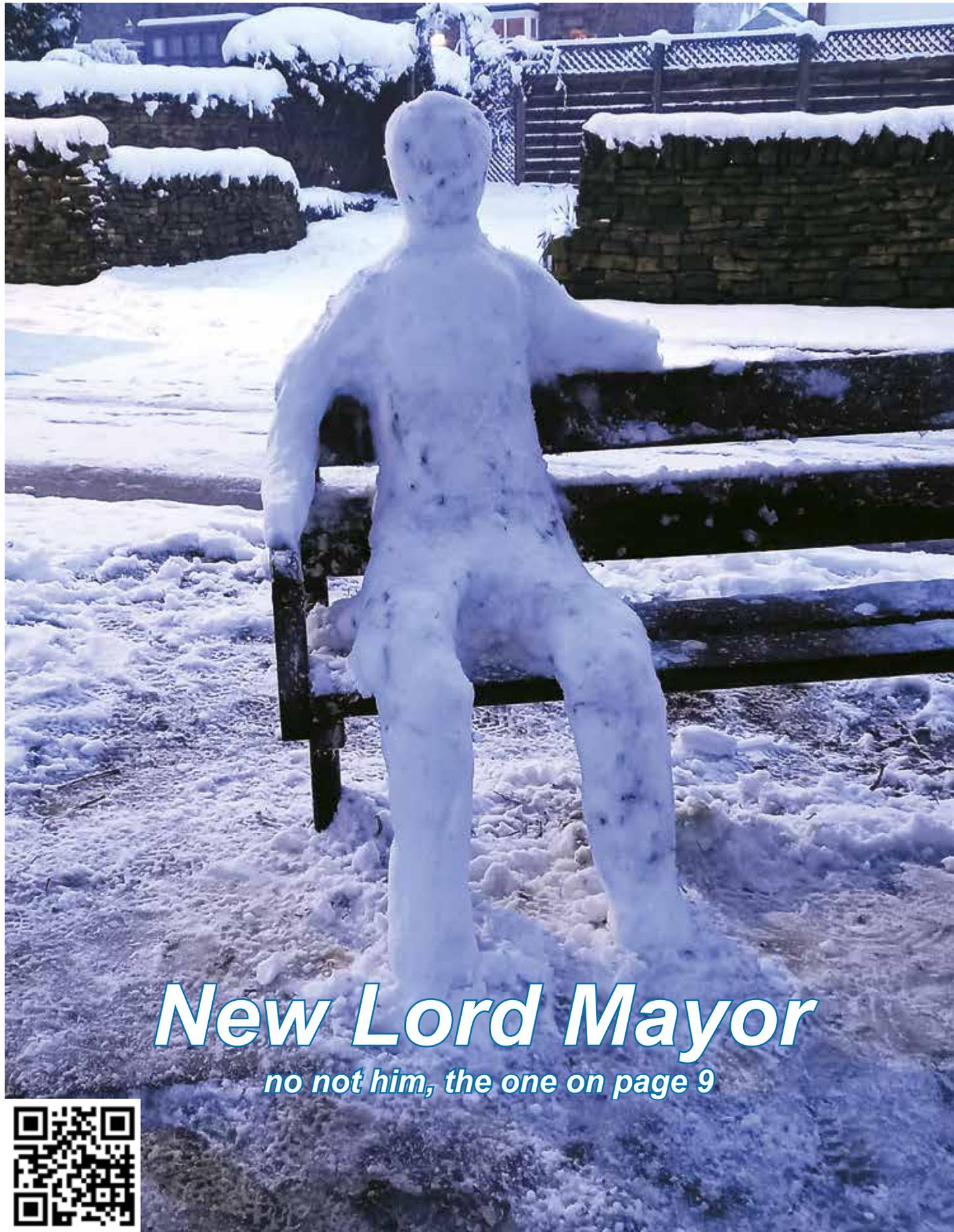


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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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New Lord Mayor

no not him, the one on page 9



Eyup Ethel!

Dear Sir,

A postscript to your article on Ethel Haythornthwaite which appeared in the last issue.

In recognition of Ethel's contribution to setting up the Peak National park, all the Peak District hilltops over 400m above sea level and some significant lower prominent hills that stand out in their own right have been collectively labeled 'Ethels'. There are 95 in total and if, like me, you have aspirations to climb them all, then details and locations can be found in a free *Ethel Ready App*.

Colin White

Anti-Racist School Award for KES

We are delighted to announce that King Ecgbert School has been awarded the Centre for Race, Educational & Decoloniality Anti-Racist School Award - Bronze Status. This means that as a school we are committed to tackling racism and to building an anti-racist culture. We are also proud to be the first school in the country to meet the criteria for this award and would like to thank all the students, staff, parents and community who have worked hard to achieve this.

This is an important milestone in our journey - but not the end of it. We would like to reassure our school community that we are determined to continue to build an anti-racist culture and will be working towards Silver Status over the next year.

Abi Merritt

Head of Development & Engagement, Mercia Learning Trust

Well dressing

The dates for the construction of this year's well dressing picture are as follows:

Saturday 17th June from 10am in the Scout HQ, we will clean the clay and soak the board.

Sunday 25th June, 10am in the Scout HQ we will put the clay into the board.

From Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June, the well dressing will be constructed. There will be three sessions per day from 10am-noon, 2-5pm and 7-9pm.

The finished well dressing will go up on Saturday 1st July and the Blessing Service will be on Sunday 2nd July on the village green.

We always need new people to come and help, even if you can only do a couple of sessions, everyone is welcome. Come along and learn a little about this ancient and local craft!

Patricia Pitchfork

Ten years of Project Connie - Hooray!

April 2013 it was when Alistair Humphrey collected our first person from Fairthorn for a hospital visit.

Ten years later we have taken hundreds of people from Dore to medical appointments of all kinds, helped them there, stayed with them and brought them home again. So much appreciated by the recipients of these lifts.

We couldn't do it without so many willing volunteers, some of whom have been with us for years.

It's an amazing success which Pat Yates and I are proud to have been involved in by organising this local project, named after my mum who lived in Dore for many years. So, if you need help to get to medical appointments of any kind, or if you would like to volunteer, then please don't hesitate to ring me on 07931 483693 when I would be glad to tell you more.

Sue Ross

*Cover: Snow Joke! This character appeared on the village green during the snowfall in early March. Two people were seen making him, but we don't know who they were. If it was you, then congratulations! You raised a winter smile on the faces of a lot of people, so take a bow.
Photo by Caroline Veal.*

Geoff Cope

We are saddened to learn of Geoff's passing, peacefully at home in mid-March. He was recovering from major heart surgery four weeks earlier and appeared to be doing well.

As I write, Geoff's funeral has yet to take place and his family has asked that we defer the preparation of his obituary until our next issue in August. We are happy to oblige.

John Eastwood

Dore to Door distribution

On behalf of the magazine delivery team I would like to thank four people who, after long service to Dore Village Society, are planning a well-earned rest. Jeremy Dench, Lynne Harrison, Barbara O'Connor and Brenda McDermott have distributed Dore to Door for between 20 and 25 years each.

Two of the four found their own replacements, but the need to find new people to deliver this magazine is an ongoing issue. There are currently 62 delivery rounds in total and reserve deliverers are often needed to cover for illness and holidays.

The average size of a delivery round is about sixty copies, though the individual rounds vary in size. You won't necessarily get to deliver on your own road to begin with, but you won't be expected to deliver to the opposite end of the village if you don't have a car. The magazines are delivered to your house on a Thursday or Friday and you'll be expected to deliver them over the following few days, but nobody makes you go out in foul weather so you can leave it until the rain stops. If you have a dog you'll find them enthusiasts for the opportunity to sniff up and down other people's driveways.

I'm afraid there's no payment involved, but you do get a free bottle of wine at Christmas and, of course, you also get to read Dore to Door before anyone else. Please contact me (details on page 7) if you would like to know more.

Gillian Farnsworth

Are you suffering from the Wednesday Blues?

Do you wake up on a Wednesday wondering what you can do that morning? If the answer to either of these questions is YES then why not come to the Welcoming Space in the Hall at Dore Methodist Church - the church opposite the shops on High Street.

We are open from 10-30 to 13-30 and offer a warm and friendly atmosphere where you can chat with others and make new friends - all this with unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits plus a light lunch. If you want to be competitive, we also have a range of board games to play!

And the best thing is that all this is FREE!

If you think this is what you are looking for why not pop in and check us out? We will be very pleased to meet you.

We started our Welcoming Space in January and are encouraged by the number of visitors who just popped in and are now regulars. If you want any more information, give Jackie a call on (0114) 2351085.

John Bailey

Party on the Green, but not yet

There will be a Party on the Green this year, and it will be back on the Village Green rather than the Recreation Ground. The Rec worked well during the times of covid with everyone able to socially distance as far as they felt comfortable with, but we're through all that now and the Green is a much cosier venue.

It's been decided that we're not having the party around the usual June/July sort of time as we've already got a Coronation to celebrate at the beginning of the season. The date that's being considered for this year is September 2nd, a week before Dore Show but still within the school summer holidays. Details will be published in this magazine in August.

If you have any questions about the Party before then, please contact Caroline Davies - contact details on page 7.

John Eastwood



Dore Village Society 58th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 58th Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 8pm. Please note the later than usual start time.

The AGM meeting papers are on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk under the tab "Dore Village Society". These include our annual report and accounts.

At the AGM we present the Trustees' report of activities and work undertaken and describe our policies for the work that we do and the way we spend members' money. We also submit our annual accounts for scrutiny and elect new Trustees to fill vacancies and to replace those retiring or resigning.

There are currently two vacancies for Trustee. There are two committee members that have joined since the last AGM who will be standing for election as trustees, Julia Watkinson and Colin Robinson. In addition two Trustees will reach the end of their three-year term at the AGM, Nick Payne and Tim Ashman. They are eligible to stand for re-election and are willing to do so. Therefore there will be 6 vacancies to be filled.

Our work is defined and governed by our constitution and this can be found at www.dorevillage.co.uk under the tab "Dore Village Society".

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting
3. To approve the Trustees' Report
4. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022
5. To elect up to six committee members
6. Any other business
7. **Guest speaker:** Colin Ross, Lord Mayor, Sheffield: the role of the Lord Mayor

Notes

1. The Trustees' report, the annual accounts and the Independent Examiner's report are on the DVS website and can also be obtained on request by email to agm@dorevillage.co.uk.

2. The Society's constitution requires nominations for election to the Executive Committee to be made no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. Consequently nominations, together with a proposer, a seconder and a brief résumé of relevant background must be received no later than 6pm on Wednesday 31st May 2023.

3. If you wish to stand for election to the committee nomination forms can be obtained from the DVS website via the above link, or any of the current committee members (see our website and page 7 of Dore to Door). Nominees, proposers and seconds must be members of the Dore Village Society at the time of nomination and at the time of the AGM.

4. Completed nomination forms can be given to any member of the DVS committee or delivered to our address: The Old School, Savage Lane, Sheffield S17 3GW.

5. A list of those nominated will be placed on the Society's website and noticeboards at least seven days prior to the AGM.

6. The guest speaker at the AGM will be Colin Ross, the new Lord Mayor for Sheffield.

**Jen Donnelly
Chair, Dore Village Society**

CCDCC

Open Morning Success!



Christ Church Dore Community Centre threw open its doors in late April to showcase recent improvements to its facilities and to allow our user groups to share what they do with members of the local community.

We were pleased to welcome Dore Village Society as well, who have been very supportive of the Community Centre and its work.

Thanks to all of you who came along on the day to have a look around, meet our user groups and sample some of the free refreshments on offer. It was fantastic to see people being brought together - whether by a love of all things fitness-related, a desire to look after their wellbeing or a wish to explore Christian faith. We are very proud of the range of user groups who choose to use the Community Centre for their activities. Their support has been instrumental in our success following refurbishment. We have groups who cater for all interests and all age groups and we are grateful that so many people locally are spending their free time engaging in activities at the Community Centre. Indeed, Many of us in the village are lucky enough to have had friendships forged by attending activities and



events there!

If you would like to find out more about what's on at the Community Centre or to make a booking for an event, please see communitycentre.dorechurch.org.uk/home. Alternatively, you can contact us via email info.cc@dorechurch.org.uk or call 0114 236 3335.

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At the time of writing we are in the throes of organising a Recruitment Fair at the end of March which will have taken place by the time this edition is available This is planned as a social event to thank all our existing volunteers but also to encourage any new volunteers who might be interested in joining us There will be a number of people who may have missed the event and we would like to let our community know the various areas that the library always needs extra help with. As well as help with the general running of the library we have teams that help with gardening, cinema, baking/hospitality, maintenance of the building, finances/accounts, governance/policies, training, IT, website, social media, marketing etc. If you have any of these skill sets you would be very welcome to come along to see what is involved with the various areas. The more the merrier as we seek to make the library a welcoming Community Hub.

Julie Kitlowski, Chair of trustees



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Another three months have passed faster than I can even believe, and all of a sudden it's May again. A new spring calls for a new lamb selfie – meet Norman the cade lamb! Exam prep is well underway in our house as it is in many others in Dore and around the country, and I would like to take this opportunity to say good luck to everyone sitting exams in the next few weeks.

May is also the time when we announce our AGM; this year it will be on Wednesday 14th June. You will see the official notification on page 3 of this issue. We are delighted to announce that Sheffield's new Lord Mayor, Colin Ross, will be our guest speaker for the evening. In order to accommodate his busy schedule, we have taken the decision to delay the start time of our AGM by half an hour. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Old School at 8pm on the 14th of June.

There are currently two vacancies on the committee, so please do consider if you would like to join us. This doesn't have to happen at the AGM though, you would be welcome to attend a committee meeting at any point in the year. The meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month (excepting December), so if you would like to attend the next meeting to see what it's all about, please drop me an email at jen.donnelly@dorevillage.co.uk and come along. All the information you need about becoming a committee member can be found on our website www.dorevillage.co.uk. The papers for the AGM including accounts and trustees report can also be found there.

We also still have a vacancy for a Secretary, so to give you an idea of what is involved here's a list of tasks for this position. It's actually not a lot and if you had an hour or so a week to give to your community, that would be plenty.

