

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Kings Croft Fence Shock

A great deal of anger has been expressed by local residents about the new fence that has been suddenly erected on the Kings Croft Playing Field. The 2m high weldmesh fence has been erected by the Dore Primary School in the full knowledge that the Dore Village Society had applied to have the area registered as a new village green.

The most shocking aspect of the new enclosure is the gate that has been erected across the footpath from Vicarage Lane which has been in public use for over 40 years.

The head teacher of the Primary School knew about the Village Green application and indeed went ahead with the fence after the Council had placed notices on the site informing everyone that an application had been made for the new Village Green.

The Planning Department has decided that the 2m high gate onto Vicarage Lane is not "adjacent to the highway" and therefore does not require planning permission. (The remainder of the fence is also considered to be "permitted development").

The statutory notice on all three new village greens expired on January 29th when the Council must decide if they are to register the three new greens.

The sad thing is, that if the Kings Croft Playing field is registered as a village green, the fence will have to be removed and repositioned, involving the school in much wasted expense.

*David Crosby*

## Dore Festival 2010

Friday 25th June to Sunday 11th July

A flower festival in Dore Church opening on 25th June, for five days, will be the first event of this years Festival, and a dedicated team of flora experts are busy making plans to decorate the church. The weekend will also include a walk around the ancient boundaries of Dore on Saturday and Open Gardens in the village on Sunday 27th.

The rest of the full and varied programme is now almost complete and includes the Well dressing Service on Sunday 4th July and many of the ever popular musical evenings, the play on the green, and an opportunity to meet author Trevor Snow and enjoy a wine tasting.

So book these dates in your diary and look out for more information nearer the time.

*Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon  
Festival Programme Co-ordinators*

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*Dore children enjoying the Punch and Judy Show at the Victory Fete held on Dore cricket ground in 1945. Do you recognise any of these faces? Would we be allowed to take such a picture today?*

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## Greener battery disposal

Energy-saving light bulbs and batteries can now be recycled alongside other items at Sainsbury's supermarket on Archer Road.

Regulations that allow consumers to dispose of spent batteries in shops free of charge came into effect from 1st February. The EU Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations require retailers who sell more than 32kg of portable batteries a year, which equates to around one pack of AA batteries a day, to place collection bins in store for customers.

All types of portable batteries, including recharge-ables, from all kinds of products, such as hearing aids, mobile phones and laptops, can be disposed of in this way, even if they were not bought from the shop they were taken to.

This is a long overdue move, as batteries contain several elements dangerous to the environment and should never have been disposed of alongside other domestic waste.

## Dore Voices - Bombs and bravery in wartime

This is the final part of our series about the 1939-1945 War and its impact on the lives of the people of Dore. The stories told are gathered from the recorded memories of many elderly Dore residents who were, of course, young at that time. We have already heard how their families coped stoically with the demands of wartime and how the adults responded with wry humour to the many emergency regulations. Now we share in their recollections of bombing raids and destruction.

The Sheffield Blitz took place on the night of Thursday 12th and the early hours of Friday 13th December 1940. It was a bright frosty night which gave the enemy a good view over the city but fortunately ground fog in the Don Valley obscured the steelworks. The first of 336 German bombers flew in down the Sheaf Valley about 7pm dropping incendiaries and explosive bombs which created a huge ring of fire. Between 10pm and 2am the raid was intense and a sustained blitz of the city centre resulted in much of it being destroyed.

Terrible damage was inflicted on the Moor, High Street, Commercial Street and Fitzalan Square and many lives were lost. The worst incident occurred at 11.45pm when Marples Hotel, which stood at the

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

## Editorial

The sudden closure without public notice or consultation, of access to Kings Croft Field from Vicarage Lane, has caused considerable annoyance within the local community. Inevitably this reflects badly on the management of the school.

This is particularly so given the outstanding application for Kings Croft Field to be registered as a Village Green, a fact which has been widely publicised in Dore to Door and the village for over 2 years. This included three public consultation mornings at the Old School, so parents and governors should as residents have been well aware of the proposals. Public notices about the proposal had also been posted on site by the Council. Finally committee members of the Dore Village Society believed they were in negotiations with the school management - through the caretaker and Governor Councillor Colin Ross.

We understand that the new fence was an Ofsted requirement to improve security at the rear of the school and to enclose the rear playground. Everybody understands that this is happening throughout the country and few would object to this in principle. The issue seems to be one of the extent to the enclosed area and whether it was necessary to close off an access route used by Dore residents since before the school was built.

The sum of the community in Dore is greater than those people who happen to have children at the school at the moment. Many residents will be unaware of what has happened until they try to walk this route in the summer, others will think it is beyond their influence, and no doubt the majority, especially those without legs, just will not care. Someone, presumably DVS, has to champion the cause of the community as a whole, otherwise we will soon lose even more of our freedoms.

It would be sad if this issue puts the school and it's parents at loggerheads with the Dore Village Society and other Dore

residents - witness the letters in this issue. It seems to me as editor, that these circumstances have arisen largely as a result of a failure in communication between interested parties and indeed within the Council, where officers have failed to put the two strands, Village Green application and enclosure of this land, together.

Lets us hope this matter can be swiftly resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

*John Baker*

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## All change in Dore

Sadly as we go to press the off licence previously occupied by Threshers on Causeway Head Road still stands empty, along with the Little Mischiefs' shop. Although the furnishings shop next to Morans on Abbeydale Road is also vacant a new business *Hairunion*, opened in late November adjacent to it. This new venture has brought together stylists from a number of other hairdressers, plus a beautician and nail technician and is open 6 days a week.

Not so far away, The Crown and Fleur De Ly pubs in Totley are closed while the Cross Scythes has reopened as an eatery.

## Village Dragon Hunt

This years annual village dragon hunt, organised by the Dore Village Society, will held on Sunday 25th April commencing at 2 pm. It will start and finish at the Old School, be suitable for all ages in family groups, take about an hour, and be rewarded by refreshments and a small edible gift for successfully completed entries. The aim is to:

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

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

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

## No 30 Bus changes

Since the introduction of the winter timetable back in November the service has deteriorated, many regular users complaining of late or missing buses. Now SYPTTE has reallocated the route. From 1st February it is shared between First and TM Travel whose cream and maroon buses are based at Halfway.

TM Travel's involvement is mainly with the part of the route between the City Centre and Plumbley and at some times of day you will have to change buses on Arundel Gate if you want to travel the whole route. TM involvement at this end (between Sheffield city centre and Dore) is on weekday and Sunday evenings (and Saturdays before 08.00). First buses will operate the route from Dore until 19.39 on weekdays and 20.30 on Sundays with TM buses providing an hourly service at 39 minutes past the hour until 23.39 on both weekday and Sunday evenings.

From Sheffield to Dore TM buses leave Commercial Street hourly from 20.05 to 23.05 weekdays and 21.05 to 23.05 on Sundays. It is interesting to note that some of the buses start and finish in town - just like the No 50 before deregulation! Let us hope these are just as reliable.

*Geoff Cope*

Jo and David Marshall of 'Valerie of Dore' would like to thank all the people in Dore for their kind thoughts.

Their Kidney Transplant has been a success and both of them are recovering well, and they both hope to see you soon in the village or in the shop.

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## Ward Forum debate

The first Ward Forum for Dore and Totley Ward (which also includes Bradway and Whirlow) was held at Totley library on 2nd December 2009. Around 35 members of the public attended, plus Councillors Ross and Davis (Councillor Hill was unfortunately away on holiday), and council officers Tammy Barrass and Matthew Rush. The meeting was chaired by Peter Stubbs from Bradway Action Group.

Altogether eleven separate matters of concern were raised:

1. Emptying and Return of Commercial Waste Bins at Totley Rise Shops
2. Planning Application for Waste Incinerator at Sheepbridge, Chesterfield
3. Traffic in Bradway
4. Traffic and Safety Issues on Baslow Road / Abbeydale Road South
5. Parking in front of Shops
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7. New Allotments in Totley
8. Community Hall for Totley
9. Allocation of Grants / Funding
10. Closure of Abbeydale Grange School
11. Extension of footway along Totley Brook Road

These were reported in detail to the South West Community Assembly at its meeting on 9th December. The Chair, Councillor Reynolds, agreed that an initial response would be provided at the next Assembly meeting on 24th February. This will be discussed at the next Ward Forum on Wednesday 17th March, again to be

held at Totley Library, when there will also be an opportunity to consider other local issues. All welcome.

**Bradway Action Group  
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Totley Residents Association**

## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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## Major sewage leak

A significant sewage leak occurred in the middle of January at the top of Dore Road. According to Yorkshire Water this was the result of a serious collapse in two places, which required diversion of the system and closure of the road for repairs.

We should perhaps not be surprised given the previous subsidence problems outside no 79 Dore Road and the earlier major collapse at the bottom of the road just a few years ago. How much this latest collapse was due to the recent cold weather or the surplus of heavy vehicles involved in the recent adjacent house building is not known.

## Wind turbine go-ahead

Permission has been given for a 17 metre high wind turbine to be erected in the green belt at Fern Glen Farm, off Hathersage Road at Dore Moor, despite objections from environmental campaigners.

Council approval was granted three years ago for the turbine to be erected in a field to

the south of the farm. After opposition from a neighbour it is being moved further away from the protester. The new application reopened the debate over whether wind turbines should be located in environmentally sensitive areas. The Campaign to Protect Rural England protested on the basis that although the site is not in the Peak Park, it is in an Area of High Landscape Value and would be more prominent than before, visible from long distances across the valley and from the main road. They argued that solar panels, a ground source heat pump or a household wind turbine should be used instead.

## Stop Press

The lengthy process to get three local sites designated as village greens, in order to protect them from development, drags on. As we go to press we understand there have been no objections to the registration of Dore 'Rec' or the land on Totley Brook Road, but 31 last minute objections to Kings Croft Field from the Headmistress of Dore Primary school and parents.

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## Reg Skelton at 90

Reg Skelton - 90 years of age on the 11th March and probably the best uncle in the world !

Most residents of Dore know Reg Skelton as an expert gardener, founder member of Dore Male Voice Choir and until recent times a regular at one of the hostelrys in Dore. However his nephews and nieces know him as the kindest, most knowledgeable and friendliest uncle in the world.

Born and raised in Crookes, Sheffield , Reg moved to Dore whilst in the T.A. in 1939, here he met his late wife Winnie and they were married at Christchurch Dore in April 1942. Soon after getting married he was posted to Burma and they were not to see each other for almost four years. When they were reunited they were together for the next fifty four years.

After the war they spent several years of their early married life, working at a large house and gardens in Bury St Edmonds and it is here at the age of two years that I spent many happy months staying with them. Memories I still hold very dear today. I'm sure at that time summer days were longer and hotter than now.

Reg and Winnie moved back to Dore where he became head gardener at Wagwood House, a post he held for over thirty years. Whilst there he introduced new varieties of plants and started the Wagwood House Spring open days. Now, as an early teenager, I learned that Reg was responsible for the pest control at the gardens ,which meant he was our only uncle with a gun - respect!

His expertise in gardening led him to become involved with several shows in Ringinglow and Totley and eventually led him to being a member of the committee for Dore Show, organising the schedule and judging the vegetable entries. He held this position for many years and donated the Skelton Cup for the best overall winner of the vegetable classes. He was

also a long term allotment holder in Dore.

Reg's other love is singing and his membership of the Dore Male Voice Choir. Since he helped to start it in 1964, he has attended many memorable concerts and rehearsals and the Boxing Day visits to the Devonshire Arms, to serenade the ale, was something he rarely missed.

Reg and Winnie lived happily in Devonshire Terrace Road until her death in 1996. He continued living there until circumstances made him move across the road to Causeway Head Road, where he still resides.

With all his activities he still has plenty of time for his nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces. My sister Jane recalls many fond childhood memories of trips to the seaside and holidays in Great Yarmouth with Reg and Winnie and especially of Reg's patience while she brushed his hair - he feels that this is the reason for his hair loss!

My own children also remember staying in Dore with them both and having the same wonderful times that I used to have all those years ago.

As he approaches his 90th birthday I'm sure everyone will join with his family in wishing him all the best for the future and may he long continue to enrich the lives of all he meets.

*Stephen Bellamy & Jane Cooke*

## Going, going, gone

As site after site in Dore is overdeveloped, each remaining area of green and public land becomes more and more important.

Two years ago the Dore Village Society set about getting three such sites, Dore Recreation Ground, Kings Croft Field, and land off Totley Brook Road, registered as Village Greens. This is the only way to preserve these areas from subsequent development. And in case anyone thinks this is not a threat, you need to be aware that the Council's initial reaction to registering Dore Rec, which was within their immediate gift, was negative, as it would preclude any future wish they might have to build on the site!

All public land in the Council's "care" is at risk, regardless of how it originally came into public ownership. Just remember the public outcry over proposals to re-site St Luke's on land at Norton Nurseries, or closer to home the loss of school fields and land as part of the PFI sponsored re-building of King Egbert School.

