

DORE to DOOR

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Dore in '64



Fifty Years of DVS - see page 3



Scarecrow festival a hit in its first year



This year for the first time the Doreways group, supported by Dore Village Society, organised a scarecrow competition to be run in tandem with the Dore Show. Much to our delight there were fourteen entries which attracted a lot of comment and interest in the village. The standard of craftsmanship was very high and the judges had a difficult task in awarding the prizes. However, after much consideration, the joint first winners were Elizabeth Wood for her Saxon Knight (above left) and Millie Harrison for Worzel Gummidge (centre). The second prize

went to Anna, Evie and Grace Knowles for the spectacular flying Harry Potter (right).

This competition would not have been possible without the enormous support we received from Cheryl and Mark from Hartley's Greengrocers. Thank you both so much!

Fancy a go next year? We will be running the competition again next September so look out for details in the August edition of Dore to Door.

Janice Owen

Christmas cards & calendar

The ever-popular DVS Christmas cards this year feature a snow scene on the village green, painted for us by Connie Bedford.

The DVS calendar for 2015 is based on the Dore Heritage Trail and comprises twelve photographs by Elaine Nichols.

Packets of eight small cards are priced at £3 and the large cards are 50p each. The calendar, which includes a board-backed envelope for posting, is £5.

Both are available from our usual outlets around the village, or from the DVS Office in the Old School.

Our cover pictures

This issue's cover is rather special; six pictures from the archive kindly donated by DVS founder member Mike Bassey and taken by him of scenes in the village centre around 1964 when we first came into existence. As far as we are aware none of these photos has been published before.

Reading from left to right and top to bottom:

1. Rose and Ivy Cottages on High Street, which were demolished in 1967. The Devonshire Arms is just out of shot on

the right. The site is now the High Street shopping parade. 2. Green's Hardware and Builders' Merchant, and Weston's; now Todd's Coffee and News Force newsagents. The Midland Bank is, of course, now HSBC. Some of the upper floors seem to be unoccupied; the buildings were very new and had maybe not yet been sold or let for the first time. 3. The shops on High Street, demolished at the same time as Rose and Ivy Cottages which you can just see on the right. This scene is now occupied by Alma's Brasserie and Sunflower Bakery. 4. Dore Garage - fewer cars in those days but still

recognisable. 5. Corner of Church Lane and Savage Lane, not long after Moseley's Cottage was demolished for car parking space. The old cottage has gone but the current boundary wall isn't built yet. The patio and seating area there today weren't built until many years later. 6. Devonshire Terrace Road looking towards Leyfield Road. The Co-op is just out of the picture on the left. Buses used to travel in both directions along Devonshire Terrace Road, using the Leyfield Road junction to turn around as this driver is doing here. Such a manoeuvre would be difficult today.

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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. Telephone numbers of Committee Members are below; for email, please write to firstname.surname@dorevillage.co.uk, e.g. keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk

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Remembrance of things past

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Dore Village Society. Founded on September 17, 1964, the DVS was originally conceived as a conservation group whose purpose was to oppose the destruction of historically important buildings in the village. One of the founding members and first Secretary to DVS, Michael Bassey, has sent us his recollections of that occasion:

"In the 1960s a small group of Dore friends (Betty and Julian Young, Hazel and Sid Hoffman, Margaret and Alan Kilner, Joan and Michael Bassey) met every six weeks or so, in each other's houses as a discussion group, each in turn choosing a topic and leading the conversation. One evening in the early summer of 1964 Michael opened a discussion about the state of Dore, of the demolition of old cottages, and of traffic problems. It was decided to call a public meeting and, on 17 September 1964, at a crowded event in the Church Hall, the Dore Village Society came into being.

"The invitation 'to be a founder member' proposed the aim as 'to preserve and enhance those features and amenities which are of value to the community of Dore, and to encourage developments which will improve them'. It was conceived as a conservation society. By November nearly 200 people had become members, with a subscription of half-a-crown (12.5p). A committee was formed with Sid Hoffman chairman, Michael Bassey secretary and Mrs M O Howes treasurer.



