DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Policing on wheels

In the spring edition of Dore to Door, PC David Spencer made a plea for sponsors to enable the purchase of a suitable bicycle and ancillary equipment for local use. He made the point that to patrol his beat on a bike allows him to cover a greater area, offer greater security, and to readily get to places where trouble tends to be. It also provides a great talking point with local kids. There is only limited availability of police bikes in Sheffield, requiring their collection and return to Sharrow during a shift.

The Dore Village Society thought this was a worthwhile idea and agreed to meet the cost on condition that it became Dore's own police bike, to be used and kept in the area. South Yorkshire Police have agreed to this, and will cover maintenance and insurance costs. The Dore branch of ELR, and King Ecgbert School, have also contributed generously towards the £1,400

The Society has now paid for the bike and PC Spencer took delivery at a handover ceremony on the 3rd May. We look forward to seeing even more of him on the highways and byways of the village. And in case you wondered, it does not have a siren and blue flashing lights!

Dore Old School

The DVS is pleased to announce its latest publication, to be launched at the AGM. John Dunstan traces the story of Dore Old School from its conception, in a gift of 1720, through its birth in the mid 18th century and a lifespan of over 200 years down to its end in 1965.

We meet a colourful crew of masters, assistant teachers, and vicars who chaired the Trust, and see how the school responded to developments locally and nationally. In the 20th century a number of ex-pupils give their own side of the story. A lot more may find themselves mentioned somewhere.

This substantial book is illustrated with drawings by David Heslop and old photographs, and is fully indexed. Priced at £6 it will be on sale after the meeting.

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From left to right: Rebecca Cousins (Head Girl), Nick Andrews (Head Boy) from King Ecgbert School, PC David Spencer, John Baker Chairman Dore Village Society, and Alistair Humphreys from ELR.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

AGM and talk by John Dunstan

"Dore Old School in Records and Recollections"

> with recordings provided by Maureen Cope

7.30pm Wednesday 24th May

Methodist Church Hall Everybody welcome

STOP PRESS - Cross Lane.

In response to overwhelming public opposition, proposals to make Cross Lane one way were intially deferred to allow further consultation with a small group of residents and local councillors.

This group rejected the initial proposal to divert traffic up Brickhouse Lane to Hathersage Road and proposed an alternative approach restricting access from Sheephill Road onto Long Line and requiring residents to turn left towards Sheffield at the Cross Lane crossroads. See notes on page 28.

Now as we go to press the matter is being re-submitted to the Planning and Highways Area Board, with officials still recommending the one-way system down Cross Lane and along Brickhouse Lane.

Oral History Collection

In conversation with Joan Sheppard Joan was born in Sheffield on Christmas Day 1915 the youngest of three children. Her parents were Tom Dugdell and Annie Fretwell. When she was three years old her father became coachman and gardener for Mrs. Richards at Overdale, Drury Lane, and the family moved into Overdale Cottage which came with the job.

Overdale House was a spacious Victorian residence set in lovely, secluded grounds and approached through imposing double gates by way of a long sweeping drive. The gate post topping stones, one carved with the name of the house, are still on Drury Lane at the entrance to Overdale Gardens.

In 1967 the big house was bought by a developer who knocked it down along with the cottage and stables and filled the 2.5 acre site with modern desirable residences. Only the coach house remains.

Joan has vivid memories of her early childhood at Overdale and of her father. "Mrs Richards had a daughter at Nether Edge and my father used to drive the horse and carriage down to Nether Edge, pick up her daughter and bring her back; and this happened Thursdays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays."

He looked after the garden, grew "stacks of fruit and vegetables", and was responsible for the security of the property. "Every night at ten o'clock, my father had to go down the long drive and close the double gates to Overdale.

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Dore Show 2006

This years Dore Show will take place on Saturday 9 September in the Old School and Methodist Church Hall - be sure to note the date in your diary. There will be lots to see, a Brass Band, entertainment and several side displays of interest to everyone.

There will be 76 classes for you to enter for or come and see, ranging from vegetables to paintings, flower arranging to childrens' exhibits. The full schedule and entry forms for Floral Art classes will shortly be available from the Valerie of Dore shop on the High Street.

For those keen photographers wishing to plan ahead, the 4 adult photography classes will be: a) Black & White - Open subject - min 7" x 5"; b) Colour - "An Urban Landscape" - min 7" x 5"; c) Colour - "My family"; d) "Aspect of Dore". Classes c) & d) are for standard or panoramic size photos only & unmounted please. There will also be a new class for children - "Any clour photograph".

The Show has become an established part of village life, largely thanks to the exhibitors and those who plan and run the event on the day. As always many hands make light work! If you can offer a little help on the day please contact the Show Chairman on 236 4257.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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The Society aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development.

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Keep up to date by checking the Dore Village Society notice board next to the Coop on Devonsire Terrace Road.

Save those trees

The continuing encroachment by gardens and the tipping of garden and other rubbish in Busheywood is causing increasing concern. Even though the whole wood is covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), trees were cut down within it last July on behalf of a Devonshire Road resident. This led to a local outcry and prosecution action by the Council.

Despite all the publicity surrounding this action, coverage in Dore to Door and heated debate (love or hate the woodland) amongst neighbours on Devonshire Road, a further tree was cut down on behalf of a different resident in January. This has been brought to the attention of the Council's Environmental Planning section who are considering what action is appropriate.

Belatedly they now propose writing again to residents adjoining the woodland to remind them of their obligations in the respect of the TPOs.

Closure by stealth?

There are strong fears that our local subpost offices are under threat once again. If you use a POCA (Post Office Card Account) to receive your benefits instead of a bank account, you may be asked to stop using the cards very soon. This could take vital business away from your post office and lead to it's closure.

If you wish to protest about this, then you can tell your local MP. You can write to: Mr. Nick Clegg MP, Constituency Office, FREEPOST NEA 11900, Sheffield, S11 7ZZ.

In the meantime make sure you use and support your local Post Office branch whenever possible.

Local election result

The result of the election on Thursday 4th May for Dore and Totley ward was:

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Keith Hill Liberal	3,770
Janet Chapman Conservative	2,623
Dawn Biram Green	274
Mohammad Hussain Labour	300
James Laurie UKIP	172
Turnout 54%	

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th May in the Methodist Church Hall on the High Street. After the traditionally short formal business, (see details displayed on the society notice board), John Dunstan will give a talk on Dore Old School in records and recollections. Refreshments will be available at the end of the meeting. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Archaeology group

Are you interested in archaeology? We are setting up a group for local people, initially to share enthusiasm, information, ideas but eventually to research, develop and pull together a record of what we know about the surrounding area. The first meeting will take place shortly.

Would you, or anyone living locally who you know be interested? If so please contact John Baker on 236 9025 or Stuart Barnes on 236 2661 to find out more.

A Dore Calendar

The Dore Village Society would like to produce a calendar for 2007, featuring pictures of Dore through the seasons.

So please get those cameras working and send in your efforts to the Society. Contributions please to any member of the committee on this page.

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Dore to Door is published quarterly by the Dore Village Society and delivered free to over 3,250 households in the area.

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Dore Dragon Hunt

The first public Dragon Hunt in Dore took place on April 23rd, St George's Day.

In the end the weather was kind and 75 children, accompanied by 58 adults and 4 dogs took part in the hunt which involved a search for clues and answers to questions around the centre of the village. St George was in attendance to welcome those taking part in the quest and to guard the nest of Dragon's eggs.

Successful hunters enjoyed a refreshing drink of Dragon's Blood, a Dragon Egg and a slice of St George's Birthday cake back at the Old School.

The event, organised by Dave Ward of the Dore Village Society, is likely to become a regular village feature, so make a note in your diary for next year.

Spring Flowers in Dore

We have enjoyed the spring flowers on the verges and wayside around the village this year. The planted areas have increased, by the addition of swathes of daffodils on Savage Lane, at the top of Busheywood Road, in Church Lane opposite the parish Church and at the corner of Parkers Lane and Causeway Head Road.

The snowdrops on the village green are starting to thicken up and have been a picture round the King Ecgbert Stone. The crocus on Causeway Head Road have again given much pleasure, as they see off the gloom of the winter weather.

Dore Village Society will be planting bulbs in the autumn as part of this ongoing project. We have now planted over 60,000 bulbs in the village and hope you think it is worthwhile

On a cautionary note, it is a pity that some thoughtless people park on the grass verges, drive over the bulbs, even when in flower as at Cockpit Green at the end of Drury Lane and Cliffside at the corner of Newfield Lane and Whitelow lane which has also been damaged by horse riders.

Skips and builders materials are also dumped on sprouting bulbs leaving only sad stalks. Roads are for cars and skips not grass verges. But still it is good to see how resilient most of the bulbs are as they reappear every spring.

David Heslop/Anne Elsdon



A welcome from St George, alias Pat Pryor and below the Dragon's nest



Village flower tubs

Everybody seems to enjoy the beautifully planted tubs which have brightened the village for the last few years during the summer.

This year we have again ordered 14 tubs, but they have to be paid for. We need your help to meet the costs.

If you would like to make a donation, either by cheque (payable to Dore Village Society) or by cash, we would be most grateful. These can be sent to John Giles, 2 Kerwin Drive (tel: 236 1009); Angela Kingdon, 19 The Meadway; or The Treasurer, Mary Watson at 11 Cavendish Ave, S17 3SN.

Dore Gala 2006

Dore Gala Saturday 8th July 2 -6 pm on the recreation ground.

There were two significant births in Dore in 1956; the Scout Gala was held for the first time on Parker's field (where the bonfire is now held). At the Gala there was a Victoria Sandwich cake competition. I have the recipe, but I doubt if anyone can replicate it as it requires Wigfull's flour (which could be bought at Mrs Thorpe's).

When did the girls become involved? I know that the Guides did their first well dressing in 1985: did this coincide with the Guides and Scouts joining forces to create the Gala we know today.?

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone with memories of early Galas from the late 1950s or 1960s. We do try and keep some traditions going, with occasional variations (last year cheerleading replaced the maypole dancing - will it be brought back by popular demand?).

You would think that after fifty years' experience the Gala could practically organise itself. Unfortunately this isn't so; the Gala Committee is working throughout the year and is still tying up loose ends form the previous year while beginning to plan the current one.

The main function of the Gala is to raise funds for the Scouts; the Gala raffle raises money for other local children's charities. It also plays its part in the community life of the village. I think that it is part of what makes Dore a thriving village. We are very lucky in Dore to have a dedicated and experienced team of leaders in both Scouting and Guiding units, without whom none of our children could experience the joys of beavers, rainbows, cubs, brownies etc.

We are extremely grateful to all the local businesses for their support in advertising in the programme which is delivered to your door in the weeks leading up to the Gala and for supporting us in other ways, such as providing prizes for the raffle and stalls. We are also grateful for the help of some parents on the day to man the stalls. You don't have to be involved with any of the groups to volunteer.

We rely very heavily on a team of old (i.e. long-serving) helpers and are always on the lookout for new recruits. If you feel that you would be able to spare an hour or two to help at the biggest community event of the year, please contact me (Janet 236 4360), or Paul (235 0980) who is in charge of the helpers' rota. I look forward to hearing from you with offers of help or reminiscences of the good old days.

Janet Brook, Chairman, Dore Gala Committee

PS The other significant birth in Dore - my husband, Ian

Subscription service

Dore to Door is available on subscription to any UK address. To arrange, please send the name and address, plus a cheque for £4 made out to the Dore Village Society, to the address on page 2.



