

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Welcome to the Winter edition of Dore to Door

Car Parking – Have Your Say

The issue of car parking in the village winds everyone up. Townhead Road and Church Lane are effectively single-track roads for most of the time. The pinch point on High Street by the Devonshire Arms is tight enough and it's double yellow lined, but parked cars still make it worse. Double parked delivery vehicles, builders' skips, shopping spaces taken by commuters, blocked-in buses - we've all got our own pet hate.

We're lucky to live in a village which still has not one but two pubs, its own Post Office, greengrocer, butcher and newsagent. Don't take this for granted. Hundreds of villages up and down the country have lost all these things in recent years. Yet our businesses cannot be expected to thrive if they can't take deliveries or if their customers can't reach them. At the moment we just don't know how many shoppers give up and take their business elsewhere because they can't get parked.

If a bus gets stuck on Devonshire Terrace Road because of parked cars, traffic right through the village comes to a halt within a few minutes. On-street parking is a must for village residents with neither garage nor driveway and also for many of the people who travel to work here, but this further reduces the car parking available for shoppers. As more and more cars hit the roads and highway maintenance funding dries up under recessionary pressures, the problems are only going to get worse.

In short, it isn't one problem but several. Any solution designed to solve one aspect will invariably have an impact on another

part of the community.

The DVS Committee has long promised a public meeting about car parking. This will be in King Ecgbert's School Hall on Wednesday, 18th. January starting at 7pm. All our local councillors will be there, as well as representatives from the Highways Department, bus companies, police, local businesses and others. An independent consultancy firm will be running the meeting to ensure absolute impartiality.

Before that, we are hosting a community-wide survey to gather your opinions. By



The winning entry in the Dore Show Floral Section by Picki Wells

the time this issue of Dore to Door hits your doormat the survey should be open for business through our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk. Any local resident over 17 years of age may complete it, whether a car driver or not - pedestrians, cyclists and electric scooter users have their own problems with the village traffic.

You can complete the survey anytime between now and New Year's Eve. Please

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let us know what you think, even if you can't go to the meeting. The more people respond, the better idea we will have of the scale of the problems and which are causing the greatest inconvenience. Our consultants will use the statistics from the survey to guide the meeting and help to ensure that clear decisions are reached.

If you don't have internet access you may still complete the survey on a paper copy available from the village Post Office.

The online survey is for residents only. Local businesses will be canvassed separately, and all should be receiving a visit from a member of the DVS Committee before mid-December. If you think that we've missed you out, please phone 07850 221048 and we'll arrange to come and see you.

It's an ill wind, as they say. A Sheffield driving instructor tells us that when his pupils are ready to take their test, he brings them to drive around Dore for their final lesson. The severest test of urban driving anywhere in the city, apparently. Damned with faint praise, we move on.

John Eastwood

Next Publishing Deadlines
for Spring edition
covering February to May
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Local news stories

Is 20 plenty for Dore?

Sheffield Council's new Labour administration has confirmed its strategy to implement 20mph speed limits across the city in line with national guidelines, starting around schools and expanding into suitable residential areas.

Annual budgets will be limited, so this process is painfully gradual following local consultation via Community Assemblies and Ward Forums where the councillors offers dismiss any discussion claiming that it is not representative of local residents.

Some other parts of the city are better informed and 20mph schemes are already in place in response to local petitions. The local Ward Forum's new traffic focus group has looked into 20mph limits and presented its findings at the Forum's public meeting in September. It's clear that more local awareness is needed. Some still associate 20mph limits with unpopular and costly speed humps which are relics of the past and no longer necessary. Feedback elsewhere indicates that, once the full facts and benefits are understood, the majority are in favour of lower speed limits in residential areas.

But some are questioning whether focussing on schools is the best strategy. Dore, rather uniquely, has four school areas rendering a larger village wide 20 mph zone quite possibly the cheaper and more sensible option. Much detail has still to be discussed in our area, but for council strategy to actually be influenced by grass-roots opinion, the councillors really need to know your opinion.

Keith Shaw

In the new year the South West Community Assembly will be working with Transport and Highways Officers in the council to inform residents in the South West of Sheffield about the scope for 20mph schemes. This first round of consultation will take place in late January and will be mostly informative but we would also like to gauge local peoples feeling on the subject before more details options are drawn up. As yet we have not confirmed any venues but we plan to hold a workshop in each of the four wards that make up the assembly area. To find out more you can contact us on 2037212, e-mail communityassemblysouthwest@sheffield.gov.uk or follow our blog to receive regular updates; <http://sheffield.gov.uk/southwestnews>

Matthew Rush - South West Community Assembly Officer

Dore Garden Club

Why not join this growing society. Now starting our 4th year we aim to offer something to everyone interested in all things to do with gardening. Fruit, flowers, vegetables, lawns, wildlife, green-gardening, construction, pests & diseases we can include them all in our programme of talks, slideshows & films.

In addition we also have several trips out to places of interest – gardens, stately homes & flower shows. We have had a plant sale and this year we were pleased to be asked to organise the Open Gardens.

So come along - listen to an interesting talk, meet new people and have a chat and tea & biscuits.

For more details contact me or any committee member or look at the Dore Village Society website.

Janet Herridge , secretary. 2360915

janet.herridge@btinternet.com

New Pavilion for Totley Bents

The sports ground behind the Cricket Inn is getting a new pavilion, work started on Mon 19th September and is due to be completed around the 5th December.

It will be a welcome addition for the Totley football, cricket & running teams.

Dore Village Society

Open mornings

The first Saturday of the month,
10 am till 12.00

The DVS room in the old school

Drop in for a chat with a DVS committee member or to use our archives for local research; an ideal opportunity for anyone who wants to discuss local issues.

Everyone welcome

Dore and Totley railway station car park

At the beginning of September, the council Planning and Highways Committee granted permission for SYPTE to build a 130 space new car park to serve the demands of the railway station and to be constructed on the site of the Abbeydale Garden Centre and the original station car park. This car park proposal has received much support from the local community, in particular because of safety concerns about the number of cars that are being parked at the bottom of Dore Road. The facility will be free to use and will also have provision for 20 bicycles. The scheme also includes the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Abbeydale Road South.

However, the initial plans for the site proposed a complete clearance of all the existing trees and shrubs. After public consultation, SYPTE submitted plans to retain most of the blossom trees along the main Abbeydale Road, but still intend removing everything else, replacing them with low ornamental shrubs and occasional specimen trees, typically characteristic of urban car parks. A petition from a group of rail commuters was submitted to the planning board calling for the retention of the native wildlife friendly trees and shrubs that exist around the perimeter of the site and for this green screen to be enhanced by planting more native species, in keeping with this wooded location, directly opposite the SSSI Ladies Spring Wood. This can be done without any loss of car parking spaces and received the full support of the planning board.

SYPTE paid 1.1 million pounds for the Garden Centre site. Unless further funds to construct the car park can be found, we may be looking at the blue hoardings for some time yet!

Dawn Biram

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Planning applications to test your resolve

135 Dore Road - the next round

The developer is set to test the resolve of local residents following the submission of a third set of amendments in relation to its multi-storey apartment scheme. This is despite previous written assurances from one of the developer's agents, to both Councillors and planners that the developer would not pursue an apartment scheme if local residents indicated a preference for housing. As we all know the preference for housing has been overwhelming and is well documented.

The amended scheme has some minor modifications and is essentially no different to its two predecessors (all three schemes have been submitted under Ref 11/00567/ FUL) and as such it fails to address the fundamental issues raised in around 1,700 letters of objection. The Council is not intending to notify objectors of the changes which is surprising given the level of interest in the site. Should a multi-storey apartment scheme be granted then it would set a very dangerous precedent and would open up the village to the prospect of rampant overdevelopment and an inevitable loss of character.

The site has courted controversy since 2008 and evidence has recently come to light that the consents for 6 houses (Ref 09/02316/FUL) and 8 houses (Ref 08/04806/FUL) were obtained on the basis of partly inaccurate and incomplete submissions. As a result it is considered that both consents are compromised and are capable of being challenged. It has also become apparent that these two housing consents were obtained as part of an incremental strategy to establish and maintain precedents in pursuit of an apartment scheme.

An extension of time has recently been sought by the developer for the 8 house scheme (Ref 11/03316/FULR) which is due to expire in January 2012 and this scheme will now have to be judged against existing policies as if it were an entirely new submission. Interestingly, since the original application was made there have been significant changes to properties surrounding the site which means that the original plans for the 8 house scheme no longer meet the Council's guidelines in relation to minimum separation distances, amenity or privacy. This point has not been

lost on nearby residents and a significant number of objections have already been made to block the extension of time. It seems extraordinary however that neither the developer or its appointed agents have attempted to make the planners aware of these demonstrable changes in circumstances. Further, independent traffic consultants have recently confirmed that the 8 house scheme should not have been originally granted due to a number of serious road safety issues. Finally the planning officer has also confirmed that an enforcement enquiry has been raised against the site which we understand is in relation to refuse issues.

Of course a housing scheme would be the preferred outcome and I'm sure that residents would be keen to support a well thought out development that respects the character and nature of the locality as well as our planning guidelines.

The residents of Dore look set for a battle and one which they must surely win if they are to preserve the existing nature and character of their village. Hopefully common sense will prevail.

Paul Millington

**All objections should be made in writing
for the attention of Stewart Greenslade at:
The Planning Department, Sheffield City Council,
Howden House, 1 Union Street
Sheffield. S1 2SH
Reference 11/00567/FUL**

**Alternatively objections can be sent by
email to:**

Stewart.Greenslade@sheffield.gov.uk

DVS Christmas Cards are now on sale
at: Valerie Of Dore, Dore Service Station
& The Country Garden
The cards are sold in packs of five and cost £2.50

The phone mast saga continues

In spite of the victory of local residents over the siting of the phone mast in the village earlier this year the threat has not gone away.

O2/Vodafone have put in another application to site the 12.5 metre mast further up Causeway Head Road near the junction with Parkers Lane. When we learnt of this new application Members of the DVS and I contacted the company to object. We informed them that the new site was very prominent and close to residential properties and would not be an acceptable location. If a phone mast has to be located in the area then it should be sited in an alternative, less intrusive location.

