

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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**DORE & TOTLEY  
WARD FORUM**  
Wednesday 9th March  
7.30 - 9pm at  
Totley Library  
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## Park and Ride

Public consultation on the design and layout of the new Park and Ride facility at Dore and Totley Station has taken place.

The proposal for a 139 space car park on the site of the former garden centre, should cut commuter parking on surrounding streets. The plans include a new entrance for vehicles to the car park and station and (on a wish list) a new pedestrian crossing on Abbeydale Road.

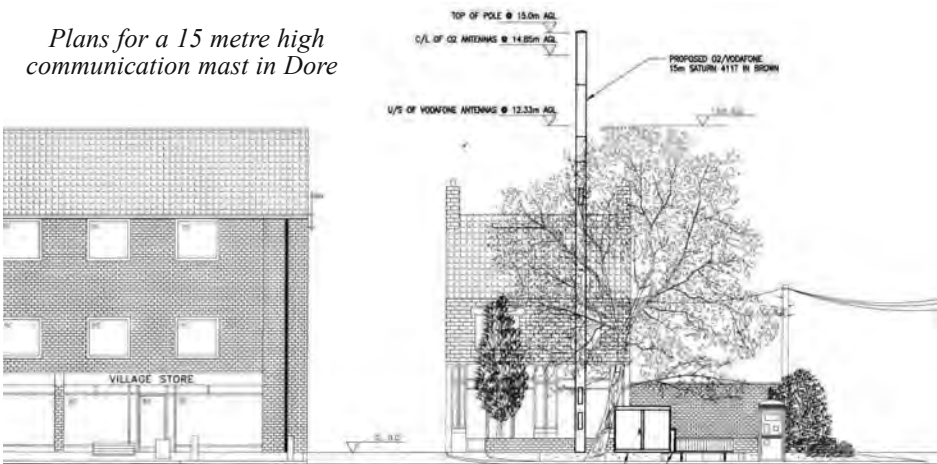
While the new facility is generally welcomed, many people attending the consultation event were concerned about the loss of mature trees on the site and the need for an adequate green screen between the site and the road. This is felt important to maintain the semi rural character of the station and prevent a view of a massive expanse of urban car park.

The design criteria, which was to fit the maximum number of spaces into the area, has not helped, and it is hoped this might be modified to accommodate concerns.

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) expects to submit a formal planning application in March. With council approval work on site could begin in the summer, subject to funding being obtained. Given the funding issue there may yet be a considerable delay.

A freedom of information request has elicited the fact that SYPTe spent £1,100,000 on purchasing the site from Abbeydale Garden Centre and £23,350 for the demolition of the building, clearing the site and erecting fencing.

*Plans for a 15 metre high communication mast in Dore*



*Traction engines on display at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet during a recent Steam Weekend. A £800,000 lottery bid is being prepared to improve the Hamlet as a visitor attraction and to showcase the city's industrial heritage.*

## Mobile phone mast

A planning application has been made by Cornerstone/Vodafone/O2 to erect a phone mast on Causeway Head Road, opposite no 2A. The application is for a 15m high telecommunications pole and associated equipment cabinet. Application reference 11/00271/FULTEL. You can view and make comments on the application at Planning Applications Online ( [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk) ). The formal final date for comment is the 18th February 2011, but late submissions may be considered up to the date of the relevant planning committee meeting in March.

The Dore Village Society has objected on the grounds that the mast will be visually intrusive and out of keeping with this part of the Dore Conservation Area. The Dore Village Society has also circulated a petition against the proposal for presentation to the Council.

## Dore Voices Plus - Maytime Rites and Revels

### May Day and Maypoles

"At school we used to dance round the maypole on May Day", Bessie Colley told the Dore Oral History Group. This was in the 1930s. But when did it start?

We first hear of it in Dore in 1902. This doesn't mean that it never happened before. We just don't know, until we get some evidence. What we do know is that celebrating May Day goes back into the dim Celtic past.

In Celtic Ireland they called the first day of May Beltane or Beltine, 'the sun-god's fire'. They lit hilltop bonfires and danced round them. Their purpose was to please the sun-god and persuade him to bring the warmth that meant new food.

In 16th-century England, records tell of young people going out into the fields and woods at midnight to cut down a tall, straight but slender tree (easier to carry) and to gather branches of hawthorn, if possible in flower. At dawn they brought them back to their village. Nowadays may is often hardly out by May Day. You stood a better chance of finding some up to 1752. That year the calendar changed. Wednesday September 2 was followed by Thursday 14, rioting mobs shouted "Give us back our eleven days!", and from 1753 May Day came earlier.

People used the hawthorn to festoon the outside of their houses, not the inside. ( I remember being told as a young child in

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## Membership records

As the membership of Dore Village Society has greatly increased over the past 10 years, as well as the number of gift aided subscriptions and donations received, we need to update the database used to record this information.

You will see that on the membership form enclosed for 2011, that we are taking this opportunity to ask members to include their telephone number and email address, where possible.

This information will only be used by Dore Village Society to communicate with members. This might happen, for example, if we would like to inform you or have your views about something important happening locally, between quarterly issues of Dore to Door.

We look forward to receiving a record number of subscriptions, still only £5 per person, from members old and new.

**Anne Elsdon**  
*Membership Secretary*

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This statement describes what we will do and what we will not do.

We will only use the information:

\* To maintain a record of who is a member of the Dore Village Society.

\* To communicate with you about any aspect of the Dore Village Society and its activities.

\* To compile our annual accounts.

\* To recover money from HMRC for subscriptions paid through Gift Aid.

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## PUBLISHING DEADLINES

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Please forward items for the Summer (May) issue to the address on this page by **Friday 29th April**

## A new editor

So who is the new editor?

Richard Joel has lived in the village, on and off, for the last 40 years. He now works from home as a freelance graphic designer. Both Richard and his wife Fran have been active within the local community and represent a younger generation than the retiring editor. This may be reflected in how the magazine develops in future, but any change will be gradual.

Dore to Door will continue to reflect the community we live in. That sense of community, along with its history, is the essence that makes Dore as we know it today.

You can read more about Richard at [www.doretodoor.co.uk](http://www.doretodoor.co.uk)

## Village Green Farce

*Three years and counting !*

This Council has treated residents and local community groups with what amounts to utter contempt over the village green issue.

Following government guidelines, the Dore Village Society and Bradway Action Group submitted perfectly reasonable applications for four local areas of green space to be considered for reclassification as village greens, so providing them with

protection from future development. While in other areas of the country quick decisions have been made by councillors, without extended procedures, here in Sheffield procrastination continues, no doubt at considerable cost to us council tax payers.

Had the council addressed these applications promptly, the unfortunate ill feelings within the community that resulted from extending the fencing around Dore Primary School may not have arisen. Now it seems council officials are not even aware of, or taking into account these applications.

In addition to the school fence, it would appear that a new footpath and driveway access are likely to go ahead on Totley Brook Road, across land that might yet be designated village green space.

It is clearly wrong for a Council to initiate or allow developments on land, knowing that said land is subject to a village green application, the outcome of which it is itself responsible for adjudication on.

Will we still be waiting for an answer in another three years? I wonder? Is this yet another initiative like 'Green Lanes' destined to disappear into the chaotic bureaucracy that passes for Sheffield City Council?

**John Baker**  
*(Retiring Editor)*

P.S. I am sad to go out on such a sour note. Really I should be thanking all those who have helped me produce and distribute Dore to Door over the last 25 years, and all those local businesses whose advertising support has largely funded the project. I would also like to wish my successor Richard Joel successful editing.

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## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Celebrate local character

Sheffield City Council is seeking nominations for a new local list of buildings of architectural and historical importance.

The city contains large numbers of highly distinctive buildings which help to create a real sense of place: around 1,200 sites are 'listed' but many more do not meet the strict national criteria.

A new local list is being created to formally recognise those buildings and structures which are valued for the contribution they make to the local area. The list can include anything from a school to a Post Office pillar box, a pub to a stile; but entries must meet one or more of the following criteria:

**Architectural interest.** The building should be by a significant architect, be a strong example of a particular style or type, or exhibit quality in terms of materials or construction techniques

**Local historical significance.** Buildings associated with a particular historical event or movement, or a notable person.

**Setting or Group Value.** A landmark or a group of buildings that makes a significant contribution to the character of an area.

**Age and rarity.** Particularly old or rare examples of a building type.

**Authenticity.** Properties which have not undergone significant alteration.

While adding a building to the local list does not give it additional legal protection, its status will have to be considered as part of any planning application.

The local list is intended to support, not duplicate, existing planning controls. Nationally listed buildings and those within conservation areas and the Peak District National Park already enjoy considerable protection, so will not be included on the list.

### How to nominate

Pick up a form at your local library or First Point or complete the on-line form at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/locallisting](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/locallisting)

For further information you can telephone: 0114 273 4223 or visit [www.sheffield.gov.uk/conservation](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/conservation)

## Co-op robbery

Two men and a woman have been charged after the armed robbery at the Co-op in Devonshire Terrace Road, Dore, on December 20th.

Police have said that two people entered the shop and threatened staff with a knife. They demanded cash and then fled to a nearby street and got into a waiting car which sped off. Fortunately no one was injured during the incident, however, the members of staff were left shaken up by their ordeal.

Andrew Ellis, aged 47 and Romus Smith, 33, both of no fixed abode were each charged with two counts of robbery. Jenny Ann Marshall, aged 33, of Cowrakes Lane, Whiston, is charged with robbery and possessing an offensive weapon. A man arrested on suspicion of perverting the course of justice was released on bail.

## Whirlow Hall Farm

Come along and see the newborn lambs at Whirlow Hall Farm at our Easter Lambing open day on Thursday 21st April. There will be an Easter egg hunt and lots of new lambs in our barn, you never know you may see one being born!

This is a great experience for children to see this magic up close and personal and will be followed up with our new 'Sheep Shearing' open day on Sunday 29th May. Here you can see the next cycle for the sheep, come and witness the farmer shear them, watch spinners and weavers making the wool and see the final product of a knitted scarf!

Childrens' pony riding, face painting, free crafts and of course the famous Whirlow BBQ will be amongst other activities at both events. Adults £2.50 Children £3.00.

### Whirlow Spring Ball

This year Whirlow Hall Farm Trust are bringing back their Spring Ball due to popular demand. The evening will be held at Baldwins Omega on Friday 20th May. This is always a great evening of dining, dancing and entertainment certainly not to be missed. Why not book a table of ten friends or colleagues, tickets are £40 each and can be purchased through the events team.

For more information on any events at the farm contact 0114 235 2678, e-mail [eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org](mailto:eventsenquiries@whirlowhallfarm.org) or visit [www.whirlowhallfarm.org](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org) for the full events calendar.

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## Joseph Marshall

Recently Mrs Joy Curnow, the granddaughter of the Reverend William Ralph Gibson, one-time Rector of Christ Church, Dore, passed to Dore Village Society for inclusion in the Heritage Collection, a number of Photographs including the one on this page.

In Reverend Gibson's book 'History of Dore', which he published in 1927, he described Joseph Marshall as follows: "Joseph Marshall, the Road surveyor, a good practical hard-working man, who was proud of his roads and kept them in such a way that gave the greatest satisfaction to pedestrians, motorists, farmers alike and to all who could appreciate well-kept roads and paths - a hale old man, he lived for many years. He was never so happy as when, sitting before a good fire on a winter night, he related to a caller at his cottage the old history and tales of the village, and whilst working outside on the roads to the last, he died at the age of 85 years, greatly regretted by all who knew him"

Joseph was 75 years old in this photograph, and further research has revealed that his cottage was Greenwood Mount. He was born in Totley in 1840 and his first occupation was as a Filecutter. He married Rosannah and they had several children including Annie born in 1871 and Ben Harry born in 1876.

Mrs Curnow's photograph describes him rather grandly as the "Working Superintendent of the Cleansing Department, Highways and Byways of Dore."

## 25th anniversary

St John's Luncheon Club, Abbeydale Road South recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with special guests the Lord Mayor and Mayoress.

The luncheon club was formed by then vicar, Rev Trevor Hudson, in 1985, and originally catered for just 10 people. But organisers say that while members and helpers have come and gone, membership has increased to 27 with a waiting list of people wanting to join.



*Joseph Marshall still working on Dore Roads at 75 years of age.*

## Dore Open Gardens

Dore Open Gardens has been a popular feature of the Dore Festival for many years and it will be included in the programme again this year. The festival committee is being assisted in organising this event by the Dore Garden Club.

We are therefore inviting people who are willing to open their gardens to the public for a few hours on the afternoon of Sunday 26th June to get in touch with us. We are looking for gardens of all shapes, sizes and stages of development. We are keen to have as much variety as possible and to include smaller gardens (particularly cottage gardens, courtyard gardens and kitchen gardens) as well as the medium-sized and larger gardens which have featured so successfully in the past.

If you are willing to take part in this event and open your garden please get in touch with me on Tel: 0114 236 3598:

**Keith Shaw**  
Chairman, Dore Garden Club  
Email: [keith@keithshaw.co.uk](mailto:keith@keithshaw.co.uk)

## Big Spring Clean

Sheffield's Big Spring Clean is back - so please come and join us! Dust off the winter cobwebs and spring into action to take part in Sheffield's third annual spring clean which will take place from 7 March to 30 April.