Dore boundary walk

On Saturday 24th June DVS will be undertaking the 3rd bicentennial Boundary Walk following the ancient boundaries of Dore. The walk takes place on the Saturday closest to Midsummer's Day and this year will be the first event of Dore Festival Fortnight.

Starting at 10am at Whirlow Bridge, the walk is 11 miles in total, although you may join and leave the walk at any point on the route. The walk is all on footpaths which takes us along Limb Brook, the River Sheaf, Old Hay Brook, Blacka Dyke and part of Burbage Brook. We will pass through woods, by streams, historic sites and by unrivaled scenery.

This year, lunchtime on Burbage Moor will be a highlight when Brian Edwards, artist and local historian, will be telling us tales of Dore and Derbyshire.

The lunch stop, at about 1pm, is easily accessible for non-walkers, by the track leading over Burbage Moor near the entrance to Parsonage House (near the Hathersage Road/Sheepbridge Road junction). You will have to bring your own lunch and sustenance.

On past occasions we have had up to 50 walkers enjoying the old custom of 'beating the bounds'! Why not join us for the whole day or just an hour or two to celebrate this day in high summer, bring your family and friends.

Look out for more details on the village notice board or telephone David Heslop on 236 5034

PUBLISHING DEADLINES:-

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

Please forward items for the Autumn (August) issue to the address on page 2 by **Friday 28th July 2006**

High hedges

The new legislation introduced last year was designed so that people whose properties are overshadowed by tall hedges would have the opportunity to resolve the problem without involving lawyers

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003: Part 8, gives people whose 'reasonable' enjoyment of their property is impaired by high hedges in close proximity, the chance to alleviate the effects of overbearing living screens. It appears that there has not been the expected flood of complaints since the law came into force, which may mean that with the threat of legislation, hedge disputes are now being readily resolved informally, or that the fee level, typically £450, deters complaints.

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The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has produced a series of booklets detailing how to complain, and respond to complaints. These are available by calling 01870 1226 236, or via the web site www.odpm.gov.uk/index

A year ago

The **Dore Village Design Statement** was delivered to every household in Dore this time last year. It was produced following 3 years work by the Committee and other members of the Dore Village Society in consultation with residents.

At the time comments by the Sheffield City Planning Department were constructive and it was hoped that the design guidance in the Statement would influence the planned new Local Development Framework, due to replace the Unitary Development Plan.

The project recognised the special character of the Village we live in and set out the means by which new development could be guided. We are still hopeful, but things move slowly in this country and in the meantime the village still experiences and faces inappropriate development, both infill and larger scale schemes such as that for the King Ecgbert school site.

In the same issue we covered the **Hathersage Road safety** issue. A report had been written on this by the Highways Department, with recommendations for improvements. While some work has been carried out to improve road safety, the fundamental problem at the Cross Lane/Hathersage Road junction has still not been tackled.

Yet commercial firms can move fast. At the same time we reported that Tesco had been granted planning permission for its **Tesco Express**, which already seems to have been open for a long while.



- We are holding an Open Day 23rd July please come along, try out the new courts and join in the fun - refreshments available
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Tennis Club reopens

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An Open Day is to be held on 23rd July when all local residents are welcome to inspect and try out the facilities but new members are welcome as soon as the courts are ready for play. Junior coaching sessions will commence before Wimbledon fortnight and a Lawn Tennis Association "Play Tennis" day will be held on 3d September.

David Purchon Club Management Committee

Christ Church roof

The slate roof covering over the nave needs repair; the nails are rotting and the slates are splitting and sliding off the roof.

On a number of occasions recently, rain and snow have blown into the building and following an inspection by the church architect he has recommended that a full replacement of the slates is necessary. Similarly, the asphalt roof over the clergy vestry needs replacing and new lead flashings are required to the gables and parapets.

The Parish Church is Listed Grade 2 as

a building of special architectural or historic interest and the repair work is required to be undertaken using natural slate and asphalt of the appropriate quality to conserve the character of the building.

The work, which is proposed to be undertaken later this year, is estimated to cost £38,000 and donations towards the cost of repairs are being invited by the PCC, to be delivered to the Parish office in Vicarage Lane, specifically identified for 'Roof Repairs'.

David Crosby Chair of the Hall and Fabric Committee

Walking Fortnight

This is the third Walking Event organised by the Dore Village Society and its Wyvern Walkers Group, providing a range of interesting local walks as part of the Dore Festival. The idea is that there will be something within the walks organised that everyone can enjoy, whatever their abilities and level of fitness

The first walk of the Walking Fortnight on Saturday 24th June will be the Dore Boundary Walk (see details on page 3). There will then be walks of varying length on alternative days for the rest of the fortnight.

For more details on the fortnight, or on the Wyvern Walking Group itself, which offers a regular programme of walks, please see posters on the notice board or call David Bearpark 236 9100

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir have just undertaken another enjoyable Gala Concert at Ecclesfield Church with Oughtibridge Brass Band as our guests. On the 13th May the Choir also gave a concert in the parish Church for the Scouts 'Buy a Brick Appeal'.

Again the Choir will be joined by the

Again the Choir will be joined by the Townswomen's Guild Choir for a Gala Festival Concert on Thursday 6th July in the Church Hall. At the end of September a large number of Choir members and partners will be joining the Wigston and District Male Voice Choir on their tour on Jersey. Some of their members have been on concert tours with us to Cyprus and Bruges in past years.

If anyone would like to join the Choir, or just come along to join a rehearsal contact me on 236 5043. you will be most welcome.

David Heslop

Petanque in Sheffield

Following our earlier coverage of interest in playing petanque, we now understand that a terrain 13x6 metres, allowing two games side by side, has been constructed for members at the De La Salle Assoc club ground adjacent to Beauchief Hall.

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Letters

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the Dore to Door Magazine featuring photographs of a typical winter's day in front of Dore & Totley Station and also Mrs Eaton's Sweet Shop.

As an old pupil at Dronfield Grammar School, I used to order a copy of the 'Shooting Times' in the early 1940's from a small wooden but at the left-hand side of Dore and Totley Station. W H Smiths ran this shop and this magazine is still available today at any good newsagents.

Incidentally an old Aunt, born in 1897, who died in 1999 at around 102 yrs old, use to call "Dore Road"- "Dore New Road" as she remembered this being surfaced for the first time.

Also I remember Mr Whitaker, an architect, who lived at the bottom of Dore Road and who was an avid bird's egg collector. He had a large collection of bird's eggs and butteflies, which are now in the procession of Weston Park Museum and with their modernisation programme, may soon he going on show. Should he worth a visit!

Peter Bradley

Dear Sir,

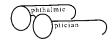
You asked if anyone remembers the shop at Dore &Totley station.

Every day after walking home from Dore & Totley high school on Grove Road we used to call at the shop and buy some sweets. This was in the 1950's. It brings back fond memories and happy days. It was a real treat after all the rationing. We then carried on our journey home up Dore Road and Cavendish Avenue. I remember it well

One of my favourite things to buy was Fry's chocolate cream bar. It cost about tuppence. Three people in the shop was a crowd. We sometimes used to meet the boys from King Edwards school in there before continuing the rest of the walk home.

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I remember I could not wait to turn the corner of Dore Road so that I could remove my dreaded school hat, green velour! Often, if seen by an older girl, I was given two hundred lines as punishment for removing it before I arrived home. Imagine that happening today!!!!

Margaret Bedford

Dear Sir,

Your latest issue asks about Mrs. Eaton's shop and Dore & Totley High School. I have memories of both.

Mrs. Eaton sold sweets and tobacco and oddments - partially in competition with the W H Smiths branch at Dore and Totley station. That is itself another memory. She lived in the Alms Houses across the road shown in Mr Wilson's larger picture. I suspect she was a war widow.

One interesting fact is that the shop under the flats is there because the builders had to provide new premises for Mrs. Eaton. She must have owned the shop shown in the picture. My mother said that she lived for some years after finally retiring. She was a lovely lady.

Dore and Totley High School, known as Miss Trott's, was a private school educating boys until they were able to transfer to a local grammar school and also producing 'nice girls' at 18 - I do not recall that any went to University (but at seven you do not get told about university entrances!).

It was a very traditional disciplined education and Miss Trott's teachers were not always qualified. I was only there for a couple of years but they taught me to read write and add (probably subtraction as well!) The boys' side faded when most secondary schools were taken over by the Council.

I believe it closed when Miss Trott decided to retire to Bournemouth; she was the owner. Miss Trott was a formidable lady - my memory is of an Alistair Sim character with dark grey hair and light grey skin.

Rowland Sheard

Dear Sir,
When I was five years old I attended
Dore High School which, at that time,
was held in the St John's Church Hall
close to Dore Station. It was about 1931.
Two years later the Headmistress, Dorothy
Trott, bought Brook House on Grove Road
and moved the school there. Although the
house was an attractive Victorian building,
I remember thinking that the garden was
magical. There was a lake, two ponds, a
fountain and a miniature railway with a
station! A child's paradise.

Unfortunately, and sensibly I suppose, this delightful garden was considered too impractical for small children. The lake was filled in and a tennis court constructed on the area. The railway also had to go and the tunnel and railway lines were removed - only the station remained and was greatly used by all of us who played tennis. The grounds were always well tended by the gardener and as far as I remember, not out of bounds to the pupils. There were lots of flowers, particularly roses.

I've no idea what year the railway was installed in the grounds of Brook House

but I understand that in the years before the first world war a family named Mitchell lived there and that local children used to stand by the gates of the house in Grove Road peering enviously at the Mitchell children riding round on the train

These are just a few of the memories of the early days of the Dore High School but I'm sure many of the traditions, such as the school motto - 'Perseverance', always supporting the Dr Barnardo's charity, and the iron grating in the hall of Brook House, where naughty children had to go and stand and wait to be chastised by Miss Trott, remained until the school was eventually closed down.

I left the school in 1943 so I'm sure you'll have plenty of ex-pupils writing to you about the days after that period.

Doreen Lindsay

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the note in the current issue regarding Dore and Totley High School. I remember the school very well as all three of our daughters were there until it closed in the summer of 1966. I have unearthed the enclosed press cutting.

I well remember the day our twin daughters started there. The winter of 1962163 was the worst I can recall and these two smart little girls, then not quite five years old, resplendent in their brand new uniforms were photographed in the garden of our home in Dore Road. I had to clear some snow off the lawn to prevent it going over their "wellies".

It was a good little school and gave all three of our daughters a good sound grounding. Miss Dorothy Trott was a very redoubtable lady who ran a very tight ship.

Michael Nunn

Ed. The cutting, with a picture and interview with Miss Trott, records the closure of the school due to increased running costs against declining pupil numbers.

Dear Sir,

I note with interest that in the Spring edition of Dore to Door, you ask if anyone has information about the former Dore and Totley High School, which was owned by Miss Dorothy Trott, and occupied several houses on Grove Road.

The school opened in 1924, in St. John's Church Rooms, later moved to Grove Road, and closed in 1966. I was a pupil there from 1949-1962, and we still have a thriving former pupils' association, which holds annual reunions. As secretary of the association, I could supply further information, or write a short article, including photographs of the school, if it would be of interest.

