

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Welcome to the Spring edition of Dore to Door

Car Parking – you had your say

The online surveys were filled in, the business surveys returned and the meeting convened on the 18th of January. The hall at King Egberts school had been set out with tables arranged in small groups which didn't look like the usual arena for a loud and heated meeting. Indeed it wasn't; it was a very useful and informed melting pot of ideas where local residents had the chance to chat quietly with councillors, representatives from Sheffield Council highways department, the police, and the Dore Village Society committee. The expectation of a furore may explain the absence of some notable people, but those who did venture out were engaged in a very constructive evening which was excellently hosted by Kevin Harris. Kevin facilitated the initial discussion, deferred and quelled any potential provocateurs effectively and brought them around to the main business of taking the comments from the surveys and turning them into ideas to either consider or by-pass.

He then directed everyone into small groups to discuss these points in further detail. Everyone had around ten minutes with each idea and then moved on until all groups had had a chance to comment on each idea. The evening ended in a similarly civilised manner with a secret vote to see the order of popularity. So what happens next? The Dore Village Society has already taken the views expressed and met with councillors to arrange the next stage, which is to look at the costs of all the options and to research what funding, if any, is available. In the next edition we will cover the options in detail once the practicalities have been assessed.

Richard Joel



Another masterpiece emerges from Dore Art Club, this one is being created by Judith Fearn

Dore Art Show

Friday, April 20th - 2pm to 6pm. Saturday, April 21st - 9.30am to 5pm

Dragon Hunt Sunday 22nd, 2pm - 4pm

Free events - more details on the centre pages

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- Accession/Coronation memorabilia
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There have been several reports of phone spammers calling people trying to hack into their computers. The first warning is that the caller display is "out of area".

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Hang up, do not talk to them and never ever follow their instructions to even check out your pc. If you are worried about your computer simply call a reputable computer repairs company. There are some local ones advertising here in Dore to Door.

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Editorial: April 19th

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So what has the DVS ever done for us?

The Dore Village Society was founded in the sixties and is still holding to its original principles of preserving the character and community of Dore. The thirteen volunteers who make up the committee are assisted by an army of other willing helpers and cooperate with local clubs and organisations.

But in the last year, what did they actually do?

Finance

The Society was in a position to fund all projects agreed throughout the year, overseen by the DVS Treasurer.

Administration

Committee members attended meetings monthly (except in December) and 'staffed' the DVS office on the first Saturday of each month.

Planning

Scrutinised planning applications in order to defend the character of Dore from inappropriate development. Objections to the following applications were submitted to the Sheffield City Council Planning Department.

● 11/00271/FULTEL	2a Causeway Head Rd	Telecoms Mast
● 11/00502/FUL	163 Causeway Head Rd	Balcony
● 11/01360/FUL	224 Abbeydale Rd South	Front extension
● 11/00567/FUL	135 Dore Road	Flats
● 11/02199/FUL	66 Totley Brook Rd	Rear extension
● 11/01522/FUL	Park & Ride, Abbeydale Rd	Details
● 11/02416/OUT	Brickhouse Lane	Housing
● 11/02759/FUL	56 Savage Lane	Two houses
● 11/03456/TEL	Causeway Head Rd	Telecoms Mast

Environment

- Acted as a focal point for raising environmental issues such as 20mph areas and car parking and raised these with our local councillors.
- Pressed for the creation of village greens in Dore to protect the areas from future development.
- Erected stones commemorating the ancient village greens.
- Advised individuals who wanted to keep an eye on a particular footpath.
- Persuaded the Council to install a hard surface footpath across the Recreation Ground.
- Persuaded the Council to install drainage in the bottom field of the Recreation Ground.
- Planted trees on the Recreation Ground.
- Oversaw maintenance of the Recreation Ground throughout the year.
- Organized the stone plaques to give information at the entrances to Blacka Moor. (on-going)
- Work to ensure Blacka Moor maintains its wild character.
- Monitored and advised on the management of Totley Brook Open Space. (on-going)
- Registered DVS as a member of the Friends Group (Dore Recreation Ground, King's Croft Field and Totley Brook Open Space)
- Funded the village flower tubs installed annually in June.
- Funded the installation of Friends of Ecclesall Woods information boards in Ecclesall Woods (work in progress).
- Supported FEW in monitoring footpaths in Ecclesall Woods.

Community Activities

Committee members, sub-groups and local people (all volunteers) under the auspices of Dore Village Society, were involved in the following:

- Maintaining the DVS membership database
- Maintaining the Dore Village War Memorial
- Supporting Scout and Guide Groups
- Supporting Transport 17
- Running the DVS Lunch Club
- Supporting charities
- Supporting the Dore Oral History Group and its exhibitions
- Supporting the annual Boundary Walk
- Organizing the Wyvern Walks
- Organizing the annual Wassail Walk
- Supporting the Dragon Hunt run by Dore Primary School Parents
- Organizing the DVS Annual General Meeting
- Supporting the annual Dore Festival
- Organizing the annual Dore Show
- Providing and erecting lit Christmas trees in the village
- Co-organizing the annual Lantern Parade and Christmas Fayre
- Sponsoring the Royal Wedding Celebration
- Organizing the Jubilee Celebrations for 2012
- Publishing 'Dore to Door' and distributing it to 3000 households
- Publishing the Dore Village Website - www.dorevillage.co.uk
- Displaying up to date information on village notice boards
- Publishing books including 'Play Up Dore'
- Publishing the DVS annual calendar
- Publishing DVS Flower Festival notelets
- Producing DVS Christmas Cards
- Producing a DVS tea towel together with Dore Primary School
- Providing and maintaining the Police bicycle
- Organizing a website/paper consultation and business survey about car parking in the village for the public meeting held on 18th January 2012

Archives

Under the supervision of the Archivist, maintaining, expanding and preserving the DVS Archives to include information and artifacts from within and beyond the local community relating to Dore e.g. historical information, photographs, memorabilia and paintings. Exhibiting archive material and providing archives for presentation on the Dore Village Website. Searching for and providing archive information for individuals, families and groups on request.

Mary MacKinnon
Secretary, Dore Village Society

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

Planning matters

It is worth reviewing the Dore Village Society's involvement in planning issues because it is one of our main activities. The Society takes a proactive role in attempting to influence both strategic changes in planning policy as well as decisions on significant planning applications.

We use the Dore Village Design Guide as the basis of our interventions. Having produced the Guide in 2005 following consultations with all households in Dore we are still the only neighbourhood in Sheffield to have produced such a document. Every household was given a copy! The guiding principle of the Design Guide, is not NIMBY nor to object to every new development, but to 'manage acceptable change through supplementary planning guidance.'

Over the past year we have had some success in strengthening the City Council's Core Strategy and design policies in South West Sheffield through making representations at the public examination and by making strong representations on behalf of the local community. We continue to press for safeguards to the environment of the village in seeking improvements to the City Policies and Sites proposals for residential design,

open space provision and maintenance and to extend conservation proposals.

After putting pressure on the local authorities for nearly 15 years and looking at several options we have at last succeeded in having the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's plans approved for a park and ride facility and pedestrian crossing at Dore Station. Not only will this encourage greater use of rail services but will remove car parking from the bottom of Dore Road and in front of the historic Abbeydale Road South almshouses. Our comments on the detailed proposals have achieved an improved design and better landscaping. The SYPTA appear to have obtained £400,000 to fund the scheme.

We have also achieved some success in improving new developments, for example at St Catherine's Close, but we have been disappointed when our objections have been ignored and when developments approved by the City Council. We particularly regret the development in the rear gardens of Topley Brook Road, adversely affecting the spacious character of an area of large stone Edwardian villas. We trust that the Society's objections to the over-sized flat development on 135 Dore Road will be successful. We supported

the developer on his approved scheme of detached houses on the site.

In line with our proactive stance on planning issues the Society is seeking to further our Design Guide policy for more comprehensive traffic management in the village by considering the introduction of 20mph speed limits and consulting on car parking arrangements in the village centre. Whilst there is a lull in the housing development market we are also working with the City planners to prepare a design brief for the former King Ecgbert School site off Furniss Avenue.

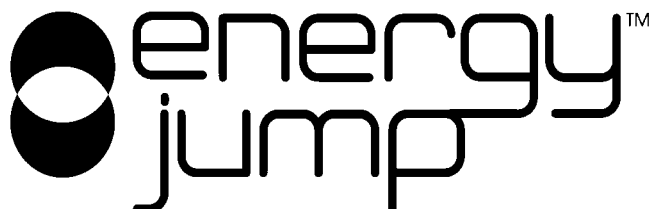
The passing of the Localism Act means we need to consider the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Forum in Dore and making a Local Plan under the Act. To accept such responsibilities would test our resolve to improve planning in the Village!

As the Society's Planning Coordinator I am available for, and welcome, consultation on any planning issues affecting the village.

David Crosby

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Twelve months in, and still sane?

How you doin' - sorry for the Joey reference but my daughter received the complete box set of the "Friends" sitcom, so I've been subjected to episode after episode every day since Christmas and we still haven't got half way through the whole 80 hours. Could it BE more annoying?

Well what a busy quarter and subsequently a packed edition of D2D for you. We have a new addition to the team in Lindsay Brittain who has taken on the role of sorting all the advertising out for D2D, so a big welcome and thank you to her.

Being a relative newcomer to the Dore Village Society Committee meetings and well aware there are occasional mumblings such as "but what do the DVS actually do?", I decided **a complete list of the DVS activities** over the last year was in order. With vast amounts of work from the Secretary (Thanks Mary) I received a pretty comprehensive list which can be seen on (page 2). Even though I sit on their monthly meetings, there was still stuff I had no idea about. Overall villagers continue to get involved in local issues such as repeated planning applications for **135 Dore Road (page 18)** and the parking problems; which if the constructive discussions at the car parking meeting on January 18th are anything to go by we should have more of them. I for one really expected it was going to be a complete bun

fight, but was pleasantly surprised by the meeting's tone and impressed by the way Kevin Harris facilitated. It will be interesting to watch this process continue, hopefully to a successful conclusion as with the park and ride facility at the bottom of Dore Road, which now has funding in place. The newest fight looks like it will be trying to save the Devonshire Arms as a community pub. (page 5).

