

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Annual Wassail Walk

Monday 27th December

starting 10am

from The Old School,
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Christmas Celebrations

A Lantern Parade, switching on the Christmas lights, carol singing, shops open late, a Traditional Organ Grinder, the Handsworth Sword Dancers. This will all be happening in the village on Wednesday 1st December, sponsored by the Dore Village Society.

Building on the success of past years, the DVS, Guides, Brownies, Scout Cubs and local schoolchildren are all working together to make this years event bigger than ever!

The Lantern Parade will start from the shops in Causeway Head Road, walking via the Devonshire Arms car park and High Street to the Christmas tree at the Country Garden for the switching on of the lights at approximately 6pm.

During the evening there will also be Christmas Music played on the Barrel Organ outside the shops in High Street and Causeway Head Road, Fund raising for Weston Park Teen Age Unit and Father Christmas at News Plus. There will be many other offers at those shops that will be opening late (see the list below) and the Sword Dancers at the front of the Devonshire Arms at 7.15pm. Look out for more information in the shops opening and the village notice boards.

Shops opening late will be:

Country Garden	Dore Opticians
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Open as usual:

Union Jack Fish Shop	Dore Coop
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Devonshire Arms	Almas Restaurant

Dore is fortunate to have such an excellent range of local shops, restaurants and hostels. Between them, you will find Christmas gift and food ideas and places to celebrate the season with friends and family.

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Dore Village Society Christmas card for 2010 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.

New early birds Dore bus

First Bus Company has recently introduced additional buses for early morning travellers from Dore. Three new bus times have been added to the No 82 service that normally runs from Ecclesall terminus to Angel Street in town. At 07.05, 07.38 and 08.00 the No 82 bus now starts from Devonshire Terrace and travels via Hathersage Road to Ecclesall terminus where it joins the normal No 82 route. The No 30 service runs in parallel at 07.20, 7.50 and 08.10.

The difference between the two services is that the No 82 service travels along Ecclesall Road not Brocco Bank and the Hallamshire Hospital and therefore does not attract the traffic going to the Hospital, University or Broomhill schools. There is no return or weekend service.



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Dore Voices Plus - Poor Old Horse

Seventeen years ago Dore to Door ran an article about an ancient local custom and character called the Old Horse. The editor appealed to readers for memories of this, and the result was an interesting letter from Lynne Bufton. More recently two people interviewed by the Dore Oral History Group have added their own recollections of the creature. Now I'd like to bring all these contributions together.

In the old days groups of men would perform the Old Horse, a sort of play, at various places in North Derbyshire at Christmas and New Year. In Yorkshire it was the White Horse. In Lancashire, at Easter, it was known as Old Ball. Dore people always associated it with New Year's Day.

Their visitors were from Dronfield. Five or six of them would walk to Dore via Holmesfield. One carried a horse's head on a pole, with a black cloak attached. Peter Bradley recalls: "This was a papier mache-type head of a horse, with big white rings round the eyes, massive teeth and jingling bridles ..." It was built round a horse's skull. Its eyes were made of glass bottle bottoms, painted red in the middle.

On the way they dropped in at all the pubs and some of the farms and houses. Lynne remembered that they called at several houses in Dore Road and the two

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

100 not out

Given the call elsewhere in this issue for volunteers to take on the role of editor etc, I feel a bit like the guy who has read his obituary before he is actually dead.

The idea for a community magazine was my suggestion for raising the profile of the Dore Village Society 25 years ago (yes it really is that long) and hopefully encourage a greater community spirit. I leave our readers to judge whether we have been successful in these objectives.

Over those 25 years the activities of the Society have expanded and at the same time the magazine has grown way beyond my initial vision, so much so that it seems to have a life of its own, as my long suffering wife will attest to. Not satisfied with this, some 13 years ago on my retirement I also launched a sister publication in Bradway, the Bradway Bugle.

I have been involved in all but one of the 100 issues of Dore to Door and for the greater majority produced them largely on my own. That said we have always had a gallant band of over 60 deliverers to bring them to your door.

Time now for a change, new ideas, new directions perhaps. So lets hope there are willing volunteers out there, prepared to take on parts of the job, to work initially with me and then take over. Then perhaps I can get on with my novel and a series of local history booklets I have always been meaning to write.

John Baker (current editor!)

Christmas Post

UK last posting dates:

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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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The Society aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment and amenities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development. Current membership rates are £5 per person per annum.

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Ward Forum

The Ward Forum for Dore and Totley, which includes Whirlow and most of Bradway, convened on two occasions over the summer. Both were held at Totley library. The first, on Thursday 5th August, was arranged at short notice to discuss the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executives 'Bus Vision' consultation.

Over 30 people attended. With regard to possible improvements to public transport services, various suggestions were made such as the provision of cycle lockers at Dore station (see below) and a better orbital bus service between Meadowhead and Whirlow via Dore station to improve links to existing cross-border bus and train services.

However, widespread concern was expressed at the apparent suggestion that the 25/25A Bradway service could be replaced by extending the 53 service beyond Low Edges. This would bypass important local facilities at Greenhill, as well as being less convenient for accessing the city centre. Those attending were encouraged to make their views known to the SYPTTE before the consultation period ended on 3rd September. It has since been clarified by the SYPTTE that no bus route

changes in the area are imminent, but the concerns expressed have been noted.

The second meeting was the regular one on Wednesday 8th September. In reviewing issues that had been raised at previous meetings, particular concerns were expressed about speeding traffic, with calls for greater police control and signage on Baslow Road and for early consideration by the Community Assembly of the introduction of 20mph speed limits within residential areas. It was noted that the priority highway scheme for the year was the construction of a pedestrian refuge near The Glen nursing home to help people cross Abbeydale Road South. However, the increased cost of this scheme may mean having to defer the construction of the missing section of footway along Totley Brook Road.

There was continued disquiet about the proposal to site new allotments at Mickley Lane, but this was not discussed in detail as a separate meeting had been arranged. Proposals for the play area in Greenoak Park were outlined, but various other issues remain to be addressed.

Concerns were expressed about the revised arrangements for recycling, especially the ability of elderly people to move the blue boxes, but Councillor Ross urged people to give the changes a fair trial. Apparently elsewhere in the city problems had not been as bad as people feared.

There was still no progress to report on applications by the Dore Village Society to secure Village Green status for three sites, although Councillor Ross assured those present that things were happening behind the scenes.

New concerns that were raised included:

* The need for a litter bin at the new 97 bus terminus

* Further issues to do with Greenoak Park (provision of warden service, availability of toilets, etc.)

* The possibility of providing cycle racks in Dore village and cycle lockers at Dore station

Various other suggestions were discounted following discussion.

The next Forum will be held at Bradway Primary School, Bradway Drive on Tuesday 30th November (7.30pm). As the Ward Forum will have been in existence for a year by then, there will be an opportunity to review progress to date and consider any changes that might be necessary.

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

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We want your views

The Dore Village Society committee will be making representations to the City Council on a number of items affecting, or about to affect, the community of Dore. Before doing so we would like to hear from anyone who has any views on these matters.

The items are:

- * Establishment of 20mph zones in the village
- * Dore Station Park and Ride
- * The difficulty of parking in the village
- * Development of the King Egbert Mercia site for residential housing

20mph zones

The last issue of Dore to Door reported that the government is promoting the idea of 20mph zones in residential areas. It would appear that Sheffield City Council are preparing to roll out a programme of such areas.

The Dore Village Society committee is looking at a proposal for Dore and is interested in consulting the village community on the idea. If you have any views on such a proposal we would be interested in hearing from you.

Dore Station Park and Ride

The South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority has promised to consult the Dore Village Society on proposals for adding Park and Ride facilities at Dore and Totley rail station. We have prepared some preliminary points for consideration in any future design and would like to consult the village community about our proposals.

PUBLISHING DEADLINES

Dore to Door is published quarterly in mid February, May, August & November each year. The copy deadline for each issue is near the end of the preceding month. Please forward items for the Spring (February) issue to the address on page 2 by **Fri 28th January**

Parking Restrictions in the Village Centre

We all know how difficult it is to find a parking place in the village centre at almost any time during the day. This is of particular concern for the elderly who have to use their cars to shop in the village. There have been one or two abortive attempts to devise a scheme of parking restrictions that would serve the needs of shoppers, shop keepers and residents appropriately.

The Dore Village Society committee would like to hear your views on the concept of implementing parking restrictions and receive any constructive comments on how such a scheme might work.

King Egbert Mercia Site

Dore Village Society committee has drafted a planning brief for this site, which has been designated for housing development. We have done this in order to put a case for careful consideration of any future development proposals and

hopefully to encourage the City Planning Department to take our concerns more seriously. This action may prompt the City Council to prepare a planning brief themselves.

The committee has put a copy of the draft brief on the Society's website and invites you to comment on our proposals before we forward them to the City Council.

To make your views known on any of these matters please email David Crosby at david.crosby@dorevillage.co.uk or you can write to David Crosby, Dore Village Society, c/o 72 Furniss Avenue, Sheffield, S17 3QP.

You can also meet David Crosby in person between 10am and midday on Saturday 4th December in the Dore Village Society office in the Old School.

Merry Mince Pies Walk

Join Sheffield Wildlife Trust for Blacka Moor's Merry Mince Pies event on Tuesday 14th December 11am -1pm. Wrap up warm, get into the Christmas spirit early, and join us for a gentle festive walk around Blacka Moor Nature Reserve.

Bring your walking boots and we'll provide the mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine, though feel free to bring your own alcoholic version along!

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Sheffield on the Move

Sheffield on the Move is a Council led forum that meets 4 times a year to discuss local transport issues. The meetings are open to any member of the public. The local bus companies and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYLTE) send representatives and Dore Village Society keeps a watching brief. At the most recent meeting the forum discussed a report from the Campaign for Better Transport in which they compared 19 cities throughout England for their dependency on cars as the means of inner city transport.

They also examined the quality of public transport and the encouragement by councils of other means of getting about apart from the private car. The cities chosen included Bristol and Plymouth in the south west and Newcastle and Sunderland in the north east. Yorkshire and Humberside was represented by Sheffield and Leeds. Among the other cities examined were Manchester, Birmingham, London, Southampton and Milton Keynes.

Data for this review came from a wide spectrum of surveys already in the public domain ranging from those on Rail station satisfaction, Commuter-time journeys by car, Children who walk to school, Price of bus services, Percentage of journeys using bicycles and the Condition of footways to name just some.

Sadly Sheffield fared poorly on almost all counts and Leeds was generally not much better. The city most dependent on cars was Milton Keynes, 19th in the ranking with Sheffield 16th and Manchester, much less dependent on cars, a heady 4th overall. As far as accessibility and the integration of local services were concerned, Sheffield came 16th with Manchester 1st. Furthermore Sheffield only came 12th when the quality and uptake of public transport was surveyed. When provision for walking or cycling



A number 5 bus at the stop on Devonshire Terrace and due to leave for the bus station. Date around February 1989 following bus deregulation. M J Groves ran the bus for a short time. Does anyone remember? Picture from John Houdmont.

was analysed Sheffield came bottom (19th) but Manchester a creditable 2nd.

The report acknowledges that local topography plays a major part in transport integration but it is disappointing that Sheffield scored so poorly. Of the four surveys in this review Sheffield's average score was 16, Leeds 14 and Manchester 4. But, Nottingham came out best of all with an average score of 3, having finished top of two of the four component surveys.

Sheffield City Council were unaware that this review had been undertaken and are to enquire precisely what criteria were used to determine the rankings before they make a response. A full transcript of this report can be found at www.bettertransport.org.uk.

Geoff Cope

Christmas Exhibition

Art d'Or, our local talented group of amateur artists under the tutelage of professional artist Brian Smith, is holding its annual exhibition at Baslow Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday 27th / 28th November.

