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# Dore Scout and Guide Gala

2.00 pm Saturday 13 July : The Recreation Ground, Townhead Road

Much activity is underway as we approach the second Saturday in July: the traditional day for the Dore Scout and Guide Gala. The opening ceremony is at 2.00 pm on the Recreation Ground and this is preceded by the usual parade, for all uniformed sections, which leaves Heather Lea Avenue at 1.40 pm.

After four years, Geoff Cope has reluctantly decided to retire as Chair of Dore Gala. On behalf of the Gala Committee, and everyone involved in Scouts and Guides, I wish to thank him for his tremendous contribution, unflinching enthusiasm and constant stream of new initiatives. We are delighted that Geoff continues to be a key member of the Gala Committee. He produces our programme which will shortly be delivered free to every home in Dore.

Dore Gala is a fun afternoon for everyone involved in Scouts and Guides in the village and the attractions have again been revitalised. The popular Human Table Football is returning and new attractions include a Bungee Pull, a Teen Boutique and an individual tug-of-war. The successful Dog Show, wonderfully arranged and judged by dog trainer Chris Clifford, who is also our village "lolly pop lady", continues for a third year and, as always, the day finishes with the Dog of Dore.

Climate Change is affecting us all and you may be aware that, as a result the Sheffield Floods, we cancelled Gala in 2007. In 2012, thanks to the work done improving drainage on the Recreation Ground, Gala went ahead although it was the only event that took place in Sheffield on Council property that week-end. The Committee have therefore set-up a Plan B so that Gala need never be cancelled due to rain. We hope will never need to implement

Plan B but, if we have to, Gala will take place in the centre of the village.

In addition to the Scouts and Guides, over 250 adults help during Gala Day. Jobs range from setting-up, manning stalls and taking down. We are always in need of new helpers and if you would like to be involved in an event that is a key fixture in the village year, and great fun, then please contact Chris Jones on 07753 829771 or 236 6603 or [chrisbjones23@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbjones23@gmail.com)

We rely on a handful of stalls to raise money for Scouts and Guides as the vast majority of stalls are designed to breakeven and be fun. Many attractions are free. The book and white elephant stalls need a supply of good second hand books and bric-a-brac. If you have any items please bring them to the Scout Hut during Festival Fortnight. Alternatively, have a clear-out and contact Chris Jones at any time – details above – and I will collect bulky items. There is also a book box in the hairdressers Vivid in the High Street where you can drop off books at any time up in the two weeks leading to Gala i.e. during Festival Fortnight. Please also give generously when the Scouts and Guides, our "bottle stall collectors", knock on your door.

We are very grateful to our garage, Dore Service Station, and Haybrooks, the estate agents, who are our 2013 Supporters of Dore Gala and to many the other businesses who assist or advertise in our programme. All of these shops, suppliers and traders are local businesses and I urge you all to support them during the year. I wish everyone a really enjoyable and fun Gala Day.

**Chris Jones, Chair, Dore Gala Committee**



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# Liberal Democrats drop in for a pint to welcome plans to protect our local pubs

New plans by the Coalition Government to protect pub landlords against high rent and beer costs imposed by large pub companies (pubcos) have been welcomed by local Liberal Democrats and licensees.

On April 20th, Liberal Democrat MP Greg Mulholland, who leads the all-party Save the Pub group, was invited by local Lib Dem councillor Colin Ross to drop by the Devonshire Arms in Dore – to talk to landlady Tina Gage about the problems she has experienced.

Despite the pub being a busy community pub, she says her landlord makes £150,000 profit on the excessive amount charged for beer and rent. This leaves her with no salary at all and the local community having to pay more for their pints.

Under the proposals, which are now out for consultation, a code of practice and an independent adjudicator with the power to investigate and settle disputes would be introduced. The new code would contain mandatory rules for all pub companies owning more than 500 pubs (pubcos), which are the source of 90% of complaints.

It will particularly focus on stopping firms abusing the beer tie, under which landlords are forced to buy beer from the pub owner instead of on the open market. The Government is putting the plans out for consultation.

Tina Gage said: "The changes cannot come soon enough. There's no other business in the world where you would rent a building from somebody and they would force you to buy their



product. It is simply unfair and if it continued pubs like mine would have no option but to close."

Greg Mulholland MP said: "The problem here is the large pub companies in this country are based on a business model of taking more than is fair and reasonable in pub profits.

"The code must address that, and the key phrase is the Government have committed that a tied licensee will not be worse off than a free-of-tie licensee.

"It was a pleasure to again visit the Devonshire Arms in Dore, which is a fantastic, busy pub that is clearly at the heart of the village, and very

well run by enthusiastic and popular landlady Tina Gage. Yet to hear how much Enterprise Inns are taking, which is far more than they should, is appalling but sadly not untypical and this is what must be stopped to allow licensees to make a reasonable living and allow pub like the Devonshire Arms to thrive."

Colin Ross, Liberal Democrat Councillor for Dore said: "It was great to welcome Greg to Dore for a pint to talk about these changes which should help protect our local pubs from unfair practices. It is vital pubs such as the Devonshire Arms stay open as they are at the centre of our community."

The story was also covered by Sky news who visited the pub, interviewing Tina and Pete Traherne for their bulletin. It remains to be seen if this Ministerial level intervention along with national media coverage will actually have any bearing on the 'suits' from Enterprise Inns.

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Above - A car sticker seen recently in the village, it's certainly one upmanship on "Mother in Law in the boot"

## Whatever happened to?

As people have started to spot me around the village, popping out to fetch milk from the COOP can take 45 minutes; I often get asked for up dates on items D2D has run previously. So here are a few brief answers to recent questions.

**The Ducks of Dore:** They have a new leader; who is a stay at home boy, so they just stay close to home. The chickens however are more adventurous.

**The Phone Mast:** After the application for the top of Causewayhead Road failed, no further applications have been submitted. But discussions with private landowners around the village are believed to have taken place, As planning permission is not required for certain locations around the village we are unlikely to find out where it will be, or if it has already been installed.

**White Dog Poop:** Changes in dog diets have reduced the amount of calcium in their diets, mainly as they're not feed left over bones anymore. Which has changed the colour of this nuisance, if not reduced the amount we see on our streets. There are still inconsiderate dog owners who insist on leaving their animals' mess around for everyone to walk in. To report incidents or offenders contact Environmental Services on 0114 203 7410.

**The Chicken Lady:** After a long run, the decision was made to finish publishing the series, I'm hoping to get one final article to end the series in the next edition to feed the village's preoccupation with poultry.

**Doremouse:** When the new team took over Dore to Door, the annoy-mouse (sorry couldn't resist) scribe of these articles didn't come forward to continue the series, so I still don't know who it was.

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If you need to go into care in the future, you are not allowed to make yourself poorer to avoid paying the costs of that care. If you have "deliberately deprived yourself" of assets and one of your main reasons for doing so was the avoidance of care costs, then you will be assessed as still owning those assets. To avoid people having to sell their homes to fund care, in 2015 a proposed 'universal deferred payment' scheme will be introduced. This will allow people to borrow

against the value of their home to pay for care with the estate then paying back the loan (plus interest) on death. Don't forget as well that you may never need to go into care. You may want to downsize or release the equity from your property at a later date and you can't do this if the house isn't yours any more.

If your children also own their own home, then you could be giving them a Capital Gains Tax problem and you should seek advice about this before you sign your house over to them. There are also the legal costs of transferring ownership of the house to the children as well as the Land Registry fee to pay.

Having said all that, if you still want to sign your house over to your children we would be delighted to help, but it is important to make your decision based on the facts, not just on a newspaper article or on the fact you heard that someone else had done it. There are other ways we can help to save you IHT or to reduce your bill for long term care, so please do contact us for some free initial advice.