When the time comes to rebuild or extend Dore Primary School, you can be sure Kings Croft Field, which is part of the Education Departments Estate, would be in danger of being sacrificed for cash. Ironically the recent fencing off of a significant element of the space will make it even easier to justify building on the remained, which is no longer within the school grounds!

Lets hope that the interests of the community, now and in the future, will prevail and that the three areas Dore Village Society have applied for will be registered as village greens shortly.

## Drainage work completed

As you can see the main works on the drainage system and footpath in Dore Recreation Ground are now complete.

During the initial surveys and during the works, many causes of standing water were found such as surges, blockages, wrong connections, many years of compaction and, of course, breakages.

Already improvements can be seen but further work will be necessary this spring as the water in the ground gradually begins to drain away. This will take several months so no dramatic improvements will be immediately noticed.

At that time some areas will need cultivating (mainly 'the gap' between the trees on the lower field). Grass seed will be spread and a wild flower meadow created where the new mound has appeared. In addition, trees and shrubbery will be planted to replace those damaged during the works.

After this it will take around two years for the area to fully recover but the experts are confident that previous standing water will mostly be eradicated.

We probably need to be aware, however, that during wet periods we will still squelch around in some areas due to the nature of the ground (the reason why ridge and furrow farming was introduced to the site 500 years ago!!) but it will now drain away.

The surfaced footpath and car park will get rid of the puddles around the playground. In addition the flimsy drain covers are to be replaced by more sturdy ones.

Dore Village Society would like to thank all those involved in the works and will continue to monitor this project and offer 'top up' support with its own funds where necessary.

Residents can help maintain the stability of the ground by reporting immediately any unauthorised vehicles on the 'Rec' to the police using their 101 number and describing those involved - but don't approach them.

*Dave Ward*

## 20mph zones

The Dore Village Society has called unsuccessfully for a 20mph zone in the centre of the village for a number of years. Now a recent report published online in the British Medical Journal has found that the introduction of 20mph speed zones in London has reduced road injuries by more than 40 per cent.

The report found the benefits of the zones were most marked in young-child accident rates and in the overall number of deaths and serious injuries. Over the research period, 1986 to 2006 casualties were reduced by 41%, with deaths or serious injuries to children reduced by half.

The centre of Dore ought to be an obvious candidate for a 20mph zone, given it's local schools, a significant elderly population, narrow roads and it's conservation area status.



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## Letters

Dear Sir,

I am interested to find out if anyone has memories of Harold Marsh, the father of a friend of mine. I believe he lived many years ago at 14 Furniss avenue and later at an address in the 100's on the same road. He owned a filling station in or near Dore, possibly on the main Hathersage road at one time, proudly building it up to 4 pumps. Are there any pictures?

He later moved out to Great Longstone and at this time owned the Premier Motor Body Building Company, on Shoreham Street. The now decrepit, red building is still there. Harold later moved to Grasmere. He started a second family late in life becoming the father of Andrew Marsh at 63. His wife Margaret survives him and recently moved to Ambleside from Grasmere following the passing of her mother.

*Andrew Saint*

Dear Sir,

It is such a shame these days that South Yorkshire schools have to look like prison camps. I am so pleased that my son enjoyed Dore Primary School before the fencing went up.

Schools, much like churches, are at the heart of a community. The first fencing that was erected had at least been done, I thought, with sensitivity and a community spirit. It protected the children and school property, whilst still leaving the public path and one of the playgrounds still accessible.

My son used the school playgrounds at weekends to ride his bike and play ball games, much like we did when my brother and I were at primary school. We felt a belonging and fondness for our school even outside school hours.

Things have only recently changed for Dore and whilst I understand the very real fears and therefore accept this fact of modern life, we know it sadly changes the village aesthetically and psychologically.



*The new fence and gate across the footpath, as viewed from Vicarage Lane.*

But I don't understand why the fence has suddenly been so drastically changed. It now blocks off the path that is marked on maps and that has been freely used by this community for decades. Surely this therefore makes it a public right of way. The pretty view looking towards Dore church from the path from Bushey Wood Road to Furniss Avenue now looks more like a war zone as the new fence is very visible.

If this has been done because all the playgrounds now have to be enclosed inside fencing, why didn't the current headmistress just extend the fence around the playground? This would ensure safety of pupils whilst still respecting the needs of the community.

*Dawn Biram*

Dear Sir,

I have regularly used the footpath running past Dore Primary School and was shocked to find it suddenly and unexpectedly blocked. This path has been in use for decades and must surely be a public right of way. Can it be reopened?

*Graham Thomas*

Dear Sir,

Dore Primary School accommodates 420 children from the local community and it has a key role in village life. For the community, children and parents the well being of the school and those attending is vital. There is every reason to celebrate the schools achievements, particularly as there has been a recent Ofsted inspection that has rated our school as a 'good school'. The inspectors highlighted many outstanding features, in particular, "pupils' outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and their excellent understanding of how to live healthy lives", as well as the key values that the pupils use to help the school and those in it to succeed.

The way in which schools are being inspected changed in late 2009, and the achievement of this inspection result is a reflection of the hard work by many including all the staff under the leadership of the Headteacher and Deputy, Sue Hopkinson and Matthew Winson.

One key issue raised during the

inspection was the safeguarding regulations that state that the children must be safe within our school grounds, and that all visitors to the school enter via the staffed and locked reception area. This had been a concern for some time, and the governing body with the senior leadership team at the school have had a number of complex issues to deal with concerning access to parts of the school grounds, for example for those using the Kingswood Day Nursery sited in the school grounds.

To this end with agreement of Sheffield City Council, the fencing around the school has been moved and increased, so that the children can move about the school without meeting members of the public. This fencing now encloses the year 3 / 4 yard and includes the school's wildlife garden within the enclosed school boundaries. The rest of the school maintained field area adjacent to the school remains outside this fencing and therefore remains accessible to members of the public. We would hope that there is understanding and agreement with the principles behind these changes, and the need to ensure that the children are secure within the school.

There are many events that the school organises to encourage participation with the school's activities. Some of these may have been obvious to those living in Dore. Before Christmas there was carol singing on the Vicarage Lane Green. A brass ensemble of hardy teachers and pupils accompanied a large group of equally hardy parents and children in a selection of carols, followed by warming refreshments at the school. The Reception children are regularly seen in the village when taken on their 'Wednesday walks'.

There is the annual school 'fun run' during the Dore festival as well as involvement in the Remembrance Day service and Well Dressing event in the village. These are all key to broadening the involvement of the school in community life. We would like to ensure that all who want to help the school achieve its aims, continue to improve, and provide the best education for all pupils at the school, can do so.

*Steve Thomas, Community Governor,  
Dore Primary School*

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Letters continued.....

Dear Sir,

Having been privy to a number of pieces of correspondence regarding the new fence at Dore Primary School we, the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors, have been tasked with writing officially explaining some of the reasoning behind the fence and to correct some erroneous information.

When our new Headteacher, Sue Hopkinson, arrived in September 2008 she told us that under new Guidelines our Safeguarding of children was inadequate and set about investigating measures to resolve this; it became clear from Ofsted guidelines that we needed to ensure that when the children were at play members of the public could not gain access to them. It was obvious that the only way to achieve this was to fence the site.

At one meeting a Governor told us that he knew DVS were planning an application for a number of Village Greens but we had no details. Indeed we have not been approached by DVS officially at all. It was something of a surprise to many Governors when they read the notices put on fences that the application involved the grassy area that is used by Y3 and Y4, as well as the Wildlife Garden and the tree area used extensively by the children during the summer, especially as this is our only large area of shade.

At a full Governing Body meeting on October 15 2009 it was "proposed to erect fencing and gates to improve security".to include the tree area as proposed". This action was again voted on, on 19



November and had the backing of the School Change Team.

During this time a member of the Governing Body was tasked with contacting DVS to discuss the issue; this happened. However, although this was just a verbal discussion it appears that DVS understood it to be a delegation with powers to agree a compromise; unfortunately, this understanding was wrong.

Last November we were suddenly served notice of our Ofsted inspection !

We knew that safeguarding was a huge problem as Ofsted had the power to put the school into special measures if we failed our safeguarding in the first half hour. Fortunately, as we had an evidence trail showing we were actively pursuing a fence, Ofsted were happy to contact the LEA demanding immediate action. Sonia Sharp, Head of Children' Services wrote with an Action Plan, which included the fence. As can be imagined, we had to act extremely quickly and the Action Plan shows the work was to be commenced on December 7 and completed within 10 days.

A meeting with the Head, a Governing Body Support Officer, the Vice Chair, and members of the LEA discussed our immediate needs (such as the speed at which we had to move that this happened by moonlight!). It was pointed out that a fence immediately adjacent to the Y3/4 yard was dangerously close - 2 sides of the yard would be fenced - and we know children need space in which to run about without worrying about running into a fence. We were also very aware of the need for shade for the children, exposure to too much sun in childhood being a risk factor for malignant melanoma. We also wanted to keep access to the Wildlife Garden for teaching and other purposes. This informed our decision to put the fence where it now is.

We were aware of the proposed compromise by DVS but rejected it for the following reasons; it was aesthetically unsuitable for a Conservation Area (and we have had many compliments that the school no longer looks like Guantanamo Bay!) and if we left just a small corridor for access from Vicarage Lane we foresaw a muddy quagmire in the winter.

It is worth noting that access from Vicarage Lane has never been designated as a public right of way and therefore there is no requirement to inform members of the public of its closure. We did of course inform parents that the gates would be locked outside of beginning and end of school.

Near the top of Savage Lane there is another entrance to Kings Croft Field; it takes less than 3 minutes to walk the 250 yards to this point from the old Vicarage Lane entrance. Given that the field is used mainly for leisure, one would have thought dog walkers, etc would not find this extra distance and time a burden.

We are aware that complaints and representations have been made to Councillor Ross but at a meeting on 14 Jan were informed there had been less than 10. Not all were at the surgery or were full frontal complaints, many were asking for information.

We would like to make it clear that a large area of Kings Croft Field beyond the fence remains open to villagers and we would be very happy for this to become a Village Green.

*Andree Reed, Chair of Governors  
Linda Hunter, Vice Chair  
Dore Primary School*

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letters continued ....

Dear Sir,

On the subject of Christmas decorations and in particular the lighting displays to be seen in public areas, could I take this opportunity to mention the excellent and very tasteful show to be seen in Abbeydale Park Rise.

Each year people from far and wide now include a trip to Abbeydale Park Rise in their list of things to do at Christmas - rather like a trip to Castleton, only far more convenient. A few days ago my daughter, Victoria, took a taxi from her home, close to the City centre only to be regaled by her chatty driver with advice to see the lights in A.P.R - little did he know that she had grown up with them.

Could I therefore please ask you to publish my comments if only as a gesture of thanks to Brett Flower, who, for many years now, has worked so hard to put the show on, along with other residents.

*Jill & Paul Burgan*  
29.12.09

## Sheffield Bach Society

Sheffield Bach Society, founded in 1950, enters its Diamond Jubilee year under the baton of its new conductor, Simon Lindley, Leeds City Organist and Master of the Music at Leeds Parish church.

Bach's St. John Passion will be performed in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 6th March 2010, at 7.30pm, with a distinguished line up of soloists. The tickets are priced at £15.00 (concessions £12.00 and students £6.00)

On Monday 12th April you have a chance to join in singing Handel's Messiah, when the Bach Choir invite you to their Come and Sing performance at Cawthorne Parish Church, S75 4HQ, at 7.30 pm. The ticket price of £8.00 will include seasonal refreshments.

## Annual Art Exhibition

Once again it falls to me to write to inform you all about our forthcoming "Art Exhibition" which will be held as usual in the Old School in Dore on Friday 26th March - 2pm to 6pm, and Saturday 27th March - 9.30am to 5pm 2010.

I am writing this just after Christmas, in a land covered in snow. The village was almost cut-off with disruptions to public transport for a time, and difficulties getting out and about for a lot of us, with many of the side roads still not cleared.

It is a winter like we haven't witnessed for a long time and takes me back to when I was small, when every winter was similar to this. I remember having to battle through the snow to school - (no school closures then) and enjoying going sledging, but not the chilblains that went with the cold weather.

Hats off, though to the services that manage, somehow to keep going in these conditions. The postman, my milkman and the BT people who finally got us re-connected (that was scary!) and on a personal note, the Ambulance Service who got us to the Northern General after an emergency call.

Nothing lasts forever, however, and as you read this, we will have put it all behind us, and the spring flowers will be putting on their cheerful show of colour, to let us know it really is spring.

Which leads me to our cheerful display of colour - the Dore Annual Art Show, when we will be offering our pictures, for your delight and if you still have room on your walls, to purchase, at our usual competitive prices? Don't forget that nice cup of tea/coffee and home-made cakes too - surely worth a visit.

As usual we hope to see you there on either of the days of the show and indeed you will be welcome. Please come along.

*Connie Bedford, Show Organiser*

## Dore Male Voice Choir

2010 is a year of big changes for the choir. Paul Green retires after 10 years at the end of April and Elizabeth Hampshire takes over as Music Director on the 1st May. We will miss him, but we are most fortunate to have obtained Elizabeth Hampshire's services. She comes to us with a big reputation in music circles and with a long experience of Male Voice Choirs.

