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Wet but no Washout

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Mary Watson

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of Mary's sudden and unexpected death in early July. She was admitted to the Northern General via A&E and underwent emergency surgery for an abdominal aneurysm. Despite the doctors' best efforts she could not be saved.

Her son, James, was with her at the end and tells us that she was peaceful and in no pain.

Mary was a Trustee of Dore Village Society for many years, and worked as the Society's treasurer for much of that time. Her contemporary on the committee, David Heslop, said, "She was a hardworking colleague at DVS and was an efficient and assiduous treasurer for many years. Her severe and formidable presence masked a lady of kindness and delicate humour."

Come together...

There will be a fundraising event for local charity Transport 17 on 30th September. This will be "A Celebration of the Music of the Beatles", an evening of live music from local bands Redback and Cellar V, with special guests Rony Robinson and Sally Goldsmith. The event will be held at Christ Church Community Centre, Townhead Road and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, available at the end of August from Dore Club, Townhead Road and Transport 17, 172 Baslow Road, Topley. Please note that tickets must be bought in advance. All proceeds to local charity Transport 17. Bring your own drinks!

The little bus is back!

Much discussion on local social media over the last few weeks about the reinstatement of the M17 bus service, which as you recall was axed last September for want of an operator to run it.

TM Travel, which already operates a number of services locally such as the 218 and 181, now has the M17 listed on their website as commencing on 24th July. It will be running by the time that you read this, but one possible fly in the ointment is that the new timetable is only shown to run until mid-October. So, this is possibly for a trial period, though I am heartened that TM have other routes with timetables also due to be renewed in October and perhaps it's no more than that.

The published timetable is identical to that used by Hulleys when they last ran the route last year. Six buses each way on a weekday, four on Saturdays, generally running at 10 minutes past the hour from Dore, though the last bus each day is slightly different. This might, I suppose change in the future though I don't see that it could be cut much more and still be called a service.

Whether this is an evaluation period or TM have already signed to take on the route, its long-term future will depend on people using it. To that end, let me run through all the places that you can get to, or nearly get to, without using your car or ringing for a cab.

- PUBS at the Shepley Spitfire, Old Mother Redcap (rumoured to be reopening but don't hold your breath), Castle Inn at Bradway, White Hart and White Swan at Greenhill and the Norton at Meadowhead.
- GOLF at Abbeydale and Dore & Topley golf clubs, plus the driving range at Bradway.
- SHOPPING at Topley Rise, top of Twentywell Lane and Greenhill, Meadowhead plus of course the new retail centre at St. James - formerly Rowlinson Campus for those old enough to remember that.
- DINING OUT at all the pubs mentioned, plus cafes and restaurants at Topley, Bradway (including Jack Baker's new place, reviewed in the last issue of Dore to Door) and Greenhill.
- LIBRARIES at Topley and Greenhill, the M17 goes right past the door.

John Eastwood

Cover: A rather bedraggled Gala Parade plishes its way up Townhead Road en route to the Rec. Festival reports opposite. Photo by John Eastwood

Dore Primary – Our new History Timeline

Our Dore Primary pupils now have an amazing History Timeline stretching right across the wall of our KS2 yard. We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to the Dore Village Society who generously funded (£3,000) this new addition and also to our Dore Parents' Association who helped to secure this funding.

They have enabled us to create a timeline which encompasses the history curriculum taught in school. It is such a wonderful visual aid for the children to appreciate the time scales of their history units from the Stone Age times in Year 3 through to a focus on World War II in Year 6. We will actively use this as a teaching aid, taking our classes outside to discuss their history unit's chronology; making valuable links to other units whilst helping them to recall and recap their previous learning too.



We know where that is! DPS pupils Luca (Y6), Coen (Y5) Leila (Y4) and Ayla (Y3) show the location of the Dore Stone on their new History Timeline.

Our timeline represents a diverse range of events and individuals from women getting equal voting rights in 1928 to celebrating Katherine Johnson's mathematics calculating the path for Freedom 7, the spacecraft that put the first American in space in 1961. We have, of course, made sure that we have included some vital local history recognising both how King Ecgbert of Wessex led an army to Dore in the year 829 and the importance of Harry Brearley's discovery of stainless steel for Sheffield in 1913. Children coming through Dore Primary will continue to learn from this new addition for years to come - thank you Dore Village Society!

Julie Davison

Party back on the Green

Dore Village Society is delighted to announce that the Party On The Green will return to its home on Dore Village Green on Sunday 3rd September 2023, from 1-5pm.

This is a free event, fully funded by DVS, starring The Abba Girls, with supporting shows from Elton Jon, The Paul Morris Soul Revue, Steve Delaney, and Children's Entertainer Barney Baloney.

This year we will also have a marquee on the green in case bad weather is forecast. So there's no reason to be put off should the weather turn!

Bring your picnics and your dancing shoes for a glorious end of summer spectacular party with entertainment for all the family. Food and refreshments will also be on sale, but vendors have yet to be confirmed.

Look out for posters around the village in the coming few weeks and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Caroline Davies
Vice Chair, DVS

Dore Festival 2023

Thank you to everyone who organised and supported events during Festival Week and congratulations to Barbara Jackson and her team who produced such a wonderful Well Dressing which was dedicated to Maureen and Geoff Cope and also raised funds for MoreinDore.

Saturday was very busy with walkers, led by Keith Shaw, doing the Boundary Walk, many visitors and a record number of classic cars and bikes on show at Dore Club and the day ending with the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan evening concert. Fine weather on Sunday saw many on the Green for the Well Dressing service and parade of cubs and beavers followed by delicious cakes and tea in the Methodist Hall.

The rain on Monday did mean the Heritage Trail was cut short and the Morris Men, unable to dance outside, managed a first, dancing inside The Devonshire Arms. Dore Ladies' Group attracted a large number of visitors who enjoyed a wonderful talk by local author Michelle Rawlings about The Women of Steel. A Strawberry Fayre organised by the Doreways committee in aid of Transport17 was very successful and the following evening the Community Hall was packed with people enjoying the Dore Male Voice Concert and meeting their new conductor.

7Hills Cycling Hill Climb attracted a lot of participants and enjoyed a fine evening of cycling. Despite the rain, again, the Scout Gala still enjoyed a good turnout of local supporters. Thank you for all the work organising such a huge event. The week ended with a Festival Songs of Praise in the Methodist Church joined by members of Christ Church Dore, again remembering how much Maureen and Geoff Cope are sadly missed. The help and support of the Doreways Committee was invaluable in coordinating this year's programme and very much appreciated.

Anne Elsdon

There was a likelihood that the 2023 Dore Festival would not happen after the demise of one of its driving forces – Maureen Cope. Prior to this year Doreways had been an integral part of the organisation but the booking side of the Festival had always been something Maureen and Anne Elsdon had done.

Anne Elsdon must be publicly recognised as the reason the Festival ran so smoothly. She stepped back from Festival four years ago but needed no persuasion as part of the Doreways team to 'return to the saddle'. The only change to the programme was that The Play on the Green company were unable to be part of the Festival due to their own internal issues with cast. The length of the Programme was reduced but the main core elements which the village has come to expect were still in place.

Recognition must be made of David Hayes' contribution to providing a sound system for the Well Dressing Service on the Green. He is one of our Doreways quiet background supporters and will be there for Dore Show and the Remembrance Day Service later this year.

**Dorne Coggins
Doreways Group**

Dore Village Well Dressing



A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's well dressing. It was great to meet up again with old friends and make new ones. The team came together and responded with much enthusiasm to follow quite a challenging design which, once on display, received a great deal of praise.

Many volunteer to help in other ways and their efforts usually go unnoticed but are nevertheless just as vital to the success of the well dressing. So an acknowledgment and our gratitude must go to those who open their gardens to help provide the leaves and flowers we require. To Porter Contractors who for many years have provided transport to get the completed picture from the Scout Hut to the Village Green and a particular mention to the men who answered our desperate call to provide the muscle to lift the board once complete. This is by no means an easy feat given the weight of the board full of wet clay, and the tricky access to erect the board in position, all without touching the picture. For many of the lifters it was their first time and they did an excellent job.

All these people came together to make the well dressing happen and along the way we raised £435 for our chosen charity More in Dore who are currently fundraising in order to provide new equipment for the playground at Dore Recreation ground. Once again thanks to everyone involved and hope to see you all again next year.

A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 7.30pm at Dore Old School to discuss the way forward for well dressing in Dore. This is an open meeting for all those presently involved in well dressing and for those who think it may be something they would be interested in. Come along and find out more.

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The Cope Memorial Garden



Many of you will have known Geoff and Maureen Cope who were such active members of our community

The Community Centre Management Team wish to create a 'Cope Memorial Garden' at the Community Centre to acknowledge and remember their many years of active service in our community and in other parts of our city.

A relaxed outdoor sitting and garden space will be created in the large open space between the two buildings, transforming this area that has gone unused for many years with an attractive permeable ground surface plus benches and plenty of flowers, pots, and planters. Not only will this be able to be used by those using the Community Centre, but also by others who live locally, as a pleasant area to safely relax in.

A plaque will be put on one of the walls dedicating the area in memory of Geoff and Maureen, with thanks for all that they contributed to our community.

The idea has been very positively received by the Cope children and they have suggested plants and decor which they know that their parents would have liked.

Overall cost of the project is likely to be in the region of £8000 which we are hoping to raise with contributions from various local groups plus friends of both Geoff and Maureen. If any groups or individuals feel able to donate towards the cost, then please scan the QR code or use the BACS or cheque details below.

Some money has already been donated so we have gone ahead with laying the new ground surface, as shown in the photo below, but we are still well short of the targeted funds required to complete the project so please support if you can.



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Online AGM

Wednesday 13 September At 7:30pm

By Zoom

We need you!

Without you we may not be quorate, i.e. there may not be enough people present online to hold the meeting and conduct its business. We need a quorum for voting to take place to elect new trustees, and to accept the Annual Report and Accounts. This is a legal requirement with which we must comply.

The last AGM had to be cancelled on the day because so few turned up which is why we are going online! Thank you to those who did attend.

Details of how to attend and the meeting papers can be found on the DVS website.

If you are already a member of Dore Village Society please email jen.donnely@dorevillage.co.uk to reserve your place. We will send you the link (please check your junk mail).

To join DVS as a member please go to dorevillage.co.uk/pages/how-to-join-the-society. We don't ask for anything in return commitment wise. At £7 per year we think you'll agree it's worth it.

With your help we can continue to help the Dore Community to:-

1. Retain the heritage and character of Dore;
2. Nurture Dore's beautiful surroundings;
3. Benefit from free community activities such as the Dragon Hunt, the Party on the Green, Dore Show, the Christmas trees and lights, the Lantern Parade, the Children's Playground and associated activities and more;
4. Find and advertise services in Dore to Door magazine;
5. Receive event updates.

Dore is unique. It's your village. We are simply here to help you enjoy it.

**Dore Village Society
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Mike Jackson's Garden

Mike opened his garden on Newfield Crescent on Sunday 11th June. Mike's garden has regularly featured over the years both as one of the gardens when Dore Village open gardens were part of the Dore festival fortnight and as one of the gardens in the National Open Garden Scheme.

The event this year was very successful and over £700 was raised for the Sheffield Young Carers charity. Mike commented "We had a constant footfall of visitors all day apart from an understandable slack period at lunchtime. Everyone enjoyed the event, and we even had a visit from the Lord Mayor Colin Ross with his wife and dog."

The event was supported by Abbeydale Rotary, and refreshments were provided by the Rotary Inner Wheel. This was another example of Abbeydale Rotary providing support for good causes in the community. Mike over the years has been an active member of Rotary and through opening his garden has raised many thousands of pounds for other charities. Besides Sheffield Young Carers these have included Children's Air Ambulance and Cavendish Cancer Care.

Abbeydale Rotary meet every Wednesday and if Dore to Door readers want to know more about their work in the community and see pictures of Mike's Garden, details are on www.facebook.com/AbbeydaleRotaryClub or contact secretary@abbeydalerotaryclub.org.uk.

Ray Mellor



Summer rolls on round again, we're almost at the end of term as I write this and I hope everyone has some nice summer plans, even if it is just getting outside and enjoying nature. In just a couple of weeks' time there will be two big events in the village.

Party on the Green – Sunday 3rd September

An afternoon of music and entertainment, bring your family, friends and a picnic and join us on the village green for this free event to celebrate the end of the summer holidays and children going back to school. See the article from Caroline, our events organiser extraordinaire, on page 2 for more information.

Dore Show – Saturday 9th September

Where the very best that the village can produce will be on display. From delicious cakes and home-made wine to beautiful fruits and ginormous vegetables, not forgetting the hard practiced talents of crochet, watercolour and photography just to name a few, there will be so many things to see and marvel at. Are you going to enter this year? A full list of categories can be found on the centre pages of this issue; don't forget there's also a children's section so encourage your budding gardener, artist, baker, Lego engineer to get busy! Timings and entry requirements can also be found on the centre-page pullout. Good Luck!

A few words on our past events

The coronation party on the village green went really well, the weather was extremely kind to us given that it was early May and had rained the day before. Apparently, it is auspicious for it to rain on Coronation day, it did for Elizabeth II and for George VI, not to mention that steady drizzle is quintessentially English. But the following day was brilliant sunshine and we were able to welcome 100 children from Dore Primary school and their parents to a dry event. There was a picnic lunch to enjoy plus the antics of Barney Baloney and his cheeky monkey, and a disco. We also had a face painter to give every child a free design, and there were commemorative bookmarks too. All this was funded in its entirety by your village society. We were very pleased to welcome more than a few new members at the event too.

All of which makes it even more disappointing that our AGM in June was so poorly attended that it wasn't even quorate. We have had to rearrange the AGM which will now be held on Wednesday 13th September and it will be done via a Zoom conference. Please put this date in your diaries. Information about how to join the meeting will be put on our website and emailed to all our members with an email address registered with us, so please let us know your email if you haven't already. The email address for the membership secretary is *Joan.davis@dorevillage.co.uk*. We are here for our members and for the community, and it was really disheartening for the committee members when we had such a low turnout.

If you have any suggestions about how we can advertise ourselves or our events better we would love to hear from you.

Even better, come along to a meeting and see what goes on. Our meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday in the month in Dore Old School and start at 7.30 (we aim to be in The Dev by 9!)

Dore Festival went extremely well with some of the village's favourite events back for another year. We had Morris Men, a classic car show, a fabulous well dressing, strawberry fayre, and Dore Male Voice Choir concert to name just a few. But for me the highlight of the festival is the Scout Gala. It might have something to do with the fact that my husband, Andy, is the chair of the Gala committee. Planning for the gala begins in January and has three stages. The first is getting all the advertising and articles for the Gala magazine sorted, put into the right format, chasing that last minute contribution (not me this time John!) proofread and off to the printers. The next stage is to fill out the many, many pages of council application forms and all the risk assessments, fire safety and safeguarding that goes with it. When we finally think we can take a breath then comes the hardest part – recruiting the 70 plus volunteers needed to allow the Gala to run safely and well. The gala team are immensely grateful to a handful of stalwart volunteers who have been helping out for years despite their children having left scouts, in some cases decades ago, or even having no connection to the scouts whatsoever. You are amazing.