All of us can do our bit to help to keep where we live clean. You could:

- \* Join together with other people and litter pick the streets and open spaces where you live
- \* Join with your neighbours to brush up your street
- \* Pick up rubbish as you go for a walk
- \* Get your voluntary group, local association, youth club, school or faith group to have a clean up event. Turn it into a party!
- \* Persuade your managers at work to sign up and get involved

To join in, simply fill in a simple registration form, giving us a brief outline of your plans and telling us if you need to borrow any equipment from Street Force Community Services section.

For more information about promoting your events, fun activities and making sure you clean up safely, take a look on the Sheffield City Council's website [www.sheffield.gov.uk/springclean](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/springclean) or contact Street Force's Community Services section on 0114 273 4221, or email [streetforce@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:streetforce@sheffield.gov.uk)

Together we can make a difference to Sheffield - where everyone matters!

**Nick Hetherington**

## DVS Archive online

The Archives and Heritage Collection contains a variety of material describing and illustrating Dore, its history and development, the lives of people who have lived here and the social changes which have taken place over the years.

Most of this information has been gleaned from records and items collected over the years, and stored in the DVS office in the Old School. While some of this is not suitable for inclusion on a website (for example, physical artefacts or documents containing personal information) a lot of it lends itself to display in this format.

Consequently we have embarked on the collation of information on a thematic basis. The first of these themes is 'Dore in the First World War'.

As well as being included on the website these themes will also be available to view and inspect in a collection of files held in the DVS office.

This section of the DVS website is under continuous development (and by its nature will always be "work in progress"). As such we welcome any comments or contributions you wish to make, or items and information which you can provide to help us make a more complete record of Dore and its development.

For more information or to provide contributions please email Dorne Coggins at [dorne.coggins@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:dorne.coggins@dorevillage.co.uk)

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## Dore Parish Church

It was good to welcome very many people to one or another of the various services and other special occasions over the Christmas period. Part of the privilege of having our church building in the middle of the village is that it is a natural focal point which many, whether or not they themselves are churchgoers, identify.

After an absence in 2009 it was good to have the 2010 'Come & Sing' Messiah in Christ Church once again as well as the annual Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas concerts and - this year - their recording for TV's Look North.

As we move forward in 2011, there will be a number of special occasions :

\* 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 9th: a special service for Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent.

\* For 5 Thursdays in Lent, starting on March 10th, there will be a series of meetings shared by Christ Church and Dore Methodist Church exploring Jesus' Legacy of Love. These will be held at 2pm in Dore Methodist Church.

\* A Family Service including the Uniformed Organisations at 10am on Mothering Sunday, April 3rd.

\* Palm Sunday services on April 17th.

\* On Good Friday, April 22nd, there will be a service for people of all ages at 10am: then from 12noon until 3pm the Church will be open for quiet and prayer.

\* Celebrations of the wonder of Easter on April 24th.

\* On Sunday, May 15th all the churches in S17 will share in a service at King Egbert School.

Our normal Sunday services are:

8am A said service of Holy Communion

10am A service that includes music (normally a mixture of band and organ), 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.

Each Thursday morning we also have a said service of Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Finally, a piece of information. We normally hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on a Sunday at the end of April. Because Easter is so late this year, we have to hold our APCM at a different time. It will take place in Christ Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, May 27th.

*Michael Hunter*

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## Readers letters

Dear Sir,

Having just read the latest Dore to Door - congratulations on a fabulous issue by the way - I felt compelled to write to you on the subject of parking in the village.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don't do anything to restrict parking in the village. Why? Because I live on The Meadway and we are already the 'overspill' car park for Dore, and if any restrictions were placed on the village centre I know where everyone would park!

We don't even have a respite at the weekend as the wretched footballers and their supporters park on our road instead of in their ground. The only 'restrictions' on parking should be that The Meadway becomes resident only parking.

*Mrs Jo Mather*

Dear Sir,

Parking restrictions in Dore village.

Having read the article relating to the above, clearly it is a very difficult problem to over come. I don't propose to have the answer, if indeed there is an answer.

Firstly priority has to be given to all residents living in the village who need parking facilities, either outside their houses/flats or at least very near to their residences, and they should not be subject to any parking restrictions.

Maybe a park and walk scheme could be devised utilising the recreation parking area, old school car park, land at Rycroft (on the left opposite Dore surgery) down Dore road, scout hut car park land (at restricted times), land at the top of Limb lane / Parkers lane (where the scouts hold their bonfire).

*Stuart Dunn*

Dear Sir,

Re parking in Dore Village

There are two cars (make and registration numbers available on request) which are almost permanently parked on the stretch by the post office - much needed - as you say - by the elderly. Would a polite notice stuck to their windscreens be a good idea?? They are not breaking the law but are plain discourteous.

*Mrs P Minns*

Dear Sir,

Parking in Dore

In my view the most important aspect is to stop the long term parking in order to allow people to visit the shops and businesses etc. It has been said that some of the problem is created by cars parked

by people who are travelling into the city. Sadly this is not a problem that Dore village should solve. The village as a whole needs to look after the businesses. If we don't do something about the problem we shall lose them and they are a vital part of our village community.

Without question this is a very difficult problem to solve since it has the potential to cause inconvenience even to those of us who tend to 'call in' on the way home or pop to the village for a quick purchase - even though we shouldn't be taking the car for short journeys.

However, with the benefit of the businesses in the village in mind, can I suggest a few ideas for the melting pot:

a) a limit of two hours by ticket anywhere around the centre of Dore.

b) remove the single yellow line outside the Hare and Hounds as this restriction clearly does not work.

c) residents in the area to display a residents permit.

d) allow 30 mins free and charge for further parking up to 2 hours. This would allow for the machines to be paid for

It seems the majority of journeys to the centre of Dore are for convenience purchases but thought has to be given to those visiting hairdressers, beauty parlours, optician, restaurant etc. where more time is needed.

Finally, whatever solution is found it has to be policed and that raises further problems! So in the light of this may be the solution is to erect signs with two hour limit and policing to a specialist company.

I don't have a definitive solution but hopefully one will be found because my worry would be that we will lose businesses which contribute to our community life.

*Name & address supplied*

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article in your last issue about the new early buses of route 82. I can't imagine that this will be all that useful as we already have number 30 buses around the same time, and imagine the congestion with two buses competing for the one stopping place!

What would be of immensely greater use would be if the number 98, which starts on Furniss Avenue, could be

extended to Dore. It has a 20 minute service, on the hour onwards. Maybe if the 20 past the hour was started in Dore, we would then have 3 buses per hour, with one going down Abbeydale Road.

I know that the congestion would be even greater, and perhaps a solution for this would be for the very wide pavement in front of the Co-op to be narrowed to make proper off-road parking slots, to say nothing about enforcing the double yellow lines that locals continually ignore!

*Colin Robinson*

Dear Sir,

Reading the letter from Gillian Hogg in Dore to Door's Winter Issue prompted me to write.

Dore was a small village surrounded by countryside, when I was growing up in the 1930's. Seasons were predictable then, with long, hot summers and winters of ice and snow. We spent our leisure time 'playing out' often in the woods and fields. Our house looked straight onto Blacka Moor with the little walled cottage; cows grazed at the end of our garden, and the trees in Newfield Lane didn't meet overhead in those days.

In school, I sat next to Glen Fallows on the back seat (because we paid attention, though he did have a mirth-inducing sense of humour.) Classes were peaceful and productive as we were all suitably in awe of the teacher. Neat, legible handwriting and a working knowledge of Nature were both terribly important - you had to be able to name all flowers, trees and insects.

I was great friends with Hilary Crowson who lived in Dore with her brothers and younger sister. I can remember many of my classmates' names, but I think Gillian Hogg was more of an age with my sister, four years younger.

The War, as it would, strengthened the sense of community.

I was in the Brownies and Guides for years and recall meetings on Friday evenings round a campfire in Rycroft Glen, and Church Parade with marching, up Causeway Head. There was tracking, and nature walks to Fairthorn Fields. Lessons taken on the Village Green underpink and white hawthorn blossom

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were a treat sometimes.

Taking our bikes of an evening up to Sheephill Road to block off the stream to make a paddling pool and picking bilberries for jam were good fun. I remember Noel Hancock who lived on a farm at the top of Long Line.

The Guides gave one or two concerts in the old Chapel (Joan Cullabine and I were prevailed upon to play a piano duet, 'Frog March' ) and always enjoyed the Vicarage Garden Party for Sunday School Scholars (sitting at the trestle tables on the lawn, we felt grateful to those good ladies who somehow produced sandwiches, jellies and buns). There were games and rolling down the sloping lawn.

Without the distraction of television, etc. we seemed almost always to be outdoors, exercising our sheepdog or 'exploring'. One morning, we found the most enormous circle of churned up earth in a field off Limpets Hill; they said it might have been an incendiary that had been dropped during the night.

One does feel glad to have had the freedom to roam, as we did.

*Stella Bingham (nee Wilkin)  
Ecclesall*

Dear Sir,

Our pleasant leafy suburb.

Dore to Door is, in my opinion, an excellent magazine covering so many aspects of life in Dore, but do readers sometimes wonder why there are no articles or letters from senior citizens extolling the pleasures of living in this desirable leafy suburb. My guess is that it

may be, partly at any rate, due to the Dore residents who allow their gardens to encroach onto or over the pavements in various ways, with complete disregard for pedestrians.

Pavements are usually constructed wide enough to enable two people to walk side by side, but single file becomes necessary frequently when one encounters any of the following circumstances:

- hedges growing over the pavement, even as much as 2ft.;
- hedges cut back neatly to the fenceline at base but sloping outwards about 18";
- shrubs or hedges, sometimes thorny, sending shoots out horizontally;
- a build up of garden soil spilled onto the pavement and never removed;
- tree branches or massively overgrown shrubs leaning out over the pavement;
- in winter, a depth of slimy leaves on the pavement from a tree in the garden

With regard to tree branches and overgrown shrubs, these are often trimmed to perhaps 6' over the pavement which is no help if using an umbrella, and it would be a help if at least some of the autumn leaves were gathered up when still dry and put in the bin.

Before becoming a Dore resident nearly 40 years ago, I had lived abroad for 15 years in a city where suburbs had no pavements and remember how much and how often I wished I could just go for a walk when I felt like it without first driving to somewhere suitable. I approve of all encouragement to the elderly to take regular exercise in some form but walking

in fresh air would always be my preference, so when I have to give up driving is it too much to hope that we will then be able to enjoy walking two abreast in our own very pleasant, leafy suburb.

I presume the Council or Highways Dept. have some responsibility regarding pavements but in this economic climate, or in fact at any time, surely it would be very inappropriate to expect them to do what residents themselves should have enough goodwill to do.

*Joan le Roux*

Dear Sir,

Friends of mine have recently moved to Totley and sent a cutting from a local magazine where you were asking for information about the war memorial in Dore or the soldiers listed on it from the First World War.

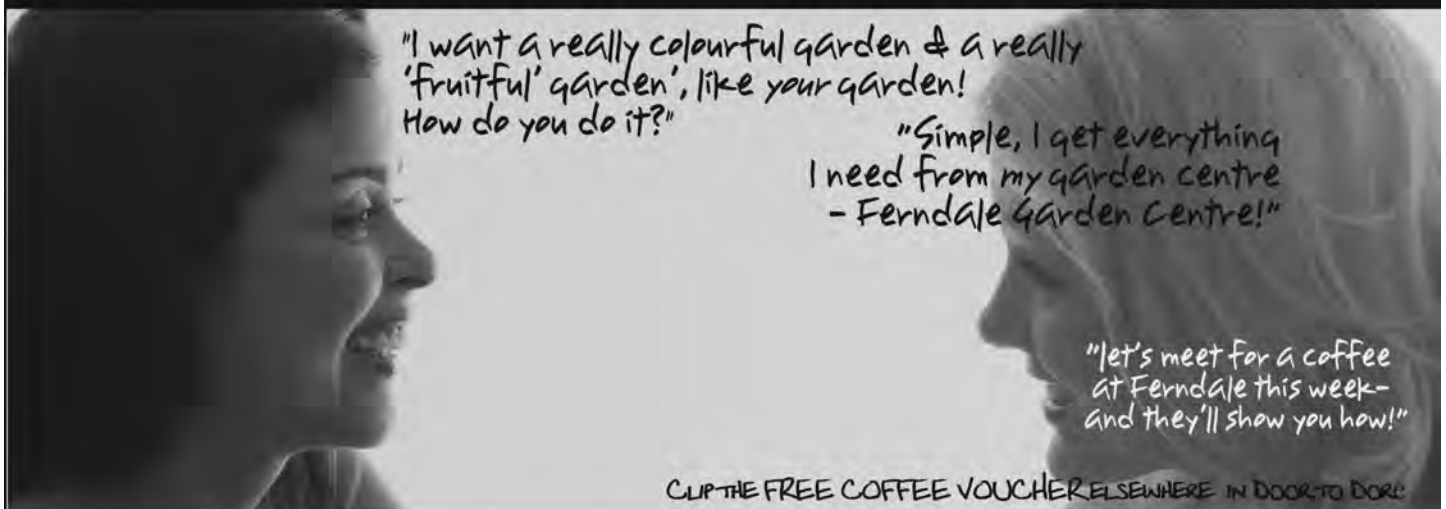
My great-grandfather was the stone mason who created the memorial. His name was William Francis, a Cornishman who lived in Mabe in Cornwall. As a boy I used to go on family holidays to Falmouth and we used to go to a garage in Mabe and saw the plaster cast of the memorial where it was kept for many years. Sadly it is no longer there and the garage is no longer owned by my family. The family knew it was in Dore but it was only about 3 years ago that I came up and looked at it with my family.

