

# DORE DOOR

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In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

**Dore litter pickers hit the streets again**

Some of you will have seen the Dore litter pickers in action again in July. Following the successful 'Village Spring Clean' that was carried out in April the team were back in operation for the 'Summer Spruce-Up' of the village on 20th July ready for the holidays. It was an easier session this time after the mammoth spring litter pick which generated over 30 black bin bags of assorted rubbish. Grateful thanks went to Amey for their efficient removal of the many bags of rubbish we collected.

The Scout and Guide Gala had just taken place before our July litter pick, and the Scouts and Guides led by Geoff Cope had done a very successful removal of the rubbish after the event from the Rec and the surrounding roads.

So with our grabbers at the ready the valiant litter squad from Doreways and the Green Team from Christ Church set off round the village again. It would be good to say that we didn't find any rubbish but as Dore residents well know there are still 'hot spots' for discarded rubbish around the village. This time we found that Limb Lane continued to be an area of almost fly-tipping proportions, as well as areas like the old Mercia school site.

If you think this is a worthwhile way of spending the occasional Sunday morning you are very welcome to join the team - the next litter pick will be on Sunday September 28 from 11am to 1pm. Meet at the Old School; high visibility vests, litter grabbers and gloves are provided.

In the future we aim to be picking litter three times a year, in spring, summer and autumn. The dates will be published in advance in the diary section of this magazine.



*Says it all really till you look round the base. Spotted in Sherwood Forest. Thanks to Lorna Baker for this one.*

**Doreways and the Primary School piano backs**

During the summer term at Dore Primary School some of the Doreways team have been collaborating with the pupils in the Infants Department under the watchful eye of Mrs Farrell, and also with Mrs Granville's Year 5 class to create some amazing art work for the backs of the school pianos. Sadly what was in place had become rather tired and worn so with the theme of, for the Infants 'School' and for Year 5 'Sheffield', we set to work.

I think you will agree that the finished results are stunning.



*Veronica Pillinger with the Year 5 piano back*



*The Infant Department's finished project*

**Great War Exhibition in Dore**

The Doreways Group, supported by Dore Village Society are organising an exhibition commemorating the Great War and its impact on Dore residents of that time, as well as on the friends and families of present Dore residents. It will take place in Dore Old School on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October 2014 from 10am to 5pm.

The exhibition will tell the stories of servicemen and women – casualties and survivors, the details of daily life, the amazing incidents that affected people; and some of the unusual episodes experienced in and around our area.

There will be a number of tableaux reflecting scenes from the times, music

and song of that era, craft sessions and memorabilia of the period. A First World War re-enactment performance is also planned.

Even some of the refreshments will be of the times. We will be serving Trench Cake and Anzac biscuits – both are delicious – throughout the Exhibition.

Entry is free but you might wish to make a donation whilst you are with us towards the work of the British Legion.

Full details about the event and timings of some of the special elements of the programme will be available on posters in the village and on the Dore Village Society website. We look forward to welcoming you to this village event.

**Dorne Coggins & Doreways**

**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 £6 per annum.*

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## From the new Chairman



Hello and welcome to the first of my contributions as the new chairman of the Dore Village Society. I would like to use this column to let you know about what we, the DVS committee, are doing on your behalf and to give you an opportunity to respond, make suggestions and give us your opinions.

Before saying more about that I'd like to start by saying thank you

to my predecessors, David Heslop and John Baker, who between them put in many years of outstanding service to the community of Dore and under whose chairmanships the Dore Village Society has become so successful. Their unstinting efforts have helped build a vibrant and effective society which works hard to preserve the character of Dore and to develop it along sustainable lines.

Occasionally we are asked "what has the DVS ever done for me?" In brief, the Dore Village Society is involved in scrutinising planning applications, protecting and improving the local environment and features of historic and public interest, providing activities and events for recreation and leisure, recording aspects of local geography, history and architecture, mounting exhibitions, organising the Dore Show and the Dragon Hunt, supporting other initiatives and charities through donations, and much else. Rather than answer the question in any more detail here I'd like to turn it round and ask "What do you want the DVS to do for you?" Your replies will help to ensure we are dealing with things that you find important and providing events which we can all enjoy, so answers please on a postcard or by email.

The DVS committee is a small group of people and we can't achieve what we do without the tremendous help of everyone who volunteers to support our activities over the year and it is these people who make our events and activities such a success and so enjoyable for the community of Dore. Two such events are coming up in the autumn: the Dore Show and the commemoration of the start of the First World War.

Planning for the Dore Show takes place throughout the year but on the day (and the evening beforehand when we set everything up) there are over sixty people working on various aspects of the event.

The Dragon Hunt (an annual event) and other occasional activities such as the Jubilee celebration and the First World War commemoration are organised by the Doreways group, a formidable band of energetic people who give a tremendous amount of their time to make these events possible.

Then we have the army of volunteers who deliver Dore to Door to over 3,000 residences in Dore and the group who turn out each year, often in inclement weather, to put up the Christmas trees and decorations.

There's also a lot of behind the scenes activity in matters of planning, the environment and other aspects of our work but more of that on another occasion.

It is this enterprise and community spirit which makes it possible for the Dore Village Society to operate. However, there is a constant need to recruit volunteers to take over from those who are moving on and we'd really like to hear from you if you are able to give some of your time to help with DVS activities. In the meantime I look forward to hearing from you about what else you would like us to do.

**Keith Shaw**

**Chairman, Dore Village Society (contact details opposite)**

*Front cover poem by John McCrae, May 1915. Cover photograph of Flanders poppies amid wild flowers on Rushley Road by John Eastwood.*

## And the new Committee Members

At the recent AGM of Dore Village Society, four new people were elected to join the committee. They are:

### Angela Rees

Having been co-opted to the Dore Village Society Committee as Secretary in January 2014, Angela was formally elected at the AGM. In her short time on the DVS committee she has been amazed by the commitment of its members, the work they do and achieve in the interests of the people of Dore who are the very heart of the community, and is looking forward to contributing in this role to village life.

She has lived in Dore since 2012 but is not a newcomer; at the start of her career she taught at the primary school and is a former chair of governors. Currently she works as an Education Consultant having for many years held a senior academic post at Sheffield Hallam University.

As trustee of three charitable trusts in Sheffield, a school governor and involved in a range of activities at Sheffield Cathedral, alongside her enjoyment of singing with Sheffield Harmony, travel (including voluntary work overseas), book groups, walking, theatre and film, she says her life is seldom dull!

### Mark Stanley

A resident of Dore for over 20 years, Mark is currently the joint owner of his own corporate finance/business advisory company, Sheffield-based Mackenzie Spencer Limited. His wife Jill is the owner of Hair Plus hairdressing salon on Townhead Road.

Mark qualified as a chartered accountant with KPMG in 1987 and has since held a number of senior finance positions within the private sector, including the position of Finance Director at Meadowhall Centre when it opened in 1990.

He was Treasurer of the Sheffield Chamber of Trade for three years and also held the position of Treasurer for Dore Christ Church for three years. During the fundraising exercises for the Dore Old School renovation, Mark acted as the auditor to the monies raised from the Victorian Market held in the village.

Mark has kindly agreed to bring his considerable experience to the post of DVS Treasurer.

### Philip Howes

Philip moved to Dore in 1984. Formerly a Chartered Accountant, he retired earlier this year. Throughout his time in Dore he has appreciated the work done by the committee of the DVS on behalf of the village community and now wishes to put time back into the Society for the benefit of Dore both now and for the future of our village.

### Roger Viner

Roger has lived in Dore for almost 5 years. He has lived most of his life in Sheffield and in the Hope Valley. His business experience includes manufacturing and running a finance company. He has been retired for 12 years. He has been involved in a range of voluntary activities, the most recent of which included the South Yorkshire Voluntary Council where he was a trustee for 10 years, and the Red Cross - chairman of the South Yorkshire Voluntary Council for 6 years. Leisure interests now include gardening, fly fishing, watercolour painting (beginner) and his family. He would like to make a contribution to the work of the society and the further development of Dore village.

**Make sure you know what's going on  
[www.dorevillage.co.uk/dvsevents](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk/dvsevents)**

## TOADS winter production

TOADS next production will be a comedy, written by Derek Webb, and entitled Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders. As is to be expected from the title, this is a spoof on the Agatha Christie plays! We hope that you will enjoy this very funny play which is to be directed by Monica Stagg.

The dates are Wednesday November 19 to Friday November 21 at 7.30pm, and Saturday November 22 at 2.30pm. Please come along and support us, your very own local am-dram society.

The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 235 1206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member – we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, if you are interested in treading the boards or helping out backstage, why not pop down to the Guild Room at St John's Hall any Tuesday at 7.30pm. Or contact Anne Bettridge on 01246 460318, or any TOADS member.

[www.toadsdrama.co.uk](http://www.toadsdrama.co.uk)

## Totley Show 2014

This year's Totley Show in aid of Transport 17 will be held on Saturday September 20 at Totley Primary School. Registration is between 8.45 and 10.45am on the day, with

## Rowan growing

News reaches Dore to Door that the Rowan School off Furniss Avenue may be expanded. Outline proposals for an additional 22 children and 12 staff have been made. The school currently caters for 68 primary age children with complex speech, language and communication difficulties. Many have autistic spectrum disorders.

The school is one of the great unsung success stories in our area, and its last published Ofsted results in 2013 assessed it as outstanding in every category.

Local residents on Durvale Court are reported to be supportive of the plans but concerned that increased traffic will be a problem both there and on Furniss Avenue, already a nightmare to negotiate at school times. Dore Village Society has written to the Director of Children and Family Services in Sheffield asking him to undertake a strategic review of parking provision on the site and the capacity of the buildings to be further extended.

the Show open to the public from 1.30pm until 4pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Escafeld Brass Band.

Entry forms with a full list of classes are available from Totley Library, Totley Rise Post Office and The Ironing Parlour.

## Mrs. Smith retires

Joanne Smith retires from Dore Primary School this summer after 25 years of service at the school and in the wider community of Dore. Many families treasure the memories of time spent in her care.

On retirement she was presented with a parchment thanking her for her service and achievements, part of which reads

*Your skill and passion for nurturing children with compassion and sensitivity along with very high expectations of them personally result in highly motivated children who know exactly where they stand and how much they are cared for. Your leadership of RE both in our school and in Sheffield City over many years encapsulates your warmth and desire to make a difference in a wider sense as you champion true Global Citizenship and teach how we can make a difference in the world. This legacy of well-being and personalisation has more recently been shared with staff as you have been a member of our Senior Leadership empowering others with your expertise in Team Dore.*

*Joanne, your work in this community is admired, respected, valued and deeply appreciated. Thank you!*

We at Dore to Door would like to add our best wishes.

## Get age-friendly

The University of Sheffield is inviting Sheffield residents to become involved in a new research project that aims to develop innovative solutions to the design and management of housing and neighbourhoods that promote well-being as people grow older. A central feature of this work is collaboration with residents aged 50 and over in the design process.

The project is funded by three research councils and will take place over the next two and a half years. The team are also collaborating with Sheffield City Council to identify opportunities for improving well-being in later life through both immediate and long term actions.

The project team will be working in three areas of Sheffield: Dore, Sharrow and Parson Cross. They are looking for interested Dore residents aged 50 and over who will contribute to and actively lead on the development and evaluation of designs through workshops, neighbourhood walks and other activities. All activities will specifically focus on residential neighbourhoods and will be based in local venues. Transport can be provided.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved please visit the website [www.dwell.group.shef.ac.uk](http://www.dwell.group.shef.ac.uk), or contact Friederike Ziegler, email: [friederike.ziegler@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:friederike.ziegler@sheffield.ac.uk); Tel 0114 222 8385; or send a query to Dr F. Ziegler, University of Sheffield, ICOS, Level 4, 219 Portobello, Sheffield, S1 4DP.

## Wanted! Scarecrows!

You may have noticed some unusual new residents round and about in Dore recently.

First of all it was this handsome gentleman on the left outside Dore Old School. Then at the recent Scout and Guide Gala his little brother, Finlay, turned up, looking very cute. Finlay is currently a new member of staff at Hartleys. Look out for him.

Doreways, supported by Dore Village Society, is organising the first village Scarecrow Competition in the week before Dore Show. (Tuesday 9 to Sunday 14 September inclusive). If you have always wanted to make a scarecrow now is your chance. It can be any subject, any size,

and needs only to be displayed somewhere visible in your garden. We can even offer you a display place for your scarecrow if you haven't got an appropriate space in your own garden. (Or a garden!)

All you have to do is pick up an entry form from Hartleys Fruit Cabin which has full details of arrangements and dates for display. Then fill it in and return it to the box in the shop by Friday 22nd August.

Entry is free and there is a £20 prize for the best scarecrow. The winner will be announced at Dore Show, and we hope to have available a map of the village showing all the scarecrow locations so that on Sunday 14 September you can walk round to see them all!



## Spit Spot!\* (or not)



Ah well. The Spitfire flypast didn't really go to plan, did it? Weeks before the event a slow-flying plane in RAF markings was spotted flying over

Dore early one Sunday morning. Surely working out the flight plan, we thought. A couple of weeks before Gala the RAF announced that they wouldn't be able to come after all, so our cover photo competition was cancelled. More of that in a moment.

Less than 24 hours before Gala it was all back on but the plane was going to arrive two hours early - and two hours before Gala started! Chris Jones and his team laboured through the next eighteen hours with posters, social media and email to get the word to as many as possible. Many heard, and dutifully turned up at the rec with some very expensive looking camera equipment.

All in vain, as when the Spitfire arrived the pilot performed what was undoubtedly a wonderful flypast over the primary school and Mercia site sports field. Those on the rec were treated to the occasional silhouette against the sun with half of the display obscured by trees. All they had was the beautiful sound of a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, partially drowned by the Gala Tannoy's insistence on adding a backing track.

It was still a wonderful thing to see, and many people got a great view even though most weren't expecting it and were caught without their cameras. Maybe we should all write in and ask for a free go next year.