This year we were also really pleased to welcome Totlely Scouts for the first time. And although this year's Gala clashed with their cub camp, the date for 2024 is firmly in their diary and we look forward to them competing in the "It's a Knockout" competition next year.

It was a lovely sunny Saturday morning when we started to set up the Gala field this year and we all kept our eyes on the weather forecast and our fingers crossed. It was looking vaguely hopeful but as the parade started the heavens opened and for the next hour and a half we all got thoroughly soaked. The rain didn't stop the hardy people of Dore though, and by the end of the day we counted over three thousand people through the gates. The arena hosted many performing delights and the more popular than ever Dog of Dore competition. The rain eventually stopped and by the time the Gala was all over the sun was out again just in time for us to pack everything away again ready for next year. Phew!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and I'll see you at the Party on the Green, 3rd September and don't forget the AGM on the 13th.

Jen

Dora

Is off to the party. It doesn't matter where it is, she just follows the noise!



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Heritage Open Days: 8-17 September

Sheffield's annual festival of local places, history and culture will be back this September with an exciting menu of new possibilities and old favourites – all free to explore! This year the theme is 'Creativity Unwrapped'.

Sheffield, both past and present, is brimming with creativity, and we can look forward to an unrivalled opportunity to visit and learn more about many fascinating people and places. Some of the buildings and sites are open to the public especially for Heritage Open Days and not at other times of year, so get on to the website and pick your visits! Some need to be booked in advance and it's always a good idea to check there aren't any changes before you set off on the day: www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

It's not easy to highlight just a few from the full range of events and visits on offer, but my eye was caught by:

- The novelty of a 'lowlights' tour at Kelham Island Museum
- Models and photographs showcasing 'creative Burngreave'
- A rare opportunity to see the Sheffield Hospitals History collection
- A talk on possibly the world's first cast-iron railway, which is in Sheffield naturally
- The Art of the Blitz
- A visit to Wentworth Pewter factory.

I could easily go on, but there are many more to choose from, so make up your own mind! After your visits please let us know what you think of Sheffield Heritage Open Days, and do send us your photos. We will use a selection of them in the 2024 brochure. Sheffieldhods@gmail.com.

Helen Brown

Sheffield Heritage Open Days coordinating committee, Sheffield Civic Trust

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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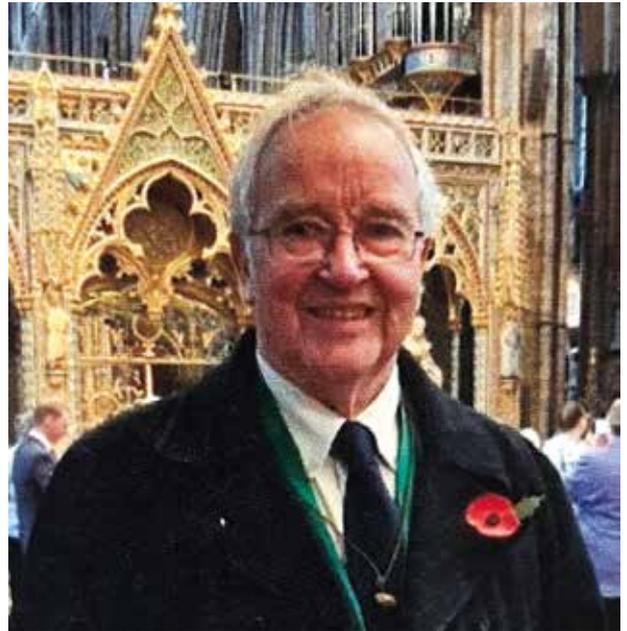
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Geoffrey Howard Cope (1942-2023)



Geoff, who died on March 16th at the age of 80, had lived in Dore, along with his wife Maureen, for 45 years. They swapped Nether Edge for the village in 1978 and had been fierce supporters of the community ever since. Geoff had been raised in London but came to Sheffield in the early 1960s to study for a PhD at the University of Sheffield, having completed an undergraduate degree in Zoology at the University of Leicester. He formally became a member of the University of Sheffield's academic staff in 1968, where he stayed through to his official retirement in 2007 (although he returned to teach on a part time basis right up until 2020). At work, Geoff taught pre-clinical medical students anatomy and histology, and his research included studies of kidney biology where he made important contributions to transplantation and dialysis in groundbreaking clinical collaborations. He was hugely passionate about his engagement with young people and loved teaching students. This was undoubtedly a reason behind his decision to get involved with the Dore Scout Group in the 1980s, initially as the manager of the Scout football team, and then as a scout leader. His role as a leader progressed to him taking on the position of Group Scout Leader of the 267th Scouts, whilst also assuming a role on the Group's Executive Committee and then became the Chairman. He was also a member of the Dore Gala Committee and also became its Chairman. He placed great value on the spirit of volunteering, was community focused, was intensely organised and dedicated and regularly proved to be a masterful problem solver.

Geoff was born in Ludlow, Shropshire in 1942, in the middle of World War Two. His parents had moved from the family home in London as Geoff's father Jack worked for British Laundry Machinery who set up their wartime offices only 15 miles from the Welsh border. Geoff's father would see service in World War II in both France and Germany as part of the Royal Signals Regiment. The family lived in Shropshire until 1949 when they returned to South Harrow in London, where Geoff would go to school before joining Ealing Grammar. Whilst growing up in West London, Geoff rowed for the school team, sold ice cream from a mobile ice cream cart in Richmond Park and would take long bike rides with his friends to watch airplanes take off and land at an expanding airport called Heathrow!

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Geoff would meet Maureen three days before his 16th birthday in 1958, and they would go on to marry nine years later. They remained devoted to one another during Geoff's time as an undergrad at university and when he moved to Sheffield to begin his PhD (which he completed in 1968), Maureen relocated to the Steel City, trained as a teacher and gained a B.Ed. degree from the University of Sheffield. As well as teaching students, in the 1980s onwards Geoff contributed significantly to the renewal and refurbishment of the Electron Microscopy Suite and was closely involved in the acquisition of new electron microscopes which meant that the university and the city retained world-leading scientific capabilities.

At around the same time (the 1980s) Geoff had his first taste of being involved with the 267th Dore Scout Group. He managed the group's football team and would spend the season officiating matches in Dore recreation ground, Millhouses Park and Endcliffe Park to name a few local places. Long before the days of mobile or lightweight goalposts, Geoff designed and built his own mobile set that was constructed out of square drainpipes with a reinforced metal frame. In typical Geoff Cope fashion, everything was beautifully manufactured and expertly crafted, which meant that not only was it robust when in place, but also easy to take down and transport; it truly was the envy of visiting teams.

In the late 1980s the Dore Scout Group were struggling for leaders and Geoff volunteered to help out, as much as anything in a bid to keep Scouting going for future generations. But once he got 'the bug' there was no turning back and he spent the next two and half decades first as a leader, then Group Scout Leader as well as also serving on the Group Executive Committee and taking up the reins as Chairman. He spent thousands of hours of his spare time guiding young people and he cherished what Scouting stood for, how it inspired and motivated each generation. He loved being around youngsters and he was always looking forward to and feverishly planning Scout trips, be it summer camps, walking, climbing, canoeing, or some type of expedition.

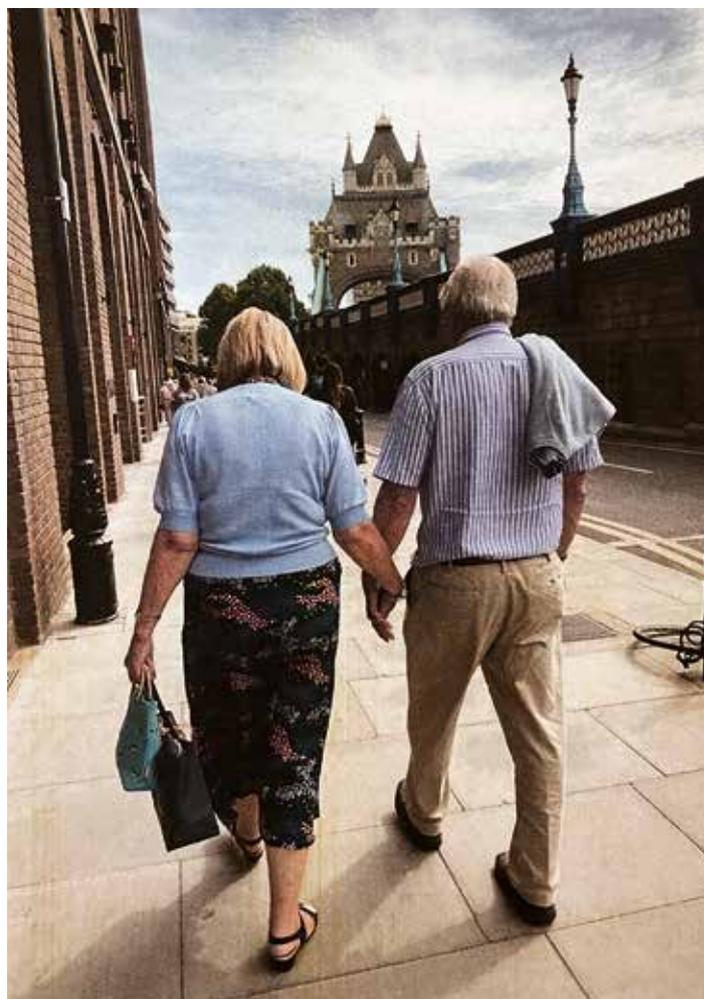
As well as running the troop, Geoff would be continually doing work and renovations on the Scout Hut. He would replace the flooring, build new storage areas, refit the kitchen, refurbish the toilets and lots more besides. If he wasn't at home doing DIY, he would be at the Scout Hut. In the days before he had a mobile phone, Maureen would joke that British Telecom needed to put in a direct phone line between the Cope Family house and the Scout Hut so Geoff could be called home for his dinner. The family knew that if he wasn't in the garden, one of his many sheds or his garage, then Geoff would be at the Scout Hut 'doing jobs'! He hated the thought of community funds being used to pay a tradesman to do a job that he could do himself. He believed that Scout money should be used to give young people an opportunity to enjoy scouting and if he could volunteer his labour and expertise to overcome a problem or refurbish a community space, then that was time well spent.

In 2005, Geoff led the 'Buy a Brick' community request which brought in more than £14,000 to Dore Scouts. This helped to fund many of the jobs already described. He would use his technical skills to help create the Dore Scouts website, which proved to be a very useful organisational tool for all members, and those wishing to join. In 2010 Geoff would be honoured locally for his dedication – he was given 'The Award and Bar of Merit' by the Chief Scout in recognition of his service – and then also nationally when he was invited to one of the Queen's summer garden parties at Buckingham Palace. Geoff was quietly proud of this (never one for self-promotion) and Maureen used the opportunity to buy a new hat in anticipation of meeting the Queen! At the Gala in 2012 Geoff was awarded the Crowson Bowl by the Scout Group Executive and Gala Committee for contributing more than 25 years' service to the village event.

Geoff was heavily involved in the organisation, preparation and planning of the Dore Gala and sat on the committee and served as Chairman. He would also help to plan and prepare for the autumn Bonfire and Firework display in the village. He would lead from the front and work tirelessly, mucking in and sweating buckets until the job was done. Whether it was putting up and taking down bunting each summer, building the bonfire in the autumn, or setting off the fireworks, Geoff would willingly be involved. In fact, he enrolled on a pyrotechnics course so he could be a card-carrying official member of a national association! Post bonfire night, Geoff would source, purchase and erect the Christmas trees each year, both the small wall mounted ones that would adorn the shop fronts and the bigger ones outside the fruit and veg shop and the newsagents. He would regularly be seen hanging out of a festive pine tree in the lead up to Christmas, helping to make the village look enticing to locals and visitors!

One of Geoff's last substantial 'projects' was the redesign and construction of the 40-year-old Dore village well-dressing boards, which he lovingly created, built, treated and painted, ready for the summer festival and gala. He was also a fervent supporter of this very magazine, Dore to Door. He would happily and readily accept the delivery of the magazine each quarter, help to sort them into piles for delivery, and then undertook his own round for many, many years. It is not an exaggeration to say that both his and Maureen's social lives revolved around these village commitments, and his dedication to making the community around him a better place, was unwavering right up until his death in March.

Geoff will be greatly missed by all who knew him and his and Maureen's legacy in Dore village will live on for many years to come.



Believed to be the last photo of Geoff and Maureen together, taken in London by their son Will in May 2022.

Out on a Limb

There is every expectation that when you read an article by me it will be about development planning or Green Belt protection. So, this time I'm going to disappoint you by going out on a limb... on a visit to the Limb Brook.

The Limb Brook is significant for Dore in that it constitutes the north-east boundary of that part of the Dore Neighbourhood Area which is not in the Peak District National Park. The Limb Brook rises in Lady Cannings Plantation just to the south-east of the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow. It flows across the relatively open fields of Smeltings, Sheephill and Barberfields Farms in a shallow valley before plunging more steeply through an impressive richly wooded ravine (with Bole Hill Plantation to the north and Rough Standhills to the south, or such of the latter that is left after phytophthora ramorum wreaked havoc amongst Japanese Larch and Corsican Pines) until it reaches Whirlow Brook Hall and its public pleasure grounds. Then it plunges beneath the A625 at Whirlow Bridge where that road changes from the Hathersage Road to become Ecclesall Road South. Thereafter the Limb skirts, on the one side, Whirlow Playing Fields, recently designated as a protected Local Green Space in the Dore Neighbourhood Plan, and, on the other side, the large back gardens of Whirlow Park Road, and then plunges into the ancient Ecclesall Woods, taking a swerve to the south around the Bird Sanctuary and a downhill turn to the east to run below the large gardens of Dore Road on the valley edge past the miniature railway and under the Abbeydale Road South at Limb Bridge, where it joins the Sheaf at the point where the water-flows provided the millpond for Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and the power for water-driven tilt hammers, once the largest industrial site on the Sheaf before it continued its journey to the River Don at Sheffield Castle.

The new draft Sheffield Local Plan makes much of the significance of the valleys of the Rivers Loxley and Rivelin and the Porter Brook for the recreational routes they provide – particularly in the latter case – from the countryside to urban Sheffield, but surely the Limb Brook provides the same in spades. From its source in Lady Cannings Plantation to its confluence with the Sheaf four miles away the Limb offers:

- A 50-hectare plantation providing for responsible mountain biking and starting walking routes out onto Burbage Moor, not least along the ancient Houndkirk Road, and the Norfolk Arms for refreshments
- A dramatic walk in the wooded section of the Limb Valley down to Whirlow Brook Hall
- Then in June this year the Lord Mayor, our very own Colin Ross, opened the new Whirlow Brook Tree Trail in Whirlow Brook Park, which pinpoints and identifies the first 34 of an eventual 50 distinctively fine trees with both maps and QR codes (see page 27 – Ed.)
- A short offshoot path will take you to the attractions (and refreshments) of much-loved Whirlow Farm run by an enterprising educational Trust
- Across Whirlow Bridge there are extensive playing fields available for use
- And then some of the most beautiful walks in Sheffield to be had in Ecclesall Woods with its important natural history status and a bird sanctuary, a Wildlife Discovery Centre (and café) and open-air miniature railway
- At the end of the Limb the visitor can enjoy the delights of Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet with its giant waterwheels driving tilt hammers, the last surviving crucible steel furnace in the UK and its picturesque dam and millpond.

