

# DORE to DOOR

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Cover image by Martin Evans -  
Winner of Dore Show's Photography section

## The new No 70 bus service from Dore

On 28th October the No 30 bus was replaced by the No 70 bus that has a route less than half as long. Instead of going through the city centre to Plumbley it terminates at the Sheffield Bus Interchange. This is good news for those wishing to take the bus (almost all the way) to the train station, something that was impossible with the old No 30 route. Precise bus times have changed but broadly it remains a half hourly service during the day and an hourly one in the evenings with extra buses at peak times. The service continues to be run jointly by the First bus company in the daytime and by TM travel in the evenings and on Sundays.

This new route has been introduced to improve the reliability and punctuality of the service. As the estimated journey times from Dore to Sheffield have not been altered can we assume that all of the congestion has come in the past from the Sheffield to Plumbley section? Or could it have been due to the worn out buses used on the route?

This new service is one of the first fruits of the Sheffield Bus Partnership that came into being in October. It involves all the major bus companies, Sheffield Council and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. They have promised to talk to each other and to provide joined up services including cross-

service ticketing that will allow us to travel with several operators in the course of a journey (and presumably at a lower overall cost).

*Below; The school bus avoids a traffic jam by going off-road. Taken by a local resident*



## Bus takes short cut – via CO-OP!

On 19th September during the 8am rush a Dore bus packed with school children mounded and drove over the pavement to avoid another bus which had become stuck on Devonshire Terrace between two parked cars; even though neither of the cars was parked illegally .

## 20 mph zone areas approved

(Summary of a Sheffield City Council Highways report dated 13th September 2012)

The Council intends to roll out the introduction of 20 mph zones across the city. These will be marked by signs and road markings but will not involve speed humps or other traffic calming devices.

The first phase will be implemented during the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14. The areas chosen have been prioritised on the basis of their accident record and potential to co-ordinate their introduction with the Streets Ahead road maintenance (renewal) programme. They are targeted at residential areas around schools. A and B class roads, major bus routes

and roads currently subject to a 40 m.p.h. speed limit will not be included.

There is no indication in the report as to when Dore may be included in the scheme. The report simply states "that post March 2013, 20 mph speed limits should be prioritized by a city-wide comparison of the number and severity of accidents in suitable areas, with a view to introducing new speed limits into residential areas on a 'worst first' basis" and that "implementation of 20 mph schemes should be limited to those areas included in that year's Streets Ahead programme."

Zone	Community Assembly Area	Collisions 15.3.07 to 14.3.12	Casualties (children) 15.3.07 to 14.3.12	Estimated Cost of implementation
Walkley (south)	Central	13	20 (5)	£40,207
Woodthorpe	Eastern	24	26 (8)	£53,408
Parsons Cross (west)	North Eastern	23	27 (6)	£49,904
Spink Hill, Stocksbridge	Northern	16	19 (6)	£46,739
Lowedges	Southern	13	14 (3)	£39,609
Charnock	South Eastern	10	11 (1)	£29,495
Steel Bank, Crooksmoor	South Western*	11	12 (4)	£46,072

\* Includes Dore

I have detailed maps of each of these areas if anyone is interested.

## Streets Ahead – road resurfacing programme

The Council's ambitious road resurfacing project to repair the pothole ridden roads of Sheffield has started with road works around the Shirecliffe area. Closer to home, Abbeydale Road South and Twentywell Road are being resurfaced in the spring of 2013, with the majority of Dore scheduled for work to start in 2015. Excluding the local through routes of Dore Road, Causeway Head Road, Limb Lane and Hathersage Road which are all listed in the following year.

All the roads in Dore should be completed two years before the neighbouring areas of Totley, Millhouses and Ecclesall Road South.

The traffic disruption will be tremendous during these works so keeping an eye on local traffic reports while you are out and about in Sheffield is very worthwhile.

However they do caution us that all the works and timescales outlined are dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change at Streets Ahead's discretion.

**A full streets ahead press release can be found on page 23**

**Geoff Cope**

## Dore Station Park & Ride

I write regarding the development of a 130 space car park on the former Garden Centre site, next to Dore and Totley Station and to update you on progress. The new facility will include a new entrance to the car park and rail station, a covered cycle shelter for 20 cycles and blue badge holder specific parking bays.

The project is part funded through the Station Commercial Project Facility Fund (SCPF).

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) has appointed Britcon (Scunthorpe) Ltd. contractors to carry out the construction works, which are scheduled to start week commencing the 12 November 2012 for a period of approximately 18 weeks. The facility is anticipated to be open to the public in Spring 2013.

The ITA has approved the legal agreement with Network Rail, and Station Change and other approvals will be in place prior to the contractor starting on site.

A signalised pedestrian crossing on Abbeydale Road, in order to improve pedestrian access, will be introduced when funding becomes available in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Throughout the construction period safe pedestrian access will be maintained to Dore railway station and a minimum of 20 parking spaces will be available at all times.

Northern Rail will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the site on completion of the construction works as part of the current station franchise agreement.

The new Park & Ride facility is hoped to be of great benefit and value, not only for the people of Dore, Totley and Millhouses but also to commuters from the Sheffield City Region in neighbouring Derbyshire.

I trust this information is useful and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Rachel Cowling, SYPTe**  
Public Consultation Officer

## 135 Dore Road appeal hearing given a local venue.

### Dore and Totley Reform Church at 10.am on the 28th November

The planning inspectorate will be holding the public hearing at 10am on the 28th of November 2012. at the Dore and Totley Reform church , Totley Brook Road, S17 3QS. The Council originally selected its premises at 53 Mowbray Street, Sheffield, as a provisional venue but local councillors have been in discussion with the planners to moving the public hearing to Dore. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Around 250 representations have been made to the planning inspectorate which include Sheffield City Council, Dore Village Society, Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment, Carterknowle and Dore Medical Practice, our local Councillor Colin Ross, two legal practitioners, an individual who was a victim of a road traffic accident outside the site, several members of the Dore Local Neighbourhood Plan and many local residents. These are in addition to the 2,000 objections that were sent to Sheffield City Council. This represents an unprecedented level of objection and is a reflection of local peoples' wishes, needs and aspirations for the area in which they live as well as a measure of how inappropriate multi-storey apartments would be in a rural location, opposite greenbelt. Some of the major concerns surround the scale and massing of the development and the statistics back up those concerns.

The proposed scheme equates to 32 dwellings per hectare and represents an increase of 465% over the existing density in the surrounding area which equates to just under 7 dwellings per hectare.

The footprint of the scheme is 12.4 times the size of the smallest property in the locality and is

6.65 times the average size of the surrounding properties.

Concerns have also be raised regarding traffic safety, ecology and sustainability as well as allegations of significant errors and omissions in the appellant's appeal statements.

Carterknowle & Dore Medical Practice have raised some fundamental sustainability issues, arguing that its resources are already overstretched following a 25% increase in its patient list over the last few years; reference to local children who cannot be accommodated in our schools, and the dangerous nature of the blind bend on which both the medical practice and the development are situated.