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## 135 Dore Road, flats scheme rejected – again

On April 29th the planning board once again rejected the fourteen apartments scheme at 135 Dore Road. Councillor Colin Ross and Aubrey Read were in attendance to put the locals case. They were well received by the committee, who subsequently voted unanimously to reject the application. This is the second occasion Sheffield planning committee have unanimously rejected apartments on this plot.

However as we have previously seen, a ten nil loss doesn't appear to deter this developer and an appeal is expected. At his previous Braemor development on Ecclesall Road South, it's believed the locals endured thirteen such applications and appeals until they were beaten down.

Colin Ross commented on the ruling "I am very pleased that once again the unsuitable application for 14 apartments on the site of 135 Dore Road has been refused. The community is united behind this campaign and I hope that the developer will now cease making these persistent applications for apartments. There is permission to build houses on the site and these are far more suitable in this locality."

It's predicted Metropolitan Homes Limited will time any subsequent application or appeal around the Dore to Door dealines so we can't publish the details and deny locals the opportunity to comment on the application.

**The next Dore to Door editorial deadline is July 26th  
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How about putting your applications in  
so everyone can see it and comment on it?**

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## There's certainly a question which need answering over this land

Information obtained from the Land Registry has confirmed that Sheffield City Council held a freehold interest in the site at 135 Dore Road. Readers will recall that this site has been the subject of much controversy and an application for multi-storey apartments received around 2,000 objections and was eventually turned down on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate in January of this year. The Council did not disclose its interest in the site to either the residents of Dore, local councillors or the planning committee on any of the 7 applications submitted by Metropolitan Homes Limited between 9 September 2009 and 5 February 2013. Nor did the Council disclose its interest to the Planning Inspector acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Information obtained under the Freedom of Information Act in February 2013 reveals that the Council was involved in negotiations to sell its freehold interest to Metropolitan Homes Limited for several years and only recently completed the sale on 5 February 2013 for a nominal sum of £2,600. What is also of significant interest is that the lease between the Council and Metropolitan Homes Limited contained restrictive covenants which would have precluded any of the schemes set out in the various planning applications from being built. This includes the applications for housing schemes of 6 and 8 units. It is also clear that several covenants in the lease were breached but it appears that no enforcement action was taken by the Council.

The site was purchased by Metropolitan Homes Limited for £800,000 in 2008 and the combined value of the freehold and leasehold titles is estimated to be in the region of £1.25m. The Council has been asked to disclose further information and documentation relating to the sale of its interest in the site as well as details of what other offers it may have received for the site in recent years so that the rate payers of Sheffield can determine whether or not the Council has met its obligations under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 in achieving best value in its capacity as trustee for the citizens of Sheffield. We can also confirm that evidence is being compiled by a small group of residents with a view to submitting misconduct complaints on several planning related matters to the Royal Town Planning Institute against several Council officers including the Director of Development Services and the Head of Planning. A further update will be provided in the next edition.

**Paul Millington and Aubrey Read**

## Kings Croft Village Green not approved Dore Village Society decide not to proceed further

The Inspector's recommendation to the City Council, as registration authority, not to register the land as a village green is a huge disappointment to the Dore Village Society. The inspector accepted the site was capable of being registered as a village green and that there had been appropriate use of the site. However she did not accept that there had been a sufficient extent and continuity of use by a significant number of local inhabitants to designate it as a village green. The Council still has not made the final decision, but we assume it will follow the inspector's advice.

The decision was a setback to all those in the community who had supported the application by signing extensive forms of evidence in 2007/8 and who attended and gave evidence at the public inquiry at the Friend's Meeting House. The Society wishes to thank everyone that supported all three applications.

The process of applying for all three sites; Dore Recreation Ground, Totley Brook Open Space and Kings Croft has been lengthy and extremely frustrating. Commencing shortly after the Open Spaces Act 2006 was enacted in April 2007 Dore Village Society took the opportunity to apply for village green status for the benefit of the community at a time when the City Council would not guarantee all three sites would not be required for development. During the process we received excellent advice and support from the Open Spaces Society, of which DVS is a member.

After interminable delays by the Council we eventually had to seek expensive legal advice from local solicitors and barristers. Eventually we gained some satisfaction and comfort in achieving the knowledge that the Dore Recreation Ground and Totley Brook Open Space are protected for public open space use. But prising this information out of the City Council took more than four years and in the end it was a costly legal business. The Council's administrative delays, including their losing the application files for a year, are evidence of incompetence, which the Council has

admitted. The Council's failure to inform the Dore Village Society of the statutory powers under which they held the land, are we feel, evidence of serious maladministration.

The Dore Village Society finally took the decision to pursue the Kings Croft application to a public inquiry on the best legal advice available. We also felt that the continuing support of many members of the community needed to be honoured. The delays led to the erection of the new fence at Dore Primary School, which would never have occurred if the City Council had dealt with the Kings Croft application in the average twelve months that most other authorities take to respond. Dore Village Society had hoped that the compromise offered to Dore Primary School to relinquish part of our application on land enclosed by the new fence, which would have still permitted pedestrian access to Vicarage Lane, would reduce the impact of the school's objections. Even the inspector accepted that the site was used by the community as akin to a through right of way. The Dore Village Society now trusts that the compromise on our application and a decision not to register the village green will enable DVS to continue to work in cooperation with the Primary School as we always have.

The loss of our case for the protection provided by registration as a village green does not for the time being prevent its use by the public. As part of the proposed Dore Neighbourhood Plan which the Dore Village Society is preparing, the government has provided new powers to protect such areas as Kings Croft, in common with several other open spaces in Dore, by being designated as a Local Green Space. This new designation for the land outside the school fence would provide protection as strong as Green Belt land. So we would hope that this will be good news after all, if the Neighbourhood Plan is approved.

David Crosby - Dore Village Society

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## Kings Croft Village Green not approved Dore Parent pleased to see the end of it

I am writing in response to the DVS article concerning the issue of village greens, which was published in the last edition of the 'Dore to Door' magazine. I feel it is vital that the 'Dore to Door' should inform readers of a contrasting view to that of the DVS, so that members of the community can form their own opinions.

I am a qualified primary school teacher and a mother to two young children, both of whom attend Dore Primary School. I attended the King's Croft Inquiry which was held in November 2012 and gave a witness statement on behalf of the school. As a local resident, I am very appreciative of most of the work done by the DVS but feel strongly that in this matter, they were misguided.

When, in March 2008, the DVS first applied to make the King's Croft site a village green, the present Headteacher, Mrs Hopkinson, had not yet taken up her new post and the previous Headteacher was unaware of the proposal. Communication was sadly lacking and indeed, one meeting took place within the actual school grounds between a councillor and a representative of the DVS, totally unbeknown to the Headteacher who was present in the school building at the time. This was a shocking oversight for which Mrs. Hopkinson later received a written apology.

In November 2009, when Ofsted visited the school, it came as no surprise that there were serious issues regarding the security of the school site. In such matters, Ofsted have significant powers and there was a threat of serious implications for the school unless certain action was taken, resulting in the speedy erection of the new fence.

Having had seventeen years' full time teaching experience within different schools, I feel I am qualified to comment on safeguarding matters. Safeguarding is an umbrella term which encompasses a

multitude of issues relating to the safety of children. However, the need of a school fence is not one that can only be recognised by those with experience of educational establishments. It may be inconvenient for some, but the fence's exact positioning was the result of very careful consideration and with the most important factors being the safeguarding of the children while retaining the consistent use of the grounds for outdoor learning. The school is aware that to give the general public such close access to the surrounding fence poses significant risks which some people fail to appreciate, hence the school deciding to forfeit the large King's Croft field from within its perimeter. In wanting to instate a new footway leading from the Vicarage Lane entrance to the King's Croft field, the DVS would be severely compromising the children's safety by creating a secluded access to the perimeter, sandwiched between the school's wildlife area and the tall, thick hedges which border the back of the Vicarage Lane properties.