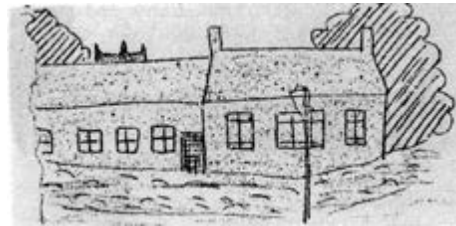
"Newsletters were distributed to the membership reporting on Committee activities. These were typed on roneo stencils with my line drawings - the one above from Newsletter 1. Sadly Newsletter 2 reproduced this sketch (below) with a gap where Moseley's cottage had been demolished since the first meeting.



On the Society's website there is an early 20th Century photograph of this scene, with eight young women in long black skirts and white blouses crossing the road and a haycart moving down the road. Then it belonged to Sam Thorpe - 'broker, corn factor and provision dealer'. By the time of demolition it was known as 'Moseley's cottage'.

"Later newsletters carried sketches of Rose and Ivy Cottages (next door to the Devonshire Arms and demolished in 1967 notwithstanding protestations from the Society) and the Old School - now the Society's centre as we campaigned for in 1965.

"From the start the Committee was



active. As secretary I reported to the first AGM (in September 1965): "*Your committee has met on 15 occasions for a total of 40 hours; has exchanged 70 letters with Sheffield Town Hall and various property owners, and issued 4 newsletters to members*". Major achievements were listed as: a development plan for the centre of the village; a 'Doomsday' survey of Dore footpaths classifying them as good, fair or poor; a plan for a cultural and social village centre in the Old School (which had just become vacant on the opening of the new school); and the setting up of a Historical Group. I said that the Committee's view was that "*new buildings are inevitable, traffic is inevitable, but can we keep some of the charm of the old village and create new dignity in the neighbourhood?*"

"The Committee elected at the 1965 AGM was: S Hoffman (chair), M Bassey (secretary), Mrs M O Howes (treasurer), W H Beynon, W S Brown, A Johnson, Mrs M M Stennett, and Mrs D Whiteley. Over the next few years it made representations to the appropriate authorities on traffic problems, car parking, roadside footpath maintenance, footways that should be widened to take prams, development of greens, tree planting, as well as attempts (rarely successful) to prevent the demolition of old millstone grit cottages. The two photographs at the bottom of the page

recorded one of the ongoing changes. Only the lamp-posts were unchanged.

"One significant success was erecting, in July 1968, the memorial stone on the Village Green which commemorates the event of 829 AD - as recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles - when King Eanred of Northumbria 'did submission' to King Ecgbert of Wessex at Dore. Hazel and Sid Hoffman were the driving force as I recall."

Michael is now in his 80s and no longer living in Dore but he continues to take an interest in Dore and its development.

Since those early days there has been a considerable increase in the scope of our work and two recent chairmen describe below the changes that have taken place during their tenure. Firstly John Baker who was chairman from 1999 until 2009:

"New to Dore, but keen on community involvement, I joined the committee in 1983 when Peter Dutfield was chairman and not long after the Society had successfully fought off proposals for a new ring road across the top fields of Ryecroft Farm and through what is now the doctor's surgery on Dore Road. The Society was active on planning and local history but had a low profile within the community. Along with Andrew Bownes, later to become chairman, his wife Liz and Stella Wood, we came up with the idea of reaching out to the wider community through a newsletter going to everyone in the community. Thus Dore to Door was born, gradually growing in size and circulation, funded by the advertising it carried. There followed a period of growth for the Society with the re-establishment of the traditional autumn show, and everything from organising flower tubs in the village to Christmas lights, from establishing the Wyvern walking group to drafting planning guidance for Dore. The expansion of activities and collection of archive material led to the need for our own premises eventually built at Dore Old School in conjunction with Dore Charity Lands Trust. After 10 years as chairman, having followed Andrew and Maurice Hennesey, I was happy to hand the responsibilities over to my successor David Heslop and then after 25 years to relinquish the task of editorship of Dore to Door into other capable hands."

David Heslop followed in John's footsteps and was chairman from 2009 to 2014:

"During my Chairmanship, following John

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Look who's 80!



Four expatriate Dore girls met up in @TheGrill last month in a biennial reunion. Pictured are (from left) Elva Hodgson, now living in Australia, Margaret Lucas, formerly of Chatsworth Road, Mavis Hudson, the sister of Jean Sceats and Mavis Lennox, formerly of Totley Brook Road. They all attended Dore Old School back in the war years (remembering taking refuge in the air raid shelter on the boys' playground) and all turned 80 this year.