Additionally, this valley is teeming with wildlife interest throughout its length, which is not surprising considering that most of the Limb Valley is a Local Wildlife Site and ancient woodlands are protected in the Ecclesall Woods Local Nature Reserve and in the Bole Hill Plantation with, inevitably, evidence of ancient woodland

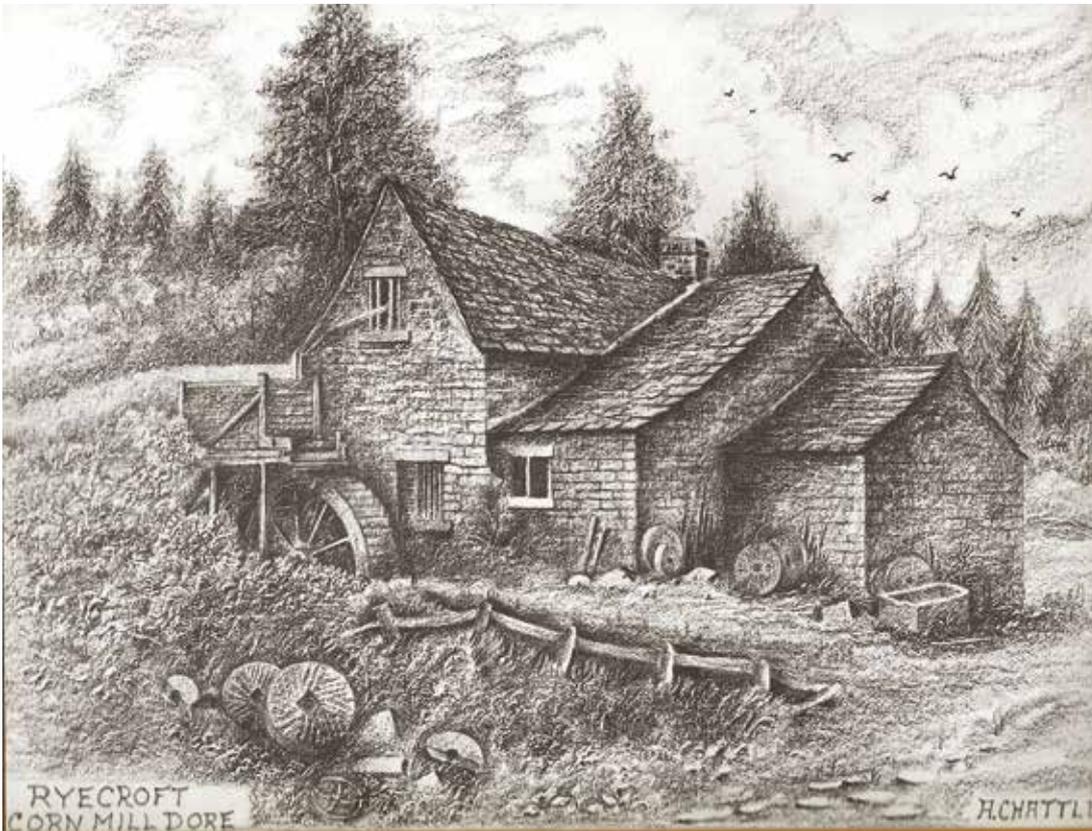
indicator species. Notably in the Limb Valley we have records of the common spotted orchid and on the Ecclesall Woods picnic site of ragged robin. There are badgers at several places along the valley and in Ecclesall Woods. Bats have been extensively recorded in the Limb Valley. There are historical records of brown hare in the upper Limb Valley and near Ringinglow. Riparian birds, such as the dipper, have been recorded at the confluence of the Limb and the Sheaf and kingfishers have been recorded flying along the Limb Valley. Swifts and house martins fly over Whirlow Brook Hall. Good assemblages of woodland birds inevitably have been recorded in the wooded valley, such as song thrushes, bullfinchs, wood warblers and even willow tits at Rycroft Glen. Of the highest wildlife interest is the population of native white-clawed crayfish *austropotamobius pallipes* in the Limb Valley. This is a scarce protected species under threat of a plague carried by the invasive signal crayfish which is in the Sheaf where once the native species existed.

Quite apart from the Limb Valley's intrinsic value as a species-rich habitat, it is of vital importance as a wildlife corridor between the moorland wildlife of the National Park and the remaining glories of the ancient Ecclesall Woods and ultimately of the Sheaf corridor with its special woods, like Poynton Wood and Ladies Spring Wood.

It is worth reminding ourselves that if, almost 2,000 years ago, we had stood in Dore – or whatever preceded Dore – and marched with invading Roman soldiers to the 'Dore edge' of the Limb Valley, we would have been looking across into the territory of the Brigantes, who were territorially the largest tribe of ancient Britons in Britain at that time, occupying most of the land from the Limb Valley to what we now call Scotland. For a few years the Romans advanced no further until by persuasion and threat of force their advance northwards was successfully resumed. Or transport yourself back to 829AD and wait in the centre of Dore with King Egbert of Wessex, who, having recently defeated Mercia, now expected King Aenred of Northumbria to cross the border between Northumbria and Mercia and emerge out of the Limb Valley to do obeisance to him as England's first Anglo-Saxon overlord. All that was swept away with the Norman invasion of 1066, from which time the border between the shires of Derbyshire and Yorkshire was – around here – the Limb Valley. For generations of Dore Derbyshire folk they found themselves peering over the Limb border into Yorkshire and its growing city of Sheffield until, in 1933, Norton District, which included Dore, passed over to Sheffield. It is perhaps why there is still a tendency for Dore to feel apart from Sheffield, as it huddles between the Derbyshire Pennines and the major glorious obstacle of Ecclesall Woods separating us from the rest of southwest Sheffield.

So much for the Limb's Valley's past; but what of the future? It is the case that the Limb is now poised to offer a potential solution to Sheffield's flooding problems. In recent years the Council and other relevant authorities have been keen to find long-term solutions to the city's flooding problems. In November 2019 the central city was awash with water flooding its streets. Amongst the long-term solutions being proposed for these recurring floods were a number of expensive hard civil engineering interventions, such as a huge dam to be constructed in Gilleyfield Wood in Totley or permanent bunding around Endcliffe Park to provide temporary flood storage space. Many of us campaigned for alternative softer nature-friendly solutions, and thankfully these ideas were taken up by a partnership between the City Council, the Environment Agency and Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) for a 'Slow the Flow' project in the Limb Valley.

In 2021 SRWT carried out a feasibility study of the Limb catchment to determine what needed to be done to demonstrate that, working with nature, simple interventions could be carried out to slow the flow of fast moving flood water in the tributaries of the Sheaf without compromising biodiversity, cultural features and high quality recreational access to the valley. The delivery



*Rye Croft Corn Mill, which used to stand on Limb Brook.
Pencil drawing by local artist Arthur Chattle who was known for drawing many such buildings in Sheffield, particularly along the Rivelin Valley.*

phase is now largely completed and there are 'Citizen Science' opportunities to monitor the impact (with fixed photography posts on the brook).

The work has included:

- Creating attenuation ponds in the catchment which hold some water all the time but have the capacity to hold greater amounts during periods of wet weather. Any water held in these ponds temporarily and released slowly has the potential to reduce peak flows downstream.
- Tree planting where appropriate, both for benefits for the climate and people and for the capacity of trees to slow the flow of water.
- Throughout the length of the Limb Brook features generally called 'leaky dams' have been introduced. These can be made of stone or more usually timber and can be seen by visitors to Ecclesall Woods or to Whirlow Brook Park. The dams literally slow the flow by being deliberately leaky with the intention of successively, down the river, holding back for vital time significant volumes of flash floods of water, thus delaying and attenuating the volume which reaches the Sheaf. Such dams also benefit small rivers by creating pools and changing the dynamics of flow, resulting in a more diverse river with a wider range of habitats for nature.

These interventions are not just on the river itself, but also on the wider catchment. You can see examples on Whirlow Playing Fields where several new attenuation ponds connected by swales have been created in the lower half of the fields (which has always been boggy) to slow the flow when heavy rains fall so that gradual release to the Limb Brook avoids downstream flash floods. Trees have been planted and scrub created to have a similar contributory effect. Even the devastation at Rough Standhills is being separately addressed outside the SRWT project with a major replanting of broadleaf trees more resistant to disease.

The SRWT project could demonstrate that similar action on other significant tributaries to the rivers feeding into the Don could alleviate flooding without clumsy nature-averse civil engineering. So going out on a Limb once in a while can produce good ideas.

Christopher Pennell

A Retirement Village next to Haythornthwaite Wood!

This is a brief update on two issues of real concern to Dore:

1. The Proposed Retirement Village

An impressive array of carefully written objections from Dore and from the National Park, CPRE, local Councillors and our MP have been submitted to Sheffield planners. They demonstrate clearly why the Planning Committee should accept that there is no case within the existing planning policies for this planning application to succeed. By the time this article was written the application had not been listed on the agenda for the 15 July Planning Committee. The next Committee meeting is on 15 August and we must be ready to speak at that meeting if the proposal reaches that agenda. By the time you receive this magazine you may know the outcome; otherwise the waiting will continue. We are confident that the Committee should refuse this application, but we know full well that refusal may well lead to the applicant appealing. We will be in for the fight for as long as it goes.

2. Haythornthwaite Wood

More positively, plans are afoot led by CPRE (the Countryside Charity founded by Ethel Haythornthwaite in 1924) to refresh the wood planted in memory of Ethel and her husband Gerald in the triangle of land below the conjunction of the Hathersage Road and Brickhouse Lane – between the Dore Moor Inn and the Dore Garden Centre. It would be a fitting celebration of these pioneers for countryside protection if, in this year before the centenary of Ethel's beloved countryside protection society, we supported the improvement of the memorial wood and if the Planning Committee turned down the proposal for a retirement village in our Green Belt.

On 26 July Cassa Townsend of CPRE and I led a very successful walk from central Dore to Haythornthwaite Wood for CPRE members and Dore residents to learn more about the project and the opportunities for volunteer involvement. For those who missed that chance we are organising a repeat walk on Saturday 2 September at 10am. Contact me quickly on christopher.pennell@uwclub.net if you wish to join the walk. The Dore Village Society is already committed to making a grant towards the project costs.

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A letter to those involved in and supportive of campaigning during the Sheffield street trees dispute

We are writing to you to apologise for actions the Council took during the street trees dispute. We have also published a public apology.

The dispute arose because the Council decided on the removal of healthy trees which should still be standing today. These healthy trees were important. From early on in the dispute, residents and experts tried to help the Council to understand the benefits that an established and cared for street tree stock gives Sheffield.

Residents should not have had to fight their Council to retain and value healthy trees. We accept the Sheffield street trees Inquiry findings that the Council's actions were the fuel that stoked the protests. It is entirely logical that when you were faced with having your concerns dismissed or minimised that you would look for new ways to make the Council listen and to protect the city's trees. We are sorry that you were placed in a position where you had to do that. We are particularly sorry for the Council's handling of healthy trees with special significance such as memorial, rare or veteran trees. These trees should have been treated with more respect.

During the dispute you were understandably dismayed to read some of the things that the Council said in the media, and in correspondence. We would like to apologise for Council messages which said that: there was no target for the tree replacement programme, that felling was always a last resort, and, that any change to the tree replacement programme would result in catastrophic costs. We accept, as the Inquiry found, that these messages were inaccurate.

We are sorry that campaigners were misrepresented by the Council. You were wrongly characterised as unrepresentative and primarily concerned with your own streets. This inaccurate impression pitted neighbour against neighbour. We know that a lot of people care about our street trees and gave their time and energy to try to protect them for the benefit of the whole city. You were not treated with the seriousness and respect that you should have been. This was made worse by ineffective Council systems which were not resourced well enough. This meant that you waited a long time for information which was at times incomplete, inaccurate or inconsistent.

We know that for some of you this apology is too late. Trust is easily lost and hard to rebuild. We believe that the Council is increasingly a very different place. Through working openly and inviting scrutiny we are developing an understanding of where we need to improve. We have set-out actions in a formal report which address all the Inquiry's recommendations. This should ensure that lessons are learnt and that a dispute of this magnitude with our residents can never happen again. The report includes how people can get individual apologies via StreetTreesResponse@sheffield.gov.uk. We hope that slowly, over time, through demonstrating change we might start to build trust with you again.

There are a number of organisations and people we are contacting directly with apologies. We are working through these in a systematic way and locating contact details, this means that some people may receive their apology ahead of others.

Councillor Tom Hunt, Leader of Sheffield City Council
Kate Josephs, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council
 22 June 2023

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Dore Recreation Ground – Slide Appeal

Thank you to the talented Barbara Jackson and the Well Dressing team who kindly nominated More in Dore as the recipient of this year's charity donations from Dore Village Well Dressing. Together with the funds generated on Gala Day, the Dore Community has raised just over £1000 towards this year's £10,000 target required to buy and install a new slide at Dore Recreation Ground ('the Slide Appeal').



Thank you to the 267th Scout troop for the opportunity to attend the Gala to raise awareness of the Slide Appeal.

If you know of a fundraising opportunity we could attend please get in touch via dorerec@gmail.com.

Quick Update

Our valuable contacts at Sheffield City Council assure us the new Multiplay Unit, purchased in February, will be added to the playground at the earliest opportunity. We understand staffing levels within the Parks and Countryside installation team are the reason for the continued delay.

New Posters

Please look out for More in Dore's new posters placed in the Rec and around the village centre. Thank you to Peter Tissington, Director at Worrall Business Supplies Ltd for the donation of precious time and the printing costs. Peter is running our Autumn Charity Raffle and would be delighted to receive email offers of prizes (of any size or value) from individuals or local businesses via peter@worrallbusinessservices.co.uk (worrallbusinesssupplies.co.uk).

Donations



Please consider making a donation to More in Dore via the Slide Appeal website donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/dore-village-society.

When using the QR code to connect to the website (1) Open the Camera app and hold your Android phone so that the digital pattern below/ on the posters appears in the viewfinder (as if taking a photo)

(2) Your Android phone should recognise the QR code and give you a notification (3) Tap the notification to open the link. If you aren't notified, go to Settings and enable QR code scanning.

Alternatively, if QR codes or websites aren't your thing, we would be delighted to receive cheques payable to 'More in Dore' (or 'Dore Village Society') c/o Dore Village Society Office, The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield S17 3GW. Please write 'More in Dore' on the back of the cheque.

Thank you to all those who have donated by cheque or via the Slide Appeal website, you are a very important part of the £1000 raised so far this year.

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Success with Succulents: how to grow and enjoy Cacti and Succulents

Our May speaker was Mike Thewles, an active member of the Sheffield group of the British Cactus Society; Mike is an enthusiast. His collection of cacti and succulents in containers has taken over a greenhouse, several cold frames, the garage roof and indoor windowsills.

All cacti are succulents but there are many kinds of succulents and the range of sizes, shapes and leaf and flower colour is amazing. Not all cacti have spines either.