Many parents such as myself, work hard and sacrifice much to live here and send our children to Dore Primary and the present safety of its position is one of its many attractions. There is no compromise which can be made to justify significantly increasing risks to our children.

The DVS originally included a much larger part of the school grounds within its application, including the area which houses the school's new amphitheatre and Jungle Gym. Later, it amended this and handed back the amphitheatre and Jungle Gym area, hoping that this would be perceived as a gracious offer, whilst still seeking to take the wildlife area.

A considerable amount of time and effort has been spent on this issue by the Headteacher and the Governing Body and yet, thankfully, this has not been at the expense of the school's success. Having satisfied the Ofsted inspectors in 2009, after their initial safeguarding concerns, the school was judged to be good and after a recent interim assessment, Ofsted were pleased to inform the school that, as performance has been sustained, Dore Primary is one of those schools whose next inspection can be deferred until after a full five years.

Having heard the substantial moral and legal arguments, I am not surprised that the Inquiry recommendation is in favour of the school and am hopeful that the DVS, which heard those very same arguments, will understand and accept the findings.

This recommendation and the school's Ofsted achievement is indeed cause for celebration and I would like to think that the leadership and Governing Body can now be allowed to focus on building on this success, rather than still dealing with the fence which, for the benefit of the youngest in our community, should surely now be drawn to a close.

Mrs J Dungworth - Dore Primary School Parent

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## Whirlowbrook Hall is to re-open

Saxon Hotels Ltd is to re-open Whirlowbrook Hall after signing a 25 year lease with Sheffield City Council. Whirlowbrook Hall, a wedding and events venue that is located in Sheffield's S11, closed in October 2012. Saxon Hotels Ltd, owners of the Best Western Plus Mosborough Hall Hotel in Sheffield's S20, plan to open Whirlowbrook Hall in May 2013.

Saxon Hotels Ltd have owned Best Western Plus Mosborough Hall Hotel since 2004, during which time they have established the property as one of Sheffield's leading hotels and a very popular wedding venue. The opportunity to lease Whirlowbrook Hall fits perfectly with the company's expansion plans. Greg Dyke, owner of Saxon Hotels Ltd, said "I am very excited to be involved with the re-opening of Whirlowbrook Hall; it is a stunning venue. We have built a very successful wedding and events led business at Best Western Plus Mosborough Hall Hotel and we are keen to do the same at Whirlowbrook Hall"

The café within Whirlowbrook Park was closed in October 2012, Saxon Hotels Ltd have agreed with Sheffield City Council to work together to provide a new café located within the park. It is hoped that the new café will be open to the public by summer 2014. Garin Davies director of Longrose Buccleuch said "Having been a customer of Whirlowbrook park café, since my grandparents took me when I was just 6 years old, I am delighted that we have agreed a solution for the café. We shall endeavour to ensure this provides a good facility for users of the park" Whilst working on the café Saxon Hotels Ltd plan to open the hall on a number of weekends this summer for afternoon tea.

Enquiries and bookings for Whirlowbrook Hall are being taken from today ready for the opening in May. To make an enquiry or for more information please call on 01143 210209 or visit [www.whirlowbrook.co.uk](http://www.whirlowbrook.co.uk)

Helen Fairey – Whirlowbrook Hall

## Dore Jubilee Wall Hanging Trip

Opportunity to attend the 'International Festival of Quilts Annual Show' at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on Sunday 11th August, 2013. Meet the National Stars of the Quilting World. Shops and Craft Demonstrations. Join in Mini Workshops. See Exhibits from Groups and Individuals. Children's work has a special place. See who wins the 'Best in Show' Rosettes. Tea Shops and Food Bars. There will be a Coach travelling to the Exhibition to see Dore's fantastic Jubilee Wall Hangings on display. If you are interested in going on this trip the cost is going to be approximately £21, which covers the cost of the Coach and entry to the Exhibition. We will leave at 8am and expect to return by about 7pm (based on last year's timings.) Departure and return will be from the Wagon and Horses, Millhouses, but may be from Dore Village subject to pick-up numbers.

Barbara Cassidy

To book a provisional place please contact either Barbara Cassidy on 0114 2620699 or [barbara@daisybee.co.uk](mailto:barbara@daisybee.co.uk) or Dorne Coggins at 0114 3271054 or [md2.coggins@talktalk.net](mailto:md2.coggins@talktalk.net), with further details confirming cost and times to follow later.

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## Councils seek views on proposed Dore Neighbourhood Area Boundary

Both Sheffield Planning Authority and the Peak District National Park have received applications from Dore Village Society to designate a neighbourhood area, which is the first stage in the neighbourhood plan process.

More information on neighbourhood planning and:

- A map of the neighbourhood area proposed by Dore Village Society
- A statement by Dore Village Society on why the proposed area is considered appropriate

Can be viewed at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/dore-plan](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/dore-plan) and [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/living-in/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/living-in/neighbourhoodplanning) and at

- Dore Village Society's Noticeboard next to Dore Co-op,
- Totley Library, 205 Baslow Road
- First Point, Howden House, 1 Union Street.

The two planning authorities are seeking comments on the proposed neighbourhood area boundary for a six week period between Monday 15th April and Tuesday 28th May 2013. To

comment on the proposed boundary for the Dore neighbourhood area, please write to us providing your full name and address:

- by email to: [neighbourhood.planning@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@sheffield.gov.uk)
- or by post to:  
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Depending on which part of the proposed boundary you wish to comment on, it may be more appropriate to comment to the Peak District National Park Authority:

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**Area Planner for South West Community Assembly Area**

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## Dore and Totley Park and Ride opens

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe) will open a new 130-space Park and Ride facility next to Dore and Totley Rail station in Sheffield on Monday 22 April 2013.

The facility features a covered cycle shelter for 20 cycles next to the platform entrance and there is specific parking for blue badge holders. A new vehicle entrance to the car park has been built away from the residential Ladies Spring Grove allowing a dedicated pedestrian and cycle entrance to be created close to the platform entrance. A lay-by is also provided close to the station platform to allow for dropping-off and picking up of passengers, station deliveries and rail replacement services. To improve personal safety and security at the station lighting and CCTV has been provided throughout the site.

A pedestrian crossing proposed on Abbeydale Road, improving bus passenger and pedestrian access to the railway station, is planned to be installed by developers Amey as part of their Streets Ahead Sheffield maintenance works between May and July 2013.

The Park and Ride has been built with funding secured from the Network Rail's Station Commercial Project Facility and the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.

Dore has suffered problems for some time with vehicles parking on streets around the railway station causing obstructions to moving traffic. It is hoped the new facility will help ease these problems and open up travel options for those travelling from Dore, Totley, and Millhouses.

David Young, SYPTe Director of Customer Experience, said: "This new facility will be a tremendous asset to the area around Dore, where people have been calling for some time for more parking spaces to make rail travel more attractive and help ease the local parking problems.

"The location is ideal for a park and ride, being right next to the station. It will not only be of great benefit to the locality of Dore, Totley and Millhouses but also to commuters from the Sheffield City Region in neighbouring Derbyshire. It is another example of what SYPTe does for the region, which is to identify the transport priorities which are needed and to secure the funding to deliver great new facilities such as this."

**Tony Belshaw**

**South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive**

## Your email & letters

editor@doretodoor.co.uk

Editor, Dore to Dore

1 High Trees, Sheffield, S17 3GF

Dear Editor,

Edition 109 highlighted the welcome establishment of a local trader, see 'A Local Electrical and Hardware Shop Again'. (P29).

May I wholeheartedly, endorse the sentiments expressed in that article. I recently had occasion to visit this new enterprise and despite never having met Paul before, I was made very welcome. Indeed, Paul went far beyond what might be expected, even lending me a tool which I required to complete a small job. Bravo and very best wishes in your endeavour! Please, please support such people.