In consequence Paul's last concert will be on 24th April when he will conduct the Choir at the St .Oswald's Church Centenary Concert. It will be a great occasion, for once more, and too infrequently, Paul and Adrian Jordan our Accompanist, will be providing us with their rumbustious piano duets as our 'guest' performers for the evening.

Before that we have a major concert at Ranmoor Church on 27th February (7pm) when we are performing for an Abbeydale Rotary Club Charity Concert. We will be sharing the platform (not simultaneously!) with Ensemble 360, a prestigious instrumental group.

Elizabeth Hampshire's first concert will

be the Dore Church Organ Fund Concert, held at the Parish Church on 4th June starting at 7pm. On home ground, we expect a big audience for the occasion.

We are again in Dore on 8th July at 7.30pm when we give the usual Concert for the Dore Festival at the Church Hall. Always a popular event, we will again be joined by the Dore Mercia & Totley Townswomen's Guild Choir.

Our Annual Gala Concert is on 2nd October at Ecclesall Church. Another major event in our calendar will be our visit to Rugby School for a second Concert organised by our friends Wigston Male Voice Choir. We attended a very successful concert there in 2008. Our two Choirs will be joined by a Welsh choir this time and Peter Ward of Wigston has asked Paul Green to again perform on the organ. With a choir of over 150 voices in this excellent venue it promises to be another memorable occasion.

We will be rounding our concert programme off with the Christmas Concerts on 10th and 11th December in Dore Church at 7pm.

All that, and the inevitable additional engagements that will arise, promises to ensure a busy year for the Choir.

*David Heslop*

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The Dore Grill faces the church in the centre of Dore Village. Over the years it has had many incarnations, including: a barn, five cottages, the Mogul Indian restaurant, the Dore Brasserie, and Marsden's tea room. Joe Muino, and his then business partner Manuel, decided to buy the place in 1990 and by popular request changed its name back to one of its former titles.

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I had the pleasure of talking to Rotary Club Vulcan Sheffield before Christmas. They made me very welcome and the meeting ended with them presenting me with a cheque for £1,250. This is extra to the money we raised by taking part in their Christmas Draw. Many thanks to you all for supporting T17.

We seemed to have a blessed angel watching over us and Michael Finn, our Manager, was able to put in an order for a

new bus to replace our "X" registered one. It is due to his hard work that the bus has lasted so long. When the base vehicle is delivered, it will have to have a tail lift, sliding door and tracking put in. This allows seats to be taken in and out so that wheelchairs and their occupants can be safely clamped in. We hope to get the finished bus in early Summer. Thank you so much to each and every one of you for your support.

The Ecclesall Woods Tuesday Health Walks Group decided not to exchange Christmas cards and to have a collection for a local charity. Our name was drawn from the hat and they gave us £60. Thanks to Sue and all the volunteers Walk Leaders for organising this.

Hope the weather improves. Here's to Spring.

Margaret Barlow

## News in brief

**Ex King Egbert pupil** Jessica Ennis, who won gold at the World Athletics Championships in August, was named sportswoman of the year by the Sports Journalist' Association and came third in the BBC's Sports person of the year event.

**Raw sewage** flooded down Dore Road in January after what according to Yorkshire Water was a major collapse just above the junction with Vicarage Lane and opposite the latest housing development.

**Council spending reports** are to be published on line from this summer in a move by the Government to improve the transparency of local services. Currently those wishing to look into local councils' spending have to search through data from several sources, many of which are not available on line.

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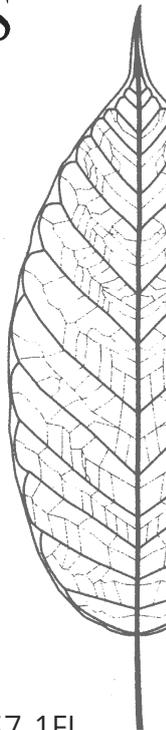
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As always there is a multiplicity of activities linked with Christ Church that happen on a regular basis together with a number of special occasions. Elsewhere in this issue you will find preliminary information of the Flower Festival being planned as part of this year's Dore Festival. But before then, as we move forward in this new year, we prepare to mark the most special of all weeks in the Christian year. We mark the beginning of Lent with a service in Church at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Then the following day and on the subsequent 5 Thursdays there will be something different, a chance for people to meet in a Group in the Old School (7.30pm for 7.45pm) to explore together something of the variety of Christian activities across the world under the heading of "Six Adventures in World Mission".

Other "specials" include Mothering Sunday at 10am on March 14th, "Steelroots on Tour" - a service led by young people from S17 at 10am on March 21st and Palm Sunday on March 28th.

And so we come to Holy Week. This will include:

\* A chance to enjoy together a Passover Meal in the Old School on the evening of Thursday, April 1st.

\* Good Friday, April 2nd, with a service for people of all ages at 10am: then from 12noon until 3pm on that day the Church will be open for quiet and prayer.

\* A special chance in the 3 services on April 4th to celebrate in different ways the message of Easter Day.

Our normal pattern of Sunday services remains as given in the last issue of Dore to Door, namely: 8am A said service of Holy Communion 10am A service that includes music (normally a mixture of organ and band), prayers, Bible reading and teaching. It aims to be appropriate for a wide range of people with a big age-spread. Our children's groups run in parallel with this service and there is also a creche. 5.30pm A quieter choral service, normally either Evensong or Holy Communion, with organ and robed choir.

*Michael Hunter*

## Outreach Advice Sessions

The outreach sessions from Woodseats Advice Centre restarted at Toley Rise Methodist Church, Grove Road, from the beginning of December after a short break following a change in personnel.

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Most medieval stained glass was lost following the Reformation and during the Civil War, when it was smashed and replaced with plain glass. In South Yorkshire, only a few full windows from this period survive though many churches have small fragments.

There was a revival in stained glass during the Victorian era and much of what we see today is from that time. In South Yorkshire churches you can find excellent examples of glass by well known designers such as William Morris, Charles Eamer Kempe and Whitefriars.

Victorian stained glass was usually installed as a memorial to local people or to commemorate significant events. Local examples of this stained glass include that to remember mining tragedies, church anniversaries, millennium celebrations and war memorials.

Our Heritage Festival in June is a great opportunity to visit and explore a wide range of local churches.

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Currently the minimum age for access to the Pension Commencement Lump Sum or receiving Income from Pensions is age 50 but on 6th April 2010 this changes to age 55.

This means that if you are between the ages of 49 and 54 and planned to take benefits from your pension plan between

age 50 and 54 you must act now. Otherwise you will be forced to wait until you reach age 55. For some people this would mean waiting a further 5 years. Any person born after 5 April 1960 will not be able to take pension benefits until they have reached age 55 unless special circumstances apply such as ill health. You should check with your Pension Scheme Administrator or adviser for further details.

Q) So should you take your benefits as early as possible?

The decision about when to take benefits will depend on your individual circumstances and financial situation and great care should be taken. There are various reasons for accessing pension fund lump sums, however you should always be aware that taking benefits early could mean your income is reduced later

in life.

Pension Commencement Lump Sums can be taken from Personal Pension plans without the need for taking income. The income may be deferred to a later date, using the most appropriate option, which would suit your personal circumstances. Please note that the value of investments and the income from it can go down as well as up due to market fluctuations.

Before taking any action you should seek Independent Financial Advice to help you understand the risks involved, you should be aware there may be a charge for this advice.

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## Did you know

A first for Dore - real controversy. A school fence causing offence, by springing up almost overnight without notice or warning, to the chagrin of those who still use their legs to walk around Dore.

Why do we have these fences? Are they to keep suspicious looking adults out, or children in? I suspect it is more to do with protecting buildings when they are empty, which they are for a large part of the time (holidays and evenings). How much better if they had been designed as community buildings and were used and appreciated by the community, rather than underused assets.

It has been a long time since Dore lost its public toilet next to the Causeway Head Road shops. But for some time now a lonely blue portaloos has stood on the public footpath outside a house at the top of Dore Road. Perhaps this is the answer for any visitors to Dore who are caught short, although many might be embarrassed to use one so publicly. Still I am amazed in this age of don't do this, and don't do that, that a loo can be positioned so obviously on a public footpath.

Potholes everywhere. Dore has suffered from the effects of the snow just like the rest of Sheffield, with our own share of suspension testing traps. Add to that the sewer collapse at the top of Dore Road (why did this happen just here?), and the condition of our roads is firmly back on the agenda.

To which we must add talk of a possible 20mph limit on Sheffield's estate roads. Now that could be a good idea and lead to drivers doing 30mph on Dore Road and Rushley Road etc for the first time - you know the equation 30 means anything from 30 to 40.

Which reminds me of a rare sight recently. As you travel into Sheffield and reach the 30mph sign opposite Millhouses Park there is a 30 mph roundel painted on the road surface. For years the highways



*The convenient portaloos gracing the frontage of a house on Dore Road.*

department in Sheffield resolutely refused to consider such innovations. Any chance of getting some in Dore?

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## Sign of the times!

These made me laugh, but I'm easily amused.

1. Notice in health food shop window:  
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3. Spotted in a safari park:  
*Elephants please stay in your car*
4. Did I read that sign right?  
*Toilet out of order. Please use floor below*

5. In a Laundromat:  
*Automatic washing machines: please remove all your clothes when the light goes out*
6. In a department store:  
*Bargain basement upstairs*
7. In an office:  
*Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken*
8. In an office:  
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- !0. Seen during a conference:  
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Welcome to 2010. The end of another tax year is looming. One of the key principles of good financial planning is to ensure that you use the tax allowances available to you. If you do not use these allowances before 5th April they will be lost forever. As a reminder here some of the most popular investment and pension allowances.

### *Individual Savings Accounts (ISA)*

#### *Cash ISA*

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All of the above are extremely valuable allowances and will be lost if not used before 5 April 2010. Do not be caught out, as the Easter weekend begins on 2nd April any applications will need to be with your chosen provider for processing on or before 1st April 2010.

The levels and basis of reliefs from taxation are subject to change and their value depends on the individual circumstances of the investor. The taxation rates referred to are based on our understanding of current HM Revenue & Customs rates applicable for tax year 2009/10

Please note that the value of investments and the income from it can go down as well as up due to investment market fluctuations.

Before taking any investment decisions you should seek Independent Financial Advice to help you understand the risks involved.

*John Goddard*

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## Holmesfield Flower Club

Are you interested in flower arranging? Holmesfield Flower Club was started over 40 years ago by the late Betty Haller for people who were interested to learn the art of flower arranging.

The club is affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) and membership is open to all. There is a regular programme of evening workshops with tutors and demonstrations by qualified NAFAS demonstrators.

The club meets monthly between March and December at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (off Woodside Avenue) Holmesfield. Ample parking.

The 2010 subscription is £18. Anyone wishing to join our friendly club should

contact Diana Holland (Publicity Secretary) 0114 237 7601 or come along to any meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 17th March, 7.30 pm. The AGM will be followed by a social evening with light supper at approx 8.15 pm. New prospective members would be very welcome at the social, a good opportunity to find out more about the club. Photos of past work will be on show.

Seasonal demonstration of Flower Arranging by Carol Middleton (NAFAS demonstrator) entitled "Springtime Splendour" on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30 pm Tickets available at the door: £6 (members £3) includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the show. Everyone welcome.

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We had approximately 60 people attend, who enjoyed a cup of fresh coffee kindly supplied by Café logy and a selection of homemade buns and cakes.

We have raised over £1,000 and feel the morning was a great success so once again big thanks to everyone involved.

*Leanne Lee*

## World Day of Prayer

This years Womens World Day of Prayer Service for churches in S17 will take place on Friday March 5th at Christchurch Dore at 10.30am. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome. Enquires to 236 3027.

## Join the Run for All Life

This year, you can take part in an alternative fundraising event for cancer research.

Many people don't realise that much of the money they give to medical research charities will be used to fund animal experiments. Apart from captivity and the suffering, animal experiments often give misleading results that cannot be extrapolated to the human condition. Even different strains of the same animal species can give a different reaction to drugs and different experimental results. Investment in humane non-animal based research may therefore be the best use of resources and lead to faster medical progress.

Over the centuries, medical research has developed a heavy reliance on animals but today, with exciting fields such as stem cell technology and advanced computer modelling, this no longer has to be the case. Progress is being made into developing humane alternatives that are more relevant to the human condition.

Proceeds from the Run will go to the Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research, the leading medical research charity funding exclusively non-animal techniques to replace animal experiments. Established in 1970 and celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Charity's portfolio of high quality, peer reviewed and innovative research still combines strict ethical principles with scientific excellence. To find out more about the work of the Dr Hadwen Trust, visit [www.drhadwentrust.org](http://www.drhadwentrust.org).