One feature that is gaining momentum and is referred to in around 80% of the representations is the concern over the increasing regularity of flooding caused through overdevelopment in Dore and its antiquated drainage systems and some spectacular photos have been sent to the planning inspectorate of the flooding in August 2012. The businesses in New Totley that were closed as a result of this flooding need look no further than the top of Dore Road to see where their problems lie.

Should the appeal be upheld it would set a precedent for further inappropriate development and would lead to an unacceptable intensification in dwellings per hectare as well as unsustainable demands on both our infrastructure and services across both Dore and Totley.

This is set to be an interesting hearing and certainly a date for your diary.

**Paul Millington and Aubrey Read**



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## SYPTe - Have listened, but want more feedback

SOUTH Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) has been listening to customer feedback and making direct improvements to the region's public transport network as part of the You Said, We Did campaign.

SYPTe has an ongoing commitment to put customers first by trying to make getting around by public transport, walking and cycling attractive travel options that best suit their needs.

SYPTe encourages customer feedback on what exactly it is they need to make their

journey even better. Where possible SYPTe turns these comments into direct actions and improvements.

SYPTe received comments from rail passengers who did not know which connecting bus services to use when they got off the train. As a result, bus service maps are now on display in Sheffield station.

Examples of these changes are promoted in interchanges and Travel South Yorkshire Information Centres across the region as part of the You Said, We Did campaign.

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## The 'Super Shed' on Newfield Lane has been refused

The proposed erection of a single building for use as quadruple garage, workshop, home office, indoor golf practice area, tennis pavilion, music room and gymnasium, all incidental to the use of No 20 Newfield Lane as a dwelling.

After considering the proposal, the Council has decided to refuse planning permission for the proposal on several grounds including;

The scale of the proposed workshop, music room, tennis pavilion and gymnasium are excessive in relation to the reasonable enjoyment of the domestic activities associated with the dwelling and the office is not associated with the domestic enjoyment of the dwellinghouse and the proposed building includes two floor levels and is therefore contrary to a General Permitted Development.

## So how much does the village raise?

Earlier in the year I asked how much have people in Dore raised for charity.

I received several replies and it became very apparent that although the locals do raise many millions of pounds, they don't want to shout about it and more particularly they don't want to have their names published.

The vast range of events and amounts raised made very interesting reading, including everything from half a million pound fund raising bids from the lottery to coffee mornings. There are a lot of local people raising an awful lot of money for local, national and international charities. A tremendous effort by all involved. Well done and thank you for all the replies.

## A bad year for the swifts of Dore

After a year of several new nesting boxes being placed around the village centre, it's only disappointing news we have to offer for this year's breeding and even the observations have been fewer and less frequent.

During the season only 10 birds were observed at any one time over the village, which is well down on what we would expect to see in the sky above us and well down on the previous year.

But worse still, we can find no evidence of successful breeding in the village. It appears the weather was simply too bad, which defeated the swifts and they returned to Africa earlier than they have ever done previously.

We can only hope for better things next year.

**John Marriott**

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## The Jubilee Cookery Book

The Jubilee Cookery Book has been on sale at the Post Office and Valeries for some time, and now I'm hoping that anyone with friends away would like to buy it for Christmas. Or you may be reading this copy of Dore to Door somewhere other than Dore and would like a copy. If so I can now offer to post it to you. For posting in this country it would cost £5.25 including postage and packing. Outside the UK the charge would be £4 plus postage to the relevant country. Please email me at lorriss@sky.com for more details. It'll stay on sale in the village until Christmas so you can still get a copy locally at £3.50.

Linda Williamson

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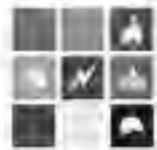
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## From fowls to footwear

Our preoccupation with poultry appears to have mutated into footwear. The stunning cover photo by Martin Evans, winner of the Dore Show photography class, has put wellies in pride of place within D2D again, following on from our last edition's gala welly spectacular.

It's been a productive year for the village seeing us uniting on different occasions for very different reasons. It was a year which saw one of the biggest planning issues to affect our area, when over 2000 villagers objected to the Dore Road flats scheme and although it's not over yet, at least the hearing is now in a village location, so we can all get there easily and back up our written objections.

Then on the other side of the spectrum, the village united again but this time in celebration. The Jubilee festival was an undoubted success with something for everyone, with live music, the wall hanging, a classic car show and the brilliant Jubilee Exhibition created by using items borrowed from villagers. Lets keep this spirit, so the village will remain as strong, as effective, and united throughout the new year.

Richard Joel

### Observations of the season

The foxes and other wildlife have been very noisy late at night.

It's the same date every year, but Christmas always creeps up on you.

Builders, builders and more builders!

### A huge Thank You to everyone involved in creating Dore to Door

including our many contributors and advertisers and the whole D2D team

Amyra, Janice, Ken, Keith, John, Chris, and our newest team member; the other Richard and never forgetting all the distributors

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## A Kindle book by a local author

Diabolical is a thriller about police corruption during the late 1970s and early '80s. Writing in the first person Jim Cocks is a hard working officer, keen to get on and do right by his young family. With the early part of his career recalling tales of police cock-ups and run-of-the-mill corruption, these episodes are laced with plenty of humour. But through his admission into freemasonry and subsequent fast-track promotion, corruption takes on a whole new meaning. Not only are we given a fascinating insight into the workings of 'The Brotherhood' via the yet more secretive 'Illuminati', Cocks stands to lose everything even as the prospect of tantalising wealth lures him on.

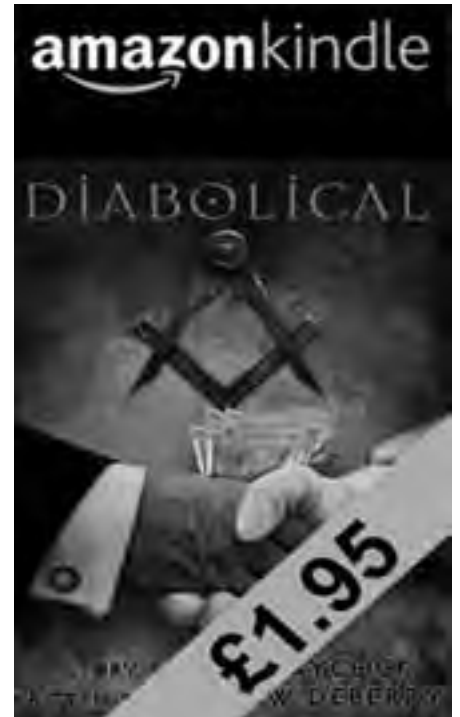
If the story has a moral it would ask: At what point does the rough justice meted out by a decent copper decline into all out depravity?

### About the Author

At the age of sixteen, Bob Maycock joined the Sheffield and Rotherham constabulary as a police cadet, from where he went into CID work to reach the level of detective sergeant. The highlight of his career came with Home Office promotion to Number 3 regional crime squad.

Thirty or more years back presented a time when villains were 'hard' even as they operated by a code of honour, a code which seems to be alien to many of the knife-carrying cowards of today. It was also a time when police superiors might turn a blind eye to summary justice getting meted out through an old style police biffing! After all a few fractured knuckles were an effective time-saving alternative to the endless silly formalities that went with a standard arrest! Before political correctness ran amok, the seventies and eighties provided an era when criminals and police seemed to understand each other better.