As for the photo competition, I have reluctantly decided that it will not go ahead. I appreciate that many of you had planned to capture the event and that cameras were on top of the Church tower and as far away as Tigers' rugby ground. But many people were unaware of the time change, and those who got the news in time were all in the wrong place. I have been sent several pictures of the Spitfire (a couple are published in our Gala coverage on page 25), but none of them are recognisably over Dore, which was the iconic image that we were hoping to capture for the village archive in this anniversary year.

On a positive note, DVS have voted me the fifty quid for a photo competition and I have no intention of giving it back. I'll have a think and announce something in the next issue. In the meantime, I'm open to suggestions.

Another thing that hasn't worked out very well is the plan to fill the village with Flanders poppies. Geoff Cope has worked tirelessly to plant tens of thousands of seeds all around the village and hardly any have come up. According to the seed suppliers the problem is widespread and probably due to this year's climatic conditions not suiting the plants. The only decent stand of blooms in the village is outside the Scout HQ on Rushley Road and, in the absence of a Spitfire photo, these are our cover illustration.

One hundred years ago this month our country declared war on Germany and the Great War, now known as the First World War to distinguish it from the other one, began. Seventy-five years ago next month, we once again declared war on Germany, an act necessitated in no small part by the failure to do a proper job sorting out the first conflict. I am grateful to Neil Taylor for a thoughtful article on the legacy of those who died, which you can read on page 37.

So, did we all have a good Gala? To those of you who joined in, wasn't it a party? Thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who put this together for us every year. To those who took themselves away because they hate the whole proceedings, thank you too. You'd only have been a damper on things and you wouldn't have liked it.

My personal thanks though, I think are due most not to the volunteers who, when all is said, have a choice, but to those who would love to be away for the duration yet can't because they have paid jobs requiring them to be here. Without them there'd be no beer in the pubs, no sarnies in the cafes, no pop in the Co-op and no burgers on the barbie. Most of them are working up to twelve hours for minimum wage or not much more. All leave is cancelled and sickness is forbidden. Yet still they smile. You know who you are, ladies and gentlemen, take a bow.

As we go to press a rumour reaches me that fundraising is being proposed for the installation of children's play equipment on Totty Brook open space because the kids have nothing to do. *What?*

The open space is just that, and large enough to accommodate any kind of ball game. At the bottom is a clean water stream, woodland and a semi-wild water meadow, all without crossing a road. It's where my friends and I played all those years ago and thought swings and roundabouts boring by comparison. We played cricket and football, built dams in the brook so big that we could swim, dens in the woods and climbed every tree. Nothing to do indeed!

\* We love you Mary Poppins! Happy 50th!

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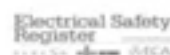
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## From the Gala Chairman



On behalf of the Gala Committee, I would like to thank everyone who came to Dore Gala on Saturday 12 July. We estimate there were between three and four thousand people on the recreation ground during the afternoon.

The objectives of Gala are firstly to put on a fun event for everyone in Dore, and secondly to raise money for the local Scouts and Guides. The attendance at Gala, the vibrant atmosphere during the afternoon and the very positive feedback tells me we achieved our first objective. As for the second objective - takings were again well up on the previous year with our new stalls, The "Tour de Dore" cyclocross run by The Abbeydale Spin Squad, our Lego tombola run by Linda Oldfield, the Hook-a-Duck, run by the Explorers and Loom Bands, run by Wednesday Beavers, plus other new stalls, all contributing.

Delivering a successful Gala is akin to completing a huge jigsaw. This year we were blessed with excellent weather, not only on the day itself but also in the weeks before which allowed the rec to be hard and dry, and every jigsaw piece fell smoothly into place. There are many hundreds of people who contribute to Gala and, on behalf of the Gala Committee, I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone involved. Without your time and effort, Gala simply would not be possible.

There are too many people to thank individually. However, I would like to mention Graham Burgin of Burgin Conservatories who was our first Supporter of Dore Gala. Graham and his family have helped at Gala for many years and I was delighted when he agreed to be our first Supporter. We will offer similar Supporter packages next year and if anyone is interested, they should contact me.

We had arranged a Spitfire flypast over the Recreation Ground between 2pm and 4pm during Gala. Due to the difficulties in scheduling these aging aircraft we learnt, the afternoon before Gala, that our time slot was to be 12.23 plus or minus ten minutes. Rapid cascading of emails followed and posters were put up in the village announcing the new time. The Spitfire arrived at 12.32 but it flew over the village rather than the rec. The pilot subsequently told us that this Spitfire vibrated and juddered so significantly that it was difficult for him to focus exactly on one site on the ground. In addition to the rec there are large fields and grounds at King Ecgbert's and Abbeydale Sports Club. Nevertheless, for those who saw the flypast at close hand, it was a memorable event.

Planning for Gala 2015 has already started and the Committee is always keen to collect your comments – both negative as well as positive – so we can improve each year. Please let me have any views. I can be contacted on [chrisbjones23@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbjones23@gmail.com).

**Chris Jones**  
Chair, Dore Gala Committee

## From the Festival Co-Ordinators

We are happy to report that Dore Festival was once again a great success thanks to fine weather and the support of the community at every event. We would like to send our sincere thanks to the many groups and individuals who contributed in different ways to make Festival Fortnight such an enjoyable time for the whole family.

All the opening events went well. Dore Boundary Walk led by David Heslop attracted a good number of hikers who were entertained at lunchtime with the tale of the missing milestone by Dorne Coggins. The Open Gardens, which were expertly organised by Keith Shaw and Jean Stevens, received over 300 visitors. We especially want to thank the garden owners who had worked so hard to prepare their lovely gardens and make the whole event a real pleasure. Between them they raised over £2,000 for their chosen charities. The Mother's Union Strawberry Fayre, held on a perfect summer's afternoon, made over £500 for their holidays for needy families charity. Well done to them all.

The weather settled into warm days and fine evenings for the urban orienteering organised by Jackie Butcher and the interesting programme of Wyvern walks put together by Steve Willetts. We applaud their enthusiasm and thank them and their helpers. Lots of helpers and marshals were required for the biggest activity event of Dore Festival, the Family Fun Run. This year 316 entrants registered and it was a grand sight to see them, from infants to grandparents, starting and finishing in the recreation ground. Congratulations to all who ran and to the very efficient team from Dore Primary School Parents Association.

Two other great teams at Festival time are the village and Guides welldressers who spend long hours of painstaking pricking and petalling to create their beautiful boards. We were so impressed with the Guides' Grand Depart tableau and the village vivid depiction of WWI. Congratulations to both talented teams. There was a good crowd on the Green for the Well Dressing Service despite a change from the usual day, and many went on to the Methodist Ladies' cream teas or up to the classic car show at Dore Club.

After the excitement of *le Tour de France* in Sheffield, when convoys of cars left Dore from 7.00am bound for vantage points on the *Côte de Bradfield* or *Côte de Jenkins*, the second week of Festival offered even more enjoyment. All the concerts and performances were well attended and appreciated. We are indebted to our local choral groups the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the Dore Male Voice Choir for their continued participation in Festival, and to the King Ecgbert School Jazz Band for their lively guest appearance this year. Lord Conyer's Morris Men have been guests at Festival and Gala for over 30 years and continue to amaze us with their energetic dancing. The Walker Brothers with Bob Ludlam were back in good form and treated us to a memorable evening of Jazz and Swing.

Another evening to remember was the talk by award-winning local author Gavin Extence about his debut novel "The Universe versus Alex Woods" which was so warmly hosted by Dore Ladies Group. Equally magical was The Company's open air production of "Man of Mode", when on a warm summer's evening the village green rang to laughter from the appreciative audience. On the final evening of the fortnight voices from both churches joined together in Christ Church for the reflective Festival Hymns of Praise.

After many months of planning and requiring an army of helpers we were delighted that the good weather held for the Scout and Guide Gala. The recreation ground was packed throughout the afternoon with the families of Dore, their relations and their friends who all had a great time. Dore Festival and Gala are a time for getting together as a community and being involved by helping or supporting and it certainly happened this year. A big *merci!* to everyone.

**Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon**  
Dore Festival Co-ordinators



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# Dore Neighbourhood Plan

Representatives of Dore Village Society have recently met with officers of the City Council to discuss progress on our application to become a Neighbourhood Forum under the Localism Act 2011. The meeting went well, leading to agreement on issues that should pave the way for the Society becoming a Neighbourhood Forum. Being a Neighbourhood Forum would be a primary purpose of the Society.

This will be an important step in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore covering the Green Belt and Peak District National Park out to Burbage Brook and Ringinglow Road within the Dore Neighbourhood and the Village itself. Members of Dore Village Society will be enabled to prepare a statutory plan that could affect planning applications and development in the Neighbourhood for many years to come. This is a unique opportunity in the history of planning development for a local group to take some responsibility for the future character of our neighbourhood.

In the last edition of Dore to Door I informed readers that the City Council was preparing a new Local Plan for the City that would involve a review of the Green Belt and increase the numbers of housing sites allocated to satisfy the latest government planning guidance. Until now the main planning issues to be considered in a Neighbourhood Plan appeared straightforward, stemming from the Village Design Statement prepared in 2005; protecting and enhancing the Peak District National Park, the Sheffield Green Belt and character of the Village. All these issues appeared uncontroversial locally and were indeed endorsed unanimously by residents in the initial consultation. However, the need to respond to the City Council's emerging Local Plan will require the Neighbourhood Forum to reconsider the planning issues we want to address in the Plan. Wider consultation with all residents will be necessary, in particular, to ascertain whether the Green Belt as currently defined should remain sacrosanct.

Dore Village Society would welcome any thoughts you may have on these important issues. You can respond to me as the Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator.

**David Crosby**

**Telephone 262 1127 or email [davidcrosby85@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidcrosby85@yahoo.co.uk)**



## Losing 31 Brick House Lane

Dore Village Society, on receiving notification of the planning application to demolish the house, decided to apply to English Heritage to preserve 31 Brick House Lane as a Listed Building. Being one of the older stone houses in the village and visible from the Green Belt it was felt that its preservation was important. Local residents too felt strongly the house should be saved.

Applications for listing have to be made online to English Heritage and will only be considered if they (the buildings) are under threat. English Heritage take a rigorous approach to considering the value of threatened buildings as these extracts from their report demonstrates;

*'The Fairbanks Collection Map of 1827 mentions a house and croft totally 12 acres and 27 poles owned by a George Burrows.... The property appears to have originated as an agricultural building running east-west and a separate cottage built gable-end onto the road.... In order to be designated 31 Brick House Lane must be considered in a national context as a vernacular building under English Heritage's 'Domestic 1: Vernacular Houses Listing Selection Guide'.*

*'Vernacular buildings are often difficult to date but the roof structure of the former agricultural building suggests a 19th century rather than late 18th century date....The wood is machine sawn and bolted rather than pegged with wooden pegs.... The long house range has window frames dating from the '80s.'*

Sadly, English Heritage concluded the criteria for listing were not fulfilled and would not justify designation in the national context.

**David Crosby**

### We've never done this before...

The Devonshire Arms are organising a Charity Firewalk (yes, you read that right) in aid of the Little Heroes Cancer Trust on October 12th. If you fancy a go at walking barefoot across burning red-hot coals for a laugh and to raise a bit of money for charity, sponsorship forms should be available from behind the bar shortly.

It's an alternative to slippers in those cold winter months, we suppose. [www.charityfirewalk.co.uk](http://www.charityfirewalk.co.uk) / [www.littleheroes.org.uk](http://www.littleheroes.org.uk).

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The plan to form a local community charity to operate Totley Library has been approved by Sheffield City Council. From September 29 volunteers will take over the running of the library from the council.

August and September will be very busy months with training sessions to be held for all our volunteers. We will be in touch with everyone who has registered to volunteer in the library.

For library users our main aim is to take over the running of the library with as little disruption as possible. As an associate library, anyone who is a user of Sheffield City Library Service can continue to use Totley Library and its facilities as they did before.

The Save Totley Library Committee proposes to change the opening hours. Feedback we gathered from library users suggested that the library should stay open at lunchtime and this will also allow us to have a handover from the morning to afternoon volunteer shifts. So from September 29, new proposed opening hours are:

- Monday 10am - 7pm (currently 10.00-12.30 and 1.30-7pm)
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 10am - 5pm (currently 9.30-12.30 and 1.30-5.30pm)
- Thursday closed (currently closed)
- Saturday 10am - 1pm (currently 9.30-12.30)

We would like to say a big thank you to all the dedicated library staff who have managed Totley Library over the years. Our campaign was originally set up to keep the library and its staff, but in these times of austerity this was not seen as a viable option by the council. This is a sensitive time for staff, as many will be losing their jobs. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact us rather than asking staff via:

Website - [www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info](http://www.SaveTotleyLibrary.info)

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Robert Baden Powell's sister Agnes founded the Girl Guides in 1910 and the junior "Rosebud" section in 1914 to ensure girls had the same kind of opportunities offered to Boy Scouts. Even in those early days of girl power, the Rosebuds quickly ditched their name to become Brownies, after the spirited household sprites of British folklore. And one hundred years on, Brownies continues to offer girls new opportunities, fun and friendship across the world.

Whilst 1914 is being remembered for other, more sombre reasons, I hope you have enjoyed sharing our flowers, and perhaps our Centenary will bring back a few happy memories too.

Our thanks to Liz and Alex at Dore Moor Nursery who kindly donated the flowers and supervised the planting.

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## There's a form for that

My thanks to Dr. John Lynam for the inspiration for this article. His letter about potholes led to a vigorous discussion around the DVS committee table, viz. "Who do we ring to report stuff?"

I was tasked with identifying the sort of problems that we regularly face in Dore and identifying who, at the council or elsewhere was responsible for them. I was expecting to have to spend hours trawling the internet for all these numbers but, in the end it proved to be quite a simple job. The council's own website has all the information we need.

First of all, reporting things to the council by telephone is getting a bit old hat. It's frustrating, there are endless recorded messages, menu systems and when you finally get to speak to someone they always try to transfer you. It's better to put in a written report via the website. You have a record with the time and date of your report, and you can elect to receive updates on the progress of your complaint (or not, if you wish to remain anonymous).