The Trust relies solely on donations and is not government funded, so to help raise vital funds for their Cancer Research projects, there will be an off-road 5km and 10km run held in Ecclesall Woods on Saturday, 22nd May. You can help by taking part in this Run for All Life, by sponsoring someone else or by making a donation. For further details email me [dawn.biram@virgin.net](mailto:dawn.biram@virgin.net) or tel 235 6907

*Dawn Biram*

## Suspended head retires

Bob Evans, who had been in charge of King Ecgbert School since the early 1990s and was one of the city's most experienced principals, was suspended from his post in mid July last year over allegations related to his management of the school. No details of the reason for the suspension or the outcome of investigations have been made available. We understand he has now taken early retirement and officially left his post as headteacher on November 30th 2009. Senior deputy headteacher Tim Eldridge remains the school's acting head.

## Millhouses Park

Work has started on a £350,000 water play area at Millhouses Park. The Splash! project will include Archimedes screws, hand pumps, various dams, scoops and sluices and a water tree that will be operated by a see-saw.

The Friends of Millhouses Park have been working with the council, securing funds from the Big Lottery Fund, the Government's Playbuilder programme, Viridor Credits, Sheffield Town Trust, James Neill Trust, JG Graves Trust and local house builders.

## Is your CV ready - to help you?

Our local community has not been immune from the effects of the recession but there are signs that the economic climate is improving. As business confidence increases, job opportunities will increase. Are you ready to take advantage of an awakening job market?

Employers seek to fill their job vacancies with the best candidates available. When advertising, internally as well as externally, they often ask applicants to provide a CV so they can carry out an initial assessment and decide who they want to shortlist for interview.

An up-to-date, high quality CV (curriculum vitae) is not only relevant to those actively seeking work or a change of job. It is an important consideration for anyone who wants to be able to respond quickly to attractive job opportunities. Is your CV up-to-date and ready to help you?

Your focus will be sharpened if you view your CV as a personal marketing tool which should help you to compete effectively with other job applicants and get you an interview. You should also consider your CV from the recruiting employer's perspective each time you apply for a job to ensure it sells you in a strong, positive and pertinent light.

Your CV should highlight your relevant talents, achievements and experience in a way which is likely to persuade the employer that you are worthy of serious consideration. It should be objective, easy-to read, concise (two pages maximum) and truthful. It should not contain any claims you cannot substantiate.

If an attractive job opportunity came along, could you meet a tight application deadline? If you already have a CV, how quickly could you gather the information you need to update it, then tailor it to a new job target and ensure it does you full justice? If you do not have a CV, do you know how to create one and could you quickly and easily access the information you need?

If you answer "no" to one or more of these questions, you should consider doing something about it. Creating and then regularly refreshing your CV will equip you with a "living document" which will strengthen your ability to respond to new opportunities.

People often underestimate the value of a high quality CV and the skill involved in producing one. When creating or refreshing your CV you will almost certainly benefit from help - even if you have recruitment experience, assessing and presenting yourself objectively can be challenging. The greater the relevant skills and experience of those whose help you seek, the more likely they will be able to add value.

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## What is it?

Dore Village Society has been presented with the item shown in the photograph - a porcelain boat with a crest containing images of Dore Church and the village circa 1920's - 40's. We believe it was connected to Dore Scouts, possibly as a fund-raising venture, since it was originally in the possession of James Wainwright, Scoutmaster from the early 1940's onwards.

Can anyone tell us more ?

James Wainwright ( Jim ) was also well-known for the verses he wrote, including the following poem from 1942:

*This village sits in Nature's realm,  
Its soil, still, a yearly bounty yields,  
And yeoman stock still at the helm,  
Industrious plough her harvest field.  
And proud Christ Church still watches o'er  
That ancient parish known as Dore.*



*The mysterious porcelain boat in the Dore heritage collection.*

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corner of High Street and Fitzalan Square, suffered a direct hit and the whole building collapsed into the cellar where over 70 people were sheltering. Only 7 came out alive.

Nan Boulton was living with her parents on Stalker Lees Road, off Ecclesall Road and described with emotion the scene that night. "We were all in our air-raid shelters in our cellars that had been reinforced by the Government. Every cellar had a doorway into the next house so that you could get out that way if necessary. Opposite us a house got a direct hit and that was horrible. I can't bear to think about it because we lost our young friends. On Ecclesall Road there were burnt-out tramcars and people laying dead. It was horrible!"

Beryl Salisbury also described that night. "We were living at Dore Hall Farm by the time of the Sheffield Blitz. I remember watching it from there because the house was fairly elevated. We could look out over Sheffield and see the whole sky. I can remember it vividly; it was as if massive fireworks were going off. My father (Joe Denniff) went into Sheffield the next day. He could get the car as far as Beauchief but no further because of the

debris and chaos. I remember waiting for him to come back to hear stories of the things he'd seen."

Pat Lazenby recalled the scene of devastation. "I remember going into Sheffield on the tram with my Mum, just after the Blitz and seeing the blackened remains of department stores and shops."

Many stores had to relocate after the bombings and the Sheffield Telegraph and Independent of January 8th 1941 ran a special feature to inform customers of the changes. Advertisements such as "Atkinsons Carry On!" "Walsh's New Store at the Mount, Glossop Road" and "Cockaynes Offices- Messrs. Kennings' Premises" are typical of the determination to keep serving their customers and encourage the prompt payment of accounts.

In January 1941 following the Sheffield Blitz, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited the city in a show of support.

Bessie Colley was working at that time in the offices of Harrison Brothers and Howson, a cutlery firm on Carver Street and remembered the occasion well. "I had just finished work for the day and was standing waiting to cross the road at

Division Street, the top of Barkers Pool, when suddenly a rather grand looking car stopped to let me cross. Thinking nothing of it I crossed the road. It wasn't until I had reached the other side that I turned and realised it was none other than King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on their visit to Sheffield. Fancy them stopping to let me cross!"

Eventually, on 9th January 1941 bombs did fall on Dore. This event figures in people's wartime reminiscences more than any other and is part of our village collective memory. Recollections vary a little but basically a string of bombs was dropped between Old Hay Lane and Brickhouses.

The most serious damage was done to the bungalow 'Ianford' on Church Lane which belonged to Cliff and Lilian Hartley. Chris Fearnough recalled "A bomb hit Hartley's bungalow, the potted meat people, and it split the bungalow right in two. The dog got killed." The Hartleys were close friends of Kay Mastin who took up the story. "The only person who was injured was the maid. The bomb dropped in the dining room and that was near her kitchen. It moved the fireplace right across the kitchen."

The second bomb that night landed in a field opposite Cromwell Cottages, Townhead Road which was part of Jack Greaves's farm. Beryl Salisbury also remembered that one. "There was a bomb that was quite near to Garden Cottage at the top of Drury Lane. It shook all the windows out. The next morning the whole village turned out to peer into this huge hole and people were looking around for bits of shrapnel. I can't remember anybody being frightened, certainly as children we weren't."

Another bomb hit the Fisher's pigsty at Newfield Farm and the event forms one of Don Fisher's earliest memories. "So this was one of the few nights that we actually did occupy the shelter when the sirens went; because we didn't always. Nothing was going to happen to Dore! And then there was a large crump sound. We waited a few minutes and Dad said "That was close!" So the whole family trooped up past the sheds to view the crater. It was a moonlight night and there was smoke coming out of the hole in the ground. That was about my first recollection of life. And of course we were quite famous. Not everyone got a bomb!"

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The final incident occurred during an air raid over Brickhouse Lane and John Caisley told the story of his grandfather's lucky escape. "When I got home my grandfather was sitting in the air raid shelter because he wasn't very happy. So I said "Come on in and we'll all have a cup of tea." Five minutes later that shelter was demolished by a direct hit on it in the garden about twenty yards from the house."

Eventually the war came to an end though for Kay Mastin at least it was rather sudden. "One thought the war would go on for ever until a relative, an army padre, came to visit us. Only then did we realize that the Germans were in retreat in 1945. There wasn't the communication, you see."

Dore rejoiced along with the nation. There was a Victory Dance in the church hall which was attended by the whole village. The Hare and Hounds and the Devonshire Arms funded the victory celebrations for the village children.

Pat Lazenby described what happened. "At the end of the war the village, tiny in those days, had their celebrations. A children's victory party was held at Abbeydale Picture House. We were taken by bus to see George Formby in "He Snoops to Conquer" followed by tea in the ballroom. A victory fete with sports and Punch and Judy show was held on Dore cricket ground."

They certainly all deserved the treat after what had gone before.

*Maureen Cope  
Dore Oral History Group*

## Dore Old School - children's desks

Who remembers the little desks at Dore School? The right size for children up to eleven years old. They have holes for inkwells, and lids that lift to open a space that held all our books.

When I was in J4, Miss Davies class, I was the ink monitor. Every Monday it was my job to mix up a couple of pints of ink using ink powder and water. It was then put in a special bottle with a pouring lip and then taken round the classrooms filling the inkwells.

But I don't remember filling inkwells in the infants classes, I think they only used pencils.

The pens in the junior classes were wooden, they looked like a pencil with a nib on the end. Blotting paper was an essential item on every desk.

The first junior class, J1, was run by Miss Palmer. We all went in fear and dread of her. If you were naughty she used to pull up your trouser leg and slap the top of your thigh. It hurt like h\*\*l. But she was a good teacher. She taught handwriting. She had a long T square which she put on the blackboard and drew 3 lines for each line of script. The lower part of the letter, eg the circle of a "b" fitted between the lower two lines and the top of the stroke went up to the third line. She could write immaculately on the blackboard. We then copied it into our books.

In 1952 my mother got the first ballpoint pen I'd ever seen, it cost five

bob, by comparison beer was then 6d a pint.

I thought it was wonderful, it didn't blot and you didn't have to keep dipping it in the inkwell all the time. But there was no way Miss Palmer would let me use it for writing. I could use it for sums, as we called arithmetic, but she said ballpoints ruined handwriting. She was right.

From my father's days at Dore school, around 1910, we still have a school slate, a slate about a foot long by 8 inches wide in a sturdy wooden frame.

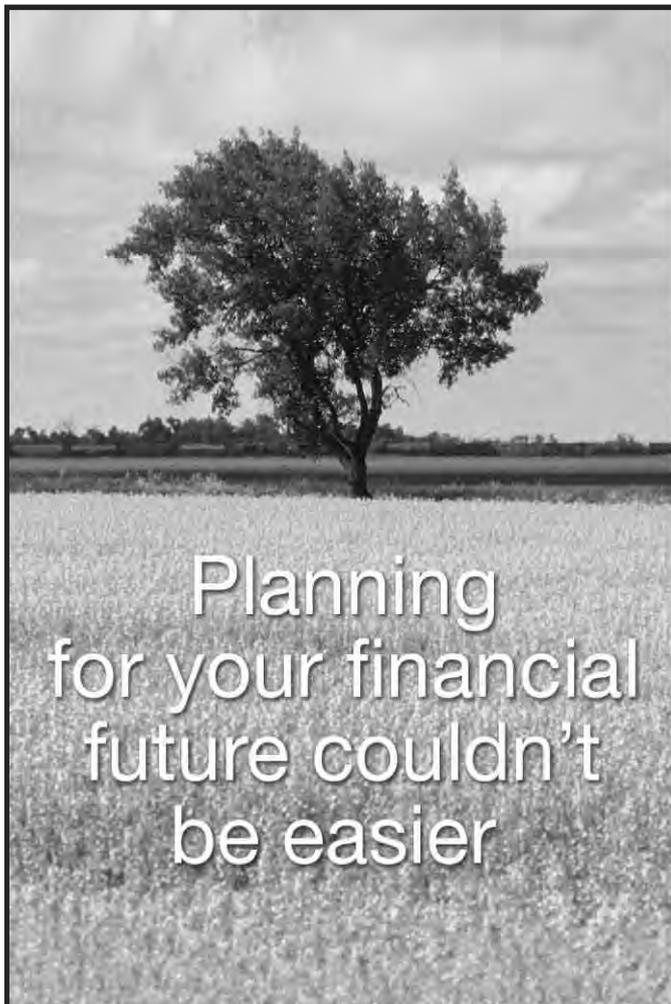
Some of the little desks have still been in use in the Nursery School, but new equipment has now been installed and the old desks are now surplus to requirements. It would be nice if they could stay in Dore so if anyone is interested in acquiring one or more of them please contact the vicarage office. Tel 236 3335 email office@dorechurch.org.uk

*Richard Farnsworth*

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1982 the UK was declared free from natural polio infection. In 1993 the last person from abroad was diagnosed in the UK. In 2002 the World Health Organisation certified Europe polio free.

In 1985 Rotary International launched a Polio Plus program. Then in 1988, Rotary International, Pan American Health Organisation, World Health Organisation, Centres for Disease Control, UNICEF began an international campaign to stop transmission of polio everywhere in the world.

PolioPlus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, and is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to End Polio Now, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio. The challenge is for Rotary Clubs the world over to match that amount.

Abbeydale Rotary Club is doing its bit. On Saturday 27h Feb, the Dore Male Voice choir and Ensemble 360 are giving

a performance in aid of Polio Eradication in the Ranmoor Parish Church, ticket price £12. If all the tickets are sold, £3,500 will be raised. Tickets are available from Brian Cousins on 274 7238. Help Rotary in the final push - End Polio Now.