Andrew Claxton

Hello,

We live at 76 Dore Road, we bought the house in April 2012. We are interested in the history of our house. The lady we bought it from, Agnes, mentioned some talk about a flag pole which was put up to welcome Edward VII on his visit to

Sheffield, we think in 1905. There was also some discussion about whether he actually stayed in the house with his wife Queen Alexandra?!

I am currently trying to search electoral roles and census to see who lived in the house at that time and whether there is any truth in the talk! We really are just interested to learn as much as we can about the house, its history, its past residents and any anecdotes relating to the house.

I don't know if you are able to print my email in your magazine, to see if anyone remembers hearing anything, has any old photos, that sort of thing.

We would be so grateful, it's amusing and intriguing for us to learn about our home and it's history.

Thank you

Christina and Richard



## 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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## Local Lad kicks into fund raising



Will Staniland is a local lad, aged 9 years old, from Dore Primary School and last August a charity was set up in the name of a little boy called Reuben; who died at only 23 months of a rare brain tumour. When Will heard about Reuben's sad story he was determined to raise some money to help the cause. He sold some old toys and raised £65 and has now set a challenge to raise £1000, earlier this year he did a kickboxing challenge where he attempted 1000 kicks in 1 hour. He achieved it in only 30 minutes and raised over £620 from sponsorship. Who knows what his next challenge will be and he is now well over the half way mark for his £1000 contribution for this year. He is as determined as ever!

Reuben's Retreat - <http://www.reubensretreat.org/reubens-journey/>

## Project Connie is up and running!

For our first assignment Alistair Humphrey collected Mrs Marjorie Brown on Tuesday 2nd April to drive her to her medical appointment.

If you are over 60 and struggle with transport to your doctor, dentist or hospital appointment because of a lack of family assistance then we may be able to help you. We are a new, small voluntary service set up especially to assist local Dore residents with their medical appointments.

Should you like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me, Sue Ross, on 07931 483693 when I would be very happy to tell you more about it.



All smiles as Alistair Humphrey with Mrs Marjorie Brown launch project Connie,

## Dore Ladies Charity Committee

Agnes Astin Marjorie Atkin Eileen Blackmore and Janet McGurk the four remaining members of the above committee are reluctantly calling it a day after supporting the RNLI for 35 years. Their final Christmas coffee morning raised £385.00 so they are certainly finishing on a crest of a wave. They wish to thank all who have supported them throughout the years.



## Be a star at the St Luke's Hospice Starlight Walk 2013

BE one of Sheffield's shining stars...and sign up for the St Luke's Hospice Starlight Walk 2013!

For the third year running, people from across the city and beyond will be joining together for a 5k walk beneath the stars in support of Sheffield's only hospice.

This year, the hospice hopes that more than 1,000 walkers will generate at least £100 each in sponsorship – and raise at least £100,000 for the charity.

There's a special prize draw for all walkers who raise more than £100 in sponsorship.

The 5k Starlight Walk in one of Sheffield's best loved locations, from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam and back, will this year be held on Saturday, July 13.

The walk itself will begin at 9pm but from 6.30pm there will be live music, food and a Thornbridge Brewery beer tent to keep everybody entertained, with a mass warm-up at 8.30pm ensuring every walker is fit for the trek ahead.

"You can walk in memory of your loved ones, walk for someone who is unwell, whether or not they're being cared for by St Luke's, or just walk for fun and fitness," said St Luke's Director of Fundraising and Communications Una Moran.

"Last year more than 1,000 people took part in the Starlight Walk, raising thousands of pounds to help us care for local people with life-limiting illnesses.

"This year we'd love every walker to raise at least £100 for St Luke's them, together, we could raise enough to support a room in our new In Patient Unit.

"Remember, for you it's a walk in the park but for our patients, their families and friends it will mean much, much more."

Registration costs £15 for adults and £10 for children aged five to 15.

For groups of six people or more, the cost of registering is just £10 – another great reason to get family and friends involved.

This fee, however, simply covers the cost of staging the event, which is why it is so important for every walker to seek sponsorship as soon as they have signed up for the walk.

Registration is easy – simply visit [www.stlukeshospice.org.uk](http://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk) or pick up a registration from the hospice or any of the St Luke's shops, fill it in and return it to St Luke's.

"This year we need to raise at least £4.5 million to keep on doing what we do so well, as just one third of our funding comes from the NHS," said Una.

"So by walking for us and fundraising for us you'll be a part of something special, making a big difference to the lives of our patients and their families."

John Highfield

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# One Hundred Years of Stainless Steel

On the 13th August 1913 Harry Brearley of Sheffield was credited with the discovery of Stainless Steel when he added 12.8% chromium and 0.24% carbon to his steel mix. The discovery was made whilst he was the Head Chemical Researcher at Firth Brown Laboratories from 1908 onwards. Myth says that initially Brearley discarded his steel mix into the rubbish, only to discover subsequently that it had not rusted. His new steel was resistant to a variety of chemical agents, including vinegar and lemon juice so Brearley saw the application to the cutlery industry straight away.

Prior to Brearley's discovery most everyday cutlery was made of carbon steel, which needed very careful washing and drying after use, and then periodically rubbing down with carborundum stones to maintain its appearance. More expensive cutlery might be plated with nickel or silver, which over time would be rubbed back to the base alloy.

Harry Brearley came from a very impoverished background being born in 1871 into a very large family close to the Wicker Arches. However by the time of the 1901 Census he and his wife, Helen, along with young son, Leonard were living in Brook Terrace in Totley: almost a Dore resident, although Brook Terrace which was near Glover Road and the Cherry Tree Orphanage has long gone.

Brearley's discovery must have caused consternation amongst the Cutlers and Steel Manufacturers of Sheffield, several of whom lived in Dore at the time. Using Census records it is possible to build up a picture of who they were, where they lived, and by using further research in Trade Directories of the time the products they and their businesses were producing at the time of Brearley's amazing discovery.

One such resident of Dore Road, living in the house known simply as Glenbourne rather than by its current number, was Joseph Baker. This was recorded in census returns as home from 1891 to 1911 to the Baker family. Joseph was the son of John Baker, who was a File Manufacturer trading under the name of John Baker and Sons of Rockingham Street and Monmouth Street.



Joseph Baker is recorded in the 1901 census as being born in Sheffield in 1835, and being a Widower living on his own means. He had married Harriet, born 1833. His son, Joseph, born 1878, was living at home and was recorded as an Auctioneer's Clerk. Joseph also had a sister, Gertrude, who had been living at home at the 1891 Census. In 1901 the Baker Household had 2 servants, Sarah and Ann Ward who were Cook and Housemaid respectively.

Joseph Baker, Senior, is still alive for the 1911 Census at the age of 76, and is recorded as a Retired Steel and File Manufacturer. His son, Joseph is now married to Constance Mary, but sadly after 9 years of marriage they have no surviving children. Surprisingly, Joseph Junior, is described as a Retired Mechanical Engineer at the age of 33. The household still has a Cook – Sarah Sykes (a well-known Dore name) and Ethel Clayton was their Housemaid.



