

# DORE DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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***Hey Show!***

***whatcha gonna do with that  
sun on your head?***

## Can you help?

A Request from the Dore Archive Research Team (DART).

The Archive and Heritage collection of Dore Village Society holds a huge number of items and artefacts about Dore village gathered over the years. Many of our photographs are very special because they represent life for the residents of the village. So, you would think that when we get a request for a particular place or person, we could simply refer to the records.

A recent request has left us at a loss. The place in question was well known and we do hold a large amount in the records of the family over time. But no image of the family home at all.

The place in question is Rushley Farm, the home of the Hancock Family. Situated not surprisingly on Rushley Road, it was not demolished until relatively recently so an assumption would be that there is at least one photo in existence!

We have a similar problem with images of Dore Hall Farm. There is only one photograph in the Archive collection. So, we are asking you for help to track down any photographs taken at any time. Even a photocopy would be more than we have at present. And any of Dore would be of real interest too.

The last Autumn edition of Dore to Door which featured a photograph of the pathway from Dore towards the station generated a lovely response from Mabel Robertson in Scotland who recognised the footpath as her way to school from Bushey Wood Road to Dore School, crossing Mr Greaves fields. She commented that he ploughed using two shire horses. Mabel was at Dore School from 1935 to about 1946 so she would certainly have seen many changes to the village.

DART meet regularly on Mondays between 10am and 12 in the DVS rooms at Dore Old School or contact Dorne Coggins at [dornecoggins@gmail.com](mailto:dornecoggins@gmail.com) or 0114 3271054 to share information. Incidentally, if you are interested in finding out about the history of Dore watch out for our blog which will be 'live' very soon. It is full of fascinating glimpses into every aspect of Dore over time.

New members of DART are very welcome. Pop into a meeting to find out more about what we do and join a very friendly group who just love delving into the history of the amazing village we live in.

**Dorne Coggins**

## Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group

After its customary August break the ladies of the Tuesday Group reconvened in September when, at the AGM, the members chose their fundraising project for the coming twelve months. They voted for 'More in Dore' in support of the children's playground rejuvenation in the recreation ground.

We meet at 2.30pm every second Tuesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall when we are fortunate to have a variety of excellent speakers. Recent topics have included: 'The British Schindler', 'Chesterfield Canal' and 'Wedding Dresses through the Ages'. Some intriguing titles are planned over the next few months, among them: 'The Allure of Olive Trees', 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Crem' and 'Unmentionable Foundations'.

Before that, in December with some founder members, we will be proud to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary. This is a wonderful achievement and we shall be entertained by "Buskin Buddies" and share a special cake. Members past, present and future will be most welcome to join us.

Over the years we've had hundreds of interesting speakers, with hundreds of pounds raised annually for local charities, but more than that, a warmly welcoming group for fellowship, fun and a chance to meet with good friends and catch up over a cup of tea.

Annual membership is £25, or £3 per meeting for visitors. Occasionally male, as well as female, visitors join us. Whether prospective members, or visitors, all will receive a warm, friendly welcome.

**Janet Tomlinson (Coordinator)**

*Cover: Villagers and visitors had a great time at the Party on the Green in early September. Picture by David Hayes.  
Now you're going to have that song in your head all day. You're welcome.*

## Phonics Bear - Letters & sounds, music, crafts and fun for young children!

Started in October 2021 by Katy MacLean, Phonics Bear is a weekly session in The Old School for pre-school children that provides busy and active sessions to help them discover letters and sounds (phonics) through fun and varied activities.

Katy invites you to bring your children to join cuddly Phonics Bear and Bettina Bear and help them to sort the sounds; make a craft; shake your sillies out with rainbow pom poms and strengthen fingers in Playdough Disco. All of these activities and so many more!

Ideal for children and especially those children in the year before starting school. Help to build confidence, meet new friends, build listening skills, and practise speech and communication skills.

Tuesdays in two sessions at 9:30 and 10:45.

Contact: Katy 07790 411893

[www.phonicsbear.co.uk](http://www.phonicsbear.co.uk)

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## Christmas Toy Collection

The ladies of Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group will once again be holding a Christmas Toy Collection. The toys will be distributed in conjunction with the Salvation Army. The toys will go to children who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift on Christmas morning.

The Church will be open on Saturday 2nd December at 10.30am for the donation of toys, books and games. All gifts will be very welcome. **Gifts must be new and unwrapped.**

We hope the toys will make these children so much happier this Christmas.

## Christmas train times

Abbeylea Miniature Railway is raising money for St Luke's Hospice with a Charity Train Rides and Christmas Lights Night on Friday 8th December from 5pm until 8pm.

Entry to see the lights is free, train rides are £2 per person and all takings will be donated to St Luke's.

Light refreshments will be available.

They are opposite 283 Abbeylea Road South and there will be a yellow sign outside the gate showing that they are open.

This is not to be confused with the Santa Special trains, which are ticket only and have been sold out for months. If you haven't got tickets for those yet, you're unlikely to get them.



The latest display in the trough at the location of the long-disappeared Watering Trough Green at the junction of Devonshire Terrace Road and Causeway Head Road. Our thanks go to Barbara Beard who has been maintaining a display here for several years.

## Wassail Walk

The annual Wassail Walk will take place again this year filling the gap between Christmas and New Year as in the past.

Wassailing has a long history going back at least to Norse times. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word “wassail” derives from the Old Norse salutation *ves heill*, corresponding to Old English *hál wes þú* or *wes hál*; literally meaning ‘be in good health’ or ‘be fortunate’. It was initially used in the sense of ‘hail’ or ‘farewell’. Later it developed into the first part of a toast “wassail ... *drinkhail*”. By the 14th century, the sense had extended to the drink itself, especially to the spiced ale used in Twelfth-night and Christmas Eve celebrations, and by 1598 it was being applied to the custom of drinking on those nights.

As a result, Wassailing became a way of passing seasonal good wishes between family and neighbours around settlements in Britain and parts of Europe. The tradition takes many forms, and in Dore it is celebrated as the annual Wassail Walk organised by Dore Village Society.

This year we will be setting off on Wednesday 27th December at 10am from Dore Old School car park for our usual five mile meander around parts of Blacka Moor, with a shorter return option for anyone not wanting to walk that far. Children and dogs are welcome.

The terrain is usually muddy so please ensure that you are properly equipped with adequate footwear and clothing. We go whatever the weather but the route is determined on the day to take account of this.

Mince pies, mulled wine, water and fruit juice will be available (free) afterwards in the Devonshire Arms for everyone who takes part, no matter how far you walk.

There is no need to book, all you have to do is turn up in the Old School car park on Savage Lane for a 10am start.

I will be leading the walk again and you can contact me on 07778 422 910 or at [keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk) if you need more information.

**Keith Shaw**

## Dore Methodist Church

### Welcoming Space

Our “Welcoming Space” has now been meeting weekly in our hall since January and we are pleased to report that the number of people coming along is increasing. We are open to everyone, and we meet each Wednesday from 10.30am to 1pm.

A constant supply of tea, coffee and biscuits is available and we serve a light lunch (soup and a roll now the weather is cooler) at midday. We have newspapers and magazines available, board games and dominoes to play, and access to Wi-Fi for those who want to use it. But mainly we find that people want to sit and chat and make new friends. All this is free, but if anyone wishes to donate towards our costs, we won't refuse it!

We have access to one of Transport17's minibuses and currently we have some spare seats so could offer transport to local people who are unable to make their own way to the Welcoming Space. If you would like more details, please phone Jackie on (0114) 235 1085. We do have to make a charge for transport.

So, if you are at a loose end on a Wednesday morning and want to meet people and make new friends, why not come in and see what is going on.

### Website

We have recently updated our church website ([www.doremethodist.org.uk](http://www.doremethodist.org.uk)) and this contains details of our Sunday services and information about the other activities that are held in our building. There is also information on how to hire our hall for your meeting or party. Why not have a look.

**John Bailey**

## Donations

Dore Village Society supports a number of small charitable and voluntary organisations that operate or provide a service within its Area of Benefit with donations. We usually (but not exclusively) make donations around Christmas time as several of those we support are local lunch clubs and this enables them to pay for a Christmas celebration lunch.

To apply for a donation please contact the DVS Treasurer ([treasurer@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@dorevillage.co.uk)) and briefly say what your organisation is, what you do, why you want a donation, how much and what for.

The criteria we apply when giving donations are:

1. The applicant(s) must be either a charity or a voluntary group.
2. The applicant(s) must operate, or be providing the service within the Area of Benefit, basically the boundary of Dore.
3. The donation must be for the benefit of residents within the Area of Benefit.
4. The need for funding must be clearly identified.
5. There must be evidence that the applicant organisation is respectable and solvent.
6. The donation should not be for a regular contribution to general funds.
7. Requests for donations must be in writing.

You can find all the above details on our website at [dorevillage.co.uk/pages/requests-for-project-funding](http://dorevillage.co.uk/pages/requests-for-project-funding).

To see where the DVS Area of Benefit is, go to the Dore Neighbourhood Forum page on our website and select item 11 to download a pdf map. Basically, if you receive a copy of this magazine through your letterbox then you're in our area; there are only a handful of places around the edge where this doesn't apply.

**Keith Shaw**

## M17 News

*Standing at the bus stop  
Waiting for the red box  
Might be here all day...*

So sang popular beat combo “I Jog & The Tracksuits” back in the heady post-punk days of 1978. The much-anticipated return of the M17 route has fallen far short of expectations, leaving many people in sympathy with these lyrics.

Things started out alright, and the service ran quite adequately for the first three weeks or so. Then things started to go wrong. The service just disappeared. Not the odd bus missing here and there, but no bus all week. Contacting TM Travel revealed no bus, or no driver, or road works, or some other excuse that sounded like they had a dartboard of excuses in the office and threw a dart every time they got a complaint.

The service has been intermittent some weeks, but mainly absent for most of them. There is still no indication that TM has signed a contract to take over the route permanently. They certainly don't seem to have the infrastructure to cope with it.

No doubt when the trial period (if that is what it is) comes to an end, the spreadsheets will show that the route is unnecessary because nobody ever catches it.

**John Eastwood**

*On one memorable day, a double decker was assigned to the route! Ridiculous.*



## Christmas Tree Festival launches the festive season at Longshaw

Christmas will get under way at Longshaw Estate this year with the National Trust site's first ever Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. Celebrating the first weekend of Longshaw's much loved Christmas tree sales, visitors will be able to enjoy festive food and drink and the chance to meet Father Christmas, as well as fun outdoor seasonal games and creative crafts where they can make their own decorations to take home.



Photo © National Trust Images - James Dobson

Longshaw Christmas trees have been decorating people's homes for almost fifty years. Rangers and volunteers grow a small selection of trees throughout the year, from the traditional Norway spruce to the Fraser fir, which is famous for producing the rich aromas of a traditional Christmas. Other trees on sale from British growers have been selected for their exceptional quality.

Money raised through selling Christmas trees supports the conservation on the estate. Over the last year woodland pasture at Longshaw has been restored, enabling the planting of more native trees such as rowan, oak, holly and hawthorn to provide a better habitat for wildlife and protecting the woodland against climate change. Individual trees that will grow as features in the landscape for many years to come are also being planted across the estate.

With Christmas tree sales having run for nearly half a century, buying a tree from Longshaw has become a tradition for many families and children who used to come along with their grandparents are now bringing their own children.

Entry to the Christmas Tree Festival is free. For more information go to the National Trust website at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) and search for Longshaw Christmas Tree Festival.

Christmas tree sales at Longshaw will continue from Saturday 25th November until Saturday 23rd December, 9:30am to 4pm just off the main Woodcroft car park. Find out more about the full range of Christmas activities at Longshaw which are again on the National Trust website as above.



Photo © Kev Dunnington

## Lantern Parade: Wednesday 6th December

One Dore event which is now celebrating its 18th year is the Dore Village Christmas Lantern Parade, funded by the Dore Village Society. Heralded now as a traditional Dore village event, this is a chance to kick start the festive season with a parade and a family gathering led by the Father Christmas float. This year, the very talented dancers and performers from the Gemini Dance Group will be joining the parade to lead us through the village down to the Village Christmas Tree to count down the Christmas lights grand switch-on and to sing our festive Carols.

What better way to get us all in the festive mood? Come and join us from 6pm outside the shops on Causeway Head Road where there will be the traditional organ grinder. Lanterns and magic wands will be on sale, shops will open late and there will be a selection of festive food and treats. The pop-up Nativity will also make a return outside Almas on the High Street. Father Christmas will make a further appearance in the Devonshire Arms from 7.15pm, where his elves will help him hand out early Christmas gifts. So come along and join in the festivities as we start to count down to Christmas!

## Party on the Green: Sunday 3rd September

We decided to return to our traditional home on the village green this year to host our annual event of live music and were greeted by an unseasonal and beautifully sunny day where hundreds gathered for a wonderful afternoon of live music.

With entertainment for all ages, the show started with Steve Delaney, no stranger to Dore Village. His brand of rock 'n' roll and blues music has been entertaining us for over 25 years from his days of fronting legendary Sheffield band The Sharp Cuts.

A great musical opening to the concert was followed by the local young band Juno taking to the stage and performing a mixture of covers and original songs. With families gathered around the Green, many bringing chairs and picnics, Juno encouraged the crowd to clap and sing along to their half-hour set.

Soul singer JP Morris was the show's next star. The soul legend delivered a wonderful set of soul and Motown classics which had the crowd, young and old, dancing on the Green.

Next to the stage was the first of our tribute shows performing songs from the legendary Elton John. Not only did he have the looks and mannerisms of the legend, but his voice and piano-playing skills were outstanding in recreating the music and show of one of the world's greatest musical performers.

We closed our sunny afternoon show with a sure Dore crowd-pleaser the Abba Girls, who had everyone up and dancing the afternoon away from their first song to their encore.

Add to this the very talented and versatile children's entertainer and puppeteer Barney Baloney, who again kept all the kids entertained throughout the afternoon.

Another Dore Village Society funded show winner and, judging by over 200 online compliments and congratulations we received, it was a show which was much appreciated.

We would love to hear your feedback on what performers and artists you would like us to stage next year, be it classical, pop, rock or theatre performance. Please contact us via [caroline.davies@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:caroline.davies@dorevillage.co.uk).

**Caroline Davies, Vice Chair DVS  
and David Hayes**

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It helps both DVS and the advertiser.**



I'm late again for the submission deadline for Dore to Door. In fact, I think I've only been early once. I could picture John, our lovely editor, almost falling off his chair when last quarter's article came in a full three days early. This time though, I'm now three days late. My excuse is that Storm Babet has just blown through, and we've been without internet for two whole days! Can you imagine the horror of two teenage boys being bereft of their devices for 48 hours? They had to be shown the delights of terrestrial television and how to work a DVD player. I do hope everyone managed to stay safe and mostly dry.