Elva makes the trip over from Australia every couple of years and the four of them always get together for a meal. They send their warmest greetings to anyone who remembers them. If you'd like to get in touch, please contact Dore to Door.

Membership forms for 2015

Included with this issue you should receive your DVS membership form for 2015. Previously this has appeared with the February issue each year, but this caused problems in January this year when we needed to organise a General Meeting. As we hadn't then asked anyone for their 2014 membership fee, we effectively had no members other than those of you who remembered to pay in advance!

Although we're asking for your membership early, you aren't losing out. Your membership still runs from 1 January until 31 December each year, so if you've paid for this year you're still a member until New Year's Eve.

DVS aims to fund its annual running costs each year by means of your subscriptions, leaving the revenue raised from this magazine available for our many other charitable and campaigning activities. If you aren't already a member, please join us in taking an active part in the life of our community for just £6 for the year.

If your copy of Dore to Door doesn't have a membership form inserted, you may pick one up from the DVS Office above the Old School any Friday morning between 10am and 1pm, or the first Saturday of the month, 10am-noon, or download one from the DVS website at <http://www.dorevillage.co.uk/joindvs>.

Kath Lawrence, DVS Membership Secretary

Winter gritting routes reinstated

Following the public consultation on the Council's efforts to cut the cost of gritting the city's roads this year (reported on by Roger Hart in the last Dore to Door), there seems to have been a bit of a rethink down the Town Hall. A total of 141 more roads across the city will now be gritted as a preventive measure this winter.

In Dore, both Dore Road and Bushey Wood Road are back on the gritting route, as well as the bus routes to and from the village which which were not under threat from the cuts.

Other roads in the area which have been reinstated to the gritters' list include Marstone Crescent and Mickley Lane in Totley, and St. Quentin Drive and Twentywell Lane to Bradway.

Correction

On page 22 of the last issue as part of our Open Gardens coverage, we published a picture of a large gunnera plant. We now understand that the lady pictured with the plant was a visitor to the event and had no other connection with the garden, which belongs to Mel and Rose Cowley.

We apologise for this error and are happy to set the record straight.

New facilities at Dore Club

Building work at Dore Club has finally started, the next stage of a four-year plan to modernise and upgrade the club's facilities. The design, which will involve very little change in the exterior appearance of the building, in fact will almost double the internal size of the club with the addition of a second room by bringing nearly all of the existing footprint into use. New toilet facilities are also being built.

Club Chairman John Chandler told Dore to Door, "this is the most exciting project undertaken by the club in its 100-year history. The new room will be available for hire as a private meeting room, and eventually we hope to further develop it to make it available for private functions, including a fully stocked bar."

Another consequence of the development will be that for the first time Dore Club will be serving cask-conditioned ales as the entire beer cellar is to be moved and new real ale dispensing equipment installed. Stockport brewer Robinson's, who already supply draught beers to the club, will oversee and partially fund this part of the development. Initially one hand pump will be installed to serve Robinson's Unicorn, and a second added later next year for a guest ale.

A place of peace and harmony

Whirlowbrook Commemorative Garden is a very special place. Created by members of Sheffield University of the Third Age in Whirlowbrook Park and consisting of a pond and Japanese rock garden, it is testimony to the hard work of enthusiastic volunteers supported by the permanent staff of the parks' department.

Created to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Sheffield U3A in 2011, it is now an established garden featuring mature shrubs and plants. Set in the gardens of Whirlow Brook Hall, it is open to all members of the public and not just U3A members – it is a project undertaken by U3A members, who work for a few hours each week to provide an area of beauty, peace and relaxation for all the people of Sheffield.

Come and have a look and bring your friends and families - we know you will enjoy it.

Fifty Years of DVS

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Baker's retirement as chairman and as an excellent editor of Dore to Door, the DVS has seen a number of changes and an almost constant stream of new initiatives. Firstly we had first Richard Joel as editor of Dore to Door and now John Eastwood. Through them the magazine expanded and changed its appearance and format to appeal to a wider readership, and it continues to improve. One of John Baker's last initiatives was to redevelop the DVS website and this was launched in my first year as chairman, a big project which continues to evolve and is now widely used as a major source of information on Dore.

Another major development has been the formation of the Doreways group, set up by a number of enthusiasts as a spin off from the highly successful Queen's Jubilee Celebrations project. We are grateful to this group for their enthusiasm and the commitment with which they have introduced many new projects to the village.