The main Sheffield Council website is at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). From there is a link marked 'report issues' which leads to a series of links where you identify the problem you wish to report. It is all very logically laid out and easy to find your way around. Behind each of the links is a report form which once completed, will automatically be sent to the right department, be it the council, Amey or another agency. This is not a complete list, but it comprises most of the things that I hear coming up in conversation around the village:

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- Links to crime reduction agencies

Now this is a pretty impressive list but you might have spotted one thing missing - car parking.

It's no good ringing the police; they don't issue parking tickets any more and have had very little to do with parking issues since 2007. The council do have

some mobile parking cameras but these were only ever used in Sheffield outside schools and in any case they are shortly to be made illegal. Parking restrictions are now so ritually ignored everywhere that a complaint form would be effectively useless, generating thousands of reports that couldn't be dealt with.

There is one thing that you can do, and this one is an old style telephone number. You can ask the council to enforce an existing parking restriction (keep clear, yellow lines etc) by telephoning 0114 273 6255. If enough people complain about a specific road or area then presumably, eventually, a warden might be dispatched to take a look. (In actual fact a lot of our parking restrictions are probably unenforceable because the road markings are so badly worn away almost everywhere.)

Parking on grass verges is a sticky issue, as the council say they don't prosecute offenders but they will prosecute householders who place rocks, etc. outside their homes to protect the grass. DVS are actively working with the council in the hope that more of the village's verges are protected by bollards such as those placed outside Hartley's a few years ago, or some other means. It is hoped that these plans might be rolled up into the general road repairs scheduled for 2016.

Of course, a shiny website with all the information doesn't necessarily translate into action on the ground. If you're using this service for any reason, please drop me a line and let me know how you went on. Did you get a reply? Was anything done?

**John Eastwood**

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Encephalitis is not exclusively a childhood condition and some 6000 cases a year are diagnosed. The disease causes inflammation of the brain through viral infection or disruption of the immune system, and can be fatal. When a patient recovers, there is often some level of lasting brain injury. This may be merely some loss in speed of thought, or it may be more serious impairment.

For such a young charity Petrina has gathered an impressive team of patrons to support the cause, including Louis Tomlinson, Joe Hart and Andrew Flintoff.

The Fun Day promises plenty to do including barbecue, cream teas, bouncy castle, bucking bronco, face painting and magic, comedy and puppets from the amazing Professor Shell.

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## Christmas every day for Gladys



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And for some especially lucky children this year, their box will contain a bobble hat or a teddy bear knitted by Gladys Frakes, who has lived in Long Line, Dore for nearly 50 years. For the past three years she has been creating the hats and teddy bears specially for Operation Christmas Child, and reckons she has knitted well over 200 hats and probably as many as 50 teddy bears in that time. She gets the wool from a variety of sources, but is always ready to receive more. So if you can help with a bit of wool left over from a knitting project, or you have some you bought but never got round to using, Gladys would be delighted to make use of it!

You can see examples of her work in the Post Office in Townhead Road and Penny, the postmistress, has agreed that wool for Gladys can be left there for collection.

The photo shows Gladys holding some of her teddies. Do help if you can!

## Dore Village Society open mornings

The first Saturday of the month, 10am until noon at the DVS room in the old school. Drop in for a chat with a DVS committee member or to use our archives for local research; an ideal opportunity for anyone who wants to discuss local issues.

Every Friday, 10am until 1pm - meet the editor of Dore to Door in the DVS room. Bring your comments, issues, articles and suggestions, buy DVS publications or browse the archives. Everyone welcome

## Friends of Dore and Totley Rail Station

Dore and Totley station was a busy and important station in Victorian times. Only a relatively short time ago in the 1980's, the middle platform and track were sadly removed. Thankfully the original station building has remained. The photo shows Dore and Totley station with its middle platform in the 1960s.

Now with increased need for rail travel there are plans to restore the station to replace the middle platform and one track.

Would you like to join a 'Friends of' group to:

- help to maintain and conserve the station,
- liaise with Network and Northern Rail to try to ensure its new facilities are developed to meet the needs of passengers, whilst also respecting its history and beautiful environment, opposite Sheffield's only SSSI woodland?

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## Poetry Corner

### Dear Mr Kitchener

Dear Mr Lord Kitchener, I'm just writing to say  
Could you please reconsider and not take my horse away?  
We all love him so dearly, he's a friend and he's a pet  
You can't take him from us, he's not done ploughing yet!

There's such a lot of work to do, each day's an early start  
Sometimes he tills the meadow, sometimes he pulls the cart  
He looks forward to his breakfast, we mix his favourite oats  
Then lead him out into the yard and brush his thick, brown coat.

Little Jimmy, well, he's only three, so he's not very tall,  
But he has a job to do although he's still quite small  
And Ned looks down so patient like, no matter what the weather  
And little Jimmy combs Ned's big feet, and fluffs up his horsey feathers.

Then Dad brings out his big, huge collar, his bridle and his tack  
And Ned stands there as good as gold, straps dangling from his back  
Then our Carrie passes underneath, from one side to the other  
That's a job a bit too hard for Jimmy, our little brother.

And now you say the army wants him, to go and fight a war?!  
Our gentle Ned, our great big friend, doesn't know what fighting's for,  
He's only known kind words and hugs, and children on his back  
The most he's ever cantered was along the meadow's track.

So Mr Kitchener, Sir, please could you give him a chance  
And let him stay here with us, and don't send him to France  
And instead of sending Neddie, 'cos he's the one we really love  
We'll send you lots of knitted socks and scarves and piles of gloves.

Well, I'll have to finish now, Sir, but I'm sure you will agree  
That Ned can stay with us, with his friends, and family  
And when the war is over, they say it won't last very long,  
I hope you'll come and visit us and see where he belongs.

Christine Spencer

## Radon gas

A resident recently wrote to the Village Society asking about radon risk in Dore. As a householder myself, I realised that this was a subject that I knew very little about and so I decided to investigate further.

Radon is a naturally occurring gas which is formed from the decay of radioactive elements in soil and rocks. The reason it is considered so dangerous is that it is itself radioactive – in fact it's the only radioactive element which is a gas at normal temperatures. It can therefore be inhaled, and is the second largest cause of lung cancers after smoking.



If you've bought or sold a house in the last several years, your solicitor or conveyancer will have included a radon risk report as part of the normal property searches. If you've had an extension or other major building work done there may also have been a report. You can do this yourself; for a fee of £3 plus VAT, the UK Geological Survey will consult their radon risk map for you. The lowest level of risk is assessed as below one in a hundred properties affected. For most purposes this is fine, but it only refers to risk in the area

where your house is. If your home is the one in a hundred it won't tell you that. Or you might be in a radon risk area, in which case you'll need to do a measurement, see below.

Radon has a half-life of a little under four days, meaning that levels can vary widely over time and may be quite different between two adjacent houses. If you still have concerns or you're in a risk area then you can get a radon measurement done in your own home. On request, UK Radon will send you two detectors with full instructions. These have to be left in place for three months to iron out short-term fluctuations, after which you post them back and receive the report a few weeks later. The test results are private to you, and the cost of this service is £49.80. Even if you do in the end have a problem, a number of effective radon reduction techniques and equipment have been developed. New properties in high-risk areas may well have some level of protection built in.

Full details of how to obtain a risk report or conduct a radon measurement are available at [www.ukradon.org](http://www.ukradon.org). UK Radon is part of Public Health England, which is an executive agency of the Department of Health.

## Winter Gritting Proposals

It might seem a little early to be thinking of winter gritting, but the council have to make their plans now and have been consulting on which roads in our area should be prioritised once the weather turns cold. This only concerns the preventive gritting which takes place when ice or snow are forecast – if it does actually snow then all roads are treated in priority order. With a friend I attended a consultation in June at the Town Hall. This is what we have learned.

Local roads with primary route status will be Baslow Road, Owlter Bar, Abbeydale Road South, Hathersage Road, Ecclesall Road and Twentywell Lane.

Roads being REMOVED from any preventive gritting are Dore Road, Brickhouse Lane and Drury Lane.

Roads NOT LISTED are Busheywood Road and Sheephill Road. However, Ringinglow Road will not be gritted beyond Bents Road, nor any roads going west or north-west via any of the valleys. Lodge Moor Road will not be gritted.

Roads listed as SECONDARY and to be added to the list are Glover Road, Twentywell Road and St. Quentin.

SECONDARY ROUTES already listed include Furniss Avenue, King Ecgbert Road, Totley Brook Road, Hillfoot Road and Old Hay Lane, Limb Lane, Long Line, Rushley Road, Townhead Road; Longford Road, Prospect Road, Queen Victoria Road and Main Avenue. Mickley Lane is in this section, but only as far as its junction with Queen Victoria Road from the Totley end.

Cross valley routes to be removed from the list include Andwell Lane, Fulwood Lane, Fulwood Head Road, Hagg Hill, Lodge Lane, Highcliffe Road, Lodgemoor Road, Rails Road and Hollins Lane.

We found the staff to be very helpful and willing to listen to our suggestions for them changing their proposals. It was apparent that they are not aware of the routes that many people take, such as the cross valley routes.

I put forward a strong case for reinstating Dore Road as a primary route and the indication was that they will look at it favourably. It has a doctors' surgery on it, which ticks one of the boxes. I also emphasised the Park & Ride, which would either not be accessible from Dore or extremely dangerous in icy conditions. Dore Road would also be a route for fire engines travelling from Lowedges and ambulances from our nearest station at Batemoor. Busheywood Road does not have any boxes to tick, so we emphasised Dore Road.

By the time that you read this the consultation will be closed and the decisions made. Winter regulations come into force on October 1, by which time the final list of routes should be published on the council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). Search the site for 'winter gritting'.

Roger Hart



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A poem by Y6 Dore Primary School pupil Harry Hutchinson. See also page 39.

### I never should've let him go

by Harry Hutchinson

I never should've let him go  
In that woeful month of September  
They peered in a gale of death  
To a place I don't want to remember ...  
The lies they told killed many men  
As the dark storm raged on  
Thousands beyond our count  
In those despairing days from The Somme  
No-one can understand the pain of a lost one  
My words can't explain the vision in my dreams  
Because I see him every night with his chip-toothed smile  
As my son fights for his country and goes to all the extremes  
The dark trench awaits  
From a place he won't return  
Pure patience is my successor  
Until it's his turn  
Bang, Boom, Crash  
Are the sounds I hear  
Screams of pain  
Increase my fear  
I never should've let him go  
In that woeful month of September  
They peered in a gale of death  
To a place I don't want to remember  
I never should've let him go .....

### Dore Open Door Lunch Club- volunteers wanted

We are a small friendly lunch club for a great group of elderly residents of Dore who enjoy a cooked meal and convivial company. We meet every Tuesday in Dore Old School from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm and operate a flexible rota of volunteers. We need six volunteers for every session as cooks, helpers and washers-up and at the moment we are really short of helpers to set the table, serve the meal and clear away afterwards. The work is not arduous and no special qualifications or training is required; just a willingness to help the elderly and a sense of humour. If you think you would like to be involved in our lunch club and can spare some time on a Tuesday about once a month please get in touch.

**Maureen Cope 2350392 maureencope1@btinternet.com**

### Miss Chief in Dore

Do you ever find yourself wondering how to inflict revenge on the myriad of cold callers who phone you, trying to sell you all sorts of things you don't want? Well, the other day I was drinking my mid-morning coffee and idly doing the crossword when the phone rang. "Hello, is that Ms Chief?"

"Yes, who are you and what do you want?" I asked with a degree of suspicion.

He replied, "I'm calling to let you know about a Government scheme that will insulate your house for free."

As I was mildly bored and feeling like a bit of sport I let him continue. He proceeded to ask about cavity wall insulation, double glazing and the like. When he got to loft insulation I said I didn't have any. He got quite excited at this point and said his company could get me a grant to have my loft insulated for free and could he make an appointment for a surveyor to visit and inspect my loft.

Me: I'm afraid there's a bit of a problem with my loft.

Him: What sort of problem?

Me: Well, I've got a colony of bats living in my loft.

Him: Why is that a problem?

Me: Bats are a protected species and you need a licence in order to

Dore Village Society has a range of local interest publications for sale covering a variety of interests. These are available for sale from the DVS office.

**The A-W of Dore** £4.95

by John Dunstan & Roger Millican, illustrated by David Heslop

The story of the village's road names. 74pp, maps.

**Chapel Life at Dore** £4.00

by John Dunstan

The history of Methodism in Dore since the building of the first chapel in 1861. 60pp, illustrated.

**History in The Making** £7.00

by Barbara Cassidy

To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, craftspeople all over the village came together to create a wall hanging to commemorate the event. This is the story of that project. 92pp, lavishly illustrated in colour.

**I, Richard Furness...** £1.00

by Josie Dunsmore

The life and works of Dore's most famous schoolmaster, and the architect of Dore Church. 152pp, illustrated.

**Royal Jubilee Cook Book** £3.50

compiled by Linda Williamson, Illustrated by Linda Peters and pupils of Dore Primary.

A collection of recipes from local people, giving a flavour of our dinner tables in the 1950s. 172pp.

**The Story of Methodism in Dore** £0.50

by John Dunstan. 36pp.

**Dore Old School** by John Dunstan £5.00

The history of the village school, told not only through its written records but in the memories of those who were taught there. 136pp, illustrated.

**On Your Dorestep** £7.95

by David Bearpark, David Heslop and Roger Millican

The walker's bible for the Dore area and a best-seller since first published in 2008. Twenty-five walks in and around the village, for legs of all ages. 124pp, illustrated, maps.

**Play Up, Dore!** by Dorne Coggins and Anne Slater £3.00

A brief history of football in Dore since the early 20th. Century. 52pp, illustrated.

disturb their habitat.

Him: That's no problem; we come across this sort of thing all the time. We can get a licence, can I arrange for our surveyor to visit?

Me: Well, there's another problem.

Him: What's that?

Me: These bats are vampire bats.

Him: What do you mean vampire bats?

Me: Do you know what a vampire is?

Him: Yes, a mythical creature that feeds on human blood.

Me: Well, I said, vampire bats bite people and animals and drink their blood and are quite common in some parts of the world. So your operatives would need to wear special protective clothing to avoid being bitten by my vampire bats.

