DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

AUTUMN 1988



Dore Vicarage

"There being no house at liberty in the District and being a married man, I am obliged to live in the Parish of Norton; this, together with the badness of the road and the steep hills I have to climb, is a great drawback on the discharge of my pastoral duties. Indeed it is quite impossible for me to visit my people in the winter season without injuring my health." So wrote the Reverend John Parker, stipendary curate for Dore from 1836 to 1840.

A subscription fund was started towards the cost of building a new vicarage. However the building was expedited when Earl Fitzwilliam, the patron of the living, generously donated the necessary finance. The money raised by subscription was used to purchase seven acres of land at Knowle Green, which was added to the endowment. In 1841 the vicarage was built on Hall Croft, the land being donated by the Duke of Devonshire.

The first residents in this large stone house were the Reverend Richard Martin, his wife and five children. They had been in temporary lodgings awaiting the completion of their new home. Since then the house has been inhabited by the following Vicars:-

Richard Martin 1843-1849 John Thomas Foster Aldred 1849-1894 William Ralph Gibson 1895-1930 Alfred George Saxelby-Kemp 1931-1944 Ernest George Thorpe 1944-1958 Raymond Garth Heawood 1958-1967 Leslie Cyril Lowther 1967-1985

The present vicar resides in a smaller modern house opposite the Lych Gate and the Old Vicarage was sold to Mr R. S. Billing, who has carried out extensive refurbishment of the building.

INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL EISTEDDFOD, LLANGOLLEN Saturday 9th July

Following up on last year's success the Dore Male Voice Choir, competed with 15 other Internationally reputed Male Voice Choirs. For their high standard of performance they were placed 3rd, repeating last year's placing but this year we were the highest placed British Choir, in the competition. There were 11 British Choirs, representing the best of England, Wales and Ireland. The remaining choirs were from Australia, Norway, U.S.A., Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

The winning Choir was from Bulgaria, with U.S.A. in 2nd place to D.M.V.C.'s 3rd, there were only 2 points separating the top 3 Choirs.

Looking at only this result objectively....it means that Dore Male Voice Choir were only 2 points from beating the best in the World, a truly outstanding achievement.

Residents of Dore can be proud of the Choir's International reputation at home and abroad, which carries the villages name far and wide. A list of their local Concert Dates will be found on the D.V. Society Notice Board.

For any further information about the Choir, contact Jim Frost at Mead Fold, Meadway, Dore, Sheffield S17 3EB, Telephone 364249.

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Annual General Meeting 8pm Wednesday 29th October 1988 Old Village School

See notice board for full details

Farming Notes

One of the many problems of running a farm is irregular cash flow. Hill sheep men get most of their income from lamb sales in the autumn, and if the market happens to be depressed when they are selling, it's tough luck. Traditionally dairy farming was the one enterprise that brought in a regular income with the monthly milk cheque, althought this fluctuates depending on the calving pattern. When cows are turned out in spring, production soars as rapidly growing May grass stimulates lactating cows. There is then a production trough in August followed by another peak in September & October when Autumn calving herds come on stream.

This pattern makes marketing difficult so the MMB tries to encourage farmers to calve their cows in August by deducting 3.5 pence/litre in May and June and adding 2 pence/litre as in August and lesser amounts through the winter. Even so farmers are reluctant as it makes pasture management difficult and the cows would be dried off in April and so miss out on the spring flush,

Nowadays intensive production systems can bring in more regular income. Sows can have 5 litters in 2 years and hens managed so that eggs are produced regularly through the year. The snag of three systems for the small producer is that they are dependent on bought in feedstuffs and when they sell their produce they have to take the market price. As the margin between the two tightens the only way to maintain income is to increase the numbers of pigs or hens. The trouble here is that if instead of making a small profit for each pig it flips over to a small loss, the more you have the more you lose. This has been happening recently and a lot of pig producers are in difficulties.