The group, which meets each week at the Old School in the village, will show original paintings, including favourite Sheffield and Derbyshire scenes, together with seasonal greetings cards.

Brian will run watercolour demonstrations each day from 2pm and aspiring painters are invited to bring along their work for critical appraisal and advice. They can also check out further courses set to start in January.

The Art d'Or exhibition will run from 10-5pm each day, admission is free and with refreshments and a bookstall in aid of charity, it could tick several Christmas boxes.

For those who would like to see more of Brian Smith's work, he has taken the unusual step of occupying a shop in the city centre for a week. Between 6th and 13th December, the former H Samuel on Pinstone Street will become an exhibition centre.

Visitors can walk in and enjoy paintings, chat to Brian, get help and advice and even join in 'taster' sessions, with materials provided.

More information is available at www.briansmithartist.co.uk

Editorship of Dore to Door

John Baker has decided to relinquish the post of editor of Dore to Door after nearly 25 years in the post. In that time he has taken it from a modest four page 'Banda' copied circular to the highly regarded 40 page publication we have today. For many of those years John has produced the publication almost single-handedly and the Society is enormously grateful for his skill and dedication.

While the Society intends to retain overall editorship of the publication it is urgently seeking committed volunteers from within the community to assist with the production and publication of Dore to Door including:-

- * sale and management of advertisements
- * commissioning of articles
- * design and typesetting of the draft copy using industry standard software
- * organisation and supervision of its distribution and delivery

Dore to Door is published 4 times a year in February, May, August and November. Anyone with enthusiasm who would like to try their hand at one of these roles is invited to contact John Eastwood for an informal discussion (jwe@yahoo.com or mob 07850 221 048).

Cards for Good Causes

Charity cards are being sold again this year at Sheffield Cathedral, as part of the project that has become an annual fixture in the city centre. There is a large variety of cards to suit all tastes with a great selection of wrapping available in the Parker Transept.

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Dore Male Choir

The Choir had a very successful Annual Gala Concert on 2 October at Ecclesall Church. We sang to a full house and welcomed the lord Mayor and lady Mayoress to this event. The Choir were pleased to have, as our guests, The Brass Players an internationally renowned ensemble, who did us proud.

Since the previous Gala Concert the Choir has had a roller coaster of a year. The most significant event has been the retirement of Paul Green. As our Music Director for 10 years he has presided over a considerable increase in membership and some memorable engagements and events. Although he retired last May, he is still with us as our President and we are now fortunate to also have Paul's services

as our Assistant Accompanist.

Another big step forward has been the appointment of Elizabeth Hampshire as Music Director, whose services we were so fortunate to secure, with her long experience of conducting and accompanying Male Voice Choirs. Her enthusiasm, direction and guidance is refreshing.

Since last year our membership has yet again continued to increase, with new members taking the Choir to over 80 strong. If you are interested in joining us we would be delighted to see you at any of our rehearsals. We meet at the Church hall on Townhead Road every Thursday at 7.15pm.

Our next local Concert will be the Christmas Concerts on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 December at Dore Parish

Church. Tickets will be available from me on 0114 236 5043 or any member of the Choir. We hope to see you there.

David Heslop

Use it or lose it

Did you know that the Sheffield City Library Service had expanded its provision in Dore? Dore now has four stopping locations:

Causeway Head Road

Saturday 10.30 - 12.30

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David Crosby




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Letters

Dear Sir,

What on Earth is going on at the bottom of Dore Road ?

Six months ago Abbeydale Garden Centre were evicted, supposedly to make a car park for Dore Station. For some unknown reason a plywood wall was then erected around the site. There are 140 sheets of 3/4 inch plywood in this wall, each of which costs £23 at Lavers and 70 4"x3" posts 10ft long. These are over £20 each. And it's been painted.

A conservative estimate for materials £4,700. Labour will be at least as much again so we're looking at a minimum of £10,000 for boarding it off.

The site inside has been cleared. Peering through the keyhole you can see a lovely level ground inside which you could park on now, but that boarding has an air of permanence about it.

Meanwhile the chaotic parking situation goes on at the bottom of Dore Road. It is effectively single track traffic. What for?

Three months ago the Lib Dem Council was publicly asking for ways to save money. Well that's £10,000 wasted but at least they could take the boarding down now and get some cars on it.

Richard Farnsworth

Ed. Since our last issue we have received the response below to our earlier published correspondence.

Dear Sir,

Following my e-mail to you with reference the Dore Station Park & Ride proposals, I see from your most recent publication in August that an update was published. Thank you for printing this.

I also see from the magazine that one of your readers had sent a letter with many questions and I am responding to the letter through you as I don't have the individuals details.

Demolition of the buildings on site has taken place and is now completed. Work is

THE SCHOOL FENCE, FOOTPATH AND VILLAGE GREEN

STATEMENT BY DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY & DORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As all readers will be aware, there have been a number of sometimes heated exchanges made concerning this issue, some of which have been exaggerated or inaccurate. The Dore Village Society continues to take the view that it will not respond to these comments.

At the height of the exchanges there were certain editorial comments made which it has been suggested could be considered to be defamatory towards the headteacher and seemed to question the direction of the school. This was most certainly not the intention and the DVS, as publishers of Dore to Door, regret if those comments have been interpreted in that way.

David Heslop, as Chairman of Dore Village Society and Sue Hopkinson, Headteacher of Dore Primary School have had some useful meetings recently. They have agreed that both organisations should focus on working together for the benefit of the community, whilst recognising that the applications for the Village Green and the Footpath are progressing through the appropriate channels and will be supported as considered appropriate by the individual parties. A number of ideas have been discussed for future co-operation, such as the Christmas Tree lighting in the village and bulb planting on the Recreation Ground.

ongoing in order to help with the design and planning for the site and drawings will be made available to the public for comment towards the end of the year.

This will be in the form of a public drop in session and materials produced showing the outline plans for the site. A planning application will be submitted to Sheffield City Council and depending on their decision and funding available, the car park could have planning permission and work could start on site next summer, 2011.

All current rail based park and ride facilities are free. Users of the car park will be encouraged to use the train and the bus to continue their journeys. As part of the project, SYPTE will be working with the Highways team at Sheffield City Council to address the proposals to change the road layout for the access to the car park and discussions around parking restrictions being implemented once the car park is available is something we can consider.

The reference to parking outside the Masonic Hall can be included in discussions if this resident has particular concerns.

Gillian Palmer

Senior Public Consultation Officer
South Yorkshire Passenger
Transport Executive
T: 0114 2211285

Dear Sir,

Dore Primary School - 1940-1945

I attended the above school as an evacuee during the above years. I wondered if there is anyone still living in the village who went to school during this time. I am 75 now so time has flown by and most people will have moved on or away from the area.

I lived with an aunt in Whirlow and I used to go on the bus to school with many other children from Whirlow. I particularly remember the Wilkins family who lived in Causeway Head (Rosalie and Stella) and the Flemings, David and Helen, who lived down Busheywood Road. I also went to Brownies in the village.

I doubt whether I will be lucky enough to find anyone who remembers me from

those days, my surname was Feeney and I went back home to Hull in 1945. I have been living back in Sheffield for 30 years now and often motor down to the village and reminisce whilst walking around. Something that seems to happen when you get older - you think back to your childhood.

I have very happy memories of school - our Headmaster was a Mr Clarke.

Gillian Hogg

Ed. We passed on this request to the Dore Oral History Group.

Dear Sir,

John and I would like to thank all our customers for all the lovely letters, cards and the many wonderful gifts we received on our retirement. We had no idea how much we were appreciated, it really was touching.

Once again very many thanks, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Memories of Dore - Half a Century Ago

On Saturday 16th October Dore Oral History Group hosted a very successful Open Day and Reunion where the theme was Dore in the 1950s and 1960s. At that time the village was clinging to its Derbyshire roots and still included several working farms. In 1951 the population was just 2,336, most of the adults knew each other by name and the children all went to Dore Old School. Gradually throughout these decades this rural village expanded into a desirable residential suburb and many of the farm buildings and cottages at its heart were torn down in the name of progress.

The display of photographs and memories of these times prompted even more reminiscences from the large number of ex Dore Old School pupils who came from all over the country to meet up with former classmates. One poignant moment was the reunion between two 'girls' who had become friends when one of them had come to Dore as a wartime evacuee. Another was when three 'boys' from established Dore families were seen enjoying each others company and reliving the past. And, a third was the sight of a group of close friends, who always support our events, exchanging photographs and laughing at the stories behind them. It was a real pleasure to meet them all again.

It was good to welcome the many visitors from outside Dore who came to see our displays and listen to our recordings. We are keen to share the life

Welcome to another bumper 40 page edition of Dore to Door, which to celebrate the 100th edition has branched out into colour for the first time!

We would like to say a hearty thank you to our advertisers for their continuing support, to regular contributors who keep us in contact with local events and to those hardy deliverers who have volunteered to bring Dore to Door to your door, whatever the weather!
Seasons greetings to everyone. Ed

stories that have been entrusted to us with other communities as well as our own.

Since the Open Day we have visited Dore Junior School to tell the Y6 pupils about Dore during WW2 and to play them some of our recordings. They were fascinated by our oral histories and we were impressed by the interest which they showed.

Our project, Dore Voices, continues to expand but the number of those involved is sadly diminishing. We have a long list of people to record, transcripts to type and CDs to burn. We are also exploring new ways of making our archive available to a wider audience. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this project we would love to hear from them, particularly if they are computer literate or familiar with sound recording. Do please contact us on Tel: 0114 2350392.

*Maureen Cope,
Dore Oral History Group*

Membership secretary ?

The Dore Village Society is looking for a new membership secretary, if possible to start working alongside the current secretary from January, ready to take over in June 2011.

Over the past few years, since postal membership forms via Dore to Door were introduced the number of members has greatly increased. The subscriptions received are an important source of income for the Society, enabling it to continue working for the village.

The role involves receiving membership forms and payments, recording and paying these into the Dore branch of HSBC and accurately maintaining a database of members and payments. The bulk of the membership forms are received during March and April and more in June after reminder letters are sent out.

If you would be interested in being involved as a volunteer with the Dore Village Society and taking on this role, but not necessarily as a member of the committee, please contact Anne Elsdon on 236 0002 for more information.

News in Brief

Top artist Brian Griffiths (collected by Saatchi) recently spent two days recently working with sixth formers at King Egbert School.

A man has been charged over the death of Kamlesh Ruparelia from Parkers Lane following an attack on him in a Handsworth pub.

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The golden game

Two 90 year old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all of their lives.

When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour, when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you".

Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike—Mike."

"Who is it?" asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike—it's me, Joe."

"You're not Joe. Joe just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice. "Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven", replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all

we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

Joe replies "You're in the team for this Saturday!"

Well earned retirement

Best wishes on their retirement to John and Sandra Clark, who are handing over their milk round business after 56 years of milk delivery in our locality. John started part-time whilst still at school at the age of twelve, then full time at fourteen. We wish him and his wife Sandra, who has also been running a local round for more years than she cares to mention, a happy retirement.

PLAY UP DORE!



A BRIEF HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN DORE
COMPILED BY
DORNE COGGINS & ANNE SLATER

Dore Village Society's newest publication "Play Up Dore" - a brief History of football in the Village, is available from the DVS room at the Old School on open morning or on request from committee members (see page 2) for just £3.

The book traces the development of football from its first beginnings right up to the present day, through a series of photographs and anecdotes. Not only does the book reflect a time when sport was a passion for the young men of Dore but it also conjures up a whole picture of life in a rural community soon to be enclosed in the 'Big City'.

A perfect Christmas present.