I hope this may be of interest and will let you have any other details you may want if you want to email me.

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*Rev Andrew de Ville*

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## Dore Festival 2011

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Gardening enthusiasts will be pleased to note the return of our very popular Open Gardens on Sunday 26th June. We are delighted that this will be organised for the first time by Dore Garden Club who are also presenting Gardeners Question Time on Thursday 30th June. If you are interested in opening your garden please contact Keith Shaw Tel. 236 3598.

As part of Dore Methodist Church's 150th Anniversary, John Dunstan will be giving a Village History talk on Wednesday 29th. The village Well Dressings will be in place on Saturday 2nd July with the Blessing of the Wells on Sunday 3rd July. The following week's programme will include the annual Family Fun Run, Open Air Theatre on the Village Green and the Jazz Concert in the Church. For the whole family the Dore Scout and Guide Gala on Saturday 9th July promises to be the best day of Festival Fortnight.

We look forward to seeing you at a Dore Festival event. Look out for our full programme in the next issue of Door to Dore.

**Maureen Cope (tel 235 0392) and  
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## Café go-ahead

Planning permission was recently granted to turn the empty photography studio and Little Mischiefs shop into a café and gift shop. Objections were received from the Dore Village Society and a 47-signature petition from local residents.

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## Tee off for St Luke's

It's time to tee off for one of the year's most popular sporting challenges as St Luke's Hospice hosts it's annual Am-Am Golf Tournament. Now in its 14th year, the popular golf event, is held at Abbeydale Golf Club on Friday June 17 and is organised by the Rotary Club of Sheffield and the St Luke's Action Group. The tournament has so far raised more than £65,000 for the city's only hospice.

The tournament is open to teams of four of all abilities, from scratch to 24 handicap, with Tee-off times throughout the day on a first come first served basis. Admission costs £188 per team, including a three-course meal and there's £1,500 worth of prizes to be won.

For further information call tournament organiser David Green on 0114 236 1459 or email: [davfgreen@aol.com](mailto:davfgreen@aol.com)

## DMC is 150

If you were ever to appear on a TV quiz show of the more challenging kind, you might just be asked to define the term 'sesquicentennial'. As an attentive reader of Door to Door you now have the answer: this year Dore Methodist Church (DMC) celebrates its own sesquicentennial, its 150th anniversary.

As far as we know, Dore's first Methodist chapel, on the present site, opened early in 1861, though we decided not to hold the celebrations at that time of the year in case we were snowbound. It belonged to what was known as the Primitive Methodist Connexion, founded fifty years earlier. A Connexion is a group of churches or chapels depending on each other.

Primitive here doesn't mean crude or uncivilised, as it so often does. It wasn't a nickname. It means original. Its founders wanted to celebrate their Christian faith and also to spread the Gospel to working people on the pattern originally set by John Wesley. They thought that the Methodist clerical leaders of their own time had lost their way. So it is no surprise that a band of Primitive Methodist (PM) laymen came out from Sheffield to mission Dore, or that Dore's own PM pioneers were four working men, all scythe smiths.

Now, 150 years on, that former little Derbyshire village has of course grown and changed immensely, and Dore Methodist Church has grown and changed along with it. The very appearance of the building has altered a number of times. But what has not changed is the faith itself and DMC people's desire to celebrate it.

A variety of events are being organised. For space reasons a few will have to be ticketed, but basically everybody will be welcome to join in. By the time you read this, a banner worked by a group of enthusiasts skilled in sewing and embroidery will have been installed in the church to commemorate our special year.

Although the anniversary will be remembered on various occasions over 2011, the chief cluster of events will take place during June and early July. In June



an exhibition of the church's life past and present, including a photographic section, will be held in the hall and vestibule. We also hope to produce a commemorative booklet.

The main anniversary service will be on Sunday 19 June at 10.30 am. The preacher is to be Revd John Young, a much loved minister who served at Dore in the 1980s.

There will be a special community event for the Dore Festival in the Methodist hall on the evening of Wednesday 29 June, when John Dunstan will give a talk on the history of Dore.

On Monday 4 July at 2.30 pm, also in the hall, the Women's Fellowship will host another talk by John when he will tell the story of the chapel and its people. Visitors to the Dore Festival will again be very

welcome.

This is not the full list of events, as some cannot be confirmed until later in the New Year. Please consult the summer issue of Dore to Door for the complete programme with dates, times and places.

Meanwhile if you have a family connection with DMC and can provide the organisers with memoirs (preferably written), or lend us photos with permission to copy and use them, we shall be delighted. For example, does a photo exist of the so-called Camp Meetings that used to be held on Stony Ridge a century and more ago?

Please contact any member of the DMC 150 Team: Rosemary Belbin (236 3027), David Bramah (236 5653), John Dunstan (236 5720) or Carolyn Heslop (236 5043).

## Golf coaching

Golf coaching by our PGA Pro golf coach. Come down to the Moorview Golf Centre in Bradway for a lesson on the Driving Range.

This coaching session starts on Monday 21 February and will carry on until 28 March. If the taster sessions prove successful we will look to extend the sessions further. The cost will be approximately £3, which will include the Golf tuition, hire of 60 golf balls and hire of the required golf clubs. More golf balls are available at an extra cost. The session will run every Monday from 1pm - 2pm.

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## Power to the People?

Will people have more influence on their local areas when the new Localism Bill becomes law? Will it allow us to remove eyesores and prevent unwelcome development? We should not hold our breath. But some recent good news proves that dogged persistence over time can help.

After many years of grumbling in our beards some of us are now celebrating the coming removal of the high voltage power line that strides inflexibly across Blacka Moor. Over many years each time we raised the matter the response was: forget it, the operation would be ridiculously expensive. But we remained hopeful and then discovered in 2009 that there was a limited national scheme with finance available for the undergrounding of power lines in sensitive areas. A discouraging aspect was that, while most power companies were co-operating, Yorkshire Electricity, were at that time not interested.

On the positive side the National Park Authority had delegated matters involving power lines to C.P.R.E. whose historic links to Blacka through Ethel Gallimore and J G Graves would surely be helpful. The important thing was to get it on the agenda and maybe 10 years or so ahead something might come of it?

But now Yorkshire Electricity has suddenly come round and it seems we are simply waiting for the re-routing to be done involving undergrounding work along Hathersage Road and some extra capacity along Whitelaw Lane. Once that is complete contractors can set about removing the cables and posts on Blacka itself.

The footpath rising from below Lenny Hill westwards terraced above the fast flowing Blacka Dyke is as close to perfection as anything in the Peak District. In spring the rowan in bloom and red flowers on the bilberry complement the



*The high voltage power line that strides inflexibly across Blacka Moor.*

music of summer visiting birds such as garden warblers and blackcaps while cuckoos can often be heard calling as they fly overhead. The path winds on past shrubby growth piling up to each side, allowing glimpses of boulder framed pools in the stream below eventually arriving at a view of the rocky cascades descending fifty feet or so that roar dramatically after heavy rain or a thaw.

In autumn the bracken here is golden in the early morning sun and you may hear the primeval bellow of a nearby stag. It is just at this very point that the planners of the past agreed to route the power line. Today it rises above and dominates the natural scene below. Every few years military style gangs of helmeted cyberpersons arrive carrying chain saws to remove any trees that threaten to grow within range of the cables, leaving swathes of destruction behind them.

The decision to reverse this intrusion might persuade us that the powers-that-be have better judgement now than in previous times. But the evidence is all around that poor planning judgement can still damage the attractions of our neighbourhood. And in the days of potential planning chaos following the introduction of the new 'localism' legislation we will probably need even more vigilance from groups such as S.P.A.C.E., D.V.S. and Friends of Blacka Moor. We may not get it right every time but shouldn't we all be asking the question: Is this development appropriate in our area?

*Neil Fitzmaurice*

## A New Bridleway!

Some time ago Sheffield Wildlife Trust were approached by horse riders about linking up a couple of bridleways on Blacka Moor to avoid them having to use the main Hathersage Road where it runs next to the moor. The section is between Stony Ridge car park (SK 277 806) to the Piper House entrance (SK 283 807). It's only a short section (615 metres) but nevertheless will make a big difference to horse riders and mountain bikers particularly.

Subsequently a grant application was submitted to the Forestry Commission to help upgrade the route from a footpath to a bridleway and as stipulated by Sheffield City Council, to be surfaced accordingly. Indications are that the application has been approved, which will mean that work will start in February or March 2011.

Access to the woods and car parking will be affected but only for short periods of the day (it'll be made clear on site) and it should only be a few days work. To begin with the new bridleway will look quite stark, but new routes such as this will blend in within a few months.

If you'd like more information about the work planned or anything else about Blacka Moor then please get in touch with Annabelle Kennedy (Sheffield Wildlife Trust), 0114 263 4335 or visit us at [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com)

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According to the latest Home Office statistics, over 3.5 million animals are still being used annually in experimental procedures in the UK. This includes 3,564 pigs, 4,129 dogs, and 2,815 non-human primates.

Besides the pain of the procedures, the captivity, fear, handling and often solitary confinement, animal research is now known to be fundamentally flawed due to the different results obtained between different species. Many potential therapies that pass animal studies prove either too toxic or ineffective for humans.

In addition, there is still not enough commitment to researching and using humane alternatives. The Dr Hadwen Trust has been a leader and advocate for humane research since it was set up in 1970. Funded solely by charitable donations, the DHT has now awarded grants to over 140 research projects for some of the most advanced and successful human-related techniques in areas of medical research including cancer, Alzheimer's, asthma, kidney, heart and liver disease and diabetes.

The bluebells should be out in May and an instructor from Pure Gym will again be at this year's event to lead a warm up routine at the start. Dore Co-op will donate water. The run can be taken seriously with some runners being timed to complete either one lap (5k) or two laps (10k) or it can be shared between runners as a relay, be walked, done in fancy dress or completed in other inventive ways! Dogs are very welcome to join in the fun as long as they are under control. Children under 16 are also welcome, if a responsible adult accompanies them.

Anyone interested in taking part or any shops or offices that would like to collect in the months leading up to the run, please contact me, at Hadwen.Run@gmail.com or phone 0114 235 6907. Details on the Dr Hadwen Trust at [www.drhadwentrust.org](http://www.drhadwentrust.org)

*Dawn Biram*



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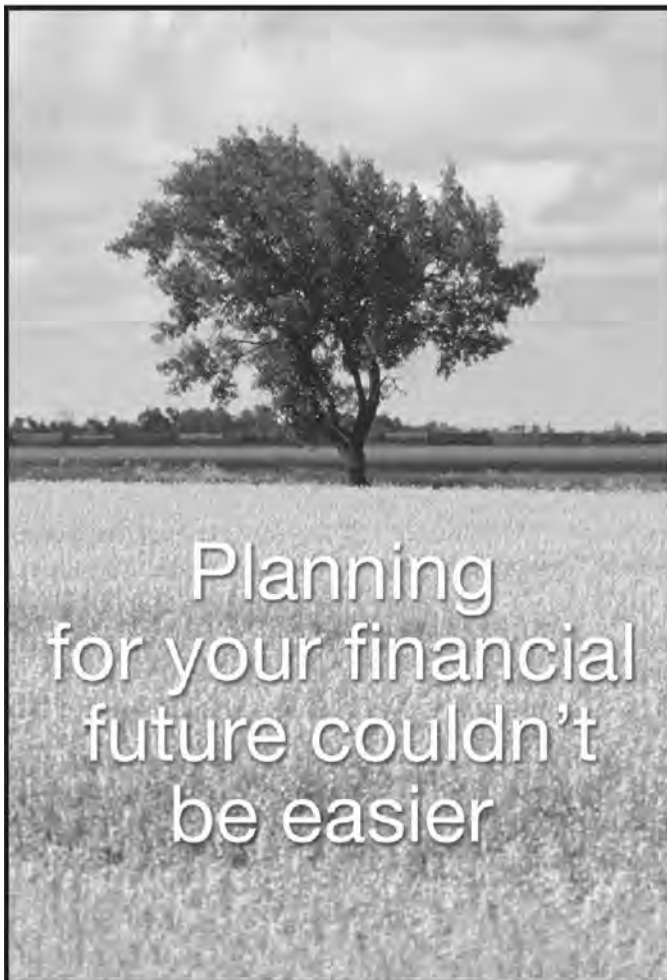
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Cornwall that it was unlucky to bring may indoors. ) They helped to decorate the pole with flowers and leaves and coloured string, then put it up on their green. It was the centrepiece of feasting and dancing and love-making.

Around 1645 the Puritans banned maypoles with their associated revels, but the Royalist poet Robert Herrick still managed to publish his poem begging lazy Corinna to get up and "go a-maying" like everyone else. Only 15 years later maypoles staged a comeback, to mark the return of Merry Monarch Charles II to the throne on May 29. They continued through the next century but gradually faded out.

### Victorian promotion

Dore may or may not have seen some of this, but it definitely comes into the story as a result of the Victorian promotion of the idea of Merrie England by John Ruskin and others in the 1880s. This was when maypoles returned, now decorated with ribbon streamers for the dancers to hold when performing new dances.

In 1902 Edward German presented his operetta 'Merrie England' and on August 2 Dore people celebrated the coronation of King Edward VII. A commemorative tree was planted on the Green, a special service was held in the Parish Church, the boys had sports on the Cricket Field and at 4 o'clock there was a public tea in big tents. The Dore Brass Band performed at intervals. The festivities ended with bonfires and fireworks.