After consulting Sheffield Tigers Rugby Club siting the mast at their ground was suggested but unfortunately this is too far away from Dore village to give suitable 3G coverage.

The dilemma is that we all use mobile phones and want good reception but dislike the intrusive masts. I will continue to be in contact with the company to try and find the best solution for local residents.

Cllr Colin Ross

Objections should be sent to the council address shown in the article above

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will be held on 29 November at 7.30 pm in the hall of Bradway Primary School.

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Ho Ho Ho, from the Editor

well this is the edition that covers Christmas!

It's interesting how "stuff" happens when it's been covered in this local magazine; yellow lines are suddenly painted and any company trying to get planning permission, whether it is for a phone mast or block of flats, always appear to put in their applications just after my deadline dates.

The **readers' letters on page 8** include one email I never thought I'd receive; a local solicitor showing a genuine concern for the integrity and content of *Dore to Door*. The fact that this solicitor represents the developer of the 135 Dore Road site does make me question the intention behind it or indeed its wisdom. However, it is very pleasing to find out that *Dore to Door* is not only read by them but that they are also aware of its impact in the village.

Recently the number of local companies finding out how beneficial an advert in here really can be has just snow balled. As this magazine is retained each quarter and used as a sort of local directory by its readership, the value of an advert is far greater than other Sheffield....er!"quality" magazines which spend more time in our blue bins than being read. And the extra bonus is all profits from D2D (the hip or lazy way to write *Dore to Door*) go to local events and campaigns etc, so there is a bit extra in the coffers for next year.

Although this edition covers the festive period, there are plenty of other things

happening so Christmas has been collated into the **centre pages** covering the bigger and better lantern parade with late night shopping and a huge programme of entertainment throughout the night.

Recently I had the joy of attending the Rowan School's return to their Durvale Court building after a horrific flood kept them in temporary premises for nearly two years. Thanks to Carla, the new Deputy Head, for showing me around their site, which was far larger than I had anticipated. She also dispelled many of the myths I'd held about the Rowan School, the main one being that all the children were physically disabled. However the school caters for children with learning disabilities like autism. I was totally in awe of the dedication shown by the staff. For more details of the Rowan School and their recent **fund raising** see **page 6**.

Dore to Door is a team effort and without the design wizardry of Amyra and the keen eye of Janice, I would not be able to produce this, for which I'm eternally grateful.

Best Regards

Richard Joel

The Dore Village Calendar
is now on sale at:
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New Dore bus times

From October 30th the 30 bus has new times; it basically leaves Dore at 03 or 32 past in the mornings & then 05 & 35 past in the afternoons with a few extras in the rush hours. But then after 8pm it runs every hour at 40 minutes past until 23.40.

I advise you get the new timetable from Penny at the Post Office.

Bring back the 50 bus I knew when that ran.

Car wars

A short time ago on a Ford Galaxy not so far away...

episode II – a new hope

It was a period of parking wars

During the first battle the rebels were routed outside the Hare & Hounds.

The next round was fought outside the Primary School.

The parking wardens arrived in their ultimate weapon, the death star, a space wagon with the power to ticket an entire planet.

Pursued by the empire's sinister agents several mothers found tickets on their star ships.

But I did warn you parking wardens had found the village intent on restoring freedom to the galaxy....

Observations for the season

Most of the yellow lines have been painted in the village, apart from the ones outside the Hare. The reason – there were parked cars in the way.

Les Wyzykiewicz in snooker final – Some days spell check really doesn't help!

Why do BT ring me to sell infinity only when the normal broadband is off
Coincidence?

Has anybody else realised yet, that the electronic speed sign on Rushley Road actually pulls a smiley face too?

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Dore Village Society and the Queen's Jubilee Celebration preparations

Great progress is being made towards an amazing village Celebration next summer to acknowledge 60 years of the Queen's reign. Many thanks to those people in the village who have already offered to support our ventures with their expertise, donation of items for the Exhibition, contributions towards the Revue, or the Wall Hanging. We still need many more volunteers to help make this happen so if you would like to assist please get in touch with any of the contacts listed below.

The **Revue** will be on Friday **29th June** and Saturday **30th June** 2012 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Rehearsals will be starting after Christmas for everyone who would like to take part. Please contact Maureen Cope (maureencope1@btinternet.com or 0114 2350392) The Revue needs performers who can sing, dance or proclaim as well as technicians, ticket sellers and backstage crew.

The **Exhibition** will run from Friday **6th July** starting at 5pm, then Saturday and Sunday **7th and 8th July** from 10am to 4pm on each day. We need people to lend us items from the period for display but rest assured the exhibition will be fully stewarded and small valuable items will be kept securely under lock and key.

We want your **Memories** of the '50s – where you were for the Coronation, what school was like, where you went for a summer outing or holiday, the food and sweets you remember eating, what you wore, what your toys were like, what games you played, what job you did, how people travelled- in fact, whatever you would like to tell us about life in the 1950s. A short piece of writing which we can put on display and maybe photos would be perfect. And...it is not just memories of Dore in the '50s but whatever you remember, no matter where you were living.

We are already collecting items for the **Displays** – there will be a '50s room and displays of fashion including at least one wedding dress, kitchen gadgets, toys, books, games and comics. We hope to have a "Time for Tea" section, Monday Washday, Teddy Bears' picnic, and lots more, all depending on what Dore folk have tucked away in their cupboards!

Fashion – Anyone who would like to create a garment in the style of the '50s should contact Christina Stark. Knitting, crochet and sewn garments will be most welcome. Authentic patterns can be

provided!

Christina can be contacted on christina.stark773@btinternet.com or 0114 2368877.

We would welcome other examples of **Craft-work** in a '50s style, from tea cosies to table-cloths. For anyone who likes **Wood-work** we have several designs and patterns available for '50s toys. Please contact Dorne Coggins for further details.

The **Dore Celebration Wall Hanging** has been started under the guidance of Barbara Cassidy of Dore Quilters. (barbara@daisybee.co.uk or 0114 262 0699). Groups and individuals are invited to add a square to make up the Wall Hanging. Free Kits are available with full instructions and materials, other than whatever you would need to create your personal design. Any technique can be used from embroidery to silk painting. The kits can be obtained from Dorne Coggins, Mary Mackinnon or Barbara Cassidy. We have an **Easter dead-line** for your finished square.

The **Dore Recipe Book** is a compilation of all those favourite recipes from the 50s we still would like more, preferably with a little anecdote about who cooked it, or why or where. Linda can be contacted on lorriss@sky.com or 0114 236 3569.

Gardeners – As you pore over seed catalogues ready for your summer planting we are asking you to plant up an **extra pot** with any flowering plant from the '50s so that we can have a massed display round the outside of the Old School for the Exhibition period. Do you remember Granny's garden with hollyhocks, geraniums, lupins, carnations, pyrethrum and the colours of childhood?

If anyone is very green fingered and creative we are still looking for someone prepared to co-ordinate the pots and the final appearance of the display.

Dore Primary School's Growing Club are recreating a **'50s Allotment** complete with vegetables of the period and a garden shed. A deck chair and zinc style watering can would be much appreciated to 'dress' their creation.

Please do get in touch with Dorne Coggins at md2.coggins@talktalk.net or 0114 2365769 or Mary MacKinnon at mackdiab@aol.com or 0114 2365967 if you want to offer your help.

Dorne Coggins

Dore Village Society

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

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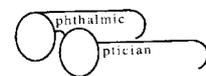
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Rowan – the forgotten school

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On September 11th the school was reopened by the Lord Mayor and they hosted a Rowan Rocks sing along for visitors and parents. They have improved their facilities using funding from various sources including Wooden Spoon which, as reported in *Dore to Door*, is supported by local car enthusiasts. They now have extra class rooms and a sensory garden to add to their specialist areas including woodland crafts, sports and gardening .

Their next fundraising project is to build further outside classrooms but using unconventional buildings like a log cabin and a yurt . A yurt is a circular wooden framed building carrying a canvas cover. Outdoor teaching has proven very successful for their children but with only receiving standard LEA cash and just sixty two families to help fund raising it is always a difficult task.

If you would like to help one of our local schools please give them a ring offering your donation or support on 235 0479 or take a look at the friends of Rowan school website. www.fotrs.org.uk



Sherlock Holmes & Watson and the adventure of the Parsons' yellow frog

The diary 22 – 27 September 2011

Thursday 22nd September

We pose for departure photos then off we toddle on our trip! Made it to Portsmouth via the National Heritage Motor Museum in Gaydon with only two casualties; Mr Holmes where the call of work was too great to ignore and Watto's camera, believed left in the centre. Andy Harrison is now also in for the ride. Fortunately the cars are going well (touch wood) and we're in the pub in Portsmouth before you know it.

10.30 pm and we've made it onto the ferry after queuing for hours! A small trickle of water from Sherlock's MGB gives us no real concern as we take our seats for the overnight run.

Friday 23rd September

We take the scenic route south that takes us along the Seine and across the river on a ferry where, on the other side, we're flagged down by a Frenchman (and fellow ferry crosser) who insists we help him remove a tarpaulin which reveals a '66 Mini Moke!

After the obligatory photographs we set off again along the other side of the river past some spectacular scenery, beautiful old churches and houses (with double garages!) through 10 miles of wooded countryside and through a patchwork of fields where the *Magnette* stutters to a halt. We're off again heading for the Normandy landing beaches where Sherlock moves off and leaves a puddle of petrol now coming from the front of the car!!!

Saturday 24th September

Sherlock is praying that nothing else goes wrong as he's losing 4 to 3 to 2 in the conking out stakes. 5pm and off to the beach! A visit to the Carrefour then we finally head off for the beach where everyone was admiring something topless, the French, the cars, and the English.....

Monday 26th September

Seine bay passing along Omaha, Juno, Gold and Sword beaches and back across Pegasus bridge before stopping in Villiers sur Mer for lunch.

Tuesday 27th September

We arrived back at Townhead Road on the 27th around 5pm, tired but relatively happy with the 972 miles that we managed against the 1,200 forecast and trusting our supporters would be OK with our valiant efforts, given the 15 breakdowns (5-5-5!) we'd encountered on the way. An epic trip in brilliant company reaffirming the fact that whilst you have to grow old, you never have to grow up!