St. John's Luncheon Club

We now have a new cooker installed in the kitchen of the church hall at St. John's after the old one (only 10 years old) was condemned on health and safety grounds. We are very indebted to South Yorkshire Community Foundation who gave us a grant covering all the costs, and the timing was just right - we only had to cancel one of our weekly sessions following our normal two weeks off in August. Our cooks can now continue to provide first class fare to our members, all except one being 80 or over. We have a long waiting list which means hopeful new members often have to wait for a year or more before getting a place.

In December we celebrate 25 years as a club, and at our Christmas Lunch on December 16th, we will welcome not only our founder, Rev Trevor Hudson and his wife Jean but the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have accepted an invitation to join us for lunch.

Vulcan Rotary Club

The Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club has planted around 6500 spring bulbs during October in South West Sheffield; 2000 daffodils, 2500 mixed crocuses, and 2000 Rotary International 'End Polio' purple crocuses (the purple colour of the blooms signifies the colour of dye used to mark a child's little finger when they receive the vaccination).

Every year we assist Sheffield Council's planting programme and this October we have coupled this work with Rotary Clubs throughout the World to raise the funds and awareness needed to vanquish the crippling disease Polio, which is now on the verge of eradication.

Near the entrance to Abbeydale Sports Ground on Abbeydale Road we have planted a circle of Rotary crocuses in memory of John Giles, an ex-president of our Club and prominent member of the Dore Village community. Bulbs were also planted on the grass verge opposite Beauchief Gardens, along Bochum Parkway, by the Rotary Orientation Table on Fulwood Lane, and by the Lodge Moor shops. Notre Dame and St Marie's Schools have also planted 250 Rotary bulbs each in support for the "Thanks for Life -End Polio Now" project.

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club remains busy during the Autumn and Winter, our biggest project being our annual help for Operation Christmas Child, whereby we supply the voluntary manpower necessary to collect and deliver around 30,000 gift shoeboxes, donated by schools, retailers, church and social groups, to a central Sheffield depot for sorting and onward distribution to needy children overseas.

Our voluntary service work is varied and includes local, national, and international projects. For example we are currently managing and helping to fund a project for deaf children in Indonesia...yet you can also see us collecting for various charities (for example Bluebell Wood, St Lukes, and Alzheimer's) at the major supermarkets in South West Sheffield.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Ground for fellowship, a meal and normally a speaker, and we make sure we enjoy ourselves! If you think that an organisation like Rotary would suit you, contact us at www.vulcanrotary.org.uk or ring our secretary Richard Lowe on 0114 236 3491.

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100 years of Guiding

On the coldest night of the year so far, hundreds of Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and leaders gathered in the Peace Gardens to celebrate the Centenary of Girlguiding, and at 20:10 on the 20th day of the 10th month in 2010, we renewed our Promise together.

Robert Baden Powell founded the Guide movement 100 years ago, a few years after the successful introduction of Scouting. He was supported by his sister Agnes and later by his wife Olave. The Queen was once a guide and Princess Margaret a Brownie. The uniforms may have changed over the years but the aims have remained largely the same.

I asked girls from the Blackmoor and 124th Christ Church packs what Brownies means to them. For Maddy and Jaheen it's about meeting new people and spending

time with friends, Rachel and Elina agreed they enjoy the trips most and Hannah told me "it's fun because you make things and you learn things". Frances added "I think Brownies is cool because you get opportunities you wouldn't do with anyone else".

The Centenary celebrations kicked off in September 2009, and in Sheffield we have had a year filled with challenge and adventure. There was a huge Princess party for the Rainbows, a Brownie sleepover at Magna, Peak camp for the guides, a take-over of the Sheffield Wheel and a garden party for the grown-ups. That's on top of the usual trips, games, crafts and pack holidays. The evening at the Peace Gardens was a once in a lifetime occasion, bringing groups together from all over the city, and linking with the wider Girlguiding movement across the world as we renewed our Promise.

For the Dore Brownies, it was simply fun. On the coach home I asked some of the girls what they had enjoyed most. Orla and Caitlin both replied singing the songs, while Beth particularly liked the Mexican wave. Faye and Jess couldn't decide and said the whole evening was great.

Jane Lowe, Brownie leader and District Commissioner enthused "...to see lots of Brownies, Guides, Rainbows and leaders from all over was absolutely fantastic and we're all buzzing. So thank-you to everybody". Young leaders Kristy and Stephanie added "it was a really great atmosphere", "a really happy, exciting event". Brownie leader Andrea Marshall summed up succinctly "I've got cold toes but it was a lovely evening".

Happy Centenary girls. Here's to the next 100!

*Caroline Skelton, Snowy Owl,
124th Christ Church Brownies*

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Did you know

The changing face of Dore

Excitement rose in Dore during the first week of November, at least on Devonshire Terrace, when signs were posted closing the road and stopping parking pending resurfacing. Alas the council must have been short of tarmac, as they only did a stretch from the bus stop to - Leyfield Road, leaving the cracked road surface in front of Dore Garage untouched.

Still development is on its way elsewhere, with work started on new houses behind No 79 Dore Road. Watch out for mud on the road.

Next to the Doctors Surgery a large sales notice board has been erected, just what one wants to read at the approach to a blind corner. How long before we have another accident here with builders vehicles exiting on the corner and horses coming the other way, two a breast.

Behind the hoarding in front of Dore station the garden centre buildings have been demolished, but there is no sign yet of the promised public consultation on the design of the proposed car park. Yet another local planning application includes provision of a wind turbine on a 15 metre high tower at Whitelaw Farm, Whitelaw Lane. That should stir up some debate.

Not that readers are probably wondering, but there is still no news about the applications for three new village greens. How long is it now since these were made? Sheffield must be a 'Rip Van Winkle' council. If there is any doubt about the importance of these initiatives to protect what's left of our green urban space, just look at the commemorative stones being installed by DVS to mark some of the village greens that used to exist in Dore. All except one of those greens are gone - the changing face of Dore I guess!

Doremouse

Folk concert

On Friday 26th November there will be a charity folk concert at Mickley Hall, featuring many of the performers from the recent Tootley Music Festival folk event. If you were at the Fleur, you will know what an excellent evening is in store. Tickets are £7.50, which includes a pie and peas supper. The evening gets underway at 7:30 p.m. and all proceeds raised will be donated to Leonard Cheshire Disability. There is a fully licensed bar with a great selection of ales and wine. Tickets are going quickly, so to reserve yours please contact Steve Brook on 0114 289 1159.

Dore Recipes and Remedies

Source: Transcribed by Sidney Hoffman from the Ledgers of George Green.

Erasmus Wilson's Lotion for promoting the good growth of hair:-

Eau de Cologne 2oz
Tincture of Cantharides 2 drops*
10 drops Oil of Rosemary
10 drops Oil of Lavender

* Tincture of Cantharides is a very poisonous chemical compound secreted by many species of blister beetle, especially Spanish Fly.

This recipe was well known in 1840 when it was quoted in an old recipe book belonging to Miss Elizabeth Bagshaw of Earl Sterndale.

Sir Erasmus Wilson was a London Surgeon and Archaeologist who specialised in Skin diseases. He is renowned in many fields from introducing the notion of regular baths to bringing Cleopatra's Needle to London at a personal cost of £10,000.

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Staying independent

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After retirement it is often too easy to get out of a daily routine and neglect physical fitness and ignore aches and pains by just taking tablets, hoping it will get better. Physical and mental decline can be slowed by keeping active and looking after the body.

Physiotherapy and exercise therapy can deal with musculoskeletal problems and arthritis by correcting postural imbalances and muscle weaknesses, thus reducing the stress on the joints and skeletal structures.

Circuit training for older people, supervised by a qualified health professional such as a physiotherapist, also benefits cardiovascular health and general fitness. This in turn improves walking and balance, which can often become a problem later in life, leading to falls and fractures.

Improved physical health has also a beneficial effect on mental health, preventing depression which can often become a problem in old age. The benefits of keeping the musculoskeletal system in good order through exercise and postural awareness can therefore not be overemphasized!

If you are interested in finding out more about exercise therapy for older people then you can telephone me for an informal chat and details. Tel. 2621255

*Esther Hague
BSc (HON) Physiotherapy*

Mystery Jug

A few weeks ago we received an email from Mr James Ellis drawing our attention to a antique saltglaze hunting jug which he was offering for sale by auction on Ebay.

This family jug commemorates James's great grandmother (Mrs Laming) being given the freedom (woodcutting rights) of 'Dore Woods' in 1909. The two-tone saltglaze jug has white sprigs typical of the period with the wording "Mrs Laming, Sheffield, 1909". It has a silver rim and spout.

We were obviously interested in the history of the jug and the story behind it. We would be interested to know why his great grandmother was given the freedom and where "Dore Woods" are?

James was able to tell us that his father (born 1909 to mother nee Beatrice May Laming and father James Thomas Ellis) lived near Dore before they moved to be chapel-keepers at Ranmoor Wesleyan Chapel. There were also 3 older brothers (of whom only 2 survived beyond birth) - his father and his bothers being known as The Three Merry Lads.

It was Beatrice May Laming's mother who was given the freedom of 'Dore Woods' - which we presume must have been Ecclesall woods, or somewhere subsequently built over. The solid silver rim and spout (unmarked) were added in the 1930s by Edwin Ellis, silversmith with James Dixon & Sons, Sheffield, perhaps to cover imperfections.

Sadly, although we bid for the jug on behalf of Dore Village Society, we were



not successful, and all we are left with is an intriguing story and these pictures.

If anyone can throw any light on Mrs Laming, her deeds, and the location of 'Dore Woods' we would be delighted to hear from you.

Archaeology group

Are you interested in archaeology? We are a small group of local people, who plan initially to share enthusiasm / information / ideas, but eventually to research, develop and pull together a record of what we know about the surrounding area. Would you, or anyone living locally who you know, be interested? If so please contact John Baker on 236 9025 or Dorne Coggins 236 5769 to find out more.

Blacka Moor Volunteers

Regular volunteer days to conserve Blacka Moor Nature Reserve are now taking place on the first Saturday of every month (except the January volunteer day, which will be held on the 8th).

Tasks vary from footpath improvements and access work, to habitat and vegetation management. Tea and biscuits are provided by Sheffield Wildlife Trust.

Meet at Stony Ridge car park (the small car park at the end of the woodland on the A625 Hathersage Road). Grid reference: SK 277 806.

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James William Partridge

Two years ago we had an enquiry from someone trying to locate the grave of his great-great-grandfather. He had seen it as a little boy of 7 or 8 in the 1940s but could not remember its location. He has the death certificate from the Coroner for the inquest which revealed that James William Partridge, a platelayer, had been accidentally knocked down and killed by a locomotive passing through the Totley Tunnel on the down line in 1898. He had lived at Totley Rise, called the brick town at that time. We found details of death in the Christ Church Burial Register.

Now we have started to follow up this story. We have had contact with the original enquirer again and together with Totley History Group have pieced together a little of James' life. Monumental Inscription records revealed the following:

In loving Memory of James William the beloved husband of Sophia Partridge who died September 14th 1898 aged 34 years. "A sudden chance in a moment fell, I had not time to bid my loved ones farewell. Grieve not from me, nor Sorrow make but love my children for my sake". Also Aurelia, daughter of the above who died in infancy.

Aurelia was buried on 2nd March 1899 aged just one month.

Back to our enquirer. Some of the information that Totley History Group had found was new to him, including the maiden name of William's wife Sophia. I quote from him: "Sophia is part of the copper kettle line. This copper kettle, made between the late 1700s and early 1800s, was given by the mother to eldest daughter at marriage. At one time it was owned by Beechenny Booth, an ancestor of Sophia.