As a detective Bob gleaned much of his information through the regular frequenting of pubs, a career which as a pub licensee he took up upon retirement. He is currently the maitre di and catering manager of a Midlands masonic Lodge.



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Sadly, Lola had to be put to sleep as a result of this injury. As a family we are devastated by the loss of our beautiful and much loved young cat in such a way, but sickened by the sheer brutality and cruelty of this act. It is worrying that an individual (or group) has the arrogance and lack of humanity to take an air rifle into a public space (we live adjacent to some playing fields) and then think it appropriate to shoot a defenceless animal.

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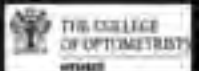
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### Making a difference in Dore?

Back in the Autumn edition of Dore to Door we asked who would like to be involved in a new Good Neighbour scheme starting in 2013 helping our local over 60s to attend their health appointments.

We would like to thank the people who have responded so far. Dore seems to have people that do have the neighbourly spirit and some spare time to help others. We still have spaces for anyone else who would like to help, so if you could spare a little time we would love to hear from you; no pressure, just be involved as little or as much as you wish and would enjoy.

At present in our infancy, before launching the full blown project, we need volunteers to drive our prospective clients to their various health appointments.

Please give me, Sue Ross, a ring on 0114 2365248 when I can tell you more about it without any commitment on your part. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Sue Ross**

Dear Richard

Anne Elsdon, Tricia Pitchfork and Elizabeth Watson would like to thank all the people who attended their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September.

One hundred and five people came to support us and we managed to raise an amazing £1,367 on the day and the closing figure rose to £1,415 thanks to others donating who were unable to attend on the day.

It never ceases to amaze us how generous people can be and how many people turn out for us. We could not do it without your support and the huge effort made by our wonderful team of helpers.

Thanks must also go to the people who donated raffle prizes – The Luxury Gap, The Dore Grill, The Country Garden, Dore Health and Beauty, Kutz, Paper Moon and Loaf at Woodseats.

Thank you all again and we hope you will all come and support us again next year.

**Anne & Tricia**

Dear Editor

Here is an invitation to submit a request for the NEATeam.

The South West Community Assembly have funded a Neighbourhood Environment Action Team for a number of years. The teams are made of a Supervisor from the Parks and Public Realm Service and a number of local young people that have been identified as 'Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)'.

In the past the team has acted as a fast response service to clean up and maintain green space, footpaths, etc. which have been reported by Councillors, staff who are out and about, community groups and local residents.

So we can programme in work for the team between now and March 2013, we are inviting suggestions for jobs / activity in your neighbourhood, possibly working alongside your community group and volunteers.

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- Shrub maintenance.
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To submit a request please visit <http://southwestassembly.wordpress.com/2012/09/21/invitation-to-submit-a-request-for-the-nea-team/>

**Mathew Rush**

Dear Editor,

At the end of October 2011, my husband and I came to live in this lovely Dore village to be near to our son and his wife. We are in our late eighties and my husband is house bound.

I have bought a mobility scooter for myself but have run into several problems and I wondered if there are others in Dore who have encountered the same problems. I have listed them below:-

1. So many parked cars on the pavements, cutting down scooter space. The worst example being cars parked on the pavement at the bottom of Devonshire Road near to the Tesco Express. I have been forced to go onto the road on more than one occasion and traffic is very busy in both directions.
2. The pavements approaching the village are very narrow.
3. Hedges that are overgrown, again causing problems as they tend to narrow the pavements.

Also, I have encountered problems when walking using my trolley. The footpath from Abbeydale Park Rise to Burlington Road is so

over grown that the nettles reach my head, and the foliage is, in parts, intertwining.

Having said all this, I want to say how warm and kind I have found the Dore folk. One elderly man walked into the road in the village, and stopped the traffic so that I could get across with my scooter. Twice gentlemen have come to my aid when the back wheels of my scooter came off the narrow pavement and an assistant at the Co-op came out of the shop with me to show me where to find the chemist shop. Wherever I have turned I have found this warmth.

Having said my piece, if there are enough people in the village who have come across the problems I have mentioned. Is it possible that the Dore Society could take up the cudgels on our behalf? The reason I ask for that is that a member of my family is a retired Borough Engineer (Surrey, sorry) and he recently emailed me in the following terms: "are you aware that Sheffield is just signing up to a 25 year contract with Amey?"

What you need to do is to mobilize all the elderly and handicapped organisations to get the need for decent pavements written into their brief at a very early stage. In particular, if you have a number living in your road than ask for a specific section to be improved asap and get a mini-petition signed."

Warm wishes.

**Patricia Kelson**

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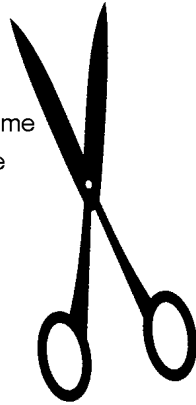
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## Dore Primary

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 Inset day: January 25th  
 Half Term - 18th February and return 25th February

### Y2 - Y6 Pupils enjoyed a visit from Firehorse Productions

On the 24th October 2012, pupils from Y2 to Y6 enjoyed a visit from The Firehorse Productions. The company engaged the pupils in an exciting way and reiterated the very important message of antibullying. Some pupils had the opportunity of getting involved with the play which further added to the enjoyment of the morning. The play also emphasised that 'Everyone has the right to come to school and feel happy and safe'.

This event was funded from the School Fund.

**Sarah Drazek**

### Dore Democrats question Nick Clegg MP

In a recent question and answers session held at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, invited members of the community were given the opportunity to discuss the local pressing issues. Two members of the School's Dore Democrats were asked to pose a question to the Deputy Prime Minister, asking if it would be possible to make a new law protecting school playing fields from being included in village green applications. Although appearing sympathetic to their question and the rationale behind it, he didn't believe it was possible, but agreed to research the situation to determine whether a legal precedent already existed.

After the meeting Nick Clegg said "It is crucial to get out of the Westminster bubble and talk to residents about the issues that are important to them. I hold these kind of public meetings right across Sheffield Hallam as they are extremely useful.

We covered a wide range of issues, from the deterioration of local recycling services to national policies on protecting the environment. I'm keen to help where I can, whatever the issue. But listening directly to everyday concerns also helps shape policy in Government."



Nick Clegg MP at the Q&A session

## King Egbert

Christmas - Break up 21st December and return Monday 7th January  
 Half Term - 18th February and return 25th February

### Record GCSE exam results

King Egbert School has achieved record exam results this year, with their Y11 students gaining close to 80% A\* to C grades including English and Mathematics. It's their best ever results and the best in the City. Their exam grades have improved from last year by nearly 4% putting them at least 5% above the other Sheffield state maintained schools; many of which have locally been considered better for academic results, such as Silverdale 71%, High Storrs 72% and King Edward VII with 50%.

The table (right) shows the Sheffield Maintained Schools GCSE exam results 2012.