The girls had their own part to play. This is how Vicar Gibson described it: "The May Pole dance was well executed, being a novelty to Dore [my emphasis], and a very pretty entertainment, reflecting much credit upon Mrs Burns and her fellow helpers in their task of training the children". She had been a teacher at Dore School.

### 1920 garden party

Another generation of girls danced round a maypole on the occasion of the Vicarage Garden Party in June 1920, supervised by Miss Mary Hodkin of Dore School. Her colleague Jessie Eyre played

a piano trundled out for the occasion. The differences between this report and the previous one are that we know the names of the dancers and some of the tunes.

The list of the dancers sounds like a roll-call of old Dore families. Dore natives may remember some of these girls as elderly ladies, though marriage might have disguised their names: Mary Rudd, Lydia Biggin, Dorothy Wilkins, Nora Elshaw, Gladys Eyre, Lilian Swift, Ada Peat, Clara Unwin, Dorothy Wright, Freda Hancock, Vera Taylor, Miriam Fisher, Mary Hancock, Helena Farnsworth, Lizzie Thorpe, Sally Green, Hannah Sykes and Doris Marshall.

Older readers will probably recall two of the tunes, 'Come, lasses and lads' and 'A-hunting we will go': Come, lasses and lads, get leave of your dads,/And away to the maypole hie!/There every He has got him a She,/And the minstrel's standing by./For Willy has got his Jill,/And Johnny has his Joan./To trip it, trip it, trip it, trip it,/Trip it up and down. The last two lines are repeated.

The second verse is a mild dispute about the fiddler playing the tune wrong. In the third the couples say good-night; some of them spin it out by kissing twelve times, as a pledge to meet again the next holiday. The tune is lively and I can imagine the spectators singing along.

This is a 17th-century number which presumably the Victorians re-discovered. 'Dads' sounds modern but in fact has been in use for 500 years. The song was still being sung in the 1940s when I was at school. So was 'A-hunting we will go' - The dusky night rides down the sky,/And ushers in the morn - with another lively tune. But the subject makes it hard to imagine children being taught it today.

### Empire Day

In the year when Edward VII was crowned, Empire Day was instituted, but it took until 1905 for it to reach Dore School. The head spoke to the whole school about the Empire, and English composition and history lessons focussed on this subject. In 1909 the children sang patriotic songs and saluted a Union Jack which had been hoisted over the school door. In 1925 they listened to a recorded

talk by King George V on a loaned gramophone. This was a time when sound recording and reproduction were making great advances.

Here are John Caisley's memories of the occasion as a Dore schoolboy in the 1930s: "One day always stood out and that was 24 May which was Queen Victoria's birthday. And they always had a ceremony marking Empire Day, and they always issued the new children with a medal with King George's head on and that had to be worn that day. And if you were lucky you got a half day's holiday after that".

### Oak Apple Day

When King Charles II made his triumphal return to London on 29 May 1660, his 30th birthday, he declared the day a public holiday. This was to celebrate his escape from the Roundheads at Boscobel in Shropshire. After his defeat at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 he had hidden in an oak tree there on his way into exile. As Oak Apple Day it remained a public holiday until 1859.

But it lived on in popular memory, as Arthur Platts bore witness to the Oral History Group. He was at Dore School in the 1920s. On that day "the older boys armed themselves with nettles, having previously made sure they wore an oak leaf and oak apple in their lapels, and they then chased after any boys who were not so decorated, and attempted to swish the backs of their legs with the nettles". Those without oak leaves, I suppose, were Cavaliers on the run. Those with them were rescued Cavaliers who might then turn into Roundheads on the hunt!

By the 1940s, from what I hear, Dore schoolboys celebrated Oak Apple Day no longer. In more remote Cornwall the custom survived, though differently. "Show me yer oak or I'll give ee a poke!" the initiated would yell. And little boys without the talisman got a hefty prod (probably a symbolic sword thrust). So they quickly learned the mysterious protective powers of a sprig of oak.

But unless a teacher seized the chance to bring history alive, neither the Cornish kids nor the Derbyshire ones of an earlier generation realized that they were actors in a ritual with its roots in the Civil War.

John Dunstan  
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### Wanted !

Dore Village Society Archives are starting to produce another book, this time about 'Farms and Farming in Dore'. We would love to hear from anyone who has any information about what was happening on farms in Dore in the past ( or even relatively recently ).

We hope that there may be previously unseen photographs or memories - or even artefacts associated with farming in the village - which we can incorporate into our newest publication.

If anyone has anything which we could use we would be delighted to hear from you.

Dorne Coggins ( 236 5769 ) and Anne Slater ( 236 6710 )



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## Silver Jubilee celebrated

Members of Sheffield University of the Third Age attended a civic reception at the town hall on the 14th January to mark the organisation's silver jubilee.

Lord Mayor Alan Law hosted the event for the group, which was formed 25 years ago by a small group of retired people. It has since grown to nearly 2,900, making it the biggest U3A in the country, despite having no premises and no paid staff.

Activities range from photography and philosophy to wood carving and family history and the group organises day trips, concert visits and short breaks, helps universities with research and provides volunteers to help primary pupils catch up with their reading.

## Caught on the phone

490 Sheffield drivers were prosecuted by the police last year for using a mobile phone while at the wheel. Offenders face a £60 fine and three penalty points. If the case goes to court the fine could go up to £1,000, with discretionary disqualification and three penalty points.

People who use a mobile phone while at the wheel are four times more likely to be involved in a collision, putting their own lives and those of other road users and pedestrians at risk.

Drivers can also be prosecuted for using other devices if they are distracted and not in proper control of the vehicle.



*Shelagh Woolliscroft Chairman Sheffield U3A and Lorna Baker, membership Secretary (holding the microphone) presenting Lord Mayor Alan Law with an honoree membership certificate at the organisations silver jubilee celebrations.*

## Furry Friends

We are a small Cat Rescue in Dore, desperately in need of volunteers to help. We also need loving homes for some lovely cats in our care. Furry Friends, is a registered Charity, No 1071409. If you think you can help, please telephone Jane Ward on 07792 683431 Thank you.

## Would you believe

Snow, like many of us have never seen before ! Amazing what problems a little frozen moisture can cause, but it has its up side. For a few days many people were forced to walk everywhere in the village and how pleasant it proved with friendly nods and a hallo all around. The village shops did a roaring trade, which shows how valuable they can be and how stupid we would be if they closed because we only normally go to the big supermarkets.

Although many motorists were considerate of those forced to walk on the roads, sadly a minority continued to roar around spraying slush everywhere. Not always large 4 x 4s, but usually so. More incredible were idiots driving too fast or inconsiderately with mobile phones clasped to their ears. How stupid is that, especially in snowy conditions ! Now if only I was the Home Secretary.

Now talking about stupid, whose idea was it to put a phone mast in the conservation area. Apparently local mobile phone reception is poor for the firms concerned, (Cornerstone / Vodaphone / O2) hence the proposal. Seems to me if their coverage is poor, we should switch to firms that are better. Which might be a good strategy for getting this stopped or at least moved somewhere more suitable.

Now I am all in favour of eco initiatives, but sometimes... Green plastic bags rotting by the roadside is not my idea of eco. The council has stopped regular collections, but not really publicised the fact. They will still collect three or more bags within a few days, but you must ring to organise this. Which reminds me that we should shortly have the choice of what we put in our blue bins. That could be confusing.

*Doremouse*

## 20mph limits call

A Sheffield academic has made a passionate plea for 20 mph speed limits in residential areas. According to Prof Danny Dorling, of the University of Sheffield, road death has become the greatest avoidable public health epidemic. He believes 20 mph zones are the most cost effective way to improve the quality of life in Britain today. Once it was open sewers, then tobacco, now roads must be recognised as the nation's major killer and be tackled.

Traffic forms half of external causes of children's and young people's deaths, particularly boys. Roads imprison affluent children at home, denying them the freedom to move, and are the main sites of the killing of poorer children.

It had been proven that 20 mph zones cut deaths by 41.9%. He says that "elsewhere in medicine, you'd get honours and funding for such an effective treatment for an epidemic. Yet there's a collective blind spot on the enormous benefits of 20 mph limits - perhaps because directors of public health aren't trained in road safety."

Prof Dorling said educating drivers on accepting lower speeds was badly needed.

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## Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

The Prostate Cancer Charity is staging its third annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Month this March, when thousands of people will join together and declare "I'm aware" to support men and their families affected by the disease.

Lending their support to the month-long campaign are a range of recognisable faces, all of whom have seen family members affected by prostate cancer. They will be urging people to get involved and show their support for the awareness month.

Also joining is Marks & Spencer, which has already raised £700,000 for the Charity in five years. The High Street retailer will be raising funds through a

specially-designed range of men's underpants, designed by mystery celebrities, to be sold in stores nationwide.

Numerous events and activities from information days to the Real Man Cup, a five-a-side football tournament, a mass skydive day and blue fun runs will be taking place across the country, with the universal aim of raising awareness of the most common cancer in men in the UK.

There are some 250,000 men living with the disease in the UK at present, with 36,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Despite recent improvements in prostate cancer services, many men are still subject to a legacy of neglect, ranging from difficulties in diagnosis through to limited access to information and support to help them cope with the impact of treatment for the disease. The charity wants to galvanise people in calling for the improvements in

men's experience of prostate cancer that we urgently need to see.

Anyone wanting to participate in Prostate Cancer Awareness Month can request an information pack. Please call 020 8222 7141 or email [aware@prostate-cancer.org.uk](mailto:aware@prostate-cancer.org.uk)

## Petition the Town Hall

An E-petition service is now running on Sheffield Council's website. People can create a petition on any issue over which Sheffield Council has power, such as transport, education or waste collection. The aim is to make the Town Hall more open and transparent. The electronic option is in addition to the more traditional way of submitting petitions, by handing them in at council meetings.



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## A step back in time

From Dore and Totley  
Parochial Magazine August 1913

### Dore Cricket Club

It is very pleasing to note that the manly pastime of Cricket is very flourishing in Dore at the present time. The village now has two Saturday teams in the Hallamshire League, and also a Thursday League team.

The accommodation on the ground has only consisted of a small box, and recently a vigorous effort has been made to raise funds to erect a suitable Pavilion. Owing to the very generous response made by the surrounding residents to the appeal of Mr Herbert Barber, the energetic President of the Club, a commodious structure has been erected, which was formally opened on Friday, June 13th, by Mrs W. J. Armitage.

In a graciously worded speech Mrs Armitage expressed the pleasure it gave to her to be there, and amidst much enthusiasm opened the Pavilion with a silver key ( kindly presented by Mrs Frank Pilling ) handed to her by the President. On the motion of Mr Veall, seconded by Mr Davidson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Armitage, and a few happy remarks from the Vicar ( Rev. Gibson ), thanking Mr Barber, brought to a close a very pleasing ceremony.

The building consists of dressing rooms for the visiting and home teams, with a centre room for tea, and a scoring box upstairs. It is tasteful in design, and well built, and reflects great credit upon the builder, Mr Joe Marsden, of Dore.

## Village Society Website

Keep us up to date. If you would like to have any information, articles, news, etc., included on the website, please send it by email to [website@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:website@dorevillage.co.uk)

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*This picture has been donated to Dore Village Society for the Heritage Collection by Mrs Joy Curnow, the grand-daughter of Reverend Gibson. The lady sitting at the table is holding a silver key, and may be Mrs Armitage. Unless a Dore to Door reader tells us differently! Can you name any of the players or the fans on the right of picture ?*

## Abbeyle Park Bowling Club

Following two very successful open days which were held last April attracting a total of 23 new members to join the Club, it has been decided to repeat the events this year.

The Club will therefore be holding two open mornings on Saturday 2nd April and Saturday 9th April between 10 am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at Crown g

Green Bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as instruction will be given.

The Bowls Pavilion is situated at the top of the Abbeyle Park Sports Club site where ample car parking is available. The Club is a mixed club with the number of lady members rapidly approaching the number of male members.

Please come along to the Green with suitable footwear (flat with no heels) and you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment will be provided.

If you require any further information please contact John Hall (Hon Sec) Tel: 236 7174

## London bus in Dore

The picture on page 4 of our last issue provided by John Houdmont, showing an old London AEC Routemaster bus at the bus stop on Devonshire Terrace, has stirred some memories. For those with access to the internet, the same bus can be seen at Sheffield Bus Station on 5th August 1989 at <http://ukbusphotosfromthe80s90s.fotopic.net/p59779649.html> The operator is shown as Rotherham and District. Our old friend can also be seen at <http://ukbusphotosfromthe80s90s.fotopic.net/p59889624.html> She is now in blue and yellow livery with the RM No obscured and looking the worse for wear. We assume she is in the Rotherham & District colours or was this as run by M J Groves ?

## St Vincent's

St Vincent's furniture store wishes to thank the readers of the Dore to Door for their kind donations of furniture, household goods and financial contributions since our last article in the magazine three years ago. Since then we have relocated. The store has moved to 280 Queens Road, (opposite the Netto retail park near the KFC).

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April 21st Thursday 'Garden Birds' Helen Ensor and Sue Bradshaw will give an illustrated presentation of birds that visit gardens, and information about plants and planting to encourage birds into your garden.

More details from Keith Shaw 236 3598

## Deadly Nightcap

Deadly Nightcap, written by Francis Durbridge, is the title of the next play to be performed by TOADS.

The dates are Wednesday 11th May to Saturday 14th May, and the venue is as usual, St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South, nightly at 7.30pm.

Murder and mystery abound in this ingenious play from the master of the genre! Is our heroine really going out of her mind, or is there something more sinister afoot? Of course there is!!