The kettle came to me, the first grandchild born as my grandmother had



An old postcard of a steam train exiting Totley Tunnel at this end.

no daughters, but four boys, my father being the second eldest. The kettle has now been passed to the second grandchild, daughter of the eldest son, and in turn her daughter and back into the Peak district".

After James' and Aurelia's deaths, Sophia and the children went back to her roots, the Matlock area, sold some possessions and bought two horses and a caravan. She claimed she was born in a cart in Matlock Bath.

The eldest child, the grandmother of our enquirer, was called Bech Enna Partridge, presumably after her great grandmother, but she always insisted that this was not her name and the registrar was drunk when her birth was recorded.

Maggie married and had family in the area. Both boys went to the Great War and never returned. The youngest George died a hero and Charles 'vanished into the mud of that war'.

Anne Slater

I want

I want my childhood back again
It ended all too soon
When mankind split the atom
When he walked upon the moon.
I want to play at conkers
I want to climb a tree
I want to walk to school alone
Innocent and free.
I want to use my cricket bat
For playing on the green
To wear my water pistol
Where it's easy to be seen.
I never wore a stocking
Or hood upon my head
And the sharpest knife I ever had
Was used for cutting bread.
But will we ever walk again
Those happier roads we trod
Before the love of Mammon
Drove out the love of God?
by Barbara Eagle

Green Collection

Sheffield Council and contractor Veolia have announced a new city-wide green waste collection service, with re-usable green sacks and a collection calendar be delivered in February and March to houses that do not have a green bin.

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A Hive of Activity

Sheffield is abuzz with the news that 15 new honeybee hives have been installed at unusual sites across the city, challenging the traditional 'cottage garden' image of beekeeping.

Groundwork Sheffield's Bee Buddies project is stationing a total of 35 new hives in innovative urban spaces like green roofs and community gardens. These sites demonstrate that bees can thrive in cities, and that beekeeping is a hobby suitable for those with little access to green space.

The introduced hives across the city will be managed by a Head Beekeeper, with residents and visitors of designated sites being given the opportunity to attend free training to learn how to look after the hives themselves.

Groundwork hope to catch the attention of people who wouldn't normally take an interest in beekeeping. Underused spaces like rooftops can make ideal sites for apiaries, and help to reverse the dramatic fall in honeybee numbers.

Groundwork is offering free two-hour beekeeping taster sessions to give people a chance to try beekeeping for the first time. A more advanced two-day beekeeping course will also be on offer for people already familiar with the hobby.

For more information on the project, or to book a place on a training course, please contact Anna Cooper at Groundwork Sheffield on 0114 263 6420.

Details are also available at:-
www.greenboxgroup.org.uk

Local Badminton Club

Totley Brook Badminton Club play social Badminton on a Tuesday evening in the Church Hall at St. John's Abbeydale Road South, and we are looking for a few new members. We are a friendly group - enjoying not only badminton but a chat and a cup of tea etc. If you fancy giving it a try, turn up on any Tuesday evening about 8pm or phone John 235 1129 or Derek 236 2597 for more details. Our subscription rate is £40 for the season from late September to pre Easter or £20 for half season. We might even find you a racquet if you don't have one!

Five trees Italian supper

Friends of Five Trees organised the annual supper for the Estate, family and friends and this year the theme was Italian. The supper took place in St. John's Hall on 3rd September 2010 and over 70 friends attended. There was a quiz, a raffle and an auction.

Masterchef Catering (Totley) again provided the Italian themed food, which was, as in the previous year, superb and brilliantly presented. After dinner 'Luciano Pavarotti' performed Nessun Dorma and O Sole Mio. A team of Italian waiters then appeared to serve award winning Italian Ice Creams.

A good time was had by all and we raised over £100 for charity.

Elizabeth Dawes

K.E.S.A events

King Egbert School Association warmly invites you to a: Quiz night Friday 14th Jan at 7.30pm in King Egbert School Hall. This is an inexpensive but really great fun night out and just what we need to brighten up those long dark nights after the frivolities of Christmas are behind us. Tickets are only £3 and include entry into a prize draw. There will be games and quizzes galore, just bring yourselves, a team if you have one and don't forget to BYO drinks, wine etc. and nibbles.

Masked Ball Friday 18th March 2011 - Baldwin's Omega. Masks & black tie optional. Our annual Ball is open to all and includes a five-course meal, live music, dancing and disco until 1am. Make up a table of up to ten max. Or tell us your child's year and we will endeavour to seat you with parents from the same year. Partners not necessary, why not come with a group of friends for a great night out.

Join us for this fantastic evening full of glamour. Looking Glass Magazine will cover the event and a photographer will be present. Tickets are on a first come first served basis. This popular event was a sell out last year so avoid disappointment and get there early

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Sunday, November 28th
10am Christingle Service - a special occasion that celebrates Jesus, the Light of the world
Friday, December 10th & Saturday, December 11th
7pm Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concerts
Sunday, December 19th
4pm Family Carol Service
6.30pm Service of 9 Lessons & Carols
Monday, December 20th
7.30pm 'Come & Sing' Messiah with Sheffield Bach Choir
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)

We shall be delighted to welcome readers of Dore to Door to any of these occasions or to any of our regular Sunday or weekday services.

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.

Members of Christ Church would like to take this chance to wish all readers of Dore to Door a peaceful Christmas and a good start to 2011.

Michael Hunter

For diary of local events see back page.



Dore Church winter 1947. This shows the heavy snow in Dore that year.

St John's Church Abbeydale

28th November
6.30pm Advent Carol Service
19th December
6.30pm Carol Service-Nine lessons and carols
24th December
5pm Christingle
Christmas Eve
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
25th December
9.30am Family Communion
Christmas Day

Normal weekly services are:-
8am Either Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion. Provision for children is made on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month either by way of Family Communion or Fish Club

The first Wednesday of every month
Holy Communion 10.15am

T.O.A.D.S.

"Improbable Fiction", written by Alan Ayckbourn in 2005, is the title of the next play to be performed by TOADS. The dates are from Wednesday 24th November to Saturday 27th November and the venue is as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, at 7.30pm.

The play centres around a group of amateur writers - the clue is in the title - and is one of Ayckbourn's cleverest plays with a twist in the tale. This should be an evening not to be missed. Just the ticket for a cold winter's evening which will unfortunately come around sooner than we think!

Call 2351206 to reserve your ticket - £4 or £3.50 for concessions - or contact any TOADS member.

Transport 17

Congratulations to Bill & Judy Glossop from all of us at T17. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th October and gave a donation to us. They both worked at Dorcas lunch club (long gone) for many years and our passengers really appreciated their care and kindness at the United Reformed Church.

The Rotary Club Sheffield Vulcan have their Christmas Draw on Tuesday 14th December. We will be selling books of tickets for this as we are a beneficiary. They are 50p each in books of 4. Please make sure that you have a name, address or telephone number on ALL the ticket stubs as Rotary members deliver the prizes, not us. I need all the ticket stubs and money back by Friday 10th December.

We are holding a Coffee Morning in our office at 172 Baslow Road, Totley on Saturday 27th November. This is from 10 am till noon. Christmas paper, cards, gifts, bric-a-brac and books. Come and have a mince pie or alternative. We look forward to seeing you.

A lot of clubs will be organising Christmas lunches and outings. Please make sure that you talk to Michael Finn about these on 236 2962. It takes a lot of "teeming and lading" to organise the buses if the times and passengers are different to normal.

Thank you very much & best wishes.

Margaret Barlow

Hathersage Carollers

The Hathersage Carollers will be leading the singing of popular local Carols in the following Hathersage Hostleries;

Friday December 17th.
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Monday December 20th.
9pm Millstone Inn.
Wednesday December 22rd.
9pm Plough Inn
Wednesday December 29th.
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Country Lore

and some old superstitions from Christmas to Valentines day

If you over indulge at Christmas and the New Year you may well wake up in the mornings thinking that you need the 'hair of the dog' to feel better. Nowadays this has come to mean that if you have been on the booze you need a good shot of alcohol to counter the effects next day.

One view is that you should use the same alcohol as a cure as caused the problem in the first place, so too much wine can be cured by a glass of the same for breakfast. Others say any old alcohol will do.

The full phrase is 'the hair of the dog that bit you' and its meaning is literal. It comes from a totally erroneous treatment of a rabid dog bite by putting hairs of the dog that bit into the wound.

All over the UK, old traditions still hold sway. Publicly folk say that it is all a bit of fun, but secretly, and sometimes not so secretly, they still believe in the potency of the old ways. The twelve days of Christmas run from Christmas itself through to Twelfth Night on 5 January.

The tradition of taking down all Christmas decorations by then goes back to the belief that the evergreens traditionally used for decorations contain wood spirits that, if left in the house after Twelfth Night, will cause all kinds of trouble.

The calendar has also moved around over the centuries. Once Christmas Day was celebrated on what is now 6 January. The nearest Sunday to 6 January was

traditionally Blessing the Plough day where local tradesmen and farm workers would bring their tools and farmers brought seed to be blessed. This was because the next day, before winter wheat was sown in the autumn, was the Monday when ploughing began again.

In medieval times the Christmas festivities carried on with the blessing of the ploughs and the staging of Plough Plays (similar to mumming plays) particularly in the grain growing counties of East Anglia. Money raised was put to a plough lamp, lit in the church that was never allowed to go out.

Working still to the old calendar, Old Twelfth Night therefore occurs on 17 January and included wassailing, a custom in cider making districts to encourage the apple trees to fruit well the following season, which continues to this day. Cider is poured onto the roots and shots fired through the branches to ward off evil spirits. Warm cider is the drink and toast soaked in cider is placed in the branches 'for the robin'.

The name 'January', comes from the Roman god 'Janus' who presided over the gate to the new year. He was the ruler of new beginnings, gates and doors, the first

hour of the day, the first day of the month and the first month of the year. Pictured as two-headed, one head looked forward into the year to come while the other looked back at the old.

Janus was invoked at the commencement of most actions; even in the worship of the other gods, the votary began by offering wine and incense to Janus. He also presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime, a place of safety where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged, just as the New Year is a time for new objectives and renewed commitments to long-term goals.

February is believed to have derived from the name 'Februa or Februatio' taken from the Roman 'Festival of Purification'. The Festival was held on 15 February by the Roman calendar (probably spring time in our current calendar as this was a 'spring cleaning' festival) Sacred cakes were made from the previous year's grain and a dog and a goat were sacrificed - 'februo' meaning to 'purify by sacrifice'.

Running alongside Februa and probably one and the same at some point was Lupercalia, an archaic rite linked to fertility. From this may come Valentine's Day on 14 February.

There were several St Valentines, all martyred for their faith and none of them linked with romance. The early Christian church had to make inroads into the ancient festivals and so set up a feast day



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around the same dates to honour those “whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to God”. One of these was one of the Valentines.

There is no reference to Valentine as the supporter of lovers until, a ‘High Court of Love’ was established in Paris on Valentine’s Day in 1400. The court dealt with love contracts, betrayals, and violence against women. Judges were selected by women on the basis of a poetry reading. From then on it was open season for Valentines Day. It is mentioned in Shakespeare by Ophelia in Hamlet and now is estimated to be the biggest seller of cards apart from Christmas.

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village pubs before visiting The Mount in Causeway Head Road where she then lived. But when Peter was young they would also come into Barker’s Row. Someone else recalled performances in the High Street, by the trough.

