heeley Art Club exhibition, Winter Gardens details 236 9191  
 12 **Nepal** Talk by Mrs. Sheila Cooper Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm OPEN MEETING  
 13 **Behind the scenes at Covent Garden**, Dore Mercia TG 9.30am Church Hall, coffee visitors £2  
 15 **Apples** - Dore Garden Club, talk by Julian Brandram Tel:236 0915  
 20 **Leebrook Valley** Talk by Norman Crowson for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Church Hall  
 21 **One World Week** Joint Meeting with the UNA Totley Rise Methodist Church Wednesday Friendship. 7.30pm  
 22 **Sports Dinner**, for St Luke's Hospice Sheffield United, Bramall Lane 7pm Full details from 0114 262 1242  
 24 **Concert** John Wade Singers, Millhouses Methodist

- 25 Church 7.30pm tickets from 236 0798 or at the door Lady Bower Ramble for Macmillan Cancer Support - see article. Tel 01246 810301  
 26 **Talk** by Rev David Willie Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm  
 22 **The A-Z of everything** illustrated talk by Paul Cutts for Bradway Agewell Leisure Club. 10am Castle Inn Twentywell Road £2.10 incl coffee & biscuits 236 0416

### NOVEMBER

- 3 **Mary Queen of Scots in Sheffield** speaker David Templeman Dore Ladies Group Visitors welcome £3  
 3 **The Organ Grinder** Talk by Patrick Cooke for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Church Hall  
 7 **Working Day**, Whinfell Quarry Gardens, start 9.30am  
 9 **Bangladesh & North India** Talk by Mrs. Judith Simms Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm OPEN MEETING  
 10 **History of Abbeydale Picture House**, Dore Mercia TG 9.30am Church Hall, coffee visitors £2  
 17 **Sky** Talk by Andy Firth for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall  
 18 **Wild flowers** - Dore Garden Club, talk by Dr Steve Furness Tel:236 0915  
 21 **South Yorkshire Archaeology Day** Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, pre-booking essential Tel: 273 6354  
 23 **Mission Aviation Fellowship** Talk by Mr Kevin Horseman Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm  
 23 **Around the world in 80** ways an evening with Michael Palin, City Hall for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust 235 2678

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