Deadly Nightcap marks the debut of four new TOADS members, who are delighted to be treading the boards for the first time in this great thriller.

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*Anne Bettridge*

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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## Transport 17

I hope that 2011 is being good to you even though the start of it, full of snow and rain, was a bit disappointing. Never mind, things can only get better!! Many clubs had to postpone their Christmas festivities and will have them in the spring.

We start another year thinking of how to raise money to replace our oldest bus, as usual. Everyone is very supportive, but money is tight everywhere, as you all know. Every penny we are given is very important to us and much appreciated.

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*Margaret Barlow*

## Grant to St Luke's Hospice

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April 18th. The continuing story of Sheffield Manor Lodge. Peter Machan

May 16th. The Chesterfield Canal: past, present and future. Geraint Coles

## Lantern Parade Thank You

Big thank you to all leaders who brought beavers, cubs and scouts, brownies, and guides to the lantern parade in December, I hope the kids enjoyed it.

Thank you also to those who helped me to put up the trees and to the DVS members who braved the cold weather. I feel it was well worth it. A brief report and pictures are on the website (dorescouts.co.uk).

*Geoff Cope*

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Following the article in our last issue we continue the stories of the local soldiers whose names are listed on the Totley War Memorial

**Albert Pinder**

Albert Pinder was baptised at Dore Church on 11 March 1891, the son of Letitia (Letty) Pinder, single woman.

Letty was the seventh of nine children born to John and Phoebe Pinder. Her father was a farm labourer at Mooreedge Farm, Totley when she was baptised on 17 April 1870. John Pinder died in March 1877 and two years later his 46 year old widow, Phoebe, remarried to the 25 year old Frederick Hassall.

Four years after the birth of her son, Albert, Letty married Robert Hodgson and they moved to Sutton in Ashfield leaving Albert to be brought up by his grandmother and her second husband. He is living with them in New Row (now called Summer Lane) Totley in 1891 aged 4 months whilst his mother works as a living-in domestic servant for Mr & Mrs Sydney Oxley at The Elms, Coal Aston.

In 1901 Albert and his cousin Harold Carr are still living with Phoebe and Frederick at Gleadless, Myrtle Hill where Frederick is working at his trade of brickburner. By 1911 Phoebe has died and Albert has married Ella Maude Hill, the sister of Herbert Allan Hill, another of the men named on Totley War Memorial. The young couple have a six month old daughter, Phoebe, and are living at Moor View House on Butts Hill, Totley.

Frederick Hassall must have been a good substitute father to Albert as he continues to live with Albert and his wife after Phoebe's death. Albert gives his occupation as cutler on the 1911 census although at his daughter's baptism a few months earlier he is a postman. He must have been doing pretty well as Moor View is a substantial stone built house.

Albert's Army Service Record is among those that were destroyed during the Blitz

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and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



Albert Pinder born 1891

in World War II so it is not possible to discover when he joined the Notts & Derby Regiment. He was probably among those conscripted during 1916 but he may have volunteered and been among the men of the 17th Battalion (Welbeck Rangers) who landed in France on 6 March 1916 and suffered heavy losses on the Somme.

By June 1917 the Welbeck Rangers were in the trenches which were very heavily shelled and on the 4th June the Battalion HQ was at St Jean and took several direct hits. Albert was probably wounded during the Battle of Messines Ridge which began on 7 June 1917. He died of his wounds on 20 June 1917 and is buried in Grave II.D.67 at Mendinghem Military Cemetery. This cemetery was used for the dead from the 46th Casualty Clearing Station which is probably where Albert Pinder died.

**James Parker**

James Parker was the third child of John Henry and Rosa Parker and was born on 8 June 1888, being baptised at Christ Church, Dore on 8 July that year.

His grandfather, John Henry Snr. was born in Totley, but the family moved to Attercliffe soon after the birth of James' father, John Henry Jnr. in 1857, where a brother, George, was born some 9 years later in 1866. Were there other siblings born during this time that did not survive?

By 1871 Sarah, his grandmother, was widowed, in her early 30s and had returned to Totley with the two boys to live with her mother and father, James and Elizabeth Newbould. She established a grocery shop on Baslow Road that she was to run for over 30 years until her death at the age of 67 in 1903.

John Henry Jnr. became a stonemason

and married Rosa Taylor from Dore in autumn 1883, having 10 children over a period of 25 years, the last being born just a year before the death of John at the age of 52 in 1909. Rosa lived on in their cottage in Summer Lane with 8 of her children including James.

Rosa used many forms of her name in documents over the years. There are at least five, and possibly six! In the 1891 census she was Rose but became Rosie, Rosey and Rosa in future censuses and was finally recorded as Rosia at the time of her death in Mickleover Asylum near Derby in 1918. This is also the name on her memorial stone in Christ Church, Dore.

James was a pupil at Totley All Saints School, enrolling just before his third birthday in 1891 and leaving ten years later to begin work. He was recorded as a labourer in 1911.

Initially James enlisted with the Lincolnshire regiment but was transferred to 507th Agricultural Company, Labour Corps. Was this because he had been injured? The men of the Labour Corps were usually those not fit enough for front line duties and were occupied in preparing, supplying and clearing theatres if war. Early in WW1 these jobs were being performed by the fighting forces or local civilians, but as demands increased the Labour Corp was formed in 1917 to fulfill the demand.

Amongst their duties were road and rail building and repair, moving of stores and ammunition, loading and unloading of ships and trains, and burying the dead. They were present in huge numbers in France and Flanders, often being drawn into the battle front and not always in armed units.

The Agricultural Companies were normally in England, the soldiers being of the lowest fitness level but providing labour on farms to help in the production of food. The 507th Company to which James was attached had its HQ in Beverley and he died aged 30 in the Military Hospital Patrington near Spurn Point, where the Agricultural Company had a training camp. The cause of death, recorded by Capt. Morgan FRCS, was influenza, pneumonia and heart failure. James Parker was a victim of the Spanish flu epidemic that would eventually claim more lives than those lost in the hostilities of WW1.

He is remembered on the family memorial stone in Dore Christ Church. His date of death was 10 November 1918, the eve of Armistice Day.

**Charles and Bernard Turner**

This was the only Totley family to lose two sons during WW1, both in 1917. Charles and Bernard were sons of Charles and Hannah Turner who lived in what is now the Old Orchard on Hillfoot Road. Their house, a small cottage, can be seen in Brian Edwards's book 'Totley District in Old Photographs' and still stands, although now part of a much larger property.

The cottage had been given to Charles Turner senior by his mother. An original

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indenture dated 10 June 1895 gives the cottage and land to their father "in consideration of the natural love and affection of the said Keturah Turner for her son the said Charles Turner". At the time of the indenture Keturah was widowed and working as a laundress. She had been married to Charles Edward Turner who had died in the summer of 1871. Her husband's occupations had been listed as shoe maker and agricultural labourer. It is not known from what date the family owned the cottage.

Keturah and Charles Edward had been married in spring 1849, their eldest son being born early in 1850, although Keturah already had a daughter, Esther, prior to her marriage who always kept her mother's maiden name, Wragg. Charles, the father of the boys who were killed in the war, was their last child born in 1866.

In 1881 at the age of 15 Charles senior was an errand boy but by 1891 he was a scythe smith, a common trade in Totley as the mills on Old Hay Brook had been used for this purpose during the 19th century. However, by the end of the Victorian era these were derelict or had been converted to farms, so it was possible that Charles senior would have been working at Abbeydale Works, now the Hamlet.

In 1890 he married Hannah Stiles from Dore and within a year their first son, Arthur, was born. Arthur was to live in the Old Orchard cottage all his life, dying in his eighties in the 1970s. By 1901 there were five children including Charles junior, born on 16 August 1892 and Bernard, born on 13 December 1897. Their mother Hannah died in 1903 at the

age of 34 and is buried in Christ Church, Dore. Their father, Charles senior, died in 1944 at the age of 78, having outlived three of his five children.

Charles junior attended Totley All Saints School between 1898 and 1905, leaving after the summer term not yet quite 13 years old to begin work. As his father before him, he became a scythe smith before enlisting in the Royal Marine Light Infantry as Private PO/1399(S). He lost his life on 17 February 1917, aged 24, during the Battle of the Somme. He is buried in Grave I. J. 5. at Queens Cemetery Bucquoy approximately 8km north of Arras.

*Do you have any information on these men or photographs?*

Bernard's military records have survived, a rarity. He enlisted in Chesterfield on 13 September 1916 and is recorded as being under 5 ft 4 inches tall, weighing 10 st 4 lbs and employed as a wood-working machinist. He joined the 2/7th Battalion of the Royal Scots as Private 301896 and was posted to Etaples, France in mid June 1917. Within two weeks he had been moved to the 9th Battalion, this being very common as heavy casualties meant frequent reorganisation of available fighting men.

Reported as missing on 20 September 1917, his death was officially accepted three days later. He had been killed, aged

19, during the Battle of Menin Road, part of the infamous Passchendaele campaign in which there were half a million casualties. He is remembered at the New Irish Farm Cemetery, memorial reference XX.D.17 near Ypres. In 1921 his father received from the army "2 discs, 1 numeral". Were these Bernard's identification tags that had finally been found?

Do you have any information or photographs?

We are still doing research on the soldiers and plan eventually to publish a small book about them. We would welcome any information that you may have about any of the men or their families.

Photographs of Roy Milner, Tom Fisher, Hedley Bishop, James Parker, and Charles and Bernard Turner would be particularly welcome. Many of them were pupils at Totley All Saints School between 1891 and 1907 so they may be on school photographs from this period.

If you have any information or perhaps can correct an error, please contact Dorothy Prosser on 0114 236 2483 or by e-mail at [totleysoldiers@riverwyre.com](mailto:totleysoldiers@riverwyre.com)

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## Kate Allatt

Many readers will have followed Kate's story in the press and on television, following her fight back from a crippling stroke which resulted in locked-in syndrome. Now she has written a book on her experience and launched a new charity to help others in the same situation. All this was made possible, not only by her own willpower, but by the support of countless others. In her own words she wishes this opportunity to thank them.

### Here's to a true community

With the first anniversary fast approaching, I thought it was appropriate to thank a few people.

My mum who did what only, mum's do best, Alison French best friend and 'partner in crime', who never took a vow to care for me, like you would in marriages, her daftness, support, non judgmental friendship and non pitying approach. Her instinct, selflessness, regardless of her terrible year. Anita Hine, Jaqui Perryer my long suffering running pals who stood by me and rallied so much. Amy, Sharon, Sarah and Kerry, your coarse humour and laughs, got me through.

To my step dad, sister Abi and my In-Laws Ann and Kev - 'how dare you leave your slippers under the stairs!' To Anna's infamous fish pie! To all the church ladies who cooked for mark and my kids. To Michael from Esporta, who helped keep on schedule. To Anne Marie for her

kindness and prayers and to Lise who literally saved my life.

To Lindsay and Sue at the Coop, who showed my kids such warmth. To sue Hopkinson and Dore Primary School. To Lisa for her amazing lemon ginger cake! Especially the mums who bought me such lovely Clarins stuff in intensive care. To the girlies in my book group.

To everyone who supported my bike ride and fundraising event at Derwent Reservoir thanks so much. To my 'fans' on Face book and Twitter who followed me and gave me the strength to keep fighting. To the mountain bike husbands, Chris, James, Bill, Andy, Simon, Adrian and Gary thanks for being there to listen to mark's jokes and sick sense of humour

To Mark for proving how much he loved me, he really did honour his wedding vows and being there. Often with the unenviable job of making such tough decisions. To my kids who are and have been, so resilient through all this, even though their honeymoon period of good behaviour is over!

I hope you will read my humorous and positive book 'Running Free' and help me spread the word about strokes in young people and the little heard of locked in syndrome. Who said the community is dead? I have lived all over the world and I can assure you that I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Heart felt thanks.

*Kate Allatt*

P.S. As you know we raised some cash at this year's Derwent Bike Ride for a communication computer that I thankfully didn't need in the end! But your money,

kindly managed by my fund managers, Jaqui and Anita, have contributed towards a new wet room upstairs, some physio and singing lessons to try and strengthen my vocal chords! I couldn't sing before, and Mark will vouch for the fact I can't sing now!

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My advice to anybody who is considering a separation, or is indeed involved in a separation, is to keep your options open and adopt a pragmatic approach. Be clear about what is most important to you and try to think creatively about solutions that would suit your needs. You should perhaps consider speaking to a specialist family Solicitor who is also trained in Collaborative Law as this would help you maintain control over your final financial settlement, whilst dealing with the discussions in the most open and creative environment. The traditional Court based process is much more rigid.

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Firstly I would like to thank everyone who got in touch following my last chicken article... I'm pleased so many of you enjoyed it and found it helpful and encouraging while preparing for your new brood and tasty eggs!

Well it's that time of year again... freshly laid eggs on the way, it's about this time that I start peeking into the nesting boxes to see which chicken admires me the most by laying me the first egg of the year, unfortunately eggs are like gold in the winter months unless you are very lucky and have chickens that don't really mind the freezing temperatures oh and not forgetting the snow!!

Most chickens tend not to lay eggs during the bleak winter; in fact many chickens go through a physical change starting with the shedding of their feathers in October through to their new fluffy plumage around December. Unfortunately all the energy they usually put into producing those amazing tasting eggs now goes into the development of their new fluffy plumage - which of course I always praise them for! I like my girls to look their very best.