Outside the man playing the horse put the head on and the cloak covered him up. Then they sang the first verse of the Old Horse song:

*We have a poor Old Horse
And he’s standing at your door,
And if you wish to let him in
He’ll please you all I’m sure.
Poor Old Horse, poor Old Horse.*

Unless it was an open-air performance or you were an apprehensive child, you did want to let him in, along with his attendants. Once inside they proceeded to verse two:

*He once was a young horse
And in his youthful prime
His master used to ride on him
And he thought him very fine.
Poor Old Horse, poor Old Horse.*

This went on for at least five more verses as the horse acted out his story. This was basically the same wherever it was performed, but there were local variants in the text of the song. He had strings inside his head to open his mouth. Peter describes it like this: “There was somebody underneath it working the jaws, and it used to clomp, clomp, clomp like a crocodile”.

Lynne provided a graphic account of what the horse-actor did as the song progressed. “He would lift the head high, chomping the jaws open/shut at the beginning when the horse was young, lowering it as he grew old eating the short grass etc. [‘He’s forced to nab yon short grass’] until finally he died and lay on the floor. Before he rose the man nearest would kick his backside and say ‘Gerrup Bob!’, then the spirit would be revived by whisky and the collection box passed round”.

The last performance of the night was at the Dore Moor Inn, then all the troupe went home by taxi. “Mind you”, says Lorraine Evans, “they were three sheets to the wind by the time they got here”, in the first place. So no wonder they would forget some of their lines (and perhaps bring in original Dore variants!).

It must have been quite a shock to meet the Old Horse on a moonlit country road,

especially if you were on the way to the pub and had been lulled into a sense of blissful security by earlier New Year celebrations. When it appeared in the village, Lorraine found it a bit frightening. So did Peter and his young friends when the beast visited Barker’s Row: “He used to turn round, and we as small boys used to run up Townhead Road... absolutely scared of the thing”

What was the point of the Old Horse, apart from earning a few young men their beer money? Writing a century ago, the antiquarian S.O. Addy suggested that it was originally a ritual symbolising the dying of the old year and the birth of the new. Again and again, primitive societies acted out what they wanted to happen in order to make it happen. They didn’t see the natural order as guaranteed. The Easter

date in Lancashire, though, may reflect a Christianising influence.

The Old Horse ceremony, Lynne said, died out locally in the mid-1970s. Twenty years later she presented the DVS with a tape recording of a performance. There was also talk of acquiring a film of it from Sheffield University. If this happened and if these things have survived, it would be good for us to fish them out of the archives sometime and re-live the Old Horse Experience.

*John Dunstan
Dore Oral History Group*

Ed. What happened to the the last horse I wonder? And what about the other horse that used to accompany the Morris Dancers in Dore. Did it have the same origins, and where did this one go?

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Spring flower bulbs are so easy, probably the quickest and easiest gardening of all. Plant loads of crocus, daffodils, and tulips in pots on the patio or for the front door, and in your garden NOW! Top the pots of with winter flowering pansies for instant colour and flowers all winter. There are good fun for kids too.

Winter pansies were a real breakthrough 25 years ago and have blessed us with pretty but tough nodding flowers during the worst that winter can throw at them. However, to get the best out of them plant

them as early as possible as they will really love the warmth from the summer, that remains in the soil.

A tip for a quick but very colourful spring highlight is to choose one of the newer combination packs of spring flowering bulbs. The growers have trialed and produced a mix of bulbs in one pack that compliment each other, flower at the same time and are of similar height, giving you great impact. Your friends and family will marvel at your horticultural skills. We won't tell if you don't. Don't forget to plant now.

My lawn is terrible again this autumn and it really needs an autumn lawn feed with a moss killer combined. Once the moss is dead (about 24 hours) it needs raking out. If your lawn is like mine it will be quite bare. It's not too late to sow an over seeding lawn seed to fill in the patches. It's a golf course trick the really works well. Oh and don't forget to rake up the leaves from your lawn. Dead leaves left on the lawn lead to dead patches that allow weed seeds and moss to grow. If

they don't then you will need to overseed in spring. So Rake now!

The trees around our area have turned earlier this year and we are having a great show. Have a look in your garden. Are there any good colourful autumn shrubs and trees in your garden? Don't neglect this part of your garden colour. Here are a few you could plant now and benefit from every autumn.

Japanese Maples (*Acer palmatum* type), Berberis (not the evergreen types), Parrotia, *Enkianthus*, some of the *Viburnums*, *Fothergilla*, some *Cornus* (dogwoods have great winter coloured stems too), some *Hydrangeas*, and *Cotinus* (Smoke bush).

Late flowering plants to consider are *Asters*, *Kaffir Lilies* (*Schizostylis*), and *Sedums*.

Autumn gardening is great! Yes it is cooler and it will rain but wrap up warm, pick your days and get planting. Oh and happy new year garden!

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Once a year on Remembrance Sunday there is a service and wreaths are laid but the names of the young men on the plaques are just that - names. Very few people know anything at all about the all too short lives of those who died.

Three members of Totley History Group, Pauline Burnett, Jim Martin and Dorothy Prosser, decided to see what could be discovered about the ten young men who gave their lives in WW1 so that the people of Totley could be reminded that the freedom they enjoy today is thanks to them.

They are from all walks of life - from the youngest son of the family at Totley Hall to a young farm labourer. All would have had their hopes and plans and dreams for the future when they left this quiet Derbyshire village to serve their country. None of them would ever see their homes and families again.

Roy Denzil Pashley Milner

Roy Milner was born in Totley in 1893, the second son and youngest child of William Aldam Milner and Sarah Elizabeth Milner (nee Roberts). William and Sarah were married in Sheffield on 6 June 1883 and the following year they came to live at Totley Hall. Their first child was a daughter, Marjorie Elsie, who was baptised at Christ Church, Dore on 21 June 1884. Two sons followed who were also baptised at Dore, William Alfred (known as Billy) on 20 April 1888 and Roy Denzil Pashley on 1 April 1893.

So far it has been surprisingly difficult to find information about Roy Milner despite his family being the most prominent in Totley. Both of his parents were active in the community. William

Totley War Memorial WW1 1914-1918

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

The Soldiers:

Sec. Lt. Roy Denzil Pashley Milner
Pte. Colin Hedley Bishop
Cpl. Tom Brown Fisher
Pte. James William Green
Sgt. Herbert Allan Hill
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Adam Milner was a barrister and J.P. and both he and his wife were governors of Totley All Saints school. Joan Stratford's history of the school chronicles many of Sarah Milners visits to give talks, donations and prizes.

On 1 July 1909 Roy's sister Marjorie was married at Dore church to William Wilson junior, a snuff manufacturer of Beauchief Hall. The Sharrow Mill snuff business is still in existence and is owned and run by the Wilson family.

In the 1911 census Roy, aged 18 is shown as a 'scholar' but there is no indication of which school he attended. When war was declared on 4 August 1914 he must have been either a regular soldier or a member of the Territorial Army. The story of him marching up Totley Hall Lane to the cheers of the local people is well known. On 11 September 2nd Lt. Roy Milner arrived at St Nazaire in France with his regiment the 2nd Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters. They formed part of the 18th Brigade of the British Expeditionary Force.

On 14 September 2nd Lt Milner and his men of 'A' company began the 350 mile march to the area around the River Aisne in Picardy. The following day the battalion marched for fifteen hours in heavy rain. The drenching rain continued as they marched for another twelve hours on the 16th. Finally, weary and footsore, they arrived at Chacrise on the 18th where they were billeted on a farm and were given a 24 hour rest period.

On 19 September with three other battalions of the 18th Brigade they moved forward to the village of Vendresse in the steep-sided Troyon valley where they relieved the 1st Black Watch in the trenches. Later that day they were moved back to a reserve line.

20 September dawned wet and cold with heavy rain and sleet falling. The Sherwood Foresters joined other regiments as they attempted, with some success, to retake trenches broken into and occupied by the Germans. Roy Milner, with a fellow officer and most of their men, was cut down by heavy machine gun fire as he led a charge up the valley.

His body now lies in Grave Ref. 6. C. 5

in Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension in Aisne, France.

For the rest of the war Sarah Milner worked tirelessly helping to provide aid and comforts for wounded soldiers and also informing and educating local people about the conflict and how they could help the men at the Front. How difficult this must have been for her as she mourned the loss of her youngest child. After the war William and Sarah Milner gave land on Totley Hall Lane and money towards the building of a new church. All Saints Church opened in 1924 and the chancel is dedicated to Roy Milner.

Colin Hedley Bishop

Colin Hedley Bishop, known as Hedley, was born in Dore on 8 April 1893, the fifth child and second son of Colin Bishop, a gardener, and his wife Mary Ellen (nee Kirk). He was baptised at Christ Church, Dore on 22 October 1893.

By August 1897 Colin Bishop and his family had moved to Totley and in the 1901 census they were living at Rolling Mill, Totley Rise. Hedley attended Totley All Saints School until April 1906 when, at the age of 13, he left to start work.

By the time of the 1911 census, Colin and Mary Ellen Bishop had ten children six of whom were still living with them at Ivy Cottage (now called Mill Cottage) in Mill Lane, Totley Rise. Hedley Bishop is aged 17 and working as a machine file cutter and his father is a gardener.

Hedley's grandfather Joseph Bishop was a farmer and scythe maker who lived at High Greave Farm, Whitelow Lane, Dore. He died young being buried in Dore churchyard on 27 July 1871 at the age of 41 followed 8 years later on 13 July 1879 by his wife Mary, aged 49.

Joseph's father, Thomas Bishop, was also a scythe maker who was born in Dronfield in about 1787. He moved to Dore as a young man and was certainly living there with his wife Sarah in 1819 when their eldest child Mary was baptised. Thomas and Sarah are both buried in Dore churchyard, Sarah in 1845 aged 50 and Thomas in 1861 aged 74.

When the First World War began Hedley Bishop must have volunteered almost immediately and he became Service No. 2763 Private Hedley Bishop in the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons. The regiment arrived at Le Havre in France on 16 July 1915 as part of the 17th (Northern) Division and were deployed to the Ypres salient.

On 1 July 1916 the Battle of the Somme began and on the first day 19,240 British soldiers died. The Yorkshire Dragoons were involved in the Battle of Delville Wood which took place between July and early September. This was a subsidiary attack of the Somme offensive and it seems very likely that Hedley Bishop was wounded during the fighting and eventually died of his wounds on 21 October 1916.

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Tom Brown Fisher

Tom Brown Fisher was born on 10 October 1893, the youngest child of Francis and Emma Fisher (nee Hill) of Hallfield Farm, on Strawberry Lee Lane, Totley.

Tom's grandfather, Thomas Fisher, arrived in Totley from Brampton around 1836 and became the publican and farmer at The Cross Scythes before he moved to live at Hallfield Farm from about 1843 until his death in 1885. Tom's father Francis then inherited the farm but he died in 1895 when Tom was just two years old. Tom started at Totley All Saints School in March 1898 when he was 4 1/2 years old.

In 1901 Hallfield Farm was being run by Eliza Fisher, the widow of Francis's elder brother John and Tom was living in a cottage at Lane Head, Totley with his sister Jessie and mother Emma who was supporting them by working as a charwoman. In August 1907 at the age of 13 Tom left school to begin work. By the time of the 1911 census, Tom had moved out to Beeley where he was working as a cowman at Moor Farm.

Tom Fisher's Army Service Record was among the 60% destroyed during the Blitz in WW2 so it is not known when he originally joined the army. When he enlisted in the Derbyshire Yeomanry in Totley his residence was given as Holmsfield so it would seem that he had moved back to work in the local area by the early years of WW1.

At some point he was transferred to the 6th Dragoons (Inniskilling) and on 1 December 1917 he took part in the cavalry

charge south of Villers Guislain. The Dragoons were cut down by heavy machine-gun fire and shrapnel and 169 of them died along with 271 horses. Tom Fisher was among those who died.

His body was never found but he is remembered on Panel 1 of the Cambrai Memorial at Louverval.