*Alan Brown  
Rotary Clubs of Sheffield*

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April 4th Easter Sunday Parish Communion 10am.

## Incinerator on hold

A crucial decision on controversial plans for a £35m incinerator at Sheepbridge in Chesterfield, as detailed in our last issue, has been delayed. Derbyshire County Council's planning committee is now due to consider the application by waste company Cyclamax on February 22. The company intends to burn retail waste and use exhaust gases to generate electricity, insisting the process is safe and will create jobs. Objectors from a wide area between Chesterfield, Dronfield and Sheffield argue that the plant would be too close to homes and schools.

## Spring Concert Season

The University of Sheffield opened its Spring 2010 Concert Season this month, with a performance by internationally renowned pianist, Alfred Brendel. His performance marked the first of 12 evening concerts, and 20 daytime musical events taking place between February and mid-May.

Alongside the usual programme of free Lunchtime Concerts, two new programmes of events have been introduced to the season; Rush-Hour Concerts and Music in the Winter Garden.

Rush-Hour Concerts, began on Monday 15 February, 5.30pm in Firth Hall, and offer an alternative to sitting in traffic jams or being squeezed into public transport, and will be open for people to de-stress after the end of a busy day and listen to some great affordable music before going home.

Music in the Winter Garden is a series of free lunchtime concerts, providing the opportunity to listen to magnificent music in the splendid surroundings of the garden, and these started at 12:30pm on Wednesday 17 February.

For a full programme of events, please visit [www.sheffield.ac.uk/concerts](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/concerts)

All evening concerts will take place at

the University's Firth Court, Firth Hall, Western Bank, 7.30pm. Ticket prices vary, and are available online from the above website, by telephone 0114 222 877 or in person from: University of Sheffield Student Union, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TG, or [boxoffice@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@sheffield.ac.uk). Tickets will also be available to purchase on the door half an hour before each event.

All Rush-Hour Concerts are held at Firth Hall at 5.30pm. Entry is £1.50 and tickets are not available in advance.

Winter Garden Concerts are held in the Winter Garden at 12:30pm. Additional seating will be put out for those who wish to sit and listen to the whole concert.

Free Lunchtime Concerts start at 1.10pm at the University Drama Studio.

## Volunteers wanted

Sheffield Samaritans are appealing for volunteers to help deal with an increasing number of calls. The current economic recession is leading more people to turn in desperation to the charity. But it is not just financial difficulties people face but also relationship problems arising from them.

Yet as the demand for a listening ear goes up, the numbers of volunteers is falling. Normally between 80 and 90 volunteers handle calls in Sheffield but some shifts are having to be cancelled because there is not always the requisite two people to man them.

The Samaritans are looking for people who are able to listen and commit to at least three hours a week. In particular, volunteers are needed at the busiest time, between 10pm and 2am. Training, support and expenses are offered. If you think you can help then please contact [recruitment.sheffieldsamaritans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:recruitment.sheffieldsamaritans@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07980 526507.

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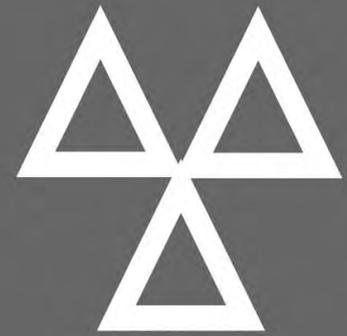


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## Dore Football Club

Following publication of a picture of Dore Football Club 1935/36 in the Autumn issue of Dore to Door, the Village Society has received further fascinating information relating to Football in the Village.

We are hoping to compile a collection of photographs of the memorabilia and information relating to Dore Football Club / Dore Rovers F.C. and football in the village, including recent teams and leagues, with a view to producing a booklet later in the year.

Following the amazing response to requests for photos and information about Dore in general at our last appeal, the DVS office in the Old School, will be open on Saturday 6th March, for anyone who would like to share footballing memories with us. We will be happy to scan photos and documents for inclusion in the booklet.

If Saturday 6th March is not convenient, please contact either Mrs Anne Slater Tel: 236 6710 or Mrs Dorne Coggins Tel: 236 5769 and we will be happy to speak to you about your memories.

## 20 mph limits for residential roads?

A public forum in the Town Hall on 28th January heard a presentation by visiting speaker Rod King on the national upsurge of interest in 20mph limits for residential roads. Following a group discussion, a show of hands indicated overwhelming support for Sheffield Council to pursue this as a solution to some of our traffic problems following consultation with local communities. Rod King heads a national campaign "20's Plenty for Us" explained in their website - [www.20splentyforus.org.uk](http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk).

His informative presentation showed

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*One of several pictures of past football teams from Dore. If you can name the players and tell us more about the history of football in the village, the Dore Village Society would like to hear from you.*

that Britain now lags behind most of Europe in creating safe environments in residential areas where road-users of all kinds, including cyclists and pedestrians, are not threatened by motor vehicles. Many towns in Europe have speed limits of 30, but kph, about 18.5mph. Official statistics show that cyclists and pedestrians are more likely to become road casualties in UK than in the rest of Europe. Nuisance to local residents by traffic pollution and noise is also taken more seriously.

He explained that trunk routes & urban arterial roads need expensive ways of keeping road-users apart to avoid collisions. But in residential areas it's better to design roads to be shared by various users, and the most cost-effective way of doing this is to lower traffic speeds, which makes many of the other safety measures unnecessary. Also, less wear to road surfaces, and reduced pollution and noise means everyone wins. The effect on overall journey times is minimal, with over 75% of drivers in favour.

Why do we lag behind? Some of our local communities have been pressing for 20mph zones for years, but with little response other than the stating of Council policy, citing government guidelines, that 20mph signs had to be backed up with physical speed retarders, eg. road-humps, chicanes, etc, which made them costly.

The Dept for Transport issues guidelines to advise local authorities, but these aren't firm regulations, and some have applied these more flexibly to cater for local requirements. 20mph zones are already in place in other parts of UK where perhaps community influence is stronger than in large unitary authorities like Sheffield.

What's changed? The Dept for Transport has re-issued its guidelines following successful 20mph zones in other areas without costly speed retarders, and now advises local authorities to consider these more widely where their communities identify a need. But the decision would still rest with individual

authorities.

How can you influence this? Community Assemblies have been set up in Sheffield to "put communities in the driving seat", but the jury is still out on how effective they've been. This article is intended to increase local awareness of this issue, and how others have resolved it. But what happens here may eventually depend on if and how the City Council consults us, and how many local residents respond.

If anyone wants more details, feel free to contact me via the editor.

*Alan Kewley*

## Highway improvements

The new South West Community Assembly has committed over £25,000 towards highway improvement work in our Dore & Totley Ward over the next 12 months. Priorities were identified by local Councillors using casework and requests from the general public as a guide.

Thirty five dropped kerbs will improve access for parents with prams and people with limited mobility. Additionally, improved signage on Rushley Road and Limb Lane will reinforce the 30 mph speed limit and yellow line parking restrictions are scheduled for a number of locations. Vehicle activated signs (VAS), which detect driving above the local speed limit and notify drivers, are to be rotated through Baslow Road, Twentywell Lane and other hotspot locations.

This is only the first phase of highway improvements. We already have requests for improvements and safety measures that add up to double that figure. After May the Community Assembly will be rolling out its next spending programme. I urge local people to let us know of highways issues, large or small in their area in good time. That way we can prioritise and plan future spending more efficiently.

*Keith Hill (Cllr.) Tel: 235 2289  
Email: [Keith.Hill@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Keith.Hill@sheffield.gov.uk)*

## Driving in Dore

I am a Driving Instructor (ADI) and therefore declare an interest in the letter hoping for an extra 30mph speed limit sign on Limb Lane, just before Rushley Road & Parkers Lane, (letter from Ms F Kamsika & Mr S Jones in your last issue).

They conciliatorily suggest that Limb Lane "has the feel of a 40mph road". I'm sorry but no it doesn't! Here's why, if there are street lamps it's 30mph until you know different. That's why the controversial street lights to the moved Totley bus terminus go hand in hand with the extended 30mph limit. Once you are in a '30' you have passed the '30' signs and will not see another unless there are no street lamps (very rare). Imagine them facing out like the circle of wagons in a western, you should be safer inside the circle.

Highways Development will say "No" to the suggestion. Apart from speed camera signs the only exception to the rule that I know of, is at the bottom of the Parkway from Park Square Roundabout. It's 50 from the first bridge.

Outside a '30' look for the little "repeater" signs on lamp posts saying 40, 50 or National. Or look into side roads! If they show '30', you are looking from a different limit. Then keep checking, it ought to be at least a '40'. Try it on your next run out of Dore. I teach this and if you never knew it, ring me (077 099 81386) and subject to other commitments I'll give a free hour to Dore residents who are interested ( I don't want to comment and not offer help ).

More on street lights, when the road

bends they will almost always be on the outside of the bend pointing the way, not both sides.

Driving in snow has been a challenge. We have recently had a lot of drivers learn respect but not necessarily skill. It can take up to 10 times further to stop on an icy road. Making a dry stop from 20mph in about the length of a bus, a very scary proposition. An adage used by "off roaders" is to go "as slow as you can, as fast as you have to". That means going steady and try to maintain some forward momentum for yourself and others.

Many drivers with perfectly good 4x4s have been driving them selfishly. Even though they can get underway again, they have been forcing the drivers of two wheel drive vehicles to stop for them, when it is obviously harder for these smaller vehicles to get moving again. Especially up hill. Some good advice from my Dad was to follow in the tracks when snowing but shave off a couple of inches of mush when thawing. It melts away quicker so there is less to re-freeze.

All this brings me on to driving in Dore generally. The nature and heritage of the village bring with it particular problems that many obviously struggle with, especially narrow and/or bendy roads. Many confuse Right of Way with Priority. Our roads are public rights of way both ways (except one-way past the Co-op [right turners, please keep right here leaving room for left turners]). For example if you have an obstacle on your side then the oncoming traffic has priority over you. If you have priority but someone is coming toward you on your side, give them chance to get out of your way. Or

have you arrived too fast and robbed them of the chance to see you in time to wait for you?

Another example, there is often a well kept Black car on church lane near the end of Vicarage Lane. A reflection off it or the bungalow windows may highlight something coming. It's a two way road after all so how surprised should you be? Dore is full of clues like this but we need our eyes on Main Beam not Dipped.

*Andrew Saint (Yes, I am as patient as my name suggests)*

*Bill Plant Driving School Franchisee*

## Wealthy nation

A recent survey of Britain's wealth by the Office for National Statistics threw up some interesting facts on wealth, income and pension provision. This included the information that almost three quarters of all households owned one or more cars, 5% own a caravan or boat, 8% owned either vans or motorcycles, and 5.2 % of families have a personalised number plate.

## Penalty on mobiles

Motorists caught using a mobile phone at the wheel could incur more penalty points under proposals being considered by the Government. Drivers found using a phone illegally while on the road currently face a £60 fine and three points. The Department for Transport says that research shows that using a mobile phone while driving makes you four times more likely to have a crash.



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## Recycling Food Waste

There was a newspaper report this week, Jan 18, that some government department is proposing that everyone have a slop bucket in the kitchen for food waste and leftovers. This must bring a wry smile to all farmers who used to feed pig swill.

30 years ago there were 5 swill feeders in Dore and Totley, ourselves at Rycroft Farm, Harry Valle up Long Line, Joe Rowarth at Owllet, Hills at Totley Bents and Stones by Totley Brick Yard.

Between us we were collecting at least 50 tons of swill a week. This was from schools, hospitals, hotels, colleges and military camps. But none from domestic houses. It would be completely impractical to collect it. It wasn't worth picking up anything less than a dustbin full, the old metal type. Try filling one of those with household kitchen waste and it rots away before the bin is full. And the smell is a bit powerful.

But the amount from commercial kitchens was phenomenal. King Egberts school used to produce 8 bins a week, Totley college about 20. Even small schools like Dore Junior and Infants would produce 4 or 5 bins, Totley All Saints 2. Lodge Moor Hospital produced around 30 bins a week, and it was the worst smelling stuff of all. I felt really sorry for patients in that hospital.

The best, by a long way was from the RAF base at Finningley, that was lovely stuff.

After the annual airshow they had their Battle of Britain Ball, they must have over catered by 100% for that. I once had a full bin of fresh hard boiled eggs.

When we first started swill feeding in 1970 we paid a modest amount for it. The Sheffield LEA put it out to tender, we paid £50 a year for swill from 30 schools. But as time went on and other swill men packed up we started charging to collect. When the RAF lost their Crown Immunity and came under the local authority health

services we charged them £350 per week to move it. The pigs, (it supported 50 of them) became the by-product, more like waste disposal units.

But all this came to stop with the foot and mouth outbreak in 2000.

The regulations covering pig swill were developed in 1970 to combat Swine Vesicular Disease. In pigs this disease is very similar to foot and mouth, but only affects pigs. Tough new regulations covered boiling of swill, and the housing of boiling equipment. The building had to be large enough to get the collection lorry in and close the doors before unloading, and the drains had to go to a main drain or a separate tank. This was a difficulty as most farms are on cess tanks.