Keeping chickens helps shake off those winter blues, on those occasional sunny days in the winter months I allow them to run freely around the garden but always keeping a close eye on them to warn off Mr. Fox - who is also very hungry at this time of year. Seeing the chickens merrily scratching about the garden gives me the feeling that spring is much closer than it actually is and for the hour or so I spend watching them I always forget how miserable the winter can feel.

As we wrap up with layers and even more layers to keep warm the chickens appear unaffected, happily turning the remaining leaves over in hope of a bug or two... never tiring or getting frustrated because there are very few bugs around in the winter months - content with the feeling of hope. We humans would have given up a long time ago... however the

## My chickens are Cochins

moment of serenity instantly changes upon the appearance of the 'single bug' - now it's the big Chase!

As soon as one of the chickens has found a tasty morsel its utter chaos, the rest of the brood are now completely focused on getting that bug - no consideration of the consequences: feather pulling, pecking, squealing, dashing and darting. I just sit back and watch the highly entertaining playground antics... but of course I intervene and calm things down if it gets a little too lively although its normally resolved within a few minutes with the expected end result... Sorry bug! This squabbling can crop up at any time of the year but with the lack of insects and grubs in the winter it makes this time of year the most amusing...

It's a good idea to do a little research regarding the breed of chicken you would like to keep as there are so many different and wonderful varieties. If it is lots and lots of fresh eggs that you desire then choose a heavy laying breed; you can keep different breeds together but make sure they will get along first - some chickens don't like to be mixed up!

My chickens are Cochins, these are extremely friendly and easy to tame and most importantly to the gardener of the family - they are very gentle to your beautiful lush green lawn. They have large feathery feet and don't scratch up the lawn to just soil as some other varieties can have a tendency to do, this makes keeping Cochin chickens even more enjoyable as they can walk freely about your lawn.

My husband stood with bated breath the first time I allowed my brood out on his lush green grass "I've built them a run so why are they out....on my lawn" he said. I calmly ignored his strained voice hoping all the research was correct about my wonderful fluffy legged friends "don't let me down" I said in a low tone...Hurray all the books were right and we still have a green lawn and as an added bonus we have been able to put away the scarifier - they are good gardeners too!

Maintenance in the spring is easy and enjoyable, I give the chicken house a really good clean with a quality anti-bacterial spray; the supermarket brands are good enough. Just take out all the boards and clean and spray every nook and cranny in anticipation for the bugs like red mite to try to take up lodgings, ensure you spray in all the nooks and crannies, perches and nesting boxes. Finally dust the chickens with an appropriate parasite powder - gently rubbing in-between the feathers to ensure good coverage.

Now the chickens are as ready as we are for the warmer weather to come upon us, I carry out this cleaning regime throughout all of the summer months as you can never be too careful, especially when the weather starts to warm up. There are a few nasty bugs and mites that you need to keep out of the coops as they can make your chickens very poorly, this includes the dreaded Red Spider Mite.

My chickens are extremely inquisitive; they will often watch me clean out their

coop.... Muffin (the leader of my brood) occasionally hops inside the coop to give me a hand... well ok, to get in the way, but it's still all good fun... yes, even the chores like cleaning are entertaining!

Clean water is essential on a daily basis and a good quality chicken feed too; I buy an organic chicken feed that results in organic eggs - General poultry feed is freely available, including the many local pet shops and garden centres too, but the organic feeds can be a little harder to find. The 'Organic Feed Company' is very dependable although it has to be ordered via the phone or the web. Mixed grit is a 'must have'... chickens need the grit to help the digestion process as without it the food will rot in the gizzard and you will have a very poorly chicken. The calcium in the grit also helps to make the hard outer shell of the egg.

As always, if you want any advice or are thinking about getting some chickens then please get in touch. Looking forward to your comments...

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Every so often a new book comes along that makes you sit up and think. *Gardening for Wildlife* is just such a book, breaking through the myths around the subject and telling us all we will ever need to know about how to combine wildlife with all the other things a garden should be. It seems you can easily fit in wildlife gardening alongside everything else you want from your garden, the trick is knowing what your wildlife wants.

Aimed at us ordinary gardeners, the book examines wildlife gardening from every angle, looking at a host of different species, everything you might meet. There are sections to help you create entire habitats, such as woodland and meadow gardens, vegetable plots, ponds and on recycling, even green roofs. There is also a catalogue of the very best garden flowers, shrubs and trees for wildlife. All this comprehensively illustrated with colour photographs. So whatever your present garden holds there are all sorts of wildlife friendly things you can do. *RSPB Gardening for Wildlife* is published by A & C Black, A4 Hardback, 240 pages price £19.99 ISBN 9781408122303

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Published in conjunction with the Wildlife Trusts, this new guide *Wildlife Walks* by Malcolm Tait comprehensively covers great days out at over 500 of the UK's top nature reserves, all of them owned and managed by the unique network of 47 Wildlife Trusts. Each entry includes information on access, conditions, opening times, facilities, how to get there, and local attractions. Information is divided into regions and illustrated throughout with excellent colour photographs and maps. If you are planning a holiday in the UK then this is an ideal reference guide in planning your walks on the wild side. Published by A & C Black, in 320 pages, price £14.99 ISBN 9781408130254

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*Everything you can do in the garden without actually gardening.* This amusing book by Philippa Lewis is not about gardening but about what to do when that is done, or never started. The author looks at how people have enjoyed their gardens over the centuries, combining quotations from the many words written on the subject with contemporary illustrations.

Some of the very imaginative ideas for garden use will certainly make you think again about how you might use your outdoor space. Not that you would want to sit naked in the summer house, reciting passages from Milton's *Paradise Lost*, as William Blake did with his wife.

Gardens are places for escape and inspiration, fresh air and exercise, sun and shade, eating, drinking and smoking, children, games, parties, and so on. So put down your gardening tools and dip into these pages and be reminded of all the pleasures there are in being out of doors! Published by Frances Lincoln Ltd in hardback, 216 pages price £16.99 ISBN 9780711230378

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*The Gardens of English Heritage* by Gillian Mawrey & Linden Groves is the first book to describe the magnificent parks and gardens owned by English Heritage which are far less well-known than its evocative medieval abbeys or Victorian mansions. Yet these remarkable places offer a wide-ranging variety of gardening pleasures. Some have stunning designs, while others are important for their history or their plants. A surprising number are brand new and a few of the best are tiny. All have marvellously atmospheric surroundings.

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*Peak Landscape and Light*, a Photographer's Guide to the Peak District is aimed at photographers of all abilities who are keen to improve their landscape photography skills. The book showcases leading photographer Karen Frenkel's stunning images of the Peak District, Britain's first and most popular national park, and explains where to go and what to do to get that special, once-in-a-lifetime shot.

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## Crime Watch

Just before going to press, we learned that a decision has been taken to close the front desk at Woodseats police station. This decision has been taken as part of the implementation of cuts to police funding. It means that there will be no public access to the police station.

You will still be able to contact the police by telephone on Sheffield 220 2020, but if you have to take in any documents you will have to make the long trek to Moss Way. This is unfortunate, but the police feel that it is preferable to making cut backs in front-line policing.

Possibly more positively you can now view information on local incidents online. A new national web site for mapping crime went on-line at the start of February. To access it, go to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and enter your postcode. This will give you a map of reported crime centred on your postcode, which you can extend out or narrow down to get more general or more specific information on different categories of reported crime.

The site is user-friendly and a welcome addition to other sources of information, but it only gives limited information on the crimes and it is not very up to date - December 2010 information on display in February!

As part of the current spending and operational review eight police boxes in Sheffield, including the local box on Totley Brook Road (pictured), have gone on sale.



*This box on Totley Brook Road has been under threat for a number of years, and is now likely to attract interest from developers*

*Police boxes were used by officers on the beat until the mid-1960s, when personal radios were introduced to make it easier for them to keep in touch.*

## Vulnerable relatives

There have been recent reports in the media of several incidences of the exploitation of vulnerable elderly people. In one such case, Stevenage care worker Joan Tharle has been jailed for the theft of savings of more than £10,000 from an elderly man in her care.

Ted Tyler, of Datchworth Village in Hertfordshire, was 83 when his main carer, Ms Tharle, set up a savings account in his name and transferred his £14,000 savings into it. She also obtained his debit card and used it for her own purposes. In all, a total of £10,650 was stolen.

At the hearing, a friend of Mr Tyler's, said that Ms Tharle began to drive a wedge between Mr Tyler and his niece who used to see him every day. According to the friend, Ms Tharle told his niece not to keep seeing Mr Tyler because it upset him. After this, she stayed away.

The niece had originally been named as the sole recipient of Mr Tyler's estate, but Ms Tharle arranged for the RSPCA to become beneficiary and hoped that the small sum that remained in his account would not be noticed.

The deception was only uncovered after Mr Tyler's death, when his Executor, examining his bank account, noted many

out of character large transactions.

Sentencing Ms Tharle to 18 months in prison, Judge Martin Griffith described the crime as "grievous breach of trust".

If you are concerned that a vulnerable member of your family may be being exploited in a similar way, please seek advice on steps that you can take to protect them. Also consider obtaining advice on preparation a 'Lasting Power of Attorney' giving someone you trust the power to deal with your financial affairs when you yourself are not able to do so. This is a sensible option to consider to avoid problems in the future.

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## Gilbert & Sullivan Society

### *Two For The Price Of One*

Here we are again with another season - I don't know where the time goes! We are so pleased to be moving forward with a good number of new members this year who are enthusiastic and have plenty of talent to ensure a good season. We have a new committee with enough experienced members but with a new generation of younger ones to drive us forward and who are already making their presence felt. I know that the members who are standing down (myself included) will help the new members whenever there is a need. I know how much effort goes into running the Society so we all wish them well.

Somehow, I missed the deadline for the winter edition of Dore to Door so I was concerned that we might be singing to an empty room at the Christmas Concert. I needn't have worried because it turned out fine in the end and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon. So what's next?

Not only do we have a new and vibrant committee but we have a new producer as well. Jim Newby, who was only going to be with us for one year but stayed two, has lifted us to new heights and we are now very pleased to welcome his successor - Graham Weston. Graham has directed several G&S societies, most recently Wakefield Operatic Society and is extremely well respected as a true G&S producer of traditional but highly comic operettas.

This year even he will be treading new ground as The Society has chosen to perform 'The Zoo', a little known short, but lively one-act operetta along with 'HMS Pinafore', one of the better known and well loved shows. Whilst Graham has directed 'HMS Pinafore' many times he has never done 'The Zoo' so he is as excited as we are. The music rehearsals are now behind us (and it does sound good) and, floor rehearsals are well under way.

'The Zoo', not Gilbert with Sullivan this time but Sullivan with B. C. Stephenson (writing under the pseudonym of Bolton Rowe) is a short one act operetta all sung just like Trial by Jury and is set near a bear pit in a zoo (of course). It has the usual mix of silliness with Thomas (who has a secret) and who has eaten too much and becomes ill and is attended by Eliza, the refreshment stall holder who he is trying to woo; Carboy, an apothecary, who is set on hanging himself over his love of Letitia and Letitia's father 'Grinder' who is not happy about her and Carboy's romance à...

There is only one way to find out what happens and that's by coming to see it!

Most of you I'm sure, will know 'HMS

Pinafore' with Sir Joseph Porter, first Lord Of The Admiralty who got to be where he is because he "...polished up the handle of the big front door" amongst other things... Captain Corcoran who's "never, never sick at sea" (well, hardly ever) and his daughter Josephine, the lass who loved a sailor.

So why not come and see two for the price of one! We will be back at our usual venue next April, The University Drama Studio on Glossop Road. The show will run from Tuesday 12th April to Saturday 16th April at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are available now for £10 (concessions on Tuesday and Saturday matinee £9) and can be ordered from Val Howard on 01246 416364 or from members of the society.

We hope to see you there.

*Derek Habberjam*

## Archaeology group

Are you interested in archaeology? A small local group has now been formed calling itself the 'Time Travellers'. Eleven members took part in the first event in January, a guided field trip looking at the archaeology of Ecclesall Woods. A visit and guided tour of Manor Lodge and recent excavations is next on the 17th March, with lots more activities planned for the summer.

The group aims 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

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## Proposed new path

The Council is proposing to build a new path on the verge side of Totley Brook Road opposite the King Egbert School entrance. This follows a 60-70 name petition to the council from mothers taking their children to Dore Primary School, who wish to avoid crowds of secondary school pupils waiting for the buses. The current estimated cost of this new path is £70,000 to be born by the South West Community Assembly budget.

Some people have contacted DVS about the plan, concerned about the loss of trees along this verge, the obvious change of character resulting from adding the path, and the sheer expense in the current financial climate. An alternative, but more expensive, proposal to solve the problem by scrapping the ugly and no longer used bus turning circle has not been considered.

This wooded verge was included in the DVS application for Totley Brook Open Space to become a village green, some three years ago, at the request of some residents of the estate.

Residents were worried that the trees will be removed, but we have now had verbal assurance from the Council that no trees will be removed in the creation of the new path.

An added problem created by the proposed path is the danger that applications will be made to create drive access across the verge to the rear of a properties on Old Hay Close.

One such driveway is already under construction, we understand, in advance of permission being granted by the Highways Authority. If one drive is allowed, it could lead to more applications leading to the destruction of the verge altogether.

The DVS village green application is of course still outstanding after three years. Its granting would now seem the only thing likely to give this strip of trees long-term protection.