James William Green



James William Green was the first child of James and Mary Alice Green who married in Christ Church, Dore in 1895.

His paternal grandfather, another James, was a joiner and wheelwright working well into his seventies from his home in Chapel Walk (now called Chapel Lane). He also owned a grocer's shop at the corner of Summer Lane, his wife Millicent being recorded as a grocer in 1861. James W.'s father was a mechanical engineer and

for a short time after his marriage lived in Norton Woodseats where James was born on 17 December 1895.

By 1901 the family were back in Totley living in Grange Terrace, perhaps among the first to occupy one of these houses built at the end of the 19th century. His mother, Mary Alice, was surnamed Green before her marriage to James Green. Their common ancestry appears to be in the early 19th century, making them second or third cousins.

Mary Alice was a 17 year old kitchen maid at Totley Hall in 1891. There still exist a number of studio portraits taken throughout her life. The one taken in 1887 when she was 14 years old is reproduced in 'Totley District in Old Photographs' by Brian Edwards.

James W., possibly known as Willie when he was a youngster, was admitted to Totley All Saints School in 1900, leaving to attend another school in November 1906. This is unusual as the children of the village stayed at the school until the age of thirteen when they left to start work. His family remained in the village and his siblings in the school.

He enlisted in Chesterfield as Pte J W Green, Service No. 18960, in the early days of the war, although his records have been lost. He was fighting with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in the Battle of the Somme when he was killed on 13 November 1916. It was just five days before this long battle ended with the onset of winter. He was aged 20.

His body was never recovered but he is remembered on Pier and Face 10A and

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10D of the Thiepval Memorial together with 72,000 other soldiers who shared the same fate.

In their later years, his parents lived on Mickley Lane. His father died in 1941, his mother in 1950 and both are buried at Christ Church, Dore.

Herbert Allan Hill

Herbert Allan Hill was born on 19 January 1888, the third son and fourth child of William Colin and Mary Ellen Hill.

In 1891 the family were living on Abbey Lane, Beauchief but had moved to Totley by October 1895 when Herbert became a pupil at Totley All Saints School. The admissions book records that Herbert's elder brother Cecil Graham Hill started on the same day having previously been at the school in Dore, so it is likely that Herbert had been there also.

In 1901 the Hills were living on Lemont Road and two younger sisters, Ella and Gladys, had joined the family. Herbert, like his father and two older brothers, was working as a market gardener. In 1908, at the age of 20, he decided to join the Territorial Army. He signed his Attestation papers on 2 April and became a volunteer in 4th (Hallamshire) Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment. No doubt he enjoyed the training weekends and annual summer training camps that he would have been required to attend. He was discharged at the end of his two year term and went back to purely civilian life.

When the 1911 census was taken only Herbert and his youngest sister Gladys were still living at home with their parents. Mabel, Colin, Cecil and Ella had all married and set up their own homes. Herbert was still working as a jobbing gardener for his father's small firm of Colin Hill & Sons of Green Oak. On 11 July 1912 Herbert married Mary Jane Moore. The young couple moved into Brook Vale Cottage, Back Lane, Totley



Sgt Herbert Allan Hill

and life went quietly on until August 1914 and the start of WW1.

Herbert rejoined the Hallamshires on 9 August and on his medical inspection report he is described as being 5ft 4 1/2 inches tall with a 35 inch chest and weighing 140 lbs. He was now service number 2176 Private Hill.

The Hallamshires remained in the UK on home defence moving to various camps around the country. They formed part of the 187th Brigade in the 62nd (2nd West Riding) Division. Finally on 13 January 1917 they sailed from Southampton for France landing at Le Havre on the 14th. By this time Private Hill had become Sergeant Hill.

On 3 May 1917 the 62nd Division were ordered to attack the Hindenburg Line and the village of Bullecourt but this attack failed and the 214th Yorks and Lancs became hung upon thick barbed wire. Casualties for the 62nd West Riding Division on this day numbered 2,976 men killed, wounded or missing in action.

This is the day that Herbert Hill was recorded as "wounded and missing". He must have been taken from the battlefield by German soldiers as he is noted as being 'Prisoner of War at Limburg' on the 14 May 1917. Limburg was a prisoner of war camp on the River Lahn in Germany. It had a camp hospital and this must be where Herbert died of his wounds.

He is now buried at Tournai Communal Cemetery Allied Extension, Grave V.F.13.

Robert Hugh Martin

Robert Hugh Martin, known as Bob, was born in Walkley on 14 November 1896, the second son of Harry Martin and his wife Jeanetta (nee Biltcliffe).

Bob and his siblings attended Burgoyne Road School, Cundy Street Chapel featured significantly in the lives of the Martin family. Bob and his brothers Herbert and Victor were keen footballers, playing for Burgoyne Road School football club, Cundy Street football club and, later, Totley football club.

As a very young man Bob worked for Cole Brothers in Sheffield, travelling daily from Dore and Totley Station. A 1910 photograph shows him and other employees on an annual outing. Bob was then apprenticed to Hartley & Son, printers, where his elder brother Herbert

was also apprenticed, later becoming a master printer and bookbinder. The Hartley and Martin families were old friends. Ironically, in Malta in 1918, as Bob was being taken by stretcher, one of the bearers, a Totley boy, said, "It's a long way from Dore & Totley station, isn't it Bob?". He was a Parker, a relative of Mrs Flo. Hartley nee Parker.

In 1912 Harry and Jeanetta Martin, together with their children Herbert, Bob, Doris, Winifred, Victor and Lilian Wordsworth moved to Glenbourne, on Back Lane, Totley Rise. Jeanetta's aunt, Martha Hawes, nee Wordsworth, lived next door at Glenrose. Totley has strong associations for many of the Martin descendants to the present day.

WW1 saw many changes for many families and nothing would ever be the same for any of them. Herbert joined the Royal Engineers and served in France and Germany. Bob volunteered and joined the Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line Regiment, Derbyshire Yeomanry Battalion, Service No. 75965, serving overseas.



Pte. Robert Hugh Martin

On 14 November 1917, Bob's 21st birthday, he was shot in Salonika, Greece. The bullet lodged in his heart but did not kill him. He rode his horse back to camp but, as there was no x-ray facility, he had to be taken to the island of Malta which had excellent medical equipment and facilities. He left Salonika on the hospital ship HMHS Glenart Castle. On arrival in Malta he was taken to St Elmo Hospital, Valletta, where pioneering surgery was performed to remove the bullet. The operation was reported in the Daily Malta Chronicle as being "the talk of the Island". The Glenart Castle was returning to Britain when it was torpedoed by German U-boat UC-56 on 26 February 1918 and it sank near Lundy Island with the loss of 162 lives.

Bob's operation was successful. The bullet was removed but he died of blood poisoning on 14 March 1918. He is buried in Grave Reference C. XVII. 4. in the WW1 Section of Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta. Robert Hugh Martin, along with his fallen colleagues, is remembered on the Rolls of Honour in Totley Rise Methodist Church and Dore & Totley United Reformed Church.

Ed. Details of the final four soldiers will be published in our next edition.

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2. Provide for friends or partners

The Intestacy Rules do not provide at all for your friends or even for a partner who you may have lived with for years – they will inherit nothing. By making a Will, you can leave them as much or as little as you like. It's your money – it's your decision!

3. Provide for your step-children and step-grandchildren

Under the Intestacy Rules, your step-children and step-grandchildren are not counted as your children/grandchildren and will inherit nothing – even if their other parents have already died. You can change this – make a Will and you can be certain their future is secure.

4. Stop teenagers blowing the lot!

If you don't have a Will, anything which your children/grandchildren inherit automatically passes to them at the age of 18. Teenage years are not necessarily the best time for someone to come into a sum of money but by making a Will, you can determine when your children/grandchildren will inherit, safeguarding the money for a time when they may really need it.

5. Look after children

Many people think that writing a Will is something you do in later life, however, in reality anyone with a child under the age of 18 should have one with a view to appointing guardians for that child. If you are a new Grandparent you may want to encourage the new parents to write a Will. This will help to secure your grandchild's future should anything happen.

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Deadly oak disease

Scientists are warning that Britain's native oaks could be under threat from a relatively new but potentially deadly disease.

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Unlike sudden oak death, known to be caused by the fungus-like pathogen, the main cause of AOD is believed to be bacteria. The disease has the potential to change our landscape even more than Dutch elm disease. It is estimated hundreds of trees may be infected, most of them currently in the Midlands.

An Eco Roof

Building began at the beginning of May on a new house at the end of Rushley Avenue visible from Dore Road - now No. 17 and completed. With an unusual design, it may well be the first eco roof in Dore (with the option of roof irrigation when needed). Sedums not only increase the life of the waterproofing but can produce a floral delight. The flowers start in June and bloom in succession till about September, a great attraction for insects and bees. They can have a lifetime of 25 years. Of course they grow naturally on roofs. Many will have seen the yellow

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each individual. Friendly, personal or group sessions can be arranged with dietitians, physiotherapists and a psychologist, to help people make far reaching changes to their diet and physical activity to achieve their weight loss goal.

A personal guide maintains weekly contact to help answer any concerns and keep people inspired and motivated. Access to a dedicated website also provides an opportunity to share problems, advice and experiences with other people on the programme through an online forum.

Anyone who has a BMI of over 40, or 35 with other health conditions and thinks that they may benefit from the Weigh Ahead programme should speak to their doctor or health professional to arrange an

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We managed to raise a grand total of £1182-50, which is a record for us and amazing, considering it all took place in the space of two and a half hours.

Thank you all for your continued support. The money raised will be used by the Sheffield and Chesterfield branch of MacMillan Cancer Support. Please all come again next year.

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He was named in the Queen's birthday honours list in June as a recipient of the MBE for services to the community.

Outrage over deer's head

Wildlife workers in Sheffield were horrified at the beginning of November after the severed head of a deer was found in the car park at Blacka Moor. Sheffield Wildlife Trust staff who manage the Nature Reserve believe poachers were responsible. The organisation had not given permission for any deer stalking at the site. The Trust is asking members of the public to report to the police any suspicious behaviour they see on the site.

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News in Brief

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A donation has been made to Christ Church Dore in lieu of Christmas cards by Molly Brown.

Dore's own racing star Russell Danzey made another step towards his ambition of becoming a formula 1 star by driving his 130mph single-seat car to third place in the inaugural Autosports Young Guns series at Thruxton in September.

Good Intentions

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"There were 3 good apples and the class was for 4"

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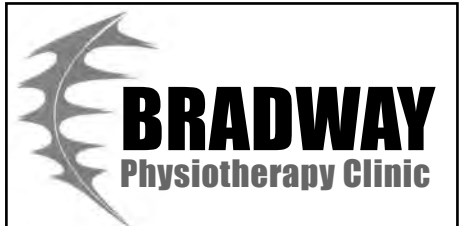
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My Favourite Things

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Here are the actual lyrics she used:

*Botox and nose drops
and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails
and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.
Cadillacs and cataracts,
and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent
and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts
and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.
When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel, so bad.
Hot tea and crumpets
and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or
food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads
and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.
Back pains, confused brains,
and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures
and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention
our short, shrunken frames,
When we remember our
favourite things.
When the joints ache,
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Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd.



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Wyvern Walks

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The walks are usually timed so that walkers return to the village no later than 1.30pm and a steady pace is followed so that people of average walking ability can enjoy them. New walkers who wish to experience these walks are always welcome; and details of the current programme of walks are displayed on the DVS noticeboards.

The last walk this year is the Wassail Walk on Monday 27th December. This popular walk is about 5 miles in length and is a refreshing post Christmas event.