Him: That's no problem; we often have to wear special protective clothing and we can sort this out. Can I arrange for our surveyor to visit?

Me: Well, there's another problem.

Him: What's that?

Me: These bats have got rabies.

Clunk ..... brrrrrrrrrrrr.

Another victory for Miss Chief!

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Sitting as it does on the boundary of Dore, it's easy to overlook the social, charitable and religious activities available at Totley Rise Methodist Church, its hall and lounge. If you live in that part of our area, why not try out some of their clubs and societies?

**Knit, Natter, Craft and Chatter** Every Tuesday noon-3pm

They may natter and chatter but they are certainly productive. This busy and friendly group has been a great success. They aim to include more people from the area, even the housebound. Housebound does not have to mean isolated. The group will happily provide wool, needles and a chat for those who cannot travel to the church. Young people are also welcome as part of our community. There are skilful, lovely ladies ready and willing to help those new to knitting and sewing.

Many charities benefit from the groups' work: Butterfly Wings (stillborn babies), Sheffield premature baby unit and the Christmas shoebox appeal. Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind have adopted knitted Ellie the elephants as their mascot and have given a certificate of grateful thanks. Members can knit or sew (a sewing machine is available) for their chosen charities.

Maxine, the organiser, says that all the ladies love coming. Men are also welcome. You can stay for as long as you like up to three hours. We offer tea, coffee, biscuits and, most importantly, friendship.

**Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau** Every Tuesday 10am-noon

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**Coffee Morning** Every Tuesday 10am-noon

Need a time to relax among friendly local people? Would like to make new friends? Then this spot is just for you. Stay as long as you like and relax with coffee and biscuits.

**Pushchair Club** Every Thursday afternoon 1.30-3pm

Babies and Toddlers under five come together with their carers to play and chat in a Christian atmosphere in the TRM Centre. For more information contact Rachel, our Family and Children's Worker on 07912 352543

**Toddler Praise** 9.30am every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month

An opportunity for under fives and their carers to make music and praise. Lasting 30 minutes, with coffee served afterwards in the lounge.

**Beginners Group** Every Sunday 10.30-11.45am

A weekly children's group for 3-6 year olds. There will be bible stories, songs, games and a simple craft plus a drink and biscuit.

**Messy Church** Monday September 22, 3.30-5.00pm. A happy mixture of games, craft activities, food and lively worship all based on a bible theme. Come along and give us a try, you won't be disappointed. Please visit our website for more details see [www.totleyrise.co.uk](http://www.totleyrise.co.uk), or email Rachel Wilson at [racheltrm@yahoo.com](mailto:racheltrm@yahoo.com).

**Beverley Eyre**

**Physio branches out**

Activ Physiotherapy, based in Bradway, Totley and Hope are branching out into the area of occupational physiotherapy. Clare Heward of Activ Physiotherapy introduced the service, termed Activ@Work. "We have always worked with various businesses providing workstation assessments and advice, but now we are going to provide a more specialist, focused service. This will concentrate on return to work rehabilitation, work hardening programmes, return to work assessments, workplace ergonomic assessments and manual handling training."

New occupational health physiotherapist Jenny Willis adds her ten years of experience working in the industry. "This is an exciting opportunity for the clinic to work with local businesses who value the health of their workforce", adds Activ Physiotherapy's Andrew Okwera.

For more information or if you would like a visit to your company, contact Activ Physiotherapy on 0114 2352727 or email [mail@activphysiotherapy.co.uk](mailto:mail@activphysiotherapy.co.uk).

**Art In Dore**

Brian Smith, currently running two Intermediate standard art classes (watercolour) from the Old School (on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.30pm and Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.00), is starting a new class for beginners in August/September on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. The classes will introduce the various stages involved in understanding watercolour in a logical and proven order, in bite-sized pieces with lots of worked examples, lots of opportunities to practice with carefully chosen exercises, plenty of one-to-one attention and personal feedback as to what is going on and why.

For those who have some watercolour experience there are a small number of places on his Intermediate courses and anyone can join with prior notice.

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## Friday night was paraffin night



Mark Hartley is a third-generation greengrocer, a fact proudly announced on the frontage of his Dore shop. The story starts with Granddad Hartley, who ran a mobile shop around the newly-built postwar estates of Sheffield in the 1950s and 60s. The shop was a converted bus.

"All the seats were stripped out with the the fruit and veg down one side," Mark remembers. The other side was all the tinned stuff, fish, cigarettes, sweets - anything that people wanted."

Mark remembers being taken out on the round as a young boy by his father, who was also involved in the business by that time. Friday night was the paraffin run.

"After we'd finished the round on Fridays all the stock came out of the bus and we filled it with cans of paraffin," he tells me, "then off to deliver it to a round of regular customers. It would never be allowed today!"

Before the late1960s few people had central heating and whilst there was a fire or a range downstairs, if you wanted heat anywhere else in the house then a paraffin heater was the answer and business was brisk in the winter months.

By the 1970s the family had moved into shops, running these by turns at Parson Cross, City Road, Darnall, Maltby and Bradway with up to three shops at any one time being run by different members of the family.

When Mark left school he first trained in engineering with Laycock's, but the end of the seventies saw the recession of the early Thatcher years and the Sheffield greengrocers went into decline along with the steel industry. The rest of the family moved to Worksop where they had two shops, as well as one at Maltby. The Maltby shop also was forced to close when the colliery went.

Mark was the last of the family to enter the business in 1987. In 2002 when he was working for Hastings Wholesale in the Parkway Markets, John Hastings bought what was then Country Garden in Dore and appointed Mark to run it for him. He says he might well have still been there but for a tragic accident.

"It was nothing to do with work, I was shifting a piano. In this trade you get used to lifting heavy things, and the rule is if you drop something, let it fall. you can always sort out the mess later. For this job I'd made a trolley for the piano. It slipped off the trolley and I broke the golden rule and tried to catch it!"

Mark underwent several months of physiotherapy for what was initially thought to be a slipped disc but the pain refused to respond to treatment and at the end of 2003 the disc was diagnosed as punctured, which meant surgery followed by a lengthy recuperation. With much regret, Mark was unable to carry on at Country Garden. After his recovery from surgery he returned to a desk job at the Parkway Markets.

Only a few months afterwards a second tragedy befell when Mark's wife Jane was diagnosed with cancer. She died a year later

in July 2005 and Mark was left to bring up his two teenage sons as a lone parent.

Nearly two years ago Mark met his partner Cheryl, with whom he now runs the Dore shop, through a judicious bit of matchmaking by a mutual friend.

"I was living in Bradway" he remembers, "and after walking my dog I used to go in the S17 Coffee Shop. I got chatting to this pretty girl who worked there and kept asking her out, but she wasn't having any of it!"

Cheryl liked Mark, but a relationship was the last thing on her mind. "I was running the coffee shop, bringing up two daughters on my own and trying to make ends meet. I wasn't thinking of getting involved with anyone" she says.

Tom Makinson, the Bradway greengrocer, knew Mark through their mutual trade and also supplied the coffee shop. He could see that Mark and Cheryl got on well together and decided to give them a little push.

"I needed to swap phone numbers with Tom and instead of giving me his own mobile number he gave me Mark's." Cheryl recalls. This caused some confusion when Cheryl first phoned Mark expecting to speak to Tom, but once they realised what Tom had done this broke the ice and they began seeing each other.

When Mark heard that Country Garden was up for sale he remembered how much he enjoyed working in Dore and decided he was ready to return to the lifestyle. Is it still an early morning job? "My first alarm goes off at five to four," he replies. That's practically a lie in, when I worked at Parkway Markets I was up at two every morning!"

What about the rest of the Hartley dynasty? "There's only me now, and my sister who works down at the Parkway. Everyone else in the family has passed on or left the game. The supermarkets have so much of the business these days. Funnily enough, this is my first shop. I've worked for other people and I've been part of my family's business, but this is the first time I've been in business on my own account."



And the future? Cheryl's elder daughter, presently at college, enjoys helping out in the shop when she can and one of Mark's sons also lends a hand occasionally and has been hinting that he's thinking of a change of career.

As we're wrapping up the interview I ask Mark casually if he can get hold of any globe artichokes, and the next day he beckons me in as I'm passing the shop. There they are on the display! You don't get that in a supermarket.

So I'm typing up this article amidst a litter of sucked-out artichoke leaves and melted butter in my beard. A rare treat, thank you Mark!

**Interview by John Eastwood**

## Dore Open Gardens 2014

Dore Open Gardens, one of the early events in the Dore Festival calendar, was very well attended again with eight gardens open and over 330 visitors.

The gardens ranged from geometrically formal to mysterious and intriguing, with a large range of plants, trees and shrubs on display as well as refreshments and plants for sale. The weather was well behaved and nearly £2,200 was raised for the various charities chosen by the garden owners.

Our thanks go to the people who spent so much time and effort preparing their gardens for display and whose unstinting efforts were crucial to making this event a success.

We look forward to repeating this again next year and if you would like to open your garden please let us know.

**Keith Shaw and Jean Stevens**



*Local resident Joy with her rather impressive gunnera plant.*

## Classic Car Show



Dore Club's third annual Classic Car Show further established itself as a regular on the Festival calendar with an afternoon of vehicles displayed at the Club premises on Townhead Road. Visitor numbers were up due to fine weather and an excellent barbecue, but unfortunately vehicle numbers were slightly down on last year. A number of entries had difficulty making it due to some cycle race or other that was going on that weekend, and at least one car broke down on the way. Overall winner this year was Nick Andrews' immaculate Mark 1 Golf, above left.



An early Festival event was the annual Strawberry Fayre, organised by Christ Church Mothers' Union at the Old School. Visitors enjoyed tea and cakes in the intermittent sunshine, with live music from John Greensmith on his accordion. This year's charity is Away From It All, which provides holidays for impoverished families. Further details at [www.sheffieldmu.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldmu.co.uk).



## Beating the Bounds

About twenty hardy souls and a dog braved a day of showers to cover the traditional biennial Boundary Walk of the parish perimeter. The custom dates back to the year blob and in the days before widespread literacy, was the way that apprentices learned the extent of their home village's lands so the boundaries could be protected from neighbours like Tottle who were always over here trying to nick stuff. (Some might say this hasn't changed!) Often the apprentices would be whipped as they went so they would better remember where the line was.



## How To Enter

Come along with your entries to the Old School for classes 1-49 and 67-74 (Vegetable and fruit, flowers, domestic, wine and junior sections) and to the Methodist Church Hall for classes 50-66 (textiles and handicrafts, visual arts and photography) between 8.45am and 10.30am on Saturday 13th September.

## Show Rules

1. Except where otherwise stated entries are open to all providing they abide by these rules.
2. The Show Committee and its agents shall not be liable for any loss or damage to any exhibit or other property brought into the Show area by the exhibitor.
3. The Show committee shall not be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any entrant or visitor.
4. All exhibits must be registered in the show area between 9.00am and 10.30am on the day of the show and accompanied by the entry fee of 50p per exhibit (Junior classes 20p) and your entry form.
5. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in any class except in the Vegetable and Fruit section where they are limited to two.
6. No exhibit should have previously won a prize in an earlier Dore Show.
7. The Show Committee will provide plates and vases, where required, for the staging of exhibits.
8. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit and in the event of such refusal shall not be required to give any reason or explanation.
9. The Show Committee may decline or return entries in the event of there being insufficient space.
10. The Judges' awards as to the relative merit of exhibits shall be final and on all other matters the decision of the Show Committee will be final.
11. Cash prizes for each class will be 1st £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £1. The Judges may withhold or modify any prize in a class if insufficient entries are received, or the exhibits are considered undeserving of the prizes.
12. No exhibit may be removed from the Show area before 5:00pm.
13. The Show Committee will welcome the donation of exhibits for public auction in aid of charity immediately after the exhibition closes at 4.30pm.
14. All exhibits must be removed from the Show area by 5.30pm. Removal is not allowed until the auction is complete. Any remaining after this time become the property of the Show Committee.
15. Exhibitors and visitors to the Show shall comply with the directions of the Stewards.