I have added some politics into this edition due to the impending council election. I approached all the local parties to give us their pitch and some of them have replied (page 7).

I've also started a new series of interviews called "the decision makers of Dore". Originally it was going to start with David Caulfield, Head of Planning at Sheffield Council but unfortunately he declined.

So I went with this other chap I had in mind, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who did oblige (page 8). I do hope to speak to other local decision makers and make this a regular feature, so if you have any suggestions for interviewees and questions you'd like me to ask - just drop me a line.

That's the new stuff but as ever your D2D is packed with all the regular features, photos, and the village's pre-occupation with poultry.

Best Regards Richard

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Car Wars - The Empire Strikes Back

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

It was a dark time for the rebel alliance as Councillor Leigh Vader Bramall, head of the area Cabinet Highways Committee, deployed his latest death star; the parking enforcement car with mobile CCTV. Based on plans previously used by Richmond Council. (Which is probably a dumb idea, as the empire of Richmond dismantled theirs after it issued 18,000 fines in error.)

However, this death star will be patrolling our streets, issuing tickets without warning, simply driving past, photographing and logging the reg plates of any offenders.

As previously stated the empire's sinister agents do visit the village, but now they have stealth mode.

Observations for the season

Father Christmas does exist, I saw him on Christmas Eve and he gave me coconut body wash (probably realising shampoo wasn't much use to me)

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The deliveries are not allowed to arrive this early, so the noise of the large fridge trucks should be avoided, but it would be considerate of the customers using the shop at this time to remember their neighbours, who don't all need to be awake at 7am.

Stuck for a birthday present?

The DVS has lots to offer in the way of tea towels, calendars, notelets & all manner of local interest books.

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Your community pub, The Devonshire Arms needs help.

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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Calling all budding David Baileys

email in your photographs of Dore's events, scenes or people; anything so long as it's local.

There has been a lot of speculation recently about the future of this traditional local pub along with the future of Tina Gage who you all know is at the heart of the community in Dore. So with the assistance of the Dore to Door magazine I want to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

The simple problem is that as well as charging a significant level of rent, which in itself would not be an issue, Tina is forced to buy everything that she sells from behind the bar from Enterprise Inns and quite frankly the cost is extortionate. In reality all the loyal customers at the Devonshire see this on a regular basis from the amount she has to charge for the average pint.

No doubt many people reading this article will be aware of the recent debate that is took place in the House of Commons about the way pub companies treat their tenants. During the recent debate it was declared by one MP that some 65% of tenancies fail because of the inequity in the trading relationship between the likes of companies such as Enterprise Inns plc and their tenants. Unfortunately Tina could become an addition to these statistics if we do not support her now.

In the Commons many MPs are arguing that a voluntary code of practice to regulate the industry is the way forward whilst there are others who are vehemently against the "tied" relationship and want to bring in legislation to enforce a fairer relationship between landlord and tenant, as the current relationship is crucifying the pub industry and bringing about the closure of many good pubs.

You might not know this but Tina runs one of the most successful Enterprise Inns outlets in South Yorkshire in respect of the amount of beer and lager she sells. On the other hand, you may well know it because you see how busy she is and this is a fact that Enterprise Inns is well aware of.

Tina first approached Enterprise Inns in

February 2009 and told them about the problems they were creating in her pub by the amount she has to pay per barrel, they offered no assistance. She then approached them in August 2010 and once again they did nothing to assist. In January last year Tina was forced to take the matter to court under the Landlords and Tenants Act because they had not even offered her a new lease in the normal manner; a case which is dragging on. It was not long after this that she asked for my assistance. After all she is one very hard working lady in the community who, as well as running this successful pub and the cafe next door, has been forced to fight to save her business all on her own.

Tina now needs the assistance of all Dore communities if we are to keep this traditional pub open. As well as supporting her by visiting the "Dev" as all the loyal regulars do, please write to Nick Clegg and the CEO of Enterprise Inns to show the level of public support for Tina to receive a fair deal.

Ted Tupton

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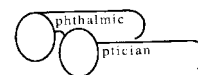
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I have lived in Dore since the 1970s and have represented the ward for 14 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working all year round on your behalf.

I am a Governor at Dore Primary and work closely with local organisations including the Dore Village Society. Recently we were able to defeat 2 proposals for a phone mast in prominent locations.

As your local councillor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats I am able to use my influence to protect the green belt, guard against inappropriate development such as the flats at 135 Dore Road and secure the investment in the Park and Ride.

My priority has been to protect the character of our area and ensure that we get a fair deal from the Council in the allocation of resources. Community Assemblies introduced by the Liberal Democrats has given us more local control and many people have recognised improvements made under the Lib Dem administration.

We now have a Labour administration that is scrapping the green waste collection at the same time as ending the weekly black bin collection. I will use my influence to ensure that this area gets a fair deal.



**Councillor Frank Taylor
YOUR DORE and TOTLEY WARD
LABOUR CANDIDATE**

Frank is extremely proud to have had the privilege to serve the people of Sheffield and to have supported the business community as a Sheffield City Councillor for close on eight years. During his time as a councillor Frank has sat on many committees and he has also been the chairperson of some, steering through some important decisions.

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity that any politician has the chance to be selected to stand as the Labour Candidate to serve the people of Dore and Totley Ward," said Frank.

"I ask the voters of Dore and Totley Ward to elect me to serve them as their next Dore and Totley Ward Councillor. We can work together to make DORE, TOTLEY, BRADWAY & WHIRLOW even better places to live and work."



ANNE SMITH

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Anne Smith, a former Councillor, has a formidable reputation as a community activist and is standing again because of her concern about what is happening in Sheffield.

She says after losing control of the Council, leaving Labour with an 18 seat majority, the Lib Dems have no realistic chance of taking back control in the foreseeable future.

It is no longer possible to say that a vote for the Conservatives is a wasted vote. A vote for us will be a vote for sound finances and common sense. Currently this Ward is represented by three Lib Dem councillors and Nick Clegg.

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Blacka Moor cleared of telegraph poles

Early this year, telegraph poles and wires that were very visible stretching across Cowsick Bog and other parts of Blacka Moor were removed. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England had invited applications for money to be spent on areas of natural beauty that were blighted by power lines. Neil Fitzmaurice from Friends of Blacka Moor had pressed for Blacka Moor to be nominated and accepted as a worthy case. Before work could begin to remove the old power lines, new underground cables had to be laid along the main Hathersage Road. Work to transport the cleared poles across the land was done using a Clydesdale Horse and the result is fantastic.



Blacka Moor before and after removal of telegraph poles



This is one of the few projects undertaken on Blacka Moor, since Sheffield Wildlife Trust started managing the land that has received unanimous community support. Many other projects remain controversial, such as the installation of barbed wire fencing in order to graze cattle on the moor and allow receipt of farm subsidies. This has sadly changed the feel of areas that could be wandered through and enjoyed, free from the stamp of human ownership and control. The moor is still grazed by the inconspicuous herds of wild deer and a glimpse of these is a privilege. Perhaps one day we will see these newer poles and wires removed, allowing the untamed character of this land that is so

rare and precious to remain.

People feel that they belong to this wild land, rather than the land belonging to us; a place to go to escape the modern world, free to learn for oneself. But the future of Blacka Moor is currently in the balance as the Council moves towards forming the Sheffield Moors Partnership. This will be a collaboration of the conservation industry players that will take over the management of the land such that it conforms to a

masterplan that will keep it in line with the management fashions of the day.

You can have your own say on the future of the moors at three public workshops, all from 18:45 until 21:00:

Wed 22nd February, at Totley Rise Methodist Church, Totley

Thurs 1st March, at Quaker Meeting House, 10 St. James St, Sheffield

Tues 13th March, at Hathersage Memorial Hall, Oddfellows Rd, Hathersage.

The meetings are free to attend but please book in advance. Tel 01433 670368 or email rita.whitcomb@nationaltrust.org.uk.

If anyone wants to see more pictures of the wildlife on Blacka Moor, I would recommend Neil's blog:

www.theblackamoorsite.blogspot.com or to contact Friends of Blacka Moor, email friendsofblacka@btinternet.com

Dawn Biram

Dore Recreation Ground wildflower mound – appeal for volunteers

There's a small mound on the Recreation Ground halfway along the tarmac path that was created when drainage was installed recently. It was always the intention of the Council's South West Area Ranger Service to seed this and create a wildflower mound. Unfortunately this didn't happen and the mound became an eyesore covered in thistles and weeds.

Last year the DVS persuaded the Ranger Service to strim the weeds and treat the residue with weedkiller and this was completed in the autumn. The next stage is to clear the site of dead weeds, prepare the ground and then sow the seeds, and this work has been scheduled for Sunday 18th March from 10:30 to 12:30.

The Ranger Service will supply equipment, seeds and other resources but, unfortunately, can't provide any labour to prepare the ground and has asked if the DVS can organise this as a community event. Consequently we are appealing for volunteers to come and help with this and if you are able to help please let us know, or just turn up on the day. The work will involve light labour and take about two hours.

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Dear Richard,

I would very much like to take the opportunity to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all who took part in our Village Remembrance Day Ceremony at the War Memorial in November for contributing to a most impressive occasion.

There was something very special about the emotive feel of this year's occasion, which I am sure was felt by everyone who attended. As we gathered, it was good to see so many people from across the age spectrum in the congregation and also taking part in the parade, despite the miserable weather. In particular, it was a delight to see the largest Scout and Guide contingent for some time almost filling Vicarage Road and they and their Leaders and helpers deserve great praise for their impeccable behaviour throughout. The large, smartly turned out Air Cadet Unit drilled and marched with precision and were a credit to their uniform, with their trumpeters providing a moving Last Post and Reveille. Finally, as always, the Sheffield City Pipe Band provided its own special colour and stirring music for the traditional parade through the village and in support of the Service itself.

The solemn service, aided by the best sound system for years, was given a special emotional note by the beautifully composed and delivered Reflections from local schoolchildren, that surely touched all our hearts. It was a truly dignified village tribute to the memory of its own casualties of war and a comfort to the surviving relatives, whilst serving as a reminder for us older generation and an example to our young.