Our thanks to all who sponsored us and supported our endeavour. Find us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/198034963554249/>) and on the Spoon site (www.woodenspoon.com)

So far we've raised over £3,300 and if you've been meaning to sponsor visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Sherlock-Holmes-and-Watson-and-the-adventure-of-the-Parsons-yellow-frog>

See all the photos on <https://picasaweb.google.com/dave.watson08/WoodenSpoonTheTrip?>

Nigel Parsons

Hallamshire Round Table Christmas food collection

Every year for the last 40 years or more, in the run up to Christmas, the members of Hallamshire Round Table have collected tinned and dried foods along with toiletries from the residents of Dore for donation to charity, most recently the Archer Project at Sheffield Cathedral which helps to support the homeless and vulnerably housed adults.

This year we will be collecting on the morning of 11th December, and will be dropping leaflets through your doors during the week running up to then giving further details.

Round Table is a non-sectarian, non-political organisation dedicated to making friends, having fun, gaining new experiences, and most importantly putting something back into your local community.

Most local Round Table clubs get together each fortnight, for everything from sport to cultural visits, or even something as simple as a drink at the pub or a meal somewhere local. These evenings are the lifeblood of Round Table – bringing together groups of friends for a drink and a laugh.

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Dear Sir

Re: Metropolitan Homes Ltd. and proposed development of land off Dore Road

We have been consulted by the directors of the above named company concerning what appear to us to be extremely serious malicious allegations which are being made against both the directors personally and also against the company.

We are writing to you because it has been brought to the attention of our client that you may be considering publishing in the next edition of "Dore to Door" material either about or directed against our client company or the directors.

In your capacity as Editor of the magazine we are sure that you are aware of the law relating to defamation of character and in particular the laws relating to libel.

Both our clients and ourselves are aware of unfounded and untrue allegations against our clients which are being promulgated in Sheffield generally and in Dore in particular including various allegations against the behaviour of our client company and in particular untrue claims relating to the purchase of the land and unfounded conspiracy theories relating to abuse of the

planning process.

From what we have heard it would seem that all of these allegations are untrue and as such if they are publicised by magazines such as your own the Editor of the magazine concerned is running a considerable risk of being in breach of the laws relating to defamation.

We hope that it is not necessary for us to remind you that when publishing sensitive material it is incumbent upon the Editor of your magazine to ensure that facts and not allegations are published.

We trust that you will understand what we have said and will act within the law in a prudent manner rather than provoking a situation where proceedings would have to be issued against you and the publishers of your magazine.

Yours faithfully

Lewis Francis Blackburn Bray

Hi Richard

We would like to thank all those people who supported the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 23 September at Newfield Crescent. We all had a lovely morning and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The final figure raised is £1,200 This is a fantastic result.

Thank you all again, we couldn't do it without you. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Tricia Pitchfork, Anne Elsdon and Elizabeth Watson.

Dear Richard

After a great deal of thought, I have finally decided to ask if you would publish the facts of an incident which happened to me on the 14th September. I was coming home with my wife, driving our Honda Jazz up Dore Road, when a small black car came out of Rushley Road and hit our car on the front wing. My reaction was to stop immediately as I expected the other driver to do, but the other driver proceeded to go down the High Street. I got out and walked round the corner expecting to find that the other car had stopped but there was no sign of a slightly damaged small black car like a Corsa or Golf. As all this happened so quickly I did not get a registration number so I am left to make a claim on my insurance policy or foot the bill for the repair of the damage.

It is a long shot at this time to hope that I might get a response from the other driver but I would seriously suggest to anyone in a similar situation, don't stop but give chase and at least get a registration number that the Police can trace. I was most shocked to think that a resident of Dore would behave

so badly and not stop to exchange details,

Kind regards,

John Putsey Phone 2363554

Dear Richard

Many congratulations on such an excellent start and not easy, I'm sure. Our magazine is a much valued publication and looks to have a super future. We love the new items and layout.

"The Malodorous Mystery"

I am writing to ask if anyone else – in the vicinity of Furniss Avenue/Chatsworth road/Vernon road/ Trolley Brook or further afield – suffers from a very unpleasant smell infiltrating the home from time to time, most likely in the evening and most noticeably in the summer? It is bad enough to close the windows and seems to be getting worse. It seems to drift across from the direction of Owl Bar.

Over the years we have noticed it before but are much more aware of it now. However, where does it come from? What is its cause? Is it harmful? What is the answer to this mystery?

D.Merrills

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We will remember them



Many of you will be aware of the Dore Village Society web-site and, in particular, the archives section where we are gradually adding material relating to life in Dore. On Remembrance Day Dore acknowledges the deep debt we owe to those who fought for what we hold dear today.

One name which is read out belongs to a very well-known figure in Dore's past history, that of Private Herbert Jackson. Private Jackson died in St Omer in 1918 from injuries received at Paschendale in the November 1917 battle. He had enlisted in the King's Own Scottish Borderers before being transferred to the 9th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry.

What makes Private Jackson stand out from the many other brave soldiers mentioned on the Village War memorial is that Private Jackson is probably the oldest soldier on the Memorial being born in 1880, and his story is one of personal conscience. He was born in Attercliffe and came to Dore in 1898 as a Post Office employee. In 1900 he married Frances Mabel Marshall, who was the daughter of Thomas and Harriet Marshall. Thomas was a grocer and Dore Post Master at the time – another well-known Dore Family. In 1903 Herbert became Dore's Post Master – a post he held until 1916 when he enlisted.

In the Dore and Totley Parochial Magazine of September 1918 Private Jackson is described thus: "He filled posts of responsibility on various village committees, viz, the Agricultural Society, the Ploughing Society, Dore Parish Council, and Dore Insurance Club, being widely known and respected. He held the office of Postmaster for Dore, was of a cheerful disposition, with an intensely patriotic spirit which made him feel that he was duty bound to offer himself for military service."

Sadly, he left a widow and four children – Winifred, Leslie, Catherine, and Mary. It is Mary's daughter, Ruth, who saw the Dore web-site and has provided one of the few photographs of Herbert that the Society has.

So thanks to Ruth we have a photograph of Herbert and Frances on their wedding day....and the well-known view of the centre of Dore with Herbert being the gentleman in the long white apron in the middle distance.



Above: Taken in 1919 - the first armistice service held at the war memorial.
Below: Taken in 2011 - this years remembrance Sunday service.



Dore Primary

Next term dates - Staff training days – Tuesday 3rd January, Friday 10th February.

Christmas holiday – Break up Friday 16th December - return Tuesday 3rd January;

Half Term - Break up Thursday 9th February - return Monday 20th February.

London trip

Mrs Hopkinson regularly organises trips for the children to visit Westminster Palace and Nick Clegg in London. The latest was on the 1st of November when they met with Nick Clegg on the steps of Downing Street. (see photo) Below is Jacob's account from the September trip.

At half past 4 on Wednesday 28th of September my Mum, my brother and I staggered out of our beds to get ready to go to Westminster. We got on the coach at 6 o'clock and set off on our 4 hour drive south. We arrived early so we had a guided tour of some of the famous London sights, We had a picnic lunch before heading off for a guided tour of The Houses of Parliament. It was surprising how small the Houses of Lords and Commons were! They both look a lot bigger on TV.

After our tour we were supposed to be meeting Nick Clegg. Many of us had planned questions to ask him but unfortunately he was unable to meet us so someone from his office answered our questions instead.

Next stop was Downing Street. We were very privileged to be able to actually walk right up to the front door of Number 10. We saw William Hague walk out and were able to peek inside as the door opened. I wished I could have seen inside a bit more!

From there we went to the London Eye. First we saw a short 4D movie about the Eye and then we got on into two pods. The weather was very hot and sunny so we could see a long way. It was nice to sit down, relax and watch London go by.

We got back on the coach for our long drive back. Our final stop was at a Pizza Hut in Luton. With full tummies and tired feet most of us then fell asleep on the second leg of the journey home. We eventually got back to school about 10 o'clock having had an excellent, action packed day.

Thank you to Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Fielding for putting in lots of effort to organise this brilliant trip.

Jacob Bush

King Ecgbert

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GCSE results set new record

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52% A* - B

19 students gained A* and A grades across the board.

Red carpet treatment

On Tuesday 25 October Mia Wilson and Tegan Allen-Warwick had the privilege of being invited by Mr Armitage and Filmclub to go and meet the actor Edward Hogg who visited the school last year. Others included Roland Emmerich (director), Rhys Ifans and Joely Richardson at the London premiere of 'Anonymous'. A great time was had by all and Mia and Tegan were filmed interviewing the stars. This will be on the filmclub website soon, go to www.filmclub.org to view this.

Well done Mia and Tegan. You were both outstanding ambassadors for the school and the Filmclub.



Deputy Prime Minister's question time on the steps of number 10.
Photo by Steve Thomas

Visitors to our Harvest Festival

We celebrated and gave thanks at our Harvest Festivals on Wednesday 5th October. The Junior School children filled a cow drawn on the yard and raised over £500 to split between the orphanage in Romania that Dore has supported for many years and 'Send a Cow' which helps to resource families in need in drought stricken countries. The Infant children collected together food packs which are distributed by the Salvation Army to local families in need. We were delighted to welcome 5 residents from Fairthorn to see the Infant Harvest assembly. They had a cup of tea and were well entertained by 12 Y2 ambassadors before the assembly in our new Sunshine Community Room. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with Fairthorn.

Academy consultation

At a meeting on October 11th the Governing Body voted unanimously to go to consultation on conversion to Academy status. The consultation process will run from 31st October to 9th December. Information about meetings for various interested parties will be posted on their website.

Theatre success

Huge congratulations to the 2011 cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" who performed in The Shakespeare Schools Festival on Wednesday 5 October at the Sheffield Lyceum. It was truly a magical experience to behold!!

Totley trio on X Factor

Three girls from Totley created a mini film of them dancing and singing and it was used as the Talk Talk advertisement during prime time ad breaks of the X Factor. Olivia Willie, Dee Marie Straw (both aged ten) and Grace Ashton (aged six) danced to Mike Posner's song "Cooler Than Me". Olivia's younger sister, Isobel, shot the video which in the final broadcast version was superimposed by a breakdancer.