The latest big venture for DVS has been the achievement of Neighbourhood Forum status under the Localism Act (see page 17). This gives us a much greater ability to influence plans for the future of developments and conservation of Dore."

All this means that we are very well placed to continue and to make progress in the interests of the Dore community.

So, quite a lot has changed in the last 50 years. We still focus heavily on conservation, planning and the environment but we have broadened our remit considerably since the early days. This, inevitably, brings new challenges and we are fortunate in having a committee with a wide range of skills and expertise who are determined to carry on the excellent work of our predecessors.

Here's to the next fifty years.

Keith Shaw

Go to the pub, whilst you still can



Those of you who know me will find no surprise in the fact that I'm devoting my column this issue to the parlous state of the great British pub, but

the final demise of the Fleur-de-Lys at Totley prompts me to do so. The decline in the pub trade has been going on for a generation, since the Beer Regulations in 1989 extended opening hours and paved the way for a cultural change in the way we socialise. Breaking the brewers' monopoly on the entire manufacture and supply of the country's beer may have been the right thing to do in Thatcher's day, but the rise of the major pub companies (pubcos) has left the sector once again controlled by a small number of large companies.

The pubs of my youth opened at 5.30pm and closed at 10.30 prompt. They sold only beers produced by the brewer who owned them; if you went in the Hare and Hounds and ordered a pint of bitter, you got Stones (and before that, Mansfield) whilst in the Devonshire there was only Ward's. No alternatives, no guest ales and even cask-conditioned beer didn't make much of an appearance round here until the late 1970s. Most pubs didn't serve food in any serious way other than maybe sandwiches or a ploughman's available at lunchtime only. Children were not allowed.

How much better off, surely we are today! Food is now available in most places all day, every day, with cuisine from tapas to Thai. You can wander in for a drink anytime between noon and midnight, and by all means take the family. You'll have several cask ales to choose from, bought in from thriving small breweries in the local area and further afield. If you're not drinking there are probably not one but a range of teas and coffees as well as a bewildering array of soft drinks.

It all sounds so much better than the old days, doesn't it? Yet pubs continue to close at an alarming rate, with those that remain having to continually reinvent themselves

in an effort to attract sufficient trade. Last year's permanent loss of the Bradway Hotel and now the Fleur-de-Lys brings this issue right into our back yard.

There are many, many reasons for pub closures; a loss of local control by licensees, prices inflated by pubcos imposing their margins on tied tenants, increased overheads from extended opening hours, the smoking ban and cheap drinks in supermarkets are all regularly cited. The fact is, forty, thirty or even twenty years ago the pubs were full. Now they aren't. And it's not just because they've changed; so have we. Social media and dozens of TV channels have made a bottle of supermarket wine and the telly or computer the 'social' evening of choice for many of us. If we want to talk to friends we message them on Facebook, or send an email, or Skype or text them on our smartphones. Sometimes we even telephone and speak to them!

I can recommend a short story to you - "The Pedestrian" by Ray Bradbury was written as science fiction in 1951 and is a bit scary to read all this time later. The author knew nothing of the Internet, social media or satellite TV, but oh dear, could we end up like that? It's a very short story and will only take a few minutes to read. Google it, the full text is online.

A healthy community revolves around the places where that community naturally congregates, be it pub, church, meeting hall or school. Of these the village pub is the only one where you can turn up any time, unannounced, alone or with one or more friends, and pass time in convivial company. There are plenty of villages that have lost these facilities making them empty, soulless places in the evenings, just dormitories for the nearest big city. We don't want that to happen to Dore where we're lucky enough to have two pubs and a club, but the danger is getting closer unless we make a New Year resolution to, well, get out a bit more.

In memory of Chris Fearnough, Jack Gagg, Tom Butler, Pete Merry, John Harrop, Bert Carr and Ozzy Tyler. God bless 'em all.

Please apply by email or post to the Editor at one of the addresses above, and enclose a sample drawing.

A friend of mine who lives near the village centre informs me that he has named his house 'Cloisters'.

Knowing that he lives in a suburban semi-detached with nary a peristyle or colonnade to its name, I asked him why.

"Well," he replied, "it's cloise t'shops, cloise t'bus stop, cloise t'pub..."