We gained insights into the different requirements for light, temperature, soil and water. Who knew that some succulents grow and thrive in the rainforest?

However, more plants are killed by kindness and overwatering than neglect and little to drink. Feeding about once a month during the main growing season with a general houseplant feed such as Babybio will ensure best flowering.

The talk was illustrated with beautiful photographs of plants mainly in Mike's own collection and there were plenty of interesting and unusual examples for sale.

A Perennial For all Places: Steve Lovell

Our advertised speaker, Rosy Blackmore who was due to give a demonstration of tying garden-grown flowers was forced to cancel as a result of unforeseen circumstances. Luckily, we were successful in rearranging and are grateful to Steve Lovell from Green Spaces for coming along to talk to us about those plants which keep popping up year after year and throughout the seasons, the perennials.

Steve has had 30 years' experience of soft landscaping, garden design, lecturing and more recently as a nature guide. With his engaging style and extensive plant knowledge, he gave us the 'what, where and how' of using perennials to bring colour and year-round interest to our gardens illustrated by beautiful photographs.

Garden News from Chatsworth: Mick Brown

Mick is Production Garden Manager with a team of four gardeners and responsibility for all produce including soft and orchard fruit, vegetables, ornamental plants and cut flowers used and sold at the house and for weddings. He enthused about the main productive purpose of avoiding waste alongside making a beautiful garden for public enjoyment.

As well as aiming to be plastic and peat free, water conservation methods and a trial of dig vs no dig looking to preserve soil biology are ongoing.

We learned how the landscape and various garden areas have been altered over the years by the preferences of succeeding Dukes of Devonshire working with renowned garden designers, up to date since the Chatsworth House Trust assumed management. As well as recent photographs there was an exciting, new aerial view across the whole estate by drone.

Autumn Events:

How awful to have to be already thinking about the autumn after such a late Spring this year. Nonetheless this autumn sees us welcoming three local speakers. Don Witton and Hilary Hutson are regular presenters and it will be Margaret Boulton's first visit.

All events are held in The Methodist Church Hall. Doors open at 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors are welcome, only £4 at the door.

Wednesday 20 September – Don Witton: The National Collection of GB Euphorbia

Don is Sheffield-based and holds a Plant Heritage National Collection of hardy Euphorbia on his allotment at Harthill near

Sheffield which was featured twice on BBC 2's Gardeners' World. National Collections are an important part of our plant heritage. Don is a humorous and entertaining speaker and we're in for an interesting evening as he tells us about being designated the holder of a National Collection and what that involves. Don always brings an excellent selection of euphorbias and other plants for sale on the evening. He will advise you about the best place for each variety: sunny or shady situation, damp or dry soil.



Photo Courtesy of Don Witton

Wednesday 18 October – Margaret Boulton: A History of Sheffield Allotments

Margaret Boulton is an allotment gardener and author. Her illustrated talk will chart the history of allotments in Sheffield from the early industrialisation of the 18th and 19th centuries, through two world wars, the intervening unemployment in the 1930's and the growth of the suburbs, to the present day.

Wednesday 15 November – Hilary Hutson: The Colours of the Garden

Hilary Hutson is a local 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. Her talk will consider how we see colour and the importance of colour to plants and how we can use it to best effect in our own gardens.

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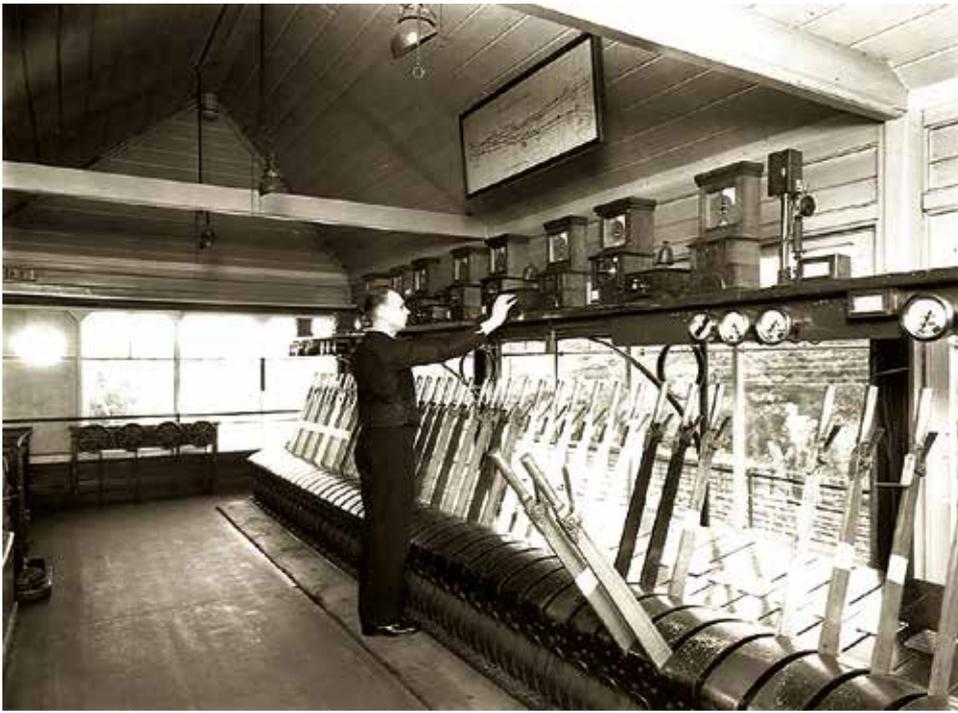


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Three pictures around the railway station this time. The first is a rare look inside the signal box which used to stand at the Sheffield end of platform 1 until the Beeching cuts of the 1960s.

This box will have controlled the junction at the station, left for the London line through the Bradway Tunnel and straight on for the Hope Valley line to Manchester. The copy that I bought (from a collector in Australia) came with a date of 1938 which seems to be about right. If you look at the light fittings they still appear to be running on gas. Note also the telegraph machines which were used to inform the next box of the locations of trains, and the large map of the junction setup over the signalman's head.

Next, a picture of a field on a postcard from about 1903. It's labelled "path to the station from Dore" and my guess is that it's the path that runs from Vicarage Lane, down behind the doctors' surgery and comes out opposite the junction with Twentywell Lane.

Exactly where on the path the photograph was taken is a bit more difficult. The housing on Bradway Bank is visible on the postcard but it can't be seen from this angle today because of either tree cover or development. Neither Burlington Grove nor Cavendish Avenue were built in 1903, though it is likely that they both follow part of the original way and following the path today takes you along both. Gilleyfield too, though that was originally just the top end of Burlington Road.

Does anyone have an upstairs window facing that way that could help with fixing exactly where this is in relation to the properties across the valley?

Finally for this issue, we have another postcard dating from a similar time – I've seen the picture labelled as both 1903 and 1906. You might well recognise it as Abbeydale Road South and looking toward Sheffield as the houses on the right of the road still exist. The camera is positioned outside what is now The Glen private nursing home, and by the entrance to the Abbeydale miniature railway.

The wall on the left has gone now, and of course so has the gas lamp. But what was that stone on the left? It looks a little ornate to be just a milestone, but it looks like it would have been engraved to mark something important.

This is where Limb Brook crosses under the main road to join the River Sheaf, so that may well be the answer. This was an important boundary at the time, between Yorkshire and Derbyshire until boundary changes in 1934 moved that to Owl Bar and Dore moved from the south to the north of England. It was also the boundary between the Archbishopsrics of York and Canterbury, whose boundaries have now also moved. Limb Brook may have marked the edge of the north/south divide since Roman times.

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Fairholmes, Derwent Dam, Abbey Bank, Briery Side, Warren Plantation

This is a high level walk on open country with splendid views both up and down the Derwent Valley. Suitable for most times of the year, with one steep ascent, and a descent near the end down an uneven track, so walking poles are advised.

Distance: 6.25m/10km

Time: 3 hours

Toilets and refreshments at Fairholmes visitor centre.

Park in either the Fairholmes visitor centre pay and display car park (Grid ref SK 17272 89344) or the free off road car park on the right just below the visitor centre (Grid ref SK 17385 88914).

Then walk past the visitor centre and the dam wall and upstream alongside the reservoir for about 2.25 miles to where the track starts to curve to the right. At this point take a path on the right up the slope and into Abbey Tip Plantation. After a few yards go through a gate. There's a fork in the path here, take the path to the right going uphill. The ascent past Abbey Bank to Bamford House is quite steep and the track is narrow in places so care is needed. From here the track levels out and then rises again before levelling out along a gentle stroll to Briery Side. En route the path is crossed by a number of other paths and by tracks associated with grouse shooting, but the walk route and direction are clear and the path soon descends through Warren Plantation and past Wellhead to the reservoir. Then back to the car park.

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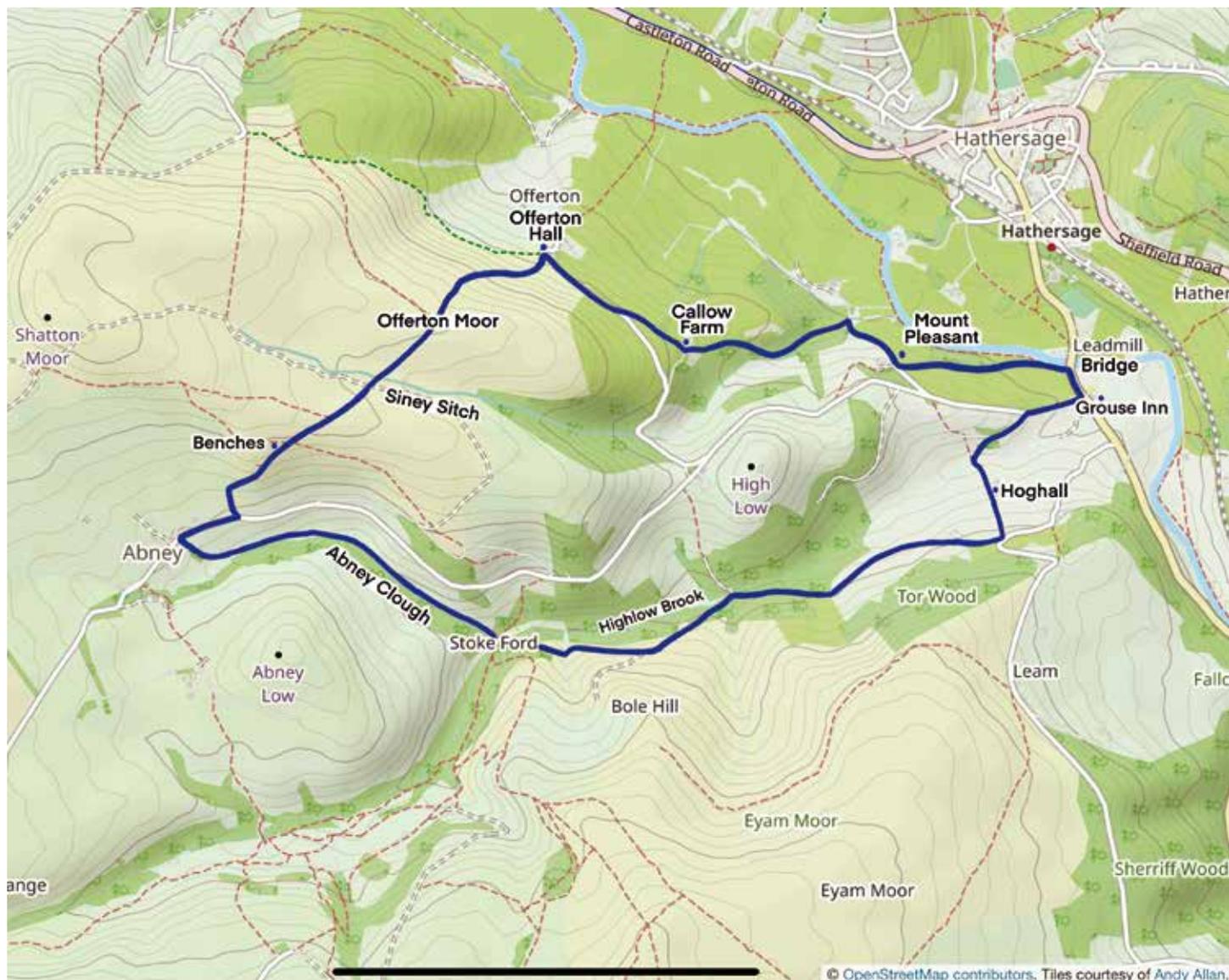
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Hathersage (Leadmill Bridge), Stoke Ford, Abney, Offerton Moor

This walk has a lot of variety including woodland, streams, riverside and open moorland with a 360° view. Suitable for most times of the year and generally easy walking but exposed on the moor.

Distance: 5.75m/9.25km

Time: 3 to 4 hours depending on stops for drinks, sandwiches, etc., and time to admire the views.

No toilets or refreshments on the route.

Parking close to Leadmill Bridge is limited but there is a pay and display car park in Hathersage and a number of parking opportunities on side streets. The easiest place to park (and the most convenient for the start of the walk) is the Plough Inn car park just past Leadmill Bridge if you are willing to call in and buy drinks and/or food at the end of the walk. Just go into the pub and let them know when you park.

Starting from Leadmill Bridge (Grid reference: SK 23367 80522) walk up to the lane opposite the Plough Inn and follow that to a fork in the road. Take the left fork and follow this to a cattle grid. Cross over and almost immediately take a narrow track on the left which descends through a small wood to a stream. Cross this and walk up the field to Hoghall Farm and then up the road to a T junction. Turn right and go through a gate and follow a well-defined track flanked by fencing on your right for about half a mile, passing through several more gates and a stile until you reach a gate at the entrance to a wood. The gate here is awkward to open and be careful of the barbed wire next to it. The wooded section can be

muddy. Continue on the track through more woodland, passing a footbridge over Highlow Brook on your right and about half mile further on descend to Stoke Ford. Cross over the brook on the footbridge and through a couple of gates. The path forks here, take the left path that rises steadily alongside Abney Clough to the quiet hamlet of Abney. Turn right along the road and, after a couple of hundred yards, leave the road and take the path on your left indicated by a finger post. This takes you onto Offerton Moor along a rising path. Near the summit there are two benches where you can pause for food and drink and enjoy the view. Shortly after this you cross a small stream, Siney Sitch. If you look around at this point there's barely any sign of habitation and there's a feeling of desolate wilderness. Further along the path you come to a way marker at the start of the descent from the moor. This is another good point to pause and take in the view.

Follow the path down to Offerton Hall and turn right along the road for about 250 yards or so and then go through a gate on your left and along a narrow path that runs along the hillside and brings you out at Callow Farm. Go through the adjacent gate and down the field into Callow Wood. There's a splendid display of bluebells here in mid to late May. Exit the wood and cross the field to a gate. Turn right and walk along the road for another 250 yards to Mount Pleasant Farm. Go through a gate here and follow the path down through fields and over a stile to the river Derwent and Leadmill Bridge.