Local policing news

Our New Police Constable

Hi all, my name is Kevin Marsh and I am the new Police Constable for the Dore and Totley area, alongside Police Constable Mark Wadsworth and Police Community Support Officer, Katie Gavin. For the past few years I have been working as a Neighbourhood Policing Officer in the west sector of the city. I now work on the Safer Neighbourhood Teams which consists of police officers, police community support officers, special constables, and local authority neighbourhood wardens/ambassadors and managers. Some SNTs have children and young persons officers and crime and disorder reduction staff.

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communities. They reduce local crime, bring more offenders to justice, and address quality of life issues through a problem-solving approach with communities.

SNT officers and response officers are all police officers with the same powers. Response officers deal with 24 hour emergency calls that need to be dealt with quickly. SNT officers work with communities, together with partner agencies, to provide high visibility patrols and address issues that concern local people.

Here are my contact details;

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Email: kevin.marsh@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Police get proactive on metal thefts

Police and partners in Sheffield have carried out a small scale multi-agency operation to tackle metal thefts in the locality, under the guise of Operation K-Anchor on Thursday 6 October 2011. Future operations are also to be conducted with some other partner agencies being involved such as the Department of Works and Pensions Fraud teams.

The operation involved officers stopping and checking vehicles travelling to scrap dealers to ensure no stolen goods were being carried. Checkpoints were set up in the Baslow Road area of Totley and Ecclesall Road South area of Dore and any vehicles that may have been of interest to the checking teams were stopped. Many thanks to the Totley Methodist Church for the use of their car park and facilities.

As a result of this one day operation

19 vehicles were stopped and checked, and several HGV trucks inspected at the roadside.

Under the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, 5 prohibition notices were issued for various offences including mechanical defects, drivers' hours, tachograph and vehicle condition prohibition notices.

Under the Environmental Protection Enforcement Team, 5 waste carriers licence production notices were issued and advice given to these people about registering if they were not already.

If you see anyone committing this type of crime please report it to South Yorkshire Police on 0114 2202020 or after 4th November use 101; alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Kevin Marsh

Trio jailed for armed robbery

Three drug addicts have been jailed for their part in an armed robbery.

Jenny Marshall, 33, Romus Smith, 33, and Andrew Ellis, 53, were sentenced to 10 years each after admitting conspiracy to rob Dore Co-op last December.

Shop workers were threatened with two foot-long machetes and forced to open safes before being tied up as Sheffield Crown Court heard. Marshall and Smith carried out the raid, stealing £4,800, while Ellis, Marshall's boyfriend, acted as the getaway driver.

It is thought that the trio were provided with inside information by a man they named in court as Martin Cooke, also known as 'Cookie'. He is believed to have

helped with up to 11 other raids at Co-op branches within the last year.

Judge Recorder Robert Sangster QC said, "This was a serious pre-planned robbery. It is clear you had inside information, you knew what time staff would be opening up and you waited for them to do that."

The group were caught after eyewitnesses noted down the number plate of the Fiat Punto Ellis was driving.

Personal paperwork also fell out of the car, and police found computer cable ties inside it similar to those used to tie up the staff.

Hannah Summersfield

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New police contact number

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Local ram raid

In the early hours of Thursday, 6th October thieves struck a local bike shop, 'The BikeTree', next to Morans restaurant on Abbeydale Road South.

Armed with a 4x4 and some anchor chain the thieves pulled out an entire building window and frame next to the front entrance before fleeing with around 20 road, mountain and children's bikes and frames. Within ten minutes local police were on the scene, alerted by the shop's alarm system. Unfortunately the thieves had already left – leaving half of the shop front spread over the shop car park.

The bikes and frames stolen were a random mix of items nearest the 'removed' window, suggesting that the thieves were more opportunistic than selective. If you have been offered a new bike recently at a heavy discount, it might be worth checking with the shop to see if it is one of those that was stolen.

John Baker

The Chicken Lady

I would like to thank everyone for the nice emails and letters received throughout this year. I have really enjoyed reading them all and trying out the new and assorted ideas sent to me; and of course, personally meeting some of your wonderful chickens too. I do hope more readers have been encouraged to start up a brood or are thinking about beginning one in 2012!

Winter is definitely on its way with blowing leaves everywhere but in my case I also have feathers blowing far and wide. So many so that I'm thinking of opening a pillow factory! It is a shame to throw such beautiful feathers away each autumn but I never quite know what I could do with them? Suggestions on a postcard please.

Over the years I have read several poultry books claiming chickens are of very little brain and of course I quite disagree with this statement in general. However, they haven't quite got it right in the winter months; if I was a chicken I would certainly not shed my feathers at this time of year, which appears highly foolish but for some reason evolution makes them behave this way.

My husband claims not to have quite as much interest in keeping chickens as myself, with the exception of eating the eggs but I'm not totally convinced considering his actions last winter. Late one night I found him up the garden placing little heaters into the hen houses to keep them cosy and warm which I'm sure was gratefully received. However, if it was eggs he was hoping for in return for his kind gesture during that bleak cold spell, I'm sorry to say that it didn't work. My girls kept him waiting until the following Spring for his omelette! Nonetheless this is a very good idea for anyone with chickens especially if this year gets as cold as the last one. I have a small

electric tubular heater mounted high up in the coop to prevent a grilling; these only give off a very small amount of heat but this did prevent me from owning several frozen chickens last December! Please only use a qualified electrician to do outdoor electrical work as we don't want all the chickens to have frazzled owners! A cheaper idea,



The infamous Muffin!

but less effective, is to place a hot water bottle within the chicken coop but expect it to be frozen the following morning. Don't be tempted to use the paraffin heaters sold for the greenhouse; not only because of the fire risk but unfortunately the fumes will suffocate them too. Keeping your chickens a little warmer in the winter will help to warn off any bugs... not the creepy-crawly ones we want for free protein! I'm talking about the sniffly kind.

On a very cold day I cook the girls noodles

or pasta mixed with a little olive oil then trot up the garden and serve it when it's still just warm. They go wild for this luxury chicken treat although I can't say that when I have given my husband a bowl of luke-warm plain pasta for his dinner I have had the same reaction.... quite the opposite!

It's surprising how unaffected the hens appear to be during the cold winter months. They appear to be a lot more comfortable than I am, although living in a 5 star chicken hotel, being served daily with warm meals, having comfortable electric heating without the energy bills, having their houses cleaned by their very own cleaner (ME!) and daily massages on their combs and wattles with Vaseline (this helps alleviate frost bite on those very cold nights) I can see why.... boy I wish I was a chicken!

Keep a watchful eye out for any predators during the winter days & evenings as Mr Fox will be around and even if you haven't seen him he will be hungry with the diminishing natural food and will have taken notice of your brood. It's a good idea to check for any defective areas of your chicken houses & pens at this time of year. Most of the fox damage I have seen is at the point where the runs are joined to the hen house; any small hole or loose section of wire can be torn back quite easily by a hungry fox.

Happy chicken keeping to you all.

I look forward to hearing more of your stories and wish everyone a prosperous new year for 2012.

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More hens!

Sherry Dearden has asked for stories about henkeeping so here goes.....

I'd wanted to keep hens for a long time when in the 1990s we bought a potentially good large hut from the Rowarths at their closing sale. (Owlet Farm Hathersage Road) But it was many years before Richard made it foxproof and gave it a waterproof roof. So in 2002 we started with 6 hens and the most we've had is 21. At Ryecroft Richard grew up with capons, hens, turkeys, etc and I'd also learnt from friends including our neighbours, the Hulleys, who kept and bred fowl.

Ours have all been bought at auction from Chelford's weekly bird market (Monday a.m.) There is an amazing array of poultry, wildfowl, and rabbits - nearly 1000 some weeks, usual and unusual. When I once wondered why a cat basket was included in our trip from Dore the answer came when I discovered fantail doves secretly bid for when I went to buy sandwiches. You have to have a Reg. No. so that even a small domestic unit is traceable since the bird flu scare. The market is also the biggest horticultural auction in the U.K. (Wed. & Thurs. near Macclesfield). At this time of year prices are cheaper, but the majority choose to replace stock in the spring when birds start laying again. Our varieties have been Wellsommers, Black Rock, Speckled

Sussex, Warrens and Rhode Island Reds- the latter 4 varieties are still with us, some with a lifespan of 8 years.

We have about 300 sq. metres for them with enough bushes and shelter and a "hospital wing" in the form of a large wooden coop with quite a history, which is also used to look after friends' hens occasionally. Fox attacks are savage but rare despite their being all around us, because of high fencing. When not decapitated but wounded I've managed to nurse hens back to health. We also have the option of an electric fence but haven't used it for years. Crows have carried off eggs left in the egg basket for a few minutes while Richard closed the greenhouse door, and they're also brazen enough to walk into the henhut and sometimes crack the eggs and eat them. If only they sang musically you could forgive them.

Egg production starts tailing off now with moulting and colder weather but mostly because of less daylight (as we use no artificial light unlike commercial units) We have been sending out 3 and a half dozen eggs a week to friends above our own needs but not from now on. As Sherry says, don't expect them to lay where you expect. Even the dowager Duchess of Devonshire can't manage that! Ours lay in a rabbit hutch and the log pile if they can and last

month we found 15 eggs on hard ground behind a gate. But whatever the trials are, it's a fulfilling hobby and the clucking is very soothing and companionable.

Gillian Farnsworth



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Entertaining Dore

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Where does the time go? It seems no time at all since the society put on The Zoo and HMS Pinafore yet here we are into the music rehearsals for next year's show, The Pirates of Penzance. In the meantime we will have to fit in rehearsals for our annual Christmas Concert which this year will again be held in the Methodist Church in Dore at 2:30pm on Saturday 3rd December. It will, as usual, be an eclectic mix with something for everyone but with the emphasis on the festive season. Tickets (£6) are available from me (phone 236 2299) but hurry, it is a popular event and there are only a limited number of seats.

Next year's show will mark the 40th anniversary of the society's first show so we are hoping to make it a bumper special. "Pirates" is the most popular of all the G&S operettas and is the one which I think is a great introduction for youngsters. My parents took me to see it when I was about 8 and I've been a fan ever since! We are, of course, hoping to sell out so keep your eyes open for further information in the next issue of Dore to Door.

The show will be at the University Drama Studio on Glossop Road beginning Tuesday 17th April 2012 and run until Saturday 21st with a matinee, as usual, on the Saturday.