\*Forge Valley School opened in September 2011

Schools listed alphabetically	2011	2012	% change
Birley Community College	51%	63.0%	12.0%
Bradfield School	68%	63.5%	-4.5%
Chaucer Business and Enterprise College	25%	37.3%	12.3%
Ecclesfield School	52%	62.2%	10.2%
Fir Vale School	40%	37.5%	-2.5%
Firth Park Community College	26%	44.5%	18.5%
Forge Valley School*		44.2%	
Handsworth Grange Community Sports	55%	61.7%	6.7%
High Storrs School	69%	72.1%	3.1%
Hinde House 3-16 School	34%	53.2%	19.2%
King Egbert School	76%	79.7%	3.7%
King Edward VII School	54%	49.8%	-4.2%
Newfield School	35%	44.8%	9.8%
Silverdale School	75%	70.6%	-4.4%
Stocksbridge High School	61%	54.2%	-6.8%
The City School	42%	44.0%	2.0%
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## Dore Parish Church news

As you will have read in the last issue of Dore to Door, Michael and Linda Hunter retired at the end of July. They are now living in Kendal and enjoying exploring the Lakeland fells. We greatly miss their friendship and gentle wisdom. The process of appointing a new vicar in the Church of England is not a quick one and we have just completed the first stage. It is extremely unlikely that we will have a new vicar until after Easter and quite possible that no-one will be in post until after the summer holidays. Even after we have a new vicar, things will work in a slightly different way. All Saints Totley have recently appointed a new vicar, Paul Oakley, on a half time basis. When a new vicar arrives at Dore they will also be working with Paul at Totley so that there will be 1½ full time posts working across the two parishes. This reflects a more widespread pattern across the Church of England of churches working together to share stipendiary ministry as the numbers of clergy retiring each year is currently greater than the number being ordained. We will also continue to develop ways of working more closely with Dore Methodist Church.

But in the meantime life at Christ Church carries on. We are enjoying meeting new people as clergy and lay ministers from around the area help to lead our services and we are very grateful for all the support that they offer us. Our usual pattern of services remains unchanged (see the autumn issue of Dore to Dore or look on our website). Details of our Christmas services can be seen across and will be on a leaflet that will be delivered to every house in the parish:

### Update on Church development

In the last issue of "Dore to Door" Michael Hunter reported that the PCC has decided to pursue a scheme for re-ordering the church which involves restoring the pipe organ, extending the nave and adding a balcony, but only to the extent of asking the Architect to develop the details necessary for the church to make a firm decision as to whether it wants to proceed. It was clear from the feedback from the consultation that, whilst there is within the church a full range of opinion from making no changes to doing even more than was being proposed, there is clearly a need for more details to be worked out before an informed final decision can be made. This is the process that is now underway. We are anticipating that our Architect will bring his more detailed proposals back to the PCC in early 2013 with these being ready for discussion with the church family and wider community in the spring. (The exact timing is unsure as this next phase of work will involve a wide range of discussions). We have also asked the Architect to provide a view on the costs for doing the refurbishment/renewal work that will be required even if we do not proceed with a wider development.

Please note that any development or refurbishment work in the church has the potential of causing a detrimental impact to the organ, so the refurbishment of the organ will only proceed when that work (whatever is decided to be done) is undertaken.

**Jackie Butcher and Mike Humphries (churchwardens)**

## Our local Churches services for the Christmas period

### December

- 2nd **Christ Church Dore** Christingle service 10am.
- 2nd **St John's church** Abbeydale Rd South, Advent Carol Service 6.30pm
- 8th-9th **Totley Rise Methodist Church**, Journey to Bethlehem, the very popular event which shows the Christmas Story in an interactive and exciting way. Be led by a Wise Man through a market, visit an Inn for refreshment, and see the baby Jesus. Free bookings for the event on 8th or 9th December should be made with Pat on 0114 235 1001.
- 12th **Ecclesall Parish Church** Carols by Candlelight Adults £7, Children £3, Concessions £5
- 16th **Christ Church Dore**, family candlelit carol service, with drama from our Pathfinder group 4pm
- 16th **Totley Rise Methodist Church**, Youth Church Service This lively service is led by the young people. Join the Angel Choir, be with the Shepherd's, innkeepers, wise men or even the Marys group followed by a play. Everyone is welcome at this spirited event. 10.30am
- 16th **Totley Rise Methodist Church** Carol Service, for a service of carols and time and space to truly consider what Christmas is all about 6.30pm
- 23rd **Christ Church Dore**, our traditional candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols. 6.30pm
- 23rd **St John's Church** Abbeydale Rd South, Carols & readings 6.30pm
- 24th **Christ Church Dore** Candlelit Midnight Communion Service 11.30pm
- 24th **St John's Church** Abbeydale Rd South, Christingle 5pm
- 24th **Totley Rise Methodist Church**. Crib Service, a service aimed for all the family 4pm
- 24th **St John's Church** Abbeydale Rd South, Midnight Sung Eucharist 11.30pm
- 25th **Christ Church Dore**, A short (said) service of Holy Communion at 8am and a Family Communion Service at 10am.
- 25th **St John's Church** Abbeydale Rd South, Family Holy Communion 9.30am
- 25th **Totley Rise Methodist Church**. Christmas Day Service, 10 am



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## Marriages

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 25th Aug James Geddes & Elizabeth Kavanagh  
 1st Sep Lee Crookes & Samantha Crookes  
 1st Sep Evan Bickmore & Lorraine Courcier  
 8th Sep Christopher Witherspoon & Faye Leach

## Deaths

June 27th Stanley Scaife Aged 85  
 July 2nd Edith Goodworth Aged 101  
 Sept 27th Florence Cowood Aged 89  
 Oct 15th Dorothy Jones Aged 94  
 Oct 19th John Smith Aged 58

## No Births - I don't believe it!

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## A true gentleman

### Stanley Scaife; 14th November 1926 – 27th June 2012

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Stan married his beloved wife Pat in July 1962, and thus began a loving togetherness which took them through just shy of fifty years of marriage.

They established their home on the Long Line, which has remained their family home to this day.

Stan, known to many throughout the Dore village community, was a well-respected and much loved member of the Dore community, a proud and long serving Freemason who dedicated his efforts to many charity fund raising activities. He will be sorely missed by many, which was so evident at his funeral service held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium which was attended by well over 200 mourners.

Stan leaves a wife Pat, Son John, Daughter Josephine, Son in Law Nick and much loved grandchildren Emma and Jack.

The world is a poorer place for his loss.

Happy Have We Met, Happy may we part, Happy meet again.

## Keep on keeping on

### John Dennis Smith; 26th February 1954 – 19th October 2012

Many locals will have been saddened by the death of John Smith in October. If you never heard him singing with his 1960s cover band "The Vinyl Years", you may have had your garden tended by him, or your dog walked, or maybe he served you a drink over the bar in Dore Club. You certainly saw him bowling around the village in his red pickup truck, always with five or six dogs in the back on their way to be exercised.

John's first career and degree were in social work, and before coming to Dore he worked with children, the elderly and disabled before arriving to be Deputy Manager at Fairthorn in 1990. Ill-health unfortunately ended this career a few years later, but John stayed in the village with his family and, as was his nature, became part of the community.

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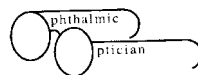
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**Christmas turkeys** and meat order forms are already available in the shop and on the website. Collection dates for these delicious seasonal treats will be 23rd and 24th December, when we will be serving hot drinks, mince pies and Christmas cheer as usual. You can order anything you need to impress your guests, except the vegetables, but we will have a great selection of home grown sprouts, parsnips, potatoes and other seasonal veg in the Farm Shop leading up to Christmas.