### Our lovely editor

After twelve demanding but enjoyable years as the editor of Dore to Door, John Eastwood has decided that it's time for him to reduce his involvement with the magazine. As a result, Keith Shaw will be sharing the editing role with him with effect from this issue. Keith will be the content editor and will ensure that sufficient content is available and on time by the copy deadline and John will then lay out the magazine, so basically it's business as usual. Both Keith and I, as the former Chairman and current Chair of the village society would like to thank John for all of his commitment and contributions, article writing and interviewing that has gone into the production of Dore to Door over the last twelve years. It would be a very different magazine without him!

I'm also happy to announce a new regular feature starting in this issue, you'll find it on page 45. It's a new column entitled Famous Bridge Hands. I have absolutely no idea but I'm intrigued and looking forward to reading it.

### Past events

#### Party on the Green

The now annual Party on the Green was this year held on the 3rd of September, the last Sunday before school started again. It was a beautiful sunny day, and all the visitors were entertained with some great music, a children's entertainer and a face painter. It was a fantastic afternoon and we got some new members too.

### Dore show

Dore show was the following weekend on the 9th of September. It was another beautiful day and a very busy afternoon in the village. Andy Pack, Dore Show chairman has written a short piece about the day on page 13, telling you all about it. I would just like to thank Andy, all the Dore show committee, and their volunteers. It's a long couple of days for them, setting up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning then taking it all down again after the

auction closes on Saturday. They've done another wonderful job this year and have made Dore show bigger and better than ever. The addition of market stalls on Savage Lane really made the two venues merge together into one more cohesive Dore show. Well done to everyone involved.

### Events coming up

Between me writing this and the publishing date we will have had the Scout bonfire on Parker's Lane. Fingers crossed for a dry evening on Saturday 4th of November and another very successful bonfire for the Scouts.

### Christmas Markets

I know of two local Christmas markets and they are both the same weekend, 25/26th November. The first one is at the Scout Hut on Rushley Road and the second is at Whirlow Hall Farm. It will be a great weekend for getting those early (or late, depending on how you do your shopping!) Christmas presents in.

### Lantern parade

The lantern parade will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The parade will start as usual from outside Kutz hairdressers at around 6.30pm as soon as the bus has gone past! We will parade down Causeway Head Road, turning right to go past the Devonshire Arms and gathering outside the Hare and Hounds and Dore Service Station for Christmas songs and the lighting of the tree. There will be a few stalls and local businesses will be open late for you to do some Christmas shopping. I would like to thank Tina Havenhand and her amazing team of Tree Putter-Up-ers, for braving what will undoubtedly be a wet and bitterly cold weekend before the parade, getting all the trees in the village up and decorated.

### Wassailing

Our annual post-Christmas event is the Wassail walk and this year it will be on Wednesday 27th December. It's a 4 to 5 mile walk around the local area usually up on to Blackamoor, ending up in the Devonshire Arms for mince pies and a glass of mulled wine or non-alcoholic alternative. It's a lovely way to blow off the Christmas cobwebs and catch up with friends whilst getting a bit of gentle exercise. Dogs and well-behaved children are more than welcome! Contact Keith Shaw, walk leader for more details at [keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk).

### Charity giving

At this time of year, the DVS gives donations to local charities and voluntary groups. In the past we have donated to local lunch clubs and Transport 17. If you run a charity or voluntary group in the Dore village society area benefit, you can also apply for a donation. Please see page 3 for details on how to do this.

Jen

## Dora



*Dora is off to the Lantern Parade with Doris, Doreen and Dorothy. Don't drop that lantern, Doris!*



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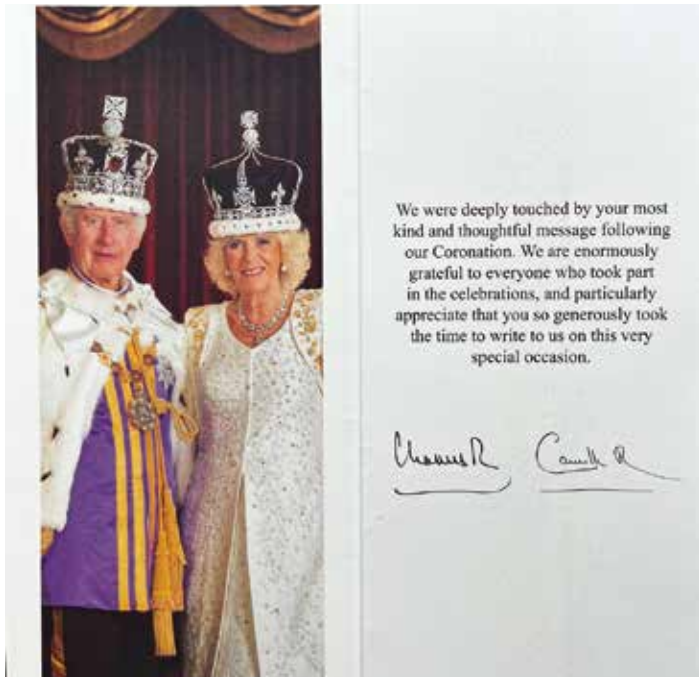
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## Royal approval for well dressing

As this year's tableau celebrated the coronation of King Charles III, we thought it fitting to send a photograph, and explanation, to His Majesty.

We received a lovely card and acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace. The front of the card featuring many of the flowers and symbols that were depicted in the well dressing design.

If anyone is interested in joining the team of well dressers for next year or would like to come along and see what it is all about, please look out for further information in the next issues of Dore to Door.



## Dore Village Society

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*The Society is the designated Neighbourhood Forum for the Dore Area, with responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore. The Society also aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development.*

*Membership of the Society is open to all residents of Dore, those who work in Dore and elected local council members for Dore. Membership is also open to Corporate Members representing societies, associations, educational institutions and businesses in Dore.*

*Current membership rates are £7 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members.*

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**The surgeries at Tootley Library are on the second Monday of the month, from 6pm-7pm.**

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## Online Divorce the pros and cons

### We know...

That the speed and convenience of **online divorce** is appealing but when is it appropriate and when is it not.

Launched in May 2018, the online divorce platform allows members of the public to be able to petition for a divorce themselves online on the government website.

You will be guided through a series of questions and will be asked to upload several documents. The court fee is currently £593 and is paid online when the application is made.

### When is online divorce appropriate?

The online divorce process is worth considering if you have no difficulty completing forms online, and understand the process and questions asked of you on the website. We often advise clients to access the website first to see if they would feel comfortable doing this themselves.

### What value can solicitors add to a divorce?

Solicitors can advise and assist on the divorce process and prepare the application for you. It should be noted that the online divorce process does not include finalising financial or child arrangements. We would advise that obtaining legal advice about these is essential.

A financial remedy order is needed to ensure you have a clean break. You need advice as to what you are entitled to and what would be a fair financial settlement.

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## Jeffrey Hayes (1951 - 2023)



Jeff was born on 30th July 1951 to parents Sydney and Lillian Hayes, an only child. His father worked in the steel industry and his mother was a seamstress. Jeff was always a clever student, achieving high grades but never expecting his parents

to be able to send him to university. He started his working life at Firth Brown in the steel industry which, at that time, employed well over 3,000 people.

As an apprentice he worked his way round each department before deciding to work in the ultrasonic lab making sure all the components were ready to be placed in Rolls-Royce aircraft engines.

He met his wife, Maureen, at Firth Brown where she worked all her life, and they were married in 1984. Later, in 1991, they moved to Dore, bringing Maureen's dad Albert with them, and once here they developed a strong association with Christ Church Dore, forming a lifelong friendship with the vicar, the Rev David Williams. In Dore they found an ideal location to settle and their daughter, Dawn, was married in the Church. Family was always important to Jeff and he loved his role as a father to Dawn and a grandad to Elliott, and also to their adopted family, Matthew, Charlotte, George and their mum Janine.

As well as having a very successful working life at Firth Brown, Jeff excelled at sport for the company. He was captain of the firm's

cricket team, playing interdepartmental cricket after work and, each weekend, other teams around South Yorkshire. He had also been known to save some of his holidays to play midweek league cricket when they were short of players.

Outside of work Jeff enjoyed outdoor sports such as football and golf as well as indoor sports – table tennis, darts etc. He also liked to get involved in pub quizzes (he liked his pints). His main passion was Sheffield Wednesday. He had a season ticket and was a lifelong fan, often going to matches with Maureen and Dawn. He would also take the away supporters on coach or train trips.

Later, when voluntary redundancy was offered, Jeff, with support from Maureen, took the opportunity to forge a new direction in his life and his passion became working with children. Starting at Dore Primary, then Rowan School, All Saints Norfolk Park, and finally as a teaching assistant at King Egbert, he got voted by his students a legend in his own dinner hour. He came home with a certificate they produced for him and he was rightly proud of it.

Although Jeff couldn't boil an egg when he and Maureen married, he turned out to be an excellent cook, with Yorkshire puddings and Christmas dinners a speciality. Never being a man to sit idle, when he left King Egbert it's not surprising that he put his culinary and organisation skills to good use, running Coffee on the Corner at Topley for Dawn, which he did for six years until he died, becoming very popular with the clientele.

In addition to all this Jeff played a big part in village life. He was involved with Cubs for twenty years, always helping with the Gala, putting up the Christmas Tree, teaching children at Sunday School for about fifteen years, keeping the church grounds clean and tidy and playing Father Christmas in the Church Hall at the Christmas Market.

Jeff made an outstanding contribution to the community; he was very well liked and widely respected, and he will be greatly missed.

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### Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

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It may be that we have had the warmest September on record globally, but it hasn't felt like that here in Sheffield. I know it has not been too cold but we did have the heating on a couple of times, perhaps we are just getting old! To make up for us old 'uns we have yet another addition to our future ranks (we hope) in that Pete and Fiona Geary produced another baby girl in September. We wish them well and hope the weather dries up somewhat.

We have now fixed the date for our Christmas concert at Dore Methodist Church. This will be at the usual time of 2:30pm on Saturday 16th December. Tickets (£10) will be available from about the time this edition of Dore to Door is published by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at [doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html](http://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html) and as this is usually a very popular event I suggest you don't leave it too long before buying your tickets.

I've sung in two concerts in three days, the first at the Whinfall Activity Centre which was sold out. It was an interesting evening with nine performers all singing solos and whose ages ranged from about 17 to 87! The two youngsters were very good (as was everyone else) and sang songs well suited to the older audience. The second concert was at Bolsover where the G & S Society sang a broadly similar programme to the one we sang in Dore in July. It was an excellent evening but as it fell one day after that terrible storm, the audience was thinner than it might have been and the singers had to find a way round the road closures. At one point during the day it was thought that the whole thing might have to be cancelled, but as things turned out it was a successful and enjoyable evening. The highlight was Mike Tipler's rendition of Private Willis's song from Iolanthe where he sang it to a nine-month-old boy at the words "...and every boy and every girl who's born into this world alive is either a little liberal or else a little conservative..." It fetched the house down.

We have had confirmation that the Montgomery Theatre is closing for some time to enable refurbishments to happen. We have not been successful in finding an alternative theatre for our show so we will be putting on concert performances of Iolanthe in various venues. So far, we have confirmed dates for Crookes Social Club at 2pm on Sunday 7th April, Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road on Saturday 13th April at 2:30pm and at Whitting Moor Church on Saturday 20th April at 2pm.

There are some cracking songs in Iolanthe including the famous 'Peers Chorus' (even Dore Male Voice Choir has it in their repertoire) and Private Willis's song When All Night Long bemoaning that MPs have to lose their brain once inside the Houses of Parliament (nothing changes).

I am pleased to say I can now see clearly out of both eyes having had cataract operations. I was amazed at how little time the actual operation took. I bet I was only five minutes on the operating bed. The preamble and preparation took far longer than I had expected. I can report that it is an operation not to be feared. A little discomfort for maybe 30 seconds and the rest is just slightly strange but nothing to worry about.

Don't forget the Christmas concert and watch this space for further news of Iolanthe performance news and on how to obtain tickets.

**Derek Habberjam**



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## Why a Green Infrastructure Strategy Matters

Many of you may have despaired when recent Conservative Governments swung back and forth on whether they were going to defend our Green Belts and when, at the recent Labour Party Conference, Rachel Reeves, the Shadow Chancellor, said Labour were ‘builders not blockers’ and would want to review the rules surrounding building on Green Belt land. Just when Sheffield City Council had signalled in its work on a new Local Plan for Sheffield that it would ensure that its new Plan would defend the existing Green Belt round Sheffield, national politicians seemed to be advocating weakening the Green Belt in the desperate rush to increase house-building in the UK.

In my Summer article for Dore to Door, I pointed out that there were at least three reasons other than Green Belts and nimbys why we now have an acute national shortage of houses (and particularly of affordable houses) and these were:

1. the inability of councils to replace social housing lost to the Thatcher ‘right to buy’ policy;
2. the failure of developers to build on sites for which they already had planning permissions; and
3. the post-Brexit shortage of construction labour to build the houses we need.

Nonetheless, we must be realistic and accept that politicians will seek easy solutions to meet the national need for more new homes, and weakening the Green Belt rules is an all too obvious attraction to them.

However, relying on the Green Belt alone to protect our local countryside has always been a risk because:

1. the National Planning Policy Framework rules on Green Belts have always allowed for some limited exceptions to the no development principle;
2. where applications to develop in the Green Belt are refused by Planning Authorities they are all too often successfully challenged on appeal;
3. Local Planning Authorities can un-designate Green Belt land, but only at the time when they review their Local Plan (and happily in Sheffield’s case, where the existing Local plan is being changed, they only propose to take the old Norton airfield out of the Green Belt); and
4. Government is tempted from time to time to change the National Planning Policy Framework rules for Green Belt and those changes can weaken the protection afforded by Green Belt status.

What we need to face up to is the fact that land is not designated Green Belt for its natural beauty, its biodiversity, its recreational value, its flood retention potential or its spiritual or historical values. It is designated for its potential to fulfil one or more of the NPPF purposes for Green Belt land:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

What we know is that according to Sheffield Council’s last re-assessment of Dore’s Green Belt it scored highly against these designated purposes.

However, this requires that we do not rest on our laurels and that we recognise the case to formally identify why Dore’s Green Belt (which consists of all the open countryside in the Dore Neighbourhood Area between the developed edge of Dore Village and the boundary of the National Park) has real merit in its own right quite apart from the NPPF reasons for Green Belt protection. We know perfectly well that when Ethel Haythornthwaite proposed and mapped Dore’s section of the Green Belt she thought that the land concerned deserved

protection in its own right. When Dore residents were consulted by questionnaire on our Green Belt at the time of preparing our Neighbourhood Plan, they were almost unanimous in asserting that our Green Belt not only met the formal NPPF reasons for creating Green Belt but also was handsome land of considerable natural beauty with existing and potential biodiversity value, great recreational value and with clear sense of place merit.