Alan York, ex Royal Navy.

Dear Richard

I would like to convey my gratitude to everyone who came to my aid when I was taken ill in Church Lane on Saturday December 17th. In what seemed minutes I was being kept warm with car blankets; coats were used as a pillow; an ambulance called; an off-duty doctor offered assistance and a GPO van kept at the ready. Happily I am now fully recovered. This was a fine example of community spirit. Thank you all!
Name & address supplied

Dear Sir

My husband and I lived in Dore for almost twenty years before moving to Bradway to be closer to our daughter & her family. Throughout those years we supported the village of Dore, buying from the shops & Dore Service Station (and still do) and also paying to receive a copy of Dore to Door, which we enjoy.

A couple of years ago our daughter, Julie was diagnosed with cancer. After having 'chemo' & radiotherapy she was told last year that all was well & she was clear of it.

As a mobile hairdresser you will imagine the effect of having time off to attend the treatment hospital every day for six months. No one can wait that long & customers go elsewhere!

However with the help of John Baker who printed & published an advert for Julie in the autumn and winter editions of Dore to Door, her new business is booming and most of her old clients are back, as well as so many new ones from the Dore area. We thank them all!

For this we are all truly grateful & I would like to thank John Baker for his kindness & to wish him well in his retirement. Good luck to you too

Yours Sincerely

Beryl Hobson

Dear Sir

Earlier this month there was a rare event in the Houses of Parliament when there was cross party agreement that the large Pub Companies were destroying the traditional village pub through unrealistic tenancy agreements and over inflated prices.

Well this threat has come to Dore!

Many people will not be aware that Tina Gage, landlady of the Devonshire Arms, has been in protracted discussion with Enterprise Inns over renewing her lease. This has been ongoing for over a year now and Enterprise seem hell bent on forcing Tina out of her business by dragging out these discussions without any apparent good intent.

Since Tina arrived nine years ago the Dev has really become a focus of village life, offering a venue for many local groups as well as being a place where friends can meet and put the world to rights. Examples are the Dore Gala, Christmas Lantern Parade, Father Christmas, children's parties, birthday parties, christenings, wakes, fashion shows, charity events with thousands raised for Help for Heroes and Cancer Research.

Tina has thrown herself into supporting village life and she deserves the village to support her in her battle with corporate bullying. Do we want a local pub that

provides a community focus or are we to accept another 'gastro' or theme pub foisted on us by someone looking to take advantage of all Tina's hard work.

Should Tina be forced out, I for one will not support any new management in the Devonshire Arms.

Yours

Peter Treherne

Dear Richard

I would like to say a big thank you to Dore Village Society for arranging the Lantern Parade on 30th November and Dave Hayes for all the programme, advertising and hard work before and during the night. Dore Primary musicians and choir. Thanks to all the leaders who were able to attend and who gave up their time voluntarily on a weekly basis to enable the children to enjoy the activities in the various groups. Well done to all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that turned out in the bitter cold and made lanterns which looked wonderful. Special thanks to Helen Giles and the Rangers who made the huge Snowman lantern which led the parade. Geoff Cope: thank you for working so hard in all the tasks you do including putting up the tree and having to take it down again! The number of people that attended was outstanding, in fact it was difficult to actually get a space around the tree! One disappointing factor was seeing an infant standing around the tree waving a UNISON flag. I understand this was the day the teachers were on strike and everyone has a right to their beliefs but it was inappropriate as it was a family event, unfair to the organisers and to give this to a child was really out of order. Putting this aside it was a fantastic evening and thanks to everyone who contributed to the evening and we look forward to this year's!

Jane Lowe

Blackamoor Guides District Commissioner

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An interview with our MP and Deputy PM Nick Clegg

After a trip to London, several phone calls, e-mails, and a cancellation due to some Euro monetary crisis, Nick Clegg and your editor finally met.

Do you think it is actually beneficial that we are not in the Euro at the moment?

Oh, of course, of course! Saying that, 3 million jobs depend on our place in Europe, but clearly being part of the single currency, whatever my own personal views in the past, would not be right for the country and I can't see any likelihood of Britain joining the Euro any time soon, but it doesn't mean we should throw the baby out with the bathwater. We are part of the world's largest borderless single market and we are a very proud manufacturing exporting city, so it is very important that, even if we are outside the euro zone, we don't lose the advantages we have, because that's what creates jobs and puts money in the banks and food on the table which is the most important thing of all.

What Lib Dem policy would you most like to see resurrected but the political compromise makes it unlikely?

If I was PM I would probably have moved faster on bankers bonuses. And obviously the incredibly controversial decision on university finance, I wouldn't have done if I was PM. I had this terrible dilemma that whoever I went into coalition with, both had



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made it clear that they wanted fees to go up. You've got no leverage if both potential partners want to do the same thing. We tried to do the best, we've introduced a new system, which I think would be much fairer to most people where students wouldn't pay any upfront fees and they will actually pay less per month than graduates do at the moment.

Where do you see the coalition after the next general election?

This coalition is an agreement for this parliamentary term, it is as simple as that, and we will fight the election as independent parties and see what the British people say. It was the only combination which could provide a stable government for a country facing a lot of real economic difficulties. I had talks with Gordon Brown and the Labour Party, but when you tot it all up there was no way that a Lib Dem and Labour coalition could have worked, as it would basically have been a minority government. That was not an outcome decided by any party or me, but was determined by how the British people voted, which said that we won't give any of you a majority and now you will have to sort it out. I am not going to start second guessing how people are going to vote in

the next election.

But if it next general election comes out with the same result?

I am not going to make any predictions. When the election took place in May 2010, there was a threat from the money markets that they were going to pull the plug on Britain and if we didn't get our act together quickly and show that we had a plan to pull back from the brink. Those were exceptional circumstances which required an exceptional response which is what the coalition government was. There were very early decisions which were controversial to say they have not been universally popular is to understate it. There has been controversy, an ambitious and decisive programme of savings to fill the black hole in our finances and it hasn't made me exactly Mr Popular, I genuinely think the country and the economy would have keeled over altogether. There are difficulties now but at least we are not in the eye of the storm like other countries. That is the whole background to the decision to go into coalition. I have no idea if something like that will happen in the future. I sincerely hope that that kind of economic emergency won't be with us in 2015.

Continued over

The interview with the Deputy PM continues

The new planning strategy has a presumption that new builds will be allowed. We'd like assurances that planning in conservation areas will be respected?

In government we are not saying that any old planning goes. We are not doing this to override local objections to planning applications. In fact, in many ways, we have passed legislation that says that local people can take planning decisions into their own hands effectively or even have local referenda. That's what it's all about. The legislation such as it is, and I was adamant on this, is that planning should be sustainable. It's very important that word "sustainable" for the green spaces and national parks and heritage that we have and it must be shown that development is compatible with the environment we want to live in. Maybe the government hasn't explained itself well enough.

So this should stop the over development of sites?

Planning at the moment is overly complicated. So why don't we try to clear up the guiding principle, give local communities new rights through the Localism Bill which sets out quite simply that if any development is sustainable there should be a presumption that it should go ahead. I want to make it clear to people in Dore and Totley and elsewhere, that this isn't going to stop people from objecting to the development on Dore Road. We also want to assure people that if there is a good development which communities want it is given the go ahead more quickly than it does at the moment.

Are you aware that your letter regarding the planning permission for 135 Dore Road was not originally included in the public record until complaints were made?

Yes I am. I think it was an innocent omission, but I can't jump in with both boots on in matters which are quite rightly local planning issues, but I have a role which I take very seriously as a constituency MP to make sure that people's views in the constituency are taken seriously. I have been to visit the site with Colin Ross. I can see why people are anxious about the apartments; two blocks of flats in an area like that, on the bend of a road and with a doctors' surgery. I don't want to overstep the mark, but of course Colin keeps me posted on what's going on.

What do you see as the benefits for constituents having the Deputy PM as their MP?

I hope there are some benefits. I hold my weekly surgeries here in my office in Nether

Green and I hope to think that people come and raise issues with me and when I write as a constituency MP to ministers, I hope that they are helpful. I take my duties as a constituency MP very seriously and I find it still the most satisfactory part of my job because every week, whatever I'm doing nationally or internationally, my feet are firmly on the ground as people come and ask me to do things. I have a brilliant team here in the office and we try and deal with hundreds and hundreds of cases each week and I think we have a pretty good success rate.

Voter apathy is a concern; even though the turnout is statistically high in the Dore & Totley ward. What message do you have for the remaining people who still don't vote?

That it matters! I have always tried to be very upfront with people. I can't solve all problems and I should not be asked to solve all problems. Politicians are not miracle workers, yet democracy remains the best system I know of which has ever been invented in the history of mankind where people's general wishes are reflected in what people in positions of power then go on and do.

Newspapers, books etc. are free of VAT on the basis that knowledge should not be taxed. E-books, online subscription to news sites - the same knowledge

base, but consumed in a more eco-friendly way - these are subject to VAT. Any plans to change this?

I don't think there are any plans to equalize in that way. We made the controversial decision to increase the general rate of VAT a year ago and we said we would keep all the exemptions in place, as we did, and I think we are not going to continue to tamper with it.

But a lot of schools are starting to use these e-books and they are still being subjected to VAT ?

There are still a huge number of idiosyncrasies in VAT and I accept that it is not a totally rational system but equally I think it important that in government, when you make big changes like that, that you give people a sense of stability, so there are no current plans for change.

And finally, do you get a chance to read Dore to Door?

I do get your copies, but I don't read them completely cover to cover, I certainly think that at a time when people have lost faith in the national press, having publications coming through your door written by people who live locally about local issues is very valuable. It is hugely valuable to my local team to find out what people are thinking about.

Richard Joel in coverstion with Nick Clegg MP

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Since I've been Editor I have noticed the vast amount of fundraising that villagers do for both local and national charities. I was thinking that it would be very interesting to attempt to catalogue these achievements in the next edition of Dore to Door.

So please send in your recent fundraising efforts and I'll publish them in a list using a simple format.

Name or group	Charity	Amount Raised
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If you want to remain anonymous that is fine and I will just reduce names to Mrs B etc.