One way for able farmers to even out cash flow is by using the pastures market, thought this isn't always plain sailing. In the USA the draught has been covering up soya bean prices even though the harvest is still months away. When the price went up to 7 dollars a bushel from the normal 5 dollars many farmers sold their crop on the futures market. Now the price has gone up to about 10 dollars but then their crops have failed so they cannot fulfil their contracts and cannot buy it back either. It's the old thing of counting your chickens before they've hatched.

Transport 17

We serve the elderly and handicapped people of Dore-Totley Bradway and fringe areas, giving support to the tremendous activities organised by the Voluntary Sector in these communities from Monday to Friday each week.

Unfortunately we have a major manning problem looming up on the horizon. At the present time we employ driver/escorts from the Community Programme Agency, but we are sorry to say that, due to the pending Government changes from Sept. 1988 onwards, we can no longer expect this excellent service, given to us hitherto, and if we are to continue with our commitment to the Community, it will be necessary to revert back to the good will of the Voluntary Sector to enable Transport 17 to fulfil its prime purpose in the districts.

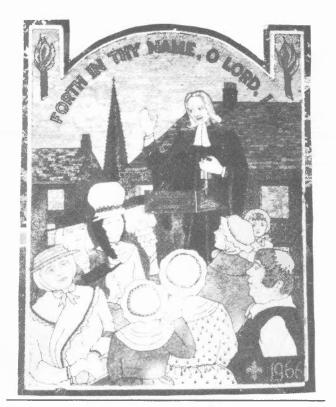
We are now therefore, making a sincere appeal to all those ablebodied people (either men or women) between the ages of 25 to 65 years, who would be willing to commit themselves to form a pool of volunteers for driver/escort duties and in the case of drivers, a clean driving licence is essential for insurance purposes.

We cannot stress too strongly the paramount importance of the continuity of this well established and much needed service, without which, many of the elderly and handicapped would become housebound once again and this we should not and cannot allow to happen.

If you are at all concerned and interested and would like to join us in this very worthwhile venture, please either phone or write to the undermentioned.

Mrs I Wells (Secretary) 4 The Grove Totley Sheffield 17 Phone 360602.

Mr Ron Hogg (Administrator) 104A Stradbroke Road Sheffield S13 8SQ Phone 394151.



Betty Brown

Well-known in Dore for the annual well dressing, Betty Brown is now making her mark in the village designing kneelers for Christ Church.

In 1959 Betty was asked to do a small well-dressing over a sink in the Gala Field. She had had no experience of this craft and a library book by Crichton Porteous, who later came to find her, told of the religious meaning, but gave no practical help. Mr. Arthur Farnsworth remembered that, as a boy, he had seen a well on the village green and men from the town hall dug out the well, re-built the stone-work and piped the water. Mr. Farnsworth also introduced Betty to the late Mr. Clarence Daniel of Eyam, who gave her advice and also provided a board. The first well-dressing was a simple picture of a Scout, and £70 was collected for Fairthorn, which was then a holiday home for needy children.

Slides taken of the well-dressing were shown by Betty and husband Ken for the next ten years and raised money for Oxfam.

Betty organised the well-dressing for the next fifteen years before handing over to Mrs. Marriott.

She was a supply teacher at the village school, and when it closed in 1965, taught part-time at All Saints in Pitsmoor. When that closed Betty taught singing on the Wybourn Estate. At 55, she retired to care for her blind mother, who is now 91.

When the new Scout Headquarters were opened in 1964 Betty painted the mural depicting aspects of scouting. At the opening ceremony she was presented with a gold 'Thanks' badge for services to scouting.

Betty was elected to the first committee of the Dore Village Society, and for many years she and Ken were members of the Hallamshire Dance Club.

Last September she was asked to design memorial kneelers for the church and finds this an absorbing project. The embroidery is done by volunteers, and a coffee morning and exhibition of this work was held in June.

Betty has a deep interest in the 19th century and gives talks on Queen Victoria, the Brontes and Florence Nightingale. She became a speaker by accident when asked to 'say something' at the Townswomen's Guild social studies group when their speaker failed to appear.