Wyvern Walks by Keith Shaw



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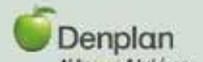
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How to Enter

1. Bring your entries to Dore Old School/ Methodist Church Hall between 8.45am and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
2. Classes 1 - 46 at the Old School.
3. Classes 47 - 61 at the Methodist Church Hall.
4. Entry forms can be obtained ... 1) on the day or, 2) at 'The Village Greens' shop in the village, or 3) in advance from the DVS website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow

Show Rules 2023

1. Except where otherwise stated entries are open to all, providing entrants abide by these rules.
2. The Show Committee and its agents will not be liable for any loss or damage to any exhibit or other property brought into the show by an exhibitor.
3. The Show Committee will not be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any entrant or visitor.
4. All exhibits must be registered in the show area between 8.45 and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
5. There is an entry charge of 50p per exhibit including all Junior Classes.
6. Exhibitors may make up to two entries per class.
7. No judges may make any entries in any section which they are judging.
8. No entry should have previously won a prize in an earlier Dore Show.

9. The Show committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit and in the event of such a refusal will not be required to give a reason or explanation.
10. Plates and vases will be available if required for the staging of exhibits.
11. Cakes and other baked goods should be entered on disposable plates and covered in cling film.
12. The Show Committee may decline or return entries in the event of there being insufficient space.
13. The Judges' awards as to the relative merits of exhibits will be final and on all other matters the decision of the Show Committee will be final.
14. Cash prizes for each class will be 1st - £5, 2nd- £3 and 3rd- £1.
15. The Judges may withhold or modify any prize in a class if insufficient entries are received or the entries are considered undeserving of prizes.
16. All cash prizes can be collected between 5.00pm and 5.45pm from the Old School.
17. Exhibits may be collected as follows :
4.45pm from Methodist Hall. 5.00pm from the Old School.
18. The Committee welcomes the donation of exhibits to the Auction, proceeds from which will go towards the costs of staging the Show.
19. Any exhibits or Prize Money left behind at 6.00pm will become the property of the Show Committee.

DORE SHOW

Saturday 9 September 2023

Guide for Exhibitors and Visitors



Junior Section - ages 4-10 years

39. Original Lego construction - solid base no bigger than A4 paper.
** Include a title for the model*
40. A fruit and/or vegetable animal
41. An animal mask
42. A picture A4 size - any medium
43. A hand-made card
44. A decorated hard boiled egg
45. 4 home-made Chocolate Krispies
46. 4 home-made decorated cupcakes



Textile and Hand Craft Section

47. An item of fabric clothing
48. A hand-made knitted item
49. Any greetings card
50. A quilted item
51. A crocheted item
52. A tapestry or embroidered or cross stitched item using a kit or chart



Visual Arts Section

53. A watercolour painting
54. An acrylic or oil painting
55. A painting in any other medium or mixed media
56. A monochrome drawing - any medium



Photography Section

57. A black and white photograph
58. A colour photograph - 'The Sky'
59. A colour photograph - 'Animal/s'
60. A colour photograph - 'Landscape'
61. A colour photograph - 'A familiar object from an unusual angle'



Homegrown Vegetable and Fruit Section

1. 6 pods of runner beans
2. The longest runner bean
3. 3 onions - each 200g or less
4. 1 vegetable marrow
5. 4 potatoes - one variety
6. 4 beetroot
7. 1 cucumber
8. 5 tomatoes - one variety (not cherry tomatoes)
9. 8 cherry tomatoes
10. Any other vegetable - name unusual vegetables
11. 4 dessert apples
12. 4 cooking apples
13. A plate of soft fruit
14. A pumpkin or squash
15. 3 courgettes
16. A tray of mixed vegetables/salad - name unusual vegetables

Homegrown Flower Section (supply your own container)

17. A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
18. A vase of 5 dahlias - arranged to effect
19. 5 cut home-grown flowers - same variety
20. 5 single roses (no buds)
21. A foliage plant in a pot
22. A flowering plant in a pot
23. A vase of mixed flowers
24. A vase of sweet peas



Domestic Section (Home-made)

25. A carrot cake - any recipe
26. A Victoria Sandwich - to prescribed recipe:
3 eggs: 150 gm each of butter, caster sugar and white self-raising flour; raspberry jam filling; sprinkled with caster sugar on top
27. A lemon drizzle cake
28. A chocolate cake
29. 6 slices of flapjack - any recipe
30. 4 scones
31. Parkin
32. Banana bread
33. 1 pizza - home-made base, any topping
34. A jar of chutney
35. A jar of lemon curd
36. A jar of fruit jam

Wine Section

37. A bottle of home-made wine
38. A bottle of home-brewed beer



The Chairman's Message

As always the Committee and I are really looking forward to welcoming you all to Dore Show 2023 on Saturday 9 September, commencing at 1.45pm. And, of course, hoping that the weather stays kind to us throughout!

For those of you who may be new to the area, our event offers virtually everyone the opportunity to show just what they are capable of; it is the day in the year when residents young and old, male or female, can enter classes that showcase their talents.

A glance at the list illustrates the breadth of prowess we are asking for - but it isn't just about being brilliant at what you do. We don't believe that the mammoth cash prizes are what motivates you to enter. No, really we don't!

But what price is a bit of personal pride in having a go? Lose yourself in being creative, whether it is your hobby, your talent or just enjoying taking part and helping a Dore tradition thrive.

All the usual ingredients - Oughtibridge Brass Band, music in the Old Schoolyard, along with More in Dore children's activities - are there on the day and this year we feel able to again add some craft type stalls to the proceedings.

Add to that refreshments, the raffle and unmissable Auction at the end make 9 September a date for you to circle in your diary.

But there are two things I want to impress upon you ...

- Please be aware that we are strictly a CASH ONLY event - remembering that can save a lot of time and disappointment.

- I wish to repeat the plea I made in the last edition of D2D in May regarding prize winners. We have around a dozen trophies to present which is a nice, traditional way of formally acknowledging their achievements.

- So, IF YOU DO WIN A PRIZE, PLEASE BE IN THE OLD SCHOOL YARD AT 2.45pm TO RECEIVE YOUR TROPHY in front of family and friends.

Enjoy the rest of your summer... and get busy!

Andy Pack
Chairman, Dore Show

Dore Show Timetable

8.45am	Registration of entries commences: Old School & Methodist Hall
10.30am	Registration of entries closes
1.45pm	Show opens
2pm	Oughtibridge Brass Band
2.45pm	Presentation of prizes in the Old School Hall
3.15pm	Oughtibridge Brass Band
4pm	Raffle drawn
4.15pm	Auction of produce in the Old School yard
4.45pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Methodist Hall
5pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Old School Hall
5pm - 5.45pm	All prize money collected from the Old School Hall
5.45pm	Dore Show 2023 closes



Park Life



I have to admit, until quite recently I didn't know much about Whirlow Brook Park. Yes, I knew it was there, but I don't remember even knowing that it was a public park until the 'Friends Of' group got going a few years ago. Dore to Door has published occasional articles from their press releases since then, but I had never visited the park myself until this year.

My first visit was at Easter, and came about because my grandchildren weren't able to come and see Grandad for St. George's Day and the Dragon Hunt in Dore. So they brought their parents and themselves over for the Easter Egg Hunt at Whirlow Brook Park instead.

It was a lovely afternoon. The sun shone and the youngsters were able to run around to their hearts' content. Outdoor screaming was permitted. For the sum of £2.50 per child, they could embark on the Easter Egg Hunt, a trail through the grounds of the Hall in search of egg symbols semi-concealed in various places. Actually, they were diverted along the way to a detour of collecting carrots (for the Easter Bunny of course). Every egg and carrot found gave a letter, and when they finished the course the letters had to be assembled into a phrase or saying.

Whilst they were off egg hunting, Grandad found a perch on one of the many benches in the middle of the route and enjoyed tea at £1 a cup from the gardeners' hut. When the brood returned from their expedition, my skills were required to sort out the anagram, which they presented themselves to the Hunt officials in exchange for a little party bag of chocolate eggs. We all had a great time.

At the beginning of June I was back again, this time for the launch of a new venture - the Whirlow Brook Park Tree Trail. The park has many, many trees due to its previous ownership, but records of exactly what trees were incomplete. The Friends group has been working to identify exactly what trees were there, and then to assemble a walking trail around them. Plans are for there to be fifty trees on the Trail. Thirty-four of these are included so far - the whereabouts of the others are known, but the last sixteen are awaiting either professional identification or the clearing of a route to make them accessible.

The project has been a fine example of cooperation between the Council's Local Area Committee which provided most of the funding, Parks Department who selected the trees, the Friends' tree trail team who profiled the trees and the Friends' volunteers whose job it has been to make the trees accessible.

One thing that I thought was really neat is that adjacent to each of the trail trees is a little post with a QR code on top. Scanning the code with your smartphone brings up a web page full of information about the tree concerned, far more than could be included on a full-size information board and much less

ostentatious. If you don't have a smartphone in your pocket (I strongly recommend that you take one) then the name of the tree is also on the post so you can look it up later on the website at friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk.

On June 9th many of the Friends and representatives of the other organisations involved came together for the Trail's official opening by - you've guessed it - the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. We started off with tea and stickies (proper cream scones and all, not just biscuits so it was quite posh). After a few speeches, Colin cut garlands on three of the trail trees to declare the Trail open. The official ceremonial ribbon-cutting scissors were no good for the job, so he had to

use some unceremonial garden shears.

Whirlow Brook Hall is not as old as I had thought, and was built in 1906. Many of the trees date back to the 1920s when the house was owned by Sir Walter Benton Jones and his wife Madge. They designed the gardens with the help of the RHS.

Sir Walter became second Baronet of Treeton in 1936, and moved to the family seat at Grantham after Madge's death in 1938. Whirlow Brook Hall and grounds were acquired by Sheffield Corporation in 1946 through the generosity of the JG Graves Charitable Trust, and it opened as a public park in 1951.

Cuts to council budgets started to have an effect on the park in the 1990s and the hall was used first as offices. Since 2013 it has been in the hands of an hotelier which lets it as a wedding venue.

In 2010 Sheffield U3A was given permission to restore the rock garden area, but the rest of the park continued to deteriorate due to lack of resources. It wasn't until the launch of the Friends Group in 2021 that things started to look up again, and much of what you see today is the result of their hard work. 'Amazing' is, I think, a very over-used word these days, but it surely applies to what the Friends have achieved in just 2½ years. The new purpose-built cafe will, I hear, be open by the end of the summer, maybe by the time that you read this. I will definitely be back later in the year, I bet the colours are spectacular in autumn.

It shows how much can be achieved by community effort, even in these straitened times. It hasn't cost a lot of money, just a great deal of hard work and commitment.

You can involve yourself in it too. A mere ten pounds a year will get you membership of the Friends, and you can become a volunteer through the website above, email to fowp@friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk or telephone 0114 255 8948. They also have a presence on Facebook and Twitter.

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T17 is dependent on volunteers to provide our transport services. This in turn provides opportunities for individuals across the age range to develop their skills, confidence, and friendship groups.

We continue to be thankful for the ongoing support from both individuals and groups within the local community. However, despite this fabulous support we receive, this month we write with a plea for some specific help. We are in desperate need of new volunteers to enable Transport 17 to continue to maintain a consistent service to the lunch and social clubs we currently visit, and hopefully increase the number of passengers we are able to take, and the organisations we assist, in the future.

Over the two months of March and April, Transport 17 had to cancel 30% of bus journeys due to a lack of volunteer availability. This has continued through May, June and July. Running an average seven or eight services a week instead of our usual thirteen meant that a significant number of older and vulnerable people have not been able to get out and socialise with others within their local communities. This is impacting their mental health and wellbeing. We know from research that loneliness is linked to early deaths, and that in fact, the effect of loneliness on mortality is comparable to that of other well-established risk factors such as smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity. Approximately half a million older people go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all. Our passengers regularly express their gratitude at being able to get out, socialise within their communities, and being able to join others to eat a meal. One of our regular passengers tells us:

"I wouldn't be able to come out without T17. It gives me friendship, food and gets me out" (Betty)

Volunteering in the community can have many benefits. Better mental health and wellbeing, increased confidence and self-esteem, sharing talents and learning new skills, valuable work experience, gaining a sense of achievement and purpose, and feeling part of the community are just some of the things our volunteers say they get from giving their time to T17. Volunteering can combat loneliness, stress, social isolation and depression. It can help you meet new people and create new friendships, which can help you feel more connected and valued. It is also an opportunity to 'pay it forward' or to give something back.

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.

Minibus driver

You would drive the minibuses that provide door-to-door group transport for older people who wouldn't otherwise get out, enabling them to socialise in their local community. You would always be accompanied by a passenger assistant. The time commitment can vary between 3-4 hours and longer days of 6 hours. Full training and induction is provided and funded.

Passenger Assistant

You would provide assistance to those older people who are less mobile, to and from their home to bus to venue, and ensure they are comfortable while on the bus. The passenger assistant works alongside the driver often making up a regular and consistent team of two. Full training and induction will be provided and funded.

Each individual has their own reason for volunteering and their own ideas about what it will do for them. There's no right or wrong approach, it's all about exploring the opportunities available and finding one that is right for you. The most important thing about volunteering is that you should enjoy it and that it's a rewarding experience for you, as well as for the people you help. Our volunteers enabled Transport 17 to complete 516 passenger journeys in January 2023, an average of 129 per week. This is in comparison to 346 passenger journeys in January 2022, an average of 86 per week. Many of these passengers only have this one opportunity each week to get out of the house and socialise with other people. 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, or by emailing us at volunteerco@transport17.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Other ways you can help Transport 17

- ✓ Come to our coffee mornings and other fundraising events
- ✓ Support others in the area who raise funds for Transport 17
- ✓ Find us, like us and follow us on Facebook
- ✓ Donate directly via www.justgiving.com/transport17tduk
- ✓ Consider company sponsorship to help us to meet the cost of our minibuses and equipment
- ✓ Donate your time and/or specific skills and help refurbish the offices or update our website

Did you know we need:

- £5 for an ID badge for 1 volunteer
- £15 for a volunteer sweatshirt
- £25 for a pack of 6 headlight bulbs for a minibus or 2 seatbelt extensions
- £50 for a statutory safety inspection (each bus is required to undergo one every 10 weeks - and we have three!)

News

Liz Croft, our administrative assistant left T17 earlier in the year. We thank Liz for the contribution she made to Transport 17 during the time she was employed with us. The compassion she had for our passengers shone through every day. We wish her all the best for her future ventures.

We are planning some 'Open Office' sessions at T17 where you can join us for a cup of tea and find out more information about our organisation, and particularly the volunteering opportunities available. These will be held on the second Monday of each month from 10am – 11.30am, starting with Monday 14 August.

We will also be at:

Dore Show, The Old School and Dore Methodist Church Hall
12 – 3.30pm, Saturday 9 September

Totley Show, Totley Primary School, Baslow Rd
1.30 – 3.30pm, Saturday 16 September

A Celebration of the Music of the Beatles, Christ Church Community Centre, Townhead Road, Dore 7.30pm, Saturday 30 September

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Visible progress at last

Until October, those passing the station will notice that half the car park is closed. There are parking restrictions at the bottom of Dore Road that many hope will become permanent. However, Abbeydale Road South along towards the Industrial Hamlet is wide and offers plenty of parking on both sides, although a little extra time is necessary to walk back.