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She will also be donating £50 every month to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support and she is hoping to learn a few new things along the way including sewing and how to create new outfits.

Ashlee's employer Sky in Sheffield will also be matching donations of up to £300 towards the money she raises. To donate visit www.justgiving.com/woodys-wardrobe

If you would like to help Macmillan reach even more people affected by cancer call 07545 419 725 or email rturner@macmillan.org.uk

Borneo or bust

My name is Olivia Ourabi and I live in the village of Dore. I am currently in the sixth form at Silverdale School studying French, Maths, Chemistry and Biology and then hope to study medicine at Cambridge.

I would like to give something back to society and I am therefore going to Borneo in the summer to help build a Kindergarten for a group of children and also to provide water irrigation and better sanitation.

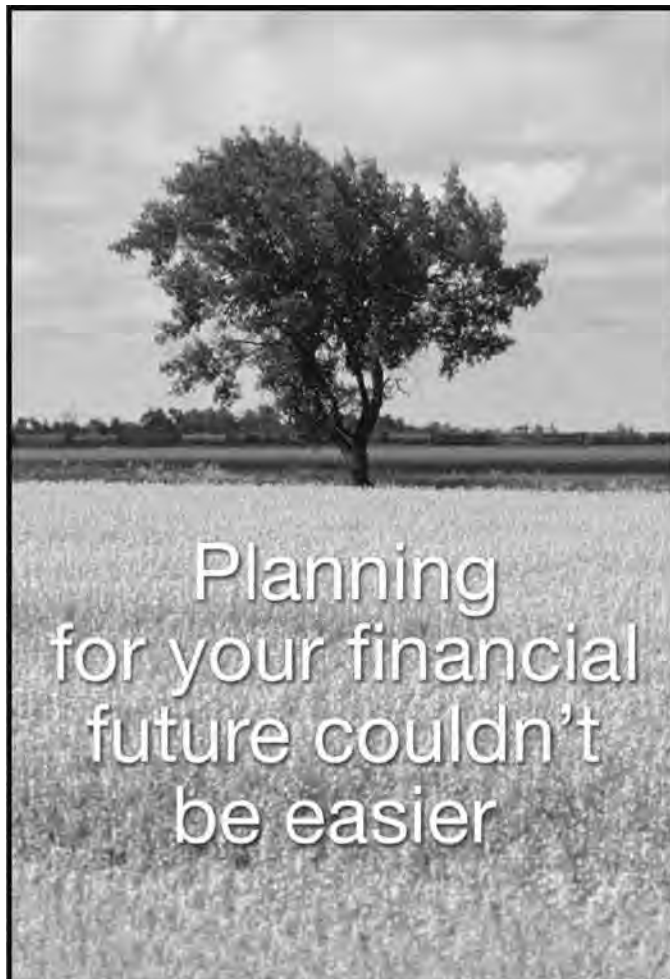
I will be there for five weeks and I have to fund everything myself. This will cost me £3,500 without taking into account all the equipment that I need and the injections.

I am therefore trying to do odd jobs in the village, for example, dog walking, gardening, cleaning cars or babysitting etc.

Please contact me on 0114 3271026 or liv.ourabi@yahoo.co.uk if you need any jobs doing no matter how big or how small and help me help the children of Borneo.

Thank you,

Olivia Ourabi



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Wyvern Walks

Without normally going too far afield, we try and arrange a mixture of walks, covering both Dore and its immediate area, as well as some areas which are sometimes overshadowed by, and less frequently walked than, the more obvious and popular Peak District walks. Examples have been walks in Eckington and in North East Derbyshire, around Millthorpe and Shillito; as well as to Bretton, Forge Dam and Hathersage.

On recent Wyvern Walks we have experienced some quite exceptional countryside views, walked across windswept moors to aircraft remains, taken a scenic and varied route to Hathersage and walked from Dore via the Porter Valley to Hunters Bar. All walks have been well attended, with several having over twenty walkers; and it is pleasing that so many new walkers have joined in the walks.

As a reminder to those who may be interested in coming along, details of all the walks are always posted on the DVS noticeboards. The latest programme of walks takes us up to the beginning of May. The walks are mostly morning only walks, starting at 9.30am and returning to Dore no later than 13.30pm.

Finally a thank you to all those who joined the Wassail Walk on 27th December. Over 130 people turned up to enjoy the walk and the refreshments afterwards. A record number.

David Bearpark



One size fits all

Residents at Totley Brook were surprised to see the addition this summer of signs and seating on Totley Brook Open Space. There had been no local consultation. The Parks and Countryside Department had done this as part of a policy to improve all the parks and open spaces in Sheffield. But is this a real improvement or a box ticking exercise? One of the seats is in a place where no-one would choose to sit and the massive metal sign on the field is inappropriate for such a rural location in a green belt and having the stunning Totley Moors and Blacka Moor as a backdrop. I was told that the signs are all the same across the entire city in an attempt to standardise all the council parks and open spaces. But do we want to be standardised? These seats and signs are very expensive. Had we been consulted, the cost of the metal sign could have gone most of the way to meeting the cost of a more appropriate one such as a stone plaque fixed in the nearby stone wall. If we want to replace this metal sign now with something more suitable for this location, the full cost will be down to us. To try to ensure better consultation in future, DVS has been registered as a Friends group of Totley Brook Open Space, Kings Croft Field and the Recreation Ground.

On a similar note, the stone steps at the top of the path leading to Totley Brook Open Space were recently repaired using a concrete flag. DVS pointed out that this was an inappropriate material for this location. The Public Rights of Way officers agreed and it has now been replaced with a natural stone.

Besides funding our own projects, DVS now meets regularly with our area Councillors as part of the Ward Forum and Community Assembly process. If anyone has any ideas as to how we or the council can improve our local environment, please let us know.

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Dore Primary

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Jubilee holiday on Friday 4th May. May Day Holiday: 7th May.

International School Award

We are really pleased to announce that we have been successful in gaining intermediate stage of the 'International School Award'. The International School Award (ISA) is a British Council accredited framework for schools to record and evaluate their international work and embed it into the curriculum and whole school ethos. At Dore we fully believe in encouraging our children to be good global citizens.

We were able to gain this award through the many activities that are undertaken by members of staff to help us 'develop internationalism'. Some examples are listed below. Many teachers have been involved in organising and running these various activities.

Richard France

My stay at Dore Primary School

I've been working as a Teaching Assistant at Dore Primary School for three weeks until the end of January. I'm from Switzerland and I'm studying for my Bachelor degree in Primary Education in my 4th semester. To teach English in Switzerland from grade three onwards I'm required to stay in an English speaking country for 12 weeks. I decided to do a placement at a primary school not only to improve my English but also to learn some more about teaching.

During my stay I assisted in three classes for one week each and so I've been with Y1, Y3 and Y4. During the lessons I wandered around and helped where needed. I also did some reading assessments, some individual reading with the pupils and worked with smaller groups.

I really enjoyed my stay at Dore Primary School. It is an unforgettable experience for me. I've improved my English, learnt more

about teaching and certainly learnt a lot about English culture. This new knowledge about English culture might help me one day when I have to teach English to my pupils. As a language teacher I'm not only going to teach English itself but also something about the culture as I saw how people in England live. I was amazed at the fact that Dore Primary School is working with so many other schools or organisations. With Y4 I've been to King Egberts Secondary School for P.E. and at Rowan School as well. During my week with Y1 three men from Sheffield Wednesday came and taught them a special P.E. lesson.

I had a great time at Dore Primary School and think that the children have marvellous opportunities in the different ways they can learn.

Deborah Kunzi (Swiss student)

Report 2011 – 12

This year we contributed to support work on the Thai/Burmese border by providing toys for three different groups of refugee children using some of our sponsored walk money. We are beginning to develop links with The Little Angels School in Kumasi, Ghana. We chose to link with this school as it has a mission statement to try to educate children through creative methods, and is run by a lady who has lived in the UK and is now trying to replicate aspects of our education system in Ghana. After liaising with the head of Little Angels, we agreed that our first communication between the

children should be a picture exchange. Children have been encouraged to draw / paint / take photos that they feel represent themselves, their families, our school and our community. These have been collated into a lovely book by some of our Y6 children. We are hoping to receive a similar book from Little Angels soon. We can't wait to receive our picture book from Ghana!

We have enjoyed hosting a German Language Assistant for a term and also welcomed two American and a Swiss student who are all teacher trainees. We also hosted children from Ghana who were living with one of our families whilst

their mother studied at the University. We are very fortunate to be able to broaden our horizons in this way as we move towards the highest level of International School Award potentially gaining national recognition as an ambassador for international work.

Richard France

Dore Primary School is looking forward to a complete rewire this summer. Part of this refit includes adding CCTV cameras which will sweep the grounds of the school and the building and will be fitted within the school perimeter fence.

King Egbert

Next term dates - Staff training day – (school closed for pupils): 30th March
Easter Holidays 2nd April 2012 - return 16th April 2012. Jubilee holiday on Friday 4th May. May Day Holiday: 7th May.

Academy conversion

At a meeting of the full Governing Body of King Egbert school on Tuesday 17th January a vote was taken to seek conversion to academy status. All governors were present and the motion to convert was carried 16 to 2 with one abstention.

It is likely that conversion will take between 3 and 6 months following a process of due diligence. The Chair of Governors, Ian Hewson, said "This decision has been taken in the

best interests of the school. We are determined to defend and continue to improve the high standards and the rich curriculum we provide at King Egbert and academy status will enable us to do this".

Headteacher, Lesley Bowes, said "Academy conversion will not change our fundamental principles of inclusion and excellence and our commitment to being an active participant in the Sheffield education community".

Y10 Geographers are Worldwide Champions

Congratulations to the King Egbert team who won the South Yorkshire round of the Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz. This is a national competition for Y9 and Y10 students. Our team (Harry Brebner, Alex Moore and Andy Stevens) came through the preliminary heats to reach the final where they were up against King Edward VII and Silverdale. In a tense competition where the lead changed on several occasions, the King Egbert team emerged as winners and were duly crowned South Yorkshire champions. They will now go on to represent the school and region in the national finals

Diamond Jubilee plans and events

Since the last issue of Dore to Door the plans for the Jubilee celebrations by Dore Village Society have been really taking off. We have reached the point where the various events and activities are being co-ordinated by different people. We are still hoping that lots of you will want to be part of these uniquely special events.