## Domestic Section

- 31 4 hens' eggs, home laid  
 32 A Dundee cake made in an approximately 7 inch tin to the following recipe: ½lb plain flour, 1 tsp baking powder, pinch of salt, 3 hens eggs, 6oz butter or margarine, 6oz soft brown sugar, 6oz each of sultanas and currants, 2oz peel, 1oz red or dark cherries, pinch of spice, 1 tbsp milk and 1oz almonds for the top.  
 33 A Victoria Sandwich made to the following recipe: weight of two hens eggs in margarine or butter, sugar and white self-raising flour, pinch of salt and a little water, baked in two 6 or 7 inch tins, sandwiched with raspberry jam, sprinkled with caster sugar.  
 34 Lemon Drizzle cake  
 35 A chocolate cake - any recipe  
 36 Men only - my favourite cake, labelled to identify the type of cake  
 37 Shortbread  
 38 A plate of 5 biscuits containing oats  
 39 4 decorated cupcakes  
 40 A loaf of white bread  
 41 A jar of chutney  
 42 A jar of lemon curd  
 43 A jar of fruit jam  
 44 A jar of marmalade

## Photography Section

- 63 A black & white photograph "Transport", minimum size 7" x 5"  
 64 A colour photograph - "My Holiday", minimum size 7" x 5"  
 65 A colour photograph - "A Portrait", animal or human, unframed, maximum size 6" x 8"  
 66 A colour photograph - "The Natural World", unframed, maximum size 6" x 8"



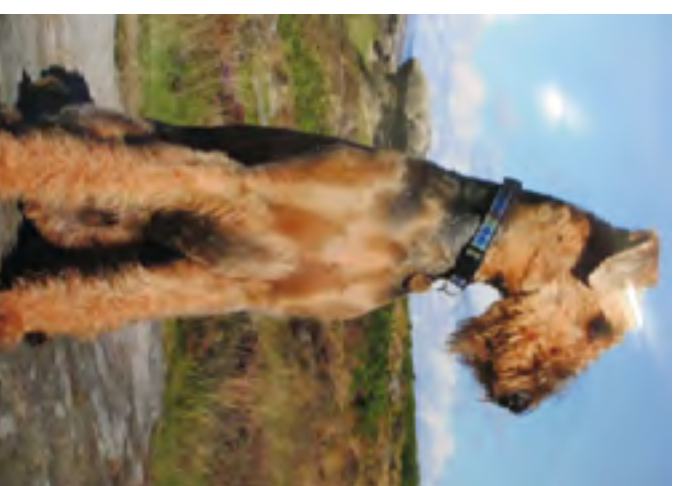
- These must be home-made. Wine should be in clear corked bottles with plain labels  
 45 A bottle of dry red wine  
 46 A bottle of sweet red wine  
 47 A bottle of dry white wine  
 48 A bottle of sweet white wine  
 49 A bottle of any other wine

## Wine Section



## Junior Section (up to age 14)

- Entries must be children's own work and show their age. Classes x and y must not be more than A3 in size.  
 67 A vegetable animal (age 11 and under)  
 68 A painting or drawing of any subject (age 5 and under)  
 69 A drawing of any subject (age 6 to 11)  
 70 A painting of any subject (age 6 to 11)  
 71 A craft exhibit in any medium (age 9 to 11)  
 72 A art or craft exhibit in any medium (age 12 to 14)  
 73 A colour photograph "My Favourite Animal". Unframed, maximum size 6" x 8"  
 74 4 homemade cupcakes, to be judged on decoration only





## Vegetable and Fruit Section

- 1 6 pods of runner beans
- 2 3 onions, dressed
- 3 3 onions 8oz or less
- 4 3 leeks
- 5 1 vegetable marrow
- 6 4 potatoes - one variety
- 7 4 beetroot
- 8 1 cucumber
- 9 5 tomatoes on a plate - one variety
- 10 8 cherry tomatoes
- 11 Any other vegetable
- 12 A plate of blackberries
- 13 4 dessert apples
- 14 4 cooking apples
- 15 A tray of mixed vegetables including salad
- 16 The heaviest marrow
- 17 Any other fruit (5 items of the same fruit)
- 18 A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
- 19 A pumpkin or squash
- 20 Hothouse fruit, one item
- 21 3 courgettes



## Flower Section

(vases will be provided)

- 22 A vase of five dahlias arranged to effect
- 23 3 gladioli
- 24 An orchid in flower in a pot
- 25 3 roses, any container
- 26 1 foliage plant in a pot (maximum pot size 12")
- 27 1 flowering plant in a pot (maximum pot size 12")
- 28 A vase of mixed flowers
- 29 A vase of sweet peas
- 30 A floral arrangement not higher than 40cms and wider than 40 cms (the winner will be awarded the Wyvern Rose bowl)

## Textile & Hand Craft Section

- 50 A handmade decorative cushion
- 51 Tapestry or embroidery or cross-stitch from a kit or chart
- 52 An item of fabric clothing
- 53 A handmade knitted item
- 54 Any soft toy
- 55 A craft exhibit in wood
- 56 A craft exhibit in any other material
- 57 A crocheted item
- 58 A quilted item



## Visual Arts Section (minimum age 15)

- 59 A water colour painting - landscape
- 60 A water colour painting - any other subject
- 61 A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- 62 A monochrome drawing - any medium

## Welcome to Dore Show 2014

This year's Dore Show will be held on Saturday 13th September. There are 74 exhibition categories this year, mostly old favourites but some new ones as well.

The Junior Section has been moved into the Old School and the presentation of cups and drawing of the raffle have been relocated to their traditional home in the large room of the Old School. All other categories are in their familiar locations.

Registration of exhibition entries takes place between 8:45am and 10:30am in the Old School and the Methodist Church Hall.

As well as the exhibition we have a full afternoon of entertainment planned and we are pleased to welcome back Sheffield City Morris after a break from performing for us, and our old stalwarts Oughtibridge Brass Band will also be there. The band will commence the entertainment at 2:00pm and will alternate every half hour with the Morris dancers.

Refreshments will be served in the Methodist Church Hall and there will be wheelchair and pushchair access to the Church Hall from the rear of the premises.

The afternoon will end with our usual auction of produce, the proceeds of which go to charity, and our charity for this year is Diabetes UK. We chose this to honour the memory of Mary Mackinnon who worked tirelessly for Diabetes UK and who also dedicated an enormous amount of time and effort to the Dore Village Society and the Dore Show.

Diabetes UK has a network of almost 400 voluntary groups throughout the UK, and the Sheffield Group is a very active one providing support, companionship, education and information for people living with diabetes and their carers See <http://www.sheffield.diabetesukgroup.org/home/home.asp> for more information.

Mick Taylor, Fundraising Coordinator for Sheffield Diabetes UK Group, has responded with thanks on behalf of the Committee and members of the Sheffield Diabetes UK Group, wishing us a highly successful event.

At 3:30pm we will have the presentation of Cups and Shields in the large room of the Old School and at 4.15pm the raffle prize distribution will take place, again in the large room of the Old School.

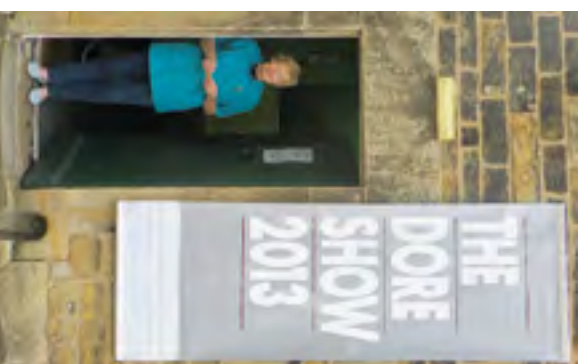
The exhibitions will close at 4:30pm in time for the auction of exhibits to commence at 4:40pm, and after that has finished exhibits can be removed and prize money claimed.

Although the Dore Show takes place in a short time slot on the second Saturday in September, planning for the event commenced last October and took place throughout the year. On the day (and the evening beforehand when we set everything up) there are over sixty people working on various aspects of the event and this is a significant endeavour. We are greatly indebted to this group of volunteers without whom the Dore Show could not take place. However, we are constantly looking for new recruits to replace those who have moved on so, if you enjoy attending the Dore Show and would like to see it continue, why not get in touch and volunteer to help?

We look forward to seeing you on 13th September.

**Keith Shaw**

**Dore Show Chairman**



May Mackinnon

## Dore Show Timetable

<b>08:45am</b>	<b>Registration of entries commences</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Registration of entries closes</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Show opens</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Oughtibridge Brass Band and Sheffield City Morris performing at alternate half hour intervals</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Presentation of Cups and Shields (in the Old School)</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Raffle draw announced (in the Old School)</b>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Exhibition closes</b>
<b>4:40pm</b>	<b>Charity Auction (in the Old School yard)</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Exhibitors remove exhibits</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Prize money to be collected from the Old School</b>



# Turned out nice again, didn't it?



Gala and Festival photography this year by Martin Coggins, Geoff Cope, John Eastwood, Rex Eastwood, Tina Gage and Keith Shaw. Thanks to you all.

## Travel South Yorkshire's Interactive Public Transport Map

Regular patrons of public transport in Sheffield will know that the plethora of buses, trams and walking routes on offer throughout the city can sometimes be a little tricky to co-ordinate. Enter the new online interactive map produced by Travel South Yorkshire. This resource is a great way to view local bus routes, timetables and current running times in the South Yorkshire area, and comes complete with a built-in journey planner. Information about other forms of travel such as trams and trains are also included in this comprehensive guide to getting around. But it's not just for public transport - it also includes many walking routes with places of interest that you can pass en route, as well as a guide to the types of wildlife and other natural sights to be seen.

The page can be accessed online using the link at <http://maps.travelsouthyorkshire.com>.



To navigate simply double click on the map to zoom in on an area, or use the + and - buttons on the top left to change the scale from a street-by-street view to a view encompassing the major South Yorkshire area, and every stage in between. Once you have the map set to the right scale you can then move freely around it either by using the arrow buttons on the top right or by clicking and dragging with the mouse.

The map is fully updated alongside Ordnance Survey maps, so it can act as a local knowledge base for road names, but the real highlight of this map is that all of the South Yorkshire Travel bus stops are listed down the left-hand side in numerical order. This means more accurate times can be calculated between minor stops that are not always listed on the printed bus timetables, making planning a journey much easier.

Clicking on a chosen bus route number then automatically moves the user to the location of the first bus stop on the route, and further clicking on the 'bus' icon on the



map lists a mini-timetable in a pop-up box. This mini-timetable provides information on the bus operators and service numbers of the buses running from that stop, and moving between the tabs shows a live timetable and also a personal journey planner.

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98	Ecclesfield	18 mins	♿
99	Ecclesfield	29 mins	♿
218	Sheffield Centre	33 mins	♿
98	Ecclesfield	38 mins	♿

From this, you can plan your bus journey and find estimates of travel times and routes. The pop-up box also supplies the unique number assigned to that stop, which you can enter into a journey planner to calculate exact stop-to-stop times, allowing a much more precise time estimate than is usually available from the bus timetables. By selecting a route from the right-hand 'Search' section or through the pop-up box, you can also see the route in its entirety displayed on the map, showing a clear, printable route. If you zoom in you can then select any bus stop along the route.

If you need a more extensive range of times for a bus service, the online map also provides links to downloadable versions of the printed bus timetables. While showing only major stops, they provide information on all running times for that service, including weekend changes and operators. These can be found either by using the 'Search' tab on the right or by selecting a certain route on the map itself. This brings up a list of downloadable timetables, accessible through the main South Yorkshire website.

Various other icons are also displayed on the map including tramlines, hospital and school locations, all of which have a journey planner available upon clicking on the icon. For more information, the 'Key' on the left-hand side describes instructions for downloading the public transport Key map for help with understanding the icons and keys used.

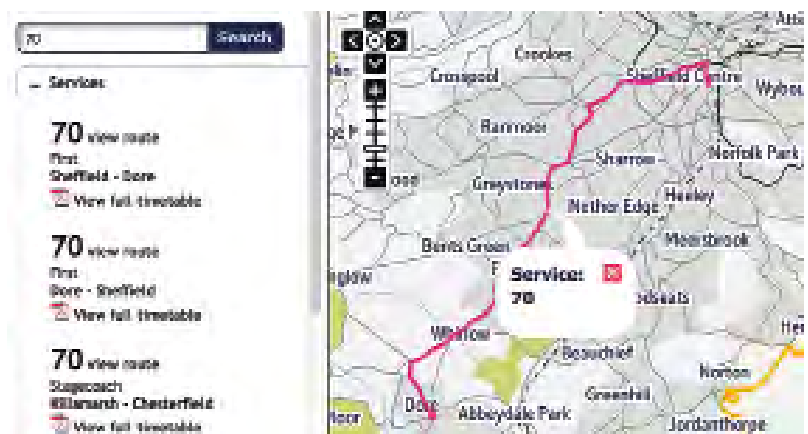
Another useful feature is the Places of Interest search option located within the 'Walking' tab. This feature lists walking routes by area in alphabetical order, and includes routes for Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster as well as Sheffield. Scrolling to the bottom of the list allows the user to choose the desired area and clicking on a route brings up a journey planner pop-up box, much like the bus and tram journey plan options.



Viewing the downloadable pdf for each route produces an online information page for that particular walk, and many include the types of wildlife and sites to be seen. This is particularly handy for keen hikers and wildlife watchers, particularly those relying on public transport at the start or end of walks.

Finally, for ease of use the map can be shared with friends, printed out, and toggled from full screen to half-screen by using the options in the top right-hand corner of the screen. For more information, the 'help' tab offers a comprehensive description of all of the features of the map, and also provides a small guide for how best to use it.

Claire Shaw & Christina Lowe



## A hotbed of Radicalism

"*Sheffield Troublemakers*" by David Price

Pub 2008 Phillimore & Co Ltd; Paperback (2012) £14.99

An argument is made in this book for Sheffield being important in terms of the history of radical agitation between the time of the French Revolution and the relatively recent past (the last date quoted was 2008). It's a pity that reference to more recent issues including those involving the World Student Games and the Sheffield Airport scenario was not made. In fact, the book essentially ends with the David Blunkett era.

The beginnings, uniquely in Sheffield, are ascribed to a 'happy-go-lucky' administration - there being no tight corporate control, radical Nonconformism due to religious diversity, and dissenters involving an influential middle class and 'militant artisans'; those independently-minded small scale manufacturers of cutlery, so important to Sheffield, at loggerheads with the established Cutlers' Company.

The demand for Sheffield's special steel products grew in the UK and elsewhere and Sheffield's population approximately doubled between 1801 and 1831. Methodism provided a primary source of dissent, although schisms featured within the church. (Were the schisms a corollary of the dissent movement?) Anglican Churches were constructed, their operations largely financed by pew rent. Radical artisans would surely prefer Methodism which had abandoned pew rents; but then most artisans did not attend church.

Parliamentary reform was being demanded and the Chartists became prominent. Railways improved national communications and the development of Sheffield's great steelworks became the crucible of trade union activism in the city, the world's leading steel and cutlery town by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Socialism became the primary driver of dissent and varied were the examples of its application. Ruskin established a sort of commune in Totley (!) and Karl Marx objected to not being paid for an article in the 'Sheffield Free Press'! (What hoots!)

Some prominent members of the Christian Church still fought against poverty, trying so hard for the poor. The nascent female suffrage movement; the 'Settlements'; Tory drive for the provision of water, train and electricity 'undertakings'; all these intermingle in this city's history. Sheffield became a city in 1893, when Queen Victoria opened the Town Hall but never left her carriage!

It was, however, the Socialists, in the guise of the Labour Party which eventually came to pre-eminence by winning control of the City Council in 1926, the first major city in the UK to be so led. Sheffield's Council has been largely in the Labour Party's hands ever since. Handed power following WWI, reinforced by WWII, Sheffield was an armaments centre. However, Sheffield was the largest purely manufacturing city in the country; unlike Manchester and Leeds it lacked a commercial sector and (thereby?) possessed a relatively small middle class. Given today's relativities, does this make you think? A book should!