*A new rear entrance driveway from Old Hay Close onto Totley Brook Road opposite the school entrance.*

## Digging up history

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust are currently embarking on a significant archaeological project with the help of professional and amateur archaeologists

Whirlow Hall Farm is a working farm and education trust encompassing 138 acres (or 63ha) of upland on the edge of Sheffield. Currently virtually nothing is known about the history of alterations and additions to its buildings, while the surrounding farmland is likely to contain evidence of settlement and farming activity from the prehistoric period onwards. The name 'Whirlow' suggests there is a burial mound in the vicinity as 'low' is a local Anglo-Saxon name given to ancient burial mounds.

The farm building complex comprises two Grade II listed buildings. Whirlow Farmhouse and adjoining outbuildings date to the late 18th century (with early 19th and late 20th century alteration). Whirlow Hall Farm Cottage and attached cowshed, cruck barn and bull pen are also Grade II listed and are believed to date to the early 18th and late 18th century, with late 20th century features.

The aim of the project is to identify, conserve, record and disseminate the heritage of Whirlow Hall Farm estate through archive research, building recording and archaeological investigation delivered through a professionally-led programme of training, participation, learning activities and public engagement.

This will enable the Trust to conserve the heritage of the estate, increase the knowledge and awareness of the heritage of Whirlow Hall Farm for a wide audience, and provide volunteers, school children, young people and members of the public with training and experience in recording and looking after historic and archaeological remains

Lisa Clowes  
Whirlow Hall Farm Trust  
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## News in Brief

Door Moor Nursery and Coffee Shop are closed as we go to print, the reason believed to be pollution arising from an overflowing cess pit.

The City's £674 million project to repair crumbling roads and replace rusting streetlights has been delayed for at least six months as negotiations continue with the Government about efficiency savings.

## Woodland for Wild Birds

Wild birds are a good indicator of the well being of the UK's wildlife, but sadly there has been an alarming decline in the number of woodland bird species in the last 25 years. So why this dramatic change? It's attributed in part to the lack of woodland management, resulting in less variety of species and the ages of trees.

Fortunately the Forestry Commission and the RSPB are offering help to rejuvenate woodlands for 15 species see - [www.forestry.gov.uk/eastmidswoodlandbirds](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/eastmidswoodlandbirds). Click on the 'Woodland Birds Grants' section, then on 'Woodland Birds WIG80 grants' and look at Appendix 2 for a list of target bird species, reasons for their decline and potential solutions.

Anyone who knows Blacka Moor will know that it is full of archaeological features, especially in the woodlands, which illustrate its past. Charcoal platforms, white coal kilns, spoil tips, banks and hollow ways are all evidence of the ways in which the woods were used as an integral part of the local economy.

So it makes sense to rejuvenate some parts of the woods by restarting some woodland activity. A programme has been put together for felling small groups of trees, thinning through some parts of the woodland, coppicing, rhododendron control and installing bird boxes. Whilst the woods are fairly good for birds in some places, there are areas that could be improved.

The trees being removed are sycamores (a non-native species). Whilst they do have some value (the biomass of insects), their heavy canopy casts deep shade, resulting in a limited shrub layer growing underneath. Removing some sycamores will open up the canopy and let light onto the woodland floor, providing opportunities for tree seeds to establish, saplings and trees to develop and create temporary glades (so valued by redstarts, tree pipits and lesser redpolls). It may also expose areas of bluebells, which can then flower and seed, and perpetuate the bluebells in the woods.

Group felling and thinning is making the most of natural processes, resulting in a whole variety of age structures and species of trees to flourish. We'll also be creating some standing deadwood that'll benefit spotted flycatchers, lesser-spotted woodpeckers, redstarts and various tits. Nest holes and deadwood insects are an important part of the woodland's ecology. We're also hoping to install pied flycatcher boxes, following the success of previously installed boxes 5 years ago.

We're also looking into the use of a heavy horse for moving logs within the woods to reduce the amount of machinery, noise and impact on the ground. We're also hoping to use some of the timber as firewood, which can offset some of the costs. Access to the woods will be affected but only for very short periods of the day.

For more information about Blacka Moor get in touch with Annabelle Kennedy 0114 263 4335, or email [a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com](mailto:a.kennedy@wildsheffield.com) or visit us at [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com) (minutes of meetings are on our website).

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## Dore Democrats

The Dore Democrats are an elected group of children in school who make up our School Council. Read on to find out more about us and what we do!

Dore Democrats meet about once every month. We try to improve the school and meet people's views. We also discuss our own ideas of what we think would benefit other children. Most importantly, we represent Dore Primary School.

The Dore Democrats are made up of four children from each year group, Y1 to Y6, apart from Y6, where there are eight people. They are chosen by their classes after a secret ballot. The children who are willing to give up some time to help the Dore Democrats stand in front of the class and share why they think they should represent their class. All the Y6 Democrats have a role, which obviously comes with a responsibility. Whether it's setting out the chairs for the meeting, writing notes as secretary or being the Chairperson, we all help out.

Last year we helped the following charities in our fundraising activities; Children in Need, Hope For Grace Kadindo, Leukaemia Appeal and Bluebell Wood. We also gave some money to our Growing Club who do a fantastic job of making our grounds look magnificent!

Here are a few more things we did last year; Opened the new Co-op in Dore, had a great day in London whilst visiting Westminster and talking to Nick Clegg, received the Healthy Schools Award, bought two chalkboards for the playgrounds, backed the bid and organised the running of a Healthy Tuck Shop for the whole of the Juniors!

This piece of writing is based on a presentation made to Dore Primary School's Governing Body by pupil representatives of Dore Democrats.

## Dore Primary School

## Day of prayer

This year's 'Womens World Day of Prayer' will be hosted by St John's Church, Abbeydale Road. The theme is "How many loaves have you?" It has been prepared by the Christian Women of Chile.

The time is 10.30am, the date Friday 4th March. All women in the S17 area (and beyond) are very welcome. It would be nice also, to see some of the chaps. Refreshments will follow. Any enquiries to Rosemary on 236 3027.

## Successful Service

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust staged it's first ever carol service 'Carols by Candlelight' service in Ecclesall Parish Church at Christmas. Choir leader Anna Wright seized upon the idea and with her musical links in the city was instrumental in making the event a huge success. Local company Loop Print were proud to sponsor the event helping to raise funds for the unique local charity which is used by over 10,000 children a year.

More than 250 people were treated to a magical evening of carols, readings and music, and as always the children stole the show with choirs from High Storrs School, Dobcroft Junior School and Ecclesall All Saints.

A guest appearance from James McCullagh playing the organ made the evening extra special, in fact he flew in especially for the concert from Frankfurt where he is currently working on Evita.

At the mulled wine and mince pie reception which followed, there was nothing but praise for the evening amid requests that it become an annual event.

## Sheffield Cats Shelter

Are you looking to adopt a cat?

The Sheffield Cats Shelter has put out an appeal for people who can provide a home for one of the cats that they are currently caring for.

The Shelter is one of the oldest charities in the UK and was founded in 1897 by the daughter of a local industrialist who could not bear to see local animals suffering. These days, the charity takes in and cares for abandoned cats and kittens and those that for whatever reason are left without a home. It promotes responsible pet ownership, and all the cats that come into their care are seen by a vet, are given the appropriate vaccinations and medicines and are neutered.

Although the Shelter is located in Broomhall, it has, in the past, had many customers from the Dore area. In hard economic times, people are not so willing to take on a new pet, but the Shelter is putting out this appeal especially to people who might consider adopting an older cat.

If you could give a loving home to a cat, please contact The Sheffield Cats Shelter, 1 Travis Place, Broomhall, Sheffield, S10 2DB. Telephone 272 4441 (1pm-4pm). Or email [info@thesheffieldcatsshelter.org.uk](mailto:info@thesheffieldcatsshelter.org.uk) or visit their website at <http://www.thesheffieldcatsshelter.org/>



## Beginners Jogging club

The Endcliffe Park jogging club has been running since April and is steadily growing in numbers. The club attracts all types of standard of runners, from novice runners right through to experienced 5K and 10K runners. We have professional staff that are happy to provide helpful tips and share their knowledge about running. Our session is every Monday between 5pm and 6pm, meeting at the Hunters Bar roundabout entrance to Endcliffe Park. This session is free, so please spread the word to family and friends.

James Milovanovic-Firth Activity Sheffield on 0114 205 3724

## Crematorium update

A major refurbishment project is taking place at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, including the installation of three new cremators in an extended building to meet higher environmental standards. The work is expected to take around 40 weeks to complete with the City Council's Bereavement Services working closely with local funeral directors to minimise inconvenience to people visiting the crematorium.

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Last year the SIG Insulations Sheffield Half Marathon donated £95,000 to ten local charities and this year they want to break into a six-figure sum. If each runner entered into the race raised just £30 each, the total would reach £165,000.

The main race is 13.1 miles and will take place on Sunday 8 May at Don Valley Stadium from 9:30am.

Runners are also being encouraged to

tackle the 3km Fun Run which sees hundreds of entrants from toddlers to grandparents competing.

The chosen charities for 2011 are: Sheffield Teenage Cancer Trust, Motor Neurone Disease Association South Yorkshire, British Heart Foundation for South Yorkshire, North and North East Lincolnshire, Myasthenia Gravis Association, St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield, Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre South Yorkshire, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

For information and to secure a place to run, call 0845 388 3438, or visit [www.sheffieldmarathon.com](http://www.sheffieldmarathon.com)

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Dore Tai Chi Group meets every Thursday from 2 - 3pm at the Church Hall on Townhead Road. Men and women of all ages are welcome. There is a professional teacher with eight weeks costing £32. Contact Gail Crosby on 262 1127 for full details.

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*April 19th* Tunnels of the Future - Illustrated talk by Mike Bennett.

*May 17th* Behind the headlines - talk by Paul Humphrie.

More information from 236 9830.

## Wye Charity Walk

Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club is to hold their annual Wye Charity Walk in the scenic Derbyshire countryside on Saturday 14th May. This is a sponsored round walk starting and ending at Lady Manners School, Shutts Lane, Bakewell.

The walk takes in the superb scenery of Haddon, Chatsworth and Ashford in the Water, and walkers are given the option of three distances 6.5miles, 10.5miles or 16.5miles depending on ability.

Entry costs £6 per person, or £15 for a family, and walkers are encouraged to gain sponsorship for either St Luke's Hospice Sheffield or Ashgate Hospice Chesterfield. Ample free parking and facilities are available at the Registration Point at Lady Manners School. Start times are between 9 and 10.30am for the full walk (16.5miles) or between 9 and

11am for the shorter walks. Entries must be in by Monday 9th May 2011.

Full walk details will be provided on Registration and stewards will be available along the route to assist walkers

Details, Entry Forms and Sponsorship Forms are available to download from the internet at the Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club website: [www.vulcanrotary.org.uk](http://www.vulcanrotary.org.uk) or telephone 0114 235 7556 or 01246 56504.

## Peak anniversary Walk

Former Blue Peter presenter and local farmer Simon Groom is to join a charity walk on April 16 celebrating the 60th birthday of the Peak District National Park. The 'Diamond Dawdle' is being organised by Friends of the Peak District and starts at Thornbridge Hall, near Ashford-in-the Water, where there will be a choice of two circular routes through the Monsal Trail, 15 miles or 7.5 miles. After the walk there will be celebrations at Thornbridge.

Contact Danny Anderson on 266 5822 or see [www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk)

## News in Brief

Supporters of Abbeydale Picture House have raised £3,000 in two years, towards renovation of the building, by holding coffee mornings every Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Sheffield Council is leaving decisions on 20mph zones to its Community Assemblies on the assumption that they are aware of local needs.

## Why, Why, Why ?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets? Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that sofas are not in a Sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialised?

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*Lisa Wilson*

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Sheffield's only hospice celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and one of the major highlights of the birthday fun will be a Starlight Walk through one of the city's most popular parks.

The evening event takes place on May 21 and will see participants walking the five kilometres from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam and back - and hopefully boosting hospice funds by a marvellous £50,000.

You can walk in memory of someone who was close to you, walk for someone you know who has been helped by St Luke's or just walk for fun and fitness. Whatever your motivation, we need your help so that we can continue to provide the highest level of care for more than 1,400

patients, their families and carers every year.

Proceedings will begin with live entertainment in Endcliffe Park from 6.30pm, with the walk itself starting at 8.45pm, giving participants the chance to see the celebrated park and woodland in all the beauty of twilight. Even the youngest, oldest or most leisurely walker is expected to complete the full marshalled course in less than two hours.

It's a walk that is suitable for people of all abilities but don't worry if you don't feel up to the challenge - simply come along to the park, enjoy the party and cheer our participants as they set off and then cross the finishing line!

To register for the Starlight Walk online visit [www.stlukeshospice.org.uk](http://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk) or call 0114 235 7594 for further information.

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Holy Communion to include imposition of ashes

*17th April* Palm Sunday

8am. Holy Communion

10am. Holy Communion to include blessing of the palms

*21st April* Maundy Thursday 7.30pm.

Holy Communion

*22nd April* Good Friday

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Although there are many versions of this old rhyme, the first line varies little and for many garden bird enthusiasts it couldn't be a more apt description of a magpie's visit. For once one of these birds spots an egg-laden nest, it is unremitting in its attack. Owing to this practice, magpies - together with sparrowhawks - are often blamed for the decline in the populations of both songbirds and once common garden visitors like the house sparrow.

Yet is the 'thieving magpie' simply a convenient scapegoat, its true nature and role in gardens misunderstood - as some conservation charities would have us believe - or is it really a gaudily-plumed villain?