Incidentally, the railway station, pictured on the front of the Spring edition, remained there until at least 1966, though the track was long gone. During my schooldays it was used as a summer house, but always affectionately known to pupils and staff as "the station".

Vicky Highet Secretary D.&T.H.S. Association

Ed. We have asked Vicky to write an article on the school for our next edition.

Mary Crosland recalls

Regarding the query in the Spring *Dore to Door* about Dore & Totley High School.

The school opened in the mid 1920's and held its first classes at St. John's Church Hall. My aunt, Winifred Belbin and possibly Mary Benton, who later became head of art at King Ecgbert School, were amongst the first five pupils. As the school grew in size, it was eventually sited at Grove Road and took over many of the old houses. Two of my cousins, Aliette and Elizabeth Belbin, enrolled just before the war and I attended for a short period in 1940, before leaving Sheffield for a number of years.

The school was obliged to close in the 1960's and at this time there were about 320 pupils, including some borders. Miss

Dorothy Trott, the headmistress, retired to the Bournemouth/Poole area and it is interesting to note that Miss Janet Coates, the first head of King Ecgbert School and Dr Green, head of Abbeydale Grammar School for Girls, also retired to this part of the country and were to meet through the various interests they had in common.

During the night of the Sheffield Blitz, I was staying with my grandparents at Ashfurlong Farm. Our family shared the cellar at the home of Mr and Mrs Roberts who lived nearby, whose son Ralph served in the RAF and had been reported missing. It was on this night, while we were listening to Lord Haw Haw on the radio broadcast from Germany, it was announced that he had in fact been taken a P.O.W. Because I had been up all night, I thought it was reasonable to take the

following day off school and this was the only time I got into trouble with Miss Trott, who didn't seem to agree that the Sheffield Blitz warranted a free day from school.

It was lovely to see the photograph of Miss Eaton's sweet shop. I would call there, together with my cousin John Irving from Ashfurlong, and we would spend our Saturday pennies on the way to Sunday School at St. Johns. This would be in the mid-1930's and I can remember it was occupied by a watch repairer in the 1950's. If the job was only minor, the owner would take no payment. Imagine that happening in this day and age.

Ralph Roberts survived his internment and returned to Sheffield, marrying his sweetheart who lived in Millhouses.

Mary Crosland





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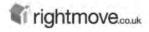
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Dore Well Dressing

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Look out for the posters that will appear around the village nearer the time giving details of session times or contact me, Barbara Jackson, on tel. no. 236 0332 for more information.

Barbara Jackson

What is well dressing?

Its origins are something of a mystery and may date back to the Celts or even earlier. The Church banned it as water worship, but the tradition refused to die. Tissington revived the custom in 1349, Barlow started dressing wells in Elizabethan times and Tideswell began 'tap dressing' when piped water came to town.

Well dressing is only found in or near Derbyshire and at its simplest, it's the art of decorating springs and wells with pictures made of growing things.

So how can such intricate and detailed pictures be made using only flowers, berries, leaves? It all starts with a wooden board that's thrown into the local river to soak for a few days. Then it's hauled out and filled with soft, wet clay.

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wool, others use 'bark' or alder cones, known locally as 'blacks'.

Then the picture is coloured in. Some villages call this 'petailing', but in Holymoorside it's 'flowering because, instead of petals, they use whole flower beads.

Dressing a well can take a team of people up to 7 days to complete and it will only last about a week before the clay dries and cracks and the flowers fade. Then work starts on planning for next year.

Well Dressing Diary 2006

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

These are just some of the dates and venues for 2006. You can find out more details, and about opportunities to see well dressing in progress, by ringing the Chesterfield Tourist Information Centre on 01246 345 7777/8 or visiting www.derbyshire-thepeakdistrict.co.uk

May

20-22 Etwall

25-31 Tissington

27-30 Wirksworth

27-2 Middleton-by-Youlgrave

27-4 Monyash

June

10-18 Ashford in the Water

11-18 Cressbrook

17-25 Tideswell

17-25 Litton

18-28 Penistone

24-29 Youlgrave

24-30 Rowsley

24-1 Over Haddon

24-2 Hope

24-3 Bakewell

30-5 Coal Aston

July

1-8 Old Whittington (Chesterfield)

1-8 Hathersage

1-9 Old Tupton (Chesterfield)

1-9 Dore

7-14 Dronfield

8-15 Ridgeway

9-16 Buxton

9-16 Bamford

13-20 Pilsley Village (nr Bakewell)

14-21 Dronfield Woodhouse

14-23 Millthorpe

15-22 Great Longstone

15-22 Heath (nr Chesterfield)

15-23 Holmesfield Children's Well

15-23 Cutthorpe

15-23 Little Longstone

22-31 Stoney Middleton

Augus

5-14 Bradwell

10-18 Great Hucklow

17-22 Barlow

19-26 Taddington

24-31 Holymoorside

26-2 Foolow

26-2 Eyam

26-3 Wormhill

September

2-10 Wardlow

9-16 Chesterfield

9-17 Hartington

QUEST youth group

QUEST are a church-based youth group for young people between 11 and 16 who meet at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South on a Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 8.30 pm. Although we do have a serious time there are also lots of activities and plenty of social time too!

QUEST are currently planning a big fundraising campaign with plenty of "fun" as well as "raising funds". We really want to make a difference in the lives of those who are no as lucky as we are, so we have chosen the following three charities to receive the money we raise:-

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"72 DEGREES". Teams sent out from a church in South Africa to "medicate, educate and alleviate pain and suffering" in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Sudan and

Congo.

QUEST are raising funds by doing a sponsored fast from 7pm Friday 16th June to 7pm Saturday 17th June. To try to keep our minds off food on the Saturday, we have a host of fundraising events. There will be a Table Top Sale in the Church Hall between 10am and 1pm and the money from table hire and admission fees will be donated to the charities above. Why not come along and snap up some bargains or if you have items you would like to sell why not have a table yourself!

If any young person is interested in coming along to *QUEST* or wants to find out more about us, then either turn up on the night or call me, Carol on 236 2551.

Carol Quayle





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Dore Blue's

A Community Policeman's view.

Where does the time Go? Maybe it's a sign that I'm getting old but it doesn't seem two minutes since Christmas and here we are a stones throw from summer. Its been a very busy time for my colleagues, Pc Wadsworth and PcSO's Bell and Hague, so I must apologise if you haven't seen as much of your Local Policing Team as previous but we have been a victim of our early success. More about that later.

Generally things have been quiet of late within the village. Crime has tended to be sporadic in nature making targeting difficult. This type of Ad hoc Crime is frustrating and I would ask that if anyone sees anything that they think is suspicious then they must at the very least call me on 0114 296 3187 to report it. I always use the rule of thumb "if its looks wrong it usually is."

I would rather have lots of reports than none. You really cannot waste my time by contacting me. Without your eyes and ears my job is just so much more difficult. This leads nicely onto Neighbourhood Watches. If anyone is interested in this very valuable volunteer organisation then feel free to contact me and I shall be more than happy to pass on details. NHW is most useful when it covers many areas, and most effective when its members are supported.

As we enter the warmer months from a Policing point of view, my thoughts turn to the Garden and the opportunities for criminals. Crime is so easy to commit but it's even easier to PREVENT. One of the most frustrating and easiest to avoid crimes is the "sneak in " type. As we spend more time in the garden, we often tend to leave our doors/windows open. This is a delight for the experienced opportunist Criminal.

This person knows that most of us feel safe and hence careless in our own homes. In the words of Take That "it only takes a minute" and a thief can steal car keys, cars, wallets, handbags etc, etc. This will lead to many hours spent arguing with Insurance Companies, canceling credit cards, reassuring our children etc, after spending hours trying to report the Crime in the first place. It does only take a minute to set your door chain or lock the



PC david Spencer in action on his new bike provided by the Dore Village Society with contributions from ELR and King Ecgbert School.

door. Also try and keep car and house keys well away from sight.

I actually have a limited supply of the Audible door alarms, which sound when the door is open. I can supply these to suitable residents. Please Contact me on 0114 296 3187 for details.

Can I also ask that we pay the same attention to our sheds and garden ornaments/hanging baskets. As I have mentioned before these are easy targets for thieves who often steal items overnight then "car boot" them for a quick profit. Comprehensive information can be found at www.crimereduction.gov.uk

As I mentioned your policing team have been very busy. It would be inappropriate to give full details but we have tackled local issues such as youth nuisance around the Spar and the Co-op in Dore. I must confess that I was disappointed, though not entirely surprised, to hear that the Local Youth Club the ARK has closed pending a review of Youth Provision. This is a real shame as I really do think that the Area of Youth Provision in Dore between the ages of 10 and 18yrs is seriously lacking. I feel that providing our kids with worthwhile relevant activities is critical and if well provided will resolve not only complaints about activities, but also

reduce the opportunities that our children will fall victim to negative influences. I am committed to providing some longterm solution to this.

We have also been involved in a number of Community based activities etc. It's been fun and a real mix of Police work.

We have been so successful as a team that the "two Sara's" are being seconded out of the area for 50% of their time. The duo will be utilised in the Sharrow Area and will hopefully bring to that Area the same level of commitment they have shown thus far. This will obviously impact on the Team as whole. I'm keen that our "patrol time", that time we actually spend walking the beat, should not be greatly affected. It will of course but hopefully not too much.

I have recently given a number of talks to various groups including the beavers and cubs. I feel that this kind of contact is vital to breaking down barriers of perception. The response from the kids has been very satisfying.

One other response that I must mention was that after my last article regarding the Police Bike. This was fantastic. I was contacted by a number of bodies and am now the proud "owner" of a new Police Bike. The bike is custom built with many specific modifications. I just hope the village is ready for the sight of me in a pair of shorts.

I think this is covered elsewhere within this publication but I would like to offer my personal thanks to The Dore Village Society, especially Mr Barnes, to Mr T.Eldridge and the staff at King Ecgberts School, and to Mr Humphries of Eadon Lockwood and Riddle.

That's it then I look forward to a Crime free summer, I'm especially looking forward to the Dore Village Gala and the opportunity to meet residents.

Just remember that Crime is easy to stop, Dore is a very safe, low crime area, with a strong community and I like plain not milk chocolate on my biscuits.

Pc David Spencer Dore Area Constable

Fire safety boost

Communities in the south west of Sheffield, including Dore, are set to benefit from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service investing £220,000 in a range of fire safety initiatives over the next 12 months. This reflects a greater emphasis on improving community safety and focuses on saving lives by preventing fires from happening in the first place.

The money will fund ten new outreach workers who will canvass within the communities to ensure every household, school, public organisation and private business is offered a home fire safety risk assessment or appropriate fire safety advice.

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Letters continued

Dear Sir,

I wonder if any of your readers remember my Uncle Harry who was Station Master at Dore Station during the 1950's. His name was Henry Riley. He lived in 'Station House' on the Abbeydale Road, next to the station, where I stayed with him in 1951.

I'm not sure when the Station closed, but Uncle Harry lived on in Railway Cottage until he died in 1971 and my Aunt Lily lived there until she died some years

I have recently moved to Dore from Surrey and any information would be welcome.

Sylvia Maxwell

Dear Sir,

Frustrated Local Shopper.

During many recent visits to Dore to support our local businesses I have been very disappointed to find that some of the shops are closed for business. Local shops are very important for the community and I would imagine that the recent opening of Tesco puts more pressure upon them,

hence I think it is every ones role in

Dore to support them.