Maureen Cope and myself, Dorne Coggins, are now hoping to have lots of your memories of life in the 1950's coming in to us. We are not just looking for information about what it was like to be in Dore in the 1950's but anything that you remember of the 1950s no matter whereabouts you lived at the time. Do you remember King George's death and funeral, and the Coronation? Did you go on holiday to the sea-side? What did cars and buses look like? Fashions of the time? Monday wash-day? Food, and mother's favourite recipe? Comics, toys and sweets? The smallest 50's fact or memory is going to be very special. Photographs too will make your memories really come to life.

We hope that you will jot down some of the things you remember, or that you remember being told by someone in your family about

the 50's. One of my own memories of the Coronation was of being in the North-East, and all the children in my street being squashed into a neighbour's front room round a tiny black and white TV screen, to watch the Coronation ceremony. There wasn't room for any adults to watch the screen with us.

Your memories, and of course any photographs which we could use, can be posted to either Maureen or myself to be included on the Exhibition display boards. Precious photographs will be carefully scanned and returned to you. We can also be reached by e-mail. In addition there are going to be two more Open Mornings at Dore Old School, which might be an ideal time for you to personally give us your memories or pass over material you would like included in the Exhibition.

Our Contact details are:

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maureencope1@btinternet.com
Dorne Coggins, 12 Middlefield Close, Dore, S17 3AR,
md2.coggins@talktalk.net

Jubilee open mornings

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2012 from 10 until 12 in Dore Village Society rooms.

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL, 2012 from 10 until 12 in Dore Village Society rooms

Come along to either or both of these mornings if you want to give us your memories, have a query about any of the events or want to volunteer to be part of any aspect of what is happening in the village.

Dore Jubilee revue

The celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will start with a specially written piece of entertainment which will be performed on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June in Dore Church Hall. The Dore Jubilee Revue will be a series of sketches offering a light-hearted look at the sixty years of the Queen's reign along with songs and dances from the different decades. It promises to be a smash hit sell out show!

The enthusiastic directors are keen to encourage Dore people of all ages to take part and to tap into the considerable local talent for acting, singing and dancing as well as for stage management, scenery, lighting, sound, costume, make-up etc. There will also be a large number of production and front of house helpers required to cover publicity, programme printing, ticket sales, setting out the Hall and ushering etc. If you are interested in being involved in any way whatsoever in this exciting theatrical event please contact one of the following.

Carolyn Heslop tel: 2365043 Judy McMurray tel: 2362430 Maureen Cope tel: 2350392

Jubilee Garden news

If you are a keen gardener then you might be able to add to the display which will 'grow' round the outside of Dore Old School during the time of the Jubilee Exhibition (Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July 2012). Ray Wright will be co-ordinating the display of all those favourite flowers from gardens in the 50's. He would welcome, in the first instance that you contact him if you feel that you can grow something for the display, or want to help him create the 50's garden feel. We are hoping to have a red, white and blue theme with flowers like alyssum, lobelia and salvias or geraniums.

Ray can be contacted at rayatdore@aol.co.uk or 0114 236 3395.

Dore Primary School pupils are going to re-create an allotment of the 50's with a range of vegetables produced by the various year groups. They would welcome any decorative extras from the 50's like old garden tools, watering cans etc to add an authentic appearance to their display.

Secret information tells us that Dore Beavers are going to be involved planting up floral displays with a distinctive Jubilee feel to their designs.

Dore Village Jubilee quilt

A message to everyone in the village. Work has begun on the Jubilee Quilt. The squares are cut and edged and packaged with instructions ready for you to add your pictures or logos.

Choose from any of nine different ways of making up your square: patchwork, embroidery, tapestry, cross stitch, quilting, pen and ink sketch, fabric crayon drawing, computer assisted photographic printing onto fabric or onto iron on T shirt prints. I could also add knitting, crochet and lace making for other needlefolk with expertise. The choice is yours.

Advice and help is available, ring Barbara (Dore Quilters) on 0114 262 0699 email barbara@daisybee.co.uk or from Dorne Coggins Tel. 0114 327 1054 or email md2.coggins@talktalk.net

We would like to receive completed squares from all groups in the village, schools, nurseries, clubs, shops, businesses and from individuals.

We need 60 completed squares by Easter; 60 squares for the 60 year jubilee.

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Apartment scheme rejected unanimously

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The application for both the multi-storey apartments and 8 house scheme went before Committee on the 6th February. The Committee unanimously rejected the apartment scheme (10 votes to nil) and approved the housing scheme in what was a very marginal decision (6 votes to 4). The developer has the option of going to appeal on the apartments and may even come back with a resubmission. We have seen examples where this particular developer has either gone to appeal or has resubmitted applications over and over again as the residents of Baslow Road and Ecclesall Road South know only too well.

The 2,000 objections from residents played a big part in the decision and were a very clear demonstration that the apartment scheme did not meet the needs or aspirations of local people. Councillor Colin Ross has wholeheartedly supported residents throughout the process and has provided direct access to the Head of Planning to enable our

representations and concerns to be heard. He has also consulted widely with residents and put forward representations along with Aubrey and myself at the Committee meeting. He has made a very positive contribution and we would like to thank him on behalf of the residents for his sterling support. We would also like to thank our fellow colleagues at the Dore Conservation Group as well as David Crosby at the DVS who helped us put the finishing touches to our representations.

We have made some interesting discoveries under the Freedom of Information Act and have extensive examples of material information that was withheld from both the public and the planning committee members and are now considering taking these matters up with the Local Government Ombudsman as part of a wider complaint against the Council for maladministration. This evidence takes the form of written statements made by officers which are contrary to the recommendations made by the Planning Officer in a report to Committee on which planning decisions are made.

We would advise any resident who is objecting to a planning application to use

the Freedom of Information Act to disclose what discussions are taking place between the planners and developers and also to ascertain what is being said between officers. Anyone wanting to know how these requests work should get in touch with us via the Editor and we would be more than happy to share our experiences with you.

Finally the residents of Dore should be very proud of themselves for coming out in their numbers to preserve the character and nature of their village and preventing inappropriate development. We would like to think this is the end of the apartments but we may need to join forces once again should there be a resubmission.

**Paul Millington
and Aubrey Read
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Dore Village Society AGM May 23rd

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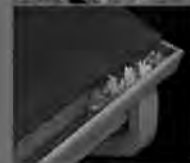
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Dore Art Club annual show 2012

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I write this in January on a wet and stormy start to the new year, and the thoughts of spring seem like a far away dream; but as always it will happen and we can't wait for those first signs of new leaves, daffodils and the sighting of the sun.

It is also the beginning of our advertising campaign to tell you when the Dore Art Show will be held this year. Held as usual in the Old School here in the village, where we will be pleased to welcome friends old and new.

Most of the 100 plus paintings on display this April will be for sale, with proceeds going back into the club; helping to cover the £2,400 running costs each year. The members are also regularly approached for commissions, so if you see a particular artist's style you like there's still an opportunity to purchase your own exclusive piece of art.

So turn up see the vast array of watercolours, pastels and oils and then cast your vote to decide the best in show.

Also, as always, we will have a good selection of cards and notelets, which are always handy to have on hand for a last minute birthday; All at our usual affordable prices.

You are welcome, and don't forget those nice cakes and the welcome cup of tea or coffee, all served with a smile.

See you there - bring your friends.

....And then

The club started in the early 1980's with tutor Norman Bevan and has gone from strength to strength ever since offering a valuable meeting place for likeminded locals. The standard of paintings produced by this happy group is exceptional. The success of the group is underlined by the very long waiting list to join.

They have a new tutor at the helm this year, and they have said their sad farewells to Alison Dunn, who has been with them over the last eight years, but has now chosen to retire.

They welcome Mr John Gilbert, a well known face and name in art circles, who will be on hand to carry on Alison's good work of helping them all to produce a good supply of lovely paintings to put on show.

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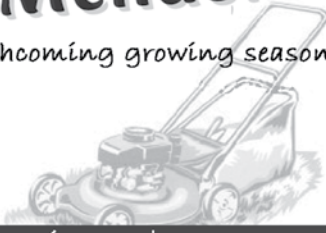
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Church Hall Brownies 80th birthday party

This year may be remembered for the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics, but 125th Sheffield 1st Dore Brownies have another reason to celebrate as they were 80 years old in January. Better known as the Church Hall Brownies we first met on 16th January 1932 and are still going strong with over 25 Brownies attending every Friday night.

To celebrate this landmark we are

planning a birthday party on Friday, 27th April 6.30pm – 8pm at the Church Hall of course.

We would love to invite anyone who has been part of our Friday night Brownies to come along and help us celebrate. Were you Brown, Tawny or Snowy Owl, or a Unit Helper, Young Leader, or Brownie? Come along and join the fun.

Finally, do you have any photographs

of your time at the Church Hall Brownies? If yes we would love to borrow them for a display on the evening.

For further details contact: Dale Andrews (Brown Owl)

email chbrownies125@hotmail.com

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Heather Holmes

Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Who's not heard of "The Pirates of Penzance"? You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Most of my friends would agree that this is the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta that all newcomers to G&S should start with. Whilst "The Mikado" might have the longest list of the genre's more popular music, "Pirates" is the most fun-filled of them all and has, in "When the foe-man bares his steel" and "When a felon's not engaged in his employment" two of the best known and most popular songs in all G&S. This is the one which I think is a great introduction for youngsters.

The story is very apposite as it is based on a problem of having a birthday in leap year on 29th February.

This show will mark the 40th anniversary of the society's first production in 1971 and so we are hoping to make it a bumper special. (The Lord Mayor herself will be there on the Wednesday!) There is no doubt that the quality of singing in the Society is the best it has ever been with not a little thanks to our new Musical Director, Robin McKeown. We are exceptionally lucky to have his services. He is a professional down to the end of his baton and comes with wide experience (including The Proms and Cats) as well as being a proper chorus master.

It's a joy working with him. The producer, Graham Weston, is still with us from last year and we know from all the feedback we received after last year's show how much the audience enjoyed themselves.