Despite their reputation as egg thieves, much of their normal diet is actually made up of invertebrates, including many pest species. Nevertheless, magpies will supplement this with just about anything given the opportunity, or when necessity forces them, including: berries, carrion, food scraps, grass seeds, small rodents, spilt cereals, pears, potatoes, putty from windows and will even peck their way through milk bottle tops to get at the semi-skimmed below.

Now while we might tolerate them if these were the only things they ate, some magpies have more disturbing tastes. Individuals have been known to prey on domestic poultry, whilst others to dig out parasites from the backs of sheep and then enlarge the wound by pecking at the exposed flesh, injuring or even killing the unfortunate creature on occasion.

However, it is their predation of other wild birds that wins them few friends. Not only do magpies steal eggs, they also take nestlings and will even attack fully-fledged birds. Though they might look awkward, I once saw one pursue a juvenile blackbird which was almost as big as the magpie itself, knocking it repeatedly out of the air with remarkable fast, twisting turns. Magpies are also one

## The Wildlife Garden

*'One for sorrow'  
'Two for mirth'  
'Three for a wedding'  
'Four for a birth'*

of the few birds that will break into house martin-colonies and have even been known to catch swifts as they emerge from their nests.

Still is there any credence to the idea that these birds are the main cause of song- and garden bird-populations crashing? The reasoning behind this assertion is that magpie numbers have been steadily increasing since the 1970's at around the same time song bird-numbers and those of house sparrows started to fall. While some branches of the press have decided this is strong enough evidence to call for a large-scale cull of magpies, scientists all over Europe have been conducting studies to see if the link actually exists.

Many of these were summarised in a recently-published review which concluded: (there is) "No evidence of any-long term effect (of magpie predation) on songbird populations in England, including urban areas." Instead some ornithologists think the boom in magpie numbers was brought about by the decline in the practice of gamekeepers routinely killing the birds, whereas others believe it was caused by an explosion in the amount of 'road kill'.

While one or even both of these factors may well account for the initial boom in magpie numbers, in the RSPB's "Big Garden Watch", magpies have gone up from 21st most frequently-observed garden bird in 2008 to 14th in 2010, indicating that the rise in their population may not yet have reached its peak. A German study points to an important consequence of this. The researchers found that magpies took: æ100% of eggs

and young of some species in (their) 10ha (study) area. Unlike sparrowhawks, that preferentially target birds with colourful plumage or ones which perpetually sing from exposed positions, the scientists discovered it was birds with open nests that were most vulnerable. Hole-nesters like blue tits were attacked less often.

The question is what can we do about it in our gardens? Now while it is relatively easy to protect hole-nesting species by putting up nest boxes made from materials which even the strong beak of a magpie cannot penetrate, the same cannot be said of those birds that use open nests.

One thing you can do is to grow a few dense, thorny shrubs or a bushy hedge and so provide naturally-protected nesting sites. Open-fronted nest boxes i.e. for robins can be positioned in these thickets or if you don't have a suitable bush, you can place a hanging basket mesh around the entrance. The mesh is wide enough to allow the breeding bird to pass through, but too small to let a magpie gain access.

The sad thing is that due to their unsavoury image it is all too easy to overlook just how spectacular magpies actually are. When the sun catches the plumage, the dark wing feathers are transformed into iridescent blue and those of the ridiculously long tail into shimmering green. Perhaps this is why Koreans view magpies as lucky, but I doubt that this sentiment is widely held by British garden bird enthusiasts.

*Jack Daw*

**Dore and Totley Tennis Club** would like to thank the good neighbour who alerted us to the burst pipe in the clubhouse on Christmas Day. Thanks to her prompt action the damage wasn't as severe as it could have been. I hope the lady who rang sees this message and accepts my apology for not asking her name at the time.

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To record places in your locality, or to find out how you can help, visit [www.froglife.org/toadsonroads](http://www.froglife.org/toadsonroads) or write to: Froglife, 2A Flag Business Exchange, Vicarage Farm Road, Fengate, Peterborough, PE1 5TX.

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## Seeing Stars in Dore

*some philosophy, if not the heavens...*

I remember reading as a young man preparing for University, the now well-known limerick by Ronald Knox relating to the Bishop Berkeley (1685-1753) and his philosophy (see Wikipedia).

*There was a young man who said  
"God must find it exceedingly odd  
to think that the tree  
should continue to be  
when there's no one about in  
the quad...."*

*"Dear Sir; your astonishment's odd.  
I am always about in the quad.  
and that's why the tree  
will continue to be  
since observed by,  
yours faithfully, God."*

It seemed a little irreverent, but rather posh and clever. The 'quad' was the central area in the College, the quadrangle, like the school playground.

My grandson was playing a horrible killing game some years ago, a shoot-out between aliens and a superman. "Wasn't that just horrible?" I asked. "Yes, but it is not real", I was told. To most of us 'real' and 'unreal' are usually easily distinguished. But then, just suppose someone asks the question, "What is reality, not just the very familiar bit around us, but all of it?"

Kids may be sitting on the school bus talking to friends on their mobiles, unaware of anything much except their posh new games and what they can do. They know they will be home soon, and know roughly what they will be doing then. It is so easy to ignore the total reality around them, that the bus speeds along only because it has wheels and engine and driver and so on. Beyond 'home' are other homes, not ours.

Surely all this should be part of reality. We can ask questions forever, or can we? We could not live thinking about all these things all the time!

However, as much as possible, it is necessary to recognize the difference between things as they appear to be, rather than as one might wish them to be. This may be difficult to do but we are all free to think as we like in the end. The dictionary says that reality is that which exists independent of human awareness.

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Actually, it simply means it is still there when one is not looking at it, or thinking about it. So we might be willing to look at the bus more closely, the nuts and bolts, the windows, even the dirt on the windows the trees passing by the window, the lights in the houses, the people walking past, that pretty girl, and so on. The bus will continue to exist after we get off and walk away.

You can argue about what Reality is for you. A great dream, perhaps? Personally I have always been happy to start at planet Earth and then search outwards, and whenever possible, backward and forward in time. This actually leads one to search inwards.

Reality is often about mundane things and usually easy to understand. The City Council cannot afford to repair all the roads (reality, not enough money), the new bicycle will have to wait (simple arithmetic and the family budget), the rocket cannot reach the moon (not enough fuel), and so on. Mathematics describes all this. On the other hand, one difficulty arises. We have to rely on professors and researchers at universities for most of the science, and certainly most of the more advanced mathematics, that is used to describe our Universe.

Think about this little personal bit of reality. We walk into a room and bang on the table. We know that we and the table are made of a variety of atoms, and probably have been told that these are very small, and that there is mostly empty space in and around atoms. We might be led to think that we bang a solid thing but both our hand and the table are mostly space. This is not at all like the reality we imagine and the reality we think we live in. There is something here to realise.

As far as I am aware, most progress in understanding reality, how things work,

what is above and all around us, has arisen through science and mathematics, driven by our love of mysteries, patterns and explanations, and our intuition and very careful trial and error testing. Sadly, there are many folk who disagree with this or fail to understand or do not wish to understand.

If science is too difficult, then, perhaps, one can see glimpses of partial reality in a good book, a poem or painting, or a beautiful object or face. Words are rather dangerous and analogies can be misleading although it is nigh impossible to do without them. Philosophers have used logic in their searches for an absolute reality or truth for thousands of years. Not surprisingly their ideas largely reflected the time they lived in.

These days we are fortunately becoming more aware of things around us, the natural world, the landscape of foreign lands, the different ways humans and animals live and survive, the night sky, the sun, planets and galaxies, the expanding universe, black holes etc.etc., thanks to television and our computers. It is all happening too fast for us although luckily there are some good TV presenters who can simplify the latest science. Reality is a wonder, and the pleasure of searching for it is open to all of us.

We started with a limerick and why not finish with another one?

*Tim was a colour-blind man from Dore  
Drank glasses of red wine galore.  
The black bin and blue bin were  
the same for him.*

*So you can see there's trouble in  
store for Tim.*

*His wife, a good woman, was  
insanely clean,*

*She rinsed her baked-bean tins  
'til fit to be seen'.*

*But rubbish, when pure, was placed  
in the blue.*

*And where did the beer go?*

*She never knew.*

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## Diary - Spring 2011

### FEBRUARY

- 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
- 22 **Pressed Flowers** - Talk by Mrs Jean Newton for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 23 **Sharing our research** Totley History Group 7.30pm at Totley Library
- 28 **Chelsea Palm Court Trio** for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting

### MARCH

- 1 **Coast to Coast** talk for Agewell Leisure Club 2369830
- 1 **A Day in my Life as a Criminal Solicitor** Speaker Karen Moxon Smith for Dore ladies group, 7.45pm Dore Church Hall. Visitors welcome £3
- 4 **Women's World Day of Prayer** St John's Church
- 7 **Sheffield Bach Society** Handel's Messiah Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 8 **Wells in Cameroon** Talk by Vic & Di Whittaker for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 9 **Ward Forum**, Totley Library, 7.30pm All welcome
- 14 **All about Women** Talk by Mr David Green for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 16 **Growing Soft Fruit**, Julian Brandram for Dore Garden Club, 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall 236 3598
- 17 **Manor Lodge** visit and archaeological tour by The Time Travellers Details from 236 5769
- 22 **Front Page** talk for Agewell Leisure Club 2369830
- 22 **Ten thousand years of cutting edge technology** Talk by Stephen Cater The 20th Dr Kenneth Barraclough Memorial Lecture for South Yorkshire Industrial History Soc & SMEA 5.30pm Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Hotel
- 22 **Renishaw Hall & Gardens** Talk by David Kesteven for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 23 **Marjorie Dunn** Totley History Group 7.30pm Library
- 26 - 27 **Annual Art Show** Dore Art Group Friday 2pm - 6pm Saturday 9.30am - 5pm, Dore Old School
- 27 **Census Day**
- 28 **Gilbert & Sullivan** Talk by Mr Michael Tolson for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm Open Meeting
- 31 **Public Meeting**, South West Community Assembly 7pm Tapton School Tel 01709 515151

### APRIL

- 2 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30-12.30pm with Friends & Sheff Rangers Tel: 283 9195
- 3 **Mothering Sunday**
- 5 **Travels in India** Talk by Susan Price for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 5 **Emotional Wellbeing**, Sheffield Alzheimer's Society, Speaker Maria Flude for Dore ladies group, 7.45pm Dore Church Hall. Visitors welcome £3
- 8 - 9 **Art Exhibition**, Dore Art Group, Dore Old School. Fri 2pm-6pm, Sat 9.30am-5pm. Free admission
- 11 **Bring & Buy** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 12 -16 **HMS Pinafore & The Zoo** Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society, The University Drama Studio, Glossop Road, Tickets from 01246 416364
- 16 **Diamond Dawdle** Friends of the Peak District circular walks from Thornbridge 2665822
- 16 **Sheffield Bach Society** St. Matthew Passion (J S Bach) Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 18 **The continuing story of Sheffield Manor Lodge** Talk by Peter Machan. Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Soc
- 19 **Tunnels of the Future** Agewell Leisure Club 2369830
- 19 **Our Minister Talk** by Rachel Downs-Lewis for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 21 **Easter Lambing** at Whirlow Hall Farm 235 2678
- 21 **Garden Birds**, Helen Ensor & Sue Bradshaw for Dore Garden Club, 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall 236 3598

### MAY

- 1-31 **Sheffield Environment Weeks**
- 2 **Annual Village Dragon Hunt** for all the family. Starts 2pm at the Old School

- 3 **Robinsons Trip of a Lifetime** Talk by John Robinson for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 3 **Two Queens and a Countess**, D Templeman Dore ladies group, 7.45pm Dore Church Hall Visitors £3
- 8 **Plant Sale**, FOBS Botanical Gardens 11am to 3pm
- 9 **Visit to Ward's Garden Centre** Dore Meth Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 11-14 **Deadly Nightcap** by Francis Durbridge, TOADS, St John's Hall Abbeydale, 7.30pm 2351206
- 14 **Wye Charity Walk** from Lady Manners School, Bakewell. Entry forms from 235 7556
- 16 **The Chesterfield Canal**: past, present and future Talk by Geraint Coles Sth Yorkshire Industrial History Soc
- 17 **Behind the Headlines** Agewell Leisure Club 2369830
- 17 **Organising a Royal visit** Talk by David Banham for Dore Methodist Tuesday Group 7.45pm
- 18 **AGM** Dore Village Society 7.30pm Dore Meth Church
- 20 **Spring Ball**, Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, Baldwins Omega 235 2678
- 21 **Run for ALL Life** in Ecclesall Woods 2356907
- 23 **Florence Nightingale** Talk by Mrs Betty Brown for Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship 2.30pm
- 29 **Sheep Shearing** open day Whirlow Hall Farm 235 2678

### JUNE

- 4 **Working Day** at Whinfell Quarry Garden from 9.30-12.30pm with Friends & Sheff Rangers Tel: 283 9195
- 7 **The Seasons in a Wilder Landscape**, Speaker Neil Fitzmaurice for Dore ladies group, 7.45pm Dore Church Hall. Visitors welcome £3
- 23 **Public Meeting**, South West Community Assembly 7pm King Ecgbert School Tel 01709 515151

### Councillor surgeries

**Local councillors** are available for consultation in the Dore Village Society room on the 2nd Saturday in the month from 10.30am to 12 noon. Contact details: Keith Hill telephone 235 2289 Email: keith.hill@sheffield.gov.uk or Mike Davis 274 8002 Email: mike.davis@sheffield.gov.uk Colin Ross telephone 235 1948 Email: colin.ross@sheffield.gov.uk



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