*John Baker, founder of the Business and Joseph's Father.*

John Baker and Sons is recorded in the White's Directory of 1879 for Sheffield. The firm's Trade Mark is shown on the items below:



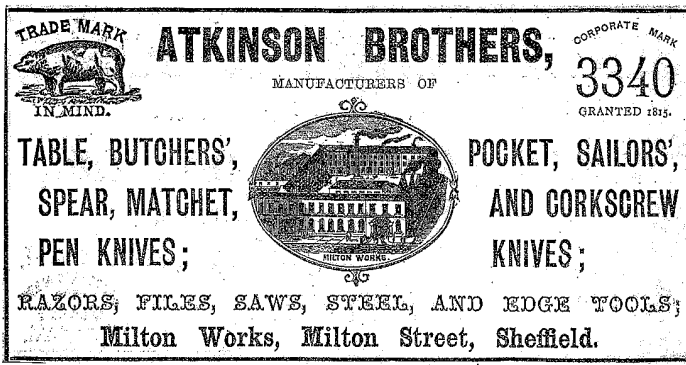
Another Cutlery family also living on Dore Road at a similar time were the Atkinson's who worked from first of all the Milton Works and then the Lion Works on Mowbray Street in Sheffield. They were a long established business dating from about 1845 who produced Clasp knives and Razors, but by the time they were exhibiting at the Antwerp Exhibition of 1894 were recorded as producing Cutlery, Files, Horseshoe and Cabinet Rasps. Their Trade Marks were very distinctive – 'In Mind', and 'Brillo'.



In 1891 John Furniss Atkinson was living at Milton House on Dore New Road, and his brother Edward Atkinson was living close by on Dore New Road. Their households were typically Victorian in nature. As well as John there was his wife Clara Elizabeth, their four daughters, Frances, Alice, Olivia, and Gladys, their two sons Noel and George and also three servants, Martha Hawkins (Cook), Emma Spence (Housemaid) and Harriet Fearnough, a well-known Dore name, was their Nurse.

Meanwhile, in the household of John's older brother, Edward, described as a Cutlery Manufacturer and Merchant, there was his wife Eliza and their children Francis, Mary, Winifred and Margaret as well as Amelia Pass, their Cook and Domestic Servant, Annie

Fletcher (another well-known Dore name) as Housemaid, and Catherine Fox, born in Dore, as Under Housemaid at the tender age of 14.



Harry Brearley's discovery must have been a bomb-shell to these long-established businesses, but soon enough the more innovative enterprises were working with the new material, as can be seen on the blade of one of the later Atkinson products.



Harry Brearley went on to develop his own cutlery products under his own Brand Name and this photo shows one of the rare examples of his Stainless Steel, marked FIRTH BREARLEY STAINLESS. The bread knife itself is still in daily use after nearly 100 years, which surely vindicates Harry's faith in his discovery.



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When children leave Y6 to move on to the next stage of their education the overwhelming comment in our leavers' survey is appreciation of the variety and breadth of our curriculum and the enjoyment of the many enrichment opportunities such as visits, visitors, residential and special whole school events or days. From the school point of view, we build these into our curriculum and into extra-curricular voluntary activities as we see these events as giving learning real relevance, focus and purpose. Our children benefit enormously being eager to understand more about our world, their place in it and the contributions they can make. They fully understand one of our mottos: I can make a difference; TOGETHER we can make a difference. Their hard work and enquiry is channeled into gaining skills so that they can be caring and responsible citizens, fully equipped to take their place in the world community – horizons are broadened and dreams are set.

Global Citizenship lies at the heart of our curriculum and many areas of our learning feed into understanding and caring for the world we live in and its people. To support our learning each year; we build in certain curriculum projects and studies; campaign for Make Poverty History; reach out into our own and wider communities; conduct surveys amongst our pupils to monitor the success and impact of our work. Children from 4 to 11 use Social/Group Thinking Skills approaches to aid their learning including Philosophy4Children. Annual events are; Children in Need; National Anti-bullying Week; UNICEF Day for Change; Send My Friend to School; Road Safety Week; Fairtrade Fortnight; WWF Earth Hour. Our pupils know that they have a voice and regularly use this in campaigning to make a better future writing to organisations and government to voice their concerns and calls for action. Rights respecting languages is a feature of our whole school ethos and we adopt the language of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (1989). Our Values and Mottos are also a great foundational language and understanding on which to build both our community and global work. We have recently gained the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award which validates the work in school.

The school has also been awarded the Quality Mark in Study Support at ESTABLISHED level in recognition of the very broad and enriched curriculum on offer at Dore Primary. The measures for this level include: a rigorous evaluation of how much independence children show in their studies, what additional activities the school offers its pupils above the basic curriculum, how the school measures the impact and plans for the future, how strong is the pupil voice and action; what results/improvements are gained.

In working towards these awards we have gathered much evidence which supports school self-evaluation and keeps many informed about the strengths in the school and importantly the next steps we wish to take in order to develop further.

We believe that school residential in KS2 are a great contributor and encouragement to our pupils independence. Read the following extracts from a creative Y5 pupil diary, written as part of literacy, following 3 days at an Outdoor Adventure Centre in Castleton.

"Are you insane?" bellowed Milly from the High Ropes. "I am SO scared. Are you sure it is safe?"

"You'll be fine, honestly!" reassured Freya gently encouraging her.

At the Hollowford Centre we had tremendous fun. We were thrown into groups like rag dolls and whizzed, quick as a flash, to our rooms. Everyone totally agreed they were as posh as hotel rooms in American TV shows. Everyone loved the rooms: the wooden bunks and our own luxurious ensuite – unfortunately no bath; however, we had a hot shower.

We were soon go-karting off again through the 'relaxing' area to our next activity – the leap of faith! A scramble up a tall ladder, a nervous and careful footing climb up the wooden pole to a square platform at the top, finally .....with great courage ..... YES, YOU ..... will perform a death-defying leap to catch a trapeze one metre away!

Another climb and an even higher square platform which can only mean one thing – the zip wire. At the end, a HUGE green bush net awaits for you to gracefully fall. With so many confusing buckles and the harness we only had time for one go – shame, because there are lots of emotions; one tiny but brave step for a child and you are off, the wind brushing against your face like a flannel and far below you spy the frozen pond – lovely for a bathe.

After a delicious dinner (the food was EXCELLENT!) we bounded to our rooms and flopped onto our beds with exhaustion. Today has been amazing with lots of our Values shown by lots of different people. I will NEVER forget this day and my achievements and know that tomorrow, day 2 will come with a personality all of it's own.

Yes. Truly an experience never to be forgotten and which enriches the personal and academic learning in school.

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# King Egbert

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## Tackling disadvantage

King Egbert School has been congratulated by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, for the improvements made to the results of students eligible for the Pupil Premium. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers, by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the students who need it most.

In a letter sent to the Head Teacher, Mrs Bowes, Nick Clegg said "This is a real testament to the hard work of staff, pupils, parents and governors. I would like to congratulate you on your results and your proven commitment to making sure that all children can succeed, whatever their background."

The school has now been invited to apply for a 'Pupil Premium Award' of up to £10,000 with the winner to be announced at an awards ceremony in London later this year.

## Moorland indicators of climate change initiative 2012

During national science week a dozen Y9 students visited Burbage moor to undertake a series of experiments with a Peak District National Park scientist. This is the fourth year that KES have been involved in this national project which monitors the potential of the UK moorland to absorb CO2 and so have a positive impact to hold back global warming.

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## A big "Thankyou"

To all who came to see our production of Iolanthe at The Montgomery Theatre in April. The feedback was excellent and it was obvious that everyone I spoke to enjoyed the show. We certainly enjoyed performing in it. It was a delightful week and worth all the hard work we put into it. Some thought it better than last year, an accolade indeed. Next year we are breaking with our usual tradition and putting on a non-G&S opera although not for the first time!

We have decided to regale you next April with "The Merry Widow" with music by Franz Lehar, a popular and fun filled operetta concerning a rich widow and the attempts to keep her money in the hard-up principality by finding her the right husband - but more about this in future DoretoDoors.

We are now starting rehearsals for our summer concert which will be, as usual, in the Church Hall on Townhead Road. The concert will include the usual eclectic mix of music and words which we have entitled "Ballads, Songs and Snatches" and forms part of the Dore Festival. There's a rumour that I will be involved in an instrumental trio - I will say no more! It will begin at 7:30m on Saturday 6th July and the ticket (price £6, available from me - ring 0114 2362299) will include refreshments. If you enjoy singing, why not come and see us and maybe join us. We rehearse at Intake Methodist Church on Wednesdays and we could do with more tenors! This event is always well attended so get your tickets early and if you've never been to hear us before, give it a try, we think that you'll find it worth the effort.