To complete the forward calendar we have a date and theme for next year's summer concert. It will be on Saturday, July 7th in the Church Hall and will be part of the Dore festival celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. No doubt some of you could guess what might be included in the programme!

Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope to see you on the 3rd December.

Derek Habberjam.

Hare & Hounds.

Recently, I got more than a little annoyed with M&B, the parent company who own the Hare & Hounds, so much so that I sent a missive (more of a missile!) to their CEO regarding the paucity of drinkable ales on sale, the removal of two of the most popular beers and the fact that the manager and staff were being prevented from stocking any alternatives.

I have to say that it had the desired effect and became an object lesson in how to handle customer complaints.

Within days I received an acknowledgement and was informed that the matter had been brought to the attention of their Retail Operations Director and the local area manager in order to respond to the issues I raised. The following day I received a phone call from the area manager who discussed the points with me and explained what was being done to recover the situation. I was also invited to go in to the pub and ask for Sandy, the new manageress, to find out more of the details. It so happens that I was to meet some friends there the following day and discovered that Sandy was not there at that time but one of the staff must have let her know that I had asked after her because she came in later looking for me. She thanked me for stirring it up (!) and passed over a list of beers they were considering and had an chat on her thoughts and intentions including getting my opinion. They intend to stock a variety of cask ales from an impressive list, beginning this month (September), and varying in strengths from about 3.8% ABV up about 5%ABV and from blondes to dark malty beers. I am also told that, at the time of writing this, the food is being reviewed with a view to reducing the variety on offer but improving the quality. Can't be bad! I shall shortly become the local expert on real ales!

Derek Habberjam

Dore Male Voice Choir

The Choir is rehearsing for the Christmas season of concerts and events. The highlight will be the usual Choir Christmas Concerts in the Parish Church on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December (start 7pm.). This year our Guest Soloist will be Lorna James (soprano). Lorna was our soloist on the Saturday Concert last year and she was such a success that we have invited her to return this year for both concerts. We will undoubtedly have another glittering performance. She has promised to repeat the piece, 'Girl in Room G14' which went down so well last year. There will be other surprises for our audience this year. The Choir will be singing a number of new pieces and some old favourites. These concerts are always a 'sell out' and are a great way to start the Festive Season. If you would like tickets, don't delay. You can get them from any Choir member or 'phone 2365043.

David Heslop

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It's already the talk of the school yards in Totley (amongst the Mums that is!) and people really are getting great results from these machines, with one local lady having already lost 4 inches from her tummy in just a month!

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Early indications seem to suggest that this exciting new concept will stick around for a while, and won't be just a another passing "fad"

James Dixon

Skirts down

The "short skirt index," more commonly known as the Hemline Index, traces its roots back to 1926, when economist George Taylor proposed that hemlines rise as stock prices rise. The theory was first affirmed in 1929, when skirt lengths dropped almost overnight after the Wall Street crash.

The Roaring '20s saw the short, flapper hemline drop right along with the Great Depression in the 1930s. The cycle was repeated as the miniskirts of the 1960s turned into maxi dresses and long peasant skirts during the oil crisis and recession of the 1970s. Now in 2010 the likes of Angelina Jolie, Coleen McLoughlin and Kylie Minogue have adopted the look reminiscent of the hippy chic of the 1970s; once again the economy and hemlines have plunged in unison.

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Parish Notices

The last issue of *Dore to Dore* talked about the group from Dore Church who were visiting Uganda. The visit worked out very well. Members had a chance to discover something about life in Uganda and the church there, as well as experiencing at first hand the priority that is given to time for personal relationships. After a few days near Kampala, the group moved up country to Hoima. There the outside of a new dormitory at Canon Njangali Girls' High School was painted and big steps were taken towards cleaning up, speeding up and networking the school's computer system. The visit finished with a 24 hour safari in Murchison Falls' National Park – where we saw plenty of animals and birds, the River Nile and the breathtaking Falls themselves.

As usual in this edition of *Dore to Door*, as we prepare for Christmas, Christ Church, Dore looks forward to welcoming many to one or more of our special occasions and services over the Christmas period.

Sunday, November 27th @ 10.00am
Christingle Service – a special occasion that celebrates Jesus, the Light of the world

Friday, December 9th & Saturday, December 10th 7.00pm Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 18th
4.00pm Family Carol Service
6.30pm Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 19th
7.30pm 'Come & Sing' Messiah with Sheffield Bach Choir

Christmas Eve
4.00pm & 6.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
8.00am Holy Communion (said)
10.00am Christmas Morning Celebration (with Holy Communion)

Everyone is always welcome to any of our regular **Sunday services from 8.00am**
A said service of Holy Communion

10.00am A service that includes music, prayers, Bible reading and teaching. It aims to be appropriate for a wide range of people. Our children's groups run in parallel with this service and there is also a crèche.

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

Living as we all do as part of a world that has seen so much economic and political upheaval over the past 12 months, members of Christ Church would like to take this chance to wish all readers of Dore to Door real peace and encouragement this Christmas and in 2012.

Michael Hunter

Dore Methodist Church news

The 150th anniversary celebrations have been planned by an enthusiastic committee and have been well supported. They continue until the end of the year with guest preachers including the Rev Will Morrey who serves as Faith Communities Adviser for Action for Children. He will be taking the service on Sunday 20th November at 10.30am.

A new venture started in September is **Tea, Talk and Tunes for Toddlers**. This takes place on Monday mornings during term time from 9.30am-11am and welcomes pre-school children and their parents. It is already proving popular.

Christmas is a time for further celebration and during the Christmas festivities in the village. The church will be open on 30th November from 6pm. Hot drinks will be served and Dore Village Society Christmas cards will be on sale. There will be displays by church and community groups, including Dore Primary School, on the theme '**Victorian Christmas**' on Friday and Saturday 9th-10th December from 10am-4pm and again on Sunday 11th December from 12 noon-4pm. Join us for a traditional Candlelit Carol Service on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. There will be a Christmas Morning Service at 9.30am.

David Willie

Obituaries

Joan Sheppard (1915 - 2011)

Joan passed away on 31st July, aged 95.

She died bravely, in the same way as she had always lived her life; on her own terms, in her own way and making no concessions to old age – she just decided the time was right.

Much has been documented in this magazine, about my mum's earlier days in Dore, and having lived at Drury Lane and Brickhouse Lane for so long, she was much recognised, out walking her dogs in all weathers.

With her passing I lose someone irreplaceable, and the village loses a glamorous, unconventional and brave character.

Marcia

Graham Thorpe

Graham died suddenly on 4 August. His funeral was held in a packed Parish Church and he is buried in Dore churchyard.

Graham was a Dore lad. He came from two large Dore families whose roots go back generations in this village. Sam Thorpe, his father, was Sexton at Christ Church and a local gardener; one of six children. His mother was a Denniff, coming from a Dore farming family.

Graham was born barely five years after Dore was transferred from Derbyshire to Sheffield. It was still a Derbyshire village in all but name.

His childhood was one of classes in the Old School with Miss Parkin, football with Dore FC, singing in the Church choir, haymaking in summer,

apple scromping in autumn, dens in Wag Wood, and sledging at Cliffside (now Newfield Lane).

The family home was a cottage in Church Lane, where Country Garden now stands; with a toilet down the garden and a tin bath by the kitchen range.

On leaving school Graham became a quantity surveyor, qualifying with the Institute of Builders and later as a Chartered Surveyor. On his marriage to Joan they first moved to one of the new houses in Old Hay Close, and have always lived in the village.

He became Managing Director of Hassall Homes and grew the company into one of the country's largest housebuilders.

His leisure interests were extensive. He was a Director, and subsequently a Vice President, of Sheffield Wednesday. His other activities included anything french (he was proficient in the language), classic cars, and travel. He was a keen gardener and his vegetables, and in particular his tomatoes, won many prizes at the Dore Show over the years. He was one of the regular cooks at the Old School Lunch Club. He was also a trustee of the Dore Old School Trust, and was heavily involved in the refurbishment of the property.

Graham took a keen interest in the welfare of young people, encouraging education in the construction industry, and footballers from foreign countries at Sheffield Wednesday. He was an active youth leader, being a trustee of the Dore Youth Worker Trust, and helping run a youth club in a tough area of Abbeydale.

He always had an ability to make lasting friendships, some all over the world, and was always ready to go and visit at any time. But above all

Births

Still no births being sent in!!

Marriages

October 15th

Uchechi Chima-Okereke & Eleanor Freegard

October 29th

Ken Oldham & Sara Williamson

Deaths

August 2nd Jim Trotter aged 82

August 4th Graham Thorpe aged 73

September 17th Josie Green aged 91

September 21st Rosa Mann aged 84

September 22nd Sheila Pigott aged 75

October 11th Gordon Ragg aged 98

October 25th David Fyfe aged 80

Graham was a family man, with two children and five grandchildren. The death of his son John, at the age of 31, was a bitter blow to him. Through Graham's and Joan's generosity there is a beautiful stained glass memorial window in the Dore Methodist Church. If you have not seen it, it is well worth a visit. Graham attended Dore Methodist Church and held an abiding wish that one day Christ Church and Dore Methodist might unite.

Graham was the finest of men. His love and support for his home village of Dore was abiding, and in the memory of a life well spent, we can say, "There was a real Dore lad".

David Heslop

Christmas at Whirlow Hall Farm

Whirlow Hall Farm is gearing up for Christmas nice and early with trees, turkeys and events to get us all in the festive spirit. Our free range turkeys arrived at the farm in October and are happily running around our fields and talking to our visitors.

Festivities officially start with the Whirlow Christmas Fayre on Sunday 27th November, so why not browse our farm shop, craft and farmers market stalls for that original gift which can't be purchased on the High Street. Visit Santa by his open fire in our traditional farmhouse or enjoy live music while tucking into our ever popular Whirlow Hog Roast with crackling and apple sauce. Maybe a glass of warming mulled wine and a mince pie tickles your fancy? Christmas trees will be available to take away on the day and you will also be able to order your turkey as well as a wide selection of our high welfare meats for a sumptuous Christmas Feast. Our farm shop will also be stocked with lots of festive local produce as well as a variety of Whirlow Christmas hampers. The event will run from 10am to 3pm priced £3.50 adults and children FREE.