The closure is to allow construction of the new second platform and to extend our current platform. The existing signal will be moved about 15 metres towards Sheffield. The new platforms will allow 6-coach trains to stop here with full access to all doors. The new footbridge with lifts is now being constructed. Sadly the 1985 brick shelter is being demolished. It would contravene modern safety clearances for passenger circulation around the bottom of the footbridge and platform edge. Detailed arrangements for the station entrance are still not confirmed.

The basic platform work should be completed by the end of October but fitting out with all the facilities for an operational station will take longer.

Work on the tracks and signalling will require a total line and car park closure over the Xmas/New Year period with a final line and car park closure in March for the tracks and signalling to be connected up and tested. Roll on April when we should be able to use it all although the extended current platform may be useable sooner.

The new junction at Dore West is in place, although the new track bed below Poynton Wood has still to be excavated and rails laid from there to the junction with the Midland Mainline at Dore South. There seems to be a hitch, but it should be completed by October after which the area alongside the track will be landscaped and new trees planted.

Services now – TPE!

Industrial relations issues continue to blight the railway. In the last issue I hoped peace might have been achieved by now. Sadly, that looks as distant a prospect as ever.

TPE has been particularly badly hit. The pay dispute is bad enough but although they now have a rest day working agreement in place there are big issues with how such days are rostered to cover training. The three new fleets of trains they introduced add complexity, especially when carriages on one type have developed faults. The government is blamed on one side, the First Group franchise management on another, and the unions add the third dimension. Result? After failing to improve enough under a recovery plan the government didn't renew their franchise in May. The Operator of Last Report, OLA, is now responsible, as it already is with LNER, Northern and South-Eastern Railways. Northern have seconded one of their best men, Chris Jackson, to be their interim Managing Director.

What difference will that make? As far as passengers are concerned, very little. The same trains run on the same tracks, manned by the same people working to the same timetables and same recovery plan. That plan is already bringing improvements, but the problems won't be fully resolved until the industrial relations are resolved. Until then we won't know for certain if a TPE train will run, will run the full distance, keep to time or have the full number of coaches. We must all hope that common sense will soon bring all sides together to restore reliable services. Things may slowly be getting better.

Car parking

It may be time to have another look at the elephant in the room. If we restore good services, we'll attract more users and that will mean more cars. In 2019 we conducted a survey and found 46% of users parked their car, 30% walked, 19% had been dropped off by car. 3% had cycled with 1% by bus and 1% by taxi.

The current car park was funded by SYPTE and opened with 129 spaces in 2013. It was full from Monday to Thursday within six months. Station operators Northern and carriers of the most commuters (prior to Covid) TransPennine Express are well aware of this. We've been lobbying all relevant parties about it since the Public Inquiry in 2016.

In 2018/19 FoDaTS completed surveys showing that by 9.00 on weekdays over 100 overspill vehicles were parked near the station by rail users. That's currently reduced after Covid (further reduced due to TPE's currently awful service levels) but numbers are in excess of the car park's 129 capacity Tuesday - Thursday. (After 9.00 calculation is complicated by patrons at the Summer House and Hair Union.)

In 2019 SYPTE, now South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA), completed a basic feasibility study for more parking. We've seen it and it fell down on multiple issues. SYMCA now need to completely recalculate their Business Case taking into account activity after the second platform is operational in April 2024.

The difficulty is that railway passenger numbers are calculated annually from April to March and not available until the following December. That implies a new Business Case might not be completed before 2026 on the 2024/5 figures - which is rather frustrating!

The 2019 Plan was totally inadequate insofar as it would have added roughly 60 extra spaces on an upper deck. It would have been very expensive per space created. It would have been a visual eyesore. It took minimal note of drop off users and overlooked deliveries to the Rajdhani restaurant and vans for the Amazon box.

This is a very active issue and SYMCA have it very much on their radar. A financial window of opportunity may open but the biggest issue is providing enough extra space, possibly for at least twice as many cars, say over 150 more? So far nobody has identified a site that could achieve that at a realistic price and also satisfy road safety and green environmental concerns. If anyone has a practical solution, please let us know. Without it parking on Abbeydale Road South will remain the best overflow option.

We've lobbied for more cycle shelter space and now have room for 32/34 – mostly unused. Allied with the Bradway Action Group we've been working to get improved natural paths down through Poynton Wood to the station. A big increase in cycling won't take many cars out of the equation. Walkers use their cars when it rains!

Charging?

We're soon to have 4 electric charging points. You were suggesting paying for parking? If it cost £2 a day (operators Northern's preference) many would park on the roads, but owners SYMCA currently have a policy of free park and ride.

Ticket office closures?

We shan't be protesting - we lost ours in 1969 and seem to be managing.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's a very active group and is updated frequently with topical information and comments.

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Like a number of Dore residents, I lamented the closing of The Dore Grill which, after all, was something of an institution in the village. However, I will also admit that I thought we needed something more in keeping with the current century. The recently opened Dore Bar & Grill is certainly that. The money spent on the interior refurbishment has resulted in a retro-feel, with dark wood and dark colours on the walls lifted by light ceilings, well thought-out lighting and various tile features. Combined with a herringbone wood flooring, plenty of greenery and a lovely cherry blossom tree (fake, I assume) in the conservatory, there was an overall feeling of relaxed comfort. The outside area has also been renovated, with covered seating on a new patio area which increases the seating capacity and provides a nice space for al fresco dining (when it stops raining).



On arrival for dinner, we were immediately taken to our table in the conservatory and presented with menus. The very attentive waiter came back to take our drinks order in good time – large glass of Montepulciano D’Abruzzo (£9) for me and a large house white (£7.50) for my dining partner, then left us to peruse the menu. The menu itself was as advertised – Italian inspired, and although most items were pretty standard there was sufficient choice, with various pastas, steaks and pizzas alongside sharing platters and salads.

Despite having been told that the Charcuterie Board (£22), consisting of baked camembert, cured meats, prosciutto, bresaola, breads, tomato lime chutney, olives and balsamic, was an excellent sharing starter, I chose the Arancini (£7.50) served on red pepper hummus with rocket and chive oil. The three crispy balls were on the small side (but that is probably just me!), and one of them was ever so slightly burnt, but it was a tasty dish and the red pepper houmous worked really well with the peppery rocket and the arancini themselves. My partner went for King Prawns (£11), served with nduja butter with crispy lilliput capers on a slice of Dore Bakery sourdough toast, which is one of the five gluten-free starter options. The prawns were juicy and succulent, and the nduja butter was a well-balanced addition without overpowering the subtle seafood. The sourdough toast soaked up the juices and butter to perfection and led to a satisfied smile across the table.

We were left for a while after our starter plates were cleared away, which could have been irritating if we had waited much longer. As it was, it actually added to the overall relaxed feeling, in contrast to some other restaurants where you don’t have time to breathe before the next course arrives. For the next course, we both chose from the “Grill” section of the menu, and although I have heard good things about the pizzas (a choice of eight, between £14 and £16.50), I chose the Porchetta (£19) – rolled pork with garlic, sage and rosemary, served with truffle and parmesan mash and tender-stem broccoli. The pork was full of flavour, with crispy crackling and perfect seasoning, and although the meat

itself was slightly dry, this didn’t detract from the dish. Even though the broccoli was really well cooked with just the right amount of bite, the mash made the dish. It was smooth, buttery and creamy with a very slight saltiness from the parmesan and the decadent shaved truffle turned it into a truly memorable addition. I did note that it is available as a side-order, and I will definitely be tempted to order it as an accompaniment to any future meal – even if it is one of the pizzas!

Our other main was the Tuscan Chicken (£18) – chicken breast with sun-blush tomatoes, in a white wine sauce with wilted spinach and Dauphinoise chips. I will say that I was intrigued to find out what a Dauphinoise chip is, and I soon found out. Take Dauphinoise potato, cut it into large chip shapes and deep fry them, which really shouldn’t have been beyond my imagination. They were inspired! The best of the Dauphinoise – the creamy bit, was trapped between the unfeasibly thin layers of potato and remained intact after they were deep fried. The result was a (rather large) chip that when cut into oozes flavoursome cream. A side order, that will compete with the mash the next time I visit. The rest of the dish was also really good – very moist chicken breast in a well-seasoned and balanced sauce with tasty spinach.

Although the portions were decent for both starters and mains, there was a small hole left for us to share a dessert. As a self-proclaimed aficionado of the crème brûlée, my partner chose for us, and we weren’t disappointed. The Vanilla Crème Brûlée (£6) was served with salted caramel ice cream and a biscuit crumb and was nothing short of outstanding. The custard was silky smooth and just sweet enough, the sugar was caramelised perfectly with no hint of burning, and the biscuit and ice cream combination was a great compliment. A really excellent end to a lovely meal.

In my opinion, The Dore Bar & Grill is an excellent addition to the village and the décor, food and service combined to give a really enjoyable evening. Although not fine-dining, the food was of good quality, well-cooked and totally enjoyable. For our two starters, two mains, a shared dessert and four large glasses of wine we paid £94.50 so it was also good value for money, and I am sure I will be returning.

In addition to the “normal” menu, The Dore serves Sunday lunch from 12:00pm to 8:00pm with a range of roasts from £16 to £18, and breakfast every day between 8:30am and 11:30am. There is also a bakery and coffee shop offering cakes and sandwiches.

Hendo Nagasaki

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It remains a very busy time for local Councillors with some key decisions due over the next few weeks. The planning application for the Dore Moor Garden Centre site is due to go before the Planning Committee, however at the time of writing no date has been set for the meeting. We continue to press for the earliest possible resolution to this contentious issue. The Council is also due to make a decision of the long-awaited Local Plan in September. This document will set out a vision for how the city should grow over the next twenty years, including targets for the number of new houses, where they should be built and how precious green space will be protected. Options were sent out for consultation last year and a large number of replies were submitted.

Recent bad weather saw the return of some flooding issues on Abbeydale Road South near the station and Ecclesall Woods. We have asked the Council's contractors to check the condition of drains and culverts in the area, and we have also asked for a review of their maintenance schedule. We can't control the weather, but contractors do need to meet their obligations to maintain local services.

On an unpleasant note, Dog fouling on our green and open spaces remains a serious problem, particularly on fields and playgrounds used by children and sports clubs. Dog poo is a health hazard. The Council is taking action in known hotspots, but every dog owner should take responsibility and clear up after their pets every time.

More positively, as Chair of the Economic Development & Skills Committee, Martin has been working on the next phase of the city's economic recovery plans and a second batch of grant funding will be made available soon for projects across the city. This year's 'Ward Pot' is also open for 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.

And finally, Colin has been very busy with Lord Mayor duties. He has opened many galas, visited a host of businesses and schools, unveiled a memorial to the Sheffield Pals of the First World War at Redmires, welcomed national and international conferences to the city and met Prince William. Locally he was at the Totley Fun Day, unveiled a plaque to mark the rejuvenation of Beauchief Gardens, launched the tree trail in Whirlow Brook Park, opened Dore Gala and took part in one of the local Health walks which is supported by the ward pot.

One of the features of these visits is realising just how important is the role of volunteers. They really do make a difference in so many ways. Locally we have many groups that rely on volunteers, but it is noticeable that many organisations are struggling to recruit new members as their existing volunteer base gets older. The pandemic caused a lot of activity to stop and unfortunately many volunteers have not returned after the break.

If you have a few hours to spare, please do think about contributing to one of the many organisations that make a difference to people's lives. In all the groups that we come across we find that it is the volunteers, as well as the clients, that get a lot out of the experience.

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I hope this update finds you well and enjoying summer in Sheffield. At the time of writing Parliament is about to close for August and I am looking forward to spending more time in Hallam with my family and dogs, Willow and Arthur. I am also looking forward to attending a number of community events across our

constituency over the next few months. If there is a community event this summer you would like me to attend, please do get in touch: olivia.blake.mp@parliament.uk.

Last month I was selected to sit on the Energy Bill Committee. This is a committee of cross-party MPs selected to scrutinise the Government's proposed Energy Bill before it returns to the House of Commons to be debated and voted on.

We have long called for the Government to bring forward the first Energy Bill, so I welcome its arrival. But given the urgency of the cost of living and climate crises we need an all-out sprint for zero carbon power, a proper plan to spread the benefits from this cheap power to lower and middle-income families, and an industrial policy to create good quality, green jobs.

This Bill lacks the ambition required to deliver on any of these. Over the last month I have challenged the Government on several issues during debates, including ending the use of fossil fuels, stepping up home insulation, and ending the ban on onshore wind turbines. I also tabled a number of amendments to the Bill, including an amendment calling for the UK to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty, which allows companies to sue governments for taking vital climate action which might hit their profits.

I also tabled an amendment calling for more Government support for community renewable energy projects. Local renewable energy will play an important part in our transition to net-zero, providing good quality jobs and economic growth to our local communities – yet the Government has continually failed to support these projects. You can read more about my work on this committee on my website: oliviablake.org.uk.

It was an absolute pleasure to visit

Ughill Farm and find out more about Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust's work creating a new haven for nature in Hallam. We saw here, curlew, lapwing, skylark and swift! It was also great to hear about their campaigns and what more I can do to champion nature in Parliament.

I am continuing the campaign for a Climate and Ecology Bill. Nature is our best ally in the fight against climate change, and the Climate and Ecology bill is the critical framework we need to halt and reverse nature's decline before it's too late. I am working with the Green Party's Caroline Lucas and the Liberal Democrat's Wera Hobhouse to push the Government to adopt the Bill. We wrote a joint piece for Politics Home about the importance of the Bill for World Environment Day.

I spoke during the debate on Rosebank oilfield. The day after the 4th anniversary of the UK setting NetZero in law, and on the morning of the damning Climate Change Committee report, the Government still refused to rule out opening the new oilfield. Rosebank won't reduce bills or ensure energy security. It will only speed up climate catastrophe.

I also joined steel workers, including from Sheffield, whilst they marched on Parliament to call on the Government to take action to save the steel industry. Domestic steel is vital to reaching net zero, but all we have seen from this Government is a lack of ambition, vision, and political will. I spoke to steel workers about what we need to see from the Government in order to save our steel industry.

Two years ago, after the hard work of campaigners, the Government committed to vital reforms to miscarriage care during my debate in Parliament, including recording every miscarriage, 24/7 support available for those experiencing miscarriage and an end to the three miscarriage rule, whereby women only receive support and tests after their third consecutive miscarriage.

At the time, I didn't think it would take this long, or be this hard, but finally it looks like change is coming. Now new draft RCOG guidance, which has been consulted on, will hopefully mean women can access care after their first miscarriage! And at the time of writing I have just met with the Minister who assured me that the Pregnancy Loss Review, and our demands, would finally be announced within the next month. This would be a huge win for the 1 in 5 women who will experience a miscarriage. I will keep you updated!

Finally I was honoured to be re-elected as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Vice Chair of the All-Party Group on Climate Change. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work across party lines to champion these important issue.

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.