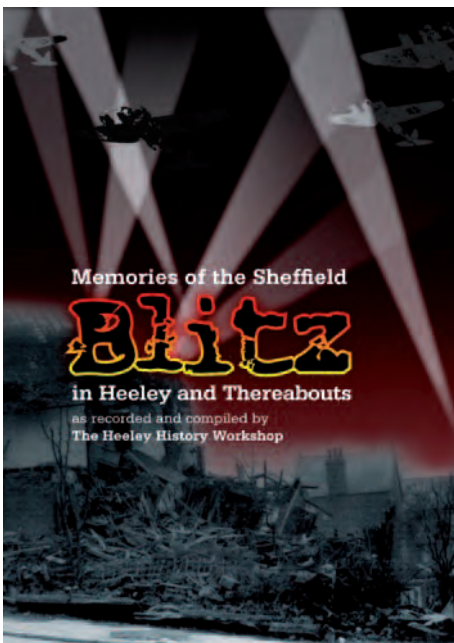
Left - Intrepid Wyvern walkers tackling the best of Derbyshire



Book Reviews

Did you know that the iconic nursery rhyme that was heard throughout the land on the 5th November was originally commissioned as a sermon? Remember, Remember the 5th of November was read in every church in England to mark the first anniversary of the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Living in today's high-tech world it's difficult to imagine a time when it was hard to communicate with other people, when events reported were often days old. So in 1605 King James 1st devised a way for country folk to be kept abreast of important news by word of mouth with an easily memorable rhyme or limerick.

That's just one eye opener in a potential stocking filler, *Pop goes the weasel: The Secret Meanings of Nursery Rhymes* by Albert Jack. Full of vivid illustrations and with each verse reproduced, here are a multitude of surprising stories you won't be able to resist passing on to everyone you know. Childhood songs and rhymes will never sound the same again. Published in paperback by Penguin, 320 pages, price £7.99 ISBN: 9780141030982



The Second World War involved citizens directly with the violence of war which was brought directly into their own homes. *Memories of the Sheffield Blitz in*

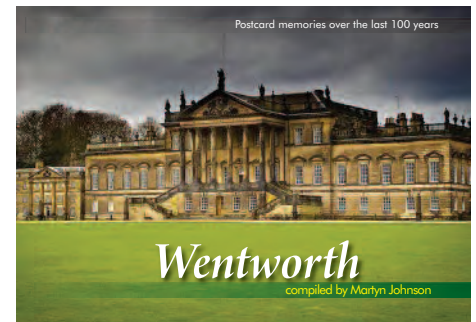
Heeley and Thereabouts draws on the experiences of members of Heeley History Workshop and their friends, covering what happened during the Blitz in Heeley and thereabouts on December 12/13th 1940 and its aftermath. For those involved the memories will never fade. This book helps give an appreciation of the high price communities like this gave for our freedom and the tragic effects all wars have on the lives of ordinary people. Published by youbooks.uk Price £7.99 ISBN 978 19052 78381

In 1939 it was thought that a German invasion force might try to storm the British mainland via the beaches and ports of Yorkshire. Invasion committees were set up across the county to prepare defences and a covert army was formed from local miners, farmers, foresters and postmen. Underground hides were built in old mine workings and training was given in weapons, explosives and general survival- and all of this was kept a secret.

Yorkshire's skilful and willing workforce made a major contribution to the war effort. In mills and factories, men and women worked long hours making vital products including steel, everything from ship's propellers to crank shafts for the Merlin aero engine. Many of those who took part in Yorkshire's secret war took their oath of secrecy so seriously that only now is their story told by Ron Freethly in *Yorkshire, The Secret War 1939-1945* Published by Countryside Books, 160 pages, price £9.99 ISBN 978 1 84674 218 7

Timber framed buildings, whether they are medieval halls, barns, grand houses, or picturesque cottages, form one of the most delightful features of our historic towns and countryside. Using his own photographs, drawings and detailed diagrams, Trevor Yorke has produced another helpful book enabling us to understand what such buildings may have originally looked like, the challenging technology behind their construction, how they have changed over the years, and the details by which we can date them. He also lists some of the prime examples that are open to the viewing public. *Timber Buildings Explained* is published by Countryside Books, 80 pages, price £6.99 ISBN 978 1 84674 220 0

The Heritage Trail by Tom Schofield, gives you a choice of 16 linked circular rambles of between 4 and 9 miles or a complete 54-mile linear walk through Lancashire and Yorkshire that connects with three of the region's preserved steam railways. A novel way to view beautiful and historic countryside, comprehensively illustrated with maps, drawings and descriptions. Published by Sigma Press, 129 pages price £8.99, ISBN 978 1 85058 857 3



Martyn Johnson - Author of 'Whats the doin' about his time as an Attercliffe Policeman has produced a second book this time about his home village, *Wentworth*. With well over 80 images of Wentworth House, the Fitzwilliam family, the village and its people going about their daily lives. All these images are taken from a vast collection of postcards that Martyn has collected over the years. Published by youbooks.uk Price £9.99 Tel 275 7222.



Dore War Memorial

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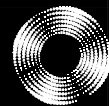
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The Wildlife Garden

If proof were ever needed just how different we are from our cousins living on the other side of the Channel, we only have to look at how each culture views the song thrush. On the continent, these birds are valued, albeit as a gourmet foodstuff and every year, many thousands end up on Belgian and French *bon vivant's* plates. In contrast, over on this side of the Channel the song thrush has long been prized as something more than just a potential snack for epicureans.

As long ago as the 8th century, the Anglo-Saxons of the time are recorded as admiring the bird's singing, while more recently, gardeners have come to realise just what a useful role song thrushes play in controlling pests. Although it is true that during autumn and winter they live off berries from shrubs like cotoneaster, elder and yew, which doesn't exactly endear them to some gardeners, in early spring they switch to eating invertebrates.

Having said that, their diet comprises mostly of earthworms, but they also take pests like *noctuid* moth larvae (more commonly known as cutworms, the bane of young plants), cockchafers, earwigs, millipedes and sawflies. Nevertheless, they really come into their own when tackling snails.

Even though blackbirds will also eat these gastropods, they don't have an efficient technique for extracting their flesh and simply poke about in the shell's mouth with their beak, looking as skilful as I do when using chopsticks to pick up peas. In contrast, the song thrush has this process down to a fine art.

The bird positions itself next to a hard flat surface like a stone or paving, its 'anvil', grabs the shell at the mouth and swings it behind its head in a backwards arc, before twisting round sharply and smashing the shell downwards with an audible 'crack'. It will repeat this procedure a number of times, weakening

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the shell until it eventually breaks apart and the bird can pull out the flesh. However, although blackbirds might not have learnt how to do this, they aren't stupid and will often wait close by while a song thrush bashes away at its shell, then simply snatch the hard-earned flesh right from under the thrush's beak.

But snails are not the only food these birds compete over. Blackbirds have bigger and consequently stronger bills, which means they can pull out larger worms from the soil than a song thrush, but are also able to do so when the ground is much drier. Apart from this, they have much more catholic tastes in fruit and will eat a far wider range of berries than their fussier cousins. All in all, some ornithologists think these factors may well be the main reason why, in the same sized area of suburban gardens, there can be anything up to ten times as many pairs of blackbirds, as breeding song thrushes.

Still, there is another fundamental difference between the two: while blackbirds will nest just about anywhere and have been known to make them in the most unlikely places, for example inside car bonnets; on ladders or even working tractors, song thrushes prefer dense vegetation, such as large, thick hedges. Unfortunately, as many gardeners nowadays view tall hedges with the same enthusiasm as they would a tax demand from the Inland Revenue, these are often few and far between.

As a rule, song thrushes begin nesting in early March, more often than not a few weeks before blackbirds, but the actual date is very much influenced by just how warm the weather is. Even so, male song thrushes establish and defend their territories much earlier than this and my resident thrush started singing last year in early December.

They generally raise two broods, but in mild autumns, song thrushes have been known to embark on a third. Four greenish-blue eggs, speckled with brown, is the norm and they are incubated solely by the female for about 14 days. The nestlings take a further two weeks to fledge and are fed on a variety of insect food by both parents, but the later the brood, the more their diet is predominated by snails.

According to some ornithologists, this dependence on gastropods to feed their young may well have been a major factor in the crash of song thrush numbers, which has been particularly acute in farmland: since the 1970's, the population has declined by 73%. Nowadays there are thought to be around 1 million breeding

pairs. Scientists believe the extensive use of molluscicides in farms and gardens might not only have directly affected nestlings by poisoning them, but also indirectly, by reducing the number of snails available for adults to feed them with. This is because in dry weather, song thrushes rely far more on snails than blackbirds do.

As if there aren't enough theories as to why this melodious song bird is disappearing, there is yet another one: it is a commonly-held view that garden bird populations have crashed due to avian predators like the sparrowhawk and magpie. On the face of it, this would seem to be quite a plausible explanation, as their numbers increased round about the same time as the decline in song bird populations occurred.

But by comparing avian predator numbers in areas where song birds are still thriving, to those where they are not, scientists have been able to show there is very little credence to this idea. Even so, one predator that song thrushes are particularly vulnerable to is the domestic cat. This is because these birds take much of their food directly off the ground, so it is imperative to try and exclude cats from your garden. Also, as blackbirds compete with song thrushes for just about every source of invertebrate food, it is important not to control snails, however heartbreaking this might be.

Instead, if you need to protect any plants from gastropods, it is best to employ slug-repellent barriers like copper strips and never be tempted to resort to molluscicides, even those approved for organic use. Otherwise, in the not too distant future the only place you are likely to see a song thrush is on a platter served up in a smart Parisian café.

Jack Daw

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Our infant school playground was transformed into an exciting place to be with bouncy castles, hot food, face painting, gardening activities, circus skills and many more fun things to do. The fire brigade brought along an engine for children to look around and in the dining room we served tea, coffee and delicious cakes. Stalls in the junior hall were full of books and toys to buy. Here is what some of our pupils thought about the event.

"The autumn fair was exciting."

"I enjoyed the fair because there was circus fun. I liked the tight-rope even though I nearly fell off several times."

"The autumn fair was great. The bun stall was best. I enjoyed everything because there were lots of fun things to do."

"I liked the fair because I got to see my friends and we went round together, there was so much to choose from we didn't know where to start first."

A highlight of the afternoon was the Go Cart competition. Children "really enjoyed the go-carts going round the track



The new stone commemorative plaque recently installed on Blacka Moor; to record the gift of the land to the people of Sheffield by Alderman J.G.Graves in 1933. This was organised and paid for by the Dore Village Society,

and thought that some of them went really fast. They were fantastic!" We had lots of very creative entries from children and their parents. Clearly a lot of hard work went into designing and making them.

The event was very well supported by families and their friends and we are thrilled that the hard work of the organisers and helpers paid off. Everywhere we looked there were smiling faces and happy families - this will be an event to repeat and we hope many more of the Dore community will join us next year.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Autumn Fair such a success.

Linda Addis

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Although around 2,000 instructors are struck off the register each year it is difficult to find information about what is going on. Many small driving schools go bust each week, potentially taking learners prepayment monies with them. In the way it is difficult to choose a builder, it is astonishingly difficult to choose a driving instructor when outside the profession.

For many the biggest scandal in the driving tuition market is the matter of trainee's being passed off as if they were fully qualified instructors and charging top rate prices.

Imagine for a moment if during your next driving lesson you found out that you were being taught by a trainee. Would you feel quite so secure and confident in their ability to both keep you safe and guide you through your test? Yet a well kept secret is that one in eight instructors working for driving schools in the UK is a trainee. They haven't passed the exam which tests their ability to instruct.

According to a Department for Transport report on raising the standards of approved driving instructors, the pass rate for pupils of trainee instructors was only 35% compared with a national pass

rate (including pupils of trainee's) of 46%.