The Saturday performance of Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society's latest offering of Iolanthe was a Gala performance in aid of St. Luke's Hospice. It is pleasing to report that, as a result of that decision and with the bucket collections during the show week, the Society raised £1000 for the hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported the Society and to those who gave their time to enable this to happen.

Don't miss The Society's next concert in July. See The Diary for details.

Derek Habberjam.



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# Dore Festival 2013 Saturday 29 June – Sunday 14 July

Having started as a few events in the week before Gala, then gradually extended to a full fortnight, Dore Festival is now a well established annual tradition in our village. People tell us how much they look forward to this time of the year when the many activities bring friends and families together to enjoy taking part in or supporting our varied programme. We hope that you will be entertained, informed, even surprised by coming along to a Dore Festival event.

There is a strong theme of the outdoors running through this year's programme with the first Wyvern Walk from Dore to Dronfield on Saturday 29th June and the Open Gardens on Sunday 30th starting off the fortnight. This is continued on Tuesday 2nd July with the illustrated talk, Wild Derbyshire by award winning wild life photographer and author Paul Hobson. It promises to be a fascinating evening hosted by Dore Ladies Group who will give a warm welcome to everyone and serve their legendary home-made refreshments. On Wednesday 3rd July the seriously active, outdoor types have the chance to try out Urban Orienteering organised by Sheffield Orienteers. There will be courses suitable for all the family so do come along and have a go.

Throughout the week the Guides and the village welldressers will be busy in the Scout H.Q. on Rushley Road creating their amazing

floral pictures. They are always happy to welcome helpers especially if you already have some experience of petalling. The two heavy welldressing boards are installed on Saturday morning 6th July and here strong men are required to lift them into position. If you can help please let the welldressers know.

Also on Saturday 6th July there is the second Wyvern Walk from Birchover and another Classic Car Show at Dore Club. This event was well supported last year so come along again for an afternoon of shared motor enjoyment. In the evening relax in the Church Hall where the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society will entertain us with their summer concert. On Sunday 7th July there will be the traditional Well Dressing Service on the Village Green followed by delicious Cream Teas in the Methodist Hall. Do come and join in this friendly community occasion.

More teas, activity and entertainment will take place on Monday 8th July with the Mother's Union Strawberry Fayre, the popular Family Fun Run and Lord Conyers Morris Men at the Devonshire Arms. On Wednesday evening 10th July our regular theatre group The Company will perform Shakespeare's hilarious Comedy of Errors on the Village Green. This play will be enjoyed by young and old so bring your chairs and picnics and have a great time.

An enjoyable evening is sure to be had on Thursday 11th July when the Dore Male Voice and the Townswomen's Guild Choirs invite us to the Church Hall. This concert, which showcases our local singers, is a firm favourite with many loyal followers of Dore Festival. On Friday morning 12th July there is a Health Walk around the village and in the evening a new musical event in the Parish Church. We are delighted to welcome the talented band Silver Spectrum for their first appearance at Dore Festival. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 13th July is the big day for the Scouts and Guides and we wish them a very successful and sunny Gala. They are always short of helpers so if you can spare an hour or so contact us and we will pass your name on to the Gala Committee. Dore Festival finishes on Sunday 14th July with the final Wyvern Walk around Blacka Moor and the Festival Songs of Praise in Christchurch.

We would like to thank all those who take part in Festival fortnight as well as our supporters and sponsors especially the Dore Village Society, the Devonshire Arms and our faithful Friends of Dore Festival. We look forward to seeing you all at many Festival events.

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## DORE FESTIVAL 2013 event calendar

### June

Sat 29th	8 mile walk – Dore to Dronfield, Arranged by Wyvern Walkers	Meet Dore Old School 9.30am. All welcome
Sun 30th	Dore Open Gardens, Organised by Dore Garden Club	2.00pm – 6.00pm, tickets from first garden visited

### July

Mon 1st - Fri 5th	Preparation of Village Well Dressing Board, Helpers welcome	Scout HQ Rushley Road, 10.00-12noon 2.00-4.00pm, 7.00pm-9.00pm
Tues 2nd	Dore Ladies Group, Wild Derbyshire, Paul Hobson, Author and Photographer	Dore Church Hall, 7.45pm, Townhead Road, Tickets £3.00 tel 2360002
Wed 3rd	Urban Orienteering, Courses suitable for all the family	Registration, Kings Croft Field from 6.15-7.00pm. Cost £3/£1
Sat 6th	Village Well Dressing	Dore Village Green, 10.00am
Sat 6th	Guide Well Dressing	Devonshire Terrace Rd, 10.00am
Sat 6th	5 mile walk from Birchover, arranged by Wyvern Walkers	Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. All welcome
Sat 6th	Classic Car Show, Free entry	Dore Club, Townhead Road, 1.00pm onwards
Sat 6th	Dore G&S Summer Concert, Ballads Songs and Snatches	Dore Church Hall 7.30pm, tickets £6 Tel. 2362299
Sun 7th	Well Dressing Service	Dore Village Green, 3.00pm
Sun 7th	Afternoon Cream Teas	Methodist Church Hall, 3-5.00pm
Mon 8th	Strawberry Fayre, Christ Church Mothers Union	Dore Old School, 2.00-4.00pm
Mon 8th	Family Fun Run	Dore Recreation Ground, 7:00pm
Mon 8th	Lord Conyers Morris Men	Devonshire Arms 8:00pm
Wed 10th	Open Air Theatre, Comedy of Errors, The Company	Dore Village Green, 7.30pm, Interval Collection
Thur 11th	Dore Male Voice Choir & Dore Mercia & Totley Townswoman's Guild Choir invite you to an Open Evening	Dore Church Hall, 7.30-9.30pm No ticket required Collection for Charity
Fri 12th	Health Walk 3.5 miles, led by Health Ranger	Meet Dore Village Green, 10.00am
Fri 12th	Music Night, Silver Spectrum	Christ Church Dore, 7.30pm, Tickets £5 Tel. 2360002
Sat 13th	Dore Scout & Guide Gala	Recreation Ground, 2.00pm
Sun 14th	6 mile walk around Blacka Moor, Arranged by Wyvern Walkers	Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. All welcome
Sun 14th	Festival Songs of Praise	Christ Church Dore, 6.00pm

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The latest series of Wyvern Walks has now been prepared, covering the period to the end of August 2013. As usual, with these walks, we hope to present a cross section of walks throughout the beautiful countryside around Dore. You can discover more of Blacka Moor and Big Moor as well as areas such as Eyam, Bretton and Stanton.

We are hoping that the weather will not interfere with this next set of walks. With the heavy snow and treacherous conditions underfoot earlier this year, we had to cancel several walks. For us this is almost unheard of.

As a reminder to those who may be interested in coming along, details of all the walks are always posted in the DVS noticeboards. The walks are mostly morning only walks, starting at 09.30 and returning to Dore no later than 13.30. Usually we meet outside the Old School at 09.30. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Churchwardens in an interregnum receive two pieces of advice/instruction from those in the Diocese who offer support. The first of these is: to "steer a steady ship" and refrain from making radical changes; the second is to review the pattern of service and see where cuts can be made. We are doing our best to achieve the first and are steadily ignoring the second, as we try to make sure that each of our four regular weekly services has continued with as little disruption as possible. You are always welcome to join us on Sunday at 8am, 10am or 5.30pm or for our mid-week Communion service at 10.30am on Thursdays.

During Festival time there will be the usual Well Dressing service at 3pm on the village green on Sunday July 7th and the Festival will conclude with a Songs of Praise at Dore Methodist Church at pm on Sunday July 14th.