That is why the Dore Village Society and the Dore Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group had the good sense to propose in an Annex to our Neighbourhood Plan that the community should fulfil this ‘Aspiration’: “A *Green Infrastructure Strategy* should be prepared to take the opportunity to improve access and enhance the landscape”. Accordingly last year a Green Infrastructure Strategy Team (GIST) was established to fulfil this task. The Team, consisting of David Crosby, Margaret Peart and myself, has nearly completed the first full draft of this important evidential document. We have initially concentrated on the Green Belt (but could later extend the principle to the developed village itself). We hope to be able to show through fully evidenced and supportable texts and maps that the land which is formally designated as Green Belt around Dore is also in its own right land which is:

- of considerable landscape merit with clearly identifiable landscape characteristics which deserve preservation
- of significant biodiversity value which has the clear potential to be extended and enhanced
- already of enormous recreational value and has the potential to provide even more wellbeing benefits, not only to Dore folk, but also to wider Sheffield and beyond
- recognised as having spirit of place characteristics from its historic links and the way generations have valued it
- already showing its potential for providing significant flood prevention benefits without major civil engineering interventions
- deserving of protection and care as the close and intimate setting of a National Park.

We believe our Green Belt Infrastructure Strategy will confirm that, irrespective of the Green Belt’s role in fulfilling the planning purposes, this particular piece of Green Belt land is worthy of protection and by the widest community of interests who are benefiting every day from its bounteous benefits. It maybe Green Belt – and that’s good – but it matters for its own sake too and we have a plethora of good reasons for assessing any development proposals or other reasons for change in the light of our compelling evidence.

Green Belt has been one of the great successes of the post-war era, but now politicians and others are fond of criticising it as containing too much low-grade land and that the principle of Green Belt panders to the self-protective nimbys who oppose building the houses we need. Ironic given that those homes built on Green Belt land are all too often beyond the financial reach of those needing affordable homes. Yes, we need more homes, but we also need biodiversity, the natural health service which is our open countryside and natural places where people can secure personal wellbeing. Far from not investing in our Green Belt we need to enhance its biodiversity, its recreational potential, its potential for better farming practices and woodland creation, its potential for flood prevention and its sheer natural beauty in our lives. Our strategy will show how we can unlock its potential even further and will be entirely in keeping with DN Policy 3 in the Neighbourhood Plan which stated that: Improvements in Dore’s green infrastructure, including its network of ecosystems, its biodiversity, its historic landscape features, and its provision of accessible green space, will be supported.

**Christopher Pennell**

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It was perfect weather for the Dore Show on 9 September and visitors made good use of it when they took a break from looking at exhibits from the classes in both indoor venues.

Whether listening to Oughtibridge Brass Band in the schoolyard or strolling from stall to stall on the road, it was a lovely, relaxed way to spend the afternoon.

Kiddies were catered for as well with 'More In Dore' providing several games for them to try their hands at and pretty popular they were too.

Thank you to everyone who came along, and further praise for those of you that bought raffle tickets and produce from the auction at the end.

We want to be bigger and better next year - keep an eye out for the February edition of Dore to Door in which we hope to detail how you could help Dore events improve and prosper.

**Andy Pack**



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After some fine, late summer/early autumn weather, following on from a memorably damp summer, the garden has put on a spurt of growth and greenery is rampant. Few birds have been in the gardens, presumably because of the abundance of food in the surrounding countryside. With the downturn in temperatures now it will be time to say goodbye to the flowers which have enjoyed such an extended season this year.

At Dore Garden Club we are approaching the end of another successful programme with only one more event in the calendar:

## Forthcoming Events

### Weds 15 November – Hilary Hutson: Colours of the Garden

Hilary Hutson's talk will surely be of special interest to those who are curious and/or have scientific minds. She will explain all about the way we see colour, how plants achieve their colour and the numerous reasons why colour is so important to plants. She will also show us how to use colour to best effect in the garden.



*Colour combing Spring Flowers Courtesy of Pixabay*

Hilary is a botanist with a passion for gardens, gardening, and unusual plants, particularly tropical plants, nurturing some with borderline hardiness in Sheffield. She is a keen photographer, and her talks are always beautifully illustrated.

She has had 30 years' experience in lecturing to clubs and societies in the UK and abroad and at the University of Sheffield Division of Continuing Adult Education. Hilary studied Botany at Sheffield University and continues to live in Sheffield and has frequently given talks for Dore Garden Club. She regularly opens her garden during the summer for local charities.

Our short AGM will take place for 15-20 minutes before our speaker.

*This event is held in the Methodist Church Hall. Doors open at 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors are welcome, only £4 at the door.*

## Recent Events

### September – Don Witton: The National Collection of GB

It was good to welcome Don, a National Collection holder of hardy Euphorbias, back to the Club. He was our second ever speaker during the inaugural year of the club, so we go back a long way together.

To set the scene, Don told us about the existence of a little-known national charity, Plant Heritage, whose focus is on overseeing and promoting plant conservation and research. They produce an annual Directory of National Plant Collections which details over 600 National Collections and where to visit them. This sounds like an invaluable guide to have if you're travelling around the UK. [www.plantheritage.org.uk/](http://www.plantheritage.org.uk/)

In order to be designated the holder of a National Collection a grower has to have a minimum of 75% of the plants in that species. So that's a lot of work. There are two other national collections around Sheffield, in the Botanical Gardens and at Wentworth. A little further afield, Renishaw Hall has such a collection of yuccas in the conservatory. Don helpfully gave us a list of national collections covering a range of plants, shrubs and trees.

National Collections can be trees, shrubs, houseplants or herbaceous perennials. They can be found in parks, National Trust gardens, RHS gardens, nurseries, botanical gardens and gardens. King Charles has a national collection of over 71 different varieties of Fagus trees (beech) and giant-leaved hostas at Highgrove. Don helpfully gave us a list of where to find some of the collections. If you're a lover of camellias head for Barnsley (92 species) or for delphiniums head to Leeds (100 species). As always, Don's talk was superbly illustrated, and he brought a selection of euphorbias and other perennial plants for sale on the evening.

### October – Margaret Boulton: A History of Sheffield Allotments

It was good to welcome several allotment holders to the meeting to hear our local speaker, Margaret Boulton, an allotment gardener and author. Her illustrated talk charted the history of allotments in Sheffield. Margaret's fascinating talk brought a new "growing" perspective to the history of Sheffield and prompted lots of questions.

Allotments have been around for centuries. Enclosure deprived the poor of the right to graze the land and wealthy landowners gave land to the labouring poor for their potatoes. Much land in Sheffield was owned by the Duke of Norfolk, who lived here for a time. When in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries land was being bought for rapid industrialisation, the duke converted some land into growing plots to rent to the poor. This measure was desperately needed due to the lack of a welfare state. In reality it would seem that the poor were often excluded from allotments and ownership seemed to be exclusively for the wealthier trades, such as cutlers.

Slides of the earliest map of Sheffield commissioned by the Duke of Norfolk in 1736 showed the location of some of these free-standing plots along Fargate. Other slides, one of Sharrow Lane, highlighted the trend for allotments to be attached to dwellings when the large suburbs were created. By the end of the nineteenth century legislation was passed giving allotment holders more rights. In 1908 the Small Holdings and Allotments Act came into force, placing a duty on local authorities to provide allotments if six or more people on the electoral roll requested one. However, it wasn't until the end of the First World War that legislation made land available to all, primarily as a way of assisting the war effort and to aid returning servicemen (Land Settlement Facilities Act 1919) instead of just the labouring poor.

Today there are some 3200 allotments spread across the city and the Meersbrook allotment site is the largest in Europe. During the 1960s the local authority wanted to dispose of a lot of allotments to make way for housebuilding. In the 1970s the TV programme The Good Life sparked renewed interest in growing food and since the 1990s interest in allotments has boomed. With scientists extolling the virtues of eating more plant-based foods in their natural form, rather than highly processed food and the cost of living crisis, allotments have never been more popular. Our September speaker even raised his Plant Heritage National Collection on his allotment!

In Dore we have allotments tucked away near Vicarage Lane. Those with long memories may recall that Dore Rec was converted into allotments during the Second World War and reverted to its current form in 1952. There is a short waiting lists for village allotments and I'm advised that some of the allotments have been cut into halves or quarters for those who are keen but haven't the time to manage a large plot. Anyone interested should apply to the Allotments Department at Sheffield City Council.

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## Does Dore Change?

It was suggested to the Archives team that they answered questions and puzzling aspects about Dore sent in by you, our readers. So, we decided to start you off with somewhere that you should all recognise.

A recent visit to a well-known Antiques Emporium in Sheffield unearthed two photographs taken of a very familiar part of our village. Indeed, for some of our older residents the photographs are of a very familiar lady. The first photograph would be taken when Dore was a small settlement virtually completely separated from the big city of Sheffield.



Nellie Flint is the young girl on the left. Her family originally lived at The Green, which is opposite the village green, and had done since 1660. She lived in Devonshire Terrace Road virtually all her life. She was born in 1895 and the first picture is believed to date from 1904 when she was about nine years old.



The second picture, which was used in an article in 'The Star', is of Nellie in much the same position as the earlier photograph. It was taken in about 1989 when Nellie was 94. Nellie never married and during her working life was the chief cashier at Tennants Brewery.



And the third photograph is how things have changed... or not! Only 118 years between the first and last photograph!



But then try this photo. Taken round about 1890/1900 it has changed somewhat but there are still clues left, sufficient for you to recognise where it is.

Too easy? We would welcome any query or photo about Dore, especially if there is a mystery about location, time or even event represented, and the Archives team will try to tell you more.

Meanwhile – the photo is of the Hare and Hounds Public House on Church Lane alongside the Draper's shop.

**Dorne Coggins**

## The Time Travellers Archaeological Group

We are a very friendly group who hold many of our activities at Dore Old School. It is really pleasing to be able to tell you that we are back in business after all the problems caused by lockdowns and Covid. To discover what is coming up in our Autumn Programme, please go to [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk). We have talks, walks, visits all scheduled for the coming months. Our regular end of the month Coffee Mornings at Dore Old School are an opportunity to meet us and have a chat about archaeological things - mostly!

Our summer activities involving test pits around a variety of locations have produced some strange and varied finds. One that captured my imagination was made at Totley Bents, where in the early 20th Century various army regiments trained and camped. The artefact unearthed is a 1912 laxative bottle top.

Conjures up quite the image of Army rations!

How do we know? One of the artefacts we discovered was a cap badge with the iconic St George and the dragon on it.

Test pits elsewhere over the summer produced finds of all sorts of ages from prehistoric onwards. Our September extended trip to Barnard Castle was very well supported and we visited lots of Castles, Abbeys and Roman sites in our four days away. We will have had several talks by the time of this issue but don't miss our talk on Medieval Weapons, especially bows, to be held on 5th December at 7.30pm at Dore Old School. Entry for members is free and for non-members £3. You will be made very welcome.

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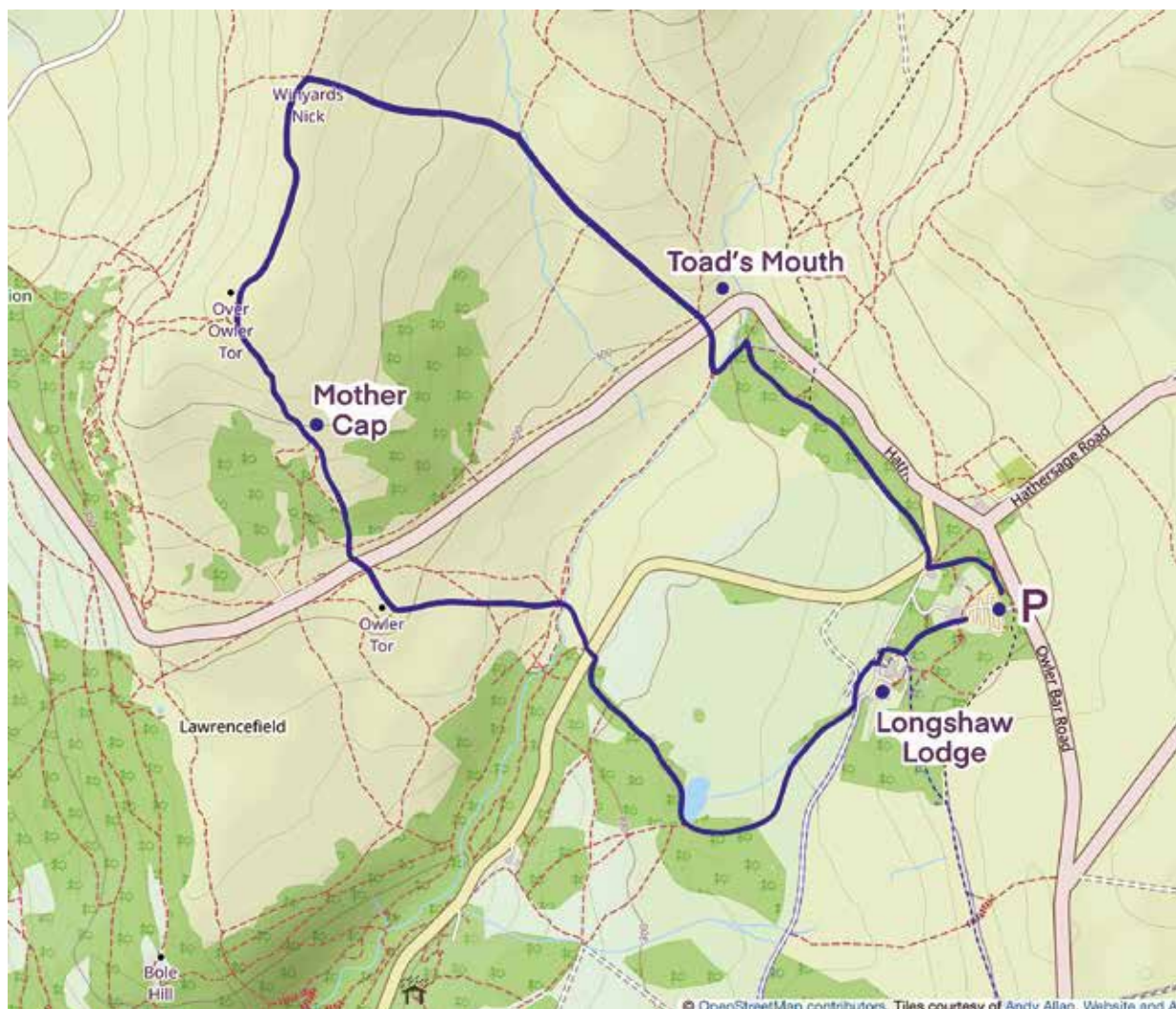
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### Longshaw, Over Owler Tor, Winyards Nick

This is a short walk providing a nice family outing in fine weather with views over the Hope Valley on the outward leg and Longshaw estate and beyond on the return leg.

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The name Longshaw is thought to originate from the long wood in Padley Gorge, being derived from an Anglo-Saxon name, lang sceaga (lang meaning long and sceaga, but pronounced similar to shaw, meaning copse). As a person's name, Longshaw would originally mean a dweller by a copse. Such topographical surnames were among the earliest created, since both natural and man-made features in the landscape were useful in providing distinguishing names in the small communities of the Middle Ages.

Longshaw estate was acquired in the 1820s by the Duke of Rutland who then built Longshaw Lodge in 1827 for his guests who were visiting for grouse shooting. In 1927 the estate was sold to Sheffield Corporation following an appeal for funding led by Ethel Haythornthwaite. Then in 1931 the estate was given to the National Trust.