Then there was the glory of the Mass Trespass of '32, aided and abetted by Manchester. But those were surely different times; the Peak Park, at least, remains.

And so to the 'Brightside Mafia' (where we come in, perhaps). Cheap bus fares, the Red Flag on *our* Town Hall (perhaps Stalin's atrocities didn't matter), traditional industry on the wane, the Miners' Strike of appalling hurt to ourselves and our neighbours, paying around £500,000 to the NUM to move their HQ to *our* city (where is it now?), rate-capping; it goes on and on. But I knew a 'card-carrying' Tory who thought Blunkett was alright! Thatcher visited Sheffield in April '83 for the Cutlers' Hall 'do' and was presented with a 'demo'. I know, I was there. She never came back. A Pyrrhic victory.

The book moves more with Blunkett and familiar times; the 'drivers' of past dissent have gone. Despite extensive notes and bibliography, and noting my first paragraph, there is perhaps a lack of consideration of where this history leaves us today. Suited to historians and local interested parties, it unfortunately does not consider what Sheffield means today. Surely a city of European import possesses an airport?

We must learn from the past, not live in it.

Neil Taylor

## Look and smile!



The Grouse Inn has been in the Fletcher family for almost 65 years. Originally George and Doreen Fletcher were landlord and landlady back in 1965, later buying the pub when the opportunity arose as breweries disposed of some of their estates. It is still very much a family affair, Mark and Sally Fletcher and their family running the pub today.

The Grouse is well placed to serve many groups and particularly favoured by walkers and their dogs, but it is also used by groups such as Rotary which are accommodated easily in the spacious back room. It is 4.5 miles from Dore; about the same as eateries on Ecclesall Road.

We chose to visit on a lovely sunny evening, expecting it to be quiet as it clashed with a World Cup Semi-Final (the boring one). On the contrary it was very busy. Sitting in the main bar, the views out of every window are excellent, particularly looking through the back of the bar, on a sunny clear evening you look towards the horizon over miles of Derbyshire countryside.

The Grouse has much to offer with hand pulled Real Ales, a comprehensive wine list, a menu offering wide choice with large and small portions, a Chef's Specials board and for that after dinner tipple forty malt whiskies to choose from. Not forgetting a bottle of Hendon's on every table. We had a warm welcome from the bar staff, somewhat matching the sign on the wall: "If you catch someone's eye, SMILE".

Ordering from the bar we are given the No. 13 spoon as a tab, very appropriate for someone born on Friday 13! We both chose from the Chef's Specials board. For me a lamb shank served with red wine and apricot sauce, a side bowl of vegetables and for my less meat orientated partner roast butternut squash and sage risotto served with a poached egg. I stick with the hand pulled IPA, Sauvignon Blanc accompanies the 'veggie' dish. Both meals arrive in good time

My lamb is well cooked and well seasoned with very tasty gravy. Accompanying vegetables include broccoli, cauliflower, new potatoes and carrots. Again well cooked.

The butternut squash risotto also pleased, a large helping, again very tasty. A minor criticism, the poached egg did not have a runny yolk, which would have added to the dish.

With such generous portions it is difficult to consider a dessert from the menu. However having seen so much chocolate and ice cream go past during the evening we cannot resist.

We share an ice cream 'Whatsit'; vanilla and chocolate ice cream, Maltesers, chocolate chips, fresh cream and chocolate sauce, served in a dish resembling a fruit bowl! Too much for both of us but we manage!

The whole meal was very pleasing, as good as you can get for pub food and at reasonable prices too. We paid £20 a head including all drinks.

Cherry Bakewell

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## Old Dog, New Tricks

After having lots of fun seeing the young, active dogs at the Dore Gala running through the activity equipment like mad things my thoughts drifted to the older dogs looking from the sidelines at these young whippersnappers and probably thinking 'I used to be able to do that'. So this time I'm going to dedicate this article to the old dogs.

As dogs get older they experience the same sort of problems as we do. A few more aches and pains, sometimes can't be bothered, you maybe know the feeling. While your greying companion may not be able to run as fast or walk as far as he used to, it is still important for him to have regular exercise to keep him healthy in body and mind. It is important that the level of exercise is right for your dog. Older dogs soon suffer if asked to do too much or if they exercise irregularly. It is better that you do several short sessions in a day rather than one long one. Even dogs suffering with medical conditions will benefit from gentle activity but extra thought needs to be given to ensure they are not overstressed. If you have any doubts seek some advice from your vet who will be very happy to help. In hot, humid weather exercise them in the early morning or late evening. In

colder weather wait for the warmer part of the day and until any frost has lifted. Keep an eye on your dog's attitude to exercise; he should be enthusiastic when going for a walk, even if he just toddles up the road. However pay attention of how he returns home. Is he dragging behind you, or does he seem to be saying 'Can we just go a little further?' You should aim to achieve the latter.

Autumn and winter will be with us soon - consider whether your dog would benefit from a waterproof coat. It will keep his muscles warmer when you start the walk and you could take it off after ten minutes. Put it back on for the last ten minutes coming home so he can 'warm down' just like Wayne Rooney does after he's been chasing a ball round a field!

It is very easy to get into the routine of doing exactly the same route on your walks. Older dogs are generally well behaved and know what we want so seem content, but that doesn't mean this is all the attention they need. When they were younger we interacted with them more, did different and new things, simple changes to routes can stimulate their minds with new smells, sights and sounds. If your dog enjoyed doing obedience and agility in the past try doing a little with him now - don't stop just because of his age. There are simple

things that you can do on your walks to give your dog a gentle all-over work out. Look out for things that can help, stepping over a low branch to encourage joint flex, weave through some trees to help spine flexibility, walk up and down a gentle slope so it encourages him to change his position and use of different muscle groups. If you can't get out as often as you would like use simple garden canes balanced across two plant pots and get him to step over them, walk in large circles round to the left and then to the right. These little exercises will make your dog fitter and more flexible, and spending more time together interacting, with the opportunity to reward and praise him will do wonders for your old dog.

Older dogs still appreciate games but these probably need to be different to when he was younger. Instead of throwing the ball for him to run after, roll the ball. For dogs with failing eyesight try one with a bell in it, they will be able to follow the sound and track the smell. You can buy a hollow ball, (one popular brand is named after a large ape) fill it with treats and hide it somewhere in the garden, he'll love spending time trying to find it.

Follow these few tips and you never know, your old pal could be the Dog of Dore next year.

**Chris Clifford, Clifford Dog Training**

## Environment

Totley Brook Tenants and Residents Association have been clearing Himalayan Balsam again from the Totley Brook open space and are grateful for the help given by Abbeydale Rotary Club. The areas that were thoroughly cleared last year are looking great now and have needed very little attention this year. We are intending to leave one, hopefully manageable, sunny open glade of the plant because the flowers are beautiful and the bees love it.

I met staff from Parks and Countryside last month to discuss some issues on Totley Brook open space. They will remove the big metal sign on the field and replace it with a wooden post with a small metal plaque on it, more fitting for a rural space. They are going to surface a boggy part of a path in the woodland part of the site using natural stone. They didn't want to use natural stone, but I insisted on it especially as it is in Green Belt and it is such a small area, so won't cost very much to do properly. They gave the usual excuses about the need to reduce quarrying, but I pointed out that natural stone is frequently used in the city centre (the big blobs outside the Crucible!) and we deserve to have it here, not a dumping of urban demolition waste. At the request of residents I also asked about possible drainage of the big field that gets very wet. As expected this is very unlikely to happen on account of cost. We mentioned the ongoing problems with drainage on Dore Recreation Ground and the suggestion we have had from someone for a pond in Dore. They said this can be a very good idea and that they are actually doing this in some other locations. Hampstead Heath in London has wonderful swimming ponds that are open all year. Guess that is a dream too far for here.

There has been a flurry recently of the blocking of more routes that people have walked for decades around Dore. These are all on private land but the desire lines have come about because a

lot of the land on the edge of Dore is left unmanaged; it is held speculatively by people who are not local and will look to sell to developers when the time is right. With the current threat to the Green Belt on account of national pressure for home building, maybe they think the time is coming. Our MP and councillors have pledged to do everything they can to protect the Green Belt here, but the threat is very real.

Everyone's judgement as to why they need to use the car is different. I find it hard to understand why most people drive around their own village, especially as walking around Dore is so pleasant - though getting less so. I would ask that commuters try to walk or cycle to the rail station if they live close enough to do so with all the cars. The park and ride is now so full that the council and SYPTTE want to expand it again if funds allow.

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Dear Dore to Door,

I'd like to make a public thank you to some very special people living in Dore. Recently our old cat, Thomas disappeared. He's nineteen, blind and not too good at hearing either. We were saddened, but thought that he had taken himself away to die quietly somewhere.

Of course we searched for him, but he never went very far from the house and after ten days without him we resigned ourselves that we would never see him

again. Then a neighbour spotted a poster in the village saying that an old tabby had been found. I rushed out to read the poster and when I saw that it said the cat was blind I knew it was Tommy.

I called the number on the poster and spoke to Sally and Robin who told me they had found Tommy the previous Saturday, so he had only spent one or two nights out in the cold. They had called him Woody, because they'd found him half dead in the middle of Ecclesall Woods.

Sally and Robin did so much; they took Tommy to the vet, who found that he had a kidney complaint probably due to dehydration. They also registered him with the RSPCA and an online lost cat charity, as well as putting up posters all round Dore. I was so overwhelmed by everything they had done.

Two months later and Woody/Tommy is doing well. Always ready at meal times, he stays close and seems more affectionate than he ever was before his Ecclesall Adventure.

Good neighbours are special and I just can't thank Sally and Robin enough for giving my old boy a little more time with me.

**Christina A Stark**

**Bernard Moores**

Dear John,

At the village remembrance Service at the War Memorial last November, a wreath was laid in memory of Flight Officer Bernard Moores, who was killed in action in 1945.

We would like to officially recognise Bernard and include his name in our Memorial services. Unfortunately, we do not have any record and the War Office has no information regarding living relatives.

If any of your readers knew Bernard, or have any information about living relatives, please contact me through Dore Parish Church.

**Paul Cobbold**

**Well thanks a lot**

Many thanks to all who helped to create our Well Dressing this year. During the week we had 19 new helpers. We hope you enjoyed the experience and will help again next year.

Once again Linda Peters created a dramatic design based on Wilfred Owen's 1st World War poem *Dulce et Decorum Est*.

Thanks to all who supported our charities, Help the Heroes and a local charity Grace Food Bank.

**Judy Hill, Co-ordinator**

**Jump for Jean**

Dear John,

In April this year I completed a skydive in aid of the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, raising £1,526 for the charity.

As I am 81 years old I had to obtain a consent from the doctor. One of the GPs was sceptical, but luckily another agreed to sign the form and I was able to go on the dive.

May I thank all the Dore residents who sponsored me - particularly a lady in the surgery queue and recently moved to Dore, who gave me a note.

Thankyou everyone.

**Jean Cholerton**

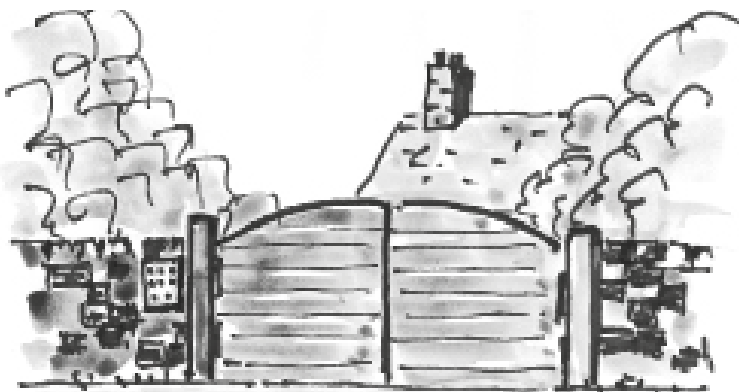


Ladies - would you like to come to a friendly, informal afternoon meeting? We meet fortnightly at Dore Methodist Church.

We have various speakers who come to talk to us, occasional outings and of course, always a cuppa on hand.

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## Our Summer Visitors

Officially, summer in the northern Hemisphere begins on June 21, the day of the solstice. But for me, summer begins when the first of our visitors arrive. This year that was on May 13. We moved into our semi-detached house on Chatsworth Road over thirty years ago. It was built in 1901, and was called Moorland View before houses were numbered to make life easier for the postman. In the 1911 census it is occupied by the Reverend Thomas A. Seed and his family. He was Totley's Wesleyan Minister. Incidentally houses officially in Dore Parish situated between Dore Road and Totley Brook Road on roads leading up towards the village from Abbeydale Road South all used to have the postal address 'Totley Rise'. This was because there was no road connection with the village or its post office so mail had to be delivered from Totley Rise post office. As a child I would go with my parents from our prefab in Totley to the tennis club at the end of Devonshire Road and happily play in the fields until developers started building on them – then we'd play on the building site – no 'elf and safety' or fear of being abducted in those days of course!

So, I guess you are now wondering who these summer visitors are, and where are they from? They are the swifts of course, and they have flown back to us Africa. Specifically, from Zaire, Tanzania or Zimbabwe. Studies of swifts have revealed some startling facts - particularly that ability to fly long distances. When migrating they may fly nearly 500 miles each day. That's more than a million miles in a lifetime! What's more, swifts spend their life almost entirely in flight. They feed, sleep and mate on the wing. They feed on insects and only land when nesting. I have caught and then released a few over the years when they have somehow managed to get inside the house. They have powerful wings, very large hairy mouths and short legs – so they cannot land on wires or branches like other birds – but can cling to walls or fight off predators with them.

Swift related statistics are simply astounding. According to researchers when

feeding their young they can catch and deliver up to 10,000 insects a day. True to their name they are the fastest bird in level flight – almost 70 miles per hour. Whilst peregrines are officially the world's fastest bird, that record only relates to a steep dive with gravity assisting. Young swifts remain on the wing without ever landing for the first three years of their lives after which they mate and make a nest. In nature, that would be on cliffs or in caves, in the case of houses like ours, under the eaves on top of the stone walls. And there lies a problem. Modern houses simply aren't built like those on Chatsworth Road any more. Swift numbers have declined some 30% over the past ten years and the lack of nesting sites in modern buildings may be a factor.