We are lucky to have so much talent in the society with a good base of younger members all of who are excellent performers and singers. We are also thrilled to have, in Benedict Rowe, another young singer who, two years ago, sang with the National Youth Choir and is a proper tenor who can really hit the high notes – something we've lacked over recent years. We hope he stays with us for a while.

Don't miss the opportunity of seeing this; the most fun you can have with a bunch of consenting people of almost any age group! Treat yourselves to a little bit of light-hearted culture and I guarantee that you'll leave the theatre singing. Don't rely on being able to get in 'on the door' as we think it is likely to sell out. Get your tickets to be sure of a seat.

The show will be at the University Drama Studio on Glossop Road beginning Tuesday 17th April 2012 and will run until Saturday 21st April starting at 7:30pm and with a matinee, as usual, on the Saturday at 2:30pm. Tickets are available from Val

on 01246 416364 (8 Alexandra Road, Dronfield, S18 2CD) or from any member of the Society.

The Society is to hold a 40th Anniversary Dinner at Kenwood Hall on 4th May to which we are inviting any former member whom we can contact. It will be around £30 per head which will include a full 3 course meal, drink on arrival and a professional cabaret. If you are one, contact Mike Cox (Chairman) on 0114 235 0534 for further information.

Derek Habberjam

An interest in archaeology?

The Time Travellers are a group of enthusiastic individuals with an interest in all things archaeological in the local area and beyond. We have just celebrated our first year with the release of the new Spring Programme. A mixture of walks, talks and practical 'hands-on' opportunities, so if you would like to join us please contact either John Baker at johnbaker@tesco.net or 2369025, or Dorne Coggins at md2.coggins@talktalk.net or 3271054



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Parish notices

Dore Parish Church news

Not only the early snowdrops but also the first crocuses are appearing in the Churchyard. You should see even more spring bulbs in flower this year as last autumn we planted another 2 bags of daffodils provided through Street Force. Because the Churchyard has no space for any new graves it is technically 'closed' and responsibility for ensuring that it is safe lies with Sheffield City Council. The Council have recently told us that they need to fell two of the big old beech trees because they have been attacked by fungus. They and we rightly want to avoid a repeat of the incident 10 years ago when one such beech tree fell unheralded. It is really encouraging to compare how the churchyard looks now with its state a few years ago – grateful thanks to those who have helped/are helping in this.

As the discussions with our architect about possible future development of the church building are still continuing and will not be resolved in the immediate future, our Church Council has decided to hire a digital organ for the interim period as it

can provide a greater range of music than was possible with the small chamber organ that we were using. This was installed just in time for our Christmas services so we are already enjoying the benefit of the instrument.

Looking ahead, there are a number of special occasions coming up:

- 7.45pm on Wednesday, 22nd February will see our Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service.
- 10.00am on Sunday, 18th March is our very popular Mothering Sunday Family Service at which we particularly welcome members of the Uniformed Organisations.
- 10.00am on Palm Sunday, 1st April, will see the S17 Churches' joint Service in King Ecgberts School, when the speaker will be the Principal of Cliff College.
- On Good Friday, 6th April, there will be a service for people of all ages at 10.00am; from 12 noon until 3.00pm the church will be open for quiet prayer.
- And, of course, at 8.00am, 10.00am

and 5.30pm on Easter Day there will be chances to meet together to celebrate the amazing good news at the heart of the Christian message.

- We would love to welcome you at any of our 'special' or 'regular' times of worship and if there is any way that you thing we might be able to help, please do not hesitate to contact the Church office (0114-236-3335 or office@dorechurch.org.uk).

One final note. Linda and I moved to Dore in July 2002. The village grapevine often spreads news quite quickly, but just in caseearlier in January I announced that we would be retiring at the end of July this year and moving to Kendal. Our last Sunday in the parish will be 22nd July. Our time in Dore has been a very significant period in our lives and the change will be strange but we are both confident that it will be the right time for us and also for a new minister and a new chapter in the life of the parish. In the meantime, we are looking forward to all the activities of these next 6 months.

Michael Hunter

Dore Methodist Church news

In this Olympic Year we are using Lent as a time to hold a series of Sunday afternoon conversations on the theme 'Handing on the Torch'. Details are as follows:

Sunday 26th February: A Christian Country?

Sunday 4th March: A Secular Society?

Sunday 11th March: A Beleaguered Church?

Sunday 18th March: Competing Creeds?

Sunday 25th March: Handing on the Torch

We will meet in the Methodist Church hall at 4.00pm each Sunday in an informal setting, seated at tables with light refreshments. All are welcome to join in these conversations.

On Palm Sunday we will be joining the other churches in S17 in a procession to King Ecgbert's School for a Joint Service at 10.30am when the speaker will be the Rev Dr Christopher Blake, Principal of Cliff College, a Methodist training college in the Peak District.

There will be a service of reflection on Good Friday, **6th April**, at 7.30pm looking at 'Words for the crossroads of life' with meditations on the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. On Easter Day, **8th April**, we will celebrate Easter Communion at 10.30am.

David Willie

Weddings

No weddings have been reported since the last issue but at least we have some births

Deaths

July 18th	Sydney Lee	Aged 88
November 3rd	Lorna Riley	Aged 69
November 19th	Mary Broadhead	Aged 91
November 29th	Gordon Harrison	Aged 87
December 7th	Jean Osborne	Aged 95
January 14th	Gillian Slater	Aged 86
January 30th	Sid Hoffman	Aged 87

Sid Hoffman was an original founder of the Dore Village Society. A full obituary will be included in our next edition.

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November 18th - Kitty Lydia Lucas
to proud parents Jack and Helen Lucas

December 26th - Lia Emily Stevenson
our 1st child, just missing Christmas day

January 21st - William Thomas Self
son to Alice and Graham, and brother to proud sister Katie



Homeopathy

Medicine for the 21st century?

Homeopathy's popularity declined sharply after the turn of the 20th century, primarily due to the active efforts of the American Medical Association and its collaboration with profit making American drug companies. However in parts of Asia it continued to grow and in India where it is integrated with main stream medicine there are currently over 100,000 homeopathic doctors. Homeopathy is used in virtually every country in the world today. In the UK we have four NHS homeopathic hospitals. Over 40% of British doctors if requested will refer cases to a homeopath although it is not now generally available on the NHS. If you get a referral from your doctor and have private medical insurance or Westfield you can claim for your treatment.

What is homeopathy?

The basic assumption behind homeopathy is that symptoms of illness are not simply something "wrong" with the person but are responses and efforts of the body to defend and heal itself against infection or stress. Our amazing bodies have incredible adaptive capabilities. The inflammatory process is one of the important ways that our body learns what has infected it and how to deal with it, but medicine commonly assumes that symptoms must be inhibited, suppressed and controlled. Inflammation must be suppressed and discharges must be stopped. Homeopathy believes that the symptom is a signal of something, i.e heart disease or a migraine may be a response to stress and stress is a response to a difficult situation the body finds itself in. Homeopathy looks at the route cause of the problem taking the whole body into account and uses a remedy which has similar mental, emotional and physical picture as the person presents with. This principle is known as "the law of similars". It utilises minute doses of a substance individually chosen for its capacity to cause symptoms similar to those that the sick person is experiencing. It is not simply a coincidence that two of the

very few conventional medical treatments that augment immune responses are immunisations and allergy treatments, both of which are ultimately based on the homeopathic principle of similars and using "like to treat like".

The NHS pharmaceutical bill currently costs us the tax payers £11 billion per year. The more drugs we take the more we seem to need - it is not "free"! Homeopathy is a highly cost effective, safe and very interesting alternative for solving some of the health and financial problems of the 21st century.

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Do mobile phone signals effect health?

The controversy over mobile phones and any potential health issues has raged on for a few years but what are the facts behind the headlines?

The first notable point discovered was the huge public contradiction between the health issues over mobile phone use compared to the siting of the communication masts. A vast proportion want their new phones to connect to a 3G network and they're prepared to risk their immediate health by having this technology so close to their heads. They are not however prepared to have a mast near their children or homes. Indeed parents appear to be prepared to give their children mobile phones but object to the sighting of masts around schools.

So do mobile phone masts or base units pose more of a health threat than using a mobile phone?

The general consensus is that the field strengths from masts is low and it is unlikely to be more of a problem than any other form of RF (Radio Frequency) data communications.

The mobile companies are quite prepared to admit mobile phones should not be over or misused. The Motorola user handbook clearly stating " [1] DO NOT hold the cellular telephone such that the antenna is in contact with exposed parts of the body, especially the face or eyes, while the unit is turned on.

[2] When used with an externally mounted vehicular antenna DO NOT operate the cellular telephone when a bystander is within one foot (0.3m) of the externally mounted antenna."

Which could imply that they are aware of potential health issues with using mobile phones.

The 1996 paper by Lai & Singh shows single

and double DNA strand breaks in brain cells of rats exposed to 2.45GHz SARs of 1.2 W/Kg, which is comparable with levels in the heads of mobile phone users.

Dr Allan Pacey, senior lecturer in andrology at Sheffield University, casts doubt on testicular cancer research saying, "If you're using your phone for four hours a day, presumably it is out of your pocket for longer. That raises a big question: how is it that testicular damage is supposed to occur?"

Research by the Imperial College London identified a total of 1,397 children aged four or younger who had developed leukemia or a tumour in the brain or the nervous system between 1999 and 2001. In each of the 1,397 cases, the ICL researchers looked at the distance to the nearest mast, the total power generated by any base stations situated within 700 metres and power density for any base stations within 1,400 metres of the birth address.

"We found no pattern to suggest that the children of mums living near a base station during pregnancy had a greater risk of developing cancer than those who lived elsewhere," said Professor Paul Elliott. Commenting on the report, John Bithell of Oxford University's cancer research group, said the findings proved there were far greater risks from mobile phone use than the risk of cancer, such as using the phone while driving.

So with all this scientific research over mobile phones, why has a definitive answer not been issued?

It appears to be how the research is undertaken. As they do not "substantiate" anything in relation

to exposure to RF/MW(Radio Frequencies/MicroWaves); they are looking into the increase in incidence of adverse health effects such as cancer.