However I find it difficult to support them when many of them close early or close for several weeks at a time. We can't support theses businesses whilst they are closed. Come on Dore shops give us the service, keep to your opening hours and you will get the support.

Dore Resident Name & Address supplied

Dear Sir,

On reading the Spring issue of 'Dore to Door' I would like to comment on two articles.

David Spencer, Community Constable, says he likes to patrol on his bike, but I hope he also sometimes patrols on foot. He would then see the many shrubs and trees which overhang the pavements quite dangerously, and in the case of

Devonshire Road, to the start of the public footpath, make the path too narrow to walk on, particularly with cars parked halfway on the path.

'Doremouse' comments on the rubbish dumped in Bushey Wood. A lot of it may be residents throwing their garden rubbish over their walls, but much of it is actually brought to be dumped. I have had a Christmas tree with trimmings, parts of

motor cycles etc. thrown into the stream by my bridge, and on opening a plastic bag, (one of 8) the other day found it contained - yes dog dirt!

B Renwick

Dear Sir, Whilst tracing my family history I was

very upset to find that their graves have been removed from the churchyard.

Was a record made of these graves and the inscriptions and what happened to the

remains and gravestones?

I am interested in Christopher Taylor married to Sarah [Elliott?] died 1836? Son Edwin who married Mary Ann Lowe, daughter of Samuel Lowe, Townhead. After the death of Edwin Mary Ann married Peter Bishop, she died in 1921. This grave was across the path from my grandparents, Walter and Sarah Ann Taylor. Walter was brother to Harry Taylor, Hilda Warnes' father.

Christine Clayton (Cam)

Ed. David Crosby, Chair of the Hall and Fabric Committee has provided the

following response.

No graves have been removed from the churchyard, memorial stones however, are a different matter. Not all graves have memorial stones or ever had one, and many graves in Dore churchyard have no memorial stones. The maintenance of memorials is the responsibility of families and therefore they can over time become unstable, dangerous or unsightly and may be removed. However many memorials remain and Christ Church Dore is fortunate to have a record of all the memorial inscriptions made in 1985. The

record may be inspected in Sheffield Archives or by appointment through the Parish Office Telephone 0114 236 3335. Details of recorded inscriptions are also available on CD through the Sheffield Family History Society.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your village magazine 'Dore to Door'. I certainly found the item - 'Mystery House' and accompanying photograph really intriguing. Sadly I am unable to throw any light upon the circumstances of the house at that time or to answer the questions posed in the article. I wouldn't imagine the house to a have been a lodging house, although its size would have made that feasible. Its situation at such a distance from the main road does not suggest that to be likely.

As to myself, I lived there with my husband, Mr Michael Harrison (whose previous home was No. 56 Totley Brook Road) from 1960 to 1978, together with our four children. The youngest of whom, Joanna was born there in 1964.

We bought the house from Mr Ransom-Harrison who I understand to have been a retired chairman of the Rover Car Company. We later also bought the spinney to the right of the house. We were told at the time that the trees there had been planted to obscure the view of the row of 'new' houses on Devonshire Road from the occupants of Abbeydale Hall.

You may be interested to hear how word came to me regarding your magazine and the article. I had a phone call from my younger son Patrick, who lives in Mallo, telling me about the magazine, and the article in it. The magazine having been sent to him by Philip Owen, an old friend, and wondering if I would be able to add to

If any of your readers do have more information I would be delighted to hear

Beryl Harrison

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Dear Sir,

As a "newcomer" to Dore, having lived here 6 years now and as a person from ethnic minority background I would like to verse my opinion of the area in your magazine if I may.

"I would definitely encourage other people from ethnic backgrounds to live in the area. My neighbours are so friendly and helpful and have always been. The first Christmas we spent here, my next door neighbour and her sister sent a present for my small son. I was surprised to say the least and really touched.

I was a bit unsure of whether I would fit in, mainly because Dore is known as the "posh" area, and I am from a working class background. Having moved from Norton Lees where everyone gets on, I was really uncertain about Sheffield 17. The people we bought the house from couldn't have been more friendlier and down to earth and kept their word when we agreed to purchase the house.

We had one little hiccup when we first moved here and that was when my son who was 9 at the time, held open the door for an elderly man at the Spar shop and the gentleman didn't even say thank you. My son was a little perturbed about this and said to me, "He didn't even say thank you". To which I replied, quite loudly, "It's okay son, it seems he wasn't taught any manners".

On the whole, the school, teachers, neighbours and shop assistants are greeeaaat!"

Pat, Furniss Avenue

Dear Sir,

You asked if anyone remembers the shop at Dore & Totley station.

Every day after walking home from Dore & Totley high school on Grove road we used to call at the shop and buy some sweets. This was in the 1950,s. It brings back fond memories and happy days. It was a real treat after all the rationing. We then carried on our journey home up Dore Road and Cavendish ave. I remember it well

Margaret Bedford

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Planning Matters

King Ecgbert Mercia Site: Furniss Ave: In the last issue of Dore to Door we reported that there was an application to build 89 houses by Westbury Homes on the King Ecgbert School site between Furniss Ave and Busheywood Road. The Society considered the proposals inappropriate for a number of reasons and objected. Indeed there were many objections to the scheme. The application has now been withdrawn by the developer and no doubt they are thinking again to come up with a more acceptable proposal. One of the serious problems with the withdrawn scheme was that some of the development extended onto the land allocated as the sports ground. Hopefully the next application will be taken back to the land allocated for housing.

This site is likely to be (hopefully) the last of any large sites available for development in Dore. Even with development on this site the pressure on services in the village will be immense.

One of the problems with proposals for this site is that the City Council gave itself (as it can) planning permission for a change of use to housing in outline, merely by edging the site in red on a plan without showing any details of what was intended. There were no design proposals at the outline stage indicating to a developer what might be acceptable on the site. It is no wonder that we were faced with an ill prepared scheme.

159 Long Line: Amid great concern a planning application was made to demolish a property on Long Line and replace it with a dwelling house, triple garage, workshops and tennis court together with a high wind turbine. Fortunately after great pressure the application was amended to take out the wind turbine. Planning consent has now been given for the amended proposals. Another application for a wind turbine on property on Hathersage Road has been

withdrawn. Methods of providing alternative energy sources such as wind power are laudable provided they are not environmentally unfriendly, such as high masted wind turbines close to other housing and in areas of High Landscape Value. There are enough problems with electricity pylons and telecommunications masts without the erection of wind turbines in inappropriate places

turbines in inappropriate places.

The Walled Garden: Dore Moor Estate, Newfield Lane: Yes, yet another application has been made for a dwelling house at this property. The applications keep coming on this Green Belt site and have always been refused. This has never been a site for a dwelling house. These persistent applications for the same thing are a nuisance, take up Council time and are a concern as a threat to the Green Belt around the village.

28 Old Hay Close: In the last issue of Dore to Door John Baker wrote an article on the disappearing front gardens of England. In Dore as in other desirable places, we also have problems with disappearing back gardens. At this property, as with almost all the houses on the south side of old Hay Close, the back garden goes down to Totley Brook Road, near the new King Ecgbert School site. The gardens are not long and there is a good field hedge between the gardens and a wide grass bank sloping down to the road. A planning application has now been made for a dormer bungalow on the back garden of No 28. The new proposed property has almost no garden and the existing house is left with a very small back garden. The proposed building is also sited so that the windows look straight into the back gardens of the houses on each side. This is a severe over development of the site, making an intolerable burden on the adjoining properties. It is not surprising that there are serious objections from the residents in the locality and from the society.

David Heslop

Mystery engraving

There is an engraved stone in a wall in the rear garden of 5 Causeway Gardens. The stone would seem to have been put in the wall when the house was built circa 1971. Does anyone know more about it?

> LAW bought it LAW built it And LAW gave it away Short was my stay in this Frail world All's but a seeming laughter Therefore mark well thy Words and ways For thou comes posting after

Second homes abroad

There has been a marked rise in the number of second homes abroad purchased by Britons. In 2000 there were 176,482 holiday homes abroad owned by Britons and by 2004 this had increased to 256,609. About 5 per cent of the UK adult population now owns an overseas properly and this figure is likely to double over the next decade.

The unpredictable British climate continues to be the main factor behind the increased demand for second homes abroad and the steady advance of cheap overseas flight has encouraged British buyers to become far less parochial in terms of overseas destinations.

The most popular country for a second home was Spain, where the number rose from 47,650 to 69,284, followed by France where the figure rose from 35,296 to 51,322.

The reasons for the overseas market growing are very straightforward. Property price rises here have enabled people to extract money from their main home to buy overseas - where house price inflation has been less. Low- cost airlines have also made it easy for people to visit their second homes overseas.

Tenter Croft

Tenter Croft appears as a field name in the Sheffield area and there was one in Dore. In towns the name often appears as Tenter Yard. It comes from the old word tainter,' meaning a dyer of woollen clothes. Tenter fields and tenter yards were places where the dyed cloth was stretched on tenter books. Source - 'Street Names of Sheffield', by Peter Harvey.

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MBE for Judith Jackson

In the year of the volunteer, (2005), it was fitting that in the New Year Honours list Judith Jackson should have received an

MBE for services to young people in South Yorkshire.

Judith has been a leader of the 125th Sheffield 1st Dore Guides for 42 years. During this time she has also raised a family and worked both part and full time. In her spare time, she has managed to hold other District appointments and served on various County committees as well.

On 29 March, 2006, Judith traveled to Buckingham Palace with her husband William, son Bruce, and long time friend and fellow Guider, Pam Butterworth to receive her award. In today's busy world, where voluntary organisations are struggling for help, it is encouraging to see such selfless dedication recognised. I hope you all join me in congratulating Judith on her well deserved reward!

Dale AndrewsBlackamoor District Commissioner

Picture shows Judith Jackson (right) holding her MBE accompanied by fellow guider and friend Pam Butterworth.



Jean Recalls

Can I say how much I enjoyed Peter Bradley's article in the last issue. I remember his grandparents shop very well. I also remember after the war when we had Victory celebrations and a fancy dress parade, his grandmother lent me the dress complete with bustle that she wore for her wedding. It wasn't white, but brown moire silk, much more serviceable. My cousin Louie borrowed a tail coat and striped trousers and top hat from Mr Roebuck there funeral director and went as my groom. We won first prize of book tokens.

Although there is a photograph of the other children as far as I know there is no photo of Louie and me. We were about 11 at the time so I guess we were slightly bigger than past generations. I don't remember the dress being too large too large at all, though Louie did have a bit of a problem with the trousers.

Will the fencing off of Blacka and the allowing of grazing cattle result in the same fiasco as happened a few years ago



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with the sheep? Personally I would like to see a few wolves up there and perhaps a lion or two and monkeys or are they all in the Town Hall!

Jean Dean

In a good cause

Jo Marshall and Mel Jepson are undertaking 'The Race For Life' sponsored walk in the summer, with all their sponsorship going to Breast Cancer Awareness. Also on 28th June, to celebrate Jo's 25 years in the trade, Valerie of Dore are undertaking a free demonstration at 7.30pm in Dore Methodist Church, with donations going to Breast Cancer Care.

Tickets from Anne Elsdon on 236 0002 or the shop.