The Longshaw Sheepdog Trials, which take place in September, have been held every year since 1898, except for during the first and second World Wars, and are supposed to be the oldest continuous trials in the country.

From Longshaw car park go past the National Trust information centre and on to Longshaw Lodge, the pond and the B6521. Cross the road with care and descend to the bridge over the stream and then up the sunken track or holloway opposite to the Hathersage Road.

Several theories have been suggested for the origin of holloways, including from erosion by water or traffic, digging of embankments to help with herding livestock, and creating double banks to mark the boundaries of estates, among others.

Cross the Hathersage Road, go through the gate nearly opposite and follow a path up the hill across Over Owler Tor. After about half a mile you come to a large gritstone outcrop called Mother Cap. This is a remnant of the last ice age. Because of its prominent position and visibility from much of the surrounding area there is speculation that it was used as a marker for prehistoric activities and was illuminated by fire.

Continue uphill on a well-defined and broad track until you reach the summit at a large collection of rocks. From here you get excellent views up the Hope Valley and over to Stanage Edge in one direction and back across Longshaw and down the Derwent valley in the other.

The route now goes north following the ridge to Winyards Nick, a dip in the track, about half a mile away. Turn right here on a path which descends gradually to the Hathersage Road near where Burbage Brook flows under the road by Toad's Mouth, so called because of a rock outcrop that resembles a toad's mouth. Exit via a gate, cross the road and go through a gate opposite, descend to the stream, cross over the footbridge, and return to the car park.

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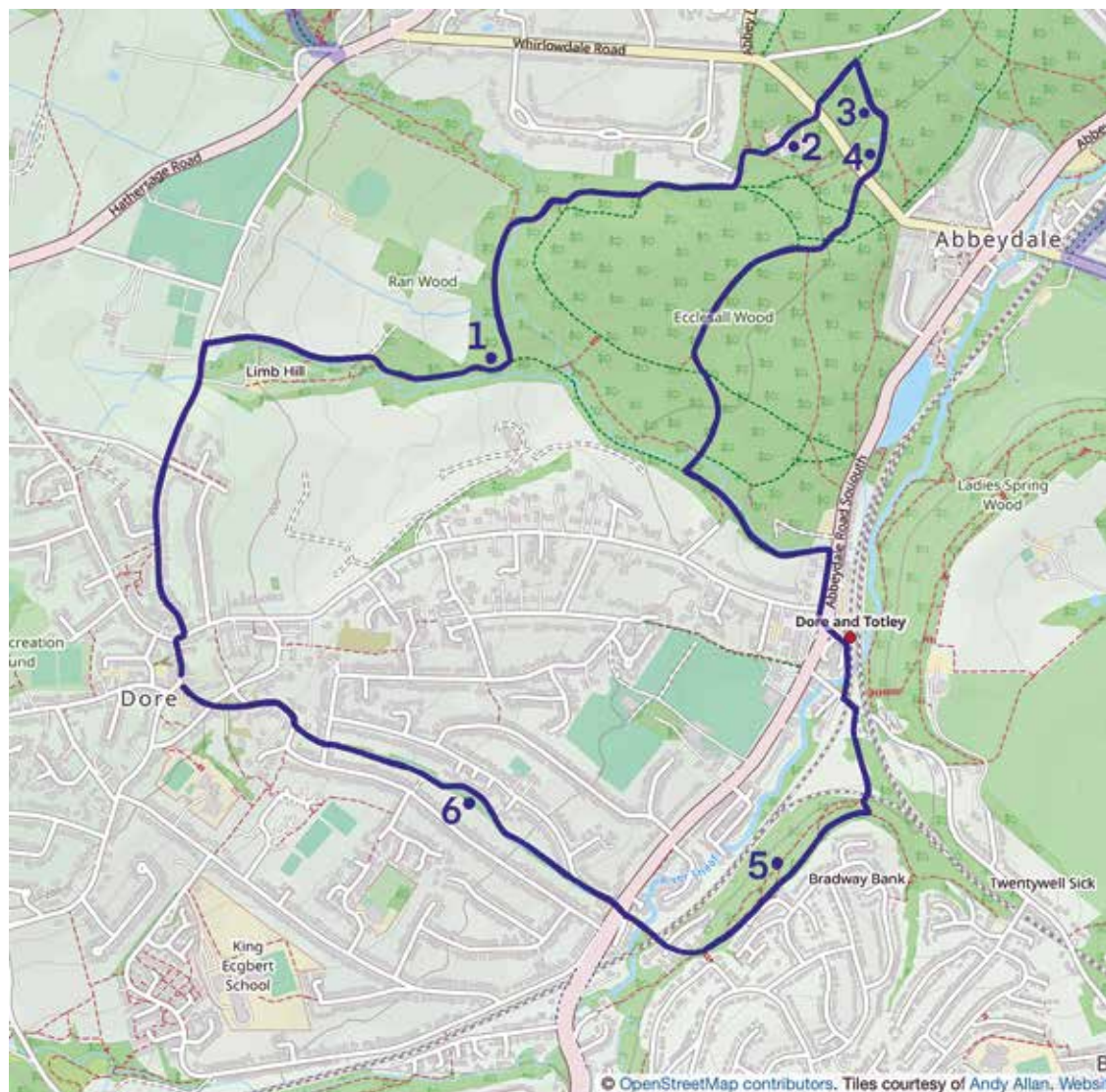
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### Ecclesall Woods, Poynton Wood, Bushey Wood

Starting in the village this is an easy sheltered walk suitable for any time of the year, but not in icy conditions or with snow on the ground.

Distance: 5.5 miles / 9 km

Time: 2.5 hours plus time to read information boards

Toilets and refreshments at Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre. The Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm, with refreshments Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from 10am to 4pm, although these days and times are subject to change.

Ecclesall Woods is a site of major archaeological and historical interest, including features from pre-history through to the Middle Ages, with extensive evidence of traditional woodland management and associated industries. A cup and ring-marked stone discovered in the woods in 1981 was dated to the late Neolithic or Bronze Age period.

Covering about 300 acres, Ecclesall Woods has over 15km of public footpaths running through it. The woods host a large bird sanctuary featuring a nesting area for a siege (collective noun) of herons. Local pond owners will no doubt agree this name fits having observed them laying siege to their ponds.

From the village centre walk along Rushley Road and Limb Lane and turn right down the bridleway just past the entrance to Limb Lane picnic area, pausing at a cottage on the left to look at the interesting collection of garden ornaments. Nearby there's an information board describing the history of Rycroft Mill (1) which used to stand here. This was a water-powered lead smelting mill that dates from the 17th century or earlier that was also used later for grinding corn.

Continue for a short distance and then take a footpath off to the left where the bridleway is interrupted by a barrier. Follow this upstream and cross the Limb Brook on a footbridge on your right. At this point you are crossing over the ancient boundary between the kingdoms of Mercia and Northumbria.

Ascend from the bridge to a junction of paths and take the one to the left. Follow this past a pond created a few years ago as part of a scheme to improve biodiversity in the woods. There's an information board here.

A few yards further on turn left at a T junction, cross a small stream and continue past the back gardens of houses until you reach a turning to the left. Take this path down some steps, across another stream and up the other side to a fork in the path where you go to the right, emerging into the woodyard and Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre (2).

Walk through the Centre to Abbey Lane and cross over to a bridleway almost opposite, taking care of fast-moving traffic. A short way

along here take another path to the right and in a short distance you will come to the site of the charcoal burner's grave. There is a gravestone here dating from 1786, commemorating the death of George Yardley killed in an accidental fire in his woodland home after an evening in the Rising Sun on Abbey Lane (3).

Pause to read about the demise of the unfortunate George and his friends as well as how charcoal was produced.

Continue along this path taking the right fork where the path splits. This takes you past a Q pit (4), with another information board, and emerges onto Abbey Lane. Cross over, again taking care, and follow a path into the woods, straight across two junctions, and skirting the bird sanctuary on your right. Then at another junction bear slightly left and then right to go to a bridge across Limb Brook and then, on turning left, down a bridleway to Abbeydale Road.

Walk along the road towards the railway station, cross the road at the pedestrian lights, go into the station car park, cross in front of the Rajdhani restaurant and along an alleyway that brings you out at Twentywell Lane. Cross here with care, walk uphill over the railway bridge and then right into an area used by Network Rail taking care to keep to the left and follow the footpath which leads through to steps that take you to the top of Poynton Wood (5). Turn right at this point and walk along the path running alongside house gardens and parallel to the railway tracks below for about half a mile where the path splits. Take the right fork and descend to the Baslow Road opposite Tesco Express. Cross the road and walk up Devonshire Road for about 100 yards before joining a path on the left that brings you up through Bushey Wood (6). At the top continue back into the village via Savage Lane.

**Wyvern Walks by Keith Shaw**



## Dore Recreation Ground Playground Appeal

In the Summer Edition of Dore to Door we brought news of the installation of the new play frame (called 'the Quest') and the Slide Appeal.

### A quick recap

Due to the withdrawal of public funding the Dore Recreation Ground Playground is currently self-funded by the Dore Community. The size and orientation of the Quest meant that a slide could not be incorporated with this piece of equipment; therefore, the addition of a new slide forms part of our 2023/24 target. Thank you to those who have donated towards the Slide Appeal online. So far you have raised £920 of the required £10,000.

Cheques continue to arrive. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Cheques equate to a separate £950, including one for a very generous £500 donated during the Party on the Green. Those who joined us at the Gala raised a further £174 (half of which was donated to the Scout Group as a thank you for their support) and at Dore Show a further £240. Every donation helps to chip away at our targets.

## Donate online or by cheque

If you would like to donate to the Slide Appeal, please use the QR code here or visit [donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/slide-for-the-dore-recreation-ground](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/slide-for-the-dore-recreation-ground). Alternatively, please take a moment to send a cheque made payable to 'More in Dore' to The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield S17 3GW. Please add your address on the reverse for a personal thank you.



## Business Donations

For local business donations with promotional benefits including charity plaques (which will include your business name) please contact [dorerec@gmail.com](mailto:dorerec@gmail.com). We are currently seeking local business donations to help fund an agility trail for 2024. The intention is to locate the agility trail and plaques on the grassed area of the playground closest to the car park.

## Charity Nominations

We are delighted to have been chosen by Dore Methodist Tuesday Group as their nominated Charity for 2023/2024. We look forward to meeting the group in January to explain more about our current initiatives. Thank you! For charity nominations please contact [Julia.w@live.com](mailto:Julia.w@live.com) or [dorerec@gmail.com](mailto:dorerec@gmail.com).

## Christmas Lantern Parade

Come and find us next to the Christmas Tree on Townhead Road to write your Christmas Message to Santa or loved ones for our Elves to hang on the tree (£1 suggested donation - Parent/Carer supervision required). You'll find details of the Lantern Parade elsewhere in this magazine.

## Christmas Raffle

The prizes so far include:

- Family Day Pass for Matlock Farm Park
- 4 x Hospitality tickets for SUFC women's game
- Sheffield Theatres tickets



The images shown are examples of the proposed slide and agility trail. All new equipment has to comply with Sheffield City Council safety regulations and restrictions. For personal donations please use the QR code or visit <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/slide-for-the-dore-recreation-ground> or send a cheque made payable to 'More in Dore' c/o The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield S17 3GE. For business donations please contact [dorerec@gmail.com](mailto:dorerec@gmail.com)

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## New Recruits

Thank you to our new recruits David Gosling and Martha Greengrass. David, a Chartered Accountant, contacted us back in May after reading Dore to Door. David brings essential expertise in grant applications and finance. In the summer of 2020, Martha and a group of local mums set up a local parents' WhatsApp group to support new parents in the area and organise outdoor meetings during lockdown. Since then, the group has expanded and now includes more than 140 parents and carers in Dore, Totley and further afield. Martha noticed the September More in Dore Facebook invitation to meet at the Dev and brought priceless feedback and ideas. Martha joins the team with a wealth of experience in Editorial, Retail and life with small children – a specialism indeed!

Here is Martha now with some exciting developments to share:

## Finding My Feet as a Parent in Dore

*"Like many residents of Dore with new children, I found the Dore Recreation Ground and Playground a lifeline after I had my twins in 2020. With my son's additional needs meaning he struggles to be in busy, indoor places, an outdoor location - close to home and with plenty to explore and discover - has become even more important to our family unit in recent years. Becoming a parent during Covid and the subsequent lockdowns only made this more essential. Given our experience I really wanted to get involved with helping with fundraising and increasing awareness of the brilliant work that More in Dore has already done to improve the playground space I and my children love and use on such a regular basis.*

*"I've had some brilliant feedback from other local parents which has fed into the next stage of plans for the new equipment. This included some insightful comments from Samantha Woollis about improving the accessibility and inclusivity for children of all abilities, for example potentially putting in communication signs to help speaking and non-speaking children communicate more effectively. Sam put me in touch with the headteacher at Rowan School, a special education primary school whose pupils all have an Educational Health Care Plan that describes a complex communication difficulty such as autism. Rowan School bring their pupils to Dore playground several times a week and the space is clearly really important to them. I spoke to the school recently and their feedback about equipment is being fed into More in Dore's plans for the next stage of development, after the fundraising target for the slide has been met, particularly longer-term plans for seating and new swing provision for all ages and abilities."*

## Fundraising in 2024

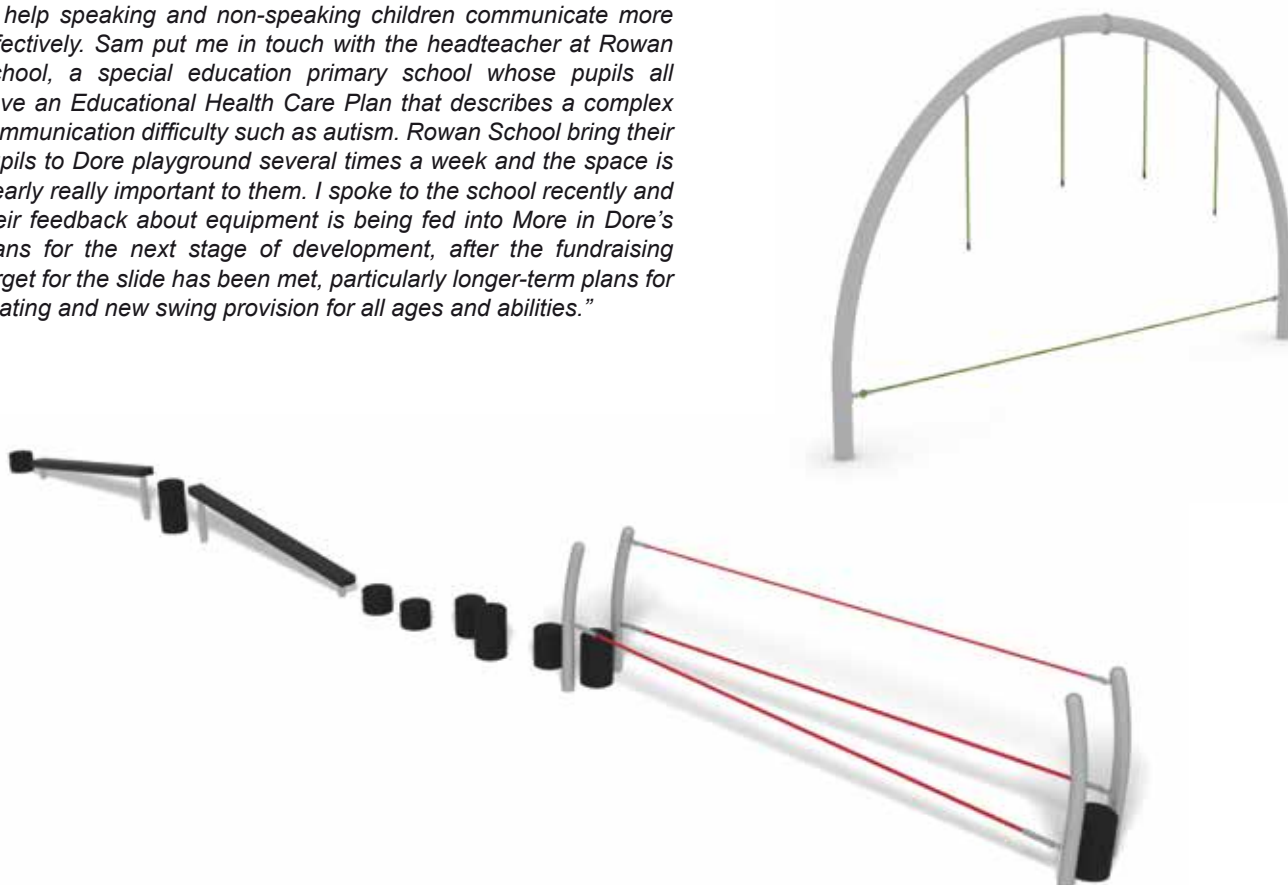
Alongside the vital work that David and the rest of the More in Dore group are doing to bid for external funding, local fundraising initiatives are key. We are really keen to hear your thoughts about how we can raise money and ways you'd like to be involved. This doesn't have to be as a group member; any help - either with ideas or practical support for fundraising events - is very welcome.