We are just entering the time of year when most weddings happen and it is a joy and a privilege to be able to share such a special day with those committing themselves to each other in marriage. Recent changes in legislation mean that the number of people who are able easily to be married in Dore church is now much greater. As well as living in the parish you can be married in the church if you have ever lived here for 6 months or more, if you were baptised here or if your parents were married here or lived here for 6 months at any point after your birth.

You are always welcome to join us for our 'special' or 'regular' times of worship and if there is any way in which you think we might be able to help please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office (0114 236 3335) or email office@dorechurch.org.uk.

**Jackie Butcher Churchwarden**

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A reporter from the Sheffield Daily Telegraph, was present to record the service of dedication on May 22nd 1913, and in the article which appeared the following day, he observed:

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From the outside, the sanctuary on Totley Brook Road is still recognizable as that Gothic style building with a red tiled roof, but the interior is very different - gone are the fixtures and fittings of Oregon pine, the great pulpit and all the fixed seats. Today's church is lighter and brighter and, where that Tin Tabernacle once stood, there is now our new Church Hall.

But in a world of constant change, some things will always be important. During that service of dedication in 1913, the preacher, the Rev. E. H. Titchmarsh, said that in this place there should be "such an opening of the doors to the unseen that men might find themselves in the presence of God. But it must be equally sure that there must be a door open to the needs of the world around."

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**Anne Dale**

## Happy 70th anniversary



On 1st May, James and Audrey Hancock celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at home. They have lived in Dore for 55 years, first in Newfield Lane and for the last 6 years in Devonshire Road. The photo above shows four generations of Hancock, with their daughter Elizabeth, grandson Andrew and great granddaughter, Neve. Two celebrations meals were held, so that all the local family could attend. They have three more grandsons living in Brixton, Canada and Japan, as well as two more great granddaughters in Canada and a great grandson in Brixton.

They met at Abbeydale Sports Club and were married at Sheffield Cathedral in 1943. James was born in 1918 and retired a few years ago from his business as a chartered accountant. He has been involved in the work of the freemasons for most of his life. Audrey trained as a gym teacher during World War 11, and spent her time bringing up her two children, Michael and Elizabeth, assisting James with his business and then helping with her grandchildren.

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## Slugs

'Invasion of the giant alien slug!': It sounds like it should be the title of a 1950's science fiction B movie, yet in fact this is exactly what many gardeners in the south of England have been facing this summer. Thought to have come to our shores by hitch-hiking on salad crops, 'giant' - actually up to 15cm long - Spanish slugs have become the latest in a long line of continental pest species to become recently established in the UK and just like the Harlequin ladybird it is not only thriving over here, this slug is spreading quickly northwards and as it does so decimating both crops and native gastropod species. That being said I am sure there are few gardeners which would lament the loss of native slugs and snails from their plots, for if there is a universal truth about British gardeners it is that we all rate gastropods as our number one pest.

Slug pellets have been by far and away the most popular method to control slugs and snails for many years. If used correctly these molluscicides are undoubtedly effective, but when they are not, these poisons are a hazard to children, pets and wildlife. So how do you apply slug pellets properly? According to the manufacturers you should spread them thinly over the area needing protection, with about 10cm between each pellet. If used thickly, they will actually repel the molluscs and dogs in particular have been known to tuck into a mass of pellets; which is not surprising as the cereal filler in pellets is actually the same as that used in a number of dog foods. Slug pellets act as an irritant, causing the mollusc to produce lots of slime which in turn stops the creature moving and eventually kills it through dehydration. If you leave the poisoned slug or snail on the soil surface, there is always a chance that the animal will re-hydrate if it rains later that day, allowing it to continue on its destructive path. Care should also be taken not to get these chemicals on the fruit or vegetables you are trying to

protect. If you do, the crops must not be picked for at least a week. The safest way to use pellets is at night and by fencing off the plot that needs protecting, children and animals are denied access. The following morning you must clear away any dead or dying gastropods into the bin and not fling them onto a public footpath or over the fence into a neighbour's plot however tempting that might seem...

In an attempt to deter these pests without using noxious chemicals I have tried surrounding my delicate plants with barriers of sharp grit, egg shells or diatomaceous earth granules, for instance 'Slug Stoppa' but to be honest I have found all these measures to produce only indifferent results. For plants growing in pots, a more successful method is to put a band of sticky copper tape around the rim. This repels any mountaineering gastropods, supposedly due to the tape generating a very small electric current. I also place groups of potted plants on blocks in a large growbag tray and surround them with water - just like the moat around a mediaeval castle. Even the largest gastropods are reluctant to cross this barrier.

To control slugs living within soil, for example to protect potatoes, a drench of the parasitic nematodes *Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita*, available under the trade names of 'Slugsure' or 'Nemaslug', is both very easy to use and as effective as any chemical method. Nonetheless, there are a number of key steps you have to follow to ensure success. The soil must be kept moist, as nematodes move in the thin film of water between soil particles and its temperature has to be at least 50C. Also, they are only active for up to six weeks, so if you wish to control slugs throughout the growing season, you need to use further regular applications of these parasites. As nematodes just kill soil-living slugs, in conjunction with this method, I use traps filled with a beer- (non-alcoholic is best) or yeast- based bait to control surface-living slugs and snails. The issue with these traps is that they have to be emptied and re-filled regularly and also, to make any real impact on mollusc numbers, they need to be placed quite close together, with no more than 1m between each trap.

As to the Spanish slug, southern gardeners have been reporting that one method above all seems to be the most effective at controlling them: go out at night armed with a torch and a sharp knife and cut in half, or squash any you find. That then is something to look forward to when they eventually slime their way up here...

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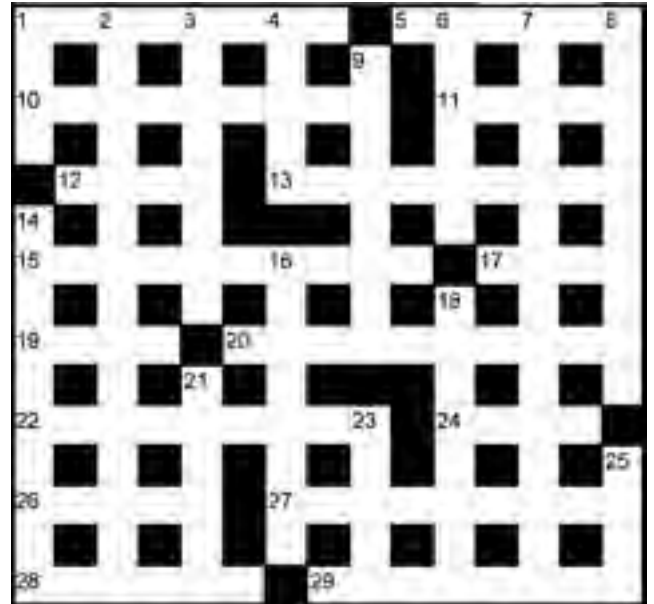
# The Crossword

## Across

1. Court attendant comes from Crown personnel (8)
5. Call to exercise on second vaults (6)
10. Two-sided account involving a revised rate (9)
11. Central function of calculus and logarithms introducing characters (5)
12. One with Royal tree (4)
13. Time away from disgusting desert (4,5)
15. Police clad in a fashion that leads to indiscretion (10)
17. Suspects not left with charges (4)
19. Writing material used following Latin relationship (4)
20. Honour made by King, unusually, at half-time on gangster (10)
22. T.V parts can lead to achievement of many goals (3,6)
24. Look in when making cut (4)
26. "Bend in the Tunnel" bowdlerised (5)
27. Dark horse is not fancied (9)
28. Experiment about object that's fashionable (6)
29. Embraced vision when ring worn (8)

## Down

1. Old boat taken by English underground (4)
2. Being on the beat, pop group takes on artist (6,9)
3. Out, out in case it's class (8)
4. Supporting writing seats (5)
6. Mess up sweet with no starter (6)
7. Cook's speciality ? (7,8)
8. Verdi's arrangement also lies around the joint (10)
9. After Birmingham's first miss, take on supporter who is not a striker (8)
14. Ring-fence Cologne - that's bright (10)
16. Another continent taking time out to get cleared (8)
18. "To let", it's renovated and sharp (8)
21. Perceived to compete in marriage (6)
23. Laments capacity of audience (5)
25. Very late (4)



Answers for the Spring crossword

Crossword compiled by Mavis.