The catch word is "substantiated" evidence. This essentially means evidence of a link must be proven.

Epidemiological studies on human populations do not look for "proof" or "substantiation" but at increases in incidence of a disease, or relative risk ratios.

Historically epidemiological studies on other questionable health risks like tobacco and asbestos did not "substantiate" that these carcinogens cause cancer, they did however show, a significant increased risk of developing cancer from exposure. Even though the results were not "substantive or proven", this did not prevent the health authorities from taking corrective action. It is interesting that the electromagnetic radiation industry and its supporters insist an absolute connection must be found before correction action be taken.

Which is quite possibly why any answers remain ambiguous.

What is clear, whilst ever the jury is still out over mobile phones, is that out the public are quite happy to embrace this new technology. However they remain suspicious of it. Should a definitive health issue ever emerge, the general public would like to still have the control; they know that their mobile phone can be turned off, but what about a phone mast? Once positioned, can it or would it ever be removed?

Richard Joel

Opera in the Barn @ Whirlow Hall Farm

Whirlow Hall Farm Trust will bring the countryside alive with the delightful sound of opera music on Saturday 26th May; as we see the return of the 'Opera in the Barn' event.

The evening will bring light-hearted operatic entertainment to the city in a unique informal setting and promises to deliver a fun evening which will appeal to all ages. Whirlow Hall Farm may not be the most obvious place to enjoy the opera but the barn provides an excellent and unusual backdrop with great acoustics. This event was extremely well received in 2011 so the events team are really excited to bring it back again in 2012. It promises to be a great evening and we encourage the local community to come along and enjoy the experience.

All profits from this event will go to Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, ensuring they can continue delivering unique learning experiences to the children of South Yorkshire.

Tickets will soon be available for the event priced £20 per person. A picnic box can also be pre ordered for the interval. To book tickets or for more information contact Sarah, Event Organiser on 0114 2352678 or email sarahk@whirlowhallfarm.org

Easter lambing

Seeing newly-born lambs with their mother is something magical and on Tuesday 10th April you can see this for yourself at Whirlow Hall Farm's Easter Lambing event. The farm is opening the gates to allow visitors to learn more about lambing and also see other animals on the working 138 acre farm. There will be free crafts for the children, Easter egg hunts, donkey rides and the ever popular Whirlow barbeque.

Weekends @ Whirlow

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After your tour you can take a well earned rest in the onsite café. Serving delicious homemade food with ingredients coming directly from the farm, you won't be disappointed. Round off your day with a spot of retail therapy in the farm shop. The shop only sells meat from Whirlow Hall Farm; with the exception of chicken which is sourced from the only free range chicken farmer in Sheffield. The eggs come from the free range hens you saw on the tour and the vegetables are all grown a stone throw away. All other produce is sourced locally.

The café is now open Wednesday to Sunday and is offering 10% off any bill over £10 until 16th of March 2012.

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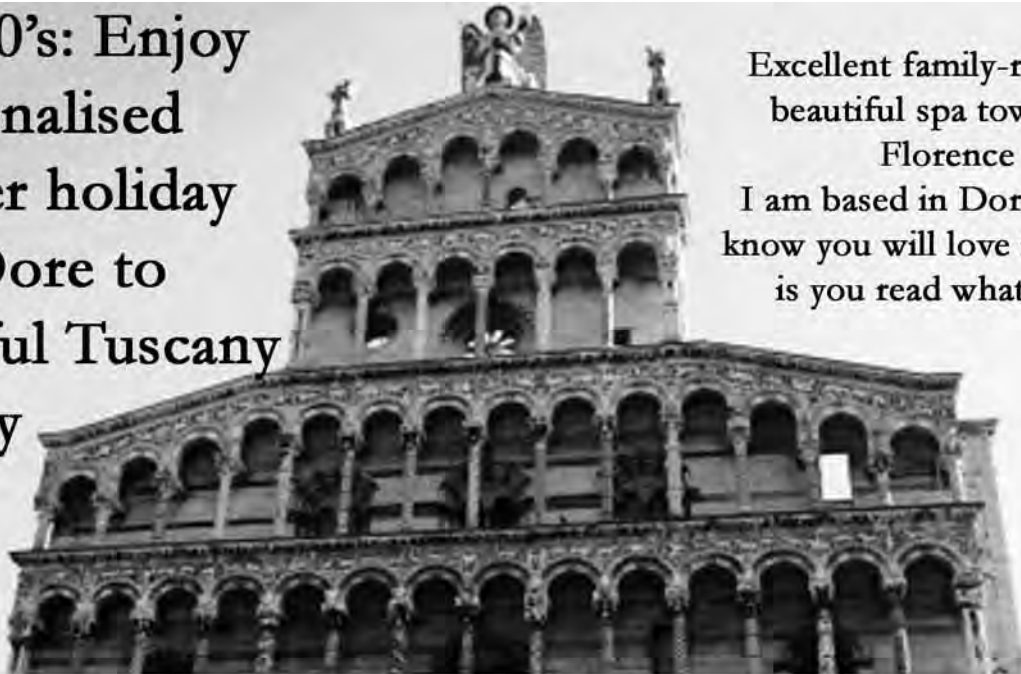
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Harry Smith, Dore resident and owner of Accolade Holidays.



Ebenezer Hall and his portrait by Joseph Bentley, R.B.A.

Dore Village Society's heritage collection has recently had a most unexpected donation. Mrs Jackie Hall of Goathland near Whitby has donated to the collection a three-quarter size portrait of Ebenezer Hall which used to hang in the hall of Abbeydale Hall, the home of Ebenezer Hall until his death in 1911. Mrs Hall's husband was the great-nephew of Ebenezer and Jackie wished that the portrait returned to Dore.

On the reverse the label reads:

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to paint a three-quarter life size portrait of Ebenezer Hall – 11 November 1896. (Cost 100 guineas)

Born 18th November 1820 at Middleton by Wirksworth.

Taken from the Thesis 'Studies in Local History' by Joan Lacey- Hatton. 1974.



In the 1901 Census Joseph is described as a boarder living at Swing Farm with the Frith Family. Swing Farm is now demolished but was on the first bend on Savage Lane, next to Nab Farm. Born in Lincoln he was aged 34 and single. Joseph was described as an artist, portrait painter and sculptor, working on his own account and occupying two rooms on the farm.

Unless a Dore resident can say differently, that Joseph was lodging with William Frith may well have been because William Frith was not only a

farmer but was described as a quarry owner and stone dresser – a useful landlord for a sculptor.

By 1909, according to White's Directory, Joseph Bentley's fortunes seem to have improved still further and he is described as an artist with a shop at 37-39 Foster's Buildings, High Street, Sheffield, and living at 360 Sharrow Lane.

If anyone has any more information about Joseph, or stories about Ebenezer; or, indeed, any facts and information about the history of Dore and its residents, then the Archive part of Dore Village Society would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Dore Coggins. Tel. 0114 327 1054 or email md2.coggins@talktalk.net

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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 eight 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 five or six 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 Chicken Lady

Thank you to everyone for your emails; once again I'm looking forward to hearing many more of your stories in 2012.

With winter finally drawing to an end we can now look forward to spring although for many of us the winter has been quite mild, so much so that many of the spring bulbs have begun blooming a little earlier than usual. If only the same was true for my hens. You'd think an early spring would hasten the first batch of eggs, especially with the delicious noodles and peas cooked for them on the cold winter afternoons; but all this effort is to no avail. Being nice works with my husband; cook him his favourite supper and yes I will get those new shiny red shoes! The girls on the other hand will only lay when they are good and ready and there isn't anything I can do to bring the eggs on any quicker.

The start of spring also signals the start of the big spring garden clean, for me this involves removing the bark chippings within the chicken run and topping up with new. The old chippings don't go waste though as they are scattered within the borders and make a great fertiliser/mulch. Although natural wood mulches and bark chippings are available from local garden centres or DIY shops I would advise a trip to the local Ecclesall Wood Saw Mill. The chippings are half the price and if you fancy a work-out then you can save a bit more and fill your own bags –

the mill is open 10am to 3pm most days.

I know a few of the 'villagers' are setting up their first home brood this spring and I have been asked where's a good place to start with the birds – and before you question which direction this column is going... I am definitely only talking about chickens here! For the past couple of years I have hatched fertilized eggs; I convinced my husband that this was far more cost effective than buying fully grown chickens. A fertilized egg costs a mere £2 compared with a fully grown Cochin pullet costing around £30. Of course I didn't explain the true reality that 12 fertilized eggs could lead to 12 handsome but very noisy cockerels! Of course the sense of the unknown is so much more fun for me, however I do have somewhere I can off-load the noisy boys if required. A little advice: I recommend finding a home for the potential cockerels before experiencing hatching your own eggs, unless you are lucky enough to be able to keep the living 4am alarm clocks. Alternatively you could take my husband's advice as six fat cockerels make six very tasty Sunday dinners! I never take my husband's advice, and as for my cockerel chicks, they are happily living at my friend's farm park!

If all of this 'chicken nonsense' is too much trouble and you simply prefer to pick your eggs from the shelf of the local supermarket, make sure you know your eggs and the collection of marketing terms used to help you buy into the profitable world of animal welfare. 'Farm-

Fresh' is the latest word splashed onto the boxes of the supermarket shelf and it leads us into thinking of quintessential country living and animals happily roaming free on the farm. Unfortunately this is far from the truth. 'Farm-Fresh' eggs are actually produced by caged hens with only a tiny amount of space to move around. Then there's "Barn eggs", unfortunately for the chickens this is not a quirky old barn with a charming owner merrily collecting the eggs and placing them in the basket every morning, it's actually an industrial unit housing thousands of hens. These hens do however have access to perching space and nesting boxes although this only amounts to roughly nine chickens per square metre. The only happy hens are free range hens; it's far better to have an egg knowing the chicken can lay freely with a happy chirp. My preference as you'd expect is to keep your own chickens of course! It comes as no surprise that your home laid organic eggs taste so much better than the supermarket variants; happy hens' lay tasty eggs. If you do have to buy then please try and buy organic eggs or at least free-range ones.

Finally if any of you hen keepers require a chicken-sitter to look after your brood when you go on holiday this year then please get in touch. Now you don't have any excuses for not starting your home chickens this year...