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I think it's safe to say that whether you're buying or renting, the property game is like snakes and ladders. Right now, it's a real rollercoaster of interest rates going up, rents going up and property prices going both up and down. You really don't know what's round the next corner. Are you going to be suddenly turned upside down or will you be screaming during a rapid descent into nowhere? I well remember the thrills of our rollercoaster ride of starting a repayment mortgage in June 1981 at an interest rate of 12½%. [We narrowly missed the record 17% of November 1979.] Our rate went up to 15% the following year, back down to about 10% and back up to 15% in 1989. The average house price in 1981 was £21,507 and 20 years before that was £2,400. Between 1995 and 2022, the average mortgage rate was 5.62%. The average house price in England by 2022 was £315,000, and the UK average was £294,000. It's still painful now for people with a mortgage. At the time of writing the interest rate is around either side of 6%.

Rates of renting vary considerably across Europe. Currently, in England, 19% of homes are privately rented. Cross over to France where the average is 40%, 50% in Germany and 53% in Switzerland. The rate in Spain is 23%, 25% in Italy and 30% in Ireland. Over the Atlantic, the average figure is 36% in the USA and 33% in Canada. Wherever you live, the trend of rates and rents seems to be upwards. This comes as no surprise to the rollercoaster riders.

The term "mortgage" comes from 13th Century French and began to be used regularly in Britain from the 15th Century. The first building society in Britain started in the 18th Century and was joined by many more in the 19th. Thereafter, the market share of lending for property has fluctuated considerably between banks, building societies and other lenders. In the mid-19th Century, a house would cost around eleven times a person's average earnings. In 1910, it was four times. For example, that year an Edwardian stone-built four-bedroom semi-detached house in Chatsworth Road sold for £150. By the time of the Great War, it was even easier as house prices were just over twice average earnings. By 2022, they were about nine times average earnings.

Towards the end of the Great War, Liberal Prime Minister Lloyd George spoke of "Habitations fit for the heroes who have won the war." This gave rise to the abbreviated saying "Homes fit for Heroes". The Cabinet of the time wanted wholesale demolition of slum housing and development of good quality housing stock. However, it didn't quite come about due to a shortage of money, too few men skilled in construction trades and a dearth of building materials. In 1918, architect and Paymaster General Sir John Tudor Walters MP wrote a report about housing. Using his expertise, he suggested five designs for new homes of different sizes that made best use of the limited materials available at the time. However, the intended level of progress was hampered by the recession in 1921, and it wasn't until later in the decade that the situation improved.

By 1928, the range of housing being advertised for sale around Sheffield was between £375 and £2,000. New semi-detached homes in the Dore, Totley and Ecclesall areas were being advertised at prices between £650 and £750. A freehold three-bedroom semi-detached bungalow in Totley Rise was advertised for £875 with another at Heatherfield for the same price. A freehold modern villa with a large garden and garage in King Ecgbert Road was a snip at £1,600. A freehold four-bedroom double-fronted stone villa in Dore was yours for £1,300. A detached villa in Totley with eight rooms, garden, garage and greenhouse was £800. There were bargains to be had to furnish these dwellings. Dining room suites and sideboards were upwards from 12 guineas each. Bedroom suites were about £20 and above, and a black and brass bedstead in the region of £4 or more. Your linoleum floors could be covered with rugs starting at 7/- (35p) each.

Fast forward to 1950 where the average price of a new house was £1,891 for those on an average salary of between £7 and £10 a week. The Chatsworth Road house mentioned earlier sold again for £750. Ten years later the average price of a new house was £2,530. In June 1961 when the mortgage interest rate was 6%, the family Ford Anglia car would be £600 with petrol at 4/11d (25p) a gallon. Indoors, your 17-inch TV was £50, the electric cooker £62 and the new fridge was £50. The rollercoaster started heading upwards, as by 1970 the UK average house price was £4,057, £20,268 by 1980 and £57,901 by 1990. In a conference speech in 1975, Margaret Thatcher had re-used the 1920 Tory idea of creating a "property-owning democracy". "Right to Buy" for local authority tenants came in during 1980. By the Millennium, the average house price in England was £83,500 and in London it was £133,000. The rollercoaster has kept on rolling ever since, and the best advice is probably something like "keep belted in, grit your teeth and hang on tight".

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Summer Reading Challenge

Greetings from Totley CRIC and we are all enjoying the summer sunshine as we are preparing for the Summer Reading Challenge 2023. This started on Saturday July 15th and runs for 8 weeks until Saturday 9th September. Last year it was hugely successful with many new children joining the challenge. It is free and open to all children from birth to 11 years old. Children need a library card and can then register for the challenge.

Each time they borrow a book they get a sticker. When they have read six books they get a certificate and a medal.

The theme this year is keeping fit and active over the school holidays. We have purchased books that support this scheme. Please come and join in!

Did you know?

It costs about £32,500 a year to keep Totley Library open. We receive a grant from the council of around £17,700 a year and the shortfall is met by fundraising.

Last year we raised over £16,000 from events, grant applications, Totley Library lottery and book/plant sales. The lottery is a regular source of income and so is much valued.

We have had to replace the heating and refurbish the kitchen area this year with significant expense.

Totley Library is one of the most well used volunteer libraries in Sheffield. Last year we added 1,725 books to our shelves. We have over 100 volunteers involved in a range of tasks from book assistants, front desk, cinema, events, book sales, garden, IT, children's activities, building management, baking and more! We provide meeting places for 12 community groups. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

You can help by continuing to use the library, supporting our fundraising events or signing up for the lottery (more information on the website). If you are interested in volunteering please come and visit us to find out more, you would be most welcome

Julie Kitlowski, Chair, Totley CRIC

On Sunday 25th of June the choir was in concert mode at the Sheffield Citadel with Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band. The Community Concert was well received and raised significant funds for the Salvation Army's charities.



For over a year the choir has been in discussions with Tenby Male Voice Choir to hold a joint concert in the pretty Welsh resort. This came to pass commencing on the 22nd of May, terminating on the 26th.

The first concert was in the beautiful St Davids Cathedral in St Davids. It was the first away trip for Joan our Music Director and the final performance of Makenzie our accompanist who has moved on to fulfil his ambition to be a concert pianist. His two solo pieces from Fryderyk Chopin and Edward Gregson were stunning.

Our concert with Tenby Male Voices was well worth the journey, performances were joint and independent; and was well received by the audience. The after-glow in our hotel after the show was superb, a strong bond was formed and we look forward to them joining us in Sheffield, a concert not to be missed.

On July 6th we had the annual Dore Festival Concert, a first for Joan and Jonathan our new accompanist. We had a full house and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Joan gave singing lessons to the audience, and we all gave the Flying Pickets number Only You some welly. A good night for everyone.

At last, we have fixed up the venue and dates for our Christmas concerts. Because Dore Church will be in the process of renovation it will be held at St John the Evangelist, Abbeydale Road South on the 7th, 8th and 9th December.

Whilst our membership is strong (73) we are always looking out for new members; do come along to a rehearsal – Thursdays, at 7:15 pm at Christ Church Community Centre, Townhead Road.

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St Swithin

St Swithin's Day falls on July 15th and according to folklore –

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

I certainly remember my parents quoting this annually throughout my childhood but I don't ever recollect being amazed by its accuracy. As with other folklore, modern science often illuminates what may have been the product of many generations making simple observations - in this case, of weather patterns: we now understand that around the middle of July patterns of weather in the northern hemisphere appear to settle because of the influence of the jet stream.

Swithin was Bishop of Winchester in the 9th century and legend has it that he asked to be buried outside the cathedral so that he *'might be subject the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high'*. I have to report that on 15th July 2023 there were plenty of raindrops pouring from on high in Dore. And by the time you read this you will have had an opportunity to assess how accurate the saying is.

Weather records

Our temperate and unpredictable climate has made us studiers of the weather. Sheffield's weather has been accurately recorded by Weston Park weather station since 1882 and those records show how the summer temperatures have increased: 1911 - 33.5°C; 1990 - 34.3°C; 2019 - 35.1°C. Then in 2022, the record was broken twice on 18th and 19th July with temperatures of 35.9°C and an almost unbearable 38.9°C.

In the late 1960s I was living as an au-pair in the household of an eminent meteorologist in Sweden and I remember listening to his explanation of 'greenhouse effect': how human activity was creating a build-up of greenhouse gases and warming the earth. At the time, as a young person used to frost on the inside of her British bedroom window during the winter, it didn't seem too worrying - surely a little warming surely couldn't be too harmful? Over the years it's become commonplace to talk in a general way about 'global warming' as the new normal but recently discourse has become much more urgent as the terms 'climate crisis' and 'climate emergency' have crept in. Climate scientists have done their best to warn us of the consequences and tell governments what they need to do to mitigate the effects of increasing temperatures and the more extreme weather. The United Nations has convened an annual Climate Change Conference since 1995 and its purpose is to agree international climate policy. There has been agreement that there is an urgent need to cut greenhouse gas emissions (Kyoto Agreement, 2005) and in 2015, the Paris Agreement committed the Parties to take action to limit the increase in average temperatures to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to endeavour not to exceed 1.5°C. This is the level which, if breached permanently, may result in irreversible damage to our environment and human life. In spite of this international consensus, the World Meteorological Organisation has recently 'sounded the alarm' that the 1.5°C target will be broken increasingly frequently in the future, perhaps in the next five years.

What you can do about climate change

Headlines like this, *'There's a good chance that the month of July will see the highest global temperatures for 120,000 years'* (The Observer, 16/07/2023), really do provoke climate anxiety but it should also spur us into changing our own lifestyles because this could be our, and our children's, last chance.

1. Change what you eat: buy local, plant-based food.
2. Change how you travel: walk, cycle, choose a greener car and avoid flying.
3. Change and reduce your energy use: when you replace

your boiler get a heat pump; switch to a renewable energy supplier; invest in solar panels; turn the thermostat down.

4. Recycle and reuse; cut your consumption and waste.
5. Reduce your flood risk: don't pave over your garden, keep those hedges and trees.
6. Reduce your water use.
7. Contact your MP: make your voice heard, express your concerns and share what you are doing with others.
8. Respect and protect green spaces because they are important.

(www.wildlifetrusts.org/things-you-can-do-climate-change)

Activities on Blacka Moor Nature Reserve

Interested in helping with the conservation work on Blacka Moor? Join the volunteer work days on Blacka Moor Nature Reserve run by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. Volunteer work days run on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Thursday of the month, carrying out a variety of practical conservation tasks on the reserve, including woodland and heathland management, rights of way maintenance and a variety of other tasks. It's a great chance to get involved and no experience necessary. If you are interested please book on the sessions through the website www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on/list/

Fungi Walk

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust are running a guided fungi walk on Blacka Moor on Saturday 21st October, being led by fungi expert Ziggy looking at the fantastic fungi found in Strawberry Lee Pastures. It's a bookable event so if you are interested please book on www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on/list/

User Forum Walkabout Meeting

Walkabout meeting on Blacka Moor with Nature Reserve Manager and Ranger on Saturday 9th September looking at the upcoming autumn and winter work. It's a great chance to find out more about the reserve, share your ideas and explore the reserve. It's a bookable event so if you are interested, please book on www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on/list/.

If you would like any more information please contact Hannah Wittram (Community Wildlife Ranger) on h.wittram@wildsheffield.com

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Is Reducing Plastic We use in Our Lives Really The Answer?

When I talk about living a more eco-lifestyle, my aim is to encourage you to reduce or stop using as much single use plastic as you possibly can. In particular, I mean items such as plastic carrier bags, water bottles and plastic lined coffee cups, plastic razors, shampoo bottles, cotton buds and much more. The idea behind promoting using less plastic is to help you to understand how to swap out products that you use regularly for great eco-friendly alternatives instead. Items such as reusable make-up pads, shaving bars, shampoo bars and much more.

What are single use plastics?

Single use plastic is a plastic item that is designed for a one-time use. For example, a plastic wrap on a magazine or a plastic lid on a coffee or teacup that will be disposed of in landfill when used, just once. Other examples include the plastic glove that you use at the petrol station when you're filling up, toothpaste tubes that you'll throw away, or cleaning products such as sprays that you'll use and then dispose of once emptied.

What are reusable plastics?

Reusable plastic items can be used again and again. For example, a Tupperware container that is made of plastic but that is used over and over again. I see many of these reused in our refill shop which is great to see.

Many of us have items in and around our home that are examples of reusable plastics such as phone cases, water bottles and lunch boxes to name just a few.

Why should you reduce your plastic usage?

When we throw plastic away, it doesn't biodegrade. Instead, it degrades, which means it breaks down into tiny pieces which ultimately get into our food chain. We've all seen stories up internationally about how big a problem plastic is in our oceans too. Recent studies have shown a large increase in microplastics found in the fish that ultimately end up on our plates. To make plastic, we use energy which in turn burns more fossil fuel and the outcome is the effects that we see daily on how climate change is speeding up and affecting our day to day lives.

Is it possible to live without plastic?

I'll be honest with you – going entirely plastic free is not easy. Plastic invades our everyday lives in countless ways. Although it would be technically possible to live without it, most of us would find that a step too far.

- A large proportion of fabrics and soft furnishings contain synthetic fibres. Your sofa, carpet, clothes, shoes, cushions, curtains, towels and much more contain plastic.
- Most of our appliances and devices contain plastic. Fancy living without your fridge freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, mobile phone, tablet or computer?
- Planes, buses, trains, bicycles, running gear and trainers all contain plastic. How would we get around if we refused all plastic right now?

How good are plastic free alternatives?

Single use plastic can protect us from harm at times. In hospitals it can help restrict the spread of infection and disease. Some people need to use disposable straws because of an illness or disability.

Food waste gives off methane in landfill. Methane is a greenhouse gas, far more potent than CO₂. Some plastic food packaging is often specially designed to prolong the life of our food and reduce food waste.

The carbon cost of using plastic packaging is lower than most alternative materials at the moment. This is true for plastic bags too. They have a lower carbon cost than paper bags and a much lower carbon cost than a cotton tote bag (cotton is also very pesticide and water intensive to grow). So, unless we are careful, we may be switching the plastic problem for other environmental problems.

What we need to focus on is not necessarily never using plastic. Instead, it's on reducing the amount that we use and, where possible, using the right types of alternatives instead.

How to reduce the plastics you use

Some quick tips to get you started:

- Start with the basics – straws, coffee cups, water bottles and plastic bags. Then once you have done that, move on to other areas.
- Think beyond just replacing plastic with any old plastic-free alternative when you are making swaps. Do you really need the product at all? Would it be better to make use of what you already have before you get a replacement? Are the alternatives on offer actually going to be better for the environment?

Don't avoid plastic altogether, only do it when it makes sense to do so. We aren't living in a world with perfect alternatives for every situation right now, so go easy on yourself.