Women's Only Walks

The South Yorkshire Women Only Walks project is celebrating a decade of success with a Women Only Walking Festival. Starting from Monday 9th October to Sunday 15th October inclusive a full week of walks will be organised to mark this achievement. The walks will be published in the July - December 2006 edition of their Walks Programme

The aim of Women Only Walks is to encourage women who are apprehensive or even afraid to walk alone to join in with other like-minded women, at their own pace in a safe, friendly environment. For more information contact the Sheffield West Ranger Team on 0114 268 6196, or pick up a programme from the library.

Townswomen's Guild

Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild meet each second Wednesday in the month at the Old School, Dore from 2pm to 4pm. Dates and speakers given on diary page of Dore to Dore.

A time to enjoy meeting friends, an interesting talk by a guest speaker, and tea and biscuits. 50p.

New members and visitors always most welcome.

Transport 17

At the A.G.M. in March Shareholders were told that passenger numbers are catching up after a bit of a dip. We are still in need of drivers and escorts, especially to cover holiday times. Many of the clubs we take people to are voicing concerns at the amount of "red tape" in running their organisations. They are all volunteers, giving up their time to provide meals, friendship and entertainment for many people. They do not need this extra worry. These last remarks are my own but reflects the mood of many.

Once again there will be Coffee, Cakes and Cuttings at the English Martyrs Church. This will be on Saturday 20th May in their car park, Baslow Road, next to our office. It runs from 10 am till noon. It is always a smashing event and we thank everyone for their hard work and for the money that they give to Transport 17.

Our own Coffee Morning will be on

Saturday, 15th July at 10 am till noon. Come along and see us and, hopefully, get yourself a bargain. Here's to the better weather.

The T 17 Committee members are -

Chairman Irene Wells Treasurer John Savournin Secretary Danny Barlow

Committee - Wendy and Jim Trotter, Ethel Beckwith and Margaret Barlow.

Tony Bradbury has resigned as he lives a long distance away, but continues to work as a well-loved and pleasant escort. Many thanks to him for all his hard work. Best wishes to you all.

Margaret Barlow

Garden Tours

Tours of Sheffield Botanical Gardens for members of the public are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from March-October. They are led by members of the Friends of the Botanical Gardens (FOBS). Meet at Clarkehouse Road Entrance, 2.30 pm on the following dates: 21 May 18 June 16 July 20 August, 17 September, & 15 October. Tours cost £3 per person and last about 90 minutes. For group bookings contact Gill Moore, tel: 220 4819.



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A brief history will be given by your tour guide to help you understand how the railway came to Rowsley, followed by an examination of the original terminus, the Midland Railway cottages, the station master's house, the Grouse & Claret (formerly the Station Hotel), the Peacock Hotel and Church lane.

The two mile walk takes 2 to 3 hours and starts from Rowsley Old Station. There will be a cost of £3 and you will receive an illustrated tour guide. It is essential that you book in advance by contacting Glynn Waite on 01142 364728 or email info@rowsley.org.uk. The full walk is not really suitable for disabled people but routes can be specially adapted.

This is an excellent opportunity to see how our local line worked. Dates are: Sunday 25th June, Wednesday 16th August, Saturday 19th August, Saturday 30th September.

Classic Cars

A Classic Car rally, organised by the Bradway, Greenhill and 'Woodseats Scout Groups, with the support of the 'Just Classics Motor Club', will take place on Saturday 17th June 12am to 5pm.

There with be over 100 vehicles on display in the grounds of Sir Harold Jackson School, Bradway Drive. commercials Bradway. Cars, and motorbikes from the last eighty years. The Lord Mayor will attend the show, and there will be prizes for the best vehicles on the day. Refreshments available including a BBQ and strawberry cream teas. There will be a raffle, bouncy castle and lots of other attractions. Tel: 01246 419520 for more details.

Roy Green remembered

Sadly at the end of February Roy Green, who served Dore well for many years, passed away. He would have been 94 on 1st May.

Roy was born in Totley and after leaving school worked in Evans shop at the top of Totley Hill. This is where he learned his love of cooking. Roy served in north Africa and Italy during the 2nd world war after which he joined his brothers Albert and George in their building business. They rented the old farm building and stock yard on Causeway Head Road from the Duke of Devonshire's estate and when death duties forced the Duke to sell the properties they owned in this area the



Great Longstone for Ashford station circ 1900

Greens were able to buy.

At first Roy and his wife, Ivy, opened a small hardware shop in one of the buildings. Albert died in the 1950's and George carried on with the building trade with Roy doing the book-keeping until George decided he would like to retire and they built the shop, the paper shop and the bank etc. Roy traded in Green's Hardware until 1978 when Don and his brother Dick took over.

The land where the bank is, belonged to the city council and Roy and George negotiated with them, so the council could build the public toilets at the bottom - now demolished and replaced by a beauty parlour. This meant the shops were not divided by a public lavatory. Green's still maintained a builder's yard and supplied sand, grave, cement and timber to the local builders. The yard was not enclosed and many a light fingered one helped themselves to the cement and the odd concrete flag. They used to sell so many flags on a Saturday George couldn't understand why all Dore wasn't covered in concrete.

Roy and Ivy and Mrs Shaw worked with Don in the shop with George doing his bit on a Saturday and fetching supplies on a Thursday. Unfortunately Ivy developed severe arthritis and had to give up working and Mrs Shaw moved back to Wales and I went into the shop part-time. Roy and Ivy, at that time lived up Long Line but they moved to the bungalow on Causeway Head. Roy loved his garden, although lately he had a young man help him with that, he was able to look after himself and his bungalow, only taking on a cleaning lady in the last few months.

Roy was a founder member of Dore Male Voice Choir, he played the piano for them. I believe it all started through the fellowship of the Services which Roy was a member of, the Longshaw Branch. He loved gardening and music. He had a snappy little dog Micky for many years, nearly as bad as my Spike but not quite. He also had a budgie called Tilly. Micky and Tilly were the children Roy and Ivy never had. I well remember Don used to look after Tilly when they went on holiday. He used to have her in the office

and she flew around all day, out of her cage as she did at home. One night Don was in a rush and she wouldn't go in her cage. He made a grab for her and her tail feathers somehow pulled out. He had to confess and they were due home the next day but he was a might embarrassed.

He was a great person to work for and I personally will always remember the Greens with affection. In their time they employed many people, some of whom went on to own their own businesses.

Jean Dean

Funding success

Dore Parents Association held its first Spring Ball at Whirlowbrook Hall on Friday, 3 March. The evening was sponsored by Blundells Fine & Country and donations for the raffle prizes on the evening had been donated by local business and parents. Michael Vaughan donated a signed print which was auctioned on the evening. The total raised was £3,000 and a cheque has been presented to Mr Wileman, Head Teacher at Dore Primary School for the purchase of outdoor furniture. Our grateful thanks for all who supported the evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Anne-Marie Williams

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He had a wire haired terrier called Jack which used to follow him about all over the place." It would seem that one night Jack disappeared and was picked up by police Sergeant Wood who habitually walked through the village as the church clock struck ten. Tom Dugdell was fined seven and sixpence (37p) because his dog was out after dark!.

Mrs Richards also employed a housekeeper and a servant but on certain occasions Annie Dugdell was asked to help out. Joan explains "When it was Spring cleaning and Christmas cleaning she would go to Overdale House and give the housekeeper a hand with the extra work. They had the old fashioned lace curtains that had to be washed by hand, starched and ironed and not a crease in them; there were yards and yards of it. It needed two or three people to cope."

Joan attended Dore School when the legendary Miss Dobbs taught the Infants, Miss Hodkin the Juniors and Mr.Speight was Headmaster. She remembers that "the teachers were very strict. We were really whacked if we did anything wrong, we weren't just chastised and don't do it again. We were scared of all the teachers."

At the age of twelve Joan was sent to Emsleigh High School, a small private establishment on the corner of Brocco Bank and Endcliffe Vale Road, Sheffield. When asked what it was like she replies "Oh very high-schoolish! You were taught how to walk and how to hold your cutlery. It was more a finishing school than anything. Mademoiselle taught you French and things like that."

In the meantime, old Mrs Richards had died and Tom Dugdell and family had six months to leave Overdale Cottage. He needed to look for his own home. The only house for sale in Dore at the time was the end one of Surbiton Terrace, Brickhouse Lane, built about 1897. Joan says "My father bought it in 1926 for £525 and now it's valued at over £250,000. I came to live

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Brickhouse Lane in the early 1920's. A view Joan remembers, and a far cry from the much heavier traffic today.



Overdale House, Drury Lane, c 1960s

here when I was eleven from Overdale and on and off I've lived here ever since."

Joan describes the small hamlet of Brickhouses as it was in her childhood. "The farmhouse and croft (Newfield) were here above the row of brick cottages, then just these four stone houses and the big corner house. It was fields on all sides and on summer nights we would lie in bed and listen to the corncrakes making their harsh call in the field opposite."

Causeway Head Road had very few houses "The Mount was there, a Doctor Wood lived in it at that time. Rumour had it that the place was haunted; then the high walls of Heather Lea House. There was old Siddall's farm half way down the left hand side and a cottage. There was no street lighting, no other houses; Kerwin Road and Heather Lea didn't exist. Then straight down and the first gas lamp that you saw was right down in the village." When the Dugdell family moved to Brickhouse Lane there was no gas or electricity supply. "My father applied to the gas company to have gas laid on and they said they would do it if he could get fifty signatures, which he did.'

Joan recalls that she used to go and play with a friend who lived down the little lane off Causeway Head Road. The children could walk straight through past Rushley cottage where Sutherlands, the potted meat people lived and on to Rushley Farm owned by Mr. Hancock. "We used to nip over the wall and pinch snowdrops."

In the 1920s young people made their own entertainment. "We'd go and paddle

in the river and play up at the farms, helped the farmers with the hay; went for walks, went picking bluebells down in the woods or went for a picnic; bought a bottle of lemonade." However, Joan recounts, like others, that once a year excitement came to the village. "There used to be a yearly event of a fairground, it used to come for a week, always in September. It was held down Ashfurlong on the fields at the bottom. It was very fascinating because of all the gipsies. That was a big event!"

Joan's family attended Dore Parish Church and her father was a sidesman and on the Church Council so she remembers particularly parish social events like the Shrove Tuesday concert in the Church Hall. There was usually a tea provided by the ladies and served by numerous waiters to the assembled company after which a very good concert was performed by the children and adults of the village.

Those who wanted to seek distraction elsewhere could, if they were lucky, get on a bus to Ecclesall. Joan explains "It was a little single private bus that held probably thirty and it went from Dore village to Woodholm Road, Ecclesall, around once an hour. The first thirty got on!"

From Ecclesall trams ran to Sheffield and beyond. In those days, only the wealthy had their own transport and the Hathersage Road was mainly empty of vehicles. Joan laughs "It was a big event when I was a child to see a car go up that main road and then invariably it turned round at the Dore Moor Inn and went back again. I mean, over the top was a long way off. Bakewell was at the other end of the world"

Now, at the age of ninety, Joan sits with her faithful spaniel beside her and looks out on the same view across the nine acre field as she has always done, but away in the distance is the non stop traffic on the Hathersage Road. And we talk about the madness of the proposed plans for Brickhouse Lane and the fact that the corncrakes have all fled to the Western Isles of Scotland.

King Ecgbert School

The move into this 'state of the art' new school building has been an incredibly positive experience for everyone concerned. The new school was finally officially opened on Friday 10th March by the Right Honourable Richard Caborn MP. In addition to Richard Caborn, we were fortunate to have Councillor Roger Davison, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Jonathan Crossley-Holland, Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services and David Alston, Arts Director of the Arts Council of Wales, present to speak at this event.