Carols by candlelight

Carols by Candlelight was a new event for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust in December 2010 bringing local schools, our supporters and

the community together to celebrate the festive season. Due to the success of the first event we have decided to add this into our annual fundraising calendar.

This festive and magical evening of carols by candlelight led by Anna Wright will once again be held at Ecclesall Parish Church; and takes place on Wednesday 14th December 2011.

Starting at 7.30pm, the concert includes carol singing, Christmas music and readings with mince pies and mulled wine after the service.

Choirs from Dobcroft Junior and Ecclesall All Saint's School return to perform for a second year and will be joined for the first time by Carterknowle and Arbourthorne Schools. We have new performances from the Sheffield University Chamber Choir and Sheffield all girls A capella group Sonitas. The Sheffield Teachers Operatic Society will join us again to complete this spectacular line-up.

Local company Henry Boot have kindly agreed to sponsor the event which will allow us to maximise funds for the Trust.

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Christmas Celebrations in Dore Village

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This year Causeway Head Road has three new businesses opening for the first time, so call in to see **Roy at The Wetroom** where there will be refreshments and the staff at **Whittington Goddard Associates** are planning a warm welcome and drinks for those who visit them. The **Coffee Boutique** will be open, offering light refreshments hosted by Carol who has lots of beautiful Christmas gift ideas on display.

Viv and Sue at **HSBC** will be opening late although there will be no counter service as this will be filled with wine and mince pies to share with customers and visitors. **NewsPlus Village Store** will also be hosting a party to raise funds for Weston Park Teenage Unit, with more refreshments, lots of fun and a special visit from Father Christmas. During the evening there will also be Christmas music outside the shops in High Street, Causeway Head Road and **Dore Methodist Church**. Do take the opportunity to visit the Methodist Church to see the wonderful stained glass window which featured in this years village well dressing. There will be hot drinks available there and Dore Village Society will be selling Calendars, Christmas cards, tea towels and other DVS sales items in the foyer.

In the High Street **Feast@dore deli** will be open with lots of Christmas food ideas, and at **Valerie of Dore** there will be demonstrations of seasonal floral designs and wine and nibbles throughout the evening. **Re-face and body** are offering 10% off all stock and treatments during the evening. At **Paper Moon Carol** and Debbie will be welcoming customers to view their range of fabulous gifts and offering chocs and nibbles to visitors. Not forgetting **Almas Indian Restaurant** which

will be open as usual. There will be a BBQ at the **Devonshire Arms**, fundraising for the Cavendish Cancer Care Centre and visits from Father Christmas and the Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir singing carols. **Handsworth Sword Dancers** will be performing traditional Christmas entertainment at the front of the Devonshire Arms at 7.30pm.

Once again Ben from the **Country Garden**, as well as hosting the carol singers, has ordered the Christmas trees for the **Dore Village Society** and thanks to Geoff Cope and his small team of helpers they make the village look bright and cheery for the festive season. The **Union Jack Fish & Chip shop** will be open until 9pm as usual and Lynne at **Dore Opticians** will be offering light refreshments to customers and visitors, so do call in and say hello!

Dore is fortunate to have such an excellent range of local shops, restaurants and hostelrys. Between them, you will find Christmas gift and food ideas and places to celebrate the season with friends and family. We are also lucky that there is a strong community spirit in the village and this is the perfect occasion to join in the fun, meet friends and support local businesses. Look out for more information in the shops that are opening.

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

Dore's 11th Wassail Walk this year will be on Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th December, starting at 10.00am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome. Please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

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Shopping in Dore

Older readers may remember that shopping in Dore in the 1930's and 1940's was simple, with no supermarkets or cars in which to visit them.

Much queuing was involved, especially in the war years, and particularly at Jack Thorpe's on a Saturday morning, waiting for the Sunday joint to be prepared.

His shop, along with the Post Office, was where the Hare and Hounds Public house extension is now. You could send telegrams there and Mr And Mrs Mace ran it. A Mr Pybus cheerily delivered post on a bicycle.

Mrs Marshall's sweetshop on the corner, was undoubtedly the children's favourite; paper cones of sweets for a penny gladdened the heart. More often one made do with a ha'penny size. Ice cream was a rare pleasure, but tiny boxes of Caley's or Milk Tray chocolate in a glass case were out of our league.

Next to the horse trough nearby were 3 or 4 shops since rebuilt. The cobbler made a living, he was always busy. Midgeley's next door was the greengrocer's: Sometimes during the War, the 'bush telegraph' informed us that tomatoes were expected so we joined the queue ad were pleased to be rewarded with four tomatoes for a family of four.

Huby Frith had the bakers next door, and Mrs Dunnet, a most amiable lady, baked all morning in the back room. Large loaves and crusty cobs were brought in and put on high shelves. Huby would hook a loaf down with his crutches, then catch it deftly. He was neat, dapper and cheerful, his walking impediment seemed not to bother him at all.

Mothers made coats and dresses for their children in those days, necessitating regular visits to Miss Bell's emporium, in the last cottage on High Street. Through the gate and up the garden path, Miss Bell was waiting to advise on bias binding, needles, embroidery silks, hatpins, tape measures, and those transfers that could be

ironed onto material which was then embroidered.

Alice Frith had a dairy in her front room in the last house at the top of Causeway Head Road; you could get extra milk here, as well as one or two groceries and old fashioned ice cream.

A Mr Unwin owned a small van. He lived on Long Line and would call every week with a heavy, shallow basket containing samples of fruit and vegetables available. Milk too, was delivered daily to the door by two bright and cheery sisters, Alice and Mildred Frith. It was decanted from shiny steel churns into smaller containers to be poured into a waiting jug.

School holidays and lack of traffic meant children could fetch the daily shopping, and we got our rations from the Co-op (CWS) on Devonshire Terrace Road. The last half was for groceries, and the other half of the shop was a butchers; never any meat on show, it was all in huge refrigerators. Only black pudding, white pudding and polony encased in a scarlet skin lay on enamel dishes. We wondered about the ingredients.

The old fashioned grocers shop at the end of Causeway Head Road was called Turvey' I think. It had a high, polished mahogany counter, behind which assistants waited and weigh out rice, sugar, oats etc. Flour was sold in 3lb muslin bags, with sometimes a small lead animal in tissue paper inside.

One very hot summer's day, an ice cream cart appeared at the far end of Shorts Lane, like a mirage, but we never saw it again.

Similarly disappointing was the fact that the Muffin Man never put in an appearance in Drury Lane, although we always looked.

What a contrast nowadays to the big weekly shop at a busy colourful supermarket with perhaps a coffee in the in store cafe and a few treats in the trolley, CDs or a few plants for the garden etc.

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Time Travellers: archaeology in the local area

The Time Travellers Archaeology Group continues to go from strength to strength. The success of the Whirlow Hall Farm Project in the summer boosted interest in the Group so that we started our Autumn and Winter programme with many keen new members. Certainly we never expected to uncover the wealth of material and spread of age on the dig at Whirlow Hall Farm. On a daily basis extremely important and previously unknown information was discovered so that the Whirlow Hall Farm Project has become of prime importance in addressing issues relating to Sheffield's pre-history and its subsequent role in the Romano-British Empire. Work is hoped to continue on the site and new areas within the Farm next summer, and volunteers from the Time Travellers (who made some of the unique discoveries themselves) are definitely 'polishing trowels in anticipation!'

One of the most exciting discoveries was when the remains of the Romano-British building started to emerge beside the palisaded ditch, along with pottery remains, including luxury Samian Ware from Gaul. By the end of the first season dig there had been clear evidence of settlement from pre-historic times which, combined with the evidence from the actual Farm area, meant a run of habitation and farm working from earliest time to the modern day.

But that was the Summer! Since then the Time Travellers have embarked on their Autumn and Winter Programme which started back in September with a visit to the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and a chance to explore and examine aspects of the archaeology and history of the buildings and the site. There are exciting plans for research and development of the site in the near future which will be of particular interest to anyone interested in the local history of our area.

Our programme is very mixed and the visit to the Hamlet was closely followed by a very evocative walk to Gardoms Edge where there is much evidence of early settlement amongst the rocky

outcrops – not least the amazing 'Cup and Rings' stone which generated lively debate amongst the members as to its potential meaning.

The next venture was to Wincobank hill fort and members could sense the close relationship between the hill forts of Carl Wark and our own Iron age hill fort in Ecclesall Wood. Wincobank hill fort, with its impressive commanding position overlooking the Don Valley, again provoked many comments and comparisons.

Our most recent meeting was a charismatic talk from Dr Clive Waddington of Archaeological Research Services Ltd based in Bakewell. He talked to a packed audience about his excavation work at Fin Cop near Bakewell which has generated a huge debate about the fate of the many bodies of women and babies found tossed into the ditches round the fort boundaries. Clive was also the main driving force behind the amazing discoveries made at Whirlow Hall Farm and he was able to tell the meeting about the extra-ordinary significance of the Whirlow site. He indicated that in our very area lies a fundamental reconsideration of what the Romans were doing in Britain, and the interaction of them with the pre-existing population. Little did we think that when the Time Travellers became involved with the Whirlow Hall Farm project that we would be at the very fore-front of historical discovery! It makes next summer's development excavation where Clive expects to find evidence of a much larger Roman enclave especially exciting.

The Time Traveller's Group continues after Christmas with another full and varied programme of events – walks, talks, visits and trips. We are all keen amateur and aspiring archaeologists and local historians so if you are interested in joining us we can send you full details of the 2012 Spring Programme. Please contact either: John Baker on johnbaker@tesco.net on 0114 2369025 or Dorne Coggins on md2.coggins@talktalk.net or 0114 2365769.

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Dore Oral History Group 10th anniversary tea party

On Saturday 15th October Dore Oral History Group celebrated its 10th anniversary with a tea party in Dore Old School. We had invited all those who had contributed to our project "Dore Voices" or had supported our open days and reunions so we were delighted to see many of them there. We wanted to say a big thank you to our friends past and present. Sadly, several of the elderly Dore residents who we interviewed in our early years are no longer with us but their wonderful memories live on and their voices continue to be heard.

When we started back in 2001 our aim

was to collect the reminiscences of Dore Old School for the writer of the Dore Millennium Play and the funding was for one to two years. But we were so encouraged by the positive response from the people in our village that we have continued to grow from those small beginnings into a major community oral history project.