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# DORE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Building on the huge success of previous years Dore Village will be holding a Lantern Parade and Christmas Celebration Evening on Wednesday 5th December 2012. Once again most of the local shops and businesses will stay open late and many will be offering special Christmas promotions.

The evening will start with a children's Lantern Parade which will assemble at KUTZ hairdressers from 6.15pm. The young people will leave at 6.30pm and parade in their Scout and Guide Groups to the large Christmas tree outside the Country Garden greengrocers. We hope that parents and friends will watch the Lantern Parade as it passes through the village and then join the children at the tree. After the official switch on of the Christmas lights there will be Carol singing around the tree.

We hope that the Dore Christmas Celebrations Evening will be a fun time for the whole family. Dore is fortunate to have such an excellent range of local shops, restaurants and hostellers. Between them, you will find Christmas gift and food ideas and places to celebrate the season with friends and family. We are also lucky that there is a strong community spirit in the village and that the Dore Village Society annually sponsors our Christmas trees and lights. So come along, join in the fun, meet friends and support local businesses. Look out for posters with further information about late opening and special offers.

During the evening there will also be music provided around the village by a traditional Organ Grinder and the Dore Male Voice Choir. Father Christmas and a children's entertainer will be at the Devonshire Arms and there will be live music at the Hare and Hounds. The Dore Village Society will be selling village Calendars, Christmas cards and recent publications on the forecourt of the Dore Service Station. Members of Dore Methodist Church will be inviting everyone to come and see their new church hall and enjoy some light refreshments with them.

## Below is the programme of events throughout the evening

- 6.15pm Parade assembles at KUTZ Causeway Head Road
- 6.15pm Traditional Organ Grinder by HSBC Causeway Head Road
- 6.30pm Lantern Parade leaves and walks to Country Garden
- 6.45 -7.00pm Tree Lights switched on. Singing around the tree
- 7.00 – 7.20pm Traditional Organ Grinder on High Street
- 7.00 – 7.15pm Dore Male Voice Choir at HSBC
- 7.20pm Dore Male Voice Choir on High Street
- 7.25 – 7.45pm Traditional Organ Grinder at Dore Methodist Church
- 7.30pm Father Christmas and Children's entertainer at Devonshire Arms
- 8.00pm Live music at Hare & Hounds



The Dore Christmas Evening will go ahead whatever the weather and we look forward to your support. Come along, bring your torches and if possible walk into the village.

**Maureen Cope, Anne Elsdon, David Hayes**

## Opening time and 'specials' for Christmas

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<b>Dore Optician</b>	Seasonal refreshments
<b>Hair Plus</b>	Refreshments, Jewellery and Raffle for Mothers Union
<b>Dore Service Station</b>	Hot Drinks and refreshments
<b>The Co-operative food</b>	Usual opening time until 10pm
<b>Whittington Goddard Associates</b>	Mulled Wine and light refreshments
<b>Dore Village Society</b>	Selling DVS Calendars, Christmas Cards and Tea Towels at Dore Service Station forecourt
<b>The Wetroom</b>	Sherry and Mince pies
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<b>Village Store / Newsplus</b>	RAFFLE for Weston Park Teen-Age Unit, refreshments
<b>Dore salon Health &amp; Beauty</b>	Open until 8pm
<b>Dore Methodist Church</b>	Warm welcome to look around new extension and serving Tea Coffee and hot Chocolate
<b>Hare &amp; Hounds</b>	live music, Christmas and Pop from 8.30pm
<b>Valerie of Dore</b>	Floristry demonstrations, Refreshments and Raffle for SAKA and 10% discount during the late open evening
<b>Almas Indian Brasserie</b>	Usual opening hours
<b>Re - face &amp; body</b>	Refreshments and special offers during the evening
<b>Vivid Hair Stylists</b>	Usual opening until 7.00pm
<b>Paper Moon</b>	Christmas nibbles
<b>The Devonshire Arms</b>	BBQ, Father Christmas and TV entertainer, Kimo starting at 7.30pm
<b>Dore Grill</b>	Usual opening



# DORE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



## The DVS Christmas Cards on Sale Now

A print of the painting by Alison Down called, Dore Old School from Vicarage Lane created from a photograph by Tim Down.

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## Dore Village Calendar 2013

Dore Village Calendar 2013 is now on sale.

This time it features old black and white pictures of the Village taken from the Society's archives. Most date from the early part of the 20th century and include postcards that have recently come into our possession.

The calendar is A4 in size with a similar layout to previous years; one page per month with plenty of room for notes. It comes with a card-backed envelope for easy posting to friends and family. It is available from the Village Store, Valerie of Dore and Dore Garage priced £5.



## 2012 WASSAIL WALK

The Wassail tradition dates back several centuries and has been associated with Christmas and New Year as early as the 1400s. It was a way of passing on good wishes among friends and family. In Dore the tradition now continues as the annual Wassail Walk. Last year around 130 people of all ages joined to share paths and winter views around Blacka Moor.

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

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

Dore's 12th Wassail Walk will this year be on Thursday 27th December, starting at 10.00am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome. Please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

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

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Dore Village Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on 24th April 2013. Formal notice of the meeting together with the agenda will appear in the next edition of Dore to Door.

In the meantime, we would like to hear from anyone who would like anything to be included on the agenda – we cannot take decisions at the meeting about anything that is not on the agenda. Items for inclusion should be sent to the secretary, Mrs Mary MacKinnon, 12 Dore Road, Sheffield, S17 3NB, secretary@dorevillage.co.uk

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join the committee – the only qualifications needed are enthusiasm for Dore and its way of life together with a willingness to get actively involved in the Society's activities and projects. If you wish to stand please complete a nomination form (available on the Society's website, www.dorevillage.co.uk , or from the secretary).

Please submit any items for the agenda and any committee nominations by 15th January 2013.

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The South West Community Assembly Area has been allocated their own Assembly Steward, their role is to help residents and businesses understand the impact of Streets Ahead works in their area and answer any questions or queries they may have.

The Assembly Steward for the South West Area is Moira Coad. Moira will be carrying out a number of road shows across the South West Area prior to works taking place.

The first improvement works for the South West Community Assembly area start in 2013 where residents will benefit from tree management, new street lighting, upgraded traffic signals and resurfaced footpaths and roads.

For more information where you can access lots of information about the contract and up and coming works.

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# Dore Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Under the Localism Act 2011 Dore Village Society could prepare a Neighbourhood Plan

In 2005 Dore Village Society produced a Village Design Statement to support the conservation and enhancement of Dore's character and environment and to promote acceptable development. The Localism Act 2011 now enables local communities, for the first time, to make statutory plans for their community. A Neighbourhood Plan would build on issues supported by the community in the 2005 Dore Village Design Statement.

We are seeking your support for the following issues. (Please circle your response).

Alternatively you may complete this questionnaire on-line by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXPVSNW> or via the Dore Village Society website.