Due to the size of the main hall, the number of guests was limited to 250, a large number of which were existing staff, but we also invited many former staff and colleagues with whom we still had contact. This number together with various VIPs quickly took us close to the 250 limit.

For those who attended, the evening itself will remain unforgettable. Despite the heavens opening up and rain falling in torrents as the guests arrived, everyone still managed to enjoy themselves. Indeed, many visitors commented on the cheery nature of our dozen 6th form students in luminous jackets and umbrellas who were posted as car park stewards outside in the rain. They stuck to their task of helping guests to park their cars and escorting them to the main building with vigour.

Unfortunately, Richard Caborn was unable to stay with us for the full event, as he was flying to Australia for the start of the Commonwealth Games the following

day. Nevertheless, all the speeches were memorable. Particular praise should go to our Head Boy and Girl, Nick Andrews and Rebecca Cousins. Their speech, which linked the history of the school with present day, was extremely well received.

The evening did not go completely as planned. We had thought that many guests would like to have a look around the building. However, it quickly became apparent that many guests were simply happy to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and indeed we struggled to get everyone back into the hall for the main speeches and the main multicultural event that followed.

Throughout the evening I received countless requests to organise a reunion for former staff and pupils and this is something we need to seriously consider. Indeed, the performances, which were the highlights of the previous evenings' Multicultural event, reflected and celebrated the truly diverse nature and multiculturalism of the school. My own personal highlight was seeing our local community police officer break dancing on stage with some of our students - it is a sight that I shall carry with me for a long time.

On Saturday 11 March, we opened the school again from 10am to 3pm to allow visitors an opportunity to look around the building. Once more, we had a steady stream of visitors, amongst them many former staff.

In order to commemorate the opening of the school, all students and staff will receive a memento - a glass tankard, engraved with the school logo. The official opening was undoubtedly a very special event. We are pleased that former students and staff were able to attend and share this special evening with us. They will probably reflect on the changes that have taken place since they were at King Ecgbert and perhaps speculate on the changes that lie ahead. The world of education never stands still and we anticipate considerable change in the feature. We are confident that we will make the right choices in our strategic development of King Ecgbert School and that our new site will enable us to go from strength to strength.

Sean McClafferty

Silver Award

Heatherhill Farm Meats have won a silver award for their pork pies in the UK's most prestigious pie competition. This was organised by the Meat Trades Journal and took place at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in March.

Derbyshire Fair

Over 100 exhibitors will be displaying the best in local produce at the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair at Bolsover Castle on May 20th & 21st. Celebrity chef James Tanner and 'flying cook' Rachel Green will be joined by an expected 22,000 visitors. Entrance costs £2. Attractions include a craft fair, children's entertainment and a cooking competition.

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The Wildlife Garden

'Garden-napping'. It is one of those words in vogue at the moment which no doubt makes the more erudite of *Dore to Door's* readers cringe, but nevertheless, it expresses graphically one of the major challenges facing the character of our area: the 'theft' of gardens by developers.

Often it appears that no sooner is a house sold, in goes the planning application and the garden, which once looked full with just a shed, a cold frame and two old apple trees, is now considered large enough for a block of flats; a convenience supermarket or a housing estate bigger than Dore village itself. But what I find bizarre is that, whereas the neighbours of any planned development have virtually no chance of influencing the outcome, if there are newts living in the garden, any application is likely to meet with more obstacles than a rider encounters at Chatsworth Horse Trails.

All right, this degree of concern over the welfare of newts only extends to one of our three native species: the great crested newt, which according to the Sorby Society's publication: 'The Natural History of the Sheffield Area' is 'rare, mainly resulting from introductions.' It is of course this newt's scarcity that gives it, along with its habitat, special protection and as a result, developers large, costly headaches. Unfortunately for the other two species of suburban newts: the palmate and smooth, they are much more common, so have to do the best they can when gardens are 'napped'.

My garden has a few resident palmate newts, the smallest of our native species. If you come across one of these miniature water dragons in its daytime hiding place, the newt will probably be so still it looks more like a child's discarded rubber dinosaur toy than a living creature. Rarely growing to more than 3in/8cm in length, these newts are quite formidable hunters, despite their diminutive size. Only at night will they hunt outside the pond, tackling all sorts of prey like tiny slugs, worms and soft-bodied insects, while in the water anything is fair game, including their own tadpoles. Indeed they are such efficient hunters that in a small pond, newts can quite easily clear out all the tadpoles of

competing species.

Newts have usually emerged from hibernation by late March and once in their breeding ponds, courtship and mating will soon take place. Even so, egg laying can carry on until May, with the female palmate newt laying up to 400 eggs individually onto the underside of waterplant leaves. Newt eggs will hatch in around 21 days, with the tadpoles taking a further 14 or so weeks to fully metamorphose and although some immatures will stay in the pond until the following spring to complete their development, the majority leave the water from July onwards. Just like the adults, young newts will hide under piles of damp leaves or stones in the daytime, only going out to hunt at night.

So if you want to encourage newts into your garden, not only is it important to have a pond where the animals can breed, but also areas around it where they can keep out of sight in the daytime and hibernate over winter. This means you should not use your leaf vacuum-cleaner around the pond, as you will undoubtedly suck up newts along with the dead leaves. Also, when moving rocks, heavy stones or large bags of compost, if possible (without straining your back or giving yourself a hernia), they should be lifted, rather than dragged, as this will help prevent any newts being squashed - and frogs for that matter - which may be hiding beneath them.

Just in case you thought a colony of great crested newts might be the answer to all your prayers and prevent a neighbour's garden being built on, although it is illegal for developers to move these creatures (albeit they can apply for a special licence to do so), nowadays it is also forbidden to introduce them into your pond, even if you have one of a suitable size. The problem is that great crested newts prefer big ponds with plenty of weeds, which are of course only ever found in the largest of gardens and these were no doubt 'napped' years

Jack Daw

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For queries, please contact Jennie Street, 236 2302 or email: jennie@hadish.f9.co.uk

Celebrating Tree 37

Sheffield's wealth of woodlands have a long history of producing useful sustainable products - charcoal from local woods helped fuel the furnaces of the Industrial Revolution, and provided pitprops for the coal industry. Today, the woodlands are managed primarily for recreation and wildlife, but there continues to he exciting opportunities to make use of trees that have been felled as part of habitat improvements or for safety reasons.

As part of active woodland management at Whiteley Woods in the Porter Valley, the felling of a mature Beech tree - Tree 37 became the centrepiece of a public event on the 25th February.

In conjunction with the South Yorkshire Forest Project Team, Parks and Countryside helped organise a day of woodland craft activities like green-wood turning and chainsaw sculpture at the site, together with displays of locally made wood furniture, all linked to the felling of the tree itself. During the day, the public watched the tree being gradually felled, and then converted into sawn timber and other products using mobile sawmilling equipment.

Over the coming months, the timber from the tree will be converted into a range of locally made products like furniture, bench tops and sculpture. The furniture made from Tree 37 will be on display at the 'Beach Party' in the Winter Gardens on the 16th and 18th August. Some of these products will also be available to see and buy at "Gallery 37", a new venture at Ecclesall Woods Sawmill, off Abbey Lane. Open at the weekend, (10am-4pm) this is a new partnership between Parks and Countryside and a local social enterprise, The Working Woodlands Ltd, where locally made wood furniture can be seen and bought.

For more information, please contact Nick Sellwood (Woodlands Manager) on 0114 273 6387

New Force

A proposed new regional police authority and force, creating the second largest area police force in the country, is due to operate from April 2008. It will result from the merger of forces from South Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Humberside.



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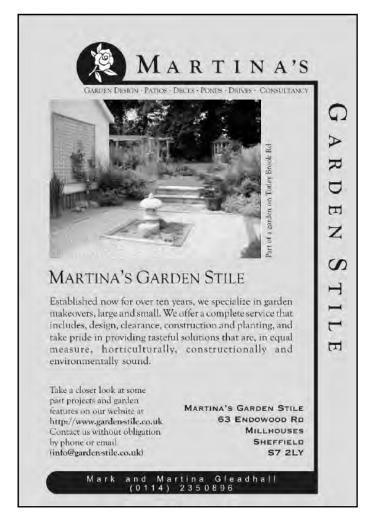
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About time

At long last, under a new Brussels directive, we will be required to recycle all batteries, from the metallic buttons in our watches to the box-like ones in power tools. But not just yet!

Under directive the neighbourhood must have battery collection schemes by 2008, and all shops that sell batteries will have to set up boxes for used ones, and advertise the service. There will be strict targets for recycling batteries, with local authorities and manufacturers facing fines if they fail to meet them. Under the new legislation 25 per cent of batteries sold in Britain will have to be collected by 2012, and 45 per cent by 2016. Those containing cadmium will be banned, unless they are for power tools, medical devices or emergency alarms. All batteries will have to have a capacity sign showing how long they are likely to last

The new scheme will be free for consumers, but manufacturers will have to pay all the costs with estimates that the law will cost the industry up to £275 million a year across Europe.

British households use 21 batteries a year on average, a third of them are sold in the three months before Christmas. We spend £451 million on them each year and throw away 600 million annually, that's 20,000-30,000 tonnes. Batteries contain a variety of toxic metals, such as cadmium, mercury and lead, that can end up polluting the air if incinerated or poisoning water supplies if buried in landfall.

Britain has long been a laggard at recycling, but its record on batteries is breathtaking, with only 0.5 per cent recycled, compared with 59 per cent in Belgium and 39 per cent in Germany. France, the Netherland, Austria and Sweden also have recycling schemes. On a trip to France last year we found



Simple collection box for batteries in the entrance to a french post office.

collection boxes in the entrances to post offices making it easy to return them. In Sheffield you can take dead batteries to the main recyling centres, but that is not exactly convenient. Perhaps a business or resident in the village would be prepared to act as a collection point?

John Baker

Green roofs

Bus-shelter roofs are to be greened up again this year by Groundwork Sheffield after last year's successful project to make the public more aware of living roofs and their environmental benefits.

The initiative is part of Green Roof Week being held from 19-23 June, during which the National Green Roof Conference will take place at the University of Sheffield. For further information, visit: www.groundwork.org.uk/sheffield.

Charity warning

Is your heart warmed like mine when you are leafleted at borne for a charity collection for old clothes for the disadvantaged?

It is an entirely worthwhile form of recycling, both good for the giver and good for the receiver. What would you feel like if you learned that the collected clothes had been used for private profit? Outraged like me?

Several of our streets across the ward were leafleted at the end of March by a firm called ASD Ltd who claimed to be collecting on the following Saturday so that "your donations are sent to the third world countries to help clothe the poor". This is not the case.

Some careful checking on the internet established from two local authority trading standards offices that items collected under this company name are not destined for charitable purposes but are sold for private profit. This fraud has been reported to our local trading standards and to the police, but there are still regular occurrences of such misleading and criminal collecting in our area.

I write to warn your readers to be vigilant before donating items in response to such leafleted appeals. Genuine charities, whose admirable efforts run the risk of being compromised by these practices can easily be checked. If in doubt ring the local trading standards office on 273 6289.

I do hope that we can go on being generous to good causes, but let's be vigilant to ensure they are 'good'.