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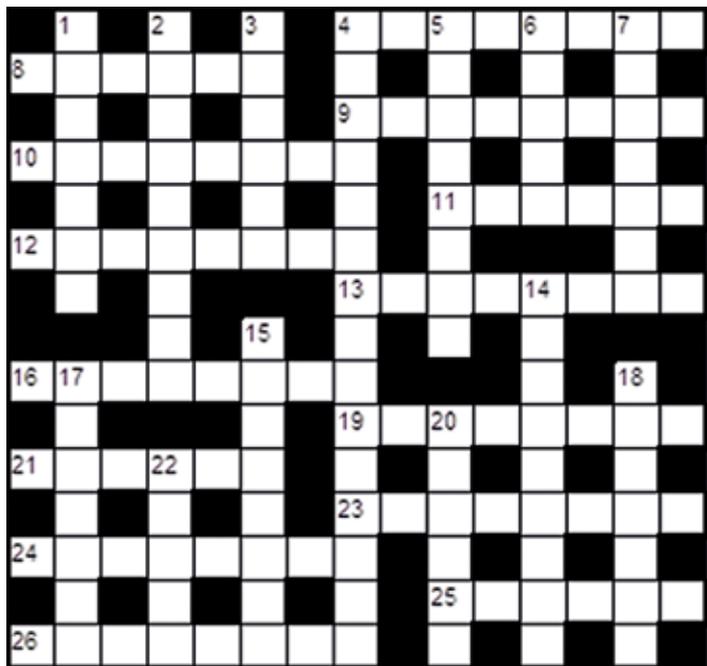
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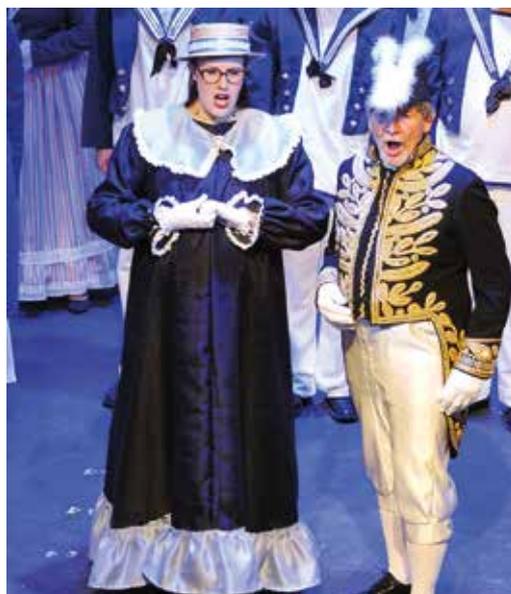


Across

- 4. Bail out when floating into drink (8)
- 8. Valley round old city could be drab (6)
- 9. Programme from Slough you will listen to (8)
- 10. Irreverent spin leads to gasp (8)
- 11. Passage is flashy with one leaving New Cross (6)
- 12. Head to hear charge for the menial (8)
- 13. Leisure, not regarding achievement (8)
- 16. Roofie for the old politician (8)
- 19. Wrongly blamed me when getting preserved finally (8)
- 21. Better not start to become a wanderer (6)
- 23. University classes require regular habits (8)
- 24. Pleased to have fireplace almost complete (8)
- 25. Hidden behind books (6)
- 26. A bad thing to hear work unit has years not working together (8)

Down

- 1. Assemble to return to jail and get into bed (7)
- 2. My back-up is fast and stout (9)
- 3. Marina complex produced by designer (6)
- 4. Record a couple of points and tend to completely pay attention (6,9)
- 5. Was about to keep owing (8)
- 6. Trouble and umbrage, initially when taking bar up to the house (5)
- 7. Alternative computer link to party at American city (7)
- 14. Ring to start computer, hard to find place to pay when on the move (9)
- 15. So short in exchange (8)
- 17. Smell sure to rise – give it the elbow (7)
- 18. One European with another is appropriate (7)
- 20. Sounds like one side of wedding takes control (6)
- 22. Somewhat mutilating the language (5)



Dore resident Sami Jones as Cousin Hebe in HMS Pinafore who recently gave birth to another future member (we hope). Both are doing well. Steve Andrews as Sir Joseph Porter KGB is the other figure.

What a show! HMS Pinafore was a cracker. The Society gets better every year. The feedback has been wonderful and if you were tempted but didn't go, you missed a treat. The audiences were from a wide age range and young and old thoroughly enjoyed themselves. When I left the dressing room I was confronted with a sea of happy faces. The critic from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) in a substantial article heaped praise on every aspect which says volumes for the quality of the work put in by both the Artistic Director, Graham Weston and the Musical Director, Martin Yates. He finished his article with these words:

"...I have to say that G&S is not my first love but I thoroughly enjoyed this evening, performed by a very strong Dore G&S Society to a high standard and now look forward to further productions. Thank you for the hospitality of your Front of House team. On reading this and having an evening spare, buy a ticket and you will be brilliantly entertained, as I have been".

Pretty good, eh? I cannot leave out the orchestra. For me, when I go to see a musical performance I know whether I am likely to enjoy it as soon as hear the orchestra or accompanist. A mediocre performance by them can ruin a whole evening for me but the one we had for the show was excellent; not too loud to drown the singers but powerful enough when it mattered. Having played myself I know how much work goes into making a sound that good. We thank them for it, it would not be the same without them.

Ann Habberjam (yes, my other half) has been Front of House manager for the society for over 30 years and this was her last outing as such. I do not know who will take over, yet it is time for her to let someone else run that aspect. The Chairman, Alan Wade made a presentation to her after the final performance to show the Society's appreciation.

We gave our usual summer concert at the start of Dore Festival Week on July 1st in Dore Methodist Church to a very appreciative audience (including the off-duty Lord Mayor). Some of the music, although lovely, was not well known even though it was by Rogers and Hammerstein or Sullivan himself. I especially liked the drinking song The Gay Hussar from a show called The Chieftain which Alex Hayward-Browne sang brilliantly. We are to repeat this concert later this month (July) at Whittington Moor Methodist Church.

We believe that The Montgomery Theatre is now closing for major work including the installation of a lift, but do not think that it will be available for our show next year. The committee have not yet found an alternative venue and it may be that we do a concert version of Iolanthe? (possibly staged, i.e., some action and costumes) to put on in other venues. It's up in the air for now so watch this space. In the meantime, I hope you have a good summer.

Derek Habberjam



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SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 Party on the Green, organised by DVS. Bring a picnic and enjoy the afternoon, free entertainments. See article, page 2.
- Tue 5 Wyvern Walk, Ladybower Reservoir and Alport Castles. 8 miles and about 5 to 6 hours depending on lunch stop and detours to look at scenery. This is a demanding walk because of its length and the nature of the terrain but it has splendid views and wild scenery to compensate. Walking poles should be taken. Also take warm clothing and waterproofs in case of a change in the weather. Bring food and drink. Further information contact - Keith Shaw 07778 422 910
- Sat 9 Dore Show 2023. See centre pages of this issue for full details.
- Sun 17 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). Trains run 1pm until 5pm Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. Owned and operated by Sheffield & District Society of Model & Experimental Engineers Ltd. sheffieldmodelengineers.com.
- Wed 20 Dore Garden Club: National Collection of GB. Talk by Don Witton, Holder of National Collection of Euphorbias. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Wed 27 Trolley History Group - Sheffield's hospitals during WW2 - Talk by Mary Garside. Meetings are in Trolley Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and are followed by light refreshments. Non members are always welcome.
- Sat 30 Wyvern Walkers - Bradwell, Hazelbadge Hall, Hucklow Edge, Abney Moor. This walk is about 5.75 miles long. The only steep climb is the one mentioned. Expect to be back in Dore by 14.00. Contact - Chris Cave 07908 364925

OCTOBER

- Sun 1 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). Trains run 1pm until 5pm Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. Owned and operated by Sheffield & District Society of Model & Experimental Engineers Ltd. sheffieldmodelengineers.com.
- Tue 10 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group "Derbyshire from the Air". Aviator Sheila Dyson describes different views of the county. At 2.30 p.m. in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome, a donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Wed 11 Wyvern Walk - Rutting walk: Grouse Inn, White Edge, Curbar and Froggatt Edges. c10km/6.5m. Short climbs but generally easy walking and, if clear, excellent views. There will be a break for coffee and light snack at the Curbar Gap picnic area. Those who want can remain at the Grouse Inn after the walk. Car sharing will be available, subject to who are stopping at the Grouse Inn for refreshments. (Open till 15.00). Contact - Chris Goldie 07443 944401 & John Proctor 07960 791879
- Wed 18 Dore Garden Club: History of Sheffield Allotments. Talk by Margaret Boulton, Allotment Gardener & Author. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Wed 25 Trolley History Group. The History of Water - Talk by Dr Jenny Stephenson. Meetings are in Trolley Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm and are followed by light refreshments. Non members are always welcome.

NOVEMBER

- Wed 8 Wyvern Walk - Hartington, river Dove, Pleasland Rocks, Biggin. Easy walk about 7 miles. Bring some lunch. Contact - Rosemary Newton 07751723335
- 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.



Dore Health Walk in Dore Festival

The weekly Dore Health Walk featured in the Dore Festival programme on Tuesday 4th July and we were very pleased to see many of our regular walkers, as well as some visitors including our new Lord Mayor, Colin Ross, with his dog Ruby. We were able to thank him personally for granting Ward Pot Funding to the Dore Health Walks Group (via our umbrella organisation Step Out Sheffield) which goes towards paying for the hire of our room at Christ Church Community Centre, where walkers meet to register before the walk and also to get together for a chat over tea and biscuits afterwards.

As you can see from the photos everyone enjoyed themselves and we also admired the hard work that went into the Dore well dressing. The Mayor is pictured by the well with some walkers fast approaching in the background.

We are always pleased to welcome new walkers. Come and join us on any Tuesday morning for a walk - come rain or shine. We meet at Christ Church Community Centre (in the back room) on Townhead Road, postcode S17 3GA, in time to walk at 10.30am. Parking is available.

There is a choice of a long walk and a short walk each week. The long walk is about an hour and the short walk is about 30 minutes. It's free, you don't need to book and you don't need any special equipment, although dressing to suit the weather is advisable along with shoes you are comfortable walking in and are happy to get a bit muddy! There's coffee and biscuits in the community centre afterwards for which we ask a nominal fee of £1.50.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Lucia Contrino, Volunteer Walk Leader and Chair,
Dore Health Walks Group**



This article first appeared in Dore to Door issue number 30, of Summer 1993.

Memories of Dore

Mrs Irene Lonslow has very kindly written her recollections of life at Brinkburn Lodge.

The grounds of Brinkburn Grange are now a residential estate, but at the turn of the century the Grange was the residence of a Mr Laverick who was the Managing Director of Tinsley Park Colliery Company. It was a large house standing not too far back from the main road, with a small garden in front of the drive where snowdrops spelt out "BRINKBURN GRANGE"; there was also a lodge at the entrance to the drive, rather hidden from the road by a high wall.

There was a piece of land at the side of the Grange which was used as a kitchen garden, but the front of the house had two large lawns with flowered borders; on one lawn was a fountain, (which I believe was moved to a hotel on the outskirts of Sheffield), a path between the lawns led up to a fairly large dam with rowing boats on it.

During the First World War the gardener who lived at Brinkburn Lodge moved into Sheffield to work in an ammunitions factory.

As I mentioned in a back number of Dore to Door, my mother, sister (Connie) and I were living at Overdale Lodge in Dore, which we had to leave due to the death of my father in 1916, so we went to the vacant Brinkburn Lodge, where my mother worked for Mr and Mrs Laverick, as housekeeper. Connie was also given a job in the offices of the Tinsley Park Colliery Company for the duration of the War.

A building close to Dore station, which I believe is now used as a Post Office sorting depot was a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers and Mr Laverick spent a great deal of time organising entertainment for the men, at which I was allowed to take part. Every Sunday he would go to the hospital to carve the meat, also he organised Concert Parties to come from Sheffield.

Soldiers were allowed to come at their leisure to row on the dam, and my mother always had a cup of coffee for them.

One keen winter the dam was frozen for several days, a small section was roped off for me to bring my school pals to slide on, the remainder was open to the public for skating at a small charge. My sister, who was taught to skate by the soldiers, collected the money and enough was taken to buy thirteen beds, plus bedding for the convalescent hospital.

Once a month Mrs Laverick had a local ladies' meeting, held in one of her rooms. She provided light refreshments whilst knitting socks and rolling bandages etc., for the soldiers at the hospital - during the school holidays I used to help. By this time I was knitting socks full swing, my sister turned the heel for me until I could do it myself, so between the monthly meetings at the Grange and Abbeydale School, which I now attended, I held the record for the most number of socks knitted, for which I received a special certificate.

One day Mr Laverick organised a Flag Day for the soldiers, I remember my mother doing my hair in ringlets and I was out at 7.00am collecting on the pavement from Brinkburn Grange to Dore Station, a very busy thoroughfare as there were no cars, the tin got so full I had to keep taking it back to Mrs Laverick for it to be emptied. On Bank Holidays you could not see the pavement for crowds walking up from the station.

The grounds were now suffering from the lack of a gardener, so I was given the job of helping to weed, I was given a ha'penny for every pile of 100 pieces of groundsel I pulled out - thank goodness they were never counted!

On Christmas Day Mr Laverick engaged a brass band to come from Sheffield, I remember them standing round the fountain playing carols - soldiers came from the hospital to take part, hot toddies were taken out to them.

The Lavericks did not have any children so they included me in many things. Mr Laverick bought me my first box of paints to take to school, which I unfortunately left in the train - they were very good to me and I enjoyed my couple of years there very much indeed.

Because of the high wall around the Lodge, it seemed to me very isolated, so I spent many hours at the entrance to the drive.

A Mrs Bales(?), who lived in the alms houses at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road used to talk to me and gave me some black glass beads inset with a variety of sparkling colours threaded on a blue ribbon - I still have them.

Although I was only just eight when we went to Brinkburn Lodge, I had to go to Abbeydale School, and return, on my own, by train. With some pals, one of our favourite jaunts would be to get on the train at Heeley and go to Attercliffe station and then get the train back home - until we were stopped!

After the War the gardener returned to Brinkburn Lodge, and we were once again left without a home. Mrs Richards of Overdale, was now a widow so my mother went back to work for her as housekeeper and "lived in" until Mrs Richards died in the late twenties. My sister, who had to give up her job at Tinsley Park Colliery Company due to the men coming back from the War, but now worked in the offices at Bassetts, lodged with friends and I went to relatives. I never made it to Abbeydale Grange, where I should have attended the very first year of its opening, but made frequent visits back to Overdale.

The Clarion Clubhouse

Many people seem to have enjoyed the article in May about Bert Ward and the Clarion Ramblers. I've spoken to a few people who told me that they had already known part of the story, but that it was nice to learn more about the Ramblers.

Incidental to that I also asked about the Clarion Clubhouse which interested a few to write in. Thanks to Pat Ryan for the photograph, which unfortunately I can't publish here, but below is a letter from Gillian who has particular memories of the building.

In the 1950s my father Harry Heathcote as Municipal Engineer and Surveyor, designed the junction of Sheephill Road/A625 and the two bends above and below that on the Hathersage Road. I have memories of holding the end of a very large tape measure! We always called it Clarion Corner because of the clubhouse above Fern Glen (south of the top bend).

Much later (early 1980s?) when its demolition started, Richard was working in the field opposite and offered to bring the tractor over and help, if he could have a few of the millstones by way of payment. They now support our garden table. It was common to have strategic doorways and corners of local barns made of piles of millstones. Ryecroft Farm has several. Those at the Clarion Clubhouse had mostly to be released from their concrete casing and central metal spike before lifting and transporting.

Gillian Farnsworth



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