Secretary

- Prepare agenda for meetings in consultation with the Chair
- Circulate documents via email prior to meetings
- Produce minutes of meetings
- Maintaining a file of paper copies of relevant documentation, particularly signed copies of minutes
- Correspond as necessary e.g., requests, follow up enquiries (this is minimal)
- Prepare notices and nomination forms for distribution prior to the AGM
- Prepare AGM papers for inspection prior to the event and for attendees at the event
- Update information for DVS committee members on a regular basis e.g. contact details, calendar of activities

King's Coronation

During the time delay between me writing this article and you reading it, the King's Coronation will have happened. I hope it was a lovely day and that you got to enjoy the pomp and ceremony that comes along with these once in a generation events. We are planning to host a garden party on Sunday 7th May on the Village Green for approximately 100 children from the primary school and we will be giving each child a memento of the occasion. I hope the weather is kind and that everyone has a wonderful time.

Dore Festival

Dore Festival will be a single week this year starting on Saturday 1st July and culminating with a Songs of Praise service on Sunday 9th. It is a week packed full of events and, along with the usual Well Dressing, Morris Men, Dore Male Voice Choir and of course the

Scout Gala there will also be a couple of new events. More details about Dore Festival can be found on page 17.

The Rec Playground

The next piece of play equipment is due to be installed in the playground in the next couple of weeks, indeed, it may already be there. This is replacing the wooden towers with bridge and slide. All the new playground equipment has been made possible by the heroic fundraising efforts of the More in Dore subgroup of this committee, ably led by Tim Ashman and more recently by Julia Watkinson. Their next aim is to fundraise for a new slide – keep an eye out for notices on the Rec and in this magazine (page 35) for what they're doing next.

I hope you all have a lovely spring/early summer and that the weather improves. It does seem to have rained for the majority of April and I want to get some gardening done!

Jen

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Sends greetings to King Charles III and hopes that he likes his new hat.



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In search of Hemmingway

The sudden death of Geoff Cope has left a huge hole in the activities of Dore village, especially the Scouts. He will be greatly missed.



A few weeks ago I was in Dore Scout Hut with Geoff and he gave me this plaque, which has been on the wall of the Scout Hut until recently. Geoff was wondering if I might be able to find the family of Roger Hemmingway and reunite them with the plaque.

I have asked several "old" Scouts, one or two remember the incident but they have not kept in touch with Roger's family who no longer live in Dore.

So I am hoping that someone might know the whereabouts of the family and we might be able to let them have this plaque.

Please get in touch with me at pambutty@blueyonder.co.uk if you know of the Hemmingways and we can carry out one of Geoff's last wishes.

Many thanks

Pam Butterworth
former 125th Guide Leader

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.

Telephone numbers of Committee Members and associates are below; for email, please write to firstname.surname@dorevillage.co.uk, e.g. jen.donnelly@dorevillage.co.uk

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At Dore Old School on the second Saturday of each month, from 10.30am-12pm.

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

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Sheffield's new Lord Mayor



We are very honoured to be made Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Sheffield. We are very much looking forward to our year as the first citizens of our home City.

Like many people, Susan and I came to Sheffield as undergraduates of the University and here we have remained ever since. Although not Sheffielders by birth we are both Yorkshire folk. I was born on the outskirts of Middlesbrough in a village called Marton (which was also the birthplace of Captain Cook) and Susan is from Bradford.

I do, however, have a Sheffield connection dating back to the nineteenth century. My maternal family, the Hilliards, were a cutlery and surgical instrument manufacturer with a factory on Meadow Street in Neepsend. They subsequently relocated to Scotland. My cousin (Graham Hilliard who now also lives in Dore) and I have donated a knife from the family canteen of cutlery to the Hawley collection at the Kelham Island Museum.

We both studied Geology and we met through social events in the department and married after I graduated but Susan was still a student at that time. We moved into Dore in 1979 as our second home and here, with a couple of changes of property, we are still, 44 years later.

After graduation we both became teachers, me at Firth Park and then Thomas Rotherham College and Susan at Ecclesfield Secondary and then at King Egbert. We both took early retirement after 34 years in the profession.

Perhaps unusually for most I was able to teach Geology throughout my career as it tends not to be available in all schools and colleges. It was a pleasure to teach such an interesting subject and enthuse the students. I was also able to co-author

a series of A-level textbooks that are still available on eBay!

I became involved in local politics in the 1980s as a deliverer of leaflets with no intention of going beyond that. However, after moving to teach in Rotherham I was eligible to stand as a candidate and was persuaded to put my name on the ballot paper. It was not part of the plan to get elected but in 1994 that is exactly what happened!

It was rather a life-changing moment but one I have not regretted since as it is a great privilege to represent your community. There have been lots of rewarding moments and satisfaction at achievements, but equally lots of frustration at not been able to get things done as quickly as I (and residents!) would like.

The role of a Councillor is a mixture of working with community groups and casework helping people and committee work in the Town Hall. There are many local Community groups with which I have been involved over the years including the DVS! I was also a Governor at Dore Primary School for over 30 years and a trustee of Totley library. The City would be a poorer place without the army of volunteers working in Friends groups, Lunch clubs, Transport17 and a host of other organisations. It has been a privilege to support them in whatever way I can.

Since 1994 the Council has gone through many changes, from a committee system to a cabinet and now back to a committee system. There have been periods in opposition, six years in control of the Council and we are now under no overall control at the time of writing. Each phase has had its different challenges but I must admit that running the Council was more rewarding than being in opposition!

The ward in 1994 originally comprised of Dore, Totley, Bradway and half of Lowedges. Since then it has expanded to include Whirlow, Ringinglow and Parkhead but minus Lowedges. The ward boundary extends as far as Burbage, but I get little casework from the sheep out there!

Away from politics and teaching I am a keen sportsman. I managed to play competitive football into my 40s but now it is more as a spectator that I enjoy sport. That is apart from being frustrated on the golf course as a high handicapper!

My other hobby is fell walking. I have ticked off more than half the Munros but I now think I will be pushing it to complete them all. Most of my walking these days is around the local area with Ruby, our dog, who seems to be getting quite well known.

I am very pleased to have been made the 126th Lord Mayor of Sheffield at the culmination of my time as a Councillor. During our year as Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress we have attended many civic and community events all over the City. We have realised just what an important role this is and how the position of Lord Mayor is valued by the people we meet. We want to ensure that we uphold that tradition and represent the City as best we can.

Already we are booked into a number of local events and who knows we may get invited to a few more in the Dore area!

In my year of office I want to enhance the connections between our Universities, education and local industry. We have some fantastic research facilities here in Sheffield at both Universities and at the Advanced Manufacturing Park. I want to ensure that as far as possible what has been researched and developed in Sheffield is produced and manufactured in Sheffield. We need a skilled workforce to be able to do this and this is where the link to education comes in as the schools and colleges need to value vocational career opportunities equally with academic routes and encourage apprenticeships and traineeships.

My main charity for the year is St. Luke's. I will be working with them to raise funds for a specific project through a series of events throughout the year. I hope that there will be opportunities for the local community to support this very worthy cause.

Colin Ross

Live tour date: 14th June - see page 3. Ed.



2023 for the Choir is different from our usual year in so many respects.

The Choir has a new Music Director, Joan Spencer. You may have seen her conducting at our last Christmas Concert. She is a highly qualified musician, with extensive singing experience and recently retired as head of music at High Storrs School.

The Choir is delighted that Fran Wells, such a popular music director, who helped the Choir during Elizabeth Hampshire's illness on the Sicily and Venice tours with rehearsals, concerts, and most notably Elizabeth's Memorial Concert last year, is staying with us as Deputy Music Director.

Following Mackenzie's retirement from the Choir, we now have Jonathan Lazell as our Accompanist. A highly respected pianist, he has helped the Choir on occasions in the past and is a welcome addition to our excellent professional team.

Recently, and very sadly, the Tideswell Male Voice Choir folded. The choir, like Dore MVC with a national reputation, was the premier Male Voice Choir of the Peak District. Dore has had tentative connections with Tideswell in that at least five of our members were also members of both choirs. Since the demise of Tideswell we have been delighted to have five of their men, with fine voices and extensive experience, join us, making a great contribution to our music.

This summer the Choir goes on tour to Tenby, joining up with Tenby MVC for concerts, including one concert in St. David's Cathedral.

In Dore, a concert booked for 19th May to raise funds for the alterations to the Parish Church, has been deferred to next year due to church repairs at the time. The ever-popular Christmas Concerts cannot be held in the Parish Church again because of alterations. However, for this year arrangements are being made provisionally for them to be held at St. John's in Abbeydale Road South, on 12th, 13th and 14th December.

The Choir is always pleased to welcome new members. For any men who, either as seasoned singers or as total novices, fancy the experience of singing in a male voice choir, do come along, anytime, and give it a try. We can promise that you will be given a warm welcome. We meet every Thursday at 7.15pm at the Community Centre in Townhead Road.

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Clearing Confusion about

Those of us who took the trouble over Christmas to think about and prepare in good time a well-argued objection to the planning application to build a retirement village on Green Belt land which obliterates the existing much-loved Dore Moor Garden Centre, will have been irritated to see that letters of support have recently flooded in to the Planning Office expressing support for the development. Irritation turned to appalled disbelief when it became clear that most of these letters were from parts of Sheffield far from the site and most were no more than two sentences long and were submitted well after the published closing date for submissions.

We can be confident that Sheffield planners are used to such campaigns, in this case aided and abetted by a pressure group called *Just Build Homes*, which exploits the understandable concern of many people that not enough homes are being built in England. The letters charge Dore objectors with nimbyism. Far from nimbyism, it is national planning policy that Green Belt land should be protected to ensure that housing development takes place in areas where it is most needed and most suitable. How have we got ourselves into a position where honest folk who want to see more realistic housing opportunities are exploited to support a proposed retirement village for relatively wealthy older people in a highly valued Green Belt location?

The reality is that the nation is not building enough new homes to buy when we are faced with rising populations, smaller fragmented family units expecting to buy earlier in their lifetime than in the past, and a deterioration in an old and often uninsulated national housing stock. With more and more prospective buyers seeking houses with an inadequate stock to sell, prices rise faster, putting many of them beyond the reach of those struggling in a time of extended austerity. On top of that, properties to rent at reasonable prices are almost impossible to find for some as many council properties have left the rental market, as housing associations have built fewer houses than they used to, as a growing student body has dominated many rental markets and as the worst excesses of ruthless landlords in the past return to our towns.

What lies at the heart of this problem? At least three fundamental issues:

1. Mrs Thatcher gave council house tenants a right to buy, but failed to finance councils to replace those homes which were sold. Councils used to be a major source of new house-building; not so now. Indeed, the number of council-owned homes has declined from 6.5m just before Right to Buy in 1980 to 2m now.
2. Some house builders play the planning system rather than get on with building the homes at the rate they are needed. So, developers are seeking fresh permissions while there are many sites with planning permissions where construction work has not even started. The cost of construction delay is easily offset by the rising value of land with planning permission and stronger prices for the few houses being built.
3. There is a post-Brexit shortage of construction labour which suggests that, even if economic circumstances and housing developer practices changed to favour large-scale home construction, the nation would lack the skilled manpower to rise to the challenge.

Even so we are forever hearing the construction industry and right-wing politicians complaining that the problem is the planning system, which is too complicated and too slow to permit the increased level of housing the nation requires. They ignore the problems above and instead blame the planning system which is designed to provide the homes the nation needs in the places where they are needed and to standards which we should require of new housing stock. What we do not want to go back to is a

Housing Needs and Green Belt

relatively unregulated system for permitting new development which led in the past to the possibility of housing being built on land which the National Trust now protects at Longshaw, or the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust now protects at Blacka Moor or on the Green Belt on the Dore Moor Garden Centre site which this community is fighting to protect. It is why campaigners like Ethel Haythornthwaite invented and secured the Green Belt concept. It is why the great reforming Attlee Government introduced the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act which cancelled the notion that land ownership in itself gave a right to develop land: planning permission was to be sought before development could take place. This then gave democratic institutions, local planning authorities, the capacity to plan where and what development should occur to meet the planned needs of communities and the nation.

So, while I criticise supporters of the *Inspired Villages* development who have been exploited by those who want to free up the planning system in a race to build more homes and who may be missing the point about the real reasons why homes are not being built, perhaps I should address the mote and beam potentially in our eyes.

We are fond of saying how beautiful the Green Belt is round Dore as if the 'Green' in Green Belt is a bucolic description of handsome countryside which because of its beauty must be protected. The truth is that the Green Belt appellation is no guarantee of beauty, nor of good biodiversity, nor of great agricultural output, not even of good quality recreational facilities. In parts of the country Green Belt can be poor quality land. So why is it that some Green Belt can be of poor quality from a landscape beauty point of view when the Dore Green Belt is by any reasonable analysis of good to even high landscape value?

The simple answer is that the term 'Green Belt' is now a planning 'construct', that is a term to describe a theoretical concept, whereas when Ethel Haythornthwaite invented the notion for Sheffield she probably envisaged that the land covered by her term 'Green Belt' was of landscape value in its own right. The National Planning Policy Framework now makes it clear that land which is designated as Green Belt is so designated for one or more of five planning purposes:

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

The NPPF further states that: "The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl [as in the case of the *Inspired Villages* proposed development] by keeping land permanently



open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence."

That is why the Dore objectors to the current retirement village stuck closely to these accepted planning rules for criticising the development because it offends the first, the third and the fifth of the reasons for designating this land as Green Belt which must be valued for its openness and permanence.

However, our Neighbourhood Plan was prepared and approved, not only because it properly understood the formal planning reasons why our Green Belt was so designated, but also because it reflected the community's firm belief that the land so identified had real merit in its own right. It was not scrubland which happened to be designated Green Belt because, for example, it checked the sprawl of Sheffield's large built-up area; instead it is handsome land in its own right which offers high landscape beauty, areas of strong biodiversity value, valuable river corridors and opportunities for quality recreation and personal wellbeing. The Neighbourhood Plan invited the community to prepare a Green Infrastructure Strategy for its Green Belt to identify and celebrate the strengths of our Green Belt in these important areas and to produce a strategy for protecting and further enhancing those characteristics.