Cllr. Keith Hill

Footnote: A new charity has joined the usual names. RECLAIM has been subcontracted by ONYX/Veolia to collect textiles and cans each month. They are legitimate.

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Dore Road

The condition of the road surface on Dore Road is atrocious as it is on many other local roads. Not only is this likely to damage car suspensions, but avoiding the worse potholes and dips can distract the driver, creating an increased risk of accident. In April, along with local councillor Anne Smith, I met with highway engineers to discuss the problem.

This is a busy road linking Hathersage Road and Abbeydale Road. It is extensively used by commuters, lorries and local traffic. All roads are assigned a category, which to some extent determines the frequency with which they are monitored and scheduled for repair. Not being a bus route doesn't help on the frequency front.

The road was initially build during the Victorian period, and not with modern lorries and traffic volumes in mind. Under it runs a Victorian sewer/culvert which is marked in several places by surface subsidence. Just a few years ago there was a major collapse near the bottom of the road. The problem seems to be ignored by resorting to piece meal patching of the surface with tarmac. How long before we have another major collapse. I have tried getting Yorkshire Water to look at the sewer by camera, only to be told it is a culvert and the responsibility of the Council. They refer me to Yorkshire Water .. and so on.

UK roads are notorious for being dug up by our utility companies. Repairs at the time may be neat but all too soon they sink making the road surface into a switch back. Often sunk trenches do more damage to car suspensions than potholes! Erosion also seems faster around metal manholes/drains. It would appear that the utility company (or builder) is liable for the first 12 months, and then the council. Yet nobody checks the situation within those twelve months. Something for residents to do perhaps.

In many cases there is surface deterioration of the tarmac which breaks up in a crazy paving pattern. Don't get excited. A road will not even be listed for resurfacing unless there is a more than 25% deteriation over a 500 meter stretch. And the waiting list is years long. That said parts of the tarmac are peeling away opposite the farm fields and will have to

be repaired.

It is not just the road that is deteriating, there are also the footpaths, although the council seems more alert to injury claims from pedestrians. Footpaths are not designed to be driven on, yet everywhere parking by lorries and cars on pavements is damaging footpaths. Why has it become such a habit. Even our local police do it on Dore Road even when there is no other traffic around.

And the good news. The traffic engineers were helpful, it is not their fault that Sheffield's budget is in such a mess. They did mark and arrange repairs to some of the worst holes, indeed as a general rule serious holes above a certain size are filled promptly in response to call to 273 4567. As for resurfacing the whole road, dream on. But if it was smooth, like the new

stretches of Abbeydale Road in Millhouses, I guess we would then have an even worse speeding problem. Perhaps those potholes have a use after all!

John Baker Chairman, Dore Village Society



Cross Lane/Brickhouse Lane

There are strong objections from residents to the proposal to make Cross Lane one way. The concerns centre around the environmental implications of the increase in traffic on Brickhouse Lane. Many of the cottages have no frontage and there would be a significant increase in noise and loss of privacy. The resulting right turn onto Hathersage Road would create a new danger spot.

Accident analysis of the Cross Lane / Hathersage Road junction indicates a problem for drivers emerging from either side road into the path of vehicles on the major road. When exiting either side road, a driver is often faced with a multiple of factors, particularly a vehicle aproaching at speed from either direction and a vehicle waiting to emerge from the opposite side road. Winter sunlight and the excessive speed of vehicles on Hathersage Road are also complicating factors. Over the five year accident period investigated 29 people were injured at this junction, including one fatality.

In an apparently contradictory move, a traffic order has just been published banning traffic for 18 months from the stretch of Brickhouse Lane between Hathersage Road and Dore Garden Centre. How then could re-directed traffic go up Brickhouse Lane to gain access to Hathersage Road?

Census online

The first census to give detailed information about each household in Britain is now available online. The 1841 census was the first to include the ages, occupations and birthplaces of each inhabitant. Ancestry.co.uk now has the complete collection of seven censuses from 1841 to 1901 available online.

Abbeydale Miniature Railway

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A new website with details of public access to the Ministry of Defence's 240,000 hectares of land has been opened. It includes 179 sites of special scientific interest, 14 walks and gives details of cycling, horse riding and rock climbing. Visit www.access.mod.uk

Speakers for meetings

The Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden have now got an archive with historical notes and pictures. This includes some of the originals from the Doncaster family whose ancestor Mr Sam, laid out the Garden and copies of Frank Saltfleet, the water colourist, who did a series of paintings of the Garden in the 1920s.

If any organisation is looking for a speaker for one of their meetings we would be happy to supply one for you in return for a donation to our funds. Please contact me Kathleen Cox on 235 0534 kathleen.cox@bigfoot.com or Malcolm Jones on 236 1113 temaljon@tiscali.co.uk

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Moorland Restoration

If you visit, pass by or view the Eastern Moorland from afar will have observed that there is much going on. Strange white bags appearing on the moors, tractors and diggers, Exmoor ponies and better views of some areas than there has been for many years.

The PDNPA Eastern moors Estate is an internationally important wildlife area, owned and managed by the National Park authority for conservation and recreational purposes. It is designated by the EU a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protection Area (SPA) and by the UK a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on account of its moorland habitats and bird life.

In 2003 English Nature published a habitat condition review of all SSSI 's in England which found that only 42.5% of the PDNPA Eastern moors SSSI was in favourable or recovering condition. Now just over 2 years later 83.6% is in favourable or recovering condition.

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- 1. Implementing a grazing reduction agreement on Big Moor to allow heather to regenerate naturally on the areas of Big Moor which have become overgrazed and bare. There is also an ongoing experimental Heather moorland regeneration project by fencing out all sheep on the Bucka Hill corner of Big moor, close to the Owler Bar roundabout, in order to allow the re-seeding of the grass dominated moor with heather. Regrowth of the grass will be controlled for the next 5 years by cattle and Exmoor ponies, while the heather recovers.
- 2. The replacement of moorland management by burning with a rolling program of Heather cutting and grass moor mowing is also being carried out. The harvesting of Heather brash from Big Moor (which will be used by Moors for the Future in the restoration of Black Hill) has been a great success this winter. All those who pass the moors will have seen the white bags used to collect the brash.
- 3. The removal of some Birch scrub from Clod Hall, Ramsley Moor and Leash Fen. Birch is very invasive and some of the more ecologically diverse parts of the Estate were being engulfed by its spread. With care and a sensitive approach we have in places begun to roll back time and open up habitat for the wildlife once again. As a result of this it is now possible to see moorland views which have been obscured for many years.

4. Blocking drains and ditches on Totley Moss and Leash Fen. Water is the key to life in bog ecosystems. Drains dug into these sites to improve them for agriculture were causing the mires to slowly dry out and change. The blocking of the ditches not only stops the habitat change it also creates new pools behind the blocks used by birds, water voles and dragonflies.

5. Creating wader scrapes on Big Moor and Leash Fen. Shallow muddy pools of water are just what you need if you're a young wading bird looking for a meal. More pools means that the moors can support more birds such as Curlew and

Snipe.

The Big Moor grazing reduction agreement (Sheep WES) is costing approximately £80,000 over the next 5 years and it has been funded entirely by English Nature Defra Rural Development Services.



The problem with Dore is that there is not enough of it to go round. John Wells

Book Reviews

Sheffield's past is slipping away, old buildings are demolished, industrial sites cleared, even the historic image of a poor working class city is fading. Photographs provide a unique way to record and recall the changes that have taken place and we should be particularly grateful to those who showed the initiative to use the medium from the 60's to the 80's. Ron Sanderson, a Sheffield born steel worker, was one such enthusiast. Before his early death in 1994 he managed to capture the city on film, it's decay, people and buildings. A selection of 100 of his B & W photographs have now been brought together and published by Sheffield based ALD Design & Print. *The Sanderson Collection*, 80A4 pages in paperback, costs £9.95. ISBN 190158757-6

There can be few if any people with a knowledge of Derbyshire greater footpaths than Norman Taylor from 'Foothills', who leads regular walking groups in the local countryside. His new pocket sized book Day Walks in the Peak District is everything a walker would want in print. There are 20 walks from 8 to 12 miles in length covering three terrains, the high moors, hills, tors & edges, and limestone country. An overall map gives outline locations with a more detailed map at the beginning of each section. Walks are clearly described and complimented by detailed colour maps. But it is the excellent colour photographs which lift this book above your average publication. A pleasure to read and use. Published by Vertebrate Graphics in paperback, 140 pages price £12.95 ISBN 0-9548131-3-8

The Peak District continues to attract walkers and writers a plenty. Dark Peak Hikes off the beaten track, takes as the title suggests a slightly more adventurous route. There are 30 walks from 6 to 12 miles taking some more unusual routes across the dramatic landscape, taking in memorials, bronze age barrows, and aircraft wrecks along the way. Routes are

illustrated with clear maps, graded by difficulty, have detailed map references and timing estimates. There is even a list of aircraft wreck sites at the end. One walk particularly appeals, just 1 mile between two inns, but allow 5 hours! Published by Sigma in paperback 136 pages price £7.95 ISBN 1-85058-829-5

Most of us know that Sheffield once had a castle, but few of us know any details about it or its' history. The Story of Sheffield Castle by David Saville sets out to fill those gaps and encourage us to imagine what life was like during different periods of the castle's history. William De Lovetot is believed to have built a motte & bailey castle around 1100, to be destroyed in 1266 during Simon De Montford's rebellion, rebuilt in stone and then finally dismantled after the civil war. How different Sheffield would look now if we still had our castle! Today we are left with underground remains which are also pictured along with some of the archaeological digs that have taken place on the castle. Published by Alistair Lofthouse in paperback price £4.95 ISBN 190158759-2

Bradfield Dale can lay claim to be the loveliest valley in all Peakland, most of its nine miles length being within the National Park. Only the lower three miles or so - downstream of Damflask Reservoir's impounding wall - lie outside the National Park. With the variety and beauty of its landscape, interesting buildings, industrial history and the sad story of the Sheffield Flood there is much to see and read about. Full of interesting black and white pictures with deep explanatory captions, *Portrait of Bradfield Dale* by Roger Redfern provides an excellent introduction to the area. Published by Cottage Press in paperback, 48 pages price £6.99 ISBN 0-9547605-2-2

Nothing could be more timely given their recent promotion than a new book, *Sheffield United - Illustrating the Greats.* Anyone who is in the remotest way a fan will appreciate this collection of full page drawings capturing the faces and personalities of 41 players and managers over the years. Along with the drawings in B & W and colour are details of each player and a record of their careers. There are also brief descriptions of a further 16 players who didn't quite make the list. Published by Pickard Communication in paperback, 96 A4 pages price £12.99 ISBN 1-905278-03-9

Around Norton is the second book on the village produced by the Norton History Group. It contains a selection of 200 black and white archive pictures, many donated by local residents. Through its pages we capture some of the changes which have taken place in the era of photography and catch sight of life as it once was not so long ago. A fascinating book to awaken memories of older residents and of interest to anyone who knows Norton today. Published by Tempus Publishing in paperback, 128 pages price £12.99 ISBN 0-7524-3656-2

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News in brief

Charlie Barker, our local folk singer, can be heard on the 1st Sunday every month from 9pm at the Castle Inn Twentywell Road along with other guest musicians.

The Walnut Club at Hathersage is creating an outside dining area as a result of customer suggestions.