1. Should Dore Village Society make a neighbourhood plan to conserve and enhance Dore and promote acceptable sustainable development?  
YES                      NO
2. Should the neighbourhood plan support and make policies to conserve and enhance the natural landscape and recreation opportunities in the Peak Park Moorland Fringe?  
YES                      NO
3. Should the neighbourhood plan support and propose policies to conserve and enhance the Sheffield Green Belt?  
YES                      NO
4. Should the neighbourhood plan support enhancement proposals for the Dore Conservation Area?  
YES                      NO
5. Should the neighbourhood plan identify a new conservation area for the older stone houses in the lower Dore Road area?  
YES                      NO
6. Should the neighbourhood plan identify a new conservation area for the older stone houses in Totley Brook Road?  
YES                      NO
7. Should the neighbourhood plan make policies to protect and enhance the character, density and privacy of existing housing areas?  
YES                      NO

8. Should the neighbourhood plan propose a planning brief for new housing of appropriate character and density on the allocated King Ecgbert School site?  
YES                      NO
9. Should the neighbourhood plan make policies to support the economic viability and environment of Dore Village Centre?  
YES                      NO
10. Should the neighbourhood plan propose policies to protect and enhance local green spaces and propose new allotments in the village?  
YES                      NO
11. Should the neighbourhood plan identify a village 20 mph zone?  
YES                      NO
12. Should the neighbourhood plan identify areas for retaining restrictions on heavy lorry routes?  
YES                      NO
13. Should the neighbourhood plan safeguard Dore Station, its park and ride facilities and the unused rail track-bed to Sheffield for rail use and improvements?  
YES                      NO

**Do you want to contribute ideas and help the neighbourhood planning team on any of these issues? If so please add your name address, telephone number and issues you are particularly interested in.**

Name.....  
Address.....  
Tel.....  
Issues you are interested in.....  
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Please return your questionnaires to David Crosby 72 Furniss Avenue, Sheffield. S17 3QP

## Have Your Say

The Sheffield City Planning Department is consulting on a draft Planning Brief for the former King Ecgbert School site that is allocated for housing in the approved Sheffield Local Plan. Dore Village Society encourages everyone to view the draft brief at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/kingecgbert](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/kingecgbert) and take advantage of the drop-in session on 22 November between 3-8pm at Dore Old School, Savage Lane. Dore Village Society prepared a draft brief for consultation with the Sheffield City Planning Department and is in discussion with the planning department on the draft brief as part of our work on preparing a Dore Neighbourhood Plan.

Dore Village Society's aim is to seek an appropriate development on this site, at an acceptable density and in character with the existing housing surrounding the site. We aim to protect existing views of the countryside from the local public footpath and privacy for nearby neighbouring properties; provide car parking provision for community use of the school playing field; protect existing trees and include landscaping to soften the impact of the development from surrounding properties. It is proposed that a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan would require any development to be carried out in accordance with an agreed Planning Brief. Please contact me if you have any question on the proposal.

**David Crosby**



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## Dore Garden Club

The Garden Club had a busy year in 2012 and is getting ready for 2013.

The committee is planning a programme to be published shortly which we hope will provide an interesting and varied series of talks, slideshows, demonstrations and cuttings.

New members are always welcome and we are always interested to hear your ideas and suggestions for future meetings.

So start planning your garden for 2013 and for further details about the club contact Janet Herridge on 2360915 or via email on [janet.herridge@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.herridge@btinternet.com)

**Janet Herridge**

## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Well, here we are again – keeping out of the rain on wet Wednesday evenings rehearsing for our next show which will be *Iolanthe* and will be at the Montgomery Theatre from Wednesday 10th April 2013 to Saturday 13th April. See our website “[doregass.co.uk](http://doregass.co.uk)” for more information (or, of course, you can always phone me on 0114 2362299). There will be more about this production in the next edition of Dore to Door.

We'll have our work cut out to match our last show, *Pirates of Penzance*, but we are lucky to keep attracting new, young and talented members who make The Society a delight and we have a new Musical Director in Andrew Griffiths. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have secured the services of this young and talented professional. Robin McEwan, our last year's MD, was not able to continue with us this year due to other commitments but pointed us at Andrew – for which we thank him. So far, the signs are good and with Graham Weston once again as producer we are sure that next year will be just as good.

We have two concerts coming up in December. The first one is at Dronfield Civic Centre on Wednesday 19th December (tickets via the theatre) and the second is our usual winter concert at Dore Methodist Church at 2:30pm on Saturday 22nd December (tickets - £6 – from me on 0114 2362299). The programme will contain the usual eclectic mix of light, comic, and popular music along with carols. Please come and join us for this light hearted afternoon but remember that the church has a limited capacity so get your ticket early to be sure of a seat for this well attended event. We are confident that you will enjoy it, whatever your taste in music.

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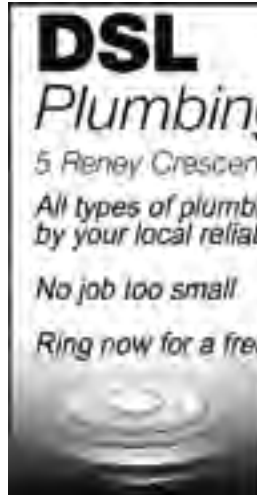
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## Jack Daw

Up until a few years ago, the advent of spring was clearly defined by events such as frogs spawning, dandelions in flower or gardeners treating their lawns to the first cut of the year. Nevertheless, these days our climate has become so capricious, it seems as though the only thing we can definitely rely on to show us that spring has sprung is the annual frenzy of features in newspapers and television programmes speculating on this subject. For my relatives who were raised in Eastern Europe, the coming of spring was announced by quite a different herald: the arrival of starlings. Then, as now, starlings would return in spring, having spent the winter months in Britain. But for us, it is the influx of these birds in Autumn which is so special. This is because these migratory starlings help to create one of the most spectacular of all wildlife phenomena: the huge swirling flocks that congregate just before sunset at roost sites, where they dip and soar in such a breath-taking, co-ordinated fashion, they put the Red Arrows to shame.

Many roosts are habitually used and there are records of some going back at least 200 years. Roost sites are chosen by starlings depending on how well they shelter them from the wind and how much protection they offer the birds from their various predators. In autumn, starlings mostly use reed beds, while in winter, the birds favour coniferous trees. Summer roosting sites are usually in deciduous trees. Even so, starlings don't just roost in the countryside. Since the 1840's, when the first urban roosts took place in Dublin, the custom of roosting in town and city centres quickly spread throughout the country. For the birds, these roosts have distinct advantages: because of all the heat a city generates, an urban roost is far warmer than any equivalent in the countryside and the birds also face fewer predators. However, urban councils were far from happy with this habit and spent huge amounts of tax payers' money trying to keep these birds off buildings, by using nets and other anti-fouling devices. Admittedly, a considerable quantity of excrement was deposited by the starlings on ledges, pavements and unwary passers-by, still I used to love watching these noisy, vibrant gatherings on the way home from work, as they brought life to some of the most desolate parts of the city and never failed to lift my spirit in the depths of winter.