Importantly local authorities set up inspection teams who knew what they were doing. Prior to this there had been no proper control of swill and feeding and most F & M outbreaks occurred on allotments where someone kept a couple of pigs fed on swill raw from a local restaurant.

These regulations worked well for 30 years, but then the LEA's started lumping inspection in with their general health departments inspecting hotel kitchens etc, people without specialist knowledge who didn't think swill very important. Also many kitchens were installing macerators, a kind of large waste disposal unit straight to the drains. Although expensive and wasteful, they were tidy.

I came across a man on the Manor feeding a few pigs without a swill licence. I reported it to the council but they did nothing. This was a bit annoying when I was spending thousands complying with regulations and he was getting away with it. I thought then the writing was on the wall.

In the end the 2000 outbreak started on a farm that was licensed, but he'd been getting swill from Newcastle airport, which should not have been allowed. Leftovers from airline imported food, had been mixed with waste from airport restaurants. As a result of this outbreak all swill feeding was banned and all those thousands of tons of food waste goes down the drains.

Now some bright spark thinks it would be a good idea to compost this stuff, but whereas swill is a high value pig food, compost is low value. Collection would have to be subsidised.

One or two ex swill feeders have set up rendering plants. An enterprising farmer at Killamarsh has built a large plant boiling waste and extracting the cooking oils from it, which at the present time is worth £200 per ton. Ten years ago we had to pay to get rid of it.

But the swill ban is a shame. Properly handled and boiled swill is perfectly safe and makes a broth that pigs love. And swill fed pigs taste far better than meal fed pigs.

*Richard Farnsworth*

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## Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Happy New Year to all you avid readers of Dore-to-Door. We, as members of Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, can only hope that 2010 is as successful as 2009. We had a very good December concert season with full houses at Dore Methodist Church and at the two concerts we gave at Eckington Corner Theatre. We have a few new, younger members who seem to be enjoying their experience so far which is both good for the Society and gratifying to those of us who are a little longer in the tooth! Long may they be with us.

Now to our raison d'être. The show this April will be Ruddigore, for me one of G & S's best operettas even though it is not as popular as say HMS Pinafore. The story is cohesive and understandable which is more than can be said for The Grand Duke. The music is as good as any of the more popular ones and there is ample room for comedy which, I have no doubt our Producer, Jim Newby, will exploit to the full. For my money it has the best baritone song from any of their operettas in "When the night wind howls".

The story revolves round the Baronets Murgatroyd who have had a curse forced on their lineage such that the current holder of the title must perform a crime every day or die in unspeakable agony. The older son, when it became his turn did a runner to sea and was thought to have perished so his younger brother took the title. The older one, however, having returned from sea, took the name of Robin Oakapple in the village of Rederring where there is a troupe of professional bridesmaids.

Because Despard Murgatroyd was not doing foul enough deeds (Fiddling income tax returns does not count), his ancestors, whose pictures hang on the walls, come to life to force him to comply with the curse, but what with spinsters, those who are young and in love, the professional bridesmaids and ghosts from the past there's plenty of room for subterfuge and comic moments. You'll just have to come to the show to see how it all pans out.

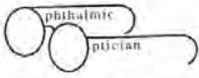
Ruddigore will be on at The Montgomery Theatre (a new venture for us) from Wednesday April 14th to Saturday April 17th at 7:30pm with a Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm. Tickets (£10, concessions £9) are available from Val on 01246 416364. A huge amount of work goes into putting a show such as this on so please come along and support the cast, orchestra and crew and be rewarded with a splendid evening's entertainment.

*Derek Habberjam*

## Pedometer challenge

Are you ready to step up to the pedometer challenge and see a big improvement in your health and fitness? At Totley Library you can loan a Pedometer and Walk card to record the amount of steps you complete on a daily basis. The aim is to reach around 10,000 steps a day to help with leading a healthy lifestyle. The Pedometer is worn over the hip and is really easy to use.

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## Cross Scythes Reborn

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So stupidity and arrogance play their part, but it's mainly a case of getting fed up of having nowhere to go that really satisfies; if I felt like that, surely other people out there do too. All of these reasons, but more than that, the excitement and buzz you get from running a pub doing a decent trade with good food makes it worthwhile for all concerned; the owners, the management, the staff and most importantly, the guests coming through the doors.

It began in February 2009, noticing that the last tenants had closed it down and the lease was available. A couple of phone calls later and we were involved in a long drawn out negotiation that was to last until September.

The key point was that with the building being in such a state of neglect, the amount of work needed turned modest ambition into grand designs. On paper it ticked all the right boxes; A big pub doing no trade; in a good area; on a main road; plenty of parking; lots of local chimney pots - not stuck out in the middle of nowhere. The problem was the amount of work that would need to go into getting it fit to run a decent operation out of. Starting as we mean to go on meant that there would be no corners cut - everything had to be done properly, or not at all.

The building had to be gutted, not one room would remain untouched at the end of the refurbishment process, from the kitchen to the cellar, the bar to the bathrooms. With the anticipated costs spiralling, we realised it was a bigger job than we could afford to do ourselves, and we entered into a business partnership with David & Andrew Ford, people I have a good relationship with from our time at Champs and out on the Golf courses.

Once the process of redeveloping the building was underway we had to focus on finding a team to run it with us. First came Alan Rigby, our chef, then Ben Stazi, the manager. The focus was simple - good food & good service. With these two on board, we knew we had like minded individuals committed to giving 100%



*Ye Old Cross Scythes Hotel in the early years of the 19th century, complete wiyth locals only too keen to pose. In addition to selling Ales and Stouts, the notices on the wall announce Good Stabling, Catering, a Bowling Green and Billiards.*

attention to detail all the time. Alan spent time sourcing local suppliers we can count on to provide the best ingredients available, something he is constantly reviewing; and training the team of chefs to produce a modern stylish menu to his high standards. Ben set about bringing us in some bright young things to train to our way of thinking - a positive, welcoming and helpful approach to restaurant service with an eye for detail.

After that, it was a case of sticking to our guns - despite the obvious temptation to get people flooding through the doors with a blaze of advertising and self-promotion we knew we would have to focus on getting standards high, keeping them high and letting word of mouth do its work.

The danger of putting too much too soon on a young team meant that we were happy to be able to spend time in the opening weeks teaching training and reviewing - continually developing the staff to a standard we will be happy with.

We are still at the start of a long journey, but with the team we have in place, and the commitment to quality and standards we instill in all our staff during training, it should be a happy one.

*Stuart Hitchman*

## The Waddington Album

My great uncle Jim Waddington was an artist and during the period from 1900-1925 he painted sketches of the leading music hall performers whom he saw. Until now only a handful of people has seen them. Everyone has expressed sheer delight. "Wonderful, beautiful, amazing, fascinating," are the words used to express their reactions. Two people who can be regarded as experts are Ken Dodd and one of the Antiques Road Show valuers. On different occasions their views echoed the previous remarks adding that the sketches were stunning and unique.

I have now decided to hold another exhibition for people to enjoy the sketches. Although many of the performers' names may mean nothing to us now, I hope that you will get pleasure from seeing copies of some of the originals in poster form at my exhibition at the Pomegranate Theatre Chesterfield between Wednesday 07 April and Thursday 29 April daily (except Sundays) between 9am and 10pm. Ken Dodd has seen the posters and made the following comments "The quality of the posters is superb and I commend them not only for their subjects but also for the artistry".

I wish to record my thanks to the staff of the Pomegranate Theatre for all their help and support in giving me the opportunity to publish for a second time 'The Waddington Album' at the Pomegranate Theatre. Entry is free.

*James Powell, Publisher*

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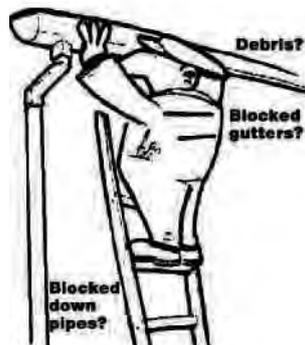


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## News from King Egberts

This term we are looking forward to our drama production. The title of the play is "Titanic" and has been written by our head of drama, Cheryl Bartlett, to show off the talents of our many young actors. The play will be performed in the week beginning the 1st March even though rehearsals have been hit by the snowy weather at the start of the Spring Term. We do hope that many local people will join us for the production to help us celebrate the accomplishments of our young people and see what we know will be a top quality school production. Please telephone the school for ticket information in the last week of February (0114 235 3855).

One of the ways we try to broaden our curriculum offer to our students is to incorporate a number of days each year when we do not run a normal timetable. This frees up blocks of time when students can work on longer projects and visits can be organised with less disruption to ordinary lessons. We also take the opportunity on these days to mix the students up from their usual class groups and encourage them to work cooperatively with different people. This term there are three of these days and the experiences provided for the students will be many and varied. For example all of Y8 will take part in an International Day looking at art, dance, food and music from around the world and also enhance their understanding of history with a visit to the Slavery Museum in Liverpool. They will also use forensic science to try and solve a crime in the summer term. Y7 will participate in an Enterprise day when they will learn the basics of business and have a go at pitching their ideas in a "Dragons' Den". They will also have a day which will bring together the work they have been studying in geography, science and technology to look at sustainable futures for the planet. A visit to Castleton to take part in history and geography fieldwork



*Seen in Beauchief Gardens next to the Abbeydale Hamlet pond. Did he sit in the snow for too long or was he one of the numerous snowmen generated by the January snowfall ?*

will also enhance their understanding of the local area in the summer term.

These sorts of activities really develop the skills that we know will enable our young people take a full part in the real world beyond school. They are given opportunities to solve problems, to work in teams and to think creatively in a framework that the usual school day of one hour blocks can limit.

Another exciting development is the forthcoming production of a school magazine to showcase the talents of our many talented creative writers and poets. Students will be creating a high quality product that we will hope to sell in local shops to the wider public, as well as to parents and students. We are also using the magazine to promote entrepreneurial skills amongst our students and we are hoping that local businesses might like to buy advertising space to help the magazine to be sustainable in terms of costing. If any local businesses would like to be involved then please contact Jayne Flint at King Egbert School

## Crown Green Bowling

The Abbeydale Park Bowling Club is holding two open mornings for anyone who would like to try their hand at Crown Green Bowling. They will be held on Saturday 10th April and Saturday 17th April between 10am and 12 noon. Previous experience is not necessary as instruction will be given.

The Bowls Pavilion and Green are situated at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Club site where ample car parking is available. The Club is now a mixed club with the number of lady members rapidly increasing. Please bring your own suitable footwear (no heels) and all other equipment will be provided. For further information contact John Hall (Hon Sec) on 236 7174.

## New Years Resolution?

What are you doing for your New Years Resolution? People are always trying to think of new and imaginative new years resolutions.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust have some ideas. Do you want to get out and about and chase away the winter blues? Do you want to help conserve a beautiful nature reserve? Come and lend a hand conserving Blacka Moor Nature Reserve and help out with path improvements, vegetation management, access improvements and many other tasks. It's a brilliant chance to meet new people, get some fresh air and learn about the conservation work that the Trust are doing.

Blacka Moor is a beautiful nature reserve, comprising of 181 hectares of open moorland, peat bog, upland oak woodland and wet woodland, of international importance for wildlife. Its wonderful mosaic of dwarf shrubs, birch and rowan copses, mire and woodland are well loved by walkers, cyclists, riders, bird spotters and many others.

Sheffield Wildlife Trust run regular Saturday Volunteer Sessions on Blacka Moor to give people a chance to get involved. The sessions run from 10am - 3pm on the first Saturday of each month. (Apart from April's session will be on the 10th and May's will be on the 8th )

Meet at Stony Ridge car park (the small car park at the end of the woodland on the A625 Hathersage Road). Grid reference: SK 277 806. Bring suitable clothes & footwear, water and lunch. The Trust will provide tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as any tools, training or instruction.

If you would like to join in the volunteer sessions or would like anymore information please ring Hannah Wittram on 0114 263 4335

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An assistant Beaver Leader is needed by the 215th Sheffield (1st Totley) Scout Group. Do you (or anyone you know) feel that they could give up a small amount of their time to provide regular support and leadership to a thriving group of 6 to 8 year olds, based in their Totley Headquarters?

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For more information please contact Richard Frost (Chairman) on 0114 236 3603 or rpjgfrost@aol.com

## Egbert Eagles

Egbert Eagles are up and running again after the winter break. The multi-sport club is on every Wednesday (term-time), at King Egbert School between 4.30pm and 6pm. The club focuses on two different sports every term and competes in a tournament during every school holiday with other clubs from around Sheffield. The session is open to boys and girls in Y5 and Y6 and costs £1 per session. For more information please contact Activity Sheffield on 273 4266.

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## The Wildlife Garden

For any garden bird, there can be no more physically demanding time than winter, but for insect-eating ones it is especially difficult, as their staple food is no longer available. Nevertheless, winter isn't the only time that can be taxing; the breeding season will test these birds to their limits. Not only do the adults have to find enough food for themselves, they also have to provide for their young when virtually every other garden bird is also raising their chicks on a similar diet.