She is a member of the National Trust; U.N.A., the Bronte Society and a Friend of the Children's Hospital. She is supported in all her activities by Ken. They also enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren.

Local Dance Club

The Millhouses and Ecclesall Dance Club was founded in 1951, mainly by residents in the Millhouses, Ecclesall and Dore areas, and is still 'going strong'. There are 118 members, including two of the founder members, Ex. Lord Mayor Mr. H. Hebblethwaite and his wife. Eighty per cent of the members are from this area, although a few members travel from Chesterfield. In the Autumn/Winter 1988/89 the Club will be holding four dinner dances at the Hallam Towers Hotel, October, November, January and March.

Dancing to the Val Warburton Band commences at 8.00 o'clock, Bar from 7.30, a three course dinner is served at 9.00 o'clock, then dancing continues until midnight. The dances include, Old time, Modern (fox trot, waltz, quick steps) and an occasional sequence dance. The tables are arranged round the dance floor in varying sizes to seat 2 to 12 according to the numbers in each party, so that friends may sit together.

The four dances cost £42.00 per member, or £32.00 if a member can only attend three of the dances, and is aware of this before the season begins, which is excellent value for a very pleasant evening, in a happy and friendly atmosphere. Dinner suits for gentlemen, ladies in their usual finery. If any couples are interested they should contact the Secretary Mr Ray Knowles on telephone 363629.

Dore Playschool

Are you a qualified teacher not yet ready to return to full-time teaching? Perhaps you've tried supply teaching and found it frustrating? Do you want the satisfaction of a worthwhile job more than the money? If so, Dore Playschool would like to hear from you with a view to joining our team from September. Contact 366771.

Notice Board

Thanks to George Henderson who made the D.V.S notice board which is now in position next to the Co-op.

D.V.S Stall

Visitors to the Gala will have seen the D.V.S Stall, kindly made by John Simpson and carved by Alan Dales. It will be used at local events and occasionally in the village, when publication and pictures will be on sale and news and details of events available. Green's Hardware helped to organise the project.

ABBEYDALE HALL COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

This Autumn, Abbeydale Hall, which is now part of the Norton Tertiary College, is offering a wide range of community education courses for the general public.

These include, amongst others, modern languages, arts and crafts, keep fit, computing, word processing, music, microwave cookery, literature, geology, philosophy and assertiveness training for women.

If any students would like to discuss any of these courses the centre will be open specifically for advice and information on Tuesday, 6' September, 10.30am - 3.00pm and 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

The enrolment date for these courses is Wednesday 14 September as follows:

Morning Courses 10.30 - 11.30 am Afternoon Courses 1.30 - 2.30 pm Evening Courses 7.30 - 8.30 pm

For further details telephone 368931 and ask for Ian Horsfield.

Porter Junior Football Club



Emlyn Hughes and Kevin Sharman together with some of the younger players participating in our sponsored Question of Sport held in Dore Scout Hut.

Porter Junior Football Club — 'why are they getting a mention in the Dore to Door magazine?'. One may wonder. Well Porter was founded in 1981 by Ray Clifford (now Club Chairman) along with a couple of other very devoted parents, who together strived to involve the youngsters of Dore into forming their own football team.

This being in the form of Dore Cub Scouts, which is part of the Porter District Scout movement (hence the name Porter). Of which their is still a few of the original squad still involved in Porter and who were duly recognised at our annual presentation night with long service awards.

It is also with great pride that I mention that one of the first teams formed did have playing for them a young lad called Robert Beaumont, who has since signed professional forms with Sheffield Wednesday, a local lad who has succeeded, but I'm sure that Dore has many more young lads with hidden talents just waiting to be discovered.

Porter since those early days have grown in stature and who now boast to run age groups from Under 10's up to Under 18 level, who play in the now G.T. Sports Junior Sunday League (formerly Redgates), a league that is the largest of its kind in Europe.