Whether you loved them or hated them, large urban roosts are more or less a thing of the past. According to the BTO's Common Bird Census – which began in the 1960's - the main reason for their disappearance is the decline of our resident starling population. For instance in East Yorkshire falling by nearly 60% during the last two decades. Today, over half of the approximately 8.5 million British starlings are urban dwellers and these birds are becoming increasingly dependent on our gardens, particularly those located in the countryside or the outskirts of towns and cities.

Starlings evolved to feed in open grassland and prefer the close-cropped turf produced by grazing animals. Short grass makes it easier for them to search for soil invertebrates such as chafer grubs, crane fly larvae (leatherjackets) and earthworms that form a major part of their natural diet. The birds 'hunt' by probing the soil with their sharp pointed bills, which they force open to make a hole in the ground. Now while the surface pock-marking of a grazed meadow is of little consequence, it can be quite a different matter when starlings treat your lawn to such a makeover. It is only the adult birds that search for food in this way; fledglings are thought to have too weak a skull to be able to perform the characteristic open-bill probing. Instead, they spend more of their time feeding in trees, a habit which can often lead to conflict with gardeners, as they are not averse to making a meal of ripening fruit. Nonetheless, this is understandable, considering they are abandoned by their parents and forced to fend for themselves only 10 or so days after leaving the nest. In my garden, the adults 'dump' their offspring in an apple tree where I regularly smear a home-made fat/seed mix onto the bark and lower branches. Even so, each time an adult returns to feed its brood, all the youngsters in the tree try to beg a meal, regardless of how full they actually are, raising quite a din.

After a few days, the young birds leave and spend the autumn and winter feeding in habitats like parks, salt marshes and upland

pastures, although some 'take-away' addicts end up living off the streets, eating food dropped outside fast-food outlets. Yet, perhaps because of their cholesterol-laden diet, or lack of it, anything up to 85% of the young birds won't survive until the following spring.

It isn't necessarily any easier for the adult starlings either. Leatherjackets develop into crane flies that take to the wing in August and if it is a dry autumn, the birds have to switch diets and eat more seeds. They get these from either spilt grain or animal feeding troughs in the countryside and bird tables or feeders in gardens. Apart from fat, my garden starlings will eat bread soaked in fat, peanuts, raisins, suet and love 'robin mix extra' - a honey-based product with dried fruit and shrimps. Perhaps they ought to rename it 'starling mix', as I have never seen any of my robins take even the smallest morsel. Despite starlings being easy to please when it comes to their winter diet, a third of all birds still die each year.

Yet there is one further challenge they face; nesting. Starlings are cavity-nesters and prefer holes in trees but, because there is often a severe shortage of natural ones, it can lead to competition with other hole-nesters, such as woodpeckers. In urban areas, starlings traditionally use cavities under eaves to nest in but, due to house renovation projects and modern gutter designs, these are usually closed off. Fortunately, they will readily take to nest-boxes, provided the entrance hole is at least 45mm/1.8in wide. Males will try to attract a female by building a crude nest and decorating it with fresh leaves from plants like bramble, ivy or nettle and daisy, lavender or polyanthus flowers. Once lured in, the female will make a 'proper' nest out of dried grasses and twigs. It is often lined with feathers but anything to hand may be used, for example cotton wool, paper and even cigarette-ends.

In early April, the female will lay between 3 and 5 pale blue eggs. The clutch size is determined by how well she has been able to feed on soil invertebrates, the numbers of which are influenced by soil temperature. Incubation takes around 12 days, with the female doing most of the sitting while the male sings, proclaiming his territory. You would not call it a melodious song but it is hard not to be impressed by the sheer range of clicks, squeaks and whistles that are incorporated, as well as sounds copied from other bird songs or as in the case of my local starlings, car alarms and annoying ring tones. The young are fed on a purely invertebrate diet; small soft bodied insects and spiders for the youngest chicks, while older nestlings are given larger prey like caterpillars. They fledge at about three weeks. In spite of their parents' efforts, few young birds survive, which comes as no surprise considering starlings are high on the menu of nearly all predators, although domestic cats are considered to cause most deaths.

While many councils and fruit farmers are no doubt pleased at the starling's demise, it is encouraging to think that gardeners can make a real contribution to their survival and ensure future generations will still be able to witness the starlings' magnificent flying displays.



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Although legally you do not have to make a will, it is the best way to ensure your estate is passed on to your family and friends exactly as you wish. If you die without a will, your assets will be distributed according to the law of intestacy. This may not be what you want.

It is important to know that if you're an unmarried couple (whether or not it's a same-sex relationship), your partner will not be entitled to any of your estate under these rules. To ensure they are provided for, you need a will.

Before preparing your will, it's a good idea to think about what you would like to include in it. Points to consider:

- What assets are there in your estate?
- Who will be the beneficiaries of your estate?
- Do you need to appoint guardians for any minor children?
- Who will be your executor (the person responsible for carrying out your wishes)?

With complicated issues surrounding family entitlements after death, the legal implications of dying without a will can cause considerable emotional and financial turmoil for loved ones, at what is already a very difficult time.

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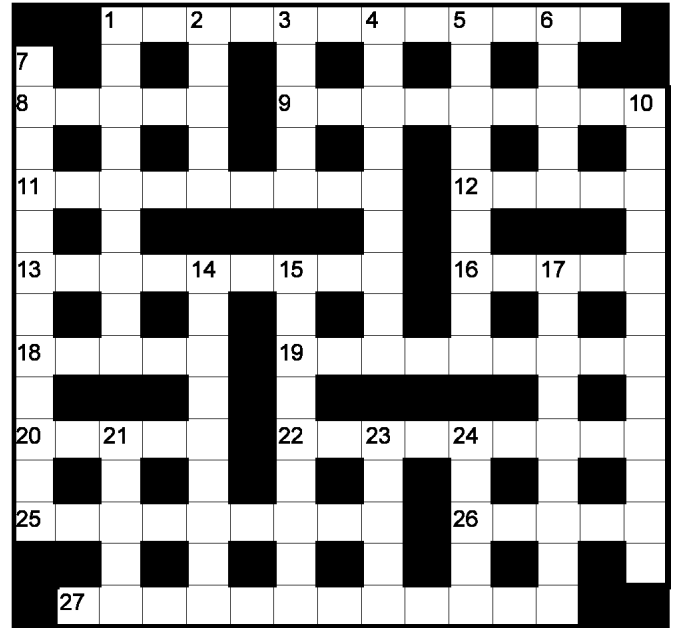
# The Crossword

**Across**

- 1. Normal chap taking on debts can become mean (12)
- 8. Spread but primarily follow a particular direction (5)
- 9. Reduced the area in action (9)
- 11. Restore check, say (9)
- 12. Clerical assistant contracted to get to the border (5)
- 13. Handle strain by creating a limit to play (9)
- 16. New area to make decorative material (5)
- 18. Carmen, possibly got to work on time (5)
- 19. Neither accountant prepared for this sort of wheel (9)
- 20. Fat profit ? (5)
- 22. Token call made when bothering (9)
- 25. Item cut off above the surface is almost glabrous (4,2,3)
- 26. Military leader gets to be popular once more (5)
- 27. Bashes big shot on allotments (12)

**Down**

- 1. Saw quiet play (9)
- 2. Sound entitlements for Customs (5)
- 3. Country home gets a hand up (5)
- 4. Where to find Police singing "Don't stand so close to me" (2,3,4)
- 5. Cane divan was manufactured before (2,7)
- 6. Complete madman with no name (5)
- 7. A warning, but time must be considered (12)
- 10. See lending that is structured for a driver (6,6)
- 14. Something to remember the leads on "The sound of Music" (9)
- 15. It's warmer in the island to leading Republican (9)
- 17. Fences, possibly around edge in a lake setting, originally (9)
- 21. Arch with nothing to weaken (5)
- 23. Daughter takes two drugs - that's base (5)
- 24. Goddess gets special rate to ring (5)



Answers for the Autumn crossword

Crossword compiled by Mavis.