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Both our local rugby teams have missed out on promotion this season. Sheffield Tiger's season was ravaged by injuries and the weather, creating the situation where they still have games to play in early May. However the Tigers are on target to achieving their aim of finishing sixth in the National Two North league. This is their highest ever league position and places them firmly in the top 50 clubs in England. There's a quiet optimism at Dore Moor for next season, they've settled well into national rugby and this year has proved just how very close a promotion spot is.

Down the road at Abbeydale the season is over, Sheffield RUFC had a really tough end to their league fixtures, only managing one draw out of their last five games, it was always going to be a big challenge as two of their closing games included the run away leaders Beverley and second placed Morley. This devastated their promising start last September which saw them winning seven of the initial ten games, including a very narrow loss to Morley and drawing with Old Crossleyans. Sheffield have finished in fifth place in the North One East league, seventeen points behind a playoff place.



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## Hockey

Sheffield Hallam Hockey promoted to the NOW: Pensions Men's Hockey League

Wimbledon beat Sheffield Hallam 2-1 to finish top of the NOW: Pensions Men's Hockey League Promotion Tournament table and secure a spot in the top flight next season.

But despite the loss Sheffield Hallam's superior goal difference over Cardiff & UWIC sees them also gain promotion to the NOW: Pensions Premier Division as runners-up.

Wimbledon enjoyed early pressure but Sheffield's defence stood firm until the 24th minute when a slick move ended with Johnny Kinder's neat finish to make it 1-0.

The London side continued to push forward and won a succession of penalty corners but couldn't find a second goal.

However, after the break they did create some breathing space when dazzling individual skills from John Harris saw him fire home on 40 minutes.

Sheffield knew that they would be promoted if they could keep Wimbledon from winning by five goals but there was no sign of a defensive mentality from the Yorkshire side and they went looking for a way back into the game.

Their attitude paid off with five minutes left on the clock as Mike Shaw stepped up to rifle the ball in from a corner to make it 2-1. His flick was right in the corner and had enough power to find the net despite a fine effort from Millington who managed to get a stick on the ball but could not keep it out.

Wimbledon held on to take all three points but both teams could celebrate knowing that they had done enough to secure promotion.

Sheffield Hallam's Phil Roper said afterwards: "It's fantastic to get to play in the NOW: Pensions Premier Division next

season. It wasn't quite the result we wanted today, but given the result of the other game we knew going in that we were almost there.

"Our ambitions as a club are big over the next four or five years - we've worked really hard to get to where we are and we can't wait to play the top teams next season."

The previous day four goals from Hallam's Phil Roper were not enough to give his side their second consecutive playoff win as Cardiff's resistance ensured the promotion places will go right down to the wire.

Roper opened the scoring with a trademark penalty corner, beating Ben Dudley high to his right early on.

The game had a higher pace and intensity than the game which had preceded it, but as with the first match of the day, chances were hard to come by. Cardiff notched their equaliser after a turnover in the Sheffield half. Luke Hawker robbed Brendan Creed and got to the baseline where his cutback came to nothing due to a heavy stick tackle by a Hallam defender, resulting in a penalty stroke. Tim Jones sent the goalkeeper the wrong way and it was all square.

Immediately after Hallam restored their lead. Roper showed he is more than just a penalty corner specialist by hitting a lovely reverse-stick shot into the far corner giving the goalkeeper no chance. Mark Whatling sent a penalty corner wide of the post as Cardiff tried to force their way back into the match. They managed to do just that albeit with a stroke of good fortune. A long cross into the D from Whatling missed everyone, except goalkeeper Simon Hujwan, the ball clipping his foot and going in for an own goal.

The see-saw nature of the game



continued as Hallam were awarded a stroke which, despite Dudley's interesting antics in goal, Roper held his nerve to score. Jones blazed a late chance over the bar and that was half time.

The second half picked up where the first had left off. Both teams showed a lot of attacking ambition and it was cut and thrust as Sheffield tried to put the game out of Cardiff's reach. Cardiff actually struck back to level the game at 3-3. Rich Howson produced a lovely slapped finish as he fell, lifting the ball over the goalkeeper and into the net.

Roper almost added another but his flick was cleared off the line by Chris Shaw, and he was further frustrated when Dudley made a good diving save from another penalty corner. Roper was not to be denied for long, as from yet another penalty corner he found the roof of the net with a fierce flick to make it 4-3. It was starting to look like Hallam would maintain their 100% record but with time running out Liam Brignull turned the ball over inside the Hallam 25, with the goalkeeper closing him down, Brignull produced an outrageous finish, looping the ball high over the goalkeeper's head, dropping just under the bar for 4-4.

Roper almost had the last word with another reverse stick effort saved by the goalkeeper, but it was to end honours even.

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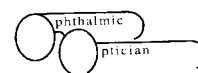
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- 18/19th The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society 10.30 am – 1.30 pm (Thompson Road Entrance). Admission free. Wide selection of both well-loved and rarer plants for sale and advice from members. Everyone welcome.
- 20th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 20th Dore Garden Club, Plants for late Summer colour - Mari Longdon, Tissington Nursery
- 21st Christchurch, Dore, Mothers' Union, 7.45pm. The Emmaus Community, Helen Fox
- 26th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 26th 10am to 4pm learn how to craft your own personal walking stick £80. Ecclesall Woods centre 235 6348
- 27th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 28th DMC woman's Fellowship meeting Mr Anthony Marshall, Chatsworth from the inside. 2.30pm at Dore Methodist church, everyone welcome
- 29th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
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**JUNE**

- 9th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 10th Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship Group, Coronation Party
- 10th Christchurch, Dore, Mothers' Union, Garden Party Noon, 35 Newfield Crescent.
- 11th Sheffield Bach Choir. 7.30pm. Broomhill St Mark, a programme of choral masterworks from three centuries as part of this year's Broomhill Festival. Tickets are £12 with concessionary discounts to £10 for the usual categories. This very special presentation of 16th, 18th and 20th century choral masterpieces is the Bach Choir's final concert in the current 2011/2012 concert season.
- 23rd 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 24th Dore Methodist Women's Fellowship Group, Bring & Buy sale

**JULY**

- 1st Christchurch, Dore, Mothers' Union, Strawberry Fayre 2pm-4pm, Old School
- 6th "Ballads, songs and snatches", a musical mixture from Dore G&S Society. Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road, Dore at 7:30pm. Tickets £6 inc refreshments from Derek Habberjam, Tel 0114 2362299.
- 7th Evening Walk in Gillfield Wood, led by Sally Goldsmith. Please see posters, website [www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com](http://www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com) or email [fogwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fogwsecretary@gmail.com) for further details.
- 7th Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, Open day & annual exhibition, free entry
- 13th The Dore Scout and Guide Gala – 2.00 pm, The Recreation Ground, Townhead Road
- 17th Dore Garden Club, Trip to Sheffield Botanical gardens, tour and refreshments. £3.00 - £4.00. - Further details later
- 21st 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each

**AUGUST**

- August - Dore Garden Club, no meeting
- 4th 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South, weather permitting. All rides £1 each
- 11th Teddy Bear's Picnic - 1pm till 5pm Miniature railway open days, Abbeydale Rd South,
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