We are also proud of the fact that the majority of our players all reside in and around Dore village, an achievement that both the Chairman and myself endeavour to uphold. Our motto 'The Local Junior Football Club', speaks for itself.

Our fund raising efforts have proven highly successful, these have taken the form of team sponsors of which we have now acquired six highly reputable companies, again another indication that Porter F.C. are being recognised, also jumble sales, sponsored walks and runs, a New Year raffle draw and last year we held a 12 hour sponsored Question of Sport of which Emlyn Hughes came along at various parts of the day, an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by both the players and parents.

We have also been fortunate to produce a match day programme, which has proved to be a huge success, because of its highly professional approach, again an indication that Porter F.C. have the support of our local parents.

All of which are organised and generated through our monthly meetings, together with the general running of a club of this size, although our main aim is to uphold the good name of Porter by encouraging a friendly family atmosphere and to ensure that the players are coached and cared for so that enjoyment is achieved first and foremost.

Kevin Sharman Club Secretary

Diary — Autumn 1988

SEPT 6 6 10 13 14 20 20 24 25	Corn Dollie Demonstration. Christ Church Ladies' Group. Church hall 7.45 pm. Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church 7.45pm. Dore Show. Old Village School. 'Wildlife In Art' Pollyanna Pickering Mercia T.G. Methodist School Room 9.30 am. Fletcher's Bakery. Dore Evening T.G. Visit to Scholls. Christ Church Ladies' Group. Tuesday Group Dore Methodist Church 7.45 pm. Jumble Sale St Johns Church Hall Uniformed Parents Committee. Harvest Festival. Dore Methodist Church 10.30 am & 6.30pm.
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OCT	
1	Dore Scouts Pea & Pie Supper, Ceilidh.
4	A.G.M. Christ Church Ladies Group Church Hall
4	7.45 pm.
4	Tuesday Group Dore. Methodist Church 7.45 pm. Talk and slides by Mrs Anne Dakin on Beth Shan
J	childrens Home Java Old School. 7.30pm, refreshments.
11	'Hypnotherapy' Mr R.M. Sleet Mercia T.G. Methodist School Room 9.30 am.
13	'The Brontes' Mr T.F. Meehan. Dore Evening T.G. Old School 7.30 pm.
14	Barn Dance 85th St/. John's Abbeydale Uniformed Parents. Committee Church Hall. Tickets 350652.
18	Tuesday Group. Dore Methodist Church 7.45 pm.
18	Visit to Scholls Christ Church Ladies' Group.
22	Antique Fair 85th St John's Abbeydale Parents
	Committe Church Hall 10am.
28 & 29	Dore Art Group, Annual Exhibition, Old School,
20	Dore. Admission free
29	Dore Village Society A.G.M. Old Village School 8pm See notice board.
NOV	
8	A.G.M. Dore Mercia T.G.
9	A.G.M. Dore Evening T.G.

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AIMS

To preserve and enhance the amenities of Dore and to encourage developments which will improve them.

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Monument in front of Woodland View, opposite Dore Station.

THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE

ALDERMAN THOMAS WILEY

BY THE VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION OF THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION TO RECORD THEIR RESPECT AND ESTEEM FOR HIS MUNIFICENT DONATIONS TO THEIR ASYLUM. HE BEING THE FIRST DONOR TO THIS INSTITUTION AND BY HIS SPIRITED EXAMPLE CAUSING A NUMBER OF LIBRERAL AND BENEVOLENT GENTLEMEN TO SUBSCRIBE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ERECT THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS.

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THIS MONUMENT WAS REMOVED FROM THE OLD INSTITUTION AT GRIMESTHORPE TO ITS PRESENT SITE ON THE COMPLETION OF THESE BUILDINGS IN 1879.

Letter

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In the autumn when I come out of school I see boys throwing things up into the horse chestnut trees on the village green. They are trying to get conkers off the trees but I think they should not do it because there are people walking under the trees and something could hit them and they are spoiling that trees because they are knocking off the branches. I think they should wait and the conkers will fall off by them selves.

Christopher tewant age seven