Our first new fundraiser for 2024 will be in late February or early March. We will be hosting this at a local venue where you'll be able to donate on the door - with all donations going to the More in Dore Appeal - and pick up a selection of baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment that have been donated by residents. We hope this will be a really good chance for people to clear out their unwanted children's items (nothing like a spring clear out, post-Christmas) and for children, parents, carers and grandparents to come along, pick up a bargain and support a good cause in the process. We would love to hear from those who would like to be involved and anyone who could help us with permissions for the use of the Village Hall and organising the event. Please note this event will be for fundraising only, so no commercial sellers please. We'll be in touch with more information via Facebook after Christmas, but please feel free to get in touch with Martha directly about the 2024 fundraiser at [megreengrass@gmail.com](mailto:megreengrass@gmail.com).

If you are part of a local group in Dore, Totley or further afield and wish to organise a Charity event to fundraise towards the playground, or if your group would like to consider making a one-off or continuing Charity donation to More in Dore, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Catch up again in the Spring Edition. For now, please keep the donations rolling as every single one makes a difference. Thank you.

**Julia Watkinson**  
on behalf of More in Dore





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## Christ Church Renovations – a Progress Report

Christ Church was built by the community of Dore in 1828 and one of our objectives in undertaking the renovation is to make it more than a place of worship and to create a place for the whole community to use, for you and for successive generations.

There has been substantial progress towards this goal over the past three months. The campaign to raise money for the project, named “Step into the Light”, culminated in 11 days of celebration at the end of September. Some of you will remember the teddy zip wire event and the Step into the Light Show when the church was lit up both outside and in. The fundraising by the church congregation has been very encouraging and has reached a point where a loan to cover any shortfall is a possibility.

When not being used for worship, the church will be open every day of the year for the community and other visitors. The building will be used for concerts with its unique acoustics, exhibitions of the history of Dore and the church with the help of Dore Archives Research Team, art exhibitions, lessons for pupils of the schools in Dore and workshops, as well as being a warm and safe space for people to enjoy with the new kitchen servery helping to provide hospitality. The new entrance will bring light into the church, and you will walk straight through into the main area of the nave, which will look brighter and more welcoming. Wheelchair and pushchair access will be throughout the building. The church will have accessible toilets. These basic requirements for a public building are finally becoming a reality.

Some readers may have noticed the preliminary work on the two vestry roofs and work on the drains from May to September. This was phase 1 of the project and has been completed. The main phase 2 can start now.

The church has a project delivery team working to conclude all the negotiations with the preferred contractor by the end of October. The fundraising phase also comes to a conclusion at the end of October. The fundraising team has worked tirelessly since January of this year, applying to trusts and foundations with moderate success.

The church membership has been phenomenal in its generosity and there have been some donations from individuals who do not attend church, but value our shared heritage. Money is still coming in but there is likely to be a shortfall that will need to be covered by a loan. Some final details of the interior plans are to be agreed with the Diocese of Sheffield over the next month. Then the work is likely to start in January 2024; the fundraising will continue in order to pay back any loan.

In summary, the church building will close for construction in January 2024. Christmas 2023 will be the last in the building as it is. During the eight months of construction church services will take place in alternative venues to be announced. Requests for baptism weddings and funerals will still come through to the parish office. The churchyard will be part fenced off and the details of that will be announced on our website when construction starts. [www.dorechurch.org.uk](http://www.dorechurch.org.uk).

This is an exciting time in the history of Christ Church, and we invite people of no faith and other faiths as well as Christians to help shape its future. There will be updates in Dore to Door throughout this period of change.

Anita Campbell



Exterior of Christ Church by night showing position of the new entrance



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## Haythornthwaite Wood



Haythornthwaite Wood, opposite the Dore Moor pub on the A625 Hathersage Road, was planted by CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire ("CPRE PDSY") in November 1994 as a commemorative woodland for remembering the extensive and highly impactful environmental campaigning work of the founders of the charity: Ethel and Gerald Haythornthwaite.

The Wood was planted as a mix of the native tree species of sessile oak, silver birch, scots pine, ash, rowan, field maple and alder, with a 100 metre eastern boundary hedgerow comprising a mix of hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn and field maple.

The Wood is held and managed by CPRE PDSY on long-term lease from Sheffield Council under a legal arrangement that mandates CPRE PDSY to keep the Wood in "good forestry management practice". This includes aspects of proactive tree and hedgerow management, boundary maintenance, ecological impact, amenity value and public access. To these ends, CPRE PDSY implemented a programme of management and enhancement works at the Wood running from summer 2023 through to winter 2024, under the guidance and fundraising efforts of the charity's Engagement Lead, Cassa Townsend.

### Opportunities to get involved

In November 2023 the hedgerow will be brought into good condition through excess growth removal and hedgelaying which will be led by Sheffield City Council Woodland Rangers. Hedgelaying is a particular technique that sees the trimming of taller hedge-trees, then "laying" them back into the hedge (in this case, in a southerly direction) allowing lateral regeneration of the hedge into a thicker, healthier boundary to the Wood. This will create a solid stock-proof hedge along the side of the Wood that borders the adjacent agricultural land. There are three volunteer hedgelaying days on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November. If you would like to get involved in these practical task days, please email [cassa.townsend@cprepdsy.org.uk](mailto:cassa.townsend@cprepdsy.org.uk) to book a place as numbers need to be limited for safety reasons. Money for this work has been raised from the national CPRE "Hedgerow Heroes" fund and supports their campaign for a 40% increase in healthy hedgerows in the UK by 2050. Additional funding for the development project at the Wood has come from a generous grant from the Dore Village Society.

In July and September 2023, Cassa led two successful walks with Christopher Pennell of the Dore Village Society, from Dore Village centre to the Wood. More walks are planned for 2024 – keep an eye out for posters and on social media for news of events and dates for further engagement opportunities. We also had a successful task day in the Wood on Saturday October 14th (as reported by Margaret Peart in this issue of Dore to Door) and hope to hold more of these opportunities in 2024.

An ecological survey of the Wood was undertaken in autumn 2023, and we will run a Bird Walk and a Bat Walk in the spring/summer of 2024. There will also be opportunities to come and survey the newly laid hedge to see how it is re-growing and what species are present within its branches.

The current development plan for the Wood also involves repairing the boundary walls to the Wood. A local dry stone waller will undertake boundary repairs involving local volunteers. This is someone whose family have been involved with CPRE for three generations. More news as we have it.

The project aims to engage as many local people as possible, providing volunteer opportunities and keeping people informed via local news pieces, posters in the local area, and engagement via social media and

the CPRE PDSY website. News is shared regularly with CPRE PDSY members who are also invited to take part in the planned activities. We hope to involve younger people too in the Wood project, ideas are welcome!

### Background to CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire

Ethel Gallimore (as she was then known) commenced her campaigning work to protect the countryside of the rural areas to the West of Sheffield in the 1920s as a young widow, and her achievements in coalescing significant support for this cause were many, varied and highly impactful. The first incarnation of the charity was formed in 1924 as the "Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery" and the first committee was active from the off in campaigning to protect what Ethel had recognised as the many threats to the beauty of the countryside areas bordering the city. The charity became affiliated with the





Britain's first National Park (the Peak District National Park) came into being in 1951 following long and hard campaigning by Ethel and her second husband, Gerald Haythornthwaite. Their efforts led to the creation of legislation that provided for these nationally significant protected areas (again, Britain's first).

### The importance of Haythornthwaite Wood in 2023

Gerald Haythornthwaite was still a Trustee of the CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire charity in 1994, and was present at the establishment of the Wood. Gerald died in 1995, leaving a powerful legacy of environmental activism along with Ethel, whose death had preceded his in 1986.

As many of you may know, and as referred to in previous editions of Dore to Door, CPRE PDSY has supported the Dore Village Society with opposition to the proposed retirement village development at the site of the Dore Garden Centre. Having not yet made it onto the agenda of the Planning and Highways

Committee, we await to see whether this application will have been considered at the 7th November committee meeting. Detailed in Christopher Pennell's article in this issue of Dore to Door is more information about the importance of the Green Belt that protects this area of Sheffield from inappropriate developments encroaching onto this special countryside.

Haythornthwaite Wood now stands as a healthy and highly emblematic exemplification of a mixed native-species woodland and the work planned to enhance and develop it will help it to stand for many more years as such.

**Cassa Townsend, Engagement Lead**

London based CPRE charity in 1927, with Ethel attending the inaugural meeting of this new national body in 1926 (and indeed, taking the reins of the whole CPRE national movement in 1942 whilst many others were busy with other war-related matters).

Significant efforts for CPRE PDSY in Sheffield in the early days included fighting the growth of despoiling advertising hoardings, educating people about damage through littering, and notably holding a large exhibition in the Cutlers Hall to persuade others to join the movement and, importantly, support it with their financial contributions.

There were more significant milestones in the late 1920's when two large swathes of land were protected from development by Ethel's campaigning; both Longshaw Lodge and Estate and the land of Blackmoor were protected in this way. Longshaw was crowd-funded purchased and donated to the National Trust, and Blackmoor was purchased by JG Graves and gifted to the city Council, and is currently managed on long term lease as a nature reserve by the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust.

The establishment of the Green Belt around Sheffield was born out of Ethel's efforts to protect more land that was coming under threat, significantly the land between Whirlow Bridge and the Dore Moor Inn which was earmarked for housebuilding in 1935. Ethel knew the importance of this "gateway to Derbyshire" and lobbied Sheffield Council to buy the land from the developers, which it did, along with many other swathes of green space bordering the city. Eventually, this formed the proposed Green Belt which was enshrined in protective legislation in 1938.



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### Dore Show

We had a lovely afternoon at the Dore Show – thank you to all those who came to see us, and those who had a go (or several) on our tombola. It was great to see supporters of all different ages, to have the opportunity to speak to the local community about the service we provide, and enjoy the music and entertainment provided by the Oughtibridge Brass Band.

### A Celebration of Beatles Music

A lively evening was had at the end of September at Christ Church Community Centre in Dore, thanks to the bands Cellar V and Redback, and special guests Sally Goldsmith and Rony Robinson. The hall was filled to capacity by enthusiastic Beatles fans who sang along, danced (a little), and contributed their own tales of Beatles experiences leading to a memorable evening. A total of £450 was raised for Transport 17 from the ticket sales. Thank you to all those who helped make the event happen, in particular, Phil Harris from the Redback band.

### Christmas Fayre

We are able to confirm the date and venue of our Christmas Fayre this year. It will be held on Saturday 25th November, from 10am–12pm, at the newly refurbished Cross Scythes pub on Baslow Road. The new management have welcomed Transport 17 and expressed their wish to continue supporting us and our fundraising events which is great news. We look forward to seeing you there and hope you will enjoy the established favourites such as the Christmas 'Bottle Bonanza' where every ticket wins a prize, as well as some new stalls and activities. We will be bringing a selection of children's Christmas crafts so set aside the date to make some cards and gifts to give to friends and family over the festive season. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Volunteering at Transport 17

If you enjoy helping people and would like to give something back to your local community, come and find out about the volunteering opportunities here at Transport 17. We have a small, friendly group of volunteers who would be really pleased to show you around and tell you more about what we do. We welcome individuals who would like to help on a regular basis each week, those who could offer some time less frequently (fortnightly, monthly), and also those who might be able to offer some time on a more flexible basis. There are a variety of roles available including helping with fundraising and planning and organising events. However, what we are currently most in need of are minibus drivers and passenger assistants. Full training and induction is provided and funded by T17.

### Minibus driver

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### Current volunteers say:

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*"Knowing what a difference T17 makes to people's lives means all our work is definitely worth it"* (Jenny, Volunteer)

Each individual has their own reason for volunteering and their own ideas about what it will do for them. The most important thing about it is that you should enjoy it and that it's a rewarding experience for you, as well as for the people you help. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more about volunteering with Transport 17 please contact us on 0114 236 2962, by completing the contact form on the website at [www.transport17.co.uk](http://www.transport17.co.uk), or by emailing us at [volunteerco@transport17.co.uk](mailto:volunteerco@transport17.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

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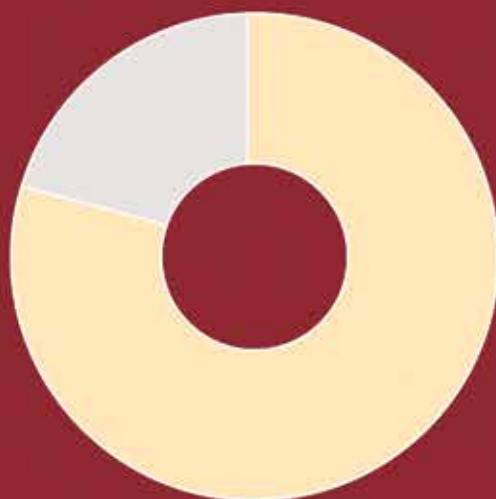
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### The next 5 months down by the railway, parking!