Crown Green Bowls

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club was founded in 1945 as a Gentlemen's only Club, playing on the Crown Green in an idyllic location within the grounds of Abbeydale Sports Club. Three years ago Ladies were admitted, and this has proven to be a popular move.

The club enjoys friendly fixtures both home and away with several local clubs, and holds many internal competitions throughout the season. Every day during that time, apart from Match Days, the green is open for social bowling and we welcome new members both male and female and also juniors.

The club has an active social calendar, which includes Suppers and Dinners throughout the year. Our main emphasis is on a competitive but friendly atmosphere and you are more than welcome to join us. Membership fees are reasonable and for further information please call any of the following members: Barbara Ainsworth (committee) 236 4276; John Perkinton (Captain) 236 1601; John Hall (Secretary) 2367174

Cancer Information and **Support Centre**

The new Weston Park Hospital Cancer Information and Support Centre is for everyone affected by cancer who need advice and support. It might be patients, relatives, carers or friends who need someone to talk to or are looking for information. Sometimes people just want to come in for a chat and talk over their worries.

A recent report found that cancer patients are not getting the emotional support they need to cope with the disease. Almost half of cancer patients experienced depression and over three quarters suffered anxiety. It was reported that 45% of patients find the emotional effects difficult to cope with.

At the Cancer Support Centre we aim to provide emotional support to patients and their carers at a time when they feel they need it most. That time may be at the time of diagnosis, during treatment, after treatment or at any time during their cancer journey.

The support we provide may be face to face, one to one or within a group setting. It may also be someone to talk to over the telephone or signposting to other organisations who can offer more specialised support. Most importantly we are able to give time to the individual and provide a relaxed environment in which they feel comfortable in expressing their fears.

The Macmillan report also shows that 37% of people with cancer are confused by the cancer system and don't know how and where to access all the health services available.

Within our information centre we have access to other health service providers, support networks and a wealth of cancer related information. The staff are there to guide the enquirer through the system.

The Cancer Information and Support Centre is situated behind Weston Park Hospital. It is an independent charity which receives financial support from the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Appeal. To contact us ring: 0114 2265391 or visit www.cancersupportcentre.co.uk

Catherine Anthony

Stars in Dore

Most of us have had a traumatic experience of one sort or another. But disregarding personal traumas connected with family or loved ones, it is possible to be inwardly shocked beyond all belief from an event in the physical world around us. Galileo discovered the Sun was covered with spots, not quite the immaculate object we would all have preferred, and he was not at all popular when he announced that Jupiter had a miniature 'solar system' of moons in orbit around the great planet, mimicking our Sun's family.

The writer vividly remembers the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 and the first Man on the Moon in 1969, but equally remembers the apparent violation of Jupiter in 1994 by a comet crashing into its atmosphere. The timely warning that this was going to happen on Jupiter allowed the whole world to prepare for the spectacle which made it perhaps more impressive. There were up to twenty successive impacts as the cometary fragments streamed into the giant planet. The black scars showed for several weeks.

Well, Jupiter is the prime object in the Dore skies this summer. Very few other planets, certainly not the bright, naked-eye planets, will be easily visible during most of July and August. By the 23 August, Mercury, Venus and Saturn will be huddled by the Sun and lost in its glare.

Mars and Saturn are very close together in mid-June, both in the constellation of the Crab, and they might be glimpsed in the twilight sky before mid-summer midnight, very low in the WNW. Jupiter, on the other hand, is prominent in the SW, sitting in Libra with magnitude –2.2, nearly as bright as we usually expect Venus to be.

Jupiter will be a beautiful sight beside the Moon on several occasions this summer. On 8 June in the evening it will lie just above the Full Moon. On 5 July this will occur again, and then, on 1 and 29 August one will catch perhaps the finest sights of all, Jupiter just above the crescent Moon (near First Quarter). Take a look at about 10pm in the WSW on 1 August. The great planet, Jupiter, is fading but is still then at magnitude -1.91. If you are on holidays abroad you might get even more impressive views of these events from your balconies or from the rail of your cruiser! With all the building work going on in Dore in 2006, maybe you even have a new window looking in the right direction now. We, and others, call Heather Lea Avenue, Builder's Alley!

Still on the subject of Jupiter, let us take a quick peep at an important historical event which took place in the 17th century. The astronomer Ole Roemer was

particularly interested in the eclipses of Jupiter's four brightest moons, Io, Europa, Callisto and Ganymede. With a small telescope, an instrument only fairly recently invented.

Roemer timed the disappearance and reappearance of the moons as they passed behind Jupiter, and possibly not so successfully, tried to see the moons passing in front of Jupiter. Roemer was a keen observer, having worked on the island of Hven in 1671 where Tycho Brahe had an observatory, and having moved from Aarhus to Paris to meet and work with famous astronomers, before settling in Copenhagen.

He noticed a discrepancy in the timing of Jupiter's moon eclipses, actually that of Io. If one stood waiting at the bus stop in Causeway Head Road and the bus came 10 minutes late (which it does occasionally!) one would wonder why. That is what Roemer did in 1676 when Io's eclipses came late that November. Since around June everything seemed OK, we might put it down to the weather or errors on our clocks, but Roemer realised that this might be explained instead by the fact that light took a finite time to reach him from Jupiter, some 486 million miles away. In its orbit around the Sun, the Earth is sometimes only 393 million miles from Jupiter, and then about 579 million, six months later.

This discrepancy in the timing of eclipses gave Roemer a value for the velocity of light fairly close to our modern values. So next time you are standing at the bus stop, think about Ole Roemer!

The weather has been atrocious in Dore for seeing the stars so far this year. On Mars a long Martian winter has already begun for the lonely Spirit Rover at Low Ridge Haven. Its right front wheel jammed recently and it was parked on 9 April on a slope at the Haven ready for the winter where it can catch the low sunlight and recharge its batteries. Spirit Rover is, nonetheless, busy digging a small hole and analysing the Martian soil below the surface.

Other interesting explorations are expected on Venus soon since a spacecraft has safely arrived there last month. It is in orbit and is successfully examining the surface of Venus from a low altitude. In years to come we shall also be seeing close-up pictures from the furthest planet, Pluto.

These are, indeed, exciting times to be living in. In recent years we have seen our old ideas of the Solar System transformed; 63 moons for Jupiter, 46 for Saturn, 27 for Uranus and 13 for Neptune, new comets by the hundreds and asteroids by the thousands.

The writer is surprised that there are so few young budding scientists, eagerly studying for their O- and A-levels in physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics, in order to be astronomers, space engineers and even astronauts. We wish all students good luck with exam results, and for those going on to University, we say 'make the most of that opportunity, and follow your star, whatever it may be'.

David Andrews

Diary - Summer 2006

DORE FESTIVAL 2006 Saturday 24th June - Sunday 9th July

MAY				
20	Archaeology Walk in Ecclesall Woods organised by	Sat 24th	Dore Boundary Walk Whirlow Bridge 10am	
• •	FEW. Meet 10am opposite Beauchief Gardens	Mon 26th-9th Mon 27th-1st	Local walks fortnight - see notice board Preparation of Village Well Dressing	
20	Spring Fair Dore & Totley United Reformed Church,	WIOII 2/111-18t	The Scout HQ, Rushley Rd All welcome.	
22	Totley Brook Road, 10am-12noon 'Dore Oral History Project'. Talk by Mrs Maureen		10 –12am, 2 – 5pm, 7 – 9.30pm	
22	Cope for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm	Tues 27th	An Evening of Nostalgic Music from Ivor	
24	Dore Old School Talk by John Dunstan and AGM of the		Novello Shows, Dore Mercia Townswomen's	
	Dore Village Society, 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall		Guild, Dore Church Hall 7.45pm	
28	Plant Sale for St Luke's, 1 Abbey Lane, 11am-3pm	Tues 27th	Tickets £6 Tel: 2363548 Concert King Ecgbert School 7.30pm	
28-29	Sheffield Mayfest at Hillsborough Park	Wed 28th	Silver Celebration of Flowers by Jo of Valerie	
JUNE		,, ed 2011	of Dore Donations to Breast Cancer Care	
4	RNLI Gala Endcliffe Park		Methodist Church 7.30pm Tickets required	
5	Guide Dogs for the Blind. Talk by Mr Trevor Clarke for		from Valerie of Dore or tel 2360002	
	Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm	Sat 1st	Village Well Dressing Village Green	
10	Summer Fair, St Luke's Hospice 1pm Free entry	Sat 1st	Guide Well Dressing Devonshire Terrace Road Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society	
14	The History of Holidays . Talk by Mrs. Patricia Flinders for Dore (A) Townswomen's Guild.	out 1st	Summer Concert Dore Church Hall	
11	Plant Hunters Fair, Botanical Gardens 10.30am-3pm		7.30pm, Tickets Tel: 236 2299	
17	Table Top Sale St John's Church Hall 10am-1pm	Sun 2nd	Well Dressing Service 3pm Dore Village Green	
	Admission 50p organised by QUEST profits to charity.	Sun 2nd	Afternoon Cream Teas 3–5pm	
17	Classic Car Rally, Harold Jackson School Grounds	Mon 3rd	Methodist Church Hall Family Fun Run, Dore Recreation ground	
17	Bradway, 12am - 5pm Details: 01246 419520 Concert, Sacred Music from Purcell to Part, Sheffield	Wion 51t	7:00pm start	
1 /	Bach Society at Sheffield Cathedral 7.30pm Tickets £11,	Mon 3rd	Lord Conyers Morris Men 8pm	
	conc £8, from Sheffield Music Shop Broomhill, Blue		Devonshire Arms	
	Moon Cafe or SBS, 3 Tapton Mews, Tapton Crescent	Tues 4th	Dore Ladies Group My Life in Dore and Totley	
10	Rd, S10 5EA. 266 8257 (Students £6 on the door).		By Rony Robinson Dore Church Hall, 7.45pm Tickets £3 from 236 0002 or Valerie of Dore	
19	Derbyshire Outing Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship	Wed 5th	Open Air Theatre, D'Artagnan's Daughter by	
21	Woodland Celebration with Sheffield Rangers at Old	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	The Company, Dore Village Green 7.30pm	
21	Sawmill site Ecclesall Woods 1-3.30pm Tel 283 9195		Interval Collection	
24	Dore Boundary Walk - see posters for different starting	Thurs 6th	Dore Male Voice Choir & Dore Mercia &	
2.5	points or call 236 5043 for details		Totley Townswomen's Guild Choir Invite you to an Open Evening 7.30 – 9.30pm	
25 28	Open Gardens at St Luke's Hospice 10am-5pm		Dore Church Hall No ticket required	
20	Floral Art Demonstration by Valerie of Dore, 7.30pm Dore Methodist Church Hall. Proceeds to charity.		Collection for Charity	
	Tickets from 236 0002	Fri 7th	Jazz in the Church, The Walker Brothers	
			7.30pm Dore Parish Church	
JULY		Cat Oth	Tickets £5 Tel: 236002	
3	Talk by Mr Godfrey Holmes - 'The Urge to collect,	Sat 8th	Dore Scout & Guide Gala Recreation Ground 2pm – 6pm	
	and when to dispose of What's Left, for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm	Sun 9th	Festival Songs of Praise, Dore Methodist	
3 - 16	Rotherham Walking Festival. 40 free walks tel: 01709		Church 6pm	
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8	Dore Gala, Recreation Ground, 2-6pm	Councillor surgeries		

Councillor surgeries

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