Dore to Door website revamp

I'm pleased to announce that this magazine's website at www.doretodoor.co.uk has been totally refurbished at long last. You can now use the site to find out about writing for us, book or submit display and classified advertising, or download a printable version of the most recent issue. (The full Dore to Door archive remains on the DVS website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/doretodoor.)

If there's anything that you'd like to see on the website, please let me know. There's even an online form for that!

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Totley All Saints Christmas tree festival

Come and view Totley All Saints' first Christmas tree festival! From Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 December there will be around 20 Christmas trees in the church, each one decorated by a different local organisation. There will also be a quiz for children to complete and refreshments, all free of charge.

The church at Totley Hall Lane will be open for viewing on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 December from 3pm-5pm and on Saturday 13 December from 11am-5pm.

On Sunday 14 December at 10am there will be a special all age service. Everyone is welcome to come and discover the story of the three Christmas trees.

Dreaming of a bright Christmas with St Luke's

St Luke's Hospice is set to bring some extra festive sparkle to the Christmas season as plans for the charity's 17th Festival of Light get under way. The annual Christmas celebration – one of the biggest and best loved events in the St Luke's calendar – sees the hospice building and trees decorated with thousands of white lights, all dedicated to loved ones. This year's official switch on will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 6pm and the lights will then shine out throughout the holiday period, finishing on Twelfth Night, January 6.

The ceremony, which this year is being sponsored by Sheffield company Insight UK, will also feature seasonal music from the Holymoorside Brass Band and the City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir.

"For many of our friends and supporters in Sheffield this event has come to mark the start of their Christmas season," said St Luke's Director of Patient Care Judith Park. "All the money we receive from the dedication of lights goes directly to fund vital patient care here at St Luke's.

"As an independent charity, not part of the NHS, this year alone we need to raise more than £4.9 million just to carry on delivering our specialist care, free of charge, all across Sheffield. It costs £23 for one hour of patient care in our new In Patient Centre and £61 for one of our specialist community nurses to visit a patient in their own home, so every donation is important."

To find out more about the Festival of Light or to make a dedication visit www.stlukeshospice.org.uk or call 0114 236 9911.

2014 Wassail Walk

The tradition of Wassailing dates back several centuries and has been associated with Christmas and New Year as early as the 1400s. It was a personal way of passing good wishes between friends and family in their area. In Dore the tradition now continues as the annual Wassail Walk. Last year around 100 people of all ages joined to share winter views and conversation along paths around Blacka Moor.

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

As before, the Wassail tradition continues at the finish, gathering inside The Old School for glasses of the customary mulled wine and warm mince pies. Again this year, a hot, spicy fruit punch will also be available. Why not make it a family occasion or bring friends and visitors to enjoy this seasonal atmosphere in Dore.

Dore's 14th Wassail Walk will this year be on Saturday December 27, starting at 10.00am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome - please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

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

Martin Stranex

Dore Christmas celebrations

Dore will once again be lit up with Christmas trees around the village sponsored by Dore Village Society. The official switch on, family lantern parade, late night shopping evening and Christmas entertainment will be on Wednesday December 3.

Many of the local shops and businesses will stay open from 5.30pm (look out for posters in the participating shops) before the family lantern parade begins at 6.45pm. If you would like to join the parade, families are invited to come along, with lanterns and torches to Kutz hairdressers, Causeway Head Road, before 6.30pm. The parade, led by the Danum Pipe Band, will leave at 6.45pm to walk along the High Street to the large Christmas tree outside the Hartley's greengrocers for the switch on of the Christmas lights and carol singing around the tree.

During the evening there will also be music provided around the village by a Traditional Organ Grinder and the Shine Academy. Father Christmas and a children's entertainer will be at the Devonshire Arms. Look out for the Dore Village Society who will be selling Village Calendars and Christmas cards. Below is the programme of events throughout the evening

6.15pm Organ Grinder by HSBC Causeway Head Road
6.30pm Parade assembles at Kutz Causeway Head Road
6.45pm Lantern parade leaves and walks to Hartley's
6.55pm Tree lights switched on. Singing around the tree
7.00pm Shine Academy Ladies' Choir
7.30pm Father Christmas and Children's entertainer at Devonshire Arms

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

Maureen Cope, Anne Elsdon and David Hayes

Help with the lights

Geoff Cope will be putting up the village Christmas lights on Saturday November 29. This is a task which is made much easier with the addition of extra pairs of hands. The main tree outside Hartley's greengrocer certainly takes eight or ten strong people to haul it into place, and several smaller trees are placed around the village.