If this were not bad enough, parents and learners are not told that their instructor is a trainee and to add insult to injury the driving schools charge full lesson rates for their trainees. Would you be happy if your gas pipes were fitted by an unsupervised trainee? The Government identified this as a problem a decade ago, but schools continue to place learners with trainees.

There is an easy way to spot the difference between fully qualified instructors and trainees. Fully qualified instructors are required to display a green octagonal windscreen badge. The badge for trainees is a pink triangle. It indicates that they haven't passed their 'Part 3' exam: the hardest one, which has a 70% failure rate. It may be that they will never manage to reach the standard required to be an approved driving instructor.

Beware of driving schools using phrases such as DSA approved or DSA licensed. This means that they are registered with the Driving Standards Agency, but it doesn't mean they are fully qualified. Also beware of the phrase 'qualified instructors', because trainees are partly qualified but have yet to sit the key exam on their ability to instruct.

When enquiring about driving lessons be prepared to ask penetrating questions about pass rates and trainees. Parents may also ask if they can accompany a learner on the first lesson. I always offer this as standard, as it re-assures parents and gives an opportunity to ask questions that would be missed. Avoid intensive courses, I regard them as the invention of driving

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Additionally, try to sort out lane positions early. Lane changing when you are under time pressure just makes it harder and always signal early. Keeping it a secret that you want to change lane helps no one

Please keep the questions coming, I am always pleased to receive them. You can call me on 0114 2361040 or email me at john@johnbarkermotoring.com.

Keep safe till next time.

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Seeing Stars in Dore

plus getting afloat and comments on our new domestic recycling system....

Jupiter (magnitude -2.3) which has been the brightest planet in our skies for several months is now much lower in the evening skies, and sets in the west soon after midnight in late November and December. Saturn whose rings are widening is an early morning object, above and right of Venus in the SE. Saturn is rather faint (magnitude +0.7) and is probably best seen in binoculars and telescopes.

Venus shines brightly (magnitude -4.5) in the early morning skies very low in the ESE just before sunrise after mid-November. It sits just to the left of Spica, the brightest star in Virgo. The Moon, however, near Christmas is so bright that it may quite easily outshine Venus, making the beautiful planet difficult to see. Mid-December is a much better time to peep out of the bedroom window towards where you know the Sun roughly rises in winter and find Venus. Do not, however, be confused by Sirius, the brightest star in the whole sky which will appear low in the South West.

Venus can be seen even better from the lower latitudes in the mid-Atlantic if you happen to be cruising to the Caribbean this winter. It is much higher in the sky, the further one travels south. We are not all so lucky but it can easily be done on the Internet. There is the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) starting on 20 November 2010, and the event should interest many website surfers. Just go to www.worldcruising.com/arc/event_info.aspx and imagine you are in that dream cruiser.

The transatlantic rally leaves Las Palmas in the Canaries and takes you 2700 nautical miles over two or three weeks to Rodney Bay in St. Lucia, one of the most beautiful islands in the Lesser Antilles. The 200 or so yachts (27 to 85 feet) and catamarans (up to 60 feet) sail with the NE tradewinds and the sailors keep in touch with home by radio. Also, their positions in the race can be closely followed. One might wonder how the planets and stars might appear on those lonely nights in

mid-Atlantic at latitudes 30 to 40 when the sails dip low over the sea and the tradewinds whistle through the rigging.

There will be a friendly Full Moon at the start of the race. Then, gradually as the Moon wanes, it rises later and later each night until it becomes a thin crescent in the early mornings and joins Venus to greet the freezing mariners with their hand-hugging mugs of hot coffee at breakfast. I have an old friend (who was in the Portrush lifeboat) in the race, and I shall certainly be anxiously watching his progress, as I am sure his family and children will be in Northern Ireland.

Some men and women in Dore and Totley probably dream as I did when I was young of selling up houses and cars and sailing carefree around the world. In these days when the daily pressures are increasing and jobs are hard to find it is probably becoming the ambition of many.

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I was never a hardened sailor myself but I did manage to buy a 30 foot yacht in Denmark, learning to navigate the calmer waters of Aarhus Bay on sunny days when the sea was kind. When we ran aground on a sandbank we just let the boom right out and hung on the end to lift the keel off the sand, unlike the nuclear submarine, HMS Astute.

As local folk probably know, there is a beautiful lake near Wirksworth, the Carsington Water and Visitors Centre, where one can nurture an interest in sailing and adventure in our young ones, and even perhaps ignite that inner fire in later life! One does not need to be a millionaire to enjoy such things, but certainly a dreamer.

A word of advice to very young Readers! Some may have missed “Wonders of the Solar System” on BBC2

with Professor Brian Cox OBE. He revolutionised politics thirteen years ago by providing Tony Blair with his victory song, “Things can only get better”. He has written a book, “Why does E=mc²” which I have not read but I am sure must be good if it is anything like his TV programme. A good Christmas present? So, my advice to school kids is to seriously consider doing science, maybe at Manchester where Brian is working.

Something which now concerns us all and is much closer to home is the new arrangement with our dustbins. It is, of course, totally ridiculous. I wonder how long it will be before the whole system breaks down. Our blue dustbins are now practically empty. Do they really think we have so many glass bottles and tin cans? Since nothing can be put into plastic bags before they are loaded into the blue bin it means that smells from jars and cans intermingle to become quite intolerable, not to mention unhygienic. We are then presumed to be having our dustbins swilled out by ‘professionals’ and washed down the drains outside our house or someone else’s.

It seems particularly strange that the blue dustbin takes empty plastic milk bottles (but not their lids!). The black dustbin now takes an assortment of peelings, half-dinners and fermenting fruit etc., and almost certainly take-away containers with curry and sauce, as well as nappies and everything else we cannot bother to sort out. Young families probably cannot be bothered about all this, and older folk just cannot remember. Where do we put cardboard boxes that contained things that we bought, and what can we do with all our garden waste that defies the green bag? Not everyone can run to the local dump, and even when one gets there, which we do regularly, there is not a lot of assistance for old folk. Recycling is a wonderful idea but, surely, there is an easier way of doing it!

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Heart and Soul exhibition

The latest exhibition at smartartgalleries on Baslow Road (starting on the 27th November) is of works by Doug Hyde. His collection, 'Heart and Soul', represents everything that is best in the world of contemporary art. Uplifting and accessible, it is also technically accomplished and aesthetically rewarding, in other words, vintage Hyde.

The highlight of the exhibition is the launch of his latest book, which lends its name to this landmark collection.

Doug's highly communicative and engaging images make an immediate and lasting impression on the viewer. Doug has been featured on television both on the BBC news and on Channel 4 describing his unique technique and talking about the people and events that inspire his heart-warming images.

His stunning Original Pastels have become genuine collectors' items.

He was named as UK Artist of the Year in 2006 and was described by BBC Arts Correspondent David Sillito as the UK's



Doug Hyde - Home Comforts

most popular living artist.

His international reputation continues to go from strength to strength, and last year he completed a whirlwind tour of Japan, returning later this year to cement his status as probably Japan's favourite artistic import.

Words Of Wit & Wisdom

In just two days tomorrow will be yesterday. But I never saw either on the calendar.

Always wanted to be a procrastinator, but never got around to it.

My friend has kleptomania, but when it gets bad, he takes something for it.

Never be afraid to try something new, remember amateurs built the ark - professionals built the Titanic.

Love is grand - divorce is a hundred grand.

One of life's mysteries - how can a two pound box of chocolates make a person gain five pounds.

Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom, sometimes age comes alone.

Life not only begins at forty, it begins to show.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common, they should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

from the internet !

Diary - Winter 2010

NOVEMBER

- 22 **Corsica** talk by John Doornkamp for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 24 **"Who's been talking"** An evening with Rony Robinson Totley library 7.30pm Visitors £2
- 24-27 **Improbable Fiction** play by T.O.A.D.S. 7.30pm St John's Church Hall. Tickets 235 1206
- 26 **Saucy Seaside postcards** talk by Roy Newman for Bradway Agewell Leisure Club. Castle Inn 10am
- 26 **Folk Concert** Mickley Hall 7.30pm Tel 289 1159
- 27 **Coffee Morning** at T17office + gifts 10am-noon
- 27 & 28 **Christmas Art Exhibition** by Art d'Or, Baslow Village Hall 10am-5pm free admission
- 27 **Bach's Christmas Oratorio**, with Sheffield Bach Choir, Cathedral, 7.30pm. Tickets from 266 8257
- 28 **Christmas Fayre** Whirlow Hall Farm Trust 10am-3pm Farmers market, craft stalls, live music, Christmas Trees, Turkeys, Hog Roast & BBQ. Free car parking
- 30 **Ward Forum** Bradway Primary School 7.30pm
- 30 **Christmas Flowers** Talk by Valerie of Dore for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm

DECEMBER

- 1 **Christmas Celebrations**, Lantern Parade, lights, carol singing, Organ Grinder and late night shopping in centre of Dore from 6pm
- 1 **Carols by Candlelight**, Curbar & Dist United Choir, 8pm Totley Rise Meth Ch. Refreshments. All welcome
- 4 **Working Morning** in Whinfell Quarry Garden 9.30am
- 5 **Festival of Light** St Luke's Hospice grounds Switch-on 6 pm. Carols, homemade soup, mince pies etc £5 min
- 6 **Talk** by Mrs Viv Thomas the chaplain at Fairthorn for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 6 **Handel's Messiah**, with Sheffield Bach Choir, Sheffield Cathedral, 7pm. Tickets from 266 8257
- 10 & 11 **A Magical Christmas** Botanical Gardens family event 4.40- 8.30pm Entry adults £5 children free
- 11 & 12 **Christmas Concerts** by Dore Male Voice Choir, Dore Parish Church 7.30pm Tickets from 236 5043
- 12 **Christmas at Wortley Top Forge** Santa & attractions South Yorkshire Ind History Soc 230 7693
- 13 **Christmas Celebrations** - Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 13 **Exploding Custard** demonstration by Ian Russell aimed at a family audience, 7pm Pennine Lecture Theatre, Sheffield Hallam. Free. Details 225 4870
- 13 **Caudwells Mill, Rowsley**, its history & technology Talk by Graeme Walker for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693

- Merry Mince Pies Walk** with Sheffield Wildlife Trust on Blacka Moor 11am-1pm Details from: 263 4335
- Christmas Lunch**, Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild
- Carols by Candlelight** with Whirlow Hall Farm Trust at Ecclesall Parish Church 7pm-9pm. Tickets: 235 2678
- Christmas Celebrations** Dore Meth Tues Group
- Come Sing Messiah**, with Sheffield Bach Choir, Dore Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets from 266 8257
- Wassail Walk** - approx 5 miles starting 10am from The Old School, Savage Lane. Mulled wine, hot fruit punch and mince pies afterwards

JANUARY

- 11 **Ration Book Fashion**, Talk by Janet Stain for Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am Church Hall
- 14 **Quiz Night** King Ecgbert School, with K.E.S.A. 7.30pm Tickets 236 2481
- 17 **Talk** by Rev Rachel Downs-Lewis for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 17 **The History of Izal** Talk by Joan Jones for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693
- 31 **Beetle Drive** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Methodist Church Hall

FEBRUARY

- 5 **Working Morning** in Whinfell Quarry Garden 9.30am
- 7 **Houses that Bess built** talk by Maureen Taylor for the Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society 7.30pm Quaker Meeting House, St James St. 255 0172
- 8 **The Life of the Badger**, Talk by Gerald Hall for Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am Church Hall
- 14 **Loch Lomond** talk by Mrs Jean Clayton for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 21 **Memories of the Sheffield cutlery industry** Talk by Herbert Housley for South Yorkshire Ind History Soc, Kelham Island Museum 7.30pm Details: 230 7693

Councillor surgeries

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