We are now in a situation of becoming victims of our own success. There seems to be a never ending list of jobs to do – interviewing, transcribing, digitalising early recordings as well as creating a new and accessible sound archive for the 21st

century - and we are a small friendly band of volunteers. If you think that you may be interested in collecting the living history of our village do get in touch. We are always happy to welcome new members especially young ones.

In the meantime I should be saying "Here's to the next ten years!" but I do wonder what route "Dore Voices" will take in the future.

Maureen Cope,
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New Local Publications

Chapel Life at Dore in its local and Methodist setting By John Dunstan

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Totley War Heroes

The new publication by Totley Local History Group. The Story of the Men from a small Derbyshire Village who gave their lives in the Great War. It is available from 26th October from Dore Post Office, Seasons, Totley Rise Post Office. A chapter on Totley in 1914 followed by the personal story of every Soldier who is on the Totley War Memorial, with their Family Tree and information about them and their families. Lots of photos and an excellent Christmas present.

Book reviews

The story of the Murders in the Winnats Pass

The Winnats Pass, is famed for its picturesque beauty, but in the middle of the eighteenth century, when the Peak District was remote and dangerous, two runaway lovers were robbed and murdered there - or so the story goes. The Peak District is renowned for its folktales, but are they true and how did they evolve? This new book by Mark Henderson, provides a unique insight into the ways in which legends grow in the telling. It explores this intriguing tale, looking at how and why the story has changed and examines the evidence for a historical basis, using numerous primary sources and original research evidence. Published by Amberley Publishing, 1, price £14.99 ISBN: 978-1-4456-0014-7

Portraits of Heroes, Derbyshire fighter pilots in the second world war

As the title promises author Barry Marsden brings together from first hand accounts, archive sources and photographs taken from the personal collections of the airmen's families, a pictorial history of Derbyshire's Second World War pilots. From day one to the last, fighter pilots from Derbyshire were active in every theatre making a significant contribution to the final defeat of the Axis. The book recounts the stirring deeds and tragic deaths of these courageous pilots and serves as a comprehensive group biography of thirty-three brave men. Published by Amberley Publishing in paperback, 283 b/w pictures. 192 pages price £14.99 ISBN: 978-1-4456-0271-4

The Caspian Gates, by Harry Sidebottom

This is the fourth book in the Warrior of Rome series, by one of several authors feeding the current demand for historical novels set in the Roman period. If you enjoy historical action, you'll enjoy this, although I would recommend starting with book one, which I still think is the best. The book is well written, carefully researched and full of historical detail - what the author doesn't know about the Romans, isn't worth knowing. Sometimes too much detail though, including quotations from the Greek, which tends to break up the flow of the story. From an earthquake in AD 262 to raids by the Goths, from Black Sea storms to the very outposts of the Roman Empire you'll be hard put not to enjoy this adventure.

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The Wildlife garden

A blackbird with an injured leg and only a few white feather shafts for a tail – the result of an all too close-encounter with a cat - stood lopsidedly by my feet. He was 'vacuuming' up the mealworms I had thrown down for him so quickly, anyone would have thought he was a competitor in a 'how-many-mealworms-can-you-eat-in-a-minute' world record attempt. Mind you, the reason for his haste soon became apparent: my garden's dominant blackbird landed just a few feet away, feathers bristling in fury as the usurper devoured 'his' mealworms. Yet unlike the injured bird who was emboldened by hunger, he did not dare venture any closer. Sensing this, the lame blackbird carried on eating and if anything, it was at an even faster pace than before, when all of a sudden, a wren shot out from beneath a nearby shrub and landed next to the larger bird. With a high-pitched squeak, it grabbed a mealworm right from under the startled blackbird's beak and flew back to the bush in a whirl of tiny wings.

Being so small and elusive, I find it hard to accept that, according to the RSPB, wrens are in fact Britain's most common species of breeding bird, with just over 8 million pairs. Nevertheless, they are most

abundant in deciduous woodlands and consequently this is the best place to hear their lovely clear song: a trilling call that rises and falls like a roller-coaster, finishing with a flourish and delivered at the same frantic pace as everything else the bird does. It is also very loud, surprisingly so for such a small bird, but in reality this makes perfect sense, because the male's song has to reach a female that spends most of her time skulking around in the undergrowth.

The males also do something else unexpected, they build a number of nests in their territory and try to entice a female to accept one of them. When food is plentiful, they may even get two or more females laying their eggs in these nests. As well as open-fronted nest boxes, wrens also use crevices in trees and walls to make their spherical nests, yet while the nest shape makes the chicks notoriously difficult to study, it does little to protect them from predators. If all goes well, the female lays 5 or 6 whitish coloured eggs which she incubates for approximately 16 days, a similar length of time as the chicks take to fledge. Remarkably, she rears them all by herself and then goes through it again in July, with a second clutch of eggs. To

succeed, she needs an abundant supply of small insects and spiders, not only during the breeding season, but all year round. Harsh winters are especially difficult for wrens and many can die from starvation or succumb to the cold. To help overcome this, during severe weather wrens will sometimes gather together, cramming themselves into an empty nest box to keep warm. The highest number ever recorded was 63 wrens in one nest box, but this is likely to have been surpassed during the last record-breaking winter.

Usually, the only time I catch sight of wren in my garden is when one flits between shrubs; a brown blur as it moves amongst the climbers or plant containers, feverishly searching in every nook and cranny for insects, more akin to a cartoon creation than anything alive. However, one cheeky character has recently started sitting on my kitchen door-handle and peers in through the window whenever she wants feeding. When live food is in short supply, wrens may take crumbs of cheese from the ground, nonetheless prefer suet and of course, mealworms especially if they can be snatched right from under a blackbird's bill.

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The phenomenon has been triggered by households becoming increasingly aware that higher grades of seed and foods will encourage specific varieties of birds, paying dividends in maintaining a healthy bird population, often in very confined spaces.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds promotes the need for different types of food for different birds at different times of the year and highlights dangers posed by certain foods for birds, especially during the breeding season.

It has long been the case that people would use scraps of left-over food to feed wild birds, but these food types are not really suitable and in some cases, can actually cause harm to small birds.

Key to a national growth in seed sales is the fact that many more people have taken this on board and now consider that responsible feeding is a year-round process, rather than a winter hobby, creating a habitat for birds which keeps them in the vicinity.

Bird seed companies are now providing good advice and the best quality of food so that people can see direct results and encourage previously unseen bird varieties into their gardens. Many of these birds will stay on to nest if the habitat is correct, which is providing measurable benefits for declining species.

Alongside traditional bird seed such as peanuts and sunflower seeds, people are increasingly spending on specific products such as meal-worms for robins and Nyjer seed for goldfinches.

This increase in the availability of correct feeds is allowing people to make educated decisions on what is most appropriate for the birds in their garden.

*Kevin Greenhalgh –
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FEW – Friends of Ecclesall Woods

Ecclesall Woods once again received a Green Flag award. A gathering was held at the Graves Building on 14 September, to celebrate all the Green Flag winners in Sheffield. Sheffield now has 21 Green Flag sites, of which 4 received the award for the first time this year. We heard presentations from all of these areas: Wyming Brook, Green Estates, Charnock Recreation Ground, and Millhouses Park. A good chance to talk to other Sheffield groups and share ideas, problems, and solutions.

A long time ago, there were no bins in which to deposit little black bags of dog dirt at entrances to the Woods. People grumbled. Bins were installed, filled up, were sometimes emptied (but not often enough), and people grumbled about the overflow below the bins, and black bags hanging on bushes. Now, the cuts mean that emptying the red bins will be even rarer, if it happens at all (we don't know yet). Dogs off the lead seldom foul footpaths. I suggest that with dogs on leads, that do foul the paths, the leader should use a branch to brush the faeces into the side. No more black bags in the woods.

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The response to our appeal for residents of Dore to offer a nest site to the swifts has been excellent; heartwarming even. Thank you to all those who enquired.

What has been revealed is that as recently as the 60's, swifts inhabited the big houses down Dore Road. They no longer nest there, although we are installing at least two nest boxes towards the lower end of the road to try and entice them back.

So far 10 houses in the centre of Dore have boxes and we have a community project for the birds. Thank you to everyone who's shown an interest in the swifts of Dore. Lets look forward, positively, to their return in the spring. First one spotted, Contact the Editor.

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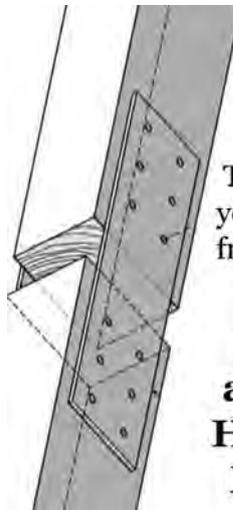
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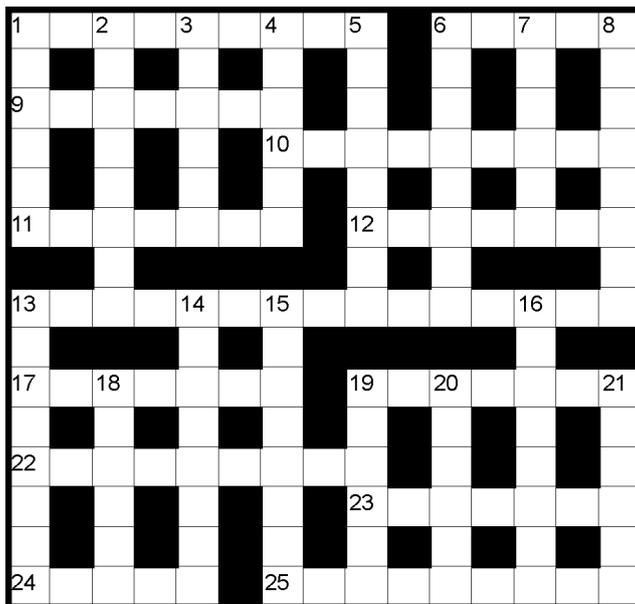
The Crossword