At long last we can see significant progress being made on the station and by the time you read this, the basic lift shafts will be in place with brick cladding to come. We'll be seeing car park closures in full or part until early April to allow the rest of the work to be completed. It's a fair hike to the station from most of Dore, and harder getting back up again. Cycling is little better. Station users can be dropped off in Ladies Spring Grove where disabled parking is available. The best place to park may be along Abbeydale Road South towards Beauchief Gardens and allow for a 10-minute level walk. The road's wide enough to park on both sides without impeding traffic. Dore Road should be avoided.

It's going to be a difficult time, especially if the weather's unkind but by the Spring we should see the benefits. Currently, FoDaTS are trying to clarify what's happening with the area at the entrance to the platform when the little brick shelter is demolished. Covered seating is not yet apparent.

### Totley Tunnel East signal box

Sadly, this will be redundant from April. If anyone knows of a heritage railway that would like it Network Rail may be able to let them have it, otherwise demolition awaits. There's no obvious safe community use for it perched on the side of the railway embankment.

### Railway electrification and HS2

We aren't going to see HS2 trains from Sheffield through Dore to Euston, ever. It seems likely that the mainline tracks through Dore will be electrified sometime after 2030. Tenders for the work are being sought, but until work starts any completion date is wishful thinking. Probably by 2035? Work to fully electrify the Hope Valley line is very low down the list of railway priorities so bi-mode trains are likely to be seen with both diesel and electric traction.

A very small part of the Hope Valley route should then be electrified - from Sheffield to Dore plus a safety overrun of about one km from Dore Station Junction through the station, and also from Dore South Junction to Dore West Junction. The wires might be continued almost to the eastern mouth of Totley Tunnel - about two km. That could be used by bi-mode trains that would pick up current again at Hazel Grove. Neither the East Midlands Norwich-Liverpool or TPE Cleethorpes-Liverpool routes will be fully electrified for decades, if ever. Electrifying through Cowburn and Totley Tunnels would not only be very expensive but incredibly disruptive to both passenger and freight traffic, maybe requiring complete closure of the tunnels for months. The rest of both those routes might be easier and cheaper. Grindleford to Edale would be relatively easy to do. Increased line speeds are another matter.

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Service levels are generally improving, even from Transpennine Express. Sadly, industrial relations issues are still unresolved so further strikes and actions short of strikes are likely to continue. Check trains carefully before travelling.

### FoDaTS AGM – 7.00 for 7.30 Tuesday 28th November, Totley Library

Speakers from Northern Railway and Network Rail have been invited. Come along and see what's happening now and hear what we'd like to see for our new station with better services and facilities in the years to come.

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Chris Morgan

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- 3 October – 14 November 2023: car park closed
- 15 November – 10 December 2023: some spaces closed
- 11 December 2023 – 10 January 2024: car park closed
- 11 January – 26 February 2024: some spaces closed
- 27 February – 5 April 2024: car park closed
- 6 April 2024 onwards: car park reopens

#### Upcoming work dates



**Platform and footbridge installation:** present – February 2024 (weekdays & Saturday nights)

- Concrete work and installation of pre-cast units for platforms: Present - October
- Installation of lift shafts and footbridge: October – November 2023
- Underbridge extension: December 2023

**Track installation & follow up work:** Present – March 2024 (some Saturday nights)

**Earthworks, installation of retaining wall, & track installation in front of Poynton Woods:** Present – March 2024

#### Upcoming line closures



- Sunday 5th November
- Sunday 12th November
- Monday 25th December & Tuesday 26th December
- Sunday 31st December
- Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st January 2024
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## There's Naan better



Following some reorganisation on the editorial staff at Dore to Door, our new joint-editor suggested, what I can only admit to being long-overdue, a visit to Rajdhani. I have eaten at, and had takeaways from, the Indian/Bangladeshi restaurant located in the old ticket office of Dore & Totley station and can't quite fathom why I haven't reviewed it before!

So, on a quiet Thursday evening, we took a £4 taxi ride from the Devonshire Arms with high expectations. In the restaurant itself only three tables were occupied, which meant the atmosphere was subdued. However, with the addition of another dozen diners this soon improved. The décor inside is clean and modern, with dark wood tables, and subtle Eastern fittings and ornaments; the cream walls and high ceilings complete the light and airy feel. On arrival we were immediately seated, so didn't take advantage of the small bar/seating area, and were presented with the menus. Our very polite and attentive waiter took our drinks orders – a 660ml bottle of chilled Cobra (£5.50) for me and a large Sauvignon Blanc (£7.00) for my dining partner.

In my usual manner I took my time with the menu, although I immediately knew what I wanted for starter. We turned down the offer of poppadoms and pickle tray, opting to go straight for the starts. I always enjoy a good King Prawn Puree and the one I had was an excellent example of the dish (£9.90). The puree was crisp and the prawns were perfectly cooked and juicy, with a smooth creamy sauce that had just the right amount of spice and heat so as not to overpower the prawns. The other starter was a chicken version of the same puree dish (£8.90) which had a little more heat, with well cooked chicken and a similar indulgent, creamy sauce.

While discussing the main course options, we decided to coordinate better than we had with the starters, and for the good of the article made sure we went for different dishes! The first dish was a Muglai Chicken from the Chef's Choice section of the menu (£15.90). This dish consists of chicken breast fillet cooked in onion paste, cream, garden mint and a yoghurt-based sauce. This chicken curry, which I would define as "medium" heat-wise, is reasonably spicy with fresh green chillis and has a great combination of flavours. The chicken was succulent and the sauce was smooth and creamy, with flavours coming through in layers, ending with the heat of the chilli.

The other dish (we shared both) was in the Rajdhani Specials section, and is a Bangladeshi dish called Lamb Shatkora (£13.90). It is lamb, cooked with cinnamon, garam masala and flavoured with Shatkora, which apparently is a tangy aromatic fruit from Bangladesh. This dish is also cooked medium-

spicy rather than hot but was warmer than the chicken dish. The additional spiciness was offset by the citrus flavour of the Shatkora, which I had originally believed to be tamarind, and led to a quite unique combination of flavours, and one of the best curried dishes I have eaten in a long time.

As accompaniments, we shared a Pilau Rice (£3.75), because previous experience meant I knew the size of the portion, and a Keema Naan (£3.90). The rice was at the same level as the rest of the food – well flavoured and perfectly cooked, but the naan was truly outstanding. Maybe a strange thing to be raving about, but it was on a different level to any I have had before. The bread itself was soft and fluffy, and cooked with just the right amount of brown and crispy bits, however it was the filling that was the star. To my mind, any recipe is only as good as the quality of the ingredients, and any dish with mince runs the risk of using meat at the budget end of the spectrum. In this case however, the quality of the lamb must have been excellent. The seasoning and spices complemented the sweetness of the lamb and were distinctive individually and in combination. The result was a great bread well stuffed with a succulent wonderfully flavoured mince lamb filling which, with the addition of a pickle tray, could have been a meal in itself.

At the end of the meal, we had to ask the left-overs to be boxed up, and such was the generosity of the dishes there was at least another full meal to take away, and at a shade over £85 for two including (several) drinks it was good value for money.

Everyone seems to have their own opinion of the various curry restaurants in the area, and everyone has their favourite. I have tried many of them, and Rajdhani is up there with the best. It is not fine dining – that is rarely expected from a curry, but it is a very good example of the genre. In addition, they offer both take-away and delivery services with online ordering for both.

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As we head into winter, I wanted to update you on what I have been up to over the past few months in Parliament and in Sheffield.

I have been continuing to campaign on improving school buildings. I spoke with BBC Radio Sheffield about the issues affecting schools and how the government needs to ensure they are being as

transparent as possible with parents. I raised the issue of RAAC in Parliament and called on the Government to provide urgent and adequate funding to upgrade school buildings and ensure they are safe for all students and teachers. I also raised the issue of RAAC in our hospitals in the Public Accounts Committee. After questioning officials, it remains unclear why Doncaster and Sheffield were removed from the hospital building programme. I will continue to push on this.

Thank you to everyone who contacted me about the heather burning on the moors. I received a host of emails from constituents – many with respiratory problems – rightly complaining about the poor air quality across the constituency. In 2021, the government introduced new regulations for licensed burning on deep peat. And yet the burns have continued. In Parliament I asked the Government to do the right thing and stop this practice – which is bad for the natural environment, bad for the climate emergency, and bad for people in our constituency. I also wrote to Sheffield City Council and Natural England to see what more enforcement can be undertaken.

Over the summer I visited Dove Stone Nature Reserve, one of the RSPB's peatland restoration sites to look at the work being done there. It was great to see the progress that had been made and brilliant to be able to plant some sphagnum moss myself!

The Government's decision to close thousands of ticket offices will have major consequences for many using our rail network. Ticket offices provide a really important service to many across our constituency, especially the elderly, disabled and vulnerable. I support the South Yorkshire Mayor's decision to challenge the Government and train companies over this decision. I also welcome the mayor's decision to reinstate multiple daytime bus services. Many of these routes are lifelines for the people of Sheffield Hallam.

I visited Dore and Totley Station with Louise Haigh MP for an update on improvements to the station from network rail and their contractors. It was great to see the progress being made and hear about the difference the finished station will make.

I also visited St Luke's Hospice. I was absolutely blown away by the work they do to support people at the most difficult of times. I previously visited during the pandemic when they were unable to offer their day services. It was great to see first-hand the care of the staff and volunteers.

I am also pleased to have been elected as Vice Chair of the Climate APPG. I am looking forward to working with colleagues across Parliament to campaign for the transformative, democratic and just transition we so urgently need. As part of this, I questioned Government Ministers in Parliament on the need to broaden and increase the capacity of offshore wind.

I voted to defend important changes to the Anti-Refugee Bill, which would have provided much needed protections to some of the most vulnerable asylum seekers. Sadly, these changes were voted down and despite joining colleagues to vote against the Bill, it was passed through Parliament. We must continue to fight these dangerous new laws and protect the right to asylum for everyone fleeing war and violence. I have also been campaigning for a long-term housing plan for Ukrainian refugees, and all those fleeing persecution. I joined colleagues to write to the Home Secretary to express our ongoing concerns about the Bibby Stockholm barge and request an urgent visit to meet residents and assess living conditions.

Thank you for reading my update. Please do get in touch if there is an issue you are facing, or campaign you would like me to join.

**Olivia Blake MP**

## From our Local Councillors

The Local Plan was passed at the Full Council meeting in September. It now goes to the Government Inspector for sign off and, assuming no issues are raised, it will be finally in place next year.

We still do not have a date for when the Planning Application for the retirement Village on the Dore Moor Garden Centre is going to be considered by the Planning Committee. We will ensure that when it finally does get considered that the concerns of Dore residents regarding the preservation of the Green Belt are fully represented.

We are also concerned about the redevelopment of the Dyson site on Baslow Road, which is a complex and major proposal on previously developed land within the Green Belt. It is also on the edge of the National Park and close to a site of Special Scientific Interest. This application is likely to generate a lot of comments and we are encouraging residents to consult the plans in detail and make their views known. Further details of the proposal can be found on the SCC Planning website under ref 23/02164/FUL.

Connect Fibre have caused some issues in providing new cable to the area. In some places they have been erecting telegraph poles where they have had difficulty laying them underground. Whilst they have the right to do this, they have not always followed the correct procedures and we have tackled them on this and managed to avoid having large telegraph poles in some locations.

In a recent survey in the Star the 81/82 bus service was the third most complained about in the city. This will come as no surprise to those who use this service. It has also just been announced that

there will be some alterations to the evening services, reducing the late evening frequency to twice-hourly. The M17 service has started to run again but it is disappointing to note that this too is becoming unreliable which will affect its patronage and consequently its future.

On a more positive note, there is some very welcome news about Totley Bents Recreation Ground. As part of a planning agreement for a development in Loxley that was approved some time ago, Sport England required that improvements were made to cricket facilities elsewhere in the city. After lengthy discussions a payment has been received to introduce a non-turf (all weather) pitch in Totley. The current expectation is that it will be installed early next year, together with some pre-season renovation works to other areas.

This year's 'Ward Pot' is also open for grant funding applications from voluntary and self-help groups in the local area. Details can be found on the Council website. Alternatively contact one of us and we will point you in the right direction.

As well as the Ward Pot the Local Area Committee has some additional funding available for specific areas. The funding streams are targeted at the following areas; Biodiversity (seeds for community led wild flowering), Environmental Groups, Events and Festivals, Cost of Living, Isolation and Loneliness, and unpaid carers lunch. More details about these funding opportunities can be obtained from the Local area Committee Office at [southwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:southwestLAC@sheffield.gov.uk)

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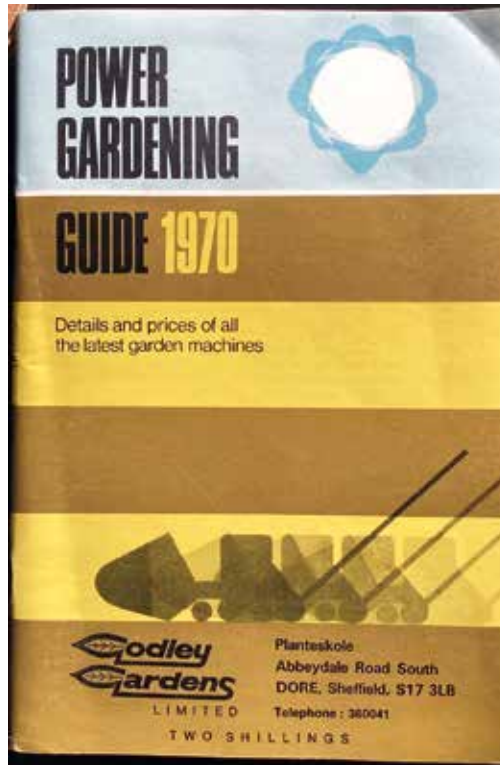
## Remember Godley Gardens?

Godley Gardens was established by Peter Godley in the 1960s, and traded under that name as a family-run garden centre until the mid-1990s. If you haven't been around here for that long you might also remember it as Abbeydale Garden Centre which it became in 1994, also a family firm.

My late mother was the gardener in our family, and I have memories of my primary-school-age brothers and I being taken along there to make nuisances of ourselves when Mum needed "something for the garden."

The reason that I mention this is that I recently happened across the Godley Gardens Power Gardening Guide for 1970; a substantial 80-page catalogue of lawnmowers, hedge trimmers and cultivators which were on the market fifty years ago. In actual fact this is, I believe, an agent's catalogue - published nationally but with just the outer cover personalised to individual business outlets.

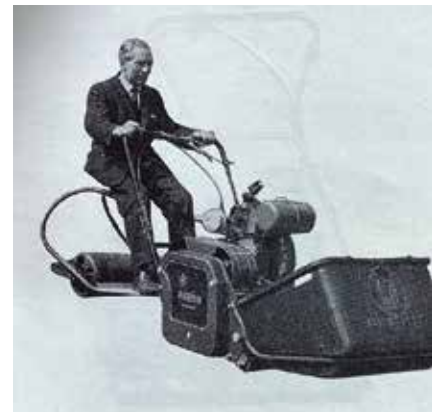
This will have been the last such catalogue published in 'old money' as the UK changed to decimal currency the following year and the shilling was consigned to history. Pence, new pence, were spelled with a p rather than a d, and pop band The Scaffold exhorted us to 'give more, get change' in public information films on telly.