Now while this might be good news for any pest-harried gardener, it often results in the demand for live prey to exceed the supply and to cope with this problem one insect-eating bird, the dunnoek has evolved a very intriguing strategy.

For most people the dunnoek, which up until quite recently was more commonly known as the hedge sparrow (due to its superficial resemblance to the house sparrow), is just a little brown bird of no particular interest. Their rather strange name also seems to reflect this: 'dun' refers to the dull greyish-brown of its plumage and apparently, 'ock' is derived from 'cock'. Still, if you catch sight of one of these birds in a shaft of sunlight in spring, there is nothing dull about its plumage. In fact the soft grey colour of its head and underparts emphasise, rather than detract from, the beauty of its chestnut-brown back and wing feathers that are streaked with black.

All in all, it is a much dapper-looking bird than the house sparrow, but if anyone needs further characteristics to tell them apart, the dunnoek has orange legs, unlike the house sparrow which has dark ones. Also, the dunnoek's bill is thin and pointed, typical of an insectivore. Indeed, the bird's diet comprises mostly of small insects and spiders, that it finds on the ground and when searching through bushes.

The dunnoek is the only British member

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of the 'Accentors', a group of birds which are frequently high up on the wish-list of visiting North American bird-watchers. They are often thrilled to see British dunnoeks, as our birds behave quite differently to their European cousins: while British ones are quite bold and trusting, mainland continental dunnoeks spend most of their time in thick shrubbery, making them very difficult to spot. Quite why ours behave as they do remains a mystery.

However, specialising in small prey isn't without its own problems. To survive the winter months, dunnoeks switch to a diet that mostly comprises of small seeds, yet even so, these can also be difficult to come by. When this happens, the more aggressive males tend to commandeer any patch that has a reliable food supply and will drive away any females. As a result, these birds are forced to survive in more marginal habitats; this means they have less food and in severe weather, may starve to death. Consequently, after a hard winter, there are usually more males than females, which creates an imbalance between the sexes.

Perhaps this helps explain why, as the breeding season gets under way in April, it is the females, rather than the males, that compete with one another to establish their territories, the size of which is related to the amount of food each patch can provide. If hers' is poorly supplied with prey, she stakes out a large area and becomes polygamous. Males fight for the chance to mate with her and the winner, known as the 'alpha' male, will join forces with the female in her territory, along with one of the defeated male birds - the 'beta'.

This is because the area is so large, he needs the help of the beta male to defend it. The dominant male doesn't reward his subordinate for assisting him; in fact he jealously guards the female and tries to prevent his helper from mating with her. Unfortunately for him, she is not so loyal and will happily mate with the 'lodger'. This establishes a bond between the two birds, ensuring the beta male will then help collect food to feed her chicks, which is to the female's advantage.

In contrast, a female dunnoek that has a territory well-supplied with insects only lays claim to a small area and the chances are she will be monogamous. This is because with only a small area to defend, the male doesn't require any help to protect it, nor the female any need for a beta male to collect food.

However, dunnoeks' love life can get even more complicated than and as tangled as any lurid expose you might find

in the pages of a Sunday tabloid newspaper. In years when there is an abundance of food, males often mate with a number of females from adjoining territories and instead of helping them feed their chicks, leave the females to do the job themselves. Meanwhile, he will spend a lot of time singing his rapid staccato, wren-like song from a prominent perch, no doubt happy with his lot.

While both the males and females may look identical, only females make the cup-shaped nests, which are built from moss and twigs, with a lining of feathers, hair or moss. These are usually sited quite low down in the dense part of a shrub. She also incubates the clutch of 4 or 5 blue eggs herself for about 14 days and a couple of weeks later, the chicks fledge. There may be a further one or even two clutches in a good season.

Unfortunately, dunnoeks won't readily use nest boxes or visit bird tables and feeders, but in winter they will forage in gardens for small seeds like nyger, as well as peanut hearts and de-husked sunflower seeds that can get dislodged from feeders. They will also take oatmeal and grated cheese if left scattered on the ground.

Who said dunnoeks are dull, little brown birds? No way!

*Jack Daw*

## Dore Garden Club

Programme for 2010. Unless stated otherwise in the programme meetings will be held in the Dore Methodist Church hall from 7:30 pm to approximately 9pm

*Wednesday 17th March* Plant propagation A talk and practical demonstration of general principles and techniques by Ian Turner, Curator of Sheffield Botanical Gardens.

*Thursday 15th April.* Wild Flowers around Sheffield An illustrated talk by Ken Balkow about wild plants growing in natural and man-made habitats in the Sheffield area, including garden species that have established themselves in the wild.. Ken will also talk about cultivating native plants in his own garden.

*Saturday 8th May* Plant sale Dore Old School from 2pm to 4pm

*Wednesday 19th May* The Wonders of Wisley An illustrated tour of the gardens at different seasons of the year by John Wilkinson.

*Thursday 17th June* The Leylands Open Garden: Owl Bar, Derbyshire S17 3BS. A two-acre country garden that has been developed over the last 30 years. Part of the garden was a working nursery in the 1950s and has been re-developed for plant propagation. This will be a 7pm start and there will be an entry fee of £5 per person to cover the cost of light refreshments.

Two visits are also being arranged.

1. York Gate Garden, Leeds on Wednesday 23rd June

2. The Royal Horticultural Society flower show at Tatton Park on Thursday 22nd July.

These will be all day events and coach transport will be provided. Further details will be provided closer to these events.

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Inside, there is a snooker table, a sitting area and a licenced bar which is open every night from 8pm, plus a Sunday lunch time session.

Its origins go back a long way to shortly after the First World War when the barn was taken over by a group of local men who formed a British Legion Club. This was licensed and affiliated to the main body of the British Legion, about 1922. The club premises then belonged to a local storekeeper, Thomas Marshall, who gave the club a tenancy, which continued as a local 'Legion' club until the Second World War.

After the Second World War, the number of members of the club, who were predominantly ex-servicemen, decreased and in 1948 its existence as a British Legion Club ceased for reasons, which concerned the British Legion constitution.

At this point, a few of the members of the old club decided to form a private one so as to continue what was considered to be an amenity to the village. They formed 'The Dore Club', which commenced immediately the British Legion one ceased to exist. That, in 1950, was the origin of the present club.

The premises were rented from Mrs Marshall, the widow of the original landlord, until she died around 1952, at which time her executors sold the property to the Hope and Anchor Brewery Co Ltd who became the new landlords.

The original steward was Mr Shirley Taylor, ably assisted by his son Eric (Joe) Taylor, who served until his death in the winter of 1952. His son, Joe, carried on as steward until the summer of 1953. Bill Marshall who took up the position for the next three years followed him and, for

## The Dore Club - A brief history



*Dore Club on Townhead Road in Dore.*

many years after that, assisted in staffing the bar on regular occasions.

The property was sold in 1953 and although the original lease held by the members included an option to purchase, this was not taken up for financial reasons. It was in this 'Coronation Year', that Albert Belk presented a Souvenir Coronation Teaspoon to all the members' children under the age of 15.



*A warm welcome awaits in the club.*

Some time later, the 'Hope and Anchor Brewery Co Ltd' were taken over by the 'Bass Charrington Group', and they subsequently issued a new lease to Dore Club to expire in 1975.

It was in 1956 that Chris Fearnough was asked by Albert Belk to take on the duties of stewardship. He subsequently served in that role for 43 years, eventually standing down when Michael Naylor took over from 2000 until 2008.

During 1972, Bass Charrington notified the members of Dore Club committee that they would not be willing to renew the lease for the premises and it was presumed at the time that the premises were surplus to requirement and would be sold to the highest bidder.

Albert Belk, President at the time, stated: "As I am advised, the position now is that the brewery may well sell to someone who will obtain Planning Permission for development and who may well serve 'Notice to Quit' on the club for reasons of demolition and reconstruction. We shall have no right to object and the position would be that Dore Club would cease to exist."

Faced with the unsavoury thought of losing the club, the then committee entered into negotiations with the brewery,

having in fact made an approach somewhat unsuccessfully two years before. At this point progress was made with the brewery agreeing to sell the property to the club resulting in a firm of surveyors and valuers representing the club meeting with a valuer representing Bass Charrington. The two respective values were somewhat different with one valuing the property as a social club and the other viewing it as potential residential development land.

A price to purchase was eventually agreed at £8,000. The club had funds to the value of £4,000 over and above that required for the normal running costs. To meet the shortfall, several options were considered and were put to the members at the Annual General Meeting on the 22nd March 1972:

1. To allow the club to fold up at the end of the lease on 31st December 1975

2. To try and secure sufficient financial backing from members and bank to enable the members to purchase the property.

3. To ask the brewery to lend the shortfall accepting whatever ties accompanied the loan and providing acceptable Guarantors.

The outcome was that sufficient money was raised and the club was subsequently purchased from the brewery. A consequence of this is that member's automatically become shareholders in the club property and land in due course.

In 1966, David Milne took over as Chairman with Albert Belk remaining as President until he passed away on 19th December 1975 having given many years service. David served as Chairman until April 1975 when John Booth replaced him and carried on in this role for 23 years until April 1998 when he chose to retire partly due to ill health. At the AGM of 1998, Allen Bentley took over as Chairman with John Booth as President. John served in that roll until he passed away in 2005. In April 2006, Allen Bentley resigned to take up the position of President with Sean Collins being elected Chairman and more recently Nick Hensby.

Dore Club is a unique gentlemen's club within the heart of the community in easy walking distance for most residents of the Dore locality. There are many events throughout the year, in particular the annual snooker handicap competition allowing all members an equal chance, something essential given that long standing member, David Langton, is a former professional player.

There are regular evening barbecue events including Dore Gala Day and Bonfire Night where members' families and friends are all welcome. There is also a Ladies' Evening Dinner Dance to be held this year at the Kenwood Hotel.

If you would like to visit Dore Club to have a drink (18 year olds and over only), sample the atmosphere and meet other members, please drop in on any evening between 8pm and 11pm where you will be made most welcome or you can contact with Allen Bentley (President) at [president@doreclub.co.uk](mailto:president@doreclub.co.uk) or with Nick Hensby our current Chairman at [chairman@doreclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@doreclub.co.uk)

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Mrs Hopkinson, our new head teacher, has introduced many new values e.g. kindness, respect, responsibility, cooperation, wisdom, determination, thoughtfulness and understanding. Every so often she adds a new value. By following these values we become better learners and citizens.

Recently we have had an Ofsted inspection and the inspectors said that we are a 'good' school and that a big strength of Dore Primary includes pupils' "outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and their excellent understanding of how to live healthy lives, both physically and emotionally."

As well as the Ofsted inspection we have been presented with a 'Healthy Schools' award. We have earned this award by eating healthily at lunch and break times and by knowing how to keep ourselves healthy.

There are lots of opportunities to get stuck into some really great clubs like table tennis, yoga, dance, art and wildlife club. In table tennis our girls' team have just become Yorkshire champions. Also older children can now set up new exciting activities for the younger children. This is great fun for both leaders and participants. Clubs are the perfect place to help and encourage pupils to make new friends.

We have got a school council called Dore Democrats. Their job is to give pupils a voice in the school. The members of the council are voted for by their classmates. There are two representatives for each class. Through the work of the school council we now have two climbing walls, safer fencing around school, healthy snacks at breaks and new play equipment for our 'Young Play Leaders'.

Some members of Dore Democrats went to Westminster in September. Everyone who went came back and said they really enjoyed it. They met Nick Clegg and went to the Houses of Parliament.

These are some of the selected things

## Dore Primary School

*This article was written by a small group of children at Dore Primary School that meet weekly with Linda Addis (G & T Co-ordinator) to extend and further develop their writing skills.*

that we really like about school since Mrs Hopkinson has become our head teacher:

\* The Endeavour Award - an award that is given to a child who has behaved and worked hard all week. Every class has one of these.

\* Children plan and lead assemblies.

\* The Citizenship Award - given once at the end of each term. This is an award for being a good citizen in school. Recipients can keep this award forever.

We are really looking forward to the rest of this year and building good memories that will stay with us for a long time.

Article collaboratively written by Daniel & Amelia Y6, Katie & Freya Y5 and Lindy & Leila Y3.

*Ed. It seems not just writing, but PR skills are in evidence. It could be that we are seeing a future editor for Dore to Door amongst this group. We look forward to regular contributions in future issues.*

## Dore Writing Competition

Last spring we announced that the Dore Village Society was sponsoring a writing competition for young people in 2009. The competition subject was "How I see the world in 2050"

The winner of the younger age range up to 12 years was Eve Dore aged 11. This is her winning entry:

Greed,  
Dear reader,  
Expect what you read to come and bite back,  
Unless you curb your greedy appetite,  
From planet killers that are used so abundantly.

A muddy sheet of yellowy brown sky covers what's above my head,

Echoing along the ground a solitary can clatters, the only sound to meet my ears, A chilling wind sweeps effortlessly, whistling and wailing like a crying child.

Is this all that's left of the world I stand upon?

Of the animals that roamed freely?

Of all mankind that call this planet home?

Of the inventions so cleverly crafted?

Is this all that's left?