Across

1. Scientist found in a road in the 9 (9)
6. Ask to go first to the stream (5)
9. After the house in Spain, for example, coming back home ... (7)
10. ...and coming back to find all the bridge players arranged in a circle (9)
11. Alien enters good marks to get passes (7)
12. Geological period once confused with first of early Neanderthal epochs (7)
13. Hell-fire hath ram orbiting to provide butcher's origins (11,4)
17. Gives up responsibility for developing singers (7)
19. Ships out of French places like Le Havre and Marseille (7)
22. O.K. ! Spike providing home in the 9 (9)
23. Stores a rope I'm preparing (7)
24. Escape scheme ? (5)
25. The Spanish tailor present, but remote (9)

Down

1. Warning the pet about greeting (6)
2. Travelling clean via Spanish city (8)
3. Suggestion that the peacekeepers have come up with the wrong cane (6)
4. Values a learner appearing in the wrong side (6)
5. She and I link working capital (8)
6. Pole gone peculiar finding the source of our make-up (4,4)
7. Batsmen enclosed (6)
8. Unpopular with students to desire expression (4,4)
13. In attendance for Derbyshire's first County town (8)
14. Excited being on exotic diet being at maximum, in the main (4,4)
15. Press on with initial experiment, getting mixed reaction (8)
16. Service provided by powerful fan (3,5)
18. Whispered about her departure, then knocked off (6)
19. Cinders has no starter, but mingles with people eating (6)
20. Repeatedly fondle the fruit (6)
21. Uncivilised lane in the 9 (6)



Crossword compiled by Mavis. Answers will be published in the spring edition but if you really can't wait they're on www.doretodoor.co.uk

Answers for the Summer crossword

Across: Mascapone, Spam, Operate, Throngs, Treasure trove, Strays, Enstrange, Endowing, Valuer, Superintend, Egoist, Theorem, Then, Inverstions

Down: Moot, Spelter, Academy awards, Please, Notarise, Pontoon, Musketeers, Return Address, Assessment, Deplore, Inunison, mettle, Undergo, Amps.

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Why God made mums

Answers given by 2nd year school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sellotape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

What kind of a little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such an idiot.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between mums and dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Mums have magic; they make you feel better without medicine.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

QI

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

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Abundance at Abbeydale Rackets and Fitness Club

It's been a good year at Abbeydale Park Rackets and Fitness Club and things are looking good for 2012 too. On the squash scene their teams won both the Sheffield and District and Yorkshire Premier Leagues – something not achieved for a decade or more. On the Fitness Suite scene, which now equates to 50% of its membership and income, there has been a modest growth in take-up across all age ranges and both sexes at a time when most gyms are under pressure to maintain numbers. In the Spring (2012) the Club aims to carry out a major (cc £100k) refurbishment scheme supported in part by a hoped-for grant and some Club money raising. In addition the Club has a resurgent and enthusiastic junior cadre (some 60 strong) meeting on a Play and Pay (£3/session) basis after school and on Saturdays for coaching, competition and

fun. Several of the more experienced Juniors played in the winning Adult Teams being high in the England rankings. e.g. Russell Clark is 11th., Adam Turner 17th., cousin Oliver Turner 30th. in the Boys' under 17's, whilst Siobahn Baxter is ranked 25 in the England Girls under 17's. And then there's Nick Wall aged 11 and ranked 30 in the under 13's!

Many of the Juniors now taking up the game attend local schools with whom the Club has good and growing links. These include Dore Primary, Totley Primary, Totley All Saints as well as King Egberts', Tapton and High Storrs secondary schools.

There are free taster sessions for all – in both Rackets and the Gym. Who knows, there might be more budding brilliance in Dore!

David Green.



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Rugby

Coming up to the half way point in the rugby season both our local rugby teams have settled in well to their respective leagues after their promotions.

Tigers have found themselves in a very close league where any team can beat any other and the league leader changes on a weekly basis. With no clear dominant teams it could come down to bonus points at the end of the season.

Tigers have had unfortunate injuries to key players like John Feeley and Richard Joel (not the D2D editor, the large 2nd row) however the younger players coming through the development XV have stepped up to the mark admirably. At present they reside eleventh having won 4 lost 6 and it's the 7 bonus points already which may well prove the safety net at the end of the season.

Sheffield Rugby Club have had a more comfortable transition to their new North One East league, winning around 50% of their games with many nail biters but giving notable drummings to Northern and bottom of the league Gateshead by 55

Our Local Rugby Teams Autumn Home Fixtures

12 - Nov **Sheffield** v Middlesborough
19 - Nov **Tigers** v Caldby
03 - Dec **Sheffield** v Malton & Norton
17- Dec **Sheffield** v Wheatley Hills
03 - Dec **Tigers** v Leicester Lions
10 - Dec **Sheffield** v Cleckheaton
17 - Dec **Tigers** v Hull
15 - Oct **Sheffield** v Northern
07- Jan **Tigers** v Harrogate
07- Jan **Sheffield** v Durham City
21 - Jan **Tigers** v Nuneaton
28 - Jan **Sheffield** v Morpeth
11 - Feb **Tigers** v Stockport
18 - Feb **Sheffield** v Old Brodleians

- 3. They are sitting comfortably in sixth position but with tough encounters coming up away to second place Middlesborough in November and at home to third place Wheatley Hills in December.

Conkers

The annual Dore Club conker championship was held on 30th. September. Strict playground rules were enforced, with play commencing at 9pm and continuing until a final winner emerged at 11.20. Everything was up for grabs with Dave Hayes, last year's winner unable to defend the title.

Special mention must go to Carl Brittain, who played hard to get his thirty-fourer, disposing of several opponents by the rule of 'stamps'. In a late match, however Allen Bentley pipped him to finish the winner with his thirty-sixer and take the trophy.

"I always string my conkers upside-down", Allen commented later. "They are less prone to crack. And I look for oval conkers, they're harder to hit."

These tactics will no doubt have been keenly observed by other competitors who may incorporate them into their own preparations for next year. We also have reports of advanced shoelace research, and the development of specialist knots.

John Eastwood

Local snooker final

The final of the Dore club annual snooker tournament saw four time winner Les Wzykiewicz take on new boy Dave Stevenson. In a club house with standing room only, the atmosphere was a pressure cooker of anticipation. The best of three frames was the aim & the first frame understandably cautious.

After many safety shots it was Dave who cracked first attempting a brave shot to the left corner which missed leaving Les with the pack split & an easy red.

The first frame was taken by Les 87 - 62.

The 2nd frame opened with some excellent safety shots, both players leaving snooker after snooker until Les missed a pot to the corner leaving a clear chance for Dave to take the 2nd frame.



winner Les receives trophy from the chairman Allen Bentley"

Unfortunately he didn't take the opportunity and after a short break he left a similar red over the pocket for Les.

In this tense and electric 2nd frame where Dave only hung on to his lead due to his 40 point handicap a couple of breaks by Les was sufficient to push him ahead. even an amazing shot out of a snooker resulting in a pot wasn't enough to save Dave from a 2-0 defeat. Les finished in fine style clearing the colours and reclaiming his crown, experience had beaten enthusiasm but the real winners where the spectators watching a thrilling final.

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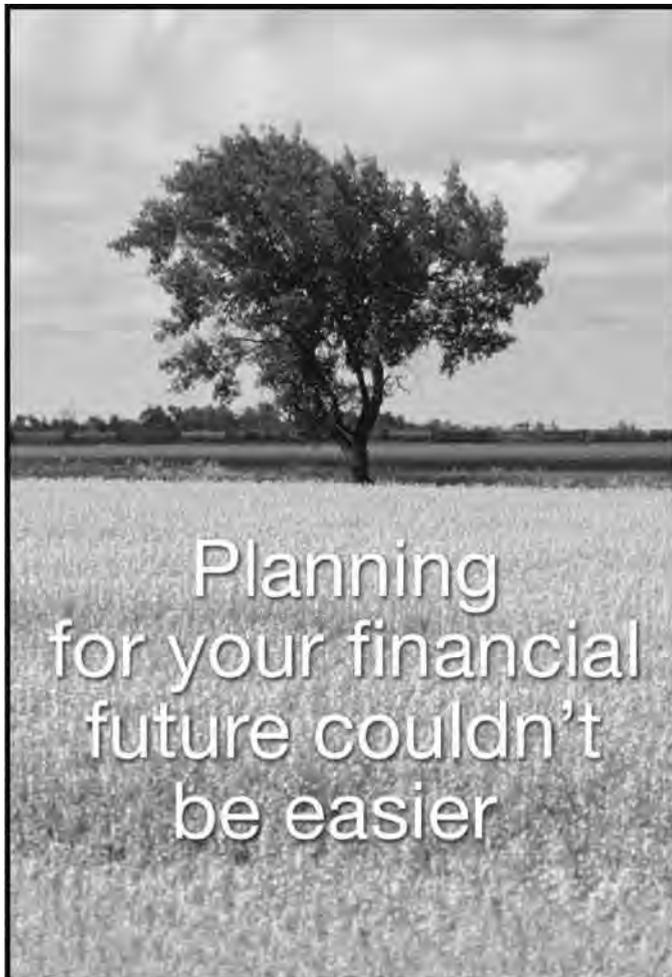
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- 14 Carols by Candlelight, Ecclesall Parish Church 7pm in aid of Whirlow Farm.
- 24 go to bed early Father Christmas is coming
- 27 Dore's 11th Wassail Walk, starting at 10.00am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome. Please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

JANUARY

- 4 Dore Quilters meeting 7pm -9pm at the Old School Savage Lane Everyone welcome.
- 9 DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Rev Louise Grosberg, midwife to minister 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome
- 10 Dore Methodists Tuesday Group 7.30pm Sheffield Family holiday fund a talk by John Hopkins
- 18 Dore Garden Club Flowers and Gardens of Barbados, a talk and slide presentation by Hilary Hutson. Sit back, relax and enjoy: imagine you're on a tropical island with the help of Hilary's beautiful slides.
- 23 DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Beetle Drive 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church,
- 25 Trolley history group, The Navvies a talk by Ted Hancock, members £2 - non members £3, Trolley Library

FEBRUARY

- 6 DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Mr David Green, Inventions & innovations 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome
- 8 Dore Quilters meeting 7pm -9pm at the Old School Savage Lane Everyone welcome.
- 14 Dore Methodists Tuesday Group 7.30pm The Family Markham a talk by Tony Hallam
- 20 DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Mr John Dornkamp, Isles of Scilly 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome.



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