It's tempting to say that gardening was a more popular hobby then than it is today. So far as S17 is concerned, there are certainly fewer gardens. Not just associated with loss of the lands of the mansions previously owned by steel and cutlery magnates, but the corners of gardens extended over, sold off as building plots or converted to hard standing as car parking areas. Yet Dore Garden Club remains popular, as does the biennial Dore Open Gardens in the years when it runs.

Abbeydale Garden Centre closed down in 2010, the family owning it continuing at their other business of Ferndale Nursery in Dronfield. The AGC site was cleared and stood empty for several years before being resurfaced for today's railway station car park.

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### Planning applications and DVS policy

The DVS committee is occasionally asked how it decides to object to, or to support, a planning application for building work.

Before answering that question here's a bit of perspective. Typically there can be in the region of 100 planning applications a year for development work in Dore. We comment on fewer than 10% of these and do not always object but sometimes offer comments on how the application might be changed to satisfy objections.

An important point is that an objection can only be made on the basis of infringement of, or deviation from, planning legislation and regulations. Objections on the basis of dislike or opinion are not valid reasons for objection. An often, and understandable, reaction to a planning application is to raise a petition and submit it as an objection. It doesn't matter how many signatures there are on a petition it only counts as one objection, so it's better for the signatories to object individually.

There are several documents which are relevant when considering an objection. The first of these is the National Planning Policy Framework which sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

Then there's the Sheffield Local Plan which will guide the future of Sheffield and sets out how and where development will take place up to 2039. This is in draft form at the moment but may become the definitive plan sometime in 2024.

Finally there's the Dore Neighbourhood Plan (DNP). This adds guidance to development in Dore. The DNP can be found on the DVS website and has been incorporated into the Sheffield Local Plan.

There's a lot more information on the Sheffield City Council website, particularly their Core Strategy CS31 which deals with housing in the southwest area of Sheffield.

So, it's on the basis of what is in these documents that we decide to object, support, or not comment on a planning application. We will only object where we believe the planning application does not accord with the stated policies. We do not object based on opinion or perceived desirability. We also rarely object if the surrounding neighbours are content with the application and we do not take sides in a disagreement between neighbours.

A striking example of where we believe there are multiple grounds for objection is the current application from Inspired Homes to demolish the Dore Nursery and build a retirement community of 125 dwellings.

An example of a successful objection is the hard fought battle over many months to prevent the building of two three-storey blocks of flats with a total of 20 apartments on Dore Road adjacent to the entrance to the GP surgery. Sheffield Council's planning committee refused planning permission but the developer appealed to the planning inspector. At the subsequent public hearing the DVS, along with several Dore residents, presented a detailed argument based on multiple elements of the above documents. As a result the planning inspector refused the appeal and the site is now occupied by a single dwelling which is much more in keeping with the area.

We are always happy to be asked why we have objected to an application and to explain how we came to that decision. We are also happy to be asked about an application prior to submission and advise on elements where there might be cause for an objection (email: [planning@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:planning@dorevillage.co.uk)).

Keith Shaw

**Tuesdays 10.30am:** Weekly free health walks every Tuesday from Christ Church Community Centre on Townhead Road, postcode S17 3GA. No need to book. Meet from 10.20am in the back room. Parking is available. The long walk takes one hour.



### Sixty years since when?

Here's one for you - when was the sixtieth anniversary of the Dore Guides? A few months ago I happened across this little pin badge for sale online (20p piece for scale). I thought, do a bit of research and that will make an article for Dore to Door.

Now, I knew already that the Guides movement has been around since the early years of the last century (1909 it says on Wikipedia) so the sixtieth anniversary could have been as early as 1969 if Dore was an early adopter. I certainly knew, having seen it in Dore to Door, that the Guides were the first group to use the new Church Hall on Townhead Road when it was built in 1937, so maybe the anniversary was at some point in the 1990s. I was wrong on both counts.

Trouble is, there are no Guides in Dore any more, so nobody obvious to ask. The national website for the organisation is more of a recruitment operation, they don't have anything like an archive.

Then, quite coincidentally, former Guide Leader Pam Butterworth got in touch with me on another matter so I posed the question to her. The answer was a bit of a surprise - the diamond anniversary of Dore Guides was - 2014!

It seems that guiding in Dore came to a stop during and immediately after the Second World War; they didn't get going again until 1954 and the sixty years is counted from then.

Did you get it right? I didn't, not even close. A little disappointing I suppose, but at least I got a magazine article out of the subject. You've just read it.

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## Ladybirds

Some weeks ago a village resident sent me a photograph of a cluster of ladybirds on the blue metal bench by the phone box in the village and was curious to know why they were there. By chance, I had noticed a similar thing a couple of years ago at Dore Old School. It was late summer and the stone back wall was covered in ladybird larvae at a similar stage of development to the ones spotted on the blue bench. Both locations are overlooked by sycamore trees which, I believe, is where it all started.

We may be fairly familiar with the seven-spot and two-spot red and black versions of ladybird but in fact there are over twenty other recognisable native species: yellow; orange; black with red spots and even orange with cream spots. They are excellent natural predators to be welcomed by all gardeners. But in the early 2000s a non-native Asian species, the harlequin ladybird, arrived in the UK and has since become widespread. Our native ladybirds concentrate on devouring aphids, much to the gardener's delight, but the harlequin ladybirds have a wider diet which includes the eggs and larvae of butterflies, moths and other ladybirds. As we have found with other introduced non-native species like the grey squirrel, the natives find it hard to compete and thus, nowadays, the ladybird in your garden is quite likely to be a harlequin ladybird. Harlequins are large (7-8 mm) so if the ladybird you see is less than 5mm it's likely to be a native. They come in many different combinations of colours and spots and can be easily confused with the native species. If you get a chance to look at their legs, apparently the native has black ones and the harlequin, brown ones. I've found this much harder to check out in practice than it sounds as it's not easy to persuade a ladybird to stay motionless while studying the colour of their little legs!

Ladybirds have a cycle of growth from egg which includes a larval 'instar' stage when it sheds its skin each time as it grows. In the early stages it needs to feed but at its final instar stage it anchors itself as a pupa, ceases feeding and after 7-14 days emerges as the adult beetle. I think these ladybird larvae noticed by the Dore resident dropped onto the bench from the nearby tree for their final static transformation into adult ladybirds.

To go back to the sycamore trees... amid the general sadness and condemnation following the recent felling of the Sycamore Gap tree some people commented that the sycamore tree supports far fewer species than, for example, an oak tree, but one creature that does find it hospitable is that newcomer, the confusingly and variously-coloured harlequin ladybird.



Ladybird larvae on blue bench. Photo by Pat Heawood

## Did St Swithin get it right this year?

*St Swithin's Day, if thou bring rain  
For forty days it will remain.*

In the last edition of Dore to Door I wrote about the folklore surrounding the Feast of St Swithin. It rained hard in Dore on that day, 15th July, so I thought a look at the Weston Park weather station records (courtesy of @WPWeather) would prove interesting. This showed that in the forty days following 15th July there were only 12 days without rain. In fact it seems to have been a generally soggy period with one day recording 35.8mm of rain. St Swithin was more right than wrong this year.

Some of you may remember Bill Foggitt, the amateur weather forecaster from Thirsk who, for a while in the 1980s, became a minor TV celebrity and had his own spot on Yorkshire Television. His predictions were based on observations of the natural world and patterns in the weather that he and family had been recording for several generations. We may not be able to match St Swithin in weather prediction but if you want to try your own bit of short-term weather forecasting follow Bill Foggitt's advice and hang up a pine cone; when its scales close there is damp weather and rain on the way.

## Haythornthwaite Wood

Thank you to the DVS volunteers who turned out to do some initial clearing in the Haythornthwaite Memorial Wood in preparation for more improvements over the next few months. It is amazing how much a few willing volunteers can achieve in two hours. There will be more opportunities to contribute to the work as the project goes forward (see CPRE's Cassa Townsend's article on the planned work in this issue).



Volunteers clearing a path. Photo by M. Peart

## Bulb bequest

Dore Village Society is very grateful to have received a bequest of £250 to be spent on bulbs to be planted around Dore Village. We are taking advice about what to plant and where from Andy Mumford, Sheffield City Council, Parks and Countryside department. When the time comes we'll be asking for help with the planting to make sure that the generous wish of this benefactor, Raymond Pixley, is fulfilled.

**Margaret Peart**

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## The beauty of bicarb

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As well as all the above, bicarbonate of soda is also a brilliant green cleaning product that is inexpensive and super versatile.

### My Top 8 bicarbonate of soda cleaning hacks

- 1. Clean your iron** – You know those annoying dark marks that you sometimes get on your iron, the ones that can sometimes leave a random black mark on your clothing when ironing if you're not careful? Well, you can easily remove it with bicarbonate of soda. Simply make a paste with lukewarm water and bicarbonate of soda, use a cloth to rub the mixture on to your iron allowing it to rub the mark/stains off. Once the stains have come off, simply wipe off any leftover residue ensuring that all the holes are cleaned too and that's it.
- 2. Cleanse your fridge** – Green cleaning your fridge with bicarbonate of soda is as easy as 1,2,3. Grab yourself a bowl, I use a mixing bowl for ease. Fill it half full with warm water, pop in 2 to 3 heaped tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda. Empty your fridge out and using a light kitchen cloth, wipe around your fridge. The bicarbonate of soda and water mix will remove odours from your fridge and help to sterilise it clean too.
- 3. Bring your oven** back to its natural clean state and remove dirt and grime using a simple gooey paste made using warm water and bicarbonate of soda. Pop the paste all over the oven making sure that you cover all the surfaces. Any areas with dried grease may need a bit of good old elbow grease rubbed on gently with a scourer. No need to use chemicals in your oven to clean it and bring back its sparkle. Even your oven trays and grills can be green cleaned too. Leave oven grills outside on the grass and watch your stainless-steel grills come back to their natural shine. It's all so easy.
- 4. Polish up your microwave** – Remove grease, stains and odours from your microwave oven. Using a mixture of bicarbonate of soda in a bowl of water, you can clean up your microwave and bring it up to its natural shine. Clean the inside and outside then leave it to air for a little while before using.
- 5. Freshen up mattresses** with bicarbonate of soda. Remove body odours and stains. Sprinkle bicarbonate of soda over your mattress and use a cloth to rub the bicarbonate of soda into any areas that have any stains or marks on the mattress. Once you're happy that the area that you want to clean is fully covered, leave for an hour or two. The bicarbonate of soda will soak up any smells and help to lift stains too. Once the time is up, simply vacuum up the bicarbonate of soda and that's it. Your mattress will feel fresh and clean once again. Quick tip – if



you'd like to add a bit of a scent to your bicarbonate of soda, you can mix 20 drops of lavender and tea tree essential oils to a container with the bicarbonate of soda and mix together. Lavender is a calming scent that can help to improve sleep. Tea tree essential oil is naturally antibacterial and antifungal so can help to give your mattress an extra deep clean.

- 6. Carpets** – There's nothing worse than when your carpets or rugs become marked and drab over time. Whether it's from everyday wear and tear or dullness over the years, your carpet can get a perfect gleam up with bicarbonate of soda. Forget the days of shake 'n' vac, instead you can easily make your own homemade version free of complex chemicals. Grab a jar or container with a tight lid. Half fill the container with bicarbonate of soda. Add some drops of your favourite essential oils. I love to use lavender or ylang ylang essential oils. Shake the two together ensuring that you have a powdery texture of the two items in your container. Grab a thin holed colander or flour shaker and use it to sprinkle the bicarbonate of soda on to your carpet or rug. Leave overnight to allow the bicarbonate of soda to work its magic by absorbing stains and smelly odours. Grab your Hoover and vacuum up the bicarbonate of soda. Your carpets will be left feeling fresh, clean and smelling like your favourite natural essential oils.
- 7. Remove rust from metal** – whether it's a piece of metal garden furniture, a stainless-steel item, an indoor bar stool or any such like item, when it comes to getting rid of rust, bicarbonate of soda can help you to do the job. Get rid of the rust by using warm water to make a soft paste by mixing it with bicarbonate of soda. Smear the bicarbonate of soda paste all over the rusty area. You might need to use a small brush to rub the paste on to the area. Leave the paste on for about half an hour then wipe or rinse off depending on the item. Be sure to treat the area with a suitable metal paint or cover to stop the rust from returning.
- 8. Footwear** – Trainers, walking boots, football boots and everyday shoes can sometimes start to get a bit smelly. No

need to leave shoes out in the porch or open air any more to air them out or just to stop your nose from being invaded by what can sometimes be quite a potent smell. Grab a thin pair of old tights that you no longer use or a simple single piece of kitchen tissue paper. Add 2 to 3 heaped tablespoons to the sheet of kitchen roll or the foot of the tights. If you're using the tights, once you have added the bicarbonate of soda, you can tie it up tightly to make sure that the bicarbonate of soda stays in place. With the kitchen paper, just bring the four corners together and twist them together so that you can secure the bicarbonate of soda. It will look like a round ball that you can then pop into the foot of the shoe and boot. Pop it inside the shoe overnight and remove it in the morning. The bicarbonate of soda will soak up all the smells like magic leaving the shoes smelling as good as new.

Bicarbonate of soda is super useful to have in your cleaning cupboard. It has so many amazing uses that can serve you in and around your home. You can find bicarbonate of soda in a range of places from your everyday supermarket shelves to many refill shops and online too.