If you can spare a couple of hours that morning please meet Geoff outside Hartley's at 10am. Many hands make lights work!

The illuminations will be taken down after the holiday on Saturday January 3 and again, if you can help with this please meet Geoff at the same time and place.

Santa sells out

We have been asked by the organisers to mention that the popular Santa Specials at the miniature railway on Abbeydale Road South are all now sold out. Please don't turn up on the offchance without tickets, every seat on all dates is now booked.



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Family fortunes



Mike with staff outside the High Street premises

Mike Stones certainly has an appetite for hard work. He's behind the counter and in the kitchen of Dore Cafe from 6.30am most days, often for ten hours at a stretch, and on his feet for all that time. When he gets home he has all the paperwork associated with a healthy business which gives employment to several local people. It was difficult to get him to sit down and talk; a quietly charming chap, he is self-effacing about his achievements.

"Working with food is something I always wanted to do," he tells me, "whether it was in a fishmonger's on work placement or at my local butcher's where I used to help out on Saturdays when I was fourteen and still at school."

On leaving school Mike went to study catering first at Rockingham College in Wath-on-Dearne, where he got as far as he could with the courses offered there. By then he was working at the Regency in Ecclesfield, who sent him to Castle College to study for his City & Guilds. Then he answered a job advertisement for the position of Head Chef at the Angel in Holmesfield and met the then landlady, Tina Gage.

He was at the Angel for nearly a decade, staying on for a year after Tina moved on to join us here in Dore, at the Devonshire Arms in 2002. But things weren't the same and Mike worked for a short time in Dronfield before Tina got back in touch and invited him to join her in Dore running the Dev's restaurant.

"By that time I'd been in catering since I was sixteen, most of it working unsocial hours," he says. "I came to the Dev for a change from that and the opportunity to see a bit more daylight each day!"

Four years ago Dore Cafe came up for sale. Tina bought it,

and Mike found himself flitting between the two adjacent kitchens making restaurant cuisine in one and bacon butties in the other. At the end of last year Tina sold the cafe to Mike.

"We signed the papers the day before Christmas Eve last year," he remembers. "It was a busy Christmas, we closed for the holiday week and did a quick refurbishment, some new equipment went in and a lick of paint. And I set up the Facebook page."

Ah yes, the social networking. Not the sort of thing I would associate with a cafe necessarily, I tell him.

"It's something we introduced from day one; it's free advertising really and it reaches customers we wouldn't otherwise be able to reach. We've had people come in from as far away as Leeds; if they've been in Sheffield they've taken the trouble to find us for lunch.

"Some people have said they think the photos of my food that I put on Facebook have been tampered with to make them look better, but I can assure them that there isn't time! Every picture is of a real dish that I've prepared for a real customer, I just take a quick snap on my mobile phone before it leaves the kitchen."

I ask Mike what he feels he's achieved in his first year of self-employment. "We've tried to take the cafe on to the next level, adding to the menu to give people more choice. I'm also committed to using high quality local suppliers." Meat is supplied by Heatherhill Farm Meats in the village and all fruit and vegetables come from Russ Sharp's Le Crunch at Bents Green. Russ's wife Kirsty works at the cafe and makes sure her husband brings only the best.

Mike's personal life has also forged ahead in the last three years. In that time he's married Hayley and bought a house, and they now have two young sons. Hayley's mum also works at the cafe.

"That raised a few eyebrows at first," he tells me. "People were asking, 'how can you work with your mother-in-law?', but it just works and adds to what we want out of it as a family business." Is this the start of a dynasty then, I ask, something to pass on to his sons?

"That's a long way off, but the older one is already showing an interest in cooking at home, and Hayley might decide to come into the business too."

What of future plans? "We've been thinking about doing an occasional bistro night maybe once a month, but haven't decided exactly what format this will take. We're looking at special dietary needs and just started selling a range of gluten-free products. Outside functions aren't something I wanted to do but there was clearly a demand. We've done a few so far and are looking at it as a means of growing the business next year, but I have to leave some time for family. And I want some more new kitchen equipment to cope with the level of trade we're getting now."