David Crosby, Margaret Peart and I have been engaged on this task for a few months now. A lot of progress has been made and some time this calendar year we will seek the views

of Dore residents and expert observers on the quality of our work. We want to be able to say convincingly that Dore's Green Belt not only strongly fulfils the formal planning reasons for designating Green Belt but also is of high landscape, biodiversity and recreational value in its own right and as the setting of our National Park.

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A Dark Episode

I thought my days of defending the area's street trees from big men with chainsaws were thankfully over. However, I found myself revisiting two of our local street trees in this week of snow. Under the trees, I added, as did many others around the city, to Topley's population of snow men and women with two rough and ready specimens in cap and scarf – one with dog treats for eyes, one with alder catkins for eyebrows and both with banana noses. They held placards saying RESIGN, referencing the newly published Independent Report into the street tree dispute in which its chair, ex Senior Civil Servant Sir Mark Lowcock, says:

“Our conclusion is that the Council's behaviour amounted to a serious and sustained failure of strategic leadership. Responsibility for that ultimately rests with the political leadership, in particular the relevant Cabinet member and the Council Leader: they were responsible for setting the direction and tone.”

Councillor Terry Fox, who was Cabinet Leader for the Environment in the early days of the dispute, is the present overall Council Leader. The subsequent Cabinet Leader who presided over the worst days of the dispute, Bryan Lodge, is now Head of Finance. Both have so far refused to resign, though I hope they will have done so by the time you read this.

The battle over the city's street trees – and the proposed felling of 17,500 of them, seemed

to rage on for years. Now the similarly lengthy independent report about the whole shebang – all 100,000 words of it – has found tellingly and resoundingly against the Council.

Evidence was taken from numerous people on all sides. The completed Report described the years of the dispute as “a dark episode in Sheffield.”

Sir Mark and his team found that the Council's plans were awry from the outset, misunderstanding a commissioned survey of the city's street trees. The Report says that “adopting a flawed plan was a failure of strategic leadership.”

Although those flaws were there from the beginning, he said that the emerging dispute with the public was not inevitable and that the Council

“...ignored those who said the dispute needed a political solution. They did not get adequate advice from senior officers on that, partly because the political direction and mood within the Council was increasingly to prevail in the dispute not to find a compromise.”

Everywhere the Council's communications are described as being “economical with the truth”, “misleading,” even finding that the Council was dishonest with the judge on two occasions in the High Court. Just as in parliament, no-one is really allowed to use the word “lie”, that is what we have here. In Topley, for example, I was lied to about the state of a lovely alder tree on Aldam Way. I took my complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman, I won, and the Council were forced to apologise to me. But those lies were everywhere, nowhere more egregiously than in the Council's claim that there was never a target of felling 17,500 trees – half the street trees in Sheffield.

The report found that this was, indeed, the target.

The Inquiry also found that a body set up by the Council to supposedly help the situation and look at decisions around individual trees, the Independent Tree Panel,

“was misled over what could be done at Amey's cost under the contract as were the public and, later, the court...Setting up an independent panel, misleading it and then ignoring substantial numbers of its recommendations was destructive of public trust and confidence.”

Many of you will remember that the Council oversaw the arrest of two women pensioners on Rustlings Road during a 4am raid on trees that the Independent Tree Panel had recommended could be saved. The women were woken by the police to move their cars but when instead they stood under the trees, they ended up spending eight hours in a police cell in their nighties. I remember the headline in the Sun saying “Grannies in Clink!” That event

only escalated the protests. In response to numerous protests, the Council took campaigners to court, threatened them with prison and with such substantial fines that people would have lost their homes.

As the dispute escalated, rough security personnel were brought in. I have never seen such extraordinary scenes on ordinary respectable suburban streets. Sometimes there were sixty men to see that one tree was felled. The Report says

“The Inquiry's assessment is that what the campaigners saw as the Council's irrational, unreasonable, deceitful, dishonest, bullying and intimidating behaviour is what generated the determination, persistence, creativity and ingenuity that the campaigners displayed. The Council's behaviour, in other words, was the fuel that drove the protests.”

Eventually the Council realised that the felling needed to stop and later a Street Tree Partnership was set up between the Council, Amey, Sheffield Trees Action Group, the Woodland Trust and the Wildlife Trust. A new Street Tree Strategy was put in place. Forty people, many of them ex-campaigners, are acting as voluntary street tree wardens.

But many hold considerable trauma from that time, as must some Council employees. Many trees went. Sir Mark says that

“The dispute did significant harm. Thousands of healthy and much loved trees were lost. Many more could have been. Sheffield's reputation was damaged. Public trust and confidence in the Council was undermined. It has not been fully rebuilt.”

There is a fear that the Council's culture may not have adapted sufficiently to prevent this sort of thing occurring again in other areas of their governance. Sir Mark says

“Identifying a lesson is not the same as learning it. If the lessons are to be learned, they will need to be fully discussed by the Council and others, and then acted upon.”

Sir Mark Locock's public statement and the full report can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/independent-inquiry-into-street-trees-dispute

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Spring Programme launches, despite the weather

Over 30 members and visitors braved the elements on a cold, rainy night in March and turned out to hear Ken Balkow deliver an illustrated talk on the Wildflowers of Jersey. Ken is a frequent and popular speaker having previously talked about flowers on the Tinsley Canal and along the Porter Valley. His interesting talk took us on a guided tour of the island, homing in on the many species

of wildflowers which inhabit the coast along the way.

In April we welcomed Sally Smith who was eminently qualified to speak about the Myths and Magic of Organic Gardening. Sally is a professional gardener and worked as the Head of the Advisory Service at the Organic Garden, one of the first organic gardens in the country. She compared her job to being like

a panel member on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, fielding questions, from the public and external organisations. Sally traced the origins of organic gardening back to 1943 when Lady Eve Balfour set up the Soil Association. During the war there was massive use of pesticides to boost food production. Even now over 400 pesticides are used on conventional farms. The basis of organic gardening is achieving healthy soil, full of nutrients and beneficial organisms such as earthworms but without using pesticides. Organic farms have 80% greater biodiversity than conventional ones.

Sally outlined how to stop the loss of fertility by keeping the soil covered (so there's no room for weeds) and using mulches and home-made composts and leaf mould. It became clear that sprays and pellets have an effect which usually involves killing something – birds, frogs and toads for whom slugs and snails are lunch. By adding natural forms of control, such as water will attract bats, which eat midges, and amphibians and small mammals which eat slugs and snails. Pests are something else's lunch. Over time, using organic techniques helps achieve a natural balance. I have

noted in my own garden how the hostas are much less nibbled than in the past because I have a visiting hedgehog and blackbirds and a thrush. One day last year I was amazed to find a toad sitting on the step outside the back door where the slugs have their raves on a rainy night. Clearly, he'd had his own midnight feast.

Sally explained that the average garden has over 20,000 snails. Moreover, the ones we see above ground represent only 5% of the slug population; the other 95% are lurking below! Before picking up the phone to companies who come and spread chemicals on your grass, it is worth remembering that lawns can be managed organically too, that is by scarifying to remove moss and aerate. Perhaps we can be more tolerant of dandelions (much loved by bees coming out of hibernation) and clover (which provides nitrogen). Sally left us with some food for thought; "All living things are inter-related, including us".

The event attracted a large audience of 40 members and visitors keen to learn more about what can be achieved by organic gardening methods for their own gardens and allotments. The presentation was extremely well received and judging by the considerable number of questions it was encouraging to note how keen Dore Gardeners are to create a healthy environment for both the gardener and improve the diversity of garden wildlife.

This Spring we welcomed several new members. At the March event two of our committee members announced new initiatives. Lindsay Fox announced her proposal to compile a booklet for both new and established members. It would contain details of some of the lesser-known nurseries and suppliers and gardens worth visiting. Her idea was well received by members, and we look forward to seeing her publication later in the year. Janet Williams suggested that members might like to bring along surplus house, garden plants or produce to sell at Club events. The growers would be asked to label and price the items and would retain half the selling price, with the other half for Club funds. Any unsold items would need to be removed by the grower as the church hall has to be cleared after every meeting. Once again, her idea went down well and this month we had a selection of home-grown fuchsias, house plants and Arran Pilot chitted seed potatoes for sale.

Save the Date – Annual Coach Trip on 25 July

By popular demand, we are planning this year's summer coach trip to Brodsworth House and Gardens. Last year we were fortunate to have Michael Klempere, English Heritage's Senior Gardens Advisor for the North and Midlands, as a guest speaker. Michael's excellent talk on the recent restoration of the gardens whetted appetites for another visit. Last year the Club underwrote a small loss on the outing. This year the trip will be a joint visit with the Townswomen's Guild. Details will be announced at both clubs very soon.

Up and Coming Events

Meetings take place in the Methodist Church Hall in the village. Doors open at 7.10 pm for a 7.30 start. Visitors are always welcome, and entrance is only £4 payable at the door.

May 17th Mike Thewles: Cactus and Succulents. It is true that indoor plants of all types are having a revival, so Mike's visit to the club is very timely. Anyone who follows Gardeners' World on a Friday night and saw the feature about the cactus enthusiast may understand the appeal.

June 21st Rosy Blackmore: The Growing Garden – Flowers at Knabb Farm. June is the height of the flowering season. Rosy will show us how to make the most of arranging and tying the cut flowers from our gardens.

July 19th Mick Brown: Garden News from Chatsworth. We are lucky that Mick has accepted our invitation to return to the Club. He'll be telling us about the latest initiatives at these magnificent local gardens.

Pauline Drissell



Here you go - time to start planning for your entries for the 2023 Dore Show! This year's event will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 9 September and exact timings will be included in the August issue of Dore to Door.

Planning is well underway and below is this year's class list; please be aware that there is a slightly reduced number of categories for you to consider entering. Every year we review them and make a handful of changes by omitting those that have not proved popular and adding some new ones. We are always glad to receive new suggestions.

One thing that puzzles us concerns the presentation of trophies towards the end of the Show, in particular the absence of some winners when the trophies are presented in the Old School. The timing of the presentations is always in the programme and

announced throughout the afternoon so, if you are a winner, please come along and bask in your glory - you deserve it! We do take individual photographs of the winners that attend and a picture of all the winners together would be nice too.

A final plea. In Geoff and Maureen Cope, Dore has lost two absolute stalwarts of our village life over the last year or so; two public spirited people who contributed much to the organisation of numerous annual events for a long time. Maintaining a healthy number of volunteers for committees, help on the day and so on is always a continuous process so - please - if you can manage to help in any way, please get in touch.

Andy Pack
Chairman, Dore Show

Home Grown 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 of one variety
6. 4 beetroot
7. 1 cucumber
8. 5 tomatoes of 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 (recipe will appear in the August issue)
27. A lemon drizzle cake
28. A chocolate cake
29. 6 slices flapjack - any recipe
30. 4 scones
31. Parkin
32. Banana bread
33. One 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

Junior Section Age 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 embroidery 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'
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Dore Festival 2023 - What and when

There have necessarily been a few changes in the Dore Festival this year. The sad loss of Festival organiser Maureen Cope immediately after last year's events has left a large gap in things.

Luckily we have been able to call on Anne Elsdon who has been persuaded to come out of retirement to organise this year's events and timetable. As many of you know, Anne and Maureen worked together on the Festival for many years until Anne stepped back from the role shortly before covid.

The Festival now lasts for a week rather than a fortnight, but

you shouldn't assume that this diminishes things in any way. You'll see from the timetable below that nearly all the usual events are included, just over a shorter timescale. Where two or more events are listed for the same day, care has been taken for the times not to overlap wherever possible.

So come on all you cyclists, walkers, eaters, drinkers, petrol heads, Churchgoers and music lovers out there - there's something for you in Dore Festival 2023!

John Eastwood

Saturday 1 July	Dore Boundary Walk - distance approx 12 miles Erection of Village Well Dressing Classic Car & Bike Show Food & Drink available Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Soc. "Smorgasbord" A Musical Miscellany	Start 9.30am, meet at Whirlow Bridge, Hathersage Road Village Green, 10am. Dore Club, Townhead Road from 1pm Dore Methodist Church 7.30pm Tickets £9 from 07565 805405
Sunday 2 July	Well Dressing Service Afternoon Teas	Dore Village Green, 3pm Methodist Church Hall, 3-5pm
Monday 3 July	Dore Heritage Trail led by Dorne Coggins Lord Conyers Morris Men	Meet Dore Old School 10am Call 0114 327 1054 to book a place Devonshire Arms 8pm
Tuesday 4 July	Health Walks - 1 or 2.5 miles Refreshments afterwards Dore Ladies' Group Michelle Rawlins - "Women of Steel"	Meet Dore Community Centre Townhead Road 10.20am Dore Community Centre Tickets £5 includes drinks & canapes All welcome, call 236 0725
Wednesday 5 July	Strawberry Fayre Hosted by Doreways Open Air Theatre	Dore Old School 2-4pm. £4 entry TO BE CONFIRMED
Thursday 6 July	Dore Male Voice Choir Concert	Dore Community Centre No tickets, retiring collection
Friday 7 July	Cycling Hill Climb Race Hosted by 7Hills CC All ages welcome	Whitelow Lane, Dore Start 7pm (roads closed) Enter online - 7hills.cc/events
Saturday 8 July	Dore Scout & Guide Gala	Dore Recreation Ground
Sunday 9 July	Festival Songs of Praise	Dore Methodist Church, 6pm All very welcome




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Just a couple of pictures of our village in days gone by this issue. These two snaps were taken by founder DVS member Mike Bassey in 1964 and shortly after the Society came into being. Above, we're standing on what is now the outdoor seating area at the Hare & Hounds, looking along High Street towards the top of Dore Road.

Thorpe's cottage, which used to stand on that corner, had only recently been demolished.

Below, the buildings haven't changed so much but the cars have. And it's a long time since there were so many parking spaces outside those shops on a weekday!