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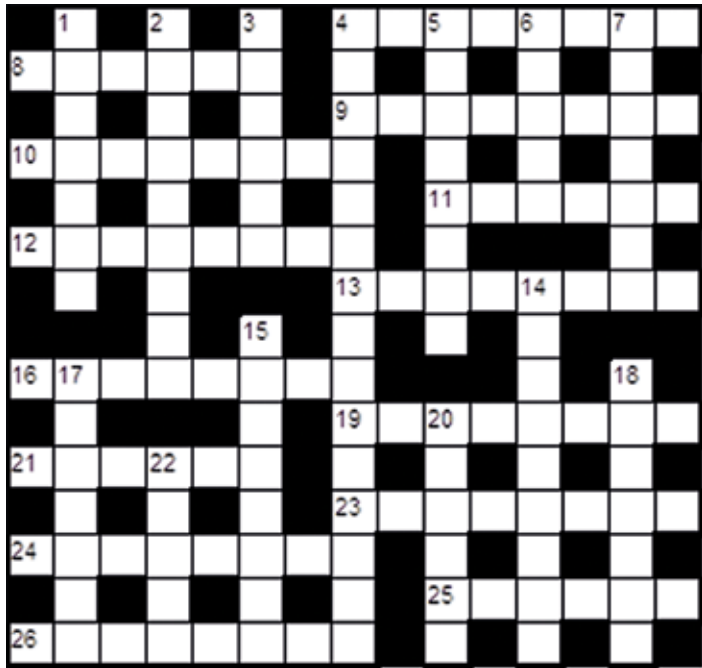
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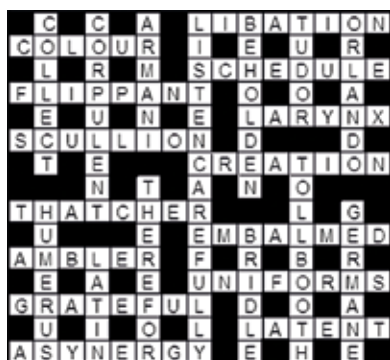
- 4. They provide closure with somewhere to live, when they are found on canals (8)
- 8. Goddess at that time entering motoring organisation (6)
- 9. Desire unknown education when left out (8)
- 10. Acts having figures that take time inside (8)
- 11. Occasions point to outlets (6)
- 12. Soldier has literary pause with mad professor (8)
- 13. Lower digital protection (3,5)
- 16. Old Prime minister has acne, strangely, but not much (8)
- 19. Salesman takes fish and gets blame (8)
- 21. Puny charge oddly billed (6)
- 23. Put around a time when soothed (8)
- 24. Whelk with no shell needs to drop with one capital (8)
- 25. Channel made by fish getting right inside (6)
- 26. Band has pair to rent (8)

**Down**

- 1. Keep the original child hat (7)
- 2. One's old and one's new, that's the truth (9)
- 3. Packet transport working (6)
- 4. Corporeal manipulator (15)
- 5. Help back and live with set-back having issue with sugar (8)
- 6. Jump quietly away from cat (5)
- 7. Moving studies (7)
- 14. Introduces star into peculiar inset (9)
- 15. Within break, very new exchange (8)
- 17. Beatrice strangely taking time out to create cartoon character (3,4)
- 18. Small native American goes to church to cry (7)
- 20. Weaves soft tails abroad (6)
- 22. Graduate, it's as it should be and is fundamental (5)

**Crossword  
compiled by Mavis**

**Answers will be  
published in the  
February issue.  
Solution to our  
Autumn crossword:**



**Famous Bridge Hands – murder at the table**

Perhaps the most famous bridge hand of all time occurred at a social game in September 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri, when Mrs Myrtle Adkins Bennet, after an argument sparked by a misplayed hand, shot her husband, John, dead. In the ensuing murder trial Mrs Bennett pleaded self-defence after physical abuse.

The Bennetts were playing bridge with their neighbours, Mr and Mrs Hofman. When the Hofmans began to pull ahead, the Bennetts started to bicker. In the final hand John failed to make his contract and Myrtle, frustrated by the failure, called him a bum bridge player. He accused her of overbidding. The argument continued until John stood up, slapped her in the face several times, and announced he was leaving and would spend the night in a motel. The argument then rapidly escalated and Myrtle, went to her bedroom, collected a gun owned by John, walked back and shot him twice in the back.

Her trial lasted eleven days. Her defence attorney told the jurors that John Bennett had been previously violent and abusive, and attempted to explain that Mrs Bennett was either insane or acted in self-defence. After many days, including reviewing the bidding and play with help of a variety of bridge experts, the jury retired for an eight-hour deliberation, whereafter they returned a not guilty verdict. The prosecution's assistant said "It looks like an open season on husbands".

Mrs Bennett, 35 at the time, went on to live until she was 96, never commenting on the incident. She travelled the world working for a hotel chain and playing bridge until nearly the end of her life, although reportedly often having difficulty finding a partner.

The moral of this tale: if you want to survive into old age don't play bridge with your spouse or partner.

Here is the hand in question:

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The opening lead was ♦ A, followed by a switch to ♣ J. At the table, Jack Bennett misguessed trumps and stranded dummy's established club winners, finishing two down. Can you find the winning play? Answer on page 47.

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## NOVEMBER

- Tue 14 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group "Running Free: Breaking out of Locked-in Syndrome". The author of an inspirational Book, Kate Allat, will describe her personal experience. At 2.30 p.m. in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome, a donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club: The Colours of the Garden. Talk by Hilary Hutson, Botanist, Gardener, Photographer. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £4 is appreciated.
- Wed 22 Totley History Group - Cherrytree Orphanage - talk by Hilary Widdowson. Meetings are in Totley Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and are followed by light refreshments. Non members are always welcome.
- Thu 23 Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. A History of the European Motor Industry Part 2. New members welcome.
- Sat 25 National Trust Christmas Tree Festival, Longshaw Estate. Christmas trees for sale, many other attractions. See article, page 4
- Sat 25 Transport 17 Christmas Fayre, 10am–noon, Cross Scythes pub on Baslow Road. See article, page 29.
- Sat 25 & Sun 26 Christmas Fayre, Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Christmas Market, Santa & elves, real reindeer. Christmas trees & turkeys for sale. 10am-3pm each day, adults £6, children free. Free parking. More details at [www.whirlowhallfarm.org/events](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org/events)
- Tue 28 Friends of Dore and Totley Station AGM - 7.00 for 7.30pm, Totley Library. Speakers from Northern Railway and Network Rail have been invited. Come along and see what's happening now and hear what we'd like to see for our new station with better services and facilities in the years to come. See also page 31.

## DECEMBER

- Dec Christmas Experience 2023 at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Weekends only throughout December. Tickets (booking essential) £90 for groups/families of up to 6. Full details and booking at [www.whirlowhallfarm.org/events/a-christmas-experience-2023/](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org/events/a-christmas-experience-2023/)
- Sat 2 Christmas Toy Collection by the ladies of Dore Methodist Church Tuesday Group. Bring new and unwrapped toys to the Church from 10.30am. See article, page 2 of this issue.
- Tue 5 Time Travellers Archaeological Group talk on Medieval Weapons, 7.30pm at Dore Old School. Entry for members is free and for non-members £3. You will be made very welcome. See article, page 17.
- Wed 6 Dore Village Society Lantern Parade, village centre from 6pm. Lanterns and magic wands will be on sale, shops will open late and there will be a selection of festive food and treats. See article, page 4.
- Fri 8 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Charity Train Rides and Christmas Lights Night. Entry to see the lights is free, train rides are £2 per person and all takings will be donated to St Luke's. Light refreshments will be available. See article, page 2.
- Thu 14 Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. How the Tudors Celebrated Christmas. New members welcome.
- Wed 27 Dore Village Society annual Wassail Walk led by Keith Shaw. Meet at Dore Old School for a 10am start. See article, page 3.

## JANUARY

- Thu 11 Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. The Sinking of the Empress of Ireland. New members welcome.
- Thu 25 Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. The 1920s Sheffield Gang Wars. New members welcome.

## FEBRUARY

- Thu 8 Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. The Voyager Missions. New members welcome.

## Dore Bridge Answer

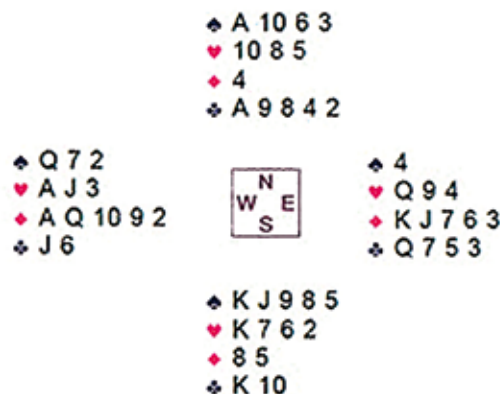
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Declarer must lose a diamond and two heart tricks so trumps must be picked up without loss. West, switching to dummy's long suit, presented an opportunity to do so.

Here is how declarer can succeed:

West plays the ace of diamonds and then switches to the Jack of clubs, taken by the king.

From here success hinges on the finesse in spades. In the absence of any information a finesse has a 50% chance of success whereas with nine cards the odds favour playing for the drop at 53%, so it might seem that John had a 1 in 3 chance of guessing correctly. However, west's intervention with an overcall makes a finesse through the north hand the option most likely to succeed.



So the successful route is for south to continue with the king of spades, then finesse in spades and play the ace of spades, followed by the ace and nine of clubs.

On the layout above if East covers with the queen, declarer ruffs then leads and ruffs his second diamond. He now has two club winners on which to discard two hearts.

If East plays low declarer discards a heart and plays another club, ruffing the queen and then ruffs his diamond as before.

If west holds ♣ QJ6 declarer discards a heart (loser on loser play). West can cash his ace of hearts but is endplayed to give declarer a diamond ruff or lead up to the king of hearts.

Either way declarer wins five spades in hand, a diamond ruff, and four club tricks.

That line is only possible because of the mistake by West; attacking dummy's long suit allows declarer to create sufficient entries to dummy to draw trumps and enjoy the established club suit.

A diamond continuation at trick two defeats the contract after which declarer lacks sufficient entries to draw trumps and get to dummy to play the remaining clubs.

Keith Shaw



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## The Tin Tab

The "old tin tab" as it was affectionately known, was a familiar sight to many people of both Dore and Totley up until 1929. It belonged to Dore and Totley Union Church, now the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road.

Dore Union roots go back to the spring of 1888 when six congregationalist friends - John Calvert, Thomas Oates, Samuel Trevethick, George Tucker and Edward Hounam met under Frederick Dieroff's chairmanship at "The Laurels" on Dore Road, with a view to founding a new Christian movement in the area.

Dore was at that time rapidly expanding, thanks to the pioneering spirit of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Railway

which opened a station at the bottom of Twentywell Lane in 1872 in order to serve the new estates planned for Totley Brook and Dore Road. Our six zealots from Queen Street and Attercliffe Mount Zion congregational churches perceived a need for a new free church in the area for the railway borne population - the nearest hitherto being the Wesley Reform chapel at Beauchief.

Their enthusiasm was such that they were soon able to organise public services of worship in a school room rented from Mrs Shrubsole in the Licensed Victuallers premises.

The challenge provided by the founding six was taken up quickly by more local residents and an approach made to rent land from what had by then become the Midland Railway, close to Dore Station.

Agreement was reached with the General manager at Derby in 1889, the railway company pointing out, in view of their preoccupation with planning a new curve towards Chinley, that the land may be "urgently required for Railway purposes ... but they would otherwise endeavour not to disturb the congregation".

Enter the tin tabernacle, or iron church. The church executive had been seeking to acquire one - preferably at the sensible sort of price one might expect from free church men and Yorkshire men into the bargain, that would seat approximately 150 people. They were eminently successful with a "neat iron church" purchased second hand from Isaac Dixon and triumphantly transported to Abbeydale Road.

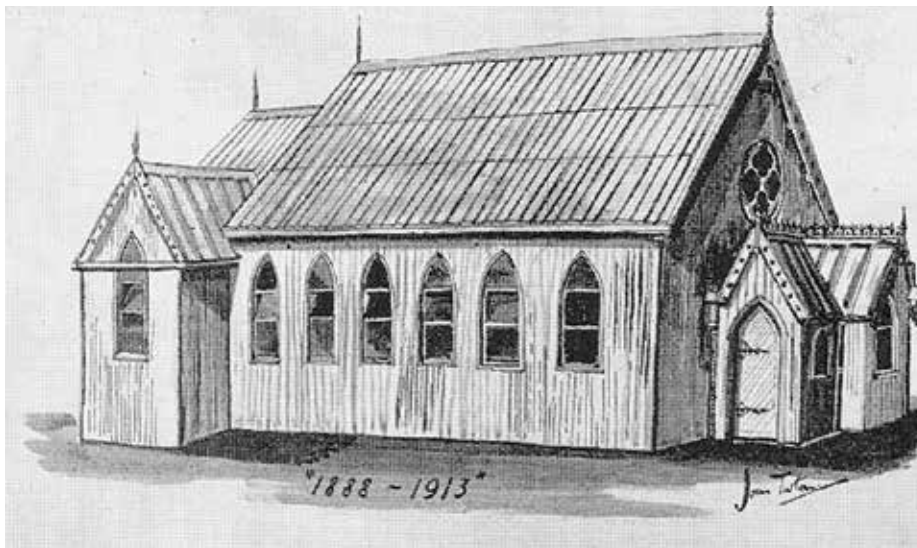
So began a long association between the tin tabernacle and unfailingly enthusiastic members of Dore and Totley Union. The long-suffering, ever forgiving worshippers challenged by draughts, leaks, noise, choking fumes, wilfully malicious gusts of rebellious smoke from the iron stove and the piercing shriek of the Midland Railway southbound expresses endeavouring to build up speed as they came up past the station.

When it rained, the thunderous pounding on the tin roof caused preachers to abandon the sermon in favour of hymn singing. Visiting preachers today may still marvel at the power of the hymn singing fervour they encounter, little knowing what magnificent

heritage lies behind the resonant voices.

Equally exciting to the imagination are tales of the church secretary, Mr Hedley Parker, dashing furiously out from contemplative prayer to shake his fist at the gleeful driver of a maroon-liveried Midland Railway locomotive, as he opened up the throttle and whistle simultaneously to signal the triumph of man and machine over the "meek and mild".

Did the Fat Controller receive a complaint about the misbehaviour of his engines? It seems, from looking at church records, that he did frequently. And the company "urged care upon its drivers and firemen".



*The famous 'Tin Tab' drawn by Joan Turton. This is the only illustration known.*

Like Abraham, the free church worshippers uprooted in 1908 (following the Harvest Festival), and, taking their tin tabernacle with them, moved to a new plot of land on Totley Brook Road, still within earshot of the ever expanding railway.

Evelyn Nicholls, who now lives at Green Oak View, remembers the "old tin tab" being moved physically on a bogey to its new site. The chapel was lovingly repainted, matting was laid in the

aisle, radiators replaced the pot bellied stove and everyone settled down to a new life on the frontiers of Totley.

But betrayal was in the air! A new permanent building worthy of the new location and still growing congregation was being considered. Competitive designs were invited and finally, in 1913, the present church of Derbyshire grit stone was built and opened with much ceremony. The tin tab became the church hall on an adjoining plot of land.

Nostalgic back-stage reminiscences within the Dramatic Society provide a colourful picture of the ambitious productions undertaken by gaslight. Scenery, artfully crafted from wood and dragged down from people's outhouses, was assembled with iron brackets to carry the individual lamps of the footlights.

The cast learnt, with bitter experience, when precisely to raise their voices each night, to join in battle with the hissing, panting trains struggling up the incline to Totley tunnel and the summit somewhere under the dark peak. Bantering audiences and earnest amateur actors enthusiastically joined together in selfmade entertainment.

The Reverend Wesley Green, minister of Dore Union from 1920 until 1929 and an ardent thespian, was well-known for his habit of placing prompt cards in strategic places around the stage - and the inevitable occasion when he precipitated the entire cast from the middle of Act II into the latter part of Act III.

But the thunderous rain on the roof and the thunderous applause of the audiences within were an unequal contest that ultimately could only have one lamentable ending.

Plans were made for a permanent church hall, with mullion windows and porch, with facings of Derbyshire gritstone, to stand beside the sanctuary. The days of the tin tab were sadly numbered.

Rather fittingly, in 1929, the tabernacle that came to Dore and Totley in consequence of the evangelistic fervour of half a dozen non-conformists from the east side of Sheffield, was carried across the city to the suburbs of Hillsborough in order to be a mission hall serving the needs of a new generation of evangelists.

**Richard Moffat**