An *Apus apus* screechperson yesterday

House martins have suffered a similar reduction in numbers. Several of the more modern houses on Chatsworth Road and Busheywood Road used to have house martins but their owners destroyed their mud nests under their eaves (unsightly) and eventually they no longer returned. By the way, it's a common misconception that swifts are related to house martins and swallows. True, they look alike, but swifts (*Apus apus*) are a distinct species. Their similarities have occurred through the evolutionary process of attaining the best shape for super efficient flying.

On average swifts live for six or seven years, although a ringed bird has been recorded as being 21 years old. Once paired, swifts breed together for many years. When one partner doesn't make the

journey back from Africa or dies here, its place will be immediately taken by another bird of the same sex. The female lays 2-3 eggs and the pair hatch the chicks together. It is interesting watching them enter and leave the nest – the latter operation seems to entail falling out for a couple of feet and then taking flight! Being such an active bird, sitting on their nest for around three weeks must be boring, but in a TV documentary about the Oxford Swift Research Project they were seen exercising by doing press-ups with their wings. They can survive bad weather by entering a coma-like condition in which their metabolism slows to almost nothing.

It's easy to tell when the swifts are getting ready to migrate back to Africa. They start to swoop between our house and the house next door, screaming, repeating the move time and time again. No wonder they were once called the 'devil bird'. I don't know what the scientists say, but I'm convinced they are programming their 'sat navs' for their return to our house on Chatsworth Road next year.

And that leads me to say, 'When does summer end?' The answer is simple - when I look up into the evening sky and the swifts have gone!

For some fascinating facts about swifts, and live webcam action of swifts nesting, visit the Oxford University Museum of Natural History website at <http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/visiting/swifts/>

Mick Savage

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Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting at about 10.30am, this is open to all adults and entry is on the field. Following the start of the Fell Race there will be a demonstration of dog obedience and agility.

After the Fell Race the trials culminate in a double gather

championship, which consists of the eight highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday. The winner will take home the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver teapot.

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This will be the 116th year of the Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the two world wars and 2001 because of foot and mouth being the only years when no trials were held.

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Indeed, Sir Halford MacKinder prophesied in 1904 that the future belonged to the autarkic states as railways had finally enabled long distance transit safer by land than sea. Britain was the Empire and thereby the Royal Navy; the end was beginning, particularly as Britain's steel production had been overtaken by both Germany and the USA.

Numbers vary, but after perhaps 16 million dead, my own distant relatives included on the Somme, followed by three times that number in the 'flu pandemic which took an uncle I was never to know, Britain was promised a 'Land fit for heroes'. Lloyd George's statement was not fulfilled, but Foch's was; 'This is not peace but an armistice for twenty years!' But that's to follow.

God's help was sought, for where else to turn when in deep pain? This is witnessed by the proliferation of cenotaphs in every city, town and village, including our own here in Dore. Spiritualism became a refuge – my grandfather, father to my unknown uncle, later destroyed personal letters from Conan Doyle, similarly afflicted, upon Doyle's death so as to avoid the temptation to sell them. So it goes.

Despite a General Strike and a Slump, Keynes prophesied a time, due about *now*, when poverty would be past and all would enjoy 'time', or something like that. The Gold Standard was dropped; but it all began again. One hundred years ago, seventy years ago; Foch's prediction came true. 'Only movement brings victory'; Erwin Rommel's words still matter. There'd been precious little of that in WWI, perhaps too much in WWII. Another 50 million dead.

History will surely record that the twentieth century's greatest legacy is war. One hundred million dead and counting, through the Cold War and onwards. It has been said that history is most ably recorded by the victors. Whatever, is it simply cause and effect, Macaulay's interpretation or teleological? Ultimately, all arguments become religious, for God exists; everyman has his god, be it what he sees in the mirror, money, power; where else is there to turn when in deep pain? But I'm repeating myself.

This essay is not pseudo-revisionism, it's simply that those who suffered deserve more than remembrance *per se*. They gave us health care, education for our kids and a Cold War that never became hot, showing what men can do when they do not turn aside (Burke).

So, was it worth it? Is war ever just (Matthew 26:52)? Geoffrey Wellum was a pilot in the Battle of Britain, rested and sent to fight over Malta, then considered indefensible. Recently asked if it had been worth it in BBC TV's 'At First Light' he replied, 'I'm not sure'. Looking at our green and pleasant land this day, perhaps his damning line would accord with others of the fallen.

We can't ask the names on Dore War Memorial whether it was worth it, but if they were called back to life for just one day, a century after their sacrifice, what would they think of us? Surely they would marvel at our technology, but I think they'd be a little disappointed by our society. They had a dignity, a unity of purpose and a sense of community which revolved around church, pub and meeting hall, not chat forums and Facebook-abused slacktivism. Their heroes lived and died in war, on expeditions of discovery, or fought for socio-political reform; today's win TV talent contests or play football. They had a handful of friends whom they saw every day; hundreds of 'friends' surround us now, but only *at a distance*. Humble homes demanded back-breaking toil; despite our hi-tech lifestyles and labour-saving devices we never have 'time' to spare. What happened to Keynes' prediction?

John McCrae's poem on the front cover asks us to take the torch and hold it high; not to break faith with the values for which they died. I think we've let them down, don't you? God bless 'em.

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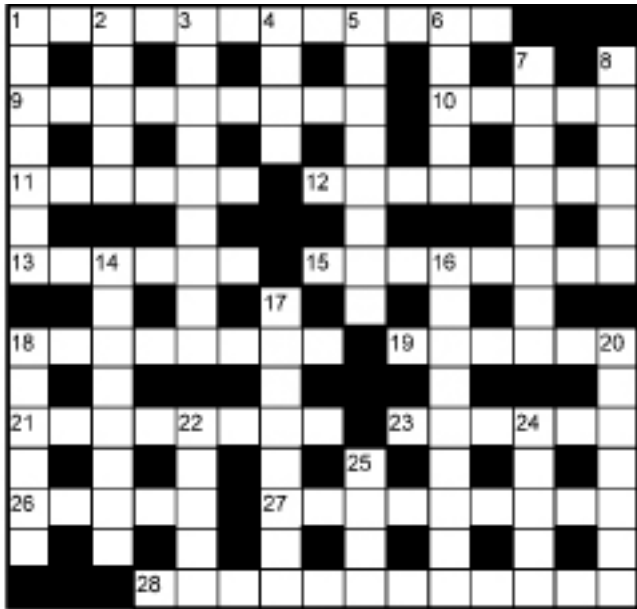
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**Across**

1. Professor McGonagall does this with one found on station, possibly (12)
9. Only Milan making transfer cheaply (9)
10. Drug dealer doesn't have power to lead (5)
11. Furniture maker got organised about a race (6)
12. Efforts to create a Tory leader with influence over the South (8)
13. Mould to make peaceful points (6)
15. Greek philosopher involved with unspecified element (8)
18. Current Account sent round to us has generated a bug (8)
19. Gorge American sweets missing day working (6)
21. Warning to catch "Hair" (8)
23. Acknowledged a sin (6)
26. Distinct unbounded slur on the police department (5)
27. Casual medical man goes to the North in case it's a matter of principle (9)
28. It's desirable to change someone causing upset (12)

**Down**

1. Fit and brown, that's odd after this temperature (7)
2. Accept promotion to American University (5)
3. Design in pearl on model (9)
4. Make unpleasant coffin (4)
5. Tax cheat revealed by meeting (8)
6. Draw up contract taking tip-off (5)
7. Composition results from the sound of modern music's overdose (8)
8. Inferior must go round the tree (6)
14. Speed of sound as alternative to diamonds is sweet (8)
16. Travelling alien lacking energy embraces divine beginning (9)
17. Sum up someone training for service producing wine (8)
18. Large package involves great strength to throw (6)
20. It's bumpy going round and round and round the French (7)
22. Deposit for the house (5)
24. Birds seen flying around river (5)
25. Evidence of healing when one is working contrary to instructions (4)

**Solution to Summer Crossword**



Crossword compiled by Mavis.

Answers next time.

Through the last academic year, pupils at Dore Primary have been learning about the First World War. This poem by 10-year old Natasha Clarke is a single example of the work they have undertaken, and shows a deep understanding of and empathy with the subject. (See also page 17.)

Along with other work by Dore pupils, it forms part of an exhibition in the Town Hall foyer during the whole of August. Please call in for a look if you can.

**Dreaming back**

*by Natasha Clarke*

The rain came pouring down  
 Torrential into rat-ridden trenches  
 Soldiers marching dismally  
 Through knee-high, wet, freezing mud  
 We're wet all the time  
 Freezing, soaking wet  
 What for?

For one hundred yards of bare land  
 I close my eyes and dream back,  
 Back to home  
 That was the size of grass that we used to play football on,  
 One hundred yards  
 Those warm summer days ...

Someone's reaching into my bed  
 A small hole in the wall with sandbags for pillows  
 Telling me to wake up

Oh yes, today's the day I'm going over the top  
 I pull on my wet boots over trench-footed feet  
 A light snow is falling  
 I close my eyes and dream back ...  
 Playing in the snow in winter  
 Laughing

Suddenly I am marching  
 Putting on my helmet  
 Being handed a rifle  
 Both as heavy as lead

I'm tense and nervous  
 Who wouldn't be?  
 Waiting for the call to advance  
 Then we hear it

Then we hear the call to attack  
 Now we're going  
 No turning back  
 Over the top into no-mans land  
 There's a BOOM  
 Searing pain in my chest  
 Things are going black  
 I close my eyes and dream back ...



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Level 1





**Non-stop action just up the road lately!**

It has been all action at Sheffield Tigers Rugby Club lately, even though it's the off season and no rugby has been played on the Dore Moor ground over the summer. The city's only national Rugby Union club has invested substantially in improving facilities and playing benefits.

Thanks to members' and sponsors' generosity, and with funding from Sports England and the Lead Up & Legacy Better Facilities Grant programme, Tigers has spent more than £80,000 to improve the drainage of three pitches and create more car parking space, including 'green' parking. Always respecting the natural beauty in which the club is situated, the 'green' parking has been created by siting soil blocks beneath the grass. This maintains the natural aspect yet allows vehicles to park on the grassed areas in all weathers. This is handy as Tigers is England's highest rugby club ground!

The gym has been substantially refurbished, which is free to members and where they can also gain access to personal trainers and a nutritionist. In addition to the usual top notch coaching, free kit and physiotherapy, the players are now entitled to free meals on training nights and match days, provided by Sheffield's Cathedral Archer Project with which the club has a strong link to mutual benefit. This worthwhile charity does a great deal for the city's homeless, giving them valuable work experience to help them return to society.

The coaching team has been strengthened significantly by uniting the local experience of three home grown player-coaches and a new South African head coach, Thiu Bernard. His informative, yet enjoyable training sessions have already led to an influx of 1st XV squad players and new social rugby players. This has enabled players more interested in mixing with their friends for fun and fitness to get more out of Tigers. The social side has already made plans for its eighth annual tour - this year over thirty players are heading off to Geneva in October.

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The strength and quality of the Manchester side began to shine through, just like the glorious weather, in the third quarter as the Rams started to tire. Their dominance of the second half continued until the final whistle when the Manchester Mosquitoes were crowned as league Champions victorious by a thirty eight point margin 107-69.

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Sat 30 5.30pm. Longshaw Fell Race on Saturday at 10.30am. Refreshments, licensed bar, hot and cold food. Admission includes parking, £5 adults, children free. See page 3.
- Fri 29 Wyvern Walkers: Bretton Clough and Abney (5 miles). Leave Old School 9.30am.

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sat 6 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Sat 6 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Burnage, kickoff 2pm.
- Sun 7 Family Fun Day in aid of childhood encephalitis at Far Nova Livery Yard, Shorts Lane. Barbecue, cream teas, bouncy castle, bucking bronco, face painting and magic, comedy and puppets. Tickets in advance £3 adults and £2 children from tickets@edendoratrust.org. See also page 15.
- Sat 13 Dore Show. Your full pull-out guide is in the centre of this magazine.
- Sat 13 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v sandal, kickoff 2pm.
- Tue 16 Wyvern Walkers: Ashford in the Water to Monsal Head. Leave Old School 9.30am.
- Wed 17 Holmesfield Flower Club Workshop Evening, tutor Barbara Colley. Contact Sandra 01709 541187 for details of workshop and materials needed. Non-members £4.00. 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ. Ample parking. Early arrival to set up is advisable.
- Sat 20 Trolley Show. See page 4.
- Sun 21 Friends of Gillfield Wood practical Conservation Morning with Council Rangers. Refreshments, tools etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required, and guidance given. Stay as little or long as you wish. Meet Baslow Road bus terminus, 10am.
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- Sun 4 Dore Male Voice Choir Gala Concert, Ecclesall Church, with special guest Elizabeth Watts. For tickets please telephone 0114 236 5043 or 0114 236 2474. See page 45.
- Mon 6 Wyvern Walkers: Route tba (9 miles). Leaving Dore Old School at 9.30 am.

- Sat 11 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Firwood Waterloo, kickoff 2pm.
- Sun 12 Charity Firewalk in aid of Little Heroes Cancer Trust, Devonshire Arms, High Street, 6pm. Sponsorship forms available from behind the bar in advance of the event, or phone 0114 235 1716 for more details. See also page 9.
- Wed 15 Holmesfield Flower Club Workshop Evening - by flower designer Lauretta Morley of Peony Florals entitled "Autumnal Arrangement". Contact Sandra 01709 541187 for details of workshop and materials needed. Non-members £4.00. 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ. Ample parking. Early arrival to set up is advisable.
- Sat 18- Great War Exhibition, Dore Old School 10am-5pm. Tableaux reflecting scenes of the  
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- Sun 19 Friends of Gillfield Wood practical Conservation Morning with Council Rangers. Refreshments, tools etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required, and guidance given. Stay as little or long as you wish. Meet Baslow Road bus terminus, 10am.
- Wed 22 Wyvern Walkers: Beeley to Chatsworth. Leaving Dore Old School at 9.30 am.
- Sat 25 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Sale, kickoff 2pm.