I feel as if my heart has been torn from my chest,

Sadness eats up what's inside me,

Like pollution did to our planet earth,

They warned us severely,

But we ignored and carried on our faults,

And our dear world crumbled like a biscuit,

Unable to cope with our innumerable mistakes,

It disintegrated to what it is now.

So I hope I have warned you of the

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But now for us, all I can say

Ignorance killed our planet earth.

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*All-Terrain Pushchair Walks: The Peak District* by Alison Southern offers what it says on the cover, 20 or so walks, from level routes around Peak District villages to more adventurous hikes across the moors. Each is graded from easy to challenging, plus details of the terrain. Tried and tested by parents with babies and small children so walkers can be confident that there will be no unexpected hazards along the way. With information on how to get there by car or public transport, route descriptions, detailed maps, refreshment stops and toilets (with nappy changing facilities) this forms the ideal guide for instilling a love of the Peak District and the great outdoors at the earliest possible opportunity! It also meets the need of keen walkers who might otherwise find the arrival of a new family member a handicap. Published by Sigma Press, 111 pages, price £7.95 ISBN 978-1-85058-818-4

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*South Yorkshire Mining Disasters Volume 2* by Brian Elliott covers the Twentieth Century, when the extent and frequency of coal-mining disasters was far less than in Victorian times, especially after the nationalisation of the industry in 1947. Legislation, inspection and knowledge of the main causes of accidents, especially concerning emissions of gas and explosions, combined to reduce the chances of major mishaps. When disasters did occur, an increasingly highly-trained and well-equipped mines rescue service came into action. Yet coal mining continued to be a highly dangerous occupation with the

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Society seems fascinated by crime, especially if the case remains unsolved, stirring the sleuth within us all. *Unsolved Murders In & Around Derbyshire* by Scott C Lomax brings to our attention thirteen twentieth-century murders whose perpetrators have so far escaped justice. Some may still be alive, cold cases awaiting new forensic leads but others have taken their chilling secrets to the grave. Read about the strange theatrical vagrant found brutally murdered in a brick works; about the unfortunate girl strangled in a derelict building at Christmas; a taxi driver killed by his passenger on a lonely road; the discovery of mysterious and suspicious skeletal remains; and, not least, the callous murderers who allowed innocent men to be stand trial. Famous modern cases are also explored, based on new research. A compelling read for anyone interested in true crime. Published in paperback by Wharncliffe Books, 176 pages, price £12.99 ISBN: 184563114-5

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I had never understood the fascination of tracing one's family history until a relative's research through up a black sheep of the family. So if you have ever had any suspicions about the illicit activities of your relatives, or are fascinated by the history of crime and punishment, this is the book for you. *Tracing your Criminal Ancestors - A Guide for Family Historians* by Stephen Wade provides a useful introduction to the subject and will help you discover and investigate the life stories of individuals who had a criminal past. The crimes they committed, the conditions in which they lived, the policing and justice system that

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However, the global differences in climate are caused by much more complicated things than the proximity of the Sun. Global warming, as well as mini ice ages, have been occurring on Earth during its entire lifetime. Even so, living creatures have often found ingenious ways to survive. One does not have to look too deeply to see where humankind fits into this scheme.

In the short term humankind is in no danger en masse, and by short term we mean, say, a few thousand years. For individuals though there are big problems. Wipe out a few of our sources of food and energy, increase the population beyond what we can support, experience an increase in natural disasters, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, tsunamis, famines, epidemics, and have a few nuclear wars, and humankind as a whole would still survive, but not the individual.

That's where global cooperation comes in and personal greed goes out. With a hint of scepticism, these two things, lack of global cooperation and greed, seem to be our greatest enemies, not that slight global warming which cannot be stopped altogether. I would suggest, as I have before, that money utilised on famine relief, slum clearance and medical aid would be better spent. Then, there are matters like sea defences, irrigation, clean air, energy generation etc. Not least, we must stop global expenditure on wars and military strength as soon as possible.

As Spring unfolds and summer lies ahead again, we are hopefully not forgetting all the lessons learnt from the past. But there will be little time for thought as our politicians rev up for the General Election with all their irrelevant waffling and promises. It is sad that whoever wins the election both our lack of national cooperation and the greed of which we speak will continue.

At least, we can be certain that the climatologists will continue to fool us that they can predict the weather fifty years from now but still get it wrong in the short term (the 5-day forecast). To be fair, although scientists cannot be certain about the weather for a single spot on Earth, they might get a 50-year trend roughly right globally (if nothing exceptional happens). However, trends can quite suddenly reverse due to factors that were not adequately taken into account.

Last year (2009) two very important astronomical instruments were rocketed into space, the Planck and the Herschel telescopes. They were positioned at the so-called second Lagrangian point where they can sit in the shadow of the Earth, completely shielded from the Sun. A very cold place, indeed. That is exactly what the astronomers wanted, but this was not cold enough. The telescopes are cooled further to -270 degrees, the reason being that they are to be used to measure temperatures in space slightly colder than that. The mission of these two instruments is to study the early history of the Universe, a few hundred thousand years after the Big Bang.

Full Moon occurs on the night 30 March 2010. The Moon is fairly low in the southern sky around midnight in Virgo. In April, the Moon is extremely low in the sky in Libra, and at only 15 degrees altitude at its highest point in the south when it becomes Full again on 28 April. The next Full Moon is on 28 May in Scorpio, even lower in the southern sky (10 degrees).

Mars was at its closest and brightest at the end of January 2009 and is now fading fast. The strange retrograde motion in the constellation Cancer that we described in the last issue of Dore to Door is over now. Mars is back on course moving eastwards and heading for the bright star, Regulus in Leo, arriving there in July.

Venus might be caught on 18 March in evening twilight just beneath the thin crescent of the Moon. You may have seen this in mid-January but it is always so beautiful to view. Watch the western sky again around 16 April and 16 May when it will be even more spectacular. There is a saying about the thin, tilted crescent, "The Moon is full of water tonight", a neighbour reminded me the other night. Look out for Venus just to the left of the Pleiades at sunset on 26 April. This is, however, not as favourable as it might be since there is a bright Moon low in the southeast. It is fair to say that Venus is the planet to watch out for throughout the spring months.

Spring may be the time when Sheffield Council might be thinking of repairing the

roads. Or is that expecting too much? One of the side roads in Dore (especially at the lower end of Heather Lea Avenue) is particularly bad. The ice has cracked the surfacing and seems to have revealed a long-standing problem of subsidence there too, not simply new pot-holes.

With so much traffic throughout the year, some carrying very heavy building materials, it is not surprising to see such poor roads. I should hate to think that elderly folk might be happily watching Venus and the crescent Moon and falling straight on their noses and breaking their glasses, seeing stars indeed.

I came across a fascinating website which Readers might enjoy. Four years ago Gavin Pretor-Pinney published an article about his idea for a "Cloud Appreciation Society" in Country Life magazine (August 2006). Since its original conception in 2004 in Cornwall the Society has grown to over 20,000 members scattered across the world.

Take a look at the website [www.cloudappreciationsociety.org](http://www.cloudappreciationsociety.org). Gavin is author of "The Cloudspotters Guide" and has published cloud-inspired art and poetry and photography from around the world. He writes, "I am sure that if you are considering the shapes you see in cumulus clouds, you will save money on psycho-analysis bills". The sheer beauty of the Society's pictures is stunning.

*David Andrews*

*Ed. The Cloud Appreciation Society is worth a look. They have a photo gallery, cloud shop (calendars, cards and a guide to clouds), members art & poetry etc*

## Out of the Storm

Storm clouds blanket the sky  
Dark and grey, they come rolling by  
Rain thrashes down, stinging my face  
It hits me head on as I pick up the pace.

Unforgiving, I'm soaked to the bone  
"Come on legs, carry me home"  
A glimmer of hope, Sunrays shine bright  
I walk out of the storm and skip into the light.

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## Diary - Spring 2010

### FEBRUARY

- 20 **Public Roadshow**, South West Comm Assembly 10am-12.30pm, St William of York Parish Centre, Ecclesall Rd
- 23 **Visit to The Salvation Army** by Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7pm Psalter Lane
- 24 **Public Meeting**, South West Community Assembly 7.30pm Hallam Primary School. Tel 01709 515151  
**Charity Concert** Dore Male Voice Choir & Ensemble 360 7pm Ranmoor Church Abbeydale Rotary Club

### MARCH

- 1 **Life begins at forty** Talk by Mrs Margaret Maxfield for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 1 **Rockingham Porcelain 1826-42** Hallamshire Historic Building Soc Talk by Leo & Malcolm Leader 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, St James St Tel: 255 0172
- 2 **Sheffield Children's Hospital** Special Unit, talk by Jocelyn Walton for Dore Ladies Group 7.45pm Dore Church Hall Visitors welcome £3
- 5 **Women's World Day of Prayer** Christ Church Dore
- 6 **Archaeology Walk** for Friends of Ecclesall Woods. Meet 10am Ryecroft Glen Road Tel: 236 9025
- 6 **Sheffield Bach Society** St. Matthew Passion (J S Bach) with South Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm Tickets 266 8257
- 9 **Pressed & preserved flowers** Talk by Joan Newton for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 14 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30-12.30pm with Friends & Sheff Rangers Tel: 283 9195
- 13 **Step Out** with Sheffield Rangers. Dore to Blacka Moor 10.30 - 2.30pm meet Dore Post Office. Tel: 283 9195
- 14 **Mothering Sunday**
- 15 **Brazil** Talk by Mr Roy Swallow for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 17 **Ward Forum**, Totley Library, 7.30pm All welcome
- 23 **Uncovering Sheffield's metallurgical past.** Talk by Dr James Symonds. The 19th Dr Kenneth Barraclough Memorial Lecture for South Yorkshire Industrial History Soc & SMEA 5.30pm Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel
- 23 **Talk by Rev Gary Dawson-Jones** for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 26 - 27 **Annual Art Show** Dore Art Group Friday 2pm - 6pm Saturday 9.30am - 5pm, Dore Old School
- 29 **Talk** by Rev Francis Neil for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting

### APRIL

- 3 **Freshwater Life**, Whirlow Brook Pk Family Adventure Fun with Sheffield Rangers. 1-3pm Book via 283 9195
- 5 **Sawmill Playday** Ecclesall Woods Adventure Fun with Sheffield Rangers. 10am - 4pm No need to book
- 6-9 **Playscheme** in Ecclesall Woods with Sheffield Rangers based at sawmill 10.30am-3pm Book via 235 6348
- 7-29 **The Waddington Album** Exhibition at the Pomegranate Theatre Chesterfield, 9am-10pm except Sundays
- 10 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30am-12.30pm with Friends & Sheff Rangers Tel: 283 9195
- 12 **Mini Safari** in Limb Valley. Family Adventure Fun with Sheffield Rangers. 1pm-3.30pm Book via Tel 283 9195
- 12 **Bring & Buy Quiz** Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 12 **Sheffield Bach Society** Come and sing the Messiah All Saints Church Cawthorne, 7.30pm Tickets on door
- 12 **Abbeydale Hamlet & Shepherd's Wheel** Hallamshire Historic Building Soc Talk by Alison Duce 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, St James St Tel: 255 0172
- 13 **Hats** Talk by Irene Yarnell for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 13 **The Gardens & The Sitwells at Renishaw Hall** talk by David Kesteven for Dore Ladies Group 7.45pm Dore Church Hall Visitors welcome £3
- 14 -17 **Ruddigore**, Done Gilbert & Sullivan Society, The Montgomery Theatre, Tickets from 01246 416364
- 19 **Roman Water Supplies:** the example of Cologne. Talk by David Cockman for Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693

- 21 **Archeological Trail** for the Young at Heart with Sheffield Rangers in Ecclesall Woods 1pm-3pm Book via 283 9195
- 24 **Concert** St. Oswald's Church - Dore Male Voice Choir
- 25 **Village Dragon Hunt** to celebrate St George's Day for all the family. Starts 2pm at the Old School
- 26 **The Gas Man returns** Talk by Dr A Gaunt for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 27 **Memories of a Queen Alexander Nurse** Talk by Margaret Thomas - Dore Methodist Tue Group 7.45pm
- 28 **Public Meeting**, South West Community Assembly 7.30pm Venue to be agreed. Tel 01709 515151

### MAY

- 4 **Along Life's Way**, talk by Jean Henshaw for Dore Ladies Group 7.45pm Dore Church Hall Visitors £3
- 10 **Visit to WORK** by Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 11 **Visit to The Bakewell Pudding Shop** by Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 6pm
- 15 **Bright and Early Dawn Chorus**, Blacka Moor Nature Reserve with Sheffield Wildlife Trust 5am - 7am Meet at Stoney Ridge Car Park, book via Hannah on 263 4335
- 22 **Spring Fayre** W.O.R.K.LTD Ringinglow Rd 10am - 3pm. All welcome. Tel 0114 262 0094.
- 22 **Run for all life** 5km or 10km runs in Ecclesall Woods. See article. Details from 235 6907
- 24 **Talk** by Rev Bob Heathcote for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 25 **To Russia with love** Talk by Chris Bailey for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm

### Councillor surgeries

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

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