The next batch of Wyvern Walks covering late June to September can be found on our website at dorevillage.co.uk/pages/wyvern-walkers-programme-of-walks and on our noticeboards. If you can't access these sources contact me (keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk or 07778 422 910) and I'll post the list to you.

Carhead Rocks, North Lees, Bronte Cottage, Dennis Knoll, Stanage Edge



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Time: 3 hours

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The walk commences at Hook's Carr car park at the south-eastern end of Stanage Edge (1) (grid ref SK 2469 8299). From here walk a short distance down the road to Hathersage, through a gate by a cattle grid and then onto the hillside via another gate a bit further down on your right. Follow the distinct path uphill until you get to a fork. Take the right fork and continue uphill along Carhead Rocks. This small gritstone edge just below Stanage Edge isn't as impressive as the bigger edges but is far quieter with few walkers venturing here. At the summit pause to take in the 360-degree view that takes in Mam Tor, Lose Hill and Win Hill to the northwest, Stanage Edge to your east, the Derwent valley to the south and the Hope valley to the west. At this point look out for the Knuckle Stone, a distinctive feature perched on the highest point of the edge. It must have been here for a very long time judging by its deeply weathered grooves.

Continue downhill on the well walked path, taking an opportunity to pause and look at the view, until you reach the road. Turn right and go through the gate by the cattle grid, walk up to a road junction and turn left along here to the public toilets by the side of the road (2).

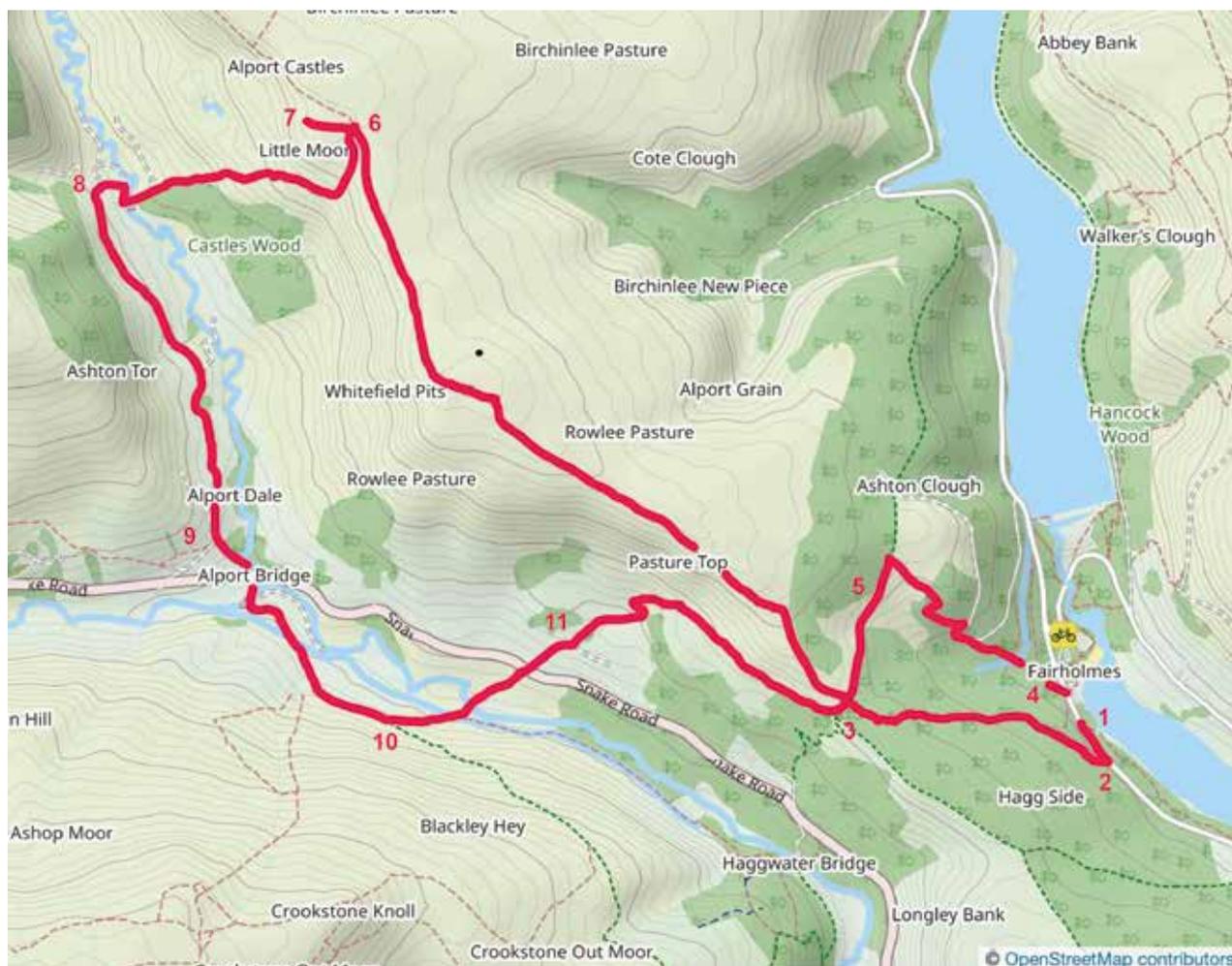
To the left of the toilets go through a gate and walk downhill, through a farm gate and past North Lees Hall (3). Dating from about 1594, North Lees Hall was visited in 1845 by Charlotte Bronte several times while staying in Hathersage. It became the

principal inspiration for Thornfield Hall in the novel Jane Eyre. See more at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/places-to-visit/stanage-and-north-lees/north-lees-hall.

Continue downhill to the road, turn right and go past Bronte Cottage (4). Just before the bridge over a stream take the path on your right, follow this across the field and through the wall to a footbridge across the stream. Go across this and follow the path to Green's House Farm (5). Turn left and walk a short distance through the farmyard before taking a footpath on your right that ascends the hill, curving right and then left before following a wall to a gate at the edge of a small plantation. Go through this to the road and turn left to Dennis Knoll (6). From here walk up the well-defined track towards Stanage Edge. This is part of an ancient packhorse route that led from Hathersage to Sheffield and was known as Long Causeway or Long Causey. It was in use from pre-Roman times up until the late 18th century and was used to transport a variety of goods including salt and hogsheads of treacle. Read more at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LongCauseway.

As the track ascends it curves to the right and the view starts to change so it's worth pausing occasionally to look at this. At the top (with more fine views) continue along the edge. After a short distance the path forks, take the right fork which runs along the edge of the cliffs to just before a gate where there is a rocky path that doubles back to the right and then the left and descends to the road (7). At this point you can either descend and retrace your route over Carhead Rocks or continue along the edge. The former route is straightforward, the route along the edge is more challenging as it is strewn with rocks and boulders and requires some care. If you take this route after a little under a mile you will come to an obvious point of descent to the car park (8). The first part of the descent is a bit of a scramble but after that the going is easy.

Ladybower and Alport Castles



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. The walk should only be undertaken in fine conditions because of potential exposure to bad weather on the top of the moorland, and there are a couple of uneven sections where care is needed. Walking poles should be taken.

Take warm clothing and waterproofs in case of a change in the weather while on the walk.

Along the route you have the chance to view an impressive outcrop that is the result of England's largest landslip.

Distance: 7.5 to 8.5 miles depending on the options taken.

Terrain: mostly good underfoot but with some muddy sections.

Time: 4.5 to 6 hours

Toilets and food at Fairholmes visitor centre.

The walk commences at a free roadside car park (1) on the right just before you reach the visitor centre (grid ref SK 17370 88915). From here there are two routes up to the moorland. The first and shortest is through woodland and up a forestry track that starts a few yards before you reach the car park (2). Cross the road and go through a five-bar gate and follow the track until you reach a stile as you exit the woodland onto a rough forestry track (3). Cross over and continue up a grassy track to another five-bar gate with a ladder stile to its left.

The second route follows a signposted footpath a couple of hundred yards further along the road towards the visitor centre (4) and takes you up to Lockerbrook Outdoor Centre (5). Shortly after joining this footpath cross a footbridge over a stream and take the left turn where the path forks. Shortly you will meet a forestry track. Go left and follow it round a bend and then take a narrow path that doubles back to the left. Follow this until you emerge from the woods onto open fields. Cross the fields to another forestry track,

turn left and follow it past the outdoor centre to the aforementioned stile (3) then turn right up the grassy track to the five-bar gate with the ladder stile to its left. You are now in open country with good views on both sides when you reach higher ground. The footpath follows a wall on your left for some distance. When the wall ends it is replaced by a patch of heather. Just after the heather runs out there's a distinct path on the left (6) which descends steeply for about 10 yards to a level patch with paths to the left and right. The left-hand path is the return route while the right-hand path takes you to a viewing point where you can admire a feature called The Tower (7). This diversion is about 200 yards or so long but requires some careful scrambling in places. The Tower is impressive and is the result of the largest landslip in England. The tower is surrounded by a chaotic jumble of rocks and boulders and a number of gritstone mounds known as Alport Castles. To the right are cliffs to which the Tower was originally attached. Ravens and peregrine falcons nest in these cliffs.

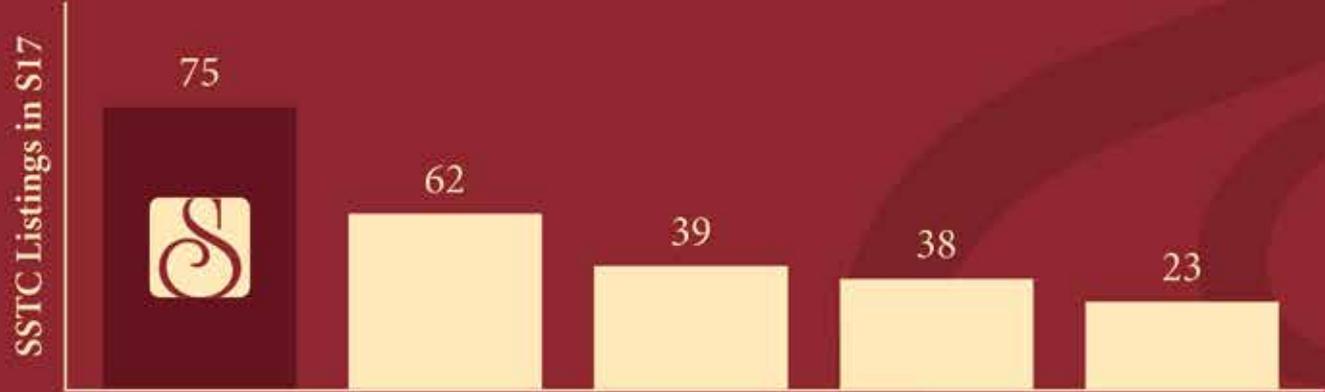
Go back to the return route and follow the path down to a footbridge across the River Alport. Walk slightly upstream and then over a stile on your left and along the path to Alport Castles Farm (8). Go through gates here onto the farm track and follow this downriver for just over a mile until the track curves to the right. Leave the farm track here on a path signposted downhill to the left (9) and follow this through trees to the A57 Snake Road. Cross over, go down to the river and across a footbridge. Turn left and follow the track for just over half a mile until it forks (10). Take the left fork to Rowlee Bridge, across the A57 and up a farm track to Rowlee Farm (11). Continue uphill along a forestry road until you reach the stile (3) mentioned earlier. Now descend to the car park by either route.

Wyvern Walks by Keith Shaw

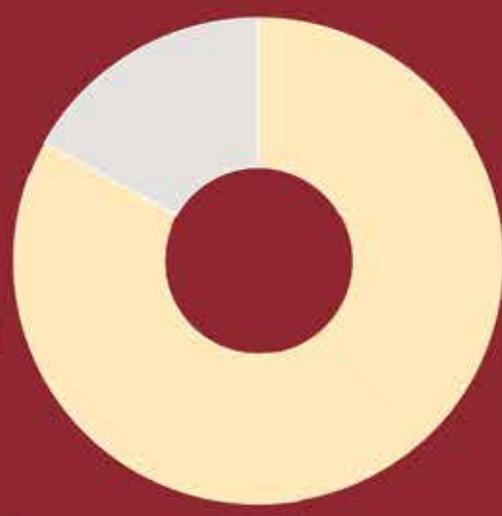


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to the office to say hello. We hugely value the ongoing support we receive from the local, and wider, community enabling us to continue to provide a transport service to those older and vulnerable passengers who would otherwise not be able to get out. The passengers themselves regularly express their gratitude at being able to socialise within their communities and being able to join others to eat a meal. Thank you.

A special thankyou to all those who supported us at our recent Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th March, whether it be donating prizes for our raffle and/or chocolate bonanza stall, donating plants, helping with the planning and preparation beforehand, delivering posters, or helping us on the day. We had a wonderful morning and raised a total of £760. It was lovely to see both old and new faces at the Cross Scythes. The funds we raised at this event will be used to recruit and train new volunteers. This will enable us to maintain a consistent service to the lunch and social clubs we currently visit, and increase the number of passengers we are able to take in the future. We have been especially grateful to Ben and his team at the Cross Scythes who have supported our fundraising events over the years. We wish them all well on their new ventures.

We would like to take the opportunity this month to introduce our new website and express our thanks to the individual who has worked so hard to develop it. Our plan is to have the new website up, running and accessible by the end of March. You can find the website at www.transport17.co.uk.

Last summer, Transport 17 was successful in our application to the 100 Hour Third Sector Placements; a scheme run by Sheffield Volunteering at the University of Sheffield. The placement scheme funds up to 13 students to undertake up to 100 hours of paid work with a local charitable and voluntary organisation during the summer months. The idea being that the student would work on a short-term project that will benefit the work the organisation is doing, delivering a positive impact within the organisation whilst gaining valuable experience of work within the third sector. Sheffield Volunteering co-ordinated the recruitment to the role (Transport 17 shortlisted and interviewed applicants), directly employed the student, and provided the job contract. To us, this seemed like the perfect opportunity to access some help to re-write and develop our website, an essential job that had been on the backburner for a while as we just never seemed to have time to get round to it or, if I'm honest, the skills!

Noemi, now a second year Philosophy student at the University of Sheffield, has brought a calm, assured approach to the task of revamping Transport 17's website. She has suggested design ideas and layout, whilst keeping in mind what is important to us as an organisation. Together, we hope we have made the website easier to navigate, with clear and concise information, made it easier to get in contact with Transport 17, and provided some ideas of ways that you might get involved.

For example, at the top of each page is a clear menu and icons to click linking you directly to our social media pages. The top of the homepage has a brief summary of what our main purpose is with pictures illustrating the varied activities we have been involved in over the past few months.

The middle of the home page highlights how prevalent loneliness and isolation is within the older population, and the increased risk that has to our health and wellbeing. We have specifically kept the homepage fairly simple, using it as a place to direct the user

Firstly, we would like to thank all of those who have supported Transport 17 in the last few months, whether financially, by giving up your time to drive or assist passengers on our buses, or just popping in

to the relevant page depending what information they are looking for. As a result, we have chosen three categories (Raising Funds, Our Services, and Join Us) and designed three buttons that when clicked upon, will take the user to a page containing the relevant information.

For example, on the Our Services box, clicking on the 'Learn more' button takes you to a page that describes what we do (in our words and those of service users), which areas, lunch and social clubs we currently provide transport to, and how to contact us should you require further information.

We have taken some advice from Age UK Sheffield regarding the layout, size and colour of the text throughout the website, however would welcome any feedback regarding how easy/difficult the website is to find your way around, to read, and/or to find the information you are looking for.

Noemi herself says *'I applied for the 100-hour placement last summer with the goal of developing my employability skills along with the intention to improve my English speaking and communication skills. Working in Transport 17 has been an overall good experience for me despite multiple challenges. I still remember the day I went out on a bus. I was sitting in the front, a passenger's assistant helped elderly people to get on the bus, I saw passengers smiling and chatting with each other. It was a moving moment to see elderly people being as able to go out and socialise as young people. I'd never seen any community transportation anywhere else and I hope to have this chance when I get old. I've understood how the mental health of the elderly is impacted by staying at home isolated and that we need to give the same amount of attention to them as young people are given. When they got on the bus they suddenly became younger and the bus was surrounded by laughter and happiness. From that moment I understood how impactful my job is and I felt grateful for the experience I had and for being able to contribute my own part to make the charity more sustainable.'*

Volunteer Drivers Desperately Needed

Transport 17 is desperately seeking new volunteer minibus drivers. The recent retirement and unexpected ill health of some of our regular drivers has sadly meant that we have been unable to provide transport to some of the local lunch and social clubs during January this year. The journeys in February will also be affected. This has led to the cancellation of some journeys which sadly impacts hugely on our passengers, many of whom only have this one opportunity each week to get out of the house and socialise within the local community. If you think you might be able to help out and/or are interested in finding out more about volunteering with us, please contact us on 0114 236 2962, or by email at admin@transport17.co.uk

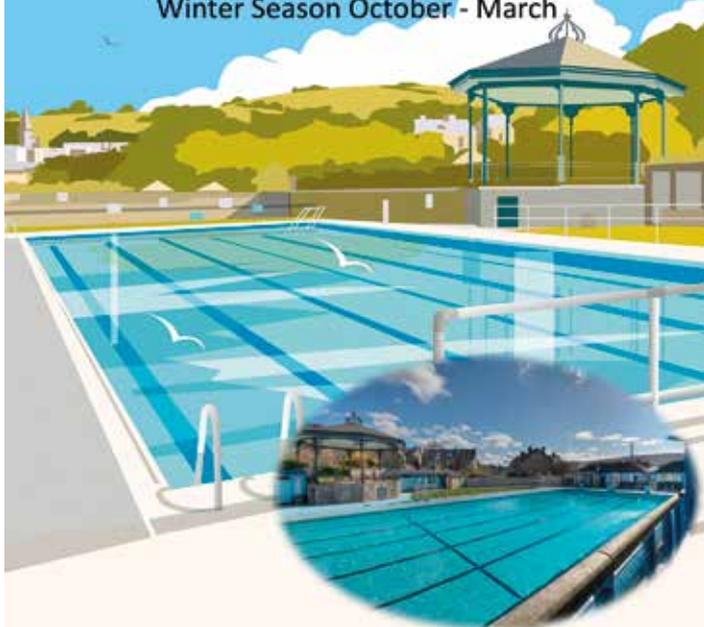
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Leather lungs and tireless legs

I never meant to write an article about this. I was looking through the Dore Archives for something completely different - can't remember what it was now - and I picked up this little book. It is barely 3 x 5 inches, but I found the contents fascinating. It is a handbook of the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers, a walking group founded by the chap pictured on the cover.

The name of the group came from a popular weekly newspaper in 1900 when it was founded. They went on their first ramble in September of that year with fourteen members from Sheffield. Membership grew to as many as 200 in the years following the Second World War, but subsequently declined until the last eight members wound it all up as recently as 2015.

Sheffield Clarion Ramblers was, over the years, involved in many campaigns relating to the 'right to roam' and freedom of access to much of the Peak District land that we all enjoy today. The famous mass trespass over Kinder in 1932 is often thought of as a critical point of that campaign, but the Clarions held their first mass trespass over Bleaklow in 1907. They campaigned with an annual trespass over one particular route for most of the 1920s, until access was finally won in 1927. The right to roam was not an overnight win; it took many years of this mild civil disobedience to secure public access.

Back to the handbook, and the bloke on the cover. This is G.H.B. Ward (George Herbert Bridges Ward on his birth certificate, Bert to his mates). Despite his surname, Bert was not related to either of the famous Sheffield Ward families of industrialist Thomas W. (Ethel Haythornthwaite's dad), nor the brewers descended from Septimus Henry whose initials still adorn the windows of the Devonshire Arms in Dore.

Bert Ward was from central Sheffield and worked as an engineer in a steelworks. He was a union man, becoming first Secretary, then Chair of the Sheffield Labour Representation Committee.

As well as founding the Clarion Ramblers, in 1912 Ward formed the Hallamshire Footpath Preservation Society and in 1926 he founded the Sheffield and District Federation, a founding branch of the Ramblers Association. An area of Lose Hill in the Peak District was given to him by the Association in 1945 and named "Ward's Piece"; he subsequently presented this to the National Trust. Ward also worked on the 1933 purchase of the Longshaw Estate and was a founder member of the local Youth Hostel Association.

Bert was also behind the Clarion handbooks, which grew from four pages of the first edition in 1902 to the 120 pages of the 1959 handbook pictured, though this one was published shortly after his death. Dore Archives now contains seven or eight of them for different years, out of the total 63 editions published.

I was expecting the handbooks to be lists of walks, but they are far more than that. Yes, walks and routes are included (several beginning 'catch a bus to Dore'); it seems that the Clarions were used to walks of eighteen or twenty miles and they even had a special section for the hard cases. These were called Revellers' Rambles (which sounds quite benign), and were described as follows:

"These are by tradition a regular feature of the year's ramble programme. They are intended for those who love bog, mist and snow. The possession of leather lungs and tireless legs are

essential for the full enjoyment of these walks. They are immensely enjoyable to the young or those who still feel young enough to force themselves over some thirty miles of the roughest of high ground, often under conditions of adverse weather with slippery wet bog underfoot. Youth is not essential as one of the most regular participants is near sixty years of age but it is said that in his younger days he delighted in pushing his small daughter over the route in a two-wheeled pram."

And you tell the young Wyvern Walkers of today that, and they'll not believe you! Sounds like tremendous fun, doesn't it?

As well as the walking routes, there was plenty of other information in the handbooks, from local legends and folk tales to the prehistoric fortresses of the Peak. There's the tale of 'A Rambler in New York', where *'no one ever walks unless the taxis, buses and subways are all on strike and no private cars are available.'*

The handbooks are designed by an engineer, that's obvious. The corners are rounded so as not to get bumped, and they are small enough to be carried in a pocket or day sack. The best way

to enjoy them is probably sitting somewhere like Hollins Cross or on Higger Tor, with a cheese sandwich in your other hand and a Thermos of tea between your knees. No tea? One of the classified advertisements will guide you to the nearest kettle (Pewit Cafe, Owl Bar, Mrs. L. Beet. Breakfasts, luncheons, teas, snacks, pots of tea. Phone Holmesfield 398).

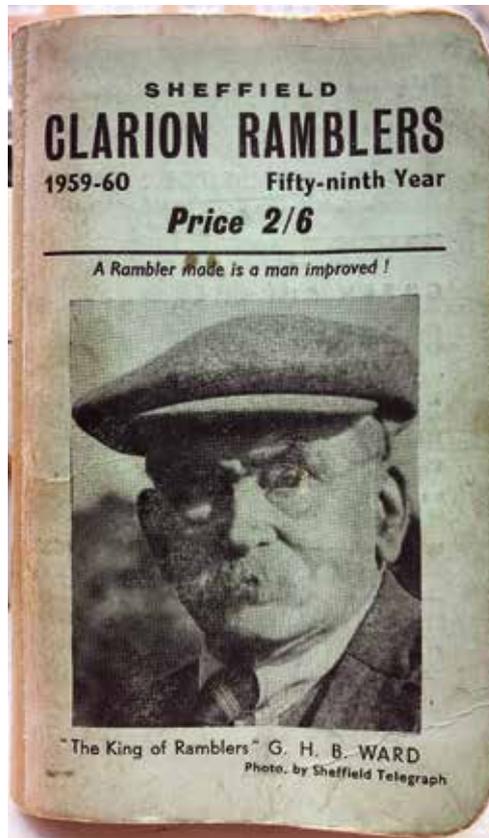
Many of the handbooks also have little fold-out maps in them, which were often drawn by GHB himself.

Ward retired in 1941 to his house which by then was at Owl Bar, no doubt looking out over the moorland that he knew so well. History doesn't record when he stopped rambling; I suspect his walks continued for as long as he was physically able. He died in 1957 at the age of 81, a respectable innings for the times. Easy for us to forget these days how important the countryside was for those working all week in the noise and pollution of the steel industry. This also applied, of course, to Sheffield's other great working-class hobby, fishing. A day in the countryside quiet, breathing fresh air, was something to be valued.

Note: the Clarion Ramblers were nothing to do with the Clarion Clubhouse which used to be somewhere on Dore Moor. This was associated with the Clarion Cycling Club,

a national organisation which had a number of such clubhouses around the country. Dore Moor's Clarion clubhouse was opened in 1920 and remained in use until 1967 by which time it was pretty much defunct. I can't find anything online that tells exactly where it was - do you remember it?

John Eastwood



When walking down a back alley in Sheffield I spied an unshaven beery fellow who leaned out from the dirty window of a workshop. He held a fearsome old pipe between his teeth and had a jar of beer at his elbow. In a coarse insolent tone he asked:

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"What did he say to you?"

"That I should see a fool at t'window."

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Railway round-up

The Rail Safety & Standards Board recently announced that in the 2021/2022 year no passengers or railway workers had been killed in a train accident. The tragic Carmont / Stonehaven accident in Scotland in 2020 caused by a landslip had ended an impressive run of twelve years where there had been no rail passenger fatalities. The accident statistics tell us that rail travel is 28 times safer than travelling by car and 400 times safer than cycling. It's even worse for motor bikes which are said to be 1,500 times more likely to experience an accident. Passenger numbers are still recovering after the steep decline caused by the pandemic and, more recently, by industrial action. Where you might expect around 450 million rail journeys in a three-month period in normal circumstances, the last three months of 2022 saw 369 million rail journeys across Britain. Figures for the first quarter of 2023 are expected to drop even lower because of strikes and cancellations.

The British railway system has 9,864 miles of route of which 3,754 miles (38%) are now electrified. So far as Sheffield is concerned, we're really lagging behind. We once had the Manchester, Sheffield and Wath (MSW) 1,500-volt electrified line running through Sheffield (Victoria) station. The grade 2 listed 1862 Royal Victoria Hotel there was sold off by British Rail in 1982 and is now the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria. The Grade 2* listed 1849 Wicker Arch is another remnant of that route. MSW passenger services to and from Manchester through the Woodhead Tunnel started in 1955 and ended in 1970. The freight services on the route, which carried a lot of coal, continued until around 1981 when the line was closed. Money saved by the closure helped to get the 25,000-volt East Coast Main Line electrified, so Sheffield benefited in an obscure way provided you could get to Doncaster or Retford to catch a train!

The 25,000-volt West Coast Main Line from London Euston to the Midlands, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh started in stages from the 1960s and had been completely electrified by the 1980s. So, too, had the East Coast Main Line for almost 400 miles from London Kings Cross to Edinburgh between 1976 and 1991. Early, and somewhat optimistic estimates of when the Midland Main Line overhead wire system from London St Pancras would reach Sheffield once gave a date of December 2020! Political decisions, budget and funding issues along with the pandemic put paid to all that. The current situation is that contractors are now being sought for electrifying seven discrete sections of the main line between Leicester and Sheffield – a distance of around 60 miles. Along with that is the Midland line from the junction near Long Eaton into Nottingham which is also due to be electrified. So, we in South Yorkshire must hold our breath and expect to be travelling on the line to and from London in new "bi-mode" trains which run on electric overhead supply and also carry diesel-electric power equipment to run where there is no overhead supply. This is what already happens on the Great Western Railway line out of Paddington which is operated by long-distance bi-mode trains that set out from Paddington running on electricity and then switch to diesel traction somewhere along the routes to the west of England, South Wales and the Cotswold and Welsh Marches shires. Bi-mode is all well and good and can carry on working if the electricity supply fails. But the trains with two forms of traction are heavier, use more fuel as a consequence and require more maintenance.

This all reminds me of the day when I travelled from Sheffield to

Glasgow on a foul day in the late 1980s. The train was the grandly named "European" from Harwich, one of the few named expresses ever to use the Hope Valley route. It was diesel traction to Preston with the locomotive named "Confederation of British Industry". Then it should have been electric all the way to Glasgow. I remember that the locomotive from Preston was named "Lancashire Witch". She had obviously cast a spell, as in a remote exposed part of Cumbria the gales had brought down the overhead wires and we came to a stand with the gale rocking the carriages from side to side. After the current had been switched off and the fallen cable cleared, we were eventually rescued by a diesel locomotive sent from Carlisle: these rescuers are known in the trade as "Thunderbirds". There was more trouble north of Carlisle and the train was diverted finally pulling in to Glasgow around midnight after a baffling tour of the Newcastle area and lowland Scotland. I should have arrived in Glasgow before 6.00 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. appointment. The buffet car steward managed to clear his entire stock of refreshments which he rationed out to the unfortunate souls left on the train, and we dined that night on crisps, roasted peanuts and small packets of biscuits.



Chris Morgan and the FoDaTS team are keeping us well informed about progress at Dore and Totley station and improvements of the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme. We hope that the delays and disruption will be worth it. The new platform and accessible footbridge with lifts at Dore & Totley station will be very welcome. Ironically, in my time on the railways I once worked for the British Rail director who

as a cost-saving exercise decided to reduce the line through our station to single track and reduce the station's platforms from four to one. But now, the new loops for slower-running freight trains and improvements to the signalling will, we hope, mean extra services and faster journeys to and from the Manchester area. Further trackside improvements yet to come will eventually allow trains to run at optimal speeds and safe braking distances much closer together in complete safety using a radio system linked to the driver and the train's cab instruments. It is being piloted elsewhere in this country and is already in use in parts of Europe. For our local lines we may have to watch this space for some years to come though.

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Tangible progress

In the last edition I said “By the next edition we should be able to see real progress with both the works and more reliable rail services. We can but hope.”

Services

I daren't sound too positive but over the last couple of months Northern and East Midlands have managed to run almost all their trains, averaging less than 5 minutes late for the majority of them. More amazingly, Transpennine Express have been doing almost as well, a great relief for the few remaining and long suffering users of their 7.14 and 8.15 Manchester services. They're being cancelled far less frequently.



It will take some months, possibly years, before confidence will be restored enough for us to see 100+ waiting on our platform for the 7.14 but the signs are encouraging.

Three months ago I said that over the previous 6 months Dore & Totley had the unhappy distinction of appearing at 2523rd out of 2628 UK stations for punctuality of trains. Over the last three months we've risen to 2393rd – still a lot of room for improvement, we could hardly have got worse!

Correction – Sorry, a typo in my piece in the last edition showed trains from both Manchester and Sheffield usually starting for Dore at 18 minutes past the hour. Wrong! At least one reader spotted the error. Yes, usually about 18 minutes past the hour from Sheffield, but it's 48 minutes past the hour from Manchester Piccadilly. Always double check on the day for any last-minute changes.

Rail services and industrial relations

The RMT has settled with Network Rail staff so that has reduced one source of strikes, most relevant to us being the people who operate the old points and signals along the Hope Valley. It seems they will have to re-ballot their members working aboard trains, at stations and in other support functions before declaring any further strikes. That dispute isn't over yet.

The drivers' union, ASLEF, is still unhappy with several aspects of their remuneration package, most significantly for us the rest day working agreement with TPE that has badly hampered their

training efforts. Drivers have to give three- or six-months' notice. It seems a significant number are doing so to move to other operators offering better packages, both freight as well as passenger, so those impacts on training will still be felt.

It's possible that a resolution will soon be found, not least so that the railway staff concerned can receive the backdated settlements that remain on the table, but most importantly so we can have rail services we can rely on.

The Improvement Work

Good news is that the new junction at Dore West is now 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. This should be completed by October after which the area alongside the track will be landscaped and new trees planted.

The second track through the station may be in place before this issue reaches you; work is advancing well as I type. Work on the new second platform should start in May with piles for the new footbridge towers going in first. Here again the target for completion of the full 6 carriage long platforms is October.

The whole scheme is now due to be completed by the end of March 2024 when all the work sites should be cleared away and restoration of the remaining landscape will begin. The final stages of the work are the most technical. Connecting all the pieces of new track, reconnecting totally new signalling from Sheffield to Bamford and to Unstone.

Consequently, our car park closures will continue. Currently they are expected to be as follows, but please note that these are subject to change as the project programme progresses;

- Now – 31 October 2023: some spaces closed
- 31 October – 17 December 2023: car park open
- 18 December 2023 – 5 January 2024: car park closed
- 5 January – 26 February 2024: car park open
- 27 February – 5 April 2024: car park closed

The Coronation

There is bunting around the station but it has to be limited due to the ongoing work. We hope to have it back up properly for a station reopening in about 12 months time.

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Jack's Back



As some of my more attentive readers will know, the brief from the Editor for these reviews is that the subject should be within a reasonable distance of Dore and either be new, have a new menu/chef etc. or has not been reviewed before. This has understandably led to the establishments I have previously reviewed being largely pubs or restaurants. So, in a break from tradition but staying within the brief, this month's review is on Baker's Chippy!

This new chip shop is the brainchild of Jack & Stacy Baker from The Castle Inn and is located at the top of Twentywell Lane in what used to be Hartley's greengrocers (which has now relocated to Greenhill). The award-winning Jack Baker has been around the Sheffield dining scene for some time now, and this self-badged "Not Your Usual Chippy." is his latest venture.

Initial impressions were that it was actually a "usual chippy", with stainless steel fryers in front of you when you walk in and white tiled walls. The blackboard menus didn't change this opinion, although what was on them did – but more of that in a moment. In addition to the standard take-away counter there was a breakfast bar area in front of the window and three booths for four along the side wall. Another breakfast bar style area completed the seating area for about twenty people. We took a booth and began to read the blackboards.

Despite being brought a carafe of iced water by a friendly waiter/cook/fryer, my partner noticed the BYO details on the wall, and swiftly nipped around the corner to Sainsbury for a bottle of chilled white! The menu quickly re-established the advertised "not usual" nature of the place, with a Crispy Black Pudding with Apple Sauce (£5) as one of the Small Catch items, and a range of specials which you don't often see in a chippy. The guy looking after us was friendly and polite and with his two colleagues seemed to spend every spare moment cleaning things – which is no bad thing!

All the normal chip shop staples were in evidence, including "proper" Sheffield Fishcake (£7), Cod (£6.50/£9.25), Haddock (£9) and Battered Sausage (£2.75/£4.75) etc. with chips and a sauce an additional £3. However, the pies were far from normal – the chips are in the pastry!! For example, Steak Diane & Chip Pie – slow roasted Sirloin of beef, in a creamy peppered red wine Diane sauce, topped with herby parmesan chips, onion rings, cheese and Hendo's. A meal in a pie for £12.95 – I was so tempted! However, on my first visit I thought I would stick to tradition. After all, how do you judge a fish and chip shop if you don't eat the fish and chips?

I went for a small cod and chips, with homemade tartare sauce. My partner, however, was more adventurous and ordered from the specials - Crispy Hake Tacos, filled with Hake goujons,

salsa, radish, lime, pickle and soured cream, served with chips and salad (£13). I will at this time like to state, that the chips were chippy chips – none of these hand-cut, triple-fried in Siberian goose-fat and served Jenga-like on the side of the plate, chips that so many gastro-pubs go for. These chips had been through a chipping machine, and into a deep fat fryer, end of! Just for the purposes of the article (obviously) we also ordered a portion of Torpedo Panko Prawns with sweet chilli dressing (£7) on the side.

My cod was excellent, with tasty crispy batter, not too thick, not too thin, and considering I ordered the small, it was more than enough. The fish itself was moist and flaky and very tasty and obviously fresh – delivered daily from Grimsby, I later learned. The chips were also very well cooked (by the deep fat fryer!), crispy on the outside with fluffy interior, and obviously made from good quality potatoes. The tartare sauce was well made and creamy, although could have done with being a bit sharper for my taste.

The tacos were impressive – three crispy taco shells, rammed full of crispy goujons, salsa and pickle etc. The Hake itself was really tasty, and again perfectly cooked with a great crunch and melt in the mouth fish. The combinations of salsa, radish, lime, pickle and sour cream was perfectly balanced and my only criticism would be that the salad was very tomato-heavy. The prawns we ordered on the side were unnecessary from an appetite point of view, but sometimes one has to make sacrifices for the sake of one's readers! They were excellent, with crunchy panko and succulent prawn and a good sweet chilli dip with crunchy mixed salad.

Although we didn't have a dessert (all £2.95), the sticky toffee spring roll with cinnamon sugar looked intriguing, as did the range of chocolate bars in the fridge – any of which could be deep fried! I am just sorry that I missed the Easter special – deep fried cream egg!

Overall, I have to concur that Baker's lives up to its billing of being "Not Your Usual Chippy." There is enough traditional fare to use it as a local chippy, but the twists and extras make it a good venue for a casual sit-down tea, and at £35 including the corkage (£2 per person) it is far from breaking the bank. I am sure we will be returning, even if it is to sample one of the pies, which remain intriguing. I could suggest that they add bread and butter and pots of tea to the menu, but would that make it a bit too "usual"?

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This month the Government brought forward a new anti-refugee Bill which will make it impossible for some of the most vulnerable people to claim asylum in the UK. It is a dangerous piece of legislation and an assault on the right to claim asylum. Thank you to everyone who has written to me about this Bill. I have voted

against it at every opportunity and I have also tabled an amendment to the Bill, supported by over 40 cross-party MPs, calling for the introduction of a "safe passage visa".

The visa would give entry clearance to those already in Europe wishing to come to the UK to make an asylum claim and is supported by the PCS Union, who represent border force workers, and Care for Calais, who support refugees and asylum seekers in France and the UK. We owe it to every person who has died in the Channel trying to reach safety to drop the inhumane deterrence policies and look at real solutions that will save lives.

I was pleased to hear that 1,463 people in Sheffield Hallam took time out of their day to take part in The RSPB's Big Garden Watch - the world's largest wildlife survey! The native woodcock population has shrunk by nearly 20% in the last 10 years. During the debate in Parliament I called on the Government to limit the shooting season and take proactive steps to extend their habitats, our woodlands. Thank you to the 370 people in Hallam who signed Wild Justice's petition and made the debate happen.

I am also honored to have won two awards, one from the RSPB for my work as a Hen Harrier Species Champion and another from the Climate Coalition as an MP constituency champion. I am proud to represent a constituency of people fighting for action on the climate and nature emergency and I will continue to champion these issues in Parliament.

I have written to the Government calling on them to urgently stop the development of the Rosebank oil and gas field. We are facing

a climate and ecological emergency. The Government should be doing everything in its power to speed up our transition to net-zero, not green-lighting a new massive oil field.

I also joined 15 cross-party parliamentarians to write to the Government calling for UK withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty. The Treaty is a license for fossil fuel companies to sue governments over steps to reach net-zero. It is incompatible with the Paris Climate Agreement and we must join other European countries in leaving the treaty.

During Eating Disorder Awareness Week I spoke during the debate in Parliament about the crisis facing our services. Eating Disorder services in Sheffield and across the country are at breaking point. Demand is still going up, cases are becoming more critical and resources aren't being provided. To truly address this crisis we need a root and branch reform of eating disorder provision.

As a result of over-stretched services, I have been hearing harrowing reports of children with Eating Disorders being restrained in general medical wards by untrained staff. After raising this with the Minister, she has agreed to look at the loopholes in current legislation. I will continue to press on this until the use of restraint on all mental health patients is properly monitored and recorded - whether they are in mental health wards or not.

A parent in our constituency has suffered a serious head injury after a large piece of cladding flew off a school building, striking her on the head. After raising this issue in Parliament, the Schools Minister has agreed to meet with me to discuss what urgent support can be given to the school to carry out repairs. Ministers need to take urgent action to address this crisis before anyone else is harmed. I've also written to Gillian Keegan to demand urgent action to reverse cuts and ensure schools are safe, before anyone else is harmed.

As always, if there is an issue you would like me to campaign on or an event in Dore that you would like me to attend, please do get in touch. Or if you would like to hear more about what I have been getting up to, you can sign up to my monthly newsletter on my website.

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From our Local Councillors

This article was written before the results of the local elections are known. For the past year the Council has been under no overall control with all parties and Councillors having an influence on the committees. Indeed, two of the five policy committees were chaired by Martin and Joe and so we had a significant input to the way the Council was run. It remains to be seen whether this situation will continue.

It's been an incredibly busy time at the City Council over the past few months with major discussions on the annual budget, Council Tax rates and the outcome of the street tree enquiry. At the time of writing the full implications of the latter are still being reviewed and an extraordinary meeting of the Council has been organised for early May. We hope that further announcements will be made shortly.

Given the current economic outlook, this year's budget discussions were particularly difficult. All three of us were involved in a detailed review of spending plans for the committees we sit on; Economic Development (Martin), Waste & Streetscene (Joe) and Education, Children & Families (Colin). In our view the new committee system coupled with the political situation of no overall control brought a long-overdue sense of reality to the debate. The unrealistic financial planning of recent years could not continue and we were glad and relieved when agreement was reached on

a balanced budget. We were particularly pleased that our proposal for greater delegation of some spending decisions to local areas was accepted by all parties.

A short while ago Joe & Colin represented us at a vigil in the Winter Gardens to commemorate the first anniversary of the latest Russian invasion of Ukraine. A significant number of refugees have been welcomed into the south-west of Sheffield under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Our thoughts are with them as they remain separated from loved ones back home.

On a lighter note, Colin was very pleased to join a large group on a sunny spring day to plant hundreds of trees. It was great to see parents and children working together to plant the trees in Totley Hall and Green Oak Parks as part of the Community Tree Week. The children were very enthusiastic and in years to come they will be able appreciate their efforts as the new saplings mature. The tree species were chosen to support local wildlife and this should also benefit our community in the future.

As ever, please do contact us if you need help or advice on any Council related issues.

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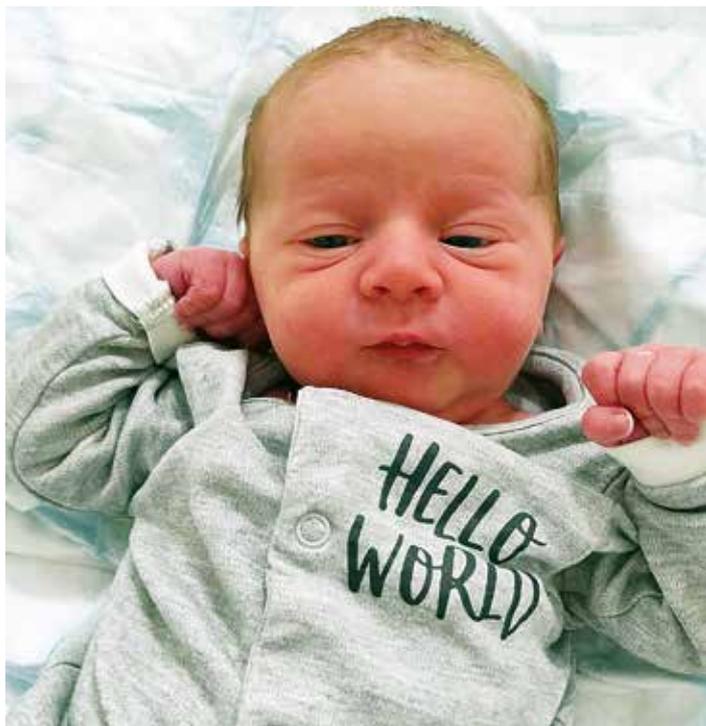
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As I write this column our annual show at the Montgomery Theatre has not yet taken place, but by the time this magazine is published the show will be a thing of history. I have no comments on it at all except that I expect it will be (was?) excellent. You may recall that three or four years ago I said that I was finished taking part in the shows as my stamina is not what it once was and the knees won't let me prance about the stage any more. A month ago, however, I was press ganged into taking a small cameo role, so after being on the Front of House team last year I'll be back on stage in this show. It is a very small part and I don't have to move about or say anything.

On to a more topical event. I thought you might like to see the picture here of the latest arrival born to a club member. It is of Philip Edward Bird, born on 17th January to Alice and Robert Bird. Alice (when active) is a member of both Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society and of TOADS so many of you will have seen her on stage giving commanding performances; we wish them well.



In February we gave a repeat performance of the concert we did in Bolsover last year to a very appreciative audience at Whittington Moor Methodist Church, of some lesser known Sullivan numbers as well as a few more well known ones. It was, as usual, good fun.

Our usual Summer Concert we are calling Smorgasbord because of the variety of music, will be held in Dore Methodist Church at 7:30pm on Saturday 1st July (not the church hall on Townhead Road) when we will be singing more G & S pieces along with songs from other shows. Tickets for this concert can be obtained by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html. This concert will be repeated at Whittington Moor Methodist Church on Saturday July 22nd at 2:30pm. We have also been invited back to Bolsover for a concert next October when we will sing a similar programme to the Dore concert.

Finally, my better half Ann, who has managed Front of House on all our shows for over thirty years, has decided it is time to hand the task on to some younger supporter. Never let it be said but I am afraid age has finally caught up with her. It is a necessary post which involves organising the front of house cover without which the show cannot take place for safety reasons. Thankfully problems have been rare but there has been the occasional emergency which they have had to deal with. She will continue to help out when possible but no longer feels she can carry the whole load. All The Society's thanks go out to her for the invaluable work she has done.

Derek Habberjam

A huge thank you from More in Dore

The new play frame ('The Quest') is due to be installed at the Rec during April, subject to the weather.

Thank you to all those who have helped reach this stage including the local businesses noted below, and in particular Dore Village Society.

Please email dorerec@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in the next important steps to save the playground.

A quick recap - Dore Recreation Ground was originally funded by a local charity group. In 2019 it became evident that two key pieces of playground equipment were becoming rotten and were to be removed by the council. There was no funding to replace them. More in Dore set out to raise funds for a toddler frame (installed in 2022) and a junior frame - the Quest.

Following these installations the funding pot will be empty.

Question: What's next for More in Dore?

Answer: A slide.

The size and orientation of the Quest mean a slide cannot be incorporated at this stage. The quoted range (including installation) is £7000-£10,000. Please follow our new appeal online at www.dorerec.wixsite.com/more-in-dore and via Facebook to help raise these funds as quickly as possible. We know the original slide will be missed.

Longer term we envisage a new piece of equipment on the grassed area of the playground (closest to the car park) together with additional seating.

How will we raise the 7-10k?

Sadly, living in a relatively affluent area makes funding applications less likely to be successful. Previous applications for Local Authority Pocket Park Funds have been declined. In the main we rely on private bodies such as local businesses and community-focused charities. In most cases it is not possible to return for further funding. For this reason we are looking for new routes to funding. Please email dorerec@gmail.com with any ideas as to potential sources of funding.

More in Dore started as a group of parents with a shared vision to save the playground. We're truly grateful for all those who have helped us get this off the ground, but the reality is that More in Dore now comprises just three active members. We understand that due to work and family commitments, many people struggle to offer hands-on help long term, but would encourage anyone with ideas, or a bit of time to help, to drop us an email. We meet ad hoc, when we can. Sometimes we just email ideas or applications. It really is a case of any help, no matter how short lived or small, really makes a difference to the bigger overall picture which is to make sure there remains a playground for the village.

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Surveying the Swifts in Dore: Friday, 19th May, Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road, 7.30 -9.30pm

This is a meeting for those interested in doing some practical swift surveying in Dore over the summer of 2023. Members from the well-established Totley Swift Group will join us at this meeting to share their expertise and experience. After a brief presentation from the Totley Swift Group we'll head out to do some practical work surveying our local swifts on Chatsworth Road and Totley Brook Road. We hope that this will be an opportunity for you to meet others interested in swift surveying during the summer in Dore and then arrange between yourselves to do some surveys in your neighbourhood throughout the season.

Chet Cunago, who writes below about being a specialist swift carer, will be showing her short film, 'Every Swift Counts', at the end of the meeting.

Chet Cunago, specialist swift carer writes -

Swifts arrive in Sheffield in early May, desperate to meet up once again with their life partners and have their little swiftlets. Sadly, our swifts are in desperate trouble, their numbers have plummeted by 58%. As we renovate and repair our roof spaces, we're inadvertently destroying their nest sites, on an industrial scale. Swifts are nest faithful and tragically they often fatally injure themselves trying to get back in.



I am a specialist swift carer and last year with the help of Pet Samaritans managed to save 47 precious swifts. It certainly isn't an easy undertaking; the days are long - I feed fallen chicks from 5am until midnight, for 3 months. The rewards however, are huge and the insight into these amazing birds' behaviour is a complete privilege to witness. Imagine waking up to the eager trilling of baby swifts wanting breakfast, there isn't a finer sound.

The peak of the heatwave last year was one of the most challenging days I can remember. Swift chicks, still unable to fly, were seeking cooler air at the entrance to their nests and falling. My phone was ringing incessantly with people finding chicks on the ground, and the swifts in my care were showing worrying signs of heat exhaustion. I almost had a meltdown myself, luckily, friends and neighbours rushed to my help, turning on their car air conditioning we hastily put all the birds in car footwells for a couple of hours and it did the trick. Releasing swifts back into the wild is truly amazing: in an open field from the flat of my hand they take off, and head straight for Africa.

Fitting swift bricks (a nest box similar to an air brick- £35 each) into your property or employing 'swift friendly' roofing practices when undergoing repairs can greatly help. Search 'Sheffield Swift Network', they have lots of advice on their website and can recommend swift friendly tradespeople.

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atmosphere. It's only thanks to generous donations that these birds fly free. Could you help by donating to [paypal.me/ChetCunago](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?to=ChetCunago). Or search 'Sheffield Swift Rescue' on Facebook. We have a fabulous swift group locally too. S17 Totley Swifts are on Facebook or you can email swiftsoftotley@outlook.com. I made a short film 'Every Swift Counts' about my swift rehabbing adventures. It's available to show at meetings or events.

Volunteering opportunities - from litter picking to wildlife recording

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Litter picking

Julie Gay of Sheffield Litter Pickers (Facebook/Twitter) tells us more:

We are part of City wide community volunteer group Sheffield Litter Pickers and have been picking for well over 15yrs, regularly venturing into the Peak District National Park and to the coast for beach cleaning (litter grabbers/bags are permanently stashed in the car boot). It's shocking that the regular monthly community group pick in Totley collects at least 15 sacks of litter on top of that collected weekly by individuals (myself and others). I love the natural world and find it upsetting to witness how littering can cause pollution and serious injury or even death to our declining wildlife albeit on land or in the seas. We are lucky to have lots of amazing volunteers in our community who regularly clean up our streets, parks and woodlands. Don't forget to say 'hello' if you see me out on litter-picking duty!

For more information about the monthly litter picking: meet outside Totley Library on Baslow Rd on the last Saturday 10am-11am, contact Litter Julie on 0777 558 5471.

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friendsofwhirlowbrookpark.org.uk/ There is always a range of tasks according to ability and inclination - from sweeping paths and gentle weeding to heavy pruning and digging. There are also opportunities for those who like watching wildlife to sign up as wildlife recorders.

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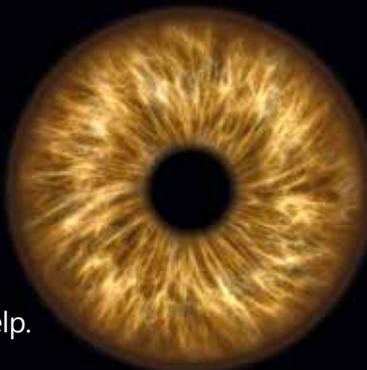
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Nine Tips for an Eco-friendlier Summer



With the summer well and truly on the way, I wanted to share some of my favourite summer tips for a more eco-friendly and sustainable summer.

1. Use eco-friendly sunscreen - protecting our skin with sunscreen is something that we all need to do. Whilst it may protect you, most everyday store-bought sunscreens put coral reefs in danger. One drop of toxic sunscreen can harm marine life and coral reefs the size of six 25-metre swimming pools. There are now some great eco-friendly sunscreens available instead. Sunscreen such as the amazing Sol de Ibiza solid sunscreen comes in a recyclable, reusable tin. Available in SPF 30 and SPF 50, it means that it's suitable for the whole family.
2. Heading out for a picnic with family and or friends, take your own picnic ware. Try to reuse what you already have. Disposable plates, even paper ones require energy to be produced and trees to be cut down to be made. Disposable paper picnic ware also contributes to extra waste too. If you need to buy new ones, there are biodegradable plus reusable plates, utensils, cups and so on that are available. Swap plastic clingfilm for home compostable cling film or wax wraps. You can also get hold of paper sandwich bags too instead of plastic food bags. If you're heading out with your own picnic, don't forget to take a compostable bin liner with you for all your rubbish.
3. Shop for food locally - Eat healthily, save on emissions and help boost the local economy by using your local shops. With a great variety on our doorstep from our local eco-friendly refill shop, green grocers, mini supermarket and bakery, there's so much available in Dore village. The school summer holidays are also upon us and if like me, you'll need to keep the fruit bowl filled, fridge fuller and make more meals at home whether for picnics we have planned or just for day to day meals, then you can create a sustainable holiday meal plan which can be done by also shopping at local farmers' markets where you can grab a range of foods from meat to seasonal veggies, honey, eggs and much more. Shopping locally means a shorter food supply chain, this in turn has a lower carbon footprint when compared to imported, processed foods. Buying locally grown food also helps our local community to save food from going to waste and you can reduce packaging by taking your own containers to be filled up.
4. If, like me, you love being in the great outdoors but you're not keen on midges, then did you know that you can make your own eco-friendly insect repellents? With just a mixture of apple cider vinegar, rubbing alcohol (isopropyl), citronella and lemongrass essential oil, plus witch hazel too, you can make a perfect spray to carry around that will keep insects away from you whilst not harming them. Pop the mixture in

a small suitable spray bottle and that's all you need. Spray it on your clothing and you'll see that the insects will stay well away. I use a similar mix of water plus citronella, lemon and eucalyptus essential oils in my diffuser too in summer months to stop flies and little insects from overstaying their welcome in the house. They just don't like the smell, so they'll fly in through open windows and fly back out again.

5. Whilst the weather is lovely and warm, you may want to grab a train deal and head to the seaside, hit one of our local lakes for a little wild swimming or maybe you'd prefer to venture to the amazing Hathersage pool for an outdoor swim. Remember to take and re-use your towels and beach towels. Alternatively, if you find yourself needing to buy something new, then you've got the colourful and beautiful Dock and Bay towels or hair wraps made out of plastic bottles. They're a great eco-friendly alternative.
6. Don't forget your sunglasses and flip flops too. With so many gorgeous sunglasses designs out there, if you are looking for a new pair then grab yourself something a little different. You can get your hands on beautiful sunglasses made from recycled, pure sustainable bamboo wood and even ones made using recycled plastic bottles for the frames. As well as these, you can also get your hands on gorgeous and colourful flip flops made using plastic that was once used for something else. Old plastic garden pots, plastic bags and bin liners can all be used to make recycled flip flops and other footwear. Old rubber is another recycled material that can be used to make comfortable and durable flip flops and there are so many other examples out there too. Choosing one of these great alternatives means that you really can't go wrong.
7. When you're heading out and about, don't forget to grab your reusable water bottle. Stay hydrated on-the-go without contributing to plastic waste by carrying your own bottle with you. I particularly love my stainless steel water bottle that keeps my water cold for up to 24 hours. Save buying plastic and carry one with you wherever you go. There are a range of refill stations up and down the country too; in refill shops, at petrol stations, grocery shops and many more all of which will allow you to refill your water bottle on the go. My stainless steel water bottle is also an essential item when packing to go away on holiday. As a family we each have one and prefer to refill our bottle at our hotel and take it with us so we don't need to buy plastic bottles when we are out on excursions.
8. Packing to go away on holiday? Whether you're packing light for one with just hand luggage, or you're heading away with the whole family, you can reduce the liquid items you take away with you. Swap liquid shampoo and conditioner for bars instead, travel light with toothpaste tablets and don't forget your soap bar or if you prefer liquid shower gels then you can take your powdered shower gel pouches that you just need to remember to take an empty bottle for. Once at your holiday destination, add the shower gel powder to the empty bottle, add water, shake and that's your liquid shower gel made up for your break away.
9. Growing up, shopping second hand was part of our routine as a family. As I grew up, I loved heading to charity shops and finding some amazing items that I could use straight away or alter to epicycle. Finding amazing bargains and goodies for a reduced price always puts a smile on my face and saves me money too. As well as our local second-hand shops, we also have the options of using great online apps such as Vinted, Olio, eBay, Gumtree and Facebook marketplace too. From summer essentials such as clothing, food and garden furniture, you can do a little bit more and help the environment by shopping second-hand.

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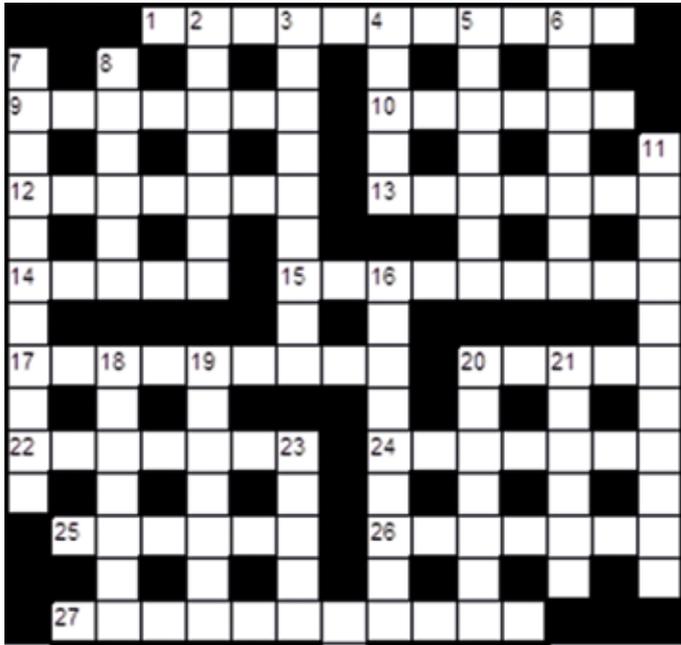
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Across

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9. Taxing individual when ours is irregular (7)
10. Instinct to cover a leg (6)
12. Expert South American in charge everyday (7)
13. Axis propoganda led movement (7)
14. Growth around new hair treatment (5)
15. Welsh take notice internally of insurgents (9)
17. Seasons for soldiers at sea capturing base for the year (9)
20. Primary concerns ultimately bank on a North Islander (5)
22. Point to beat old club (7)
24. Overpriced pair? (1,3-3)
25. Performance of Western missing one European from cast (6)
26. Sounds fun to go on the river as a sign (7)
27. Charming way of speaking, definitely not grave (5,6)

Down

2. Cut off from one very dead (7)
3. Loose kind of advance (9)
4. Code used by internet host (5)
5. Teaching but missing out at drawing conclusion (7)
6. Strong-willed police in action (7)
7. Remark about some section (11)
8. Regret pulse must be taken around short time span (6)
11. Represented by one family member, conditional, that is, on being accompanied by daughter (11)
16. Locating Southern resort brings back memories (9)
18. Source maintains leading bureaucrat has one County – automatic (7)
19. Scotsman may back underwear is very green (7)
20. Almost taking offence, my boy produces blush (7)
21. Cork may make this shoe (6)
23. Suspect a token not to include unknown country (5)

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- Fri 19 Swift surveying 7:30pm, Dore and Totley United Reformed Church Hall, Totley Brook Road. This is a meeting for those interested in doing some practical swift surveying in Dore over the summer 2023. Members from the well-established Totley Swift Group will join us to share their expertise and experience. After a brief presentation from the Totley Swift Group we'll head out to do some practical work surveying our local swifts on Chatsworth Road and Totley Brook Road. We hope that this will be an opportunity for you to get together with others interested in swift surveying in Dore during the summer and then arrange between yourselves to do surveys in your neighbourhood. Chet Cunago, a specialist swift carer, will be showing her short film, 'Every Swift Counts', at the end of the meeting.
- Wed 24 Totley History Group: Victorian Pioneers, Sheffield's First Public Libraries - Talk by Val Hewson. All meetings are held in Totley Library at 7.30pm on 4th Wednesday each month (unless otherwise stated). Everyone welcome Members £2 Non-members £3 www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk
- Sun 28 Totley Library Art Exhibition 11am-4pm. Free entry. Cakes & Refreshments available
- Sun 28 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day 1:00pm. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). We're on your right driving out of Sheffield, 1/3rd mile past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge by our entrance gate. Trains run 1pm until 5pm Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. sheffieldmodelengineers.com

JUNE

- Sat 10 Christ Church Dore - Nature Count, 10:00am. Christ Church Dore and Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust will host an event in the churchyard of Christ Church. We will be counting nature, photographing nature and hearing about why churchyards are such unique habitats, supporting biodiversity. Wear strong shoes and bring a smartphone, if you have one. You can explore the app "iNaturalist" if you want to help us with the count of species. We are contributing to the project "Beautiful Burial Grounds".

Mining Sites of Dore

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southwesterly winds, where lead ore was smelted with charcoal in simple open hearths. Such sites, so far from the lead mines of Derbyshire, became necessary as the timber and charcoal was exhausted in the Peak. Importantly, Totley Moor would have been on a major pack horse route for carrying the lead between the nearest Derwent crossing at Grindleford towards Bawtry or the River Don trading ports. Woodland was used up at such a rate by the charcoal burners - a smelter might consume an acre a week - that even Elizabeth the First decreed the felling of timber illegal for a time.

About 1550 the lead ore hearth, or blast furnace, was developed using bellows driven by a water wheel. The smelter sites then moved down into the valleys of the River Sheaf and its tributaries. The Old Hay smelter site is believed to date from 1585.

Around 1737 this was converted to the new reverberatory process, or cupola, which was then a great technological advance and in particular used coal as a fuel instead of charcoal. Old Hay was conveniently near to the Strawberry Lee coal deposits. Much remains of this site since the water wheel continued to be a source of power well into the 1800s. A second cupola was built in Wag Wood, but little remains here.

Not much can now be seen of Dore's mining past, but the reader must be reminded that all old mineworkings are potentially dangerous to the unwary. I have therefore not been too specific about locations of the sites.

However most of the evidence is actually on private land so the general public need not be alarmed.

J.P. McCormick

- Sun 11 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. See entry for 28 May, above.
- Tue 13 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group "The British Schindler" Tim Mulroy will describe the wonderful work, involving his father and aunt, that saved the lives of hundreds of children. At 2.30 p.m. in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome, a donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Wed 14 Dore Village Society AGM 2023, 8:00pm. See page 3.
- Sat 17 - Fri 30 Dore Well Dressing Construction. The dates for the construction of this year's well dressing picture are given in the article on page 2.
- Wed 21 Dore Garden Club: Growing Garden Flowers at Knabb Farm. Talk by Rosy Blackmore, Local, Eco-friendly Grower of Seasonal Flowers. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.
- Sat 24 From 1pm. Free Family Fun Day at Totley Primary School, Sunnyvale Road Totley S17 4FB. Provided by the churches of S17; face painting, story Time, bouncy castles, refreshments and more.
- Sun 25 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. See entry for 28 May, above.

JULY

- Sat 1 Christ Church Dore History Tour, 11am. A history tour of the church and churchyard followed by a look into the Bell Tower. A fundraiser for the church redevelopment project. Suggested donation £10 per person.
- Sat 1 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society Summer Concert. Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield. S17 3GW. 7.30pm. Tickets by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html>
- Sat 1 - Dore Festival 2023. See page 17 for details of all events.
- Sun 9 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. See entry for 28 May, above.
- Wed 19 Dore Garden Club: Garden news from Chatsworth. Talk by Mick Brown, Gardener and Production Team Leader. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.

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Mining Sites of Dore

Dore lies geologically on the oldest rocks of the Coal Measures just above the Millstone Grit, and these rocks contain several thin seams of coal, fireclay, and ganister. The local coals are in no way comparable to the thick productive seams of the eastern coalfields: the Silkstone, Parkgate and Barnsley, nevertheless several hundreds of thousands of tons have been won from below the village over the past centuries.

Records exist for six working collieries around Dore, the last of which did not close until 1946. In all cases these records include evidence of older mineworkings which took place long before the 1870s when the keeping of records became mandatory.

The outcrops of six seams of coal have been mapped entering our area from the Owlbar direction, then passing in a wide arc to the west of the village, and swinging away eastwards through Ecclesall Woods towards Abbeydale. The lines of the outcrops undulate and dodge about as they become distorted by hills and stream valleys and by geological faulting; the seams themselves dip gently under the village getting deeper to the east. It is rarely possible to spot the coal outcrops now; occasionally a few inches of a brown rusty-looking coal or a collapsed old working will be seen in a builder's foundation trench.

(For a very readable account of the geology of this area, the Village Society's guidebook of walks "From Dore to Dore" has an excellent chapter by Paul Cutts.)

A seventh seam, and the oldest workable coal, is actually within the Millstone Grit and is named the Ringinglow Coal from the area in which it was most extensively mined. Around Dore itself it is missing due to the effect of faulting.

The oldest and therefore lowest in the sequence of coals here is the Pot Clay Seam, named for the several feet thickness of useful clay underneath the coal which itself is only a couple of inches thick. This was mined in the past from several shafts around the Doremoor Brick Works (now Fern Glen) and a nearby Tile Works on the Hathersage Road, certainly up to the 1870s.

Above the Pot Clay lies the Soft Bed Coal, not exploited here because of inferior quality, unlike elsewhere in Sheffield where it also had the name Coking Coal.

Some sixty feet higher appears the Clay Coal, only twelve inches thick but formerly much in demand for its underlying ganister. This is a high-silica material which was vital in the days of the developing Sheffield steel industry for making heat-proof crucibles.

More than fifty shafts have been recorded above the Baslow Road where the Mooredge Ganister Mine (now Dysons Refractories and commonly called Totley Brick Works) was still working in 1916 and later quarried the seam.

The Clay Coal outcrop could be followed northward to the Strawberry Lee Mine, abandoned in 1945, of which little can now be seen except disturbed ground above and below the small car park on Strawberry Lea Lane.

Further north again was the Dore Mine on Shorts Lane which had two working areas; the Bottom Pit which was reclaimed when the riding stables were built, and the Top Pit which can be identified by the rough ground between Shorts Lane and the Redcar Brook bridge. Here the ganister was forty two feet deep. The mine was closed in 1946 at which time it was being worked by J.W. and E.J.Thorpe of the Devonshire Arms. Previously in 1923 Messrs Dysons appear to have been the operators.

The Clay Coal outcrop was once dug in the shallow valley north of High Greave; from there it runs north east to follow the Hathersage Road towards Whirlow.

Next above in the sequence is the Ganister Coal (the Halifax Hard Bed of districts further north). The seam generally has two feet of coal above a ganister bed: except to the west and southwest of Dore where the ganister is missing thus causing great confusion to

the researcher. It appears to have been worked for the coal alone near its outcrop between Strawberry Lea Lane and Blacka Dyke by means of many bell pits and the occasional adit or horizontal entrance.

Another line of bell pits once marked ancient shallow Ganister Coal workings across what used to be fields between Knowle Green and Ash House. In the early 1940s the then Ministry of Fuel and Power became interested in opencasting this coal in the post war bid for quick fuel supplies (the Dash for Coal?); fortunately they discovered that the development of the Newfield Avenue estate had already begun so the ministry men departed.

The Ganister Coal outcropped in the banks of the valley to the east of Ash House on both sides of Limb lane and extensive workings took place here. Limb Lane Colliery was abandoned in 1927 and is now buried under the sports fields at the Ash House Lane-Limb Lane junction.

The Moss Coal and Ganister Mine extracted much of the seam from the south side of the valley under the northwest corner of the Ryecroft Farm land. Abandoned in 1941 the mine's surface features were buried under rubble from the slum clearances of the 1970s, and the site now forms the Limb Lane Picnic Area.

The Moss Mine workings met those of the Dore Colliery to the south. The Dore Colliery was perhaps the major mine undertaking in the village, being a relatively deep mine worked solely from shafts and undermining most of the centre of Dore north of Dore Road. The working shaft was just off Causeway Head Road, 141 feet deep to the Ganister Coal, with several ventilation shafts under the Rushley Road-Avenue area. The Colliery ceased working in 1880. After the last war the surface was reclaimed and the land used for prefab housing. These were eventually replaced by the Rushley Road development.

Two more minor coal seams lie above the Ganister Coal in our area. The Forty Yards Coal was worked at Mooredge for its underlying clay and ganister, its coal being only a few inches thick. Its outcrop across the village would have been sterilised by the expanding development of Dore before the market for ganister arrived.

Lastly, the Norton Coal, about a foot thick, was also dug at Mooredge and along Moorwood Lane, and probably also along the base of the bank leading down to Ryecroft Farm from Dore Road.

The colliery names recorded here represent the larger organised undertakings dating from the mid 1800s. Some were run by companies based outside Dore, such as Messrs Pickford Holland (Moss Mine), Messrs Webster and Co (Limb Lane) and Messrs J.J.Dyson of Stannington.

The actual mining of coal goes back long before the nineteenth century. Coal for use on the hearth would have been dug wherever its outcrop was exposed in stream valleys and would have been a valuable sideline for the tenant farmer; no doubt the landowner soon discovered a source of revenue in royalties.

When the outcrop became undermined and unsafe, small shafts would be sunk from the surface to reach deeper coal. These shafts were "belled out" in the seam as far as possible until collapse became imminent. The shaft was then abandoned and another sunk close by, often throwing the spoil into the previous hole. Eventually a wide area of shallow coal would be exploited, leaving the ground pock-marked with these bell pits.

The use of pit props to maintain permanent road ways in the seam, and the sinking of extra shafts for ventilation, obviously required serious investment, so it was probably the wealthier landowner who first financed the more extensive mines. For example, there are records in 1736 of Lord Middleton of the Manor of Totley leasing the Totley Coal Mine (probably Strawberry Lee workings in the Ganister Coal) for a couple of years at a time to two miners John Nodder and John Fenton.

The area also has a connection with the Derbyshire lead mining industry. Totley Moor, in common with other high ground flanking the east side of the Pennines, has its Bole Hill, open to the

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