**NOVEMBER**

- Tue 11 Wyvern Walkers: Route tba (5.5 miles). Leaving Dore Old School at 9.30 am.
- Sat 15 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Cleckheaton, kickoff 3pm.
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## Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

What a wonderful first weekend in July we've just experienced. Firstly, the Tour de France *Grande Depart* and the huge crowds, at the most inaccessible places such as Buttertubs and Crag Vale and then, it seemed, an equivalent number attending our Summer Concert on the Saturday evening. The concert was entitled *From Silly to Sublime* and it certainly lived up to its name with silly duets from Alan and Angela Wade (even if it was by Offenbach) and Alex Hayward-Brown and me (Flanders & Swann, of course). The sublime came from Kathryn Parkin with "When a Merry Maiden Marries" from *The Gondoliers* and David Bramah with songs from Lehar and Lillian Ray. The lady who stole the show was Judy Savournin whose rendition of "I Want to Sing in Opera" was hilarious! In between were lovely light contributions from many members which provided a couple of hours of extremely well received entertainment. I have to say well done to everyone who took part and also to the audience who were absolutely splendid. Thank you all and commiserations to those of you who missed it! Thank you also for your contributions to the NSPCC collection which raised over £100.



*The Troubadores performing at Whinfell in July*

I thoroughly enjoyed the Sunday too. A small gang of us went from Dore (complete with a splendid picnic and lots to drink!) to watch the cycle race as it came towards the day's end in Sheffield. We had a splendid time. Now we look forward to starting rehearsals in September for our next production; *The Gondoliers*, which will be from April 29 to May 2 next year at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street. Before that, however, there is our annual December concert to compile and rehearse. The date for this is Saturday 20th December in Dore Methodist Church at 2:30pm. Keep a lookout for the posters and more information in later editions of this splendid local paper. After the success of our last concert there could be a fight for tickets, so make sure you get yours early! You can always contact me on 236 2299 or Mark White on 236 0723 for more information. Have an enjoyable summer.

**Derek Habberjam**



*Photo call for The Company who gave us an excellent performance of George Etherege's The Man of Mode on the Village Green during Gala.*  
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## Dore Male Voice Choir



For any choir, some years are special and some years are good. This year, being the Dore Male Voice Choir Golden Jubilee is a very special year. It is a year of prestigious concerts and events; a year of celebration and enjoyment.

We have already had a major concert at the City Hall in March, with Lesley Garrett as our guest soloist. How we enjoyed ourselves, and what great support we had from our audience.

In May the Dore Village Society put on an exhibition in the Old School for us, displaying the Choir's fifty-year history and successes. The Lord Mayor attended and the Society even provided a birthday cake. We are so grateful to DVS and are proud to be so closely identified with the village.

A month later the Choir were performing at an International Conference Gala Dinner at the Guildhall in London. What an experience, singing in a hall dating back to 1450, one of London's finest historical buildings; with 460 guests at the banquet and Gog and Magog (not Choir members!) looking down on us.

The Dore Festival Concert was again held at the Church Hall, this year with King Ecgbert School Jazz Band as our guests. What a jolly occasion, and again so well supported by the village residents.

At the time of writing we have just performed at the Cutler's Hall for the Master Cutler's Forfeit Feast; another fine occasion for the Choir. Then, on the last evening of 'Music in the Gardens' in the Botanical Gardens, we shared the platform with Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the renowned South African group and Emmy Award winners. We like to think the massive crowd of 2000 at this colourful event was down to us!

Our next big event is our Gala Concert on 4th October at Ecclesall Church. On that occasion we are fortunate to have Elizabeth Watts as our guest artist. She is the nationally acclaimed opera singer who two weeks before our concert is the soprano soloist at the 'Last Night of the Proms' at the Royal Albert Hall. We also have John Lenehan, again a pianist of national repute, accompanying her. Our Concert promises to be very special and one not to be missed. Tickets can be obtained from any Choir Member, or by telephoning 236 5043 or 236 2474.

See you there!

**David Heslop (Chairman)**

# From Jelly Babies to Conkers



Yes – they really are Jelly Babies. What can the connection possibly be to the Great War? As many of you will know Bassetts of Sheffield are one of the oldest confectioners in Britain and in 1918 they started to produce a new line in jellied sweets. To celebrate the end of the Great War they marketed them as 'Peace Babies'. We know them as Jelly Babies and production of them today runs into billions.

Life in Sheffield, and particularly in Dore had become harder and harder throughout the war years. By dipping into the Dore and Totley Parochial Magazines of the time 'allsorts' of requests were printed which focused on the increasingly desperate struggle to find sufficient food, as rationing bit. We are well aware of the impact of food rationing during the Second World War with many of us having old ration books still in the family. But the impact of food shortage hit home even in Dore where agriculture was one of the principal employments.

For example in February 1916: "Women's War Agricultural Committee – In connection with the above Association a Meeting will shortly be held in Dore to explain and promote the objects of the Association. It is realised that a greater effort must be made to save and grow more food, and also to help to supply the shortage of agricultural labour, which is daily becoming more serious. It is most earnestly hoped that the women of the neighbourhood will make a special effort to attend the meeting, as the subject is most important, and the Lecturer is coming from

Headquarters."

And: "Norton Food Control Committee – the area which this Committee is supposed to control consists of the Parishes of Norton-with-Bradway and Greenhill, of Dore and Totley, and of St John's, Abbeydale, with Totley Rise, Bradway Bank, and Greenoak. We are informed that as soon as the authorised tickets for Butter, Margarine and Tea are to hand they will be distributed from house to house throughout the above districts."

Later, by September 1916 this request went out: "At a meeting of the County War Agricultural Committee held in Derby early in August, it was decided that the Agricultural Organiser, Mr Bond, should arrange to hold Classes for instructing women how to do the following work:- Hedge cutting and bending; wood-cutting and sawing; thatching; use of scythes and how to sharpen tools; and other work suitable for the various districts. Applications should be made to Mrs Walsh, King's Croft, or to Mrs Oates, Knowle Green. To win the war, Agriculture must be kept up, and women can help to do this by, as far as possible, filling the places of men who have joined the colours. It is very much hoped that the local farmers will help the Government, and show their patriotism by making the best possible use of women labour."

By September 1917 these next extracts will make some of our lady readers smile:

"Derbyshire Women's War Agricultural Committee, Labour Exchange, Derby. Threshing Machines. Several of the owners of these machines have expressed themselves as willing to employ women. Applications should be made to Mrs Oates, Knowle Green, Dore, and Mrs Walsh, Kingscroft, Dore, who will also give details of clothing for part time workers, with prices for same."

Motor Tractors. "The Board of Agriculture are making enquiries for strong girls, to be instructed in driving motor tractors for ploughing. Any girls wishing to apply may give their names to the above ladies ie. Mrs Oates and Walsh."

But one of the stranger requests is this one, relating to horse chestnut collection, again taken from the Parish Magazine of September 1917:

"Horse Chestnuts – the Board of Education have been requested by the Minister of Munitions and the Food Controller to bring the following scheme to the notice of School Authorities, governing Bodies and Teachers, and to the public in general, and to request their assistance in giving effect to it. In brief, the circular states that a considerable quantity of grain is used in certain industrial processes essential to the prosecution of the war. Experiments have been made to discover substitute for this grain. The experiments prove that for every ton of horse chestnuts which have been harvested half a ton (of grain) can be saved for human consumption. This notice may appeal to patriotic youth of this district, and their spare time may well be used in gathering chestnuts, keeping on the husks, and sending them to the Schools of Dore or Totley, where they will be forwarded to the Director of Propellant Supplies, Ministry of Munitions, 32 Old Street, London SW1."

And lastly the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries – Women's Branch very kindly were coming to Dore to: "demonstrate fruit bottling and vegetable preserving without sugar, drying of fruits and vegetables, and sugarless Jam making (pulp)."

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## A Soldier's Grave

One grave in Dore churchyard is marked by a headstone erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission to commemorate a soldier who served in the First World War, but the man who is buried there is not listed on the Dore War Memorial. So what do we know of Private Saville Tasker, and why was he buried in Dore?

Prior to WWI there was no general policy regarding the commemoration of war dead. Those who were commemorated were generally officers whose families could afford to erect memorials. During the First World War such a high proportion of the population entered the armed forces that there was a growing expectation that all those who died would be commemorated, whatever their rank. Consequently the Imperial War Graves Commission was established in 1917 to commemorate all the Commonwealth war dead, later defined for this purpose as servicemen who died during the designated war years - 4th August 1914 to 31st August 1921 - while they were in Commonwealth military service or of causes attributable to such service.

The Imperial War Graves Commission (renamed in the 1960s the Commonwealth War Graves Commission) had two key principles; that servicemen's bodies should not be repatriated, and that distinctions of military or civil rank should be avoided by the use of uniform memorials. Thus, most of the graves for which the Commission is responsible lie in dedicated cemeteries close to the battlefields where the servicemen fell. Here, the graves are marked by headstones of similar size and shape, following the decision that in overseas cemeteries there should be 'no distinction ... between officers and men lying in the same cemetery in the form or nature of the memorials'. The Commission also encouraged, but was powerless to enforce such uniformity of memorials in the UK. Saville Tasker's headstone conforms to the familiar Commission design, bearing his regimental badge, rank, name, and unit, date of death, age at death, and an appropriate religious symbol, in this case a cross. Relatives were entitled to add a more personal dedication, but in Saville's case did not do so.

In November 1918 Dore Parish Council discussed the question of 'a War Memorial in memory of and as a duty owed to the gallant men of the parish who have fallen in the war'. A general meeting of the ratepayers of the Parish of Dore held in May 1919 then considered "some form of memorial to commemorate those from the Parish who have fallen in the War." The War Memorial was unveiled in 1922; the tale of its manufacture is an interesting story which has been covered in these pages before.

Saville Tasker was the second son of George Herbert Tasker and his wife Fanny. In 1911 the family was living at Westbourne on Totley Brook Road; they had moved to Totley Brook Road from Byron Road in Nether Edge sometime between 1907 and 1909. George had been born in Sheffield in 1860; he was a toy merchant and dealer in smallware (narrow fabric items such as tapes, cords, braids etc.) with premises in Orchard Place and Pinstone Street. Fanny (née Roper) had been born of British parents in Trenton, New Jersey, USA in about 1856. Their five children were all born in Sheffield.

In 1911 William Roper Tasker, aged 29 was working as a traveller for his father's firm while Saville, aged 26 was an assistant to his father. Their sister Pauline, then 24 had no occupation but Charles Brinton Tasker aged 19 was a radiator fitter and the youngest sibling, Harold, 17, was an engraver to a silversmith. The household also included William's wife Lucy, whom he had married in February 1907 and their three-year-old son, Jack Roper Tasker, known as John who had been born in December 1907.

Three of the Tasker brothers served in the armed forces during the First World War. Charles signed up on 13th January 1915 at the age of 23 and served in France as a private in the West Riding Regiment. Although apparently wounded on 19th September 1916, he was not demobbed until February 1919. He died aged 68 in 1960. William, the eldest son was called up on 11th June 1917 at the age of 36. At the time he was a shell inspector and was living with his wife Lucy and nine-year-old son John at 47 Cobnar Road, Woodseats. He became a private in the Royal Regiment of Artillery (Royal Garrison Artillery), and was a bombardier (the equivalent of a corporal) when he was demobbed in March 1919. He died aged 57 in 1939.

We do not know when Saville, the second son enlisted in the armed forces nor where he served, and the circumstances surrounding his death are not clear. At the time of his death on 1st December 1918, he was a private in the 11th Battalion, the Notts and Derby regiment (The Sherwood Foresters). The 11th Battalion was a service battalion formed in September 1914 specifically for the duration of the war; it was sent

to France in late August 1915, later serving in Italy, and then again in France.

However Saville died in England, at 134 Vincent Road, Sheffield. The significance of this address is not known; his father had died in February 1916 and his mother was apparently living in Nether Edge at 30 Briar Road, at the time. Saville's death certificate states that the Coroner for the City of Sheffield reported his death, and thus we have no information regarding any other occupants of 134 Vincent Road at this time. An inquest held on 3rd December determined the cause of Saville's death as double pneumonia. Whoever provided information to the Coroner may not have known Saville well; his age at death is recorded as 32, whereas in fact he had been born in 1884 and was thus 35 as his headstone shows.

Saville was clearly entitled to his official Commission headstone - he died during the designated war years while still in military service. We can only conjecture that his name was omitted from the War Memorial inadvertently and his connection with Dore may have been forgotten after his mother moved to Nether Edge. However, his father George had been buried in Dore churchyard and someone - most probably Saville's mother - must have felt that it was the most appropriate place for his grave. In due course both his mother and his brother Charles were also buried there, in 1930 and 1968 respectively.

If you know any more about Saville Tasker, his military service, or the circumstances of his death, we would love to hear from you.

**Myfanwy Lloyd Jones**



# Well Dressed!



On the first Saturday in July each year a small group of blokes spontaneously gathers outside the Scout HQ. Nothing is ever said, they just know that this is the day. The day our well dressing goes up.

Nobody has ever weighed the main part of the dressing, but it's heavy. The wood is soaked before being faced with clay into which the decoration is pressed. It'll be a lot lighter in a week's time when it comes down, and by then the life of this impermanent artwork will be over.

It's not just the weight; the decoration is delicate and its face can't be touched, neither can the board be twisted too much. This makes for a tricky operation.

Clockwise from top left:

1. The main part of the dressing is brought out into the sunshine for the first time.
2. Closely followed by the side panels which are also loaded onto the truck and driven to the village green, reversing as close as possible to the frame which has been erected the evening before.
3. The main board is first lifted into a vertical position and then 'walked' to the back of the truck.
4. Finally it has to be lifted dead weight across the gap (always a nervous moment!) onto the Crimea Stone.
5. First the main dressing is secured to the frame,
6. Closely followed by the side panels. It's a tight fit against the tree!
7. Safely in place for another year; the crowds are already gathering and traffic slowing to take a look at this year's creation.