Does that mean any more microwaves? "Every kitchen these days has to have a microwave," he replies with a smile. "It's true we do have one, it's a handy backup for hot milk when the coffee machine breaks down."

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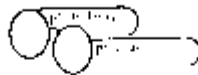
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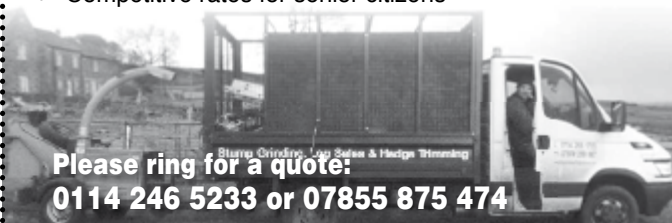
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Big issues which are often social issues and are due to be discussed in Parliament are often discussed and voted on by our members at the request of our national T.G. committee. The results from all over the country are then submitted to the government. This gives a good indication of women's views from the country as a whole. Members of our committee attend our National Conference once a year and report back on the proceedings.

Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild is our local branch, but there are many branches in Sheffield. This enables us to have interaction with other Guilds and we work hard to provide support and to run competitions between us all, such as Scrabble and Crown Green bowls, etc. (Dore Mercia has won the local inter-Guild bowls tournament for the last three years.)

Our Dore Guild has a hard working committee – they have a full agenda as we have 96 members at the present time. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Methodist Church Hall. Then, on the third Tuesday, we have what we call a "Social Studies" morning in the Methodist Church Hall. These vary in content and subject matter. Coffee is served at each meeting. There is also an afternoon Guild.

Social activities include local walks (ending in a visit to a local hostelry!), music and movement (if we have a yen for gentle exercise), and our choir. Visits to places of interest and to the theatre are arranged, as are two annual dinners – in summer and at Christmas. Every year the Guild supports a local charity, suggestions are put forward by members, and then a vote takes place for our charity of the year. We usually top £1000 each year.

Our choir is a joint choir with Totley Guild. It meets on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall. The choir has sung with the Lodge Moor Guild choir at several national carol services in various cathedrals, including Liverpool, York Minster and Lincoln. They have also sung at the Federation carol service at the Victoria Hall. They also sing locally, for example, for our own Guild to raise money for our charity. We have now begun to hold open concerts, one during Dore Gala week, and we intend to do another before Christmas, on 16th December, at 2.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Hall (tea and mince pies at £1 available).

The Townswomen's Guild has a national song: "I am a small part of the world" which epitomises our aims – singly, we achieve only a small amount, but together we can achieve a great deal more.

If you would be interested in joining or just coming to one of our meetings please get in touch with Judy McMurray, telephone 0114 236 2430.

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Betty Young 1928-2014

Betty Young (*nee* Yeardley), a resident of Dore since 1952, has died in The Glen nursing home aged 85. Betty moved to Dore when she married Julian Young and they brought up their five daughters here. She quickly became an active member of the local community including both church and chapel at different times; there are probably too many roles she fulfilled down the years to list them all! Julian had lived in Dore all his life, his grandparents having moved here before 1906. Both Betty and Julian were very committed to local and environmental matters and left some longer-term legacies to the village.

She was a founder member of Dore Village Society, and was a member of the discussion group which led to its formation, as Mike Basseby reports on page 3. Betty and Julian were also responsible for collating and publishing the first DVS book of walks around Dore, 'From Dore to Dore'. In the late 1960s there were proposals to build houses on the green-belt fields alongside Rycroft Glen; at the public enquiry at the Town Hall she remarked about 'going into Sheffield on the bus'; the chairman seized on this remark as evidence that Dore saw itself as a village and not a suburb of Sheffield. Subsequently the inquiry did find in favour of maintaining the land as green-belt and the fields remain as farming land. They were both also instrumental in establishing the 'Dore Open Door' lunch club which meets in the Old School. It was established in the late 1970s and we think that this was as a result of a Lent Study programme which suggested that participants involved themselves in something of service to the community. Along with Bess Colley, Syd and Hazel Hoffman and others Betty and Julian then began the lunch club with the aim of providing a high quality home-cooked meal in a welcoming atmosphere. Betty, along with Bess and their many volunteers then co-ordinated and organised the club until she moved from organiser to participant in 2007.

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Mike and the Hero of the Soviet Union

"It needs a bit of tