

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Annual Wassail Walk

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Community Assembly

The South West Community Assembly is now up and running, involving the four wards that make up the south west corner of Sheffield (Ecclesall, Fulwood, Crookes and Dore & Totley).

Along with about 60 other members of the public (mostly representing groups) Dore Village Society were represented at the first meeting in early October attended by all 12 councillors plus council officers.

Three petitions were discussed including a request for kerb improvements at a Causeway Head Road bus stop, bus re-routing in Fulwood and a skate board arena request for Crookes. Questions included provision of new allotments for the 767 people on the area waiting list and removal of red raised road crossings.

It was revealed that £100k has been earmarked for the area up to the end of March 2010 for local schemes, these primarily to be pedestrian focused.

The councillors voted to split the money four ways (£25k to each ward). The other three wards decided to allow their respective groups to decide what to spend their money on but we have decided to involve the general public in how to spend the money by introducing a Ward Forum. Bradway Action Group, Totley Residents Association and Dore Village Society are initially going to facilitate this philosophy with the help of Councillors. It is hoped that true democracy will be promoted by this method.

The next formal public meeting of the Assembly will be on Wednesday 9th December 7:30pm at Silverdale School. Future meetings will be on Wednesday 24th February 7:30pm at Hallam Community Centre and Wednesday 28th April 7:30pm - Venue to be agreed.

The first Dore & Totley Ward Forum will be at Totley Library on Wednesday 2nd December starting at 19.30. Watch your local notice boards for further information. Everyone is welcome.

Keep up to date with what is happening
by visiting - www.dorevillage.co.uk



Dore Village Society Christmas card for 2009 (in full colour) painted by local artist Bill Kirby. On sale, price £2.50 per pack of 5, from Valerie of Dore, Dore Opticians, Dore Petrol Station or Country Garden. Please tender the correct amount if you can.

Christmas celebrations

Once again Dore Village Society will be sponsoring and setting up Christmas trees and lights around the village and a Christmas tree outside the Country Garden. The tree lights will be switched on at 6pm on Wednesday 2nd December. Many of the local shops will also be opening until 7pm (or later) that evening. Look out for the shops advertising late opening times and on notice boards.

So come along and join the fun and do some Christmas shopping at the same time. Dore is fortunate to have such an excellent range of local shops and hostelrys and they greatly value local support. Between them, you will find a wide range of ideas for Christmas presents and all the food and drink you need for your Christmas celebrations and places to eat and drink with family and friends.



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Dore Voices - On the Home Front - 70 years On

It is now 70 years since the first winter of World War 2 and the people of Dore, like those of every community throughout Great Britain were getting used to a huge number of new emergency regulations. In this second article some of those who lived through those years tell us their stories and share their memories of wartime.

On 1st January 1940, 2 million 19-27 year olds were called up to join the war effort and young men from Dore were drafted into the forces. Chris Fearnough decided to join the Navy. "I got called up and served five years in the Royal Navy as a gunner." Bessie Colley remembered her husband Walter's war service. "When he was old enough he joined the Merchant Navy. He was a radio officer and served from 1942 to 1946." Geoff Woodcock recalled his own experience of being called up. "I would be 19 in April 1942 and so became liable to be called up for military service. Since my schooldays I had been making and flying model aeroplanes so I thought the Air Force would be best for me."

All male civilians aged 17-65 years who had not been drafted into the services were urged to help to form a new fighting force called The Local Defence Volunteers, later renamed the Home Guard. Their main aim

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You will find a complete diary of local events on the back page of this issue.

Society Membership

Over the past 10 years membership of Dore Village Society has increased year on year, and there are currently 1170 members. Postal payment for members subscriptions was introduced when Greens, the local hardware store, closed. This has proved to be very successful and appears to have helped account for the increased membership in recent years. When this payment method changed, it did mean that it was no longer practical to issue membership cards, which Greens had done on the Society's behalf.

Planning, the environment, traffic & transport are just a few of the areas monitored by the DVS committee. Members are also invited to join Wyvern Walkers, who arrange a varied programme of local walks each month. Speaker meetings are also arranged 3-4 times a year. Subscriptions also pay for the summer flower tubs which always enhance the centre of the village every summer. The Christmas trees and lights which make the village look cheerful during December are also sponsored by the Society.

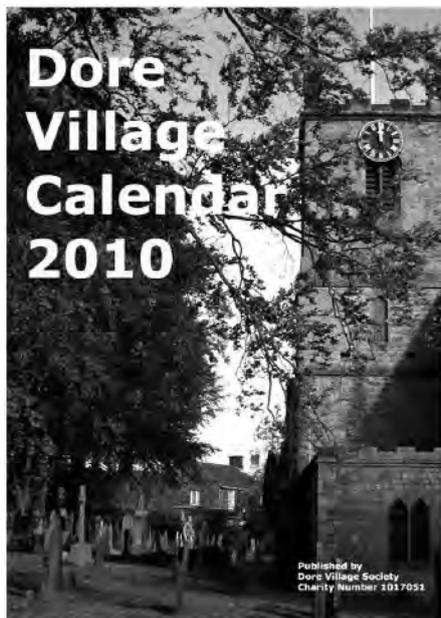
Dore Show, the annual Dragon Hunt, Wassail Walk, Dore Oral History Group and Dore Garden Club are each supported through DVS. As well as the village Christmas cards, calendars and a number of publications have all been produced through DVS. The most recent and very popular book, *On Your Doorstep*, was sent to all members in 2008, free of charge, great value for a £5 subscription! This walks book is still available for sale in local shops.

Finally every household in Dore receives Dore to Door each quarter and members who live out of Dore receive it by post and are delighted to be able to keep up to date with what is happening in the village.

To find out more about the work of the Society visit our office at the Old School from 10am to 12 noon on the first

Saturday of each month or the revised Dore Village Website. And when the subscription form for 2010 appears in the Spring edition of Dore to Door do remember to complete and post it off - great value at £5 !

Anne Elsdon



Village Calendar 2010

By popular demand Dore Village Society has produced a Village Calendar for 2010. It is the same style as before, A4 in size and in full colour with a separate page for each month showing a different picture of the village with room to add your diary notes.

It is on sale now (£5 including a cardboard envelope) and will make an ideal stocking filler for friends or family. It is available from Valerie of Dore, the Village Store (paper shop!) and Dore Service Station, or from the DVS room in the Old School on Saturday 5th December between 10am and 12 noon.

Share Your Photo's

We're planning a "bring along your pictures" session in December, together with our friends at the Totley Independent and Bradway Bugle.

No-one likes to lend their precious photos out, so now you don't have to. The idea is that you bring along your photos and we scan them there and then, and ask you for a few details to go with them. We'd then like to add the photos to the 'Dore Archive' and possibly publish them in the community magazines, websites and exhibitions.

The photos should be of interest to the local community - your holiday snaps won't be of any interest to anyone except you! Even seemingly hopeless cases of ripped or worn material would be worth bringing along - much can be done these days to restore them once they've been scanned into a computer.

So please look through your old photo's and bring them along to the Dore Village Society room at Dore Old School on Saturday 5th December 10am - 12 noon. If we get a lot of interest, we'll repeat the exercise. More details from John Baker on 0114 236 9025.

New 30 Bus Timetable

First Bus Company introduced a new winter timetable on 1st November (valid until 30.01.10) with significant changes to the No 30 schedule.

During the middle part of the day buses now leave the terminus on Devonshire Terrace Road at 23 min and 53 min past each hour with a journey time of 18 min to the Hallamshire Hospital and 32 min to the city centre. The schedule is different and buses more frequent between 15.00 and 18.00 to accommodate school and business users.

In the evenings (after 18.00) there is a bus at 13 min and 43 min past each hour until 19.43 and then each hour until 23.43.

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Power to the People!

One of the initiatives introduced by the Liberal Democrats when they assumed control of Sheffield City Council was the creation of Community Assemblies. There are now 7 of these covering the city, each representing a population of some 70,000 people. Although similar in some ways to the Area Panels they superseded, they have wider powers and bigger budgets. Their purpose is to devolve more of the decision making process down to the grass roots.

To advise and assist the Assemblies, "Partner Panels" were set up. These essentially comprise those who are expected to deliver the services required by the Assemblies. Attention then turned to the means of engaging with the local communities. At first, it was proposed to appoint 'Community Representatives' to serve on the Partner Panels. The Community Assembly for the South West, serving the four Wards of Dore and Totley, Ecclesall, Fulwood and Crookes, initially proposed that just one such person be appointed. When some of the community groups protested that representing 70,000 people, albeit through established groups, was too much for one person, there was an offer to increase the number to two.

There was then a 'Road to Damascus' moment when some community activists in the Dore and Totley Ward realised that there was really no need to appoint community representatives at all, because we already had them in the form of our local councillors. Each ward has three, so

PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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Please forward items for the Spring (February) issue to the address on page 2 by **Friday 29th January**

there are twelve of them altogether across the South West Community Assembly area. Thus the idea of 'Ward Forums' was born to inform these councillors.

The plan would be to hold a Ward Forum some time before each meeting of the Community Assembly, attended by all three ward councillors, at which the public would be able to put ideas forward, discuss priorities, etc., for the Assembly to consider and assess along with the Partner Panel. An essential feature would be for the Forum to be chaired by someone from the community, rather than by one of the councillors. It would thus be a community meeting, not a Council one.

The Chair of the South West Community Assembly, Councillor Mike Reynolds, agreed to examine the concept in more detail. Councillors and community groups in the Ecclesall, Fulwood and Crookes wards subsequently decided not to pursue the idea for the time being, but those in the Dore and Totley ward are keen to proceed, if nothing else

to act as a pilot to demonstrate what can be achieved. So now it's over to you.

The first Ward Forum for Dore and Totley will take place at on Wednesday 2nd December at Totley Library (7.30 - 9pm). It will be chaired by Peter Stubbs, the Chairman of Bradway Action Group. This is YOUR chance to have your say and influence what happens in OUR area. Please do your best to attend.

**Bradway Action Group
Dore Village Society
Totley Residents Association**

Michael Palin alone

Michael Palin is doing a special fundraising evening in aid of Whirlow Hall Farm Trust on Monday 23rd November at Sheffield City Hall. 'Around the World in 80 Ways' is a one man show with highlights from his travels. The audience will get a fascinating insight into the life of this world traveller and comic genius. This is guaranteed to be a witty and unique evening. Tickets £29.50 available from City Hall on 0114 278 9789 or Laurac@whirlowhallfarm.org

More allotments

A search for suitable sites for further allotments in the area has settled on a field adjacent to Mickley Lane in Totley. All the people on the current waiting list in Dore and Totley are being written to, to see if they are interested in this new site.



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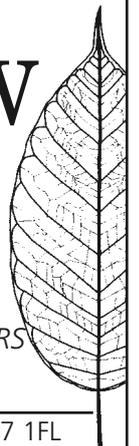
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2009 Wassail Walk

The Wassail tradition goes back several centuries and has been associated with Christmas and New Year as far back as the 1400s. It was a way of passing on good wishes among friends and family. In Dore the tradition is growing as the annual Wassail Walk. Last year 120 people of all ages joined to share paths and views around Blacka Moor.

The Wassail Walk onto Blacka Moor is about five miles, designed to gently wake up the limbs after the Christmas celebrations, and prepare you for yet more New Year merriment. The pace can be leisurely to suit individual preference, allowing breath for conversation, but just enough to stir up the heart and lungs.

As before, the Wassail tradition will continue at the finish, gathering in The Old School for glasses of the customary mulled wine and warm mince pies in The Old School. Again this year, a hot, spicy fruit punch will also be available. Make it a family occasion or bring friends and visitors to enjoy this seasonal atmosphere in Dore.

Dore's 9th Wassail Walk will this year be on Bank Holiday Monday 28th December, starting at 10am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome. Please wear strong walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

Put the date in your diaries now - we look forward to seeing you!

Martin Stranex

Correction

In our last edition we carried an article about protecting your hotelcard. Sadly this turned out to be one of several email myths, submitted by a contributor as taken from an established credible publication.

It is not practical for us to verify / check all material received - hence the disclaimer on page 2. All we can do is apply a common sense test as to whether such information could prove harmful if incorrect. Clearly in this case the only risk was the unnecessary destruction of a few key cards.

Welcome to a bumper 40 page edition of Dore to Door which has now been published for 19 years! The fact that it is continuing to grow is testimony to its popularity with advertisers, despite the current market downturn. They realise that its local editorial content puts it head and shoulders above other free sheets as far as readers are concerned.

So a hearty thank you to our advertisers, who we would encourage our readers to support. And another thank you is due our contributors and those hardy deliverers who have volunteered to bring this extra heavy tome to your door!

Seasons greetings to everyone. Ed

All change in Dore

After 7 years at number 10 Causeway Head Road, Little Mischiefs will be moving out to concentrate on its online business at www.littlemischiefs.co.uk, but please don't worry, Tina's lovely gifts will still be available to order for local delivery or collection.

In addition to items on the website, Little Mischiefs will continue to sell some of the more popular gifts to their regular local customers, such as the Terramundi moneypots and the Le Toy Van EDIX castle. Local customers can keep updated with news and post comments via www.littlemischiefslocal.blogspot.com. You can also e-mail Tina anytime at info@littlemischiefs.co.uk or ring her on 0114 262 1020.

As well as some great bargains during the run up to Christmas, Tina will be holding and attending shopping evenings so that you can place orders for personalised Christmas gifts before the end of November.

Tina would like to say a big thank you to all who have visited the shop over the years, adults and children alike. She will really miss these experiences, but hopes that you will continue to visit Little Mischiefs albeit in a less personal way.

Dore recreation ground

As many of you will have seen the drainage work on the Recreation Ground has now been completed after two years of pressure from Dore Village Society supported by Councillors.

Monies for the project have largely come from Charles Church's development on St. Catherine's (although the building work was not to blame for the condition of the fields) using Section 106 legislation. By the time you read this the footpath and car park should have been resurfaced, weather permitting, using the Sheffield Flood Damage funds and we look forward to the 'Rec' being enjoyed by everyone throughout the year from now on.

A special 'thank you' must also go to Martin Stranex who helped with surveying the fields prior to involvement by the council officers.

A few trees have inadvertently been damaged during the work but DVS are now discussing the funding of replacement specimens. Any other suggestions for improvements to our great 'Open Space' facility would be welcome.

David Ward

Ed. A special thank you too to David Ward, a committee member, for overseeing this project on behalf of the DVS and the Village - his persistence is to be admired.

Charity Coffee Morning

Whittington Goddard Associates Limited would like to invite you to attend a Christmas coffee morning at their office 26 Causeway Head Road, Dore, Sheffield S17 3DT on Saturday 12th of December starting at 10.30am.

The morning is to raise money and awareness for a brain tumour support group based at The Cancer Information Centre, Weston Park run by Helen Lee, Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist. The group is a place for patients, their families and friends to get together to talk about experiences with their illness and how it affects them and people around them.

Whittington Goddard Associates will be providing tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies and soft drinks and just asking for a small donation to help the support group continue to provide help and advice to the patients and their families.

If you would like to attend could you please confirm either by emailing leanne@wg-associates.co.uk or you can telephone 0114 2351623 so that we have an idea of the numbers likely to attend.

If you are not able to attend and would simply like to make a donation please send a cheque made payable to The Weston Park Cancer Appeal and drop it through our door.

Litter pick in Dore

ShINE (Sheffield Islamic Network for the Environment) are organising a litter pick in Dore on Sunday the 22nd of November. They will be meeting at Dore Old School car park at 1pm. Please feel free to join them.

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Letters

Dear Sir,
Bottle mystery

In reply to the letter from Janet Stapleton in the last edition about Canadian and US soldiers billeted in Dore, and her mystery bottle.

There were Canadian troops billeted at Knowle Green House, a big house with extensive grounds at the top of Townhead Road, owned by a family called Reid. The grounds backed onto the recreation ground via a small wood and an orchard of crab apple trees.

At the top of the recreation ground was a small pond and a stream which ran half way down the rec and then disappeared underground. It then went under the football field and came out in the gardens of the houses on Leyfield Road. I don't know where it went from there, but the horse troughs on Devonshire Terrace Road and by the corner shop in the village both ran with water in those days, as did the well at the bottom of the green, so maybe this stream fed those, before going down Bushey Wood to Totley Brook.

It is possible a Canadian soldier threw the bottle into this stream as he walked around the rec with a local girl or his mates, and the recent heavy rains of the last years have washed it through to its present position.

I hope this information helps.

J Taylor (ex Townhead Road)

Ed. Nice image you create of the soldier strolling around the rec!

Dear Sir,

My sister-in-law Sheila Crowson, kindly sent me a copy of the Autumn edition of "Dore to Door".

I was amused reading "Living in 2009", pleased to see my late brother Syd mentioned in the article about "Dore Well Dressing" but appalled at the letter regarding litter in the village and especially the contribution made by pupils from K E S. Surely the headmaster and his staff could get a grip on that situation! Why not get the prefects out monitoring the black spots? If necessary apply punitive measures to offenders.

I was greatly intrigued by the article "Dore Voices-War is Declared" as I vividly remember Sunday 3rd September 1939!

My brother Syd and I joined the church choir on that day. It was our first service as choirboys. In those days choirboys wore Eton Suits, striped trousers, waistcoats and stiff white collars. That morning the vicar (Reverend Kemp) brought a radio into the church and at 10.55am halted the service and we all listened to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain telling us "we are now at war with Germany".

I expect many of your readers remember that day clearly.

Please send me copies of each edition in future. I enclose a cheque which I trust will cover postage.

Ray Crowson, Suffolk

Ed. Dore to Door is available on annual subscription for £5. Just send a cheque made out to the Dore Village Society to the address on page 2.



Dear Sir,
Cottage Cheese Van

Further to photos of Totley and old buildings etc it would be interesting to know if anyone remembers the cottage cheese van owned by Martins at the bottom of Bushey Wood Road (pre war).

As youngsters we used to see the van shaped like a cottage around the Dore, Totley, Bradway, Dronfield Woodhouse and Holmesfield areas.

Many years ago I asked Mr Martin what had happened to it and I understand it was being used as a hen house.

It was certainly a sight worth seeing.

J W Abson

Dear Sir,
Haslam Family

I was interested in Lynda Ottaway's letter in your spring edition. Our branch of the Haslam family three generations ago was a William Haslam who ran a small private school adjacent to Hunters Bar, long since demolished. He had four children, my father Gerald, and three girls Winifred Sofia, Ethel and Zoe.

My father married Edna Beatrice Oldfield in 1924 and moved to Leeds, where I, the only child was born in 1934. Zoe married a Mr Ballance, but the other two, Winnie and Ethel remained single

*The Chilvern Cottage Cheese Van.
Picture loaned by Jimmy Martin*

and lived at 162 Dobbin Hill in Ecclesall until their deaths in the 1980s.

However, I do not think we can be closely related to your correspondents family. There was however further up Dobbin Hill towards the church a small farm in the 1950s which was run by another Haslam but I know no details.

My great grandfather came from Manchester and was called Joseph. Another branch of the family lived in Bolton and at the turn of the last century (19th) was a benefactor of the then newly started Bolton school for girls, about which a book has recently been published. I have records of our branch going back to the late 1700s. We don't know anything of the Dore connection

Michael Haslam

Hedges & Shrubs

Ed. We received a further letter about the footpath problems created by overhanging vegetation, but are unable to reproduce this as the writer has not provided their name and address or contact number. Names and addresses must be provided with letters, but if requested names will not be published.

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Dear Sir,
In answer to Janet Stapleton's query in the autumn issue, the American soldiers were billeted in the big house opposite Fairthorn called Knowle Green. (This was eventually demolished and houses built on the site).

One snowy war-time winter, the bravest of Dore's children were sledging down the sloping field next to Fairthorn, and the soldiers came out to watch the fun.

It was a steep, fast, hair-raising ride. It was also a hard pull back, so the Americans kindly dug steps in the snow to make it easier.

Sheila Ward

Dear Sir,
I have been a resident in Dore village for 15 years. On the whole I think I live in a reasonably safe and cared for community. I now have two wonderful children who like to play in the playground on the recreation grounds. At 4.30pm on Sunday 27th September we discovered quite the opposite.

A group of youths about 13/14 years of age, clearly all still at school, were swearing viciously in loud tones in front of the children. Unfortunately, I was on my own with no other adult about for

support. They decided to take advantage of that situation and decided to claim parts of the playground limiting the use by my 2 year old and 7 year old. I told the children to ignore such foul language in an audible voice hoping that would curtail the language of the youths but this attempt failed.

The next procedure for the youths was to roll cigarettes of marijuana and spit on the floor in front of the children. The point I left was when we were circled by a youth on a bike trying to intimidate myself and my children all the while throwing his finished cigarette in our direction as a send off present.

The reason I write to you is I would like to report this shocking experience one I would not like to be repeated for myself or any other mother/father/resident.

Please can you let me know if there is local community support in way of police or a council group that is able to monitor where innocent children should be able to play innocently.

Victoria

(Full name & address supplied)

Ed. We forwarded this email to David Ward the Vice Chair of the Dore Village Society for comment.

"There have been some problems with youths on the Rec this summer (not serious fortunately) along with the area around the Co-op in Dore and, more seriously in Totley plus Green Oak Park.

Along with our councillors and Totley Residents Association we met the local community police, Mark Wadsworth and David Spencer, one evening a few weeks ago in Totley. They are as concerned as we all are and want to act - unfortunately they explained that the majority of reports they get are the day after the event and request that if we see any untoward activity to ring 101 immediately and try to describe the kids involved but not to tackle them. They, in turn, have promised to report back to the reportee within 14 days as to what action has been taken.

The police are issuing Ante-Social Behaviour Contracts initially to those "caught", visiting their parents and school, followed by a court-based ASBO for second offences.

Mark Wadsworth is coming to a future DVS meeting to discuss the issue but, whilst no consolation, in Dore and Totley we have the same amount of recorded ante-social behaviour reports in 3 months that Sharrow has in a week!!"



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Dore Village 1957

This is a picture of Dore village taken in 1957, showing Rose cottage, my uncle J H Frith's grocery shop, Levesley's butchers shop, then there was a gap and a drive up to buildings that belonged to Oliver Gill I think. Next was Midgley's greengrocers or it could have been Nunningtons. On the end was Henry Bell's electrical & cobblers shop.

The little Morris van in the picture belonged to Roebucks joiners and undertakers, and the car is my uncles, a two tone blue Standard or Hillman.

It's sad to see that most of that picture has now gone, you could certainly get parked in those days, that's if you had a car. There was no school run back then, we had to walk from Dore to Totley School every day.

J Taylor (ex Townhead Road)

Ed. There must be lots of old pictures of Dore hidden away in forgotten boxes or draws. If you have any, or come across some, please let us know. No need to lend them to us, just come along on the 5th December - see page 2 for details.



Letters ... continued

Dear Sir,

There's a real 'Disgusted of Dore' tone to the letter from S. Shaw, published in your Autumn issue, deploring the introduction of new architectural ideas into "the traditional heritage of Dore village" in the form of a house nearing completion at the top of Dore Road.

Your correspondent calls it a gigantic, ugly, monstrous, enormous "so-called house". I for one have been watching the construction with a real lifting of the spirits - at last a breath of fresh air in a (former) village which has, regrettably, been overwhelmed over decades by road after road after road of nondescript (at best) suburban dwellings.

We are very lucky to have a fair few pleasant survivors of a time when our suburb really was a farming village - sturdy stone cottages and a handful of former farm buildings (too many ruined by pseudo-rustic accretions) but we do also have more than our fair share of truly undistinguished and architecturally

depressing houses here in Dore.

To me the pompous, overblown style of the luxury homes that have been built in the recent past (for example in Knowle Green and Bushey Wood Grove) add absolutely nothing to the street scene, with their heavy, fussy fake-cottagey details.

Yes, the new house on Dore Road is also large (in keeping with the majority of buildings on that road) and the builders' vans temporarily parked on the grass aren't pretty (but the grass will surely be reinstated and it's certainly safer to have them off the thoroughfare during building works), but here we have at last a handsome example of 21st-century style in Dore and thank goodness for it.

K M Thorley

Ed. Love them or hate them, the debate goes on. Just recently one resident declared the area Costa del Dore and speculated how many more of the adjacent houses would be going the same way.

Dear Sir,

An open letter we sent to councillors, on 1st September this year.

Safety on Rushley Road, Dore

You may be aware that a couple of years ago my husband and I wrote to the council asking that some 30 signs and / or SLOW signs should be put up on Rushley Road, but our request was turned down. I would like to resubmit our request and explain why.

As residents of 12 Rushley Road, we feel strongly that there should be a '30' sign at the junction of Limb Lane, Parkers Lane and Rushley Road, as the road becomes more residential there. Currently there is one at the top of Limb Lane (hidden by undergrowth) but none on

Rushley. To be fair on motorists, Limb Lane has the 'feel' of a 40MPH road as there is no housing directly on the road, so they need a reminder.

Additionally, a SLOW sign should be painted on the road before the blind bend opposite the scout hut. The pavement and verge narrow here so pedestrians are more vulnerable. There should also be a 'children crossing', 'children playing' or similar sign outside the scout hut.

We feel this will make the road more safe as currently many drivers speed down Rushley Road as it is a convenient link to Dore Road / Abbeydale Road South, and

we have witnessed several incidents of them having to brake hard to avoid children and adult pedestrians.

Additionally, when we pull out of our drive, there have been countless occasions when a speeding car has had to slow and some dangerously swerve round us rather than slow down. So far we have avoided having a collision, but it has been close on a few occasions and is very stressful - each time I leave the drive I am braced for impact! Our neighbours complain of the same problem and concerns.

We feel that the additional signage would be inexpensive and would pre-empt an accident. On too many occasions I have read of signs and other warnings that are only put in place after a death or serious injury has occurred, and it would be worth being proactive rather than reactive.

We would be grateful if you could follow up on our request and let us know the response of the council. We have circulated this to the local Door to Dore magazine as we know it supports the safety and identity of our village.

Ms F Kamsika and Mr J Jones

Ed. Keith Hill responded on the 1st that he would forward the message to Highways Development in its entirety and ask for their assessment. Nothing has been heard yet as we go to press!

Dear Sir,

Totley's Bus Terminus

Further to recent correspondence on the above issue, I should like to enquire how the plot of land used for the new turning circle came to be allocated. Was this acquired by compulsory purchase or did the owner of the land agree to release it for a certain sum? Any cost should surely be declared as well as the cost of the lighting and its removal, and the construction costs of the terminus itself.

I still regard Totley terminus as being at The Cross Scythes. What I have never understood is why there is no bus shelter there, regardless of whether it should be in the former turning circle or somewhere suitable on the pavement.

Richard Lamb

Ed. We understand that the land used for the new turning circle already belonged to the council. It now seems that the bus stop that was at the Cross Scythes has been moved further down Baslow Road.

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Dear Sir,

"We do not have the moral right to destroy this extraordinary manifestation of the natural world" (The Times - 17/10/2009).

David Attenborough writes his article with respect to tropical rainforests; however, we wish to make a few pointers regarding the issue of biodiversity conservation, and the current failings which prevail in our own locale.

Global Warming, through destruction of the rain forests and the preservation of trees and shrubs, and therefore many species of wildlife in our own country, is a question of contiguity. However, recently, the importance of preserving greenery in Dore has been dismissed. For example,

mature trees have been felled in numbers to provide development space for the wealthy, ruining the landscape and ultimately robbing our ever-decreasing wildlife further, along with adding to the real probability of increased flooding.

Should we not be disturbed by what is happening on our doorsteps in relation to furthering or containing, as best we can, future eco-problems? It is surely an issue for us all however small we feel we are in the scheme of things. Should we only be concerned with greater global issues?

Name and address supplied

Ed. If you have news or information to report or feel strongly about a local issue, then why not drop us a line or email to the address on page 2

Do you know

Werther's Original are made in Germany by August Stork KG! Cadbury's look like being swallowed by Kraft. Do we still make anything in this country except bankers rich? Maybe I am becoming a grumpy old mouse, but everywhere I look things are going to the dogs!

Recently developers have won permission on appeal to build more flats & houses behind Abbeydale Hall on what was once a water garden maintained by volunteers and has been allowed to become a waste tip by the very same developers. Another developer is treating the grass verge at the top of Dore Road, which was once a village green, as a glorified car park and skip dump - will he make it good afterwards I wonder?

Talking of village greens, it is nearly two years since the village society applied quite reasonably to protect three public areas in the village, and still the Council has not even publicised the application as they are required to do. Dore Road is returning to a dipper ride following cheap skate resurfacing which failed to fill in the dips and holes made by service suppliers before hand. When the much faulted PFI funded roads contract begins, we will no doubt be told that Dore Road is fine and to go to the bottom of the queue.

Then we have new fangled community assemblies supposedly bringing decisions nearer to the voters, yet there are less of them than the previous famously unsuccessful Area Panels. No surprise to find they have no say in development issues, which is what really matters to people. No wonder the public are cynical about politicians at all levels. Is it just that life in today's world wide economy has become too complicated or have we as individuals just opted out and so get what we deserve?

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We are, once again, very lucky to be involved in the Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan, Christmas Draw. Each charity involved sells draw tickets and for every pound's worth we sell we get to keep 80p. They provide and deliver the prizes. We will be asking everyone to buy tickets. The clubs know that our amazing staff will be asking them to part with their money. You can also get tickets from our office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley.

On Saturday 28th November we will be holding a Coffee Morning at our office on Baslow Road. There will be Christmas cards, paper, gifts and books and some bric-a-brac. We will be serving mince pies, tea and coffee. If you don't like mince pies, we can offer you scones. You can give us what you like as a donation for the refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

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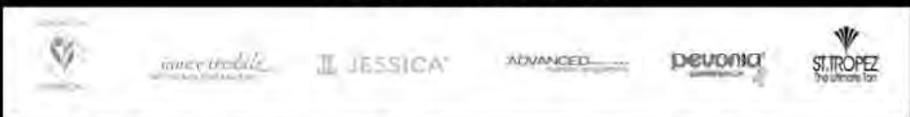
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Sunday, November 29 10am Christingle Service - a special occasion to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the world

Friday, December 11 & Saturday, December 12th 7pm Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 20

4pm Family Carol Service

6.30pm Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service

6pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Christmas Morning Celebration (with Holy Communion)

Our normal pattern of Sunday services is as follows:

8am A said service of Holy Communion

10am A service that includes music (normally a mixture of organ and band), prayers, Bible reading and teaching. It aims to be appropriate for a wide range of people with a big age-spread. Our children's groups run in parallel with this service and there is also a creche.

5.30pm A quieter choral service, normally either Evensong or Holy Communion, with organ and robed choir.

At the time of writing the Ark (the former air raid shelter that is attached to the Church Hall) is being thoroughly refurbished so that it can serve as a base (for both office work and a meeting place) for the youth workers supported by the Churches in S17. At the same time the Church Hall itself is being thoroughly redecorated. We are glad that its facilities continue to be widely available for different organisations in the community as well as for individual hire and appreciate the care of it that most users take: this care will be even more significant following this redecoration.

The discussions with our architect about exploring possible ways of developing our Church building remain at a very preliminary stage.

Michael Hunter

Dore Village Society blog

The Dore Village Society now has a blog which you can use to provide comments and to let us know what sort of activities you think the Society should be engaged in, and the issues it should be addressing.

This has been set up so that anyone with an interest in Dore can post articles, provide comments about matters of interest, and generally follow or take part in discussions about things that they wish to raise or discuss.

Current postings include the difficulty of parking in Dore, the Dore Show, the damage caused to grass verges by cars parking on them, and the Dore Village Design Statement. So if you want to read any of these, add comments, or post your own items then just go online to <http://dorevillagesociety.blogspot.com>

New waste incinerator

A local campaign group is keen to highlight to Dore residents the potential dangers of a planning application currently with Derbyshire County Council planners.

Cyclamax, a Wales-based company with no previous experience of operating commercial hazardous waste incinerators, has applied to Matlock for permission to build such a plant just 4 miles to the south of Dore.

"The most worrying aspect of this application is that we have an unproven company planning to use an unproven technology based on an unsound options report. All of this, and right on our doorstep," said Richard Bembridge, one of the coordinators of the campaign group.

"One of my concerns is that local communities know very little about the plans, and what they can do to oppose them," he continued.

The Dronfield-based group, in association with Chesterfield Against Incineration, plans a public information campaign followed by a mass rally in November. "Attendance is key," said Richard, "since this will literally be our last chance to show the Derbyshire planners, all of whom live a long way from the proposed site, that we strongly oppose these incinerator plans - here, or anywhere for that matter."

Anybody wishing to learn more can contact the campaign by emailing Angelique at malika30@hotmail.co.uk or Julie at julie@dunstonlodge.com or by visiting www.againstincineration.org.uk

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was to combat German invasion, especially if it was by means of parachute regiments. John Caisley described his time as a young recruit to the Home Guard. "There must have been seven or eight of us, all village boys together, and they put us with three old lags from the First World War and a sergeant who had been decorated with a military medal. He was in charge of us and we thought this was marvellous!

Every Sunday evening we had to drag a very heavy machine gun from the Balfour Sports Ground, off Limb Lane to a hut near the top of Long Line, stand guard all night and get back to headquarters by about six o'clock in the morning. It was my job, because I was a medical student then, to attend where they were practising throwing bombs and grenades. There had to be some sort of medical man there."

David Rowarth told an amusing story about his father, Joe Rowarth in the Grindleford Home Guard. "In the Grindleford Home Guard there was Dad, there was the keeper off the moor - he was a good chap to have because he was ex-army, a sniper in the First World War. There was also Ben Buxton from the garage at Fox House and Robert Crossland from Grindleford. Just below Yarncliffe there were two bunkers built, on either side of the road. Still there now. They had to man these bunkers to stop tanks coming down the road from Fox House to Grindleford and they'd got three shotguns between four of them! To stop the German tanks!" Another area that the Grindleford Home Guard patrolled was the decoy city



Eric Stead, Doris' husband, in Home Guard uniform.

of Sheffield that was mapped out with lights on the moors. David continued the story. "One night Dad was up on the moor with his shotgun waiting for the German paratroopers. He'd got a full length leather coat from somebody and he wedged himself into a crack in the rocks, somewhere up near Curbar Edge. He fell asleep and when he woke in the morning he couldn't get out of this crack. He'd got jammed in it! He was there all day long; it was nearly dark before they found him. And there he was waiting for Hitler's hordes to arrive!"

After the first bombs fell in England in June 1940 everyone rallied to the nation's defence. One way to help was to watch for fires as Doris Stead remembered. "We had a fire-watching rota for The Meadow and Meadow Drive. It was largely husbands that were doing it, but they were one short, so I volunteered. My opposite number used to come round at 2 o'clock in the morning and then he'd go to bed. I'd put my tin hat on, keep awake and be ready for anything happening. You stayed in the house, you see. If there was any ack-ack or any bombs came along we had to use a stirrup pump. We were instructed on that...oh dear!"

Stirrup pumps clearly had a funny side to them as Judith Hubbard recalled. "We had SP painted on our door which meant that we had a stirrup pump. You put one end in a bucket of water and then pumped up and down; there was a little spurt of water. What good it would have done if the house was on fire I can't imagine. But we had the stirrup pump for the neighbourhood."

Jean Pearson's father Frank Clark was in charge of a fire-watching sector. He was also the landlord of the Hare and Hounds with many of his customers belonging to his squad. As Jean wittingly remarked "Of course the fire they watched was the bar fire most of the time." However Frank obviously tried to take his responsibilities seriously as Jean related. "He said to them "We've got all the important buildings in this sector; we've got the two pubs, the chapel, the church and the school. So we'd better have a practice on the church roof." So they got the ladders up and did all that

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they should do and he was hauled over the coals for causing alarm and despondency. "Mrs. Clark did not approve of some of Frank's activities as Jean explained. "He had to deal with any animals that had run amok if they'd been injured during a bombing raid. He kept the humane killer in the bedroom. Mother didn't like that at all!"

In March 1941 plans were announced to mobilise masses of women to perform essential jobs in industry and the auxiliary services, especially in round the clock shell-filling factories. Nan Boulton had to give up her pleasant job as a demonstrator with Lever Brothers because of wartime travelling restrictions and return to Sheffield to face industrial conscription. She described her experience.

"My sisters, two of them, got sent to the Twist Drill and Steel in Summerfield Street in Sheffield - it's not there now. They made drills for aeroplanes and it was a covered job. My father knew someone who worked there and with a bit of manoeuvring he got them in there. It was only light industry, you see. Then when I came home they accepted me as well." Nan was pleased that she did not have to work in heavy industry making bombs or in the steelworks or down the mines as many women did.

Before the war it was usual for married women to give up work, but with the advent of the conscription of women all that would change. Doris Stead reflects on her own experience. "At that time when a woman got married she gave up her job. She wasn't allowed to work. Married women should be at home looking after

their husbands, you know, that sort of attitude. Then, during the war we were conscripted and I did a full-time job in an office in Dore for four or five years."

Many women, particularly the young and healthy, joined the Land Army or helped the local farmers. Reg Skelton recalled how his wife Winnie worked at Moorside Farm, Long Line. "She was on the farm all the time. She helped with the milking and the land. It was hard work 'cos it was seven days a week. Labour was short, you see."

Even the younger generation helped to keep the farms going and would be let off school at busy times. Judith Hubbard remembered it well. "We had to work on Denniff's farm, Dore Hall Farm, which

Even the younger generation helped to keep the farms going and would be let off school at busy times.

was at the top of Dore Road near the Old Vicarage. There weren't many men so we had to do potato planting which was backbreaking and potato picking. At holiday time it was harvest and we used to take cold tea out to the men. We had to stook and do some quite hard work. I was under eleven. I was sometimes given cream, which you couldn't buy, for helping in the fields; fresh cream, milk

and potatoes. If we did the work we got paid in kind, which was good."

Dore residents helped on the Home Front in many different ways. Kay Mastin remembered using her nursing skills. "I'd been married for 3 years when World War II broke out. I went to do voluntary work at the First Aid Post which was set up in the Church Hall, Townhead Road. After the Blitz, it was turned into a temporary hospital with 30 beds, all obtained from houses in Dore. The sister in charge was an ex- World War I sister and ran it on military lines. We had a small operating theatre at the Church Hall and did minor operations on soldiers stationed at Totley. We had a family of a mother and 6 children who had been bombed out. All the children had measles so we isolated them on the stage."

Other voluntary activities were fund raising and knitting clothes for the forces as Jean Pearson recalled. "During the war we had little shows of garden produce to raise funds for the Red Cross. Mother ran a knitting circle. There was also the Hare and Hounds Cigarette Fund which was organised to send cigarettes to the forces, to customers and customers' sons." This popular fund was overseen by Mrs. Clark and the gifts and cards were warmly received by the service men. Many of them wrote letters back thanking the regulars at the Hare and Hounds and giving news of life at the front. Some of them did not return.

In June 1941 clothing became rationed. Shops had to display a sign saying how many coupons were required to obtain

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items of clothing as well as the cost of the article. Women developed survival techniques, as Kay Mastin illustrated. "Clothes were of course on coupons and one had to decide what was the most essential. People learnt to tie a narrow headscarf, a passable turban, which would save buying a hat which was on coupons, you see."

Pat Lazenby's mother was also resourceful. "I remember when Dad was in Greece he sent Mum some beautiful pale blue and white silk to make herself a dress. With a lot of fiddling of the pattern she managed to get a dress for me too." Some women had their own version of the "bare legs for patriotism" fashion, as Pat explained. "Stockings were non-existent but a trendy young Aunt who worked at Cockaynes in Sheffield city centre, had managed to get some leg colourant which she used. It looked very false but she liked it!"

Thus the families of Dore did their best to keep cheerful and optimistic during the early months of the war. For some the hardest test of their courage was the night of the Sheffield Blitz for others it was when the bombs dropped on Dore. Read all about it in the next issue.

Maureen Cope
Dore Oral History Group

Macmillan coffee morning

Anne Elsdon and Tricia Pitchfork would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Fri 25th September at Newfield Crescent. There was a really good turn out again this year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We would also like to thank all the people who very kindly donated raffle prizes and all those who gave up their morning to help us. We greatly appreciate your help. The grand total of money raised is an amazing £1,200. Thank you all again and we hope to see you all next year.

Policing Changes for Dore/Totley

Many of you will read this article with a degree of trepidation having noted its heading. I'm sure that by the end of it you will be much re-assured.

Before I do indeed cover the main theme it would be remiss of me not to make mention of the Police accident that caused me injury and forced me to have 3 months off work, whilst recovering from my injury.

On the 15th of April, this year whilst on my Police bike (provided by the Dore Village Society) I sustained injuries to my right shoulder which required surgery. This was a very difficult time for me and I would like to say many thanks to all those persons who offered support both practical and emotional to both my family and me. This support came in many guises and from across the wider community. If I may, I would also like to say publicly a thank you to my family, especially my wife. Their love and support of me in what I do and the impact it has on us has been unwavering.

Therefore, that said what changes are afoot? As you will be aware, the policing team that covers Dore/Totley is part of the Sharrow and Southwest Safer neighbourhood team. Due to staff changes, area boundary changes and crime trend changes the Team is facing a period of re-structure. These factors have put extreme pressure on our resources. Challenges across our SNA are well documented and include a commitment to reduce crime including anti-social behaviour, reduce the impact of gangs, drugs, guns etc, on our youth and communities and requirements to meet our Policing Pledge.

Across our area, we have carried out some excellent work in tackling these areas with a number of successful operations. Many of these successes are documented on our web site and I would suggest anyone wishing to know what

their local teams are up to should visit <http://neighbourhood.southyorks.police.uk/sheffield/sharrow>. This web site also covers the local PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings. These are monthly meetings open to all residents where concerns can be aired and agreement met regarding what the local policing priorities will be for the next month. These meetings are a real chance to influence local policing actions.

The above changes in staffing and boundaries should enhance the effectiveness of our SNA in meeting its local priorities. The implementation of these changes is phased to ensure minimum negative impact.

As part of these changes, I have taken up the challenge of establishing a team based around the Abbeydale area focusing on intervention work with young persons. This type of intervention intends to deflect young persons from criminal activity by engaging them and offering a realistic alternative. Abbeydale is certainly a more diverse area to Police, with many cultures, faiths and attitudes.

Personally, I am very excited about this. I am looking forward to putting into practice some of the skills I have learnt from 26 years service working in many types of area and across a number of Police disciplines.

This of course means that I shall be moving from the Dore/ Totley Area. This is not a decision I took lightly. I have enjoyed my time as your local 'bobby', been extremely well supported, and will really miss the many friends I have made. However, I will also relish the challenge.

Naturally, you will be thinking that is ok for you but what about us?

I am pleased to say that there will be minimal adverse effect on the policing team's performance. This is due to the arrival of Pc Clifton, who is here on a temporary basis to complement the work done by Pc Wadsworth and PCSO Garner. Pc Clifton's arrival, whilst welcome, is however only temporary. The restructure mentioned earlier will however identify a more permanent staff member. In the mean time Pc Clifton can be contacted on our usual number 0114 296 3184 or e-mail at jo.clifton@southyorks.pnn.police.uk These changes took effect from the 12th of October 2009.

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Art at the Hamlet

Over the summer, I have been visiting the Hamlet with a group of watercolour painters who are members of a class I tutor. The Hamlet is ideal, not only because of the variety of interesting compositions it offers in dry weather or wet, but because there is obviously a great atmosphere about the place.

The standard of the group's work is very high and is well worth sharing with the outside world and I persuaded them (they were somewhat reluctant at first) to put together an exhibition. This took place during a Steam Weekend held at the Hamlet on October 3rd and 4th, organised by Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust. The exhibition was part of that event and much of the artists work on show was related to the Hamlet.

I work with schools in the region on various Art-related projects and there was a great opportunity to do something on an educational front as part of the exhibition. This took the form of a giant tableau depicting a time line of some of the events and processes associated with Sheffield's industrial background, which was mapped out by me for budding young artists to enjoy painting under guidance. It proved to be a lot of fun.

Brian Smith

The Bob Hall Show

The Bob Hall Show will be appearing at The Crown Inn, Totley from 8.30pm on Tuesday 1st December. The duo of Bob Hall and Hilary Blythe have taken their brand of blues and boogie woogie all over the world but rarely play in their home town, so this is a special opportunity to see them in action. Entry is free.

Bob, on piano, vocals and mandolin, and Hilary on bass, vocals and guitar, will be playing songs from their latest CD "What Goes Round" on SPY Records. Find out more by checking out their website at www.boogie.demon.co.uk.



Above: A study in concentration as the Children's Mural Painting nears completion. Designed by local artist Brian Smith and executed by hundreds of enthusiastic local youngsters, it represents scenes from the Industrial Hamlet's life and is now on display at Kelham Island.

Aside: Brian Smith with some of the pictures exhibited.



French connection

Sheffield artist Brian Smith, who runs regular watercolour painting courses at the Old School in Dore, made a return trip this September to a wonderful chateau at Oigny-en-Valoir in the French champagne district of Picardie, tutoring a group of student painters. Says Brian "We are incredibly lucky; a member from one of my art groups has a niece who owns the chateau, which has been made available to us for the second year in succession."

Kind weather allowed plenty of plein-air painting, including at Pierrefond where the fairytale castle (backdrop to the 'Merlin' television series) made a superb subject. Brian preceded the trip with a short visit to Paris, gathering photographic information for a series of paintings, some of which were exhibited at the recent 'Ten Artists' exhibition in Baslow, an annual art event, proceeds from which raised £1,800 this year in aid of Sheffield Samaritans.

Brian and his group have many happy memories from their French jaunt. "I indulged my interest in creative writing with some poetic clues to a treasure hunt around the chateau's estate in Rhyming couplets; in the evenings we supplied our own musical entertainment and rustled up an exciting dinner menu; we played competitive team games such as boules and croquet and all in all had a memorable week. My wife and I topped it off by taking the 'champagne run' on my day off, bringing back a couple of bottles of the good stuff to mark the occasion. Fantastic!"

You can contact Brian at 0114 274 7339 or visit www.briansmithartist.co.uk

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The tour, in small groups, lasts about 30 minutes and is free, you are invited to stay for refreshments afterwards. Come warmly dressed, as the shepherds, (and their sheep!!) are outdoors. If you have been before, you are most welcome to come again, and bring along your friends: for many people, it has been said that Christmas starts here!

Around 1000 people journeyed last year, and now, as then, it is essential to book your time slot in advance: you can do this by calling 0114 236 8726.

All of us at Totley Rise Methodist Church look forward to seeing you, as we prepare together for Christmas 2009.

Local geology course

Chris Darmon is currently leading Monday afternoon sessions discussing the geology of England and Wales. The sessions take place in the premises of Totley Rise Methodist Church - it's great that an opportunity like this is so local!

Describing the Totley Rise sessions, Chris says: "Each week we will be looking at a different area of the geology of England & Wales, a kind of postcard from the past. The Yorkshire Coast, the Peak District, the Malvern Hills and Llandrindod Wells are just some of the places we'll be visiting on our geological journey. We're a lively group of interesting people who love to share our interest. New members are especially welcome".

They meet at Totley Rise Methodist Church from 2.30 - 4.30 on a Monday afternoon. The new 10-week course starts on Monday January 11. The cost is £40.00 (£35.00 for over-60s). For more information call Chris on 0114 245 5746 email: chrisdarmon@geosupplies.co.uk

Chris also leads various site visits and walks, looking at landscape and geological features of different localities, mainly during Spring and Summer.

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Dore Male Voice Choir has just returned from a tour of Cyprus where it performed three major concerts. It was the largest touring group we have ever taken abroad, with a party of over 130 including 66 singers.

The Choir was augmented by members from Wigston MVC, with whom we have a close connection, having been on a number of tours and joined in other concerts in England. We were also very pleased to have a number of choristers from South Yorkshire Police MVC with us for the first time.

Concerts were performed to large 'houses' at Nicosia Cathedral, the Markidion Theatre in Paphos (for the local Rotary charity) and the Kyriaki Church (of St. Paul's pillar fame). Cyprus certainly knew we were present with singing in restaurants and other ad hoc venues during the week!

Three days before the tour the Choir gave the Annual Gala Concert at Ecclesall Church to a capacity audience. A rousing event as always.

The Choir's next appointment is at the Cutler's Hall on 22 November when we are in concert as the guests of Stocksbridge Band. On Sunday 6th December we are again at the St. Luke's Festival of Light evening.

Our Christmas concerts are on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December at Dore Church, as usual. These concerts again promise to be performed to full houses so obtaining tickets early is advisable. These can be obtained by telephoning 0114 236 5043 or through any choir member.

The Choir still increases in numbers with now over seventy members. This makes for a good male voice choir sound. If you are interested in singing we will be pleased to see you on any Thursday evening rehearsal night at 7.15 at the Church Hall. You will be most welcome.

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A journey in time

As a child I loved the stories my Gran, so often, related. How her grandfather, John Lloyd, was a sea captain, in the age of sail, and travelled all around the world. How her mother as a young girl accompanied him to the Canary Islands, India and the West Indies. I am the proud owner of her long black skirt, bought in the West Indies, for her sixteenth birthday in 1876.

My great, great grandfather unfortunately died at the age of thirty eight, of smallpox in India, and my great grandmother in the old Sheffield Workhouse of TB in 1924, which had by then become the Northern General Hospital. But... my mind wanders, and wonders, just how many of its contemporary inmates had been around the world? As I write I can hear Gran's voice dropping snippets of information whilst cleaning out the fire or making dumplings or hiding in the 'outside loo' from a thunderstorm. So I began to delve, research, visit unknown places. All this revealed the absolute truth of Gran's tales.

My own mother, now nearing eighty, has also been a catalyst. Her short term memory has suffered a real blow making her long term memory absolutely come to the fore. Here she has confidence. Here is the ego booster with her fantastic remembrance of dates, times, people. It is in this that her confidence is well and truly raised - how wonderful! Whereas I feel like a detective, using hunches, making connections and all the while learning that although technology, fashion and social conditions may change, people's hopes and desires don't.

The ordering of one relative's birth certificate, then marriage, then death, truly brings home the span of our visit on this planet and that each and every journey is totally fascinating.

John Lloyd, my great, great grandfather began my journey. I made mistakes, assuming he was born in Liverpool. Not so! He came from Ludlow or more precisely Burford, near Tenbury Wells. Such kind people helped in my investigations. The lady who happily delayed her grass cutting to ring the vicar of the local church so I could visit. The church warden from Burford who rang me at home so often with any new



A picture can be worth a thousand words when researching your family!

This is a photograph from the home of Dorothy Stone of Dore who died at the age of 102. The man with the pick is possibly the father of her husband George Stone, a gamekeeper, who at one time lived at Stoney Ridge. Is this man a gamekeeper; a navy for the Totley tunnel excavations, or is he a miner at one of the local mines? What is the channel he is digging? Is it a water course?

George and Dorothy Stone were the parents of Joyce Stone, an Air Mechanic in the Wrens, who died at the age of 21 just before the end of WW II. You can see her gravestone in the churchyard near the top gate, and her name is recorded on the Memorial plaque in church.

information he had found. The taxi driver in Liverpool who didn't charge for my ten minute stroll around Waterloo as I tried to find my great grandfather's house, just waited patiently - just happy to help, just happy to make a detour to point out how his great grandfather had helped to construct the Albert Dock.

I visited Ludlow, Liverpool and Greenwich amazed at my newfound enthusiasm for sailing ships, having been born and raised in Sheffield, perhaps the furthest point from the sea in England? I discovered my seafaring ancestor had visited San Francisco when it was a

village, taken convicts to Australia and rounded Cape Horn on many occasions.

With confidence and after completing courses in genealogy and 'The Census' - I turned to my father's side of the family. Here I knew nothing as my father had died when I was a child. It was the death certificate of one relative, Alfred Hukin, which totally intrigued me. His cause of death was drowning, as was his wife's - drowning on Neepsend Lane, Sheffield in 1864. How on earth? Research revealed it was in the Sheffield Flood, when the Dale Dyke Dam burst, which claimed over 250 lives. Kelham Island and the Fat Cat' are now regular haunts, where the lines on the front of the building reveal the extent of the flood.

Another relative, George Edward Hukin was a razor grinder, born on Shoreham Street, in Sheffield. My grandfather and father were also called George Hukin which so very often helps in pinpointing ancestors. I found a photograph of my great, great uncle on 'Picture Sheffield', the reason being he was one of the first Sheffield Socialists. But, perhaps more importantly, he had a relationship with the writer and socialist Edward Carpenter. His likeness to my nephew was astounding. He lived, by about 1900, on Brook Terrace, which was, I believe, near the 'Shepley Spitfire', perhaps a five minute walk from my house and was buried at Holmesfield Church. He lived next door but one, to Harry Brearley, who he knew well, the inventor of stainless steel.

I was totally hooked. Family stories were generally true but often small details weren't obvious. Just recently Peter Bradley of Lavender Cottage & I have been working together researching his family. Peter is a mine of information with wonderful anecdotes regarding many aspects of life in Dore & Totley. It is the detail that is fascinating. He has lived most of his life in Dore and was born in the cottage he still lives in. Together we have made such wonderful discoveries.

We have smiled when looking at marriage then consequently birth dates. Family stories have been resurrected as second names are used rather than those on the birth certificate. We have wandered Dore churchyard together. I remember being so shocked that Peter's great uncle, Herbert Jackson, the postmaster, was killed in the First World War - the unimaginable horror of leaving Dore for Passchendaele! His great grandfather, George Elliott, a stonemason, almost certainly worked on the rebuilding of Dore Church. And, just how did Peter's grandparents cope when losing three children in the same year?

But, for me, it is the social history that is the fascination. For me it is the 'everyday' that intrigues me so. For me it is learning where do my traits come from, going back, back with luck to around 1780 (before that the harder work begins!). For me it really is 'Who Do You Think You Are?'. Perhaps reminiscing is good for the soul? I am happy to be contacted for an informal chat on 0114 262 0629 or e-mail christine.weaving@btinternet.com

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Much discussion has gone on this year regarding our next show. Choices can be restricted by what other societies are doing, which shows we have performed in the recent past and the availability of potential principals for specific parts. In 2010 we have other considerations to boot but more of that later.

Over the summer, we have given a few concerts to raise money for good causes. They were fun to do and enjoyed by all, performers and audiences alike. It is always nice for members to be able to show off their party pieces and sing a variety of styles.

Over the winter season we will be giving two concerts in Eckington, at the Corner Theatre and our usual seasonal concert in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, 5th December 2009 at 3pm. Tickets (£6) are available from me (Tel: 0114 236 2299) and on the door. The program will, of course, have something new, something old, something familiar and something less so, something comic and something more serious as well as the usual smattering of G & S and I'm sure will be as funny and as enjoyable as ever.

Next year, the Society will be performing Ruddigore, with its tales of love and ghostly apparitions and we have been lucky enough to retain the services of Jim Newby as producer and Paul White as Musical Director, so we know that the show will be well worth seeing.

Due to circumstances not of our making we cannot use the Drama Studio so the show will be at the Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street in April instead. This is causing us some organisational headaches as you might imagine but problems are there to be solved. One of the problems we foresee is that parking is not as easy as it is at the UDS so we are looking at the idea of running a coach from Dore for at least one of the performances especially if say, a substantial party from the TWG or

similar would be interested. The Montgomery is a bigger theatre and we need to get as many in the audiences as possible. If you've not given Gilbert & Sullivan a try why not give it go this next year. Whatever your preferences it has to beat sitting in front of the telly! Please make a note in your diaries for Wednesday 14th April through to Saturday 17th April (matinee on Saturday) next year when we hope you will come and support us. Tickets are available from Val on 01246 416364.

We do hope to see you there.

On a final note, we are always on the lookout for new members, particularly me - the younger the better - so if you like singing and fancy a bit of acting once a year why not join us on Wednesday rehearsals at Millhouses Methodist Church Hall 7:45pm.

Derek Habberjam

T.O.A.D.S. production

Well, this is your last reminder about our next play! "Murdered to Death" by Peter Gordon is an hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions, set in a country manor house in the 1930's. With an assembled cast of ten characters, including a strange butler, an English Colonel with a stiff upper lip, a bumbling Police Inspector, shady art dealer and his moll, and the well-meaning local sleuth, they are all caught up in the antics. But will the murderer be unmasked before everyone else has met their doom, or will the audience die laughing first?

To find out, come along to St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, Wednesday to Saturday, 25th to 28th November at 7.30pm. Tickets available from any member, or from me, Kate Reynolds on 236 6891. Tickets still £3.50, or £3 concessions. Freetrade coffee, tea and fresh orange available in the interval, or red and white wine at £1.25 per glass. Do come and enjoy, and cheer yourselves up on a November evening.

Village Society Website

The Dore Village website continues to develop with new sections and extra information. For example, the programme for the Wyvern Walks has been included and a Local News section has been added, so if you've got anything which you think will make an interesting news item please let us know.

Contact details for the Dore Village society committee have been added together with their areas of responsibility so that you can now get in touch with them directly, and the Dore Garden Club will shortly be adding its programme of events for 2010.

Please let the website editor know if you have any comments about the website, items you'd like added or suggestions on how it might develop at website@dorevillage.co.uk

The website can be found at <http://www.dorevillage.co.uk>

We hope to see you online.

John Wade Singers

The John Wade Singers are proud to announce that their October concert at Millhouses Methodist Church on 24th October raised a fantastic £776 for the Help For Heroes charity, and they want to thank all those who supported the evening's performance.

Their next concert will be "The Magic of Christmas" An evening of Carols and Christmas Readings at Millhouses Methodist Church on Saturday 19th December at 7.30 p.m.

Entrance is by donation to "Disabled Children in Zimbabwe." Come and start Christmas the traditional way.

Hathersage Carollers

This year the Hathersage Carollers will be leading the singing of popular local Carols in some of the village pubs at 9pm:

Friday Dec 18th. Scotsman's Pack Inn.

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- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
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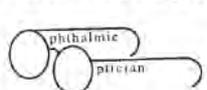
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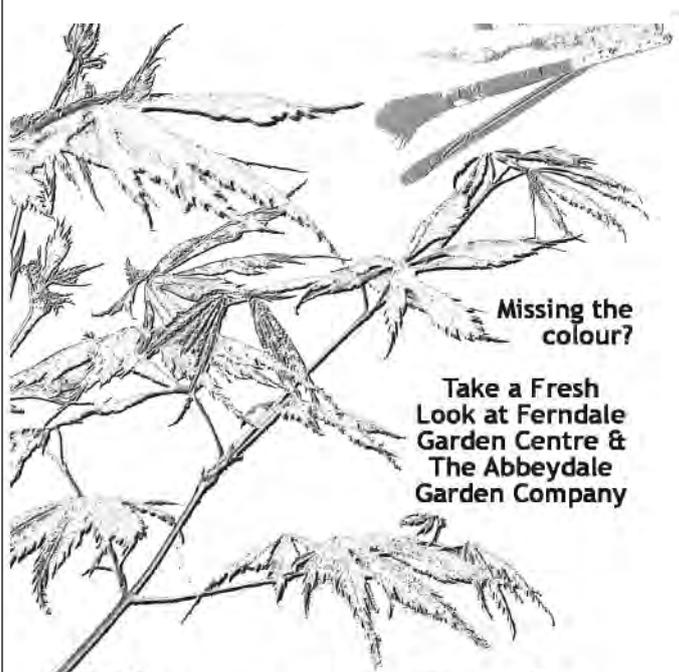
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The club has proved its ability at what is now national level and is enjoying a fruitful period already in this season 2009/2010 in the National 3 North League. This has all been helped considerably by players who have played at higher levels, such as Harry Toews, Ed Knaggs, Dave "Stinger" Homes, Simon Bunting, Richard Joel, Bif Pearson and Dave Scully a World Cup Sevens Winner and numerous other honours, to name just a few. In 2000 the club made history by winning the Tetley Bitter Vase at Twickenham, although there was a glitch in 2003 they had bounced back by 2005 completing an unbeaten season, winning the Yorkshire Shield and the Powergen junior Vase at Twickenham. Promotional success continued through 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 under the guidance of director of rugby Richard Senior and head coach Richard Selkirk.

In July of this year I was appointed as Marketing manager. My role is not only to attract additional sponsors to the club but also establish new events for our members and community alike. The club relies heavily on the generosity of its sponsors and volunteers without whom the facilities and team would be at a loss. Visit our website for information on up and coming events and get involved in your local club.



Sunday mornings at Tigers are always very busy with a junior's selection of over 300 training and being coached by qualified people including some senior players. It is hoped that these juniors will contribute to the future playing strength of the club. There is always room for more members within the junior squads, so for more information please visit our website www.sheffielddtigers.co.uk. Where you can also find our fixture list. Alternatively call for further information on 0114 236 0075.

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Maria Jeffery

Celebrate in style

Why not join local charity Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind to celebrate their 150th anniversary year, whilst raising money to support over 3,000 blind and partially sighted people in Sheffield of all ages.

This year they will be holding their annual Charity Black & White Ball at Whirlowbrook Hall on Saturday 28th November. Tickets for the event are £40 per person (tables available) and include a drinks reception, 3 course meal and you can dance the night away with local band 'Soulmates'. This is the perfect evening for festive fun, or why not let them do the work and use it as your staff Xmas party.

Please contact Sue Coggin on 07970 521758 or email sue@srsb.org.uk for further details or to book your place.

40th anniversary

100 residents of the Five Trees estate enjoyed a 40th anniversary celebration at St. John's Church Hall on Friday 4th September. The estate was completed in the Autumn of 1969 with residents moving in over that year.

John Sherwood (the Athlete) was our Master of Ceremonies and bought along his medals and MBE - as requested - and we auctioned a water colour of Abbeydale Hamlet, painted by our local artist Jane Beresford and also had a Quiz and raffle. A good time was had by all and the food was provided by MasterChef of Totley. There were presentations to the 5 original residents and also to our eldest resident who was 94.

Elizabeth Dawes

Know your Numbers!

One in three adults in the UK have high blood pressure (hypertension) - that's the shocking statistic behind UK charity, the Blood Pressure Association's latest campaign. Yet a third of those who have the condition don't even know it, because raised blood pressure does not give any symptoms.

If raised blood pressure is not detected and treated it can make it more likely that people will have stroke or heart problems. Once it has been diagnosed then it can be very successfully managed.

Now in a move to encourage people to get regular blood pressure checks, NHS Sheffield is backing the Blood Pressure Association's Know your Numbers! Campaign - asking people to speak to their GP or Pharmacist for information, as well as running a poster campaign on the City's trams and in local pharmacies.

Getting your blood pressure checked is quick, painless and it could save your life. It's not just for older people - it's good for younger people to get their blood pressure checked too. Stress, lack of exercise and unhealthy lifestyle choices can all contribute to raised blood pressure, so getting into the habit of having regular checks can help you stay healthy and well throughout your life.

You can get your blood pressure checked at many local pharmacies as well as your local GP practice. If your numbers are higher than 140/90, ask if you could be the one of the three who have undiagnosed high blood pressure.

If you have a question about high blood pressure and would like to speak to someone over the phone, call the Blood Pressure Association's Information Line on 0845 241 0989 (Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm). Or to find out more about the campaign why not visit the Know your Numbers! website at www.bpassoc.org.uk/kyn or call 020 8772 4994.

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On the road again

Self confessed petrol heads like myself are feeling the pinch right now. If the environmental lobby are right our hobby and lifetime delight, the internal combustion engine appears to be significantly contributing to the spectre of global warming.

Truth be told though, I am still wading through the evidence to try and convince myself that the effect is both real and man made. In this pursuit of truth I find that far too much of the argument, on both sides, is surrounded by poor science, entrenched positions and propaganda. Opportunists of all political colours have jumped onto the bandwagon. Everyone in business can see an advantage in attaching themselves to the environmental story in some way, and with all of this media heat (apologies here for the pun) the truth is drowning.

The environmental lobby have used some pretty hardball tactics. The scientist David Bellamy who used to be a regular on television believes that he has been banned after expressing a view that at least some global warming was a natural cyclical event. I was horrified to recently to hear an environmental lobbyist describe an opponent as a warming denier, a description usually reserved for deniers of the holocaust.

At the end of the day I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that global warming is real and to some extent is manmade, which therefore puts me in the position of having to do something about it.

We have already invested in double glazing, wall insulation, a new boiler and loft insulation. We take our holidays in the UK and avoid flying. We have also been careful to look at energy use when replacing household equipment and use our most energy efficient car where possible.

This leaves me with the issue of minimising my energy use while engaged

in the day job as a driving instructor. Keeping tyres at optimal pressure and avoiding carrying excess weight also saves me cash.

Recently BSM, my franchisor, have had a rethink regarding cars. The entire fleet of cars is being progressively replaced with much more efficient Fiat 500's and Sheffield has been the first city to see this change. We have also removed the old roof boxes to reduce weight and drag further.

I'm not too sure what the total effect of 3,000 BSM instructors switching cars will be, but at least its in the right direction and so far my customers have had nothing but praise for both the car and the policy. Lets hope David Bellamy was wrong and we are doing something of benefit.

*John Barker Dip M DSA ADI
is a BSM Instructor*



The parking restriction sign outside the Hare & Hounds - a little worse for wear.

Parking Restriction in the Village

Someone from the village was recently "booked" for parking on Church Lane in the evening! It is perhaps appropriate therefore to remind you of the parking restrictions at this point. A single yellow line runs from outside the Hare and Hounds to the top gate of the parish church on Church Lane. The restriction times are unusual. Parking is not permitted between 8.00 am and 9.30 am and again between 5.00 pm and 11.00 pm, 7 days a week! Potentially therefore church goers could receive a ticket on Sundays. There is however no restriction on parking on the Dore Grill side of Church Lane! At the moment the yellow line is crumbling in places and one of the signs is severely twisted which led to a successful appeal against the booking. But, now that parking is a Council rather than a police matter, you can bet your bottom dollar that they will be out with their pot of paint and new "signage" very soon.

Nativity Festival

Dore Methodist Church will be holding a Nativity Festival on the 12th and 13th December

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Sun 13th - 10.30am Festival Service

Keeping our Roads Safe

SPACE (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment), supported by the local resident associations, want to know your views on what can be done to improve road safety and crucially cut speeding on Abbeydale Road South and Baslow Road. While we know that we live in the 21st century, the rural fringes of our beautiful city should not be noisy, dangerous places. The Council know that residents are concerned. What do we want? Can we give them some well thought out and reasoned arguments and put it all together into a coherent proposal? You, the residents, are the experts here. You know intimately what it is like to live with difficult junctions, speeding lorries, traffic noise, car drivers who just don't seem to care.

SPACE wants to write to the Council laying out ideas for improvements. For this we need your help:

What are the problems? Where are the danger spots? Why is speeding happening? What are your practical ideas for improvement?

Here are just a few issues we know about already. But these are not the only ones. What do you think? We need ideas!

* We have been told that, despite the only 30 mph sign travelling out of the city being at Abbeydale Garden Centre, it is illegal to provide reminder signs. How about painting 30mph signs in white on the road - they can easily and cheaply be repainted when they wear out?

* A vehicle activated illuminated sign giving the speed you are driving. Good idea? If so, where?

* Speed camera(s)?

* Improvements to the dangerous road junction where Totley Brook Road and Busheywood Road meet Abbeydale Road South. What should these improvements be? A roundabout?

* Sorting out the double yellow lines near the Mickley Road junction - aren't they still too near the junction?

* Improvements for pedestrians trying to cross the end of Glover Road near Totley Rise Shops. What would work?

* There has been an increase in HGV traffic since the ban through Holmesfield. No-one wants Holmesfield to suffer, but what should happen? Is it bothering you?

* Space has been arguing for a 40mph speed limit out of Totley, certainly as far as the Brickworks, but possibly out as far as Owl Bar where it is still the national limit of 60mph. What do you think?

Please write with your ideas to goodsally@googlemail.com or tel: 0779 063 7016 and we will do our best to pull a plan together and send it to the Council. We can't do it without you!

Totley Brook Badminton Club are looking for a few more members to play on Tuesday evenings in St. John's Church Hall Abbeydale Road South. They are a small, friendly group who not only play badminton but, enjoy a chat and a cup of tea or coffee etc. Current age group is 40ish to O.A.P. For details phone :- John 235 1129 or Derek 236 2597.

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You will find us at the rear of Bents Green School on Ringinglow Road, tel 0114 262 0094.

So why not come along and stock up with those Christmas presents early!

Glynis Philliskirk



Simon Gellion of Furniss Avenue wants to send his thanks to everyone who sponsored him during his Great North Swim in Lake Windermere earlier in September. Your support has help raise just over £270 for the Sheffield Childrens Hospital Charity.

News in brief

The plateau of Kinder Scout, owned and managed by the National Trust, has been declared a National Nature Reserve, raising prospects of further restoration of its damaged and vulnerable habitats.

A campaign has been launched by Yorkshire Water to urge people to stop putting inappropriate items down the toilet including nappies, wipes, fat, oils and grease, which have already caused some 80 incidents of flooding this year.

A reception was held at the Town Hall for eighty volunteers in early October to celebrate 10 years of the Sheffield Health Walks.

A £1.25 million project has been announced to encourage cycling in the Peak District National Park by Cycling England, which is paying for initiatives such as new cycling trails, encouraging drivers to switch from the car and educating the public about the health benefits of cycling.

Recycling bins for mobile phones are being offered at Sheffield's five household waste recycling centres in a link with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association who will receive £3.50 for every mobile phone recycled.

The proposed closure of Abbeydale Grange School could lead to a large number of pupils moving to King Egbert School.

Almas Brasserie was among 47 restaurants throughout the UK that received special commendations from the judges at the recent 2009 British Curry Awards.

A donation has been sent to Christ Church Dore in lieu of Christmas cards. Happy Christmas & Best Wishes - Molly Brown.

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King Egbert's Update

It has been a very busy start to the new year at King Egbert School and there are many exciting events still to come.

We are pleased to announce that our drama production this year will be an in-house adaptation of 'Titanic' written by our head of drama, Cheryl Bartlett and produced by sixth form students. The second half of the show will be excerpts from popular musicals to showcase the talents of as many of our pupils as possible. We hope you will be able to come to the performance in February.

There are a number of visits planned this year which we feel really enhance the rounded education we try to offer to our pupils. There is a trip to a German Christmas market in December and a

London theatres' trip including workshops took place during October half term. In addition to the more local geography field trips that take place every year to Snowdonia, the Yorkshire Coast and the Peak District we ventured further afield at October half term to one of the most fascinating countries in the world for geographers and geologists - Iceland. This was our third trip organised by acting head teacher, Tim Eldridge, and enabled a party of 40 to see volcanic features at first hand and experience a very different culture.

In November Lynda Bowen and the history department will take around 50 Year 9 pupils to visit the World War I battlefields in Belgium. Many of the pupils take the opportunity to trace the memorials of their ancestors who took part in the conflict. This trip is always

oversubscribed and has run for a number of years giving pupils an incredible insight into the scale of the tragedy and the implications for soldiers and families.

Alex Armitage and the Art Department are finalising plans for their second trip to New York at Easter, when a party, of A level students, will have the opportunity to visit the fabulous collections on view to inspire and influence their own developing artistic styles.

Closer to home, the Film Club allows pupils to view a broad spectrum of films and a number of our pupils have had significant national recognition for the reviews they have written of the films they have watched. Valuable analytical skills are being developed in a relaxing environment. This club is offered free to all pupils and is divided by age group.

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In need of friends - Whirlow Brook Park

When travelling through the city various advertising hoardings bombard one, including one which proclaims "Sheffield in Bloom". Whether the people involved with this sign have ever walked through Whirlow Brook Park and its surrounding woodland must be doubtful as the area deteriorates fast due to bad management.

Erosion has enforced the closure or access to many areas in the Limb Valley where visitors are forced to find alternative routes wherever possible. Many of the routes are waterlogged and muddy. Due to these wet areas, visitors to the park are effectively restricted to the central area around the hall.

Litterbins in the Limb Valley are rarely emptied and the boggy areas are rapidly increasing due to ineffectual or a total lack of appropriate land management. Due to this environment the existing woodland trees are losing their anchorage and eventually dying and falling. The forestry work that is carried out in the valley is also adding to the erosion of this woodland due to fallen branches being thrown in the stream and eventually damming and rerouting the water to cause further flooding problems.

This year there has been a work gang resurfacing a section of the Sheffield Round Walk. The task to repair the current footpath involved three to six men with various machines, dumper, digger and roller. The work took four months because the machines caused more damage than they repaired. Finally, the repaired path has an excellent, walking surface but due to poor drainage the water now feeds the boggy, surrounding areas creating further damage.

Within these conditions the ornamental ponds are being slowly filled with the silt that is draining into them, and are themselves quickly becoming full of unsuitable vegetation. Clearing this



Parkhead and Ecclesall Road South in the early 1900's. Abbey Lane is on the right with the Wheatsheaf pub beyond, viewed from a different angle to the front page picture in our autumn issue. If only the traffic was as light today!

vegetation is only one solution to the problem unless the source of the drainage is tackled.

While there are a number of safety issues in the park which are outstanding such as dead or dying trees, erosion, flooding, unsafe walkways there is one which could be tackled immediately, namely curtailing the spread of the invasive bramble (*Rubus*) or common blackberry. These plants are gradually spreading and covering the lawn areas, the paths and other valuable, planted vegetation. Other dying and diseased plants are left to rot and spread fungus creating further issues of sedimentation and choking of the ponds.

The outbuildings behind the hall are becoming ruins due to neglect and the public toilets and shelter require work to bring them up to an acceptable standard. Two secured storage units have been placed in this area substituting the use of the outbuildings. Before long these unique buildings will follow the way of the water wheel which existed at the side of the barn in the playing fields the other side of the main road. The barn has been demolished due to neglect.

This park and its associated buildings are council assets and much used and appreciated by locals and visitors and as such should not be allowed to slowly deteriorate until the premises become unsightly and unsafe for public use. Even the signs indicating the park have now disappeared and have not been replaced. Is the council ashamed to tell the public about the park's existence?

The Whinfall Quarry Gardens adjacent to Whirlow Brook Park have recently been partly renovated due to significant public donations to The Friends of Whinfall Quarry Gardens. Much more work is needed to be done and once again the council seem not only to lack funding but interest as well. Is this because these public facilities are at this end of the city? As public areas they not only deserve to be looked after and used but they need to reflect a pride in our city's environment.

Whirlow Brook Park was purchased by the then council from Sir Benton Jones in the late 1940s and was opened as a public park in the 1951. It was a very successful

venture belonging to the people of Sheffield.

While Harold Ulliyatt was in charge of the park in the 70s and 80s, with a staff of three to four gardeners, it was a showpiece of plants, lawns, ornamental ponds and woodland walks. Visitors flocked to the area at weekends and summer evenings. Gradually as the park has deteriorated over the last few years the visitor numbers have dropped. It is now only one part of the vast "Parks and Countryside Department", and as such gets cursory attention from the roving gardening team. Whirlow is fast becoming a dumping ground for unwanted equipment and a poor example of how the council ought to be appreciating and looking after this unique resource.

Remember it is our park and it is calling out for help. Please do not ignore it.

Ed. Anyone interested in joining the recently formed Friends of Whirlow Brook Park and their endeavours to maintain and improve the area should contact Harold Ulliyatt on 0114 262 0251.

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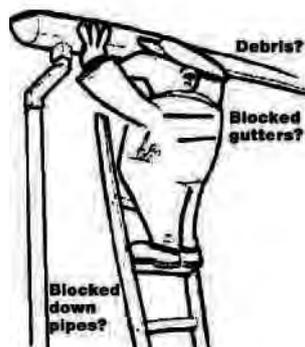
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The Wildlife Garden

For some gardeners, the only reason for growing a berry-laden shrub is to provide a winter display. Unfortunately, birds don't realise these fruits are off limits and make quick work of cotoneaster, holly and rowan berries as soon as they ripen. In my garden, hawthorn and yew berries are also much sought after, while those of the pyracantha are only taken after a hard frost has had chance to soften them.

Gardeners have often responded to this avian onslaught by planting shrubs which bear fruit with colours unattractive to birds - bright oranges; insipid violets and anaemic whites. Yet there is one red berry that beats any of these strange-coloured fruits hands down in the longevity stakes.

When I moved to my current house, I decided to grow a guelder rose (*Viburnum opulus*), as I had long admired these hedgerow plants, bedecked as they are with lovely umbles of white flowers in early summer, followed by shiny, almost translucent red berries in autumn. As a bonus - according to the RSPB - these fruits are attractive to birds.

However, not having space for a native plant - that in just a few years can easily reach a height of 4m - I chose the smaller growing cultivar 'Compactum'. My shrub quickly established itself and just like its wild parent, produced lovely white flowers, followed by wonderful red berries I thought no bird could possibly resist. Indeed, as soon as they were ripe, my resident male blackbird came to investigate. He plucked a berry and swallowed it whole, although his reaction was not what you might call ecstatic: he screwed up his eyes, opened his beak wide, spat out the fruit and flew off squawking.

The season progressed and although berries became more difficult to come by, the viburnum remained stubbornly covered with its red fruits, despite each one shining out like a miniature "eat me" advertisement. Perhaps the problem was that they needed softening first to make them palatable?

A few weeks later, snow capped the berries with little white pointed hats and a group of large, thrush-like birds flew warily into the shrub. They were about the same size as mistle thrushes, but looking at them more closely through my binoculars, I could see they had blue-grey

heads and rumps, with chestnut backs, as opposed to the greyish-brown of mistle thrushes, which meant they could only be fieldfares. Each one took a berry, but even hunger could not persuade them to eat more than a few and they quickly went off in search of something more palatable, calling to one another with their characteristic "chack, chack".

These birds spend the summer in Scandinavia where they eat mostly soil invertebrates, but as the northern winter sets in and this food is no longer available, the birds migrate southwards, arriving here in October. At first they feed on similar prey in farm and parkland, but when the ground becomes frozen will turn to hedgerows taking, in order of preference, haws, hips, then the fruits of ivy. Once these wild foods have been exhausted, fieldfares venture into gardens where they feed on any remaining cotoneaster, hawthorn or holly berries. Although they will eat windfall apples, a suitable fruit/seed mixture scattered on the ground provides them with a higher protein diet than apples alone.

Another northern thrush to visit these shores in autumn is the redwing and they often join fieldfares to form twittering flocks that travel nomadically around the countryside. The redwing is slightly smaller than a song thrush and can easily be identified by its obvious white eyestripe. They also have reddish-chestnut patches on their flanks and underwings which are clearly visible when they fly, hence the name 'redwing'.

These birds are very pretty, but in human terms can only be described as "painfully shy". This, together with the fact they prefer to take berries from bushes, makes them difficult to help in a winter garden, although when desperate, may feed on the same food put out for fieldfares. The only time these timid birds visit my garden is when the snow is falling fast and furious, inevitably drawn to the fruits on my viburnum bush. Yet despite their desperation, they still prove inedible to these thrushes.

By March, fieldfares and redwings begin their migration northwards and the berries on my shrub lose their sheen, then start to wither and turn black. They hang there, like miniature prunes, about as popular a food to birds as green vegetables are with children, or so I thought. However, over the last few years, in late

winter some birds have been visiting my garden that positively love the fruits: waxwings. A couple of times I have seen a flock of 25 or so of these gorgeous birds descend on my bush and quickly strip it of each and every berry. Brief though their visit may be, for this reason alone it has been worth growing the shrub.

Jack Daw

Volunteering at Whirlow

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, a local charity, is a 138 acre working farm educating over 10,000 children a year and offering a fantastic hands on learning experience. Many children visit from inner-city or disadvantaged areas.

The farm is run by a small team and a fantastic and committed group of volunteers. Michael Palin is the patron and he is donating all proceeds of his evening at the City Hall on Monday 23rd November to the Trust.

Did you know that they have a shop that sells Whirlow and local produce? There is also a weekend café offering walkers and visitors cooked all-day breakfasts and wonderful home-baked cakes. All profits help to support the charity.

The farm relies on its volunteers: tour guides, gardeners, minibus drivers, D.I.Y. and admin support. Whatever time you have - anything from a few hours a week would be highly valued. Full training is given. Options include:

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This isn't the first World Championships for Nick Davies but this year he stands a great chance of winning a medal, which would be a first for the Sheffield club and Yorkshire and a huge personal achievement for Nick. Phil Jackson has had an amazing first season on the National competition circuit culminating in being selected for both the England and Great Britain Under 15's teams and has an extremely bright future ahead of him.

Phil, a pupil at King Egbert School in Dore, has dropped certain GCSE's to concentrate on his training and now clocks up over 20 hours a week training in the Abbey Flyers elite performance programme. The demands of the sport are both physically and mentally exhausting but Phil takes this on the chin hopefully making him a potential future Olympic performer.

Phil is looking for local sponsorship to enable him to continue training at this high quality level and access international events that are often self funded. The sport is becoming more high profile each week being one of the most popular new sport in

the UK gaining much recent local publicity in news papers, television and radio. Phil would be able to advertise details on his club kit as well as promote companies at varying events and performing displays where eligible. If you feel you would be able to help Phil then please contact Liz Jackson on 07970 108226 or lizij@talktalk.net

The club is not just about the elite performers though. Trampolining is a sport for everyone and the club runs an extensive recreational programme reaching almost 500 people per week. If you would like to know more about the club, please contact Joanne Crowther on 07950546682.

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Ladies 'Swishing Night'

After raising more than £700 at its inaugural fund raising event - a curry night at Alma's Brasserie - the recently-formed Dore and Totley Marie Curie Cancer Care Group is holding an innovative 'Swishing Night' on December 1st to boost funds for the local Marie Curie nursing service even further.

The event will be held at Dore Old School on Savage Lane between 8m and 10pm when ladies are asked to bring along at least one quality item of clothing or accessory which they no longer want. They will then be given the chance to browse and then 'swish' it with any item brought by someone else - and it will only cost them £5 which will go towards this great cause!

They may not only pick up a special outfit for Christmas, but their ticket price will also include a glass of wine and nibbles, the chance to buy from a selection of products displayed on several stalls and to win a luxury raffle prize.

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Book reviews

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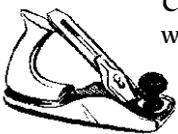
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Seeing Stars in Dore

Space is easy to fill. Take the parking space around our shops in Causeway Head Road. Having had some modifications to road, parking and pedestrian crossing facilities, not a great deal has improved for shoppers and residents. The parking space is usually filled all day long, so one might have imagined that many more local and nearby residents were enjoying popping into the village.

It is probably more likely that the shopkeepers and commuters are finding it very handy to park their cars for the day. There are no parking notices, no restrictions like two hours, which would be sufficient to buy a newspaper and have your hair permed, or buy a bottle of wine, pop into the bank and book a holiday in Cyprus. The work done and the white lines have certainly tidied up that part of Dore village but created a full carpark.

The near space above us was once full, too. At the time when the Solar System of planets was being formed, before our Earth was in existence, there was much disorder, chaos rather like my garage and my loftspace. We all know how easy it is to fill our own space! Much of the debris left behind after the planets formed is still out there in the form of asteroids, small moons, rings of rocks and dust encircling larger bodies like Saturn, comets and wandering stoney fragments which we often see as meteors or 'falling stars'. An enormous new dust ring has recently been discovered encircling the planet Saturn. There must be much more that we, as yet, know nothing about.

Last July was an exciting month for Jupiter watchers and proves the point. On 19th July a sharp-eyed Australian amateur astronomer, Anthony Wesley, noticed a strange black splotch on the planet's surface. A few Readers might remember fifteen years ago when Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 broke up and smashed into Jupiter. Nothing quite like it had ever been seen before, and it was quite easily seen in small telescopes. The recent impact on the planet was very much a total surprise and many professional astronomers worldwide, including the Hubble telescope, immediately stopped what they were doing and watched and studied it. Unfortunately I was abroad and knew nothing about it, but it would have been easily seen in Dore.

Jupiter is now fading in the south-westerly evening mist. The great planet has graced our skies through Spring, Summer and Autumn 2009, and is now slowly giving way to Mars. If you wish to see Jupiter in the Winter your best chance is before about 9pm in December and before 7pm in January.

Mars will be displaying an odd dance in the morning twilight over the winter months. In early November the red planet leaves the constellation of the Crab and moves slowly eastwards towards Leo, the Lion. Around 20 December Mars almost stops its eastward journey. Of course, it has not actually stopped, but it is now (having seen the Lion) apparently moving in a slow swerve northwards. By Christmas Eve it is actually heading

westwards, and by the end of the year it is clearly on its way back to the Crab where it was last October. This strange backward motion will continue until March and then, Mars will head off back again to the Lion.

The constellation of the Crab contains the star cluster, Praesepe, a group of about fifty faint stars, clearly visible on a dark moonless night. Also known as the Beehive or the Manger, this star cluster does, indeed, resemble a beehive. It is about three Moon diameters across, and it is at a distance of only 520 light years. So the light of the star cluster you are looking at from Dore actually left the cluster in the time of Henry VII. Columbus had just discovered Cuba and the West Indies.

Our description of Mars' strange loop movement in our sky is improved if you think of Mars as having passed the Manger, stopping at the jaws of the Lion and returning to the Manger around Christmas time. It is all due to the Earth catching up with Mars, each in their different orbits around the Sun. I expect there are equally fascinating stories in other religious cultures. It would be nice if someone locally could enlighten us with an article in Dore to Door.

The Moon is at First Quarter on Christmas night. It sets at a quarter past one, so Mars and the Manger star cluster will be nicely visible in the east after that. Look out for Leo dragging its legs out of the eastern horizon with its head looking upwards. Mars is just above it. You can start your Mars watch earlier and earlier each month; in fact two hours earlier each succeeding month. However, Mars only becomes really bright (magnitude -1.3) in February's early mornings in 2010.

Let us hope that the night skies will not disappear altogether as Dore develops. Whilst we cannot expect to stop all the wonderful building work that is going on here, somebody's dream come true, we could at least make an attempt to shield some of the street lighting that could

envelop us and make us just another light-polluted suburb of Sheffield. Security lights on housing can easily be pointed downwards to where it is needed, instead of up into the trees! I already notice a marked lack of stars visible in Dore, becoming steadily worse over the past ten years. I used to be able to show my grandchildren the constellations and the planets through a telescope at my back door.

David Andrews

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- 17 **Sky Talk** by Andy Firth for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 18 **Wild flowers** - Dore Garden Club, talk by Dr Steve Furness Tel:236 0915
- 21 **Get ready for Christmas Fayre** at W.O.R.K rear of Bents Green School on Ringinglow Road 10am- 3pm. Wide range of gifts and refreshments.
- 21 **South Yorkshire Archaeology Day** Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, pre-booking essential Tel: 273 6354
- 22 **Litter pick**, meet Dore Old School car park 1pm
- 22 **Concert** Dore Male Voice Choir with Stocksbridge Band at the Cutlers Hall. Tel 236 5043
- 23 **Mission Aviation Fellowship** Talk by Mr Kevin Horseman Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 23 **Around the world in 80** ways an evening with Michael Palin, City Hall for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust 235 2678
- 25 **Fungal Foray** in Ladies Spring Wood with the Sheffield Rangers 1pm-3pm Booking essential on 283 9195
- 25-28 **Murdered to Death** autumn play by T.O.A.D.S. 7.30pm St John's Church Hall. Tickets 236 6891
- 28 **Christmas Fair** - Dore Old School, 10am - 12 noon. Books, bric-a-brac, DVDs/CDs/records, cakes, & coffee
- 28 **Coffee Morning** at Transport 17 office on Baslow Road
- 29 **Christmas Fayre** Whirlow Hall Farm Trust 10am-3pm Farmers market, craft stalls, live music, Christmas Trees, Turkeys, Cards etc. Free car parking

DECEMBER

- 1 **A Magical Evening** with Brian Varley Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 1 **Bob Hall & Hilary Blythe**, The Crown, Totley 8.30 pm
- 2 **Christmas lights**, entertainment and late night shopping in centre of Dore from 6 - 7pm
- 2 **Dore & Totley Ward Forum** Totley Library 7.30pm. Public Meeting to discuss local community needs
- 2 **Carols by Candlelight** Totley Rise Methodist Church Wednesday Friendship. 7.30pm
- 5 **Be of Good Cheer** Concert by Dore G&S Society Dore Methodist Church 3pm Tickets, £6 from Tel 236 2299
- 6 **Crafty Christmas** making decorations & gifts in Millhouses Park with the Sheffield Rangers 1-3pm Booking essential on 283 9195
- 6 **Festival of Light** St Luke's Hospice Switch-on 6 pm by Bobby Knutt. Carols, Dore Male Voice Choir from 5 pm
- 7 **The Grand Canyon** Talk by Mr Michael Feather, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 9 **South West Community Assembly public meeting** 7.30pm at Silverdale School
- 10 **Pea & Pie Supper** - Dore Garden Club, Tel:236 0915
- 12 & 13 **A Real Magical Christmas** Botanical Gardens family event 4.40- 8.30pm for Childrens Hospital
- 12 & 13 **Christmas Concerts** by Dore Male Voice Choir, Dore Parish Church 7.30pm Tickets from 236 5043
- 12 **Charity Christmas Coffee Morning** Whittington Goddard Ass offices Causeway Head Rd Tel: 235 1623
- 13 **Christmas at Wortley Top Forge** Santa & attractions South Yorkshire Ind History Soc 230 7693
- 14 **Christmas Celebrations** - Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 14 **Chestermans** - makers of measuring tools. Talk by Jim Nicholson for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 15 **Christmas Celebrations** Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall
- 16 **Christmas Wreath Making** in Graves Park with the Sheffield Rangers 1-3pm Booking essential on 283 9195
- 19 **The Magic of Christmas** carols and Christmas readings John Wade Singers, Millhouses Methodist Church 7.30pm. Refreshments in interval. Entrance by donation
- 20 **Bah Humbugs!** making festive critters for your tree in Ecclesall Woods with the Sheffield Rangers 1-3pm Booking essential on 283 9195
- 28 **Wassail Walk** - approx 5 miles starting 10am from The Old School, Savage Lane. Mulled wine, hot fruit punch and mince pies afterwards

JANUARY

- 4 **Talk** by Our Minister, Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 12 **Traditional Flowers in Tudor England** talk for Dore Mercia TG 9.30/10am Church Hall, coffee Visitors £2.
- 12 **Childrens Hospital Continnence Unit** Talk by Jocelyn Walton for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 18 **Beetle Drive** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 18 **Days at the Works** - Victorian and earlier descriptions. Talk by Pro David Perrett for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm: 230 7693
- 26 **Global Warming around the world** Talk by John Doornkamp for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 30 **Working Morning** in Whinfell Quarry Garden 9.30am

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Retired Salvation Army Officers** Talk by Mr & Mrs Woodman Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 1 **Cromford Mill Project** talk by D Clark, The Arkwright Society for the Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, St James St. 255 0172
- 9 **Holiday in Seville** talk for Dore Mercia TG meeting 9.30/10am Church Hall. Visitors £2.
- 9 **Music & gentle movement** Talk by Jean Clarke for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 15 **Talk** by Mike Reeder, Chaplain, St Luke's Hospice. Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 15 **Dannemora** - exploring the history of Swedish iron & steel. Talk by Alan Hardman for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm: 230 7693
- 16 **Wild & Woolley** natural history on Blacka Moor with the Sheffield Rangers 1pm-3pm Booking on 283 9195

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