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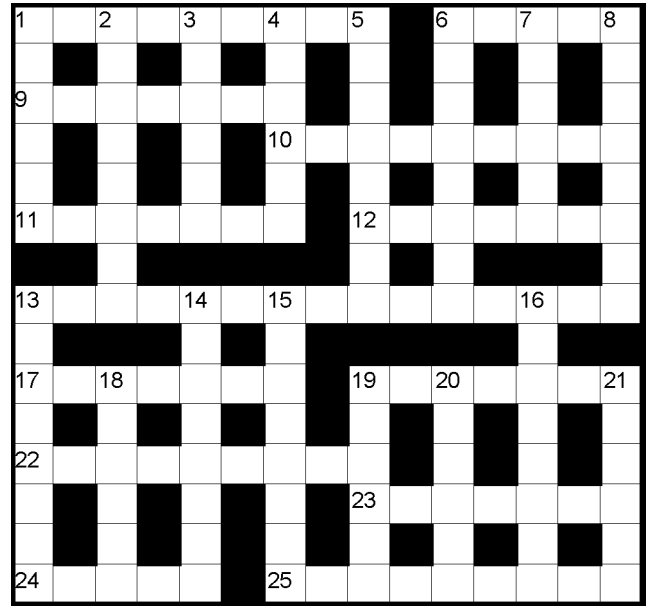
The Crossword

Across

1. Sky determined to have the last word on the finish of sport (9)
6. In therapy, rictus results from combustion (5)
9. Initial tournament, when I come in behind, hard to prevail (7)
10. Different points set for those showing relative grace (9)
11. Dissident present but for less than a moment (7)
12. Acknowledged that everything was on credit (7)
13. Administrators use extremely good means to contain the hospital department (15)
17. Deciding to cut back on fish (7)
19. Declared member in bitter debate, originally (7)
22. Stones are designed for rings (9)
23. Back last nag which doesn't start (7)
24. Missing new season to shoot (5)
25. Following wrong number, our time comes (9)

Down

1. Obsession with, say, ray which can hold alien (6)
2. Sound check to trace precipitation (8)
3. Merely, as tempo is at odds (2,4)
4. Thin ice cracked as I went missing from race (6)
5. Office worker is not on time and is showing a pattern... (8)
6. ...Idiot on time, went in front and went on (8)
7. Epitaph on distinguished cutter (3-3)
8. Credit to America from the French religious wars (8)
13. Cut off drink to the fourth estate (8)
14. Exercising power over the noise made when there are many 2's (8)
15. No part of the old film (8)
16. Ground oregano found on a patch without authority (2-2,4)
18. Salt from the East Indies gets the French mark (6)
19. Sailor posted as missing (6)
20. Come down with gold carriage (6)
21. Wipe out allowed in the river (6)



Answers for the Winter crossword

Crossword compiled by Mavis.

Answers will be published in the next edition but if you really can't wait they're already on www.doretodoor.co.uk



One liners

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

What hair colour do they put on the passports of bald men?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

Ever wonder about those people who spend £1.50 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

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Two babies are in the park and one says to the other, I'm a little baby girl, what are you? And the other baby replies, I'm a little boy baby. So the little girl baby asks, How do you know? So the little boy baby pulls back his blanket and says, look.....blue socks.

I know some people don't approve of "blue" jokes.

Here's a joke for the politically correct: What did the first non-gender/non-racially specific person say to the second non-gender/non-racially specific person? Nothing, in case it was inappropriate or offensive to the third non-gender/non-racially specific person!

Shakespeare walks into a pub, the landlord says get out you're Bard.

A White Horse walks into a bar and the barman somewhat excited shouts across "Hey, we got a whisky named after you!" After a moments puzzled silence the horse replies "Wot . . . Eric?"

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Quasimodo walks into a pub and orders a whisky. The barman asks "Bells alright?" to which Quasimodo replies "Mind your own business!!"

In a recent survey; six out of seven dwarves aren't happy.

Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper?? He sold his soul to Santa

Two crisps walking down the street, a car pulled up with two other crisps in it who offered them a lift.. they replied "No thanks, we're walkers" ;)

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian

Which is worse, ignorance or apathy? Who knows? Who cares?

My racing snail was starting to slow down so to make it more aerodynamic I removed its shell but if anything it became more sluggish!!

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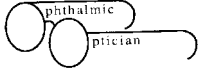
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Tigers 1st XV

As it is we sit a mid table tenth in the league with 37 points, ten points above the relegation zone, with six sides below us. Four of these sides have to come to Dore Moor in the second half of the season. Seven matches have been won and ten lost. Nine bonus points have been added to 28 winning points. In terms of points for and against we have a slight deficit and all the sides above, except Hull, have scored more and conceded less. We have scored 53 tries, the fourth most tries of teams in the league and ten more than Huddersfield who are in second place! Two thirds of those tries have been scored by the backs and as many tries have been scored away from home as at Dore Moor. We have only kicked ten penalties, the lowest in the league, but this is partly due to the teams desire to play open, attractive rugby. There have been no red cards but twelve yellow, as against a league average of nine. These have cost us in several matches. Six players have played in all seventeen league games – Gregor Hayter, Jamie Broadley, Jon Buchanan, Jonny West, Sam Cook and Tom Outram. The team are in a position to build on the remainder of the season.

Nigel Dakin

Keep a regular check on the Tigers website for the latest updates www.sheffielddtigers.co.uk

Olympic torch in Sheffield

The Olympic torch will rest in Sheffield over the night of 25th June, arriving from Leeds via Chapeltown, Ecclesfield and Parson Cross before entering central Sheffield. In the evening there will be a two hour entertainment show. The next day it continues through Rotherham ending the day at Cleethorpes. Each day the torch will travel around 110 miles carried by around 110 torchbearers who will carry it on average 300 metres (0.2 miles) as well as spending time in the official Olympic convoy vehicles. The total Olympic Torch Relay will cover 8,000 miles and reach 95% of the population. Full details of the torch bearers and its road route are due to be announced nearer the time.

Moroccan wins skiing gold

Not known for its skiing prowess, Morocco's only entrant in this year's Youth Olympic games has won gold in the men's alpine super G race. Sixteen year old Adam Lamhamedi will be a name to watch in the future as he beat athletes from the more traditional skiing nations of Sweden, Andorra, France & Germany.

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- 19 - Feb **Sheffield** v Keighley
- 03 - Mar **Tigers** v Otley
- 24 - Mar **Tigers** v Loughborough S
- 14 - Apr **Tigers** v Kendal
- 19 - Apr **Sheffield** v Castleford
- 21 - Apr **Tigers Vets** v Touring side
- 28 - Apr **Tigers** v Bromsgrove

With both our rugby teams showing excellent form as the season comes to a close, There should be some entertaining games on offer in the next few months. And the wearher should be a little more pleasant to have a beer while you cheer them on.

Woman's first ever Olympic ski jump event

Woman have been allowed by the Olympic committee to participate in the ski jump for the first time at the 2012 Youth Olympic games in Innsbruck, Austria. The first women's ski jump competition was won by a 15 yr old girl, Sara Takanashi from Japan whose winning jump would actually have been sufficient to place her in bronze position in the men's competition.

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- 5th DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Major Ena Deakin, Teatowels, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome
- 6th 7.45pm Church Hall DORE LADIES GROUP Speaker Katherine Lawrence Hatch Match & Dispatch the Jewish Way. Visitors Welcome £3
- 11th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open day, Abbeydale Rd South,
- 14th Dore quilters, 6pm - 9pm. The Old School. Everyone welcome.
- 17th Bach: Mass in B Minor - Sheffield Cathedral . 279 3434
- 19th DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Mr Andy Firth, North York Moors & Whitby, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome
- 21st Dore Garden Club. Poisonous Plants - including those found in the wild, and cultivated in gardens and conservatories, Their toxic elements, and effects and symptoms of poisoning with illustrations. Sue Kohler, past chair of FBS. Venue: Dore Methodist Church Hall, Time: 7:30pm. Contact: Janet Herridge – 0114 236 0915
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- 1st The first annual shooting fish in a barrel contest, centre of Dore, from 3pm, bring your own fish.
- 2nd DMC woman's Fellowship, Easter Bring & Buy sale, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome.
- 3rd 7.45pm Church Hall Townhead Road DORE LADIES GROUP Speaker Stephanie Dixon Chernoble Children Life Line Visitors Welcome £3.
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- 18th Dore quilters, 6pm - 9pm The Old School. Everyone welcome.

- 19th Dore Garden Club, A history of Whinfall Quarry Gardens - the creation and history of the gardens, Kath Cox of Friends of W.Q.G. Dore Methodist Church Hall, Time: 7:30pm. Contact: Janet Herridge – 0114 236 0915
- 20th 2pm till 6pm Dore Art Show, The Old School, Refreshments available. Free entrance, see centre pages for more details
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- 23rd Dore Village Society AGM, The Old School, with guest speaker Clive Waddington, see notice boards for more details.
- 24th Well being for Women talk , Norfolk Arms, 7.30pm speaker Kate Allatt, Tickets call 236 8508
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- 30th DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Mrs Janet Stain, Knickers, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome

MAY

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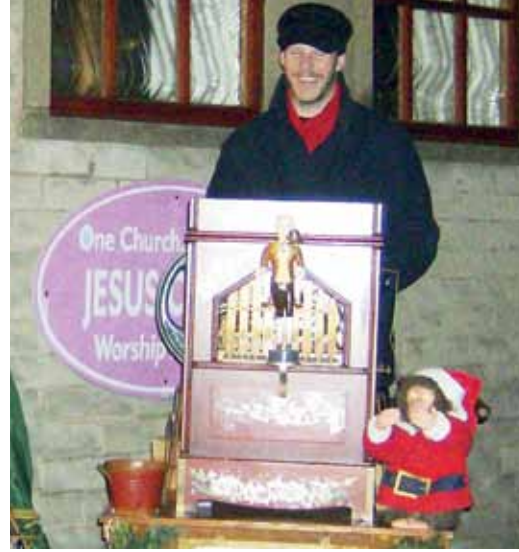
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