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## You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes;  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese;

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
Then one may be that, & three would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother & also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his & him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis & shim!

Let's face it – English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;  
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
English muffins weren't invented in England.  
We take English for granted,

but if we explore its paradoxes,  
We find that quicksand can work slowly,  
boxing rings are square;

A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.  
Why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,  
Grocers don't groce & hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that ...  
you can make amends but not one amend?  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends ...  
and get rid of all but one of them,  
What do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables,  
what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all people who speak English  
Should be in an asylum for the verbally insane.  
In what other language do people recite at a play,  
and play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship ...  
We have noses that run and feet that smell;  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be  
the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are  
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## The Village has Another England Cricketer

Local lad and product of Sheffield Collegiate, Joe Root had already drawn comparisons with Yorkshire's finest batsmen, Geoffrey Boycott and fellow Collegiate player Michael Vaughan. Who gave Joe his thigh and inner-thigh pads upon retirement. In 2010 he signed a three-year contract with Yorkshire and narrowly missed out on scoring 1000 runs in his first full season with the first XI. Recently selected for England XI in the India tests, Joe Root has a tough baptism with the first test in Ahmedabad in November, but having spent the winter in India with the England Lions squad that experience will be definitely useful.

## Mens Hockey

The local men's hockey team Sheffield Hallam continue their push this season towards the Hockey Premiership holding the second place after a tremendous 5-3 win over in form team, Belper. A win over Bowden in early November, the league leaders, should secure the top slot. It certainly appears the pitch at Abbeydale Park is playing host to some excellent men's hockey. After the Christmas break their next home fixtures are; Doncaster - 17th February KO 13:30. Leek - 23rd February KO 18.30.

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3	University of Durham	7	4	2	1	17	11	6	14
4	Belper	7	3	2	2	17	14	3	11
5	Leek	7	3	1	3	18	17	1	10

## Brunsmear Athletic AFC

The Brunsmear Athletic AFC teams have continued to make progress in the Series A leagues with the U14's team residing in fourth position after recent notable wins over local rivals Greenhill and Millhouses while only narrowly losing to The Sheffield Wednesday Young Owls team 3-4. However the return fixture on January 20th will give them the opportunity to settle the score after the Owls game ruined a tidy run of four games unbeaten; including the 1-9 drubbing of Greenhill JFC.

The U12's team likewise resides mid table in their league and have collected a mixed bag of results from their 9-1 destruction of Dinnington Town to the game against Handsworth Boys, ending up on the wrong side of a 7-1 score line.

## Rugby

Both our rugby clubs are doing very well in their respective leagues. Both are poised in third position after the starting nine games. Tigers hold joint third place with Preston Grasshoppers in National 3 after winning eight of their games and only losing one narrowly to Hull Ionians by four points in their very first game. Since then they have maintained an eight game winning streak with some thrilling and close encounters, coming back on a few occasions from half time deficits to secure the wins.

Sheffield Club has only lost two of their opening games and drawn one in a recent nail biting stalemate away at Old Crossleyans. Having already played and lost to top of league Wheatley Hills, Sheffield's fixtures as they approach the new year should be interesting as they try to maintain their position to the halfway point, with fixtures against the three sides immediately below them. Tigers on the other hand still have the unbeaten league leaders at home on the 17th November to contend with followed by two of the teams close behind them, away to Leicester Lions and home to the team just three points behind them; Darlington Mowden Park on the 8th of December. There's surely going to be some gripping rugby played at Abbeydale and the Dore Moor ground as both our sides try to consolidate their excellent starts to the season.



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- 21st Dore Garden Club - 7.30pm AGM at Dore Methodist Church followed by talk "Honey Bees by Jez Daughtry
- 21st Homesfield Flower Club Demonstration of Flower Arranging by Kate Riley entitled "*Here Comes Christmas*" 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall (off Woodside Avenue) Holmesfield. Ample parking. Tickets available at the door: £7 (members £3.50) includes refreshments.
- 21st to 24th TOADS PRESENT "STAGE STORIES" - BY VARIOUS AUTHORS. St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South at 7.30pm. Call 2351206 to reserve your ticket - £4 or £3.50 for concessions
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- 26th Dore Methodists Women's fellowship Open meeting Rev Bob Heathcote talk "Advent"
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**DECEMBER**

- 1st Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden, working day meet 9.30am at the Main Gate to the Quarry Garden.
- 1st Beetle Drive with pea and pie supper, St. John's Church Abbeydale Road South.
- 3rd Dore Ladies Group Christmas Social Evening Shared Supper and Mulled Wine, Church Hall Townhead Road 7.45pm visitors welcome £3
- 3rd Sheffield Cathedral MESSIAH Sheffield Bach Choir The National Festival Orchestra Alan Horsey, harpsichord and Organ Soloists: Sarah Potter, Joanna Gamble, Ben Thapa and Mark Rowlinson 7.00 pm Tickets £15 / concessions £13 [boxoffice@sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk) and from the Choir Website [www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldbachchoir.org.uk)

- 5th Dore Village Christmas Celebrations 6.15pm - see centre pages for more information.
- 9th Abbeydale Miniature Railway Santa Specials, Abbeydale Road South £7 each covers all train rides, seasonal refreshment & a present for each child 11am to 3.30pm
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**JANUARY**

- 7th DMC Women's Fellowship Open meeting a talk by Mrs Kathleen Marshall, entitled, Start the year
- 8th Dore Ladies Group Speaker Bridget Ball Games Maker at the London Olympics Church Hall Townhead Road 7.45pm visitors welcome £3
- 21st DMC Women's Fellowship Open meeting, Merry Lads Band
- 26th Totley Rise Methodist church. All are welcome to the New Year Totley party Come to laugh and eat together as a family as we celebrate the New Year of 2013! 7.30pm

**FEBRUARY**

- 4th DMC Women's Fellowship Open meeting, introducing our new Deacon Meredith Evans
- 5th Dore Ladies Group Speaker Kate Allatt's Story – Locked in Syndrome -Charity Campaigner, Church Hall Townhead Road 7.45pm visitors welcome, fundraising Evening Tickets £4 Tel 2360002
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**Keith Shaw Dore Show Secretary**

### Dore Show Date Error

The date of the 2013 Dore Show is Saturday 14th September, not 7th September as printed in this year's show programme.

## And the winner is.....



*A selection of the Dore Show winners receiving their trophies from the Dore Show Chair Linda-Jane Peters.*

### **Another excellent and sunny Dore show**

And this one had an added twist of a marquee on the village green, which will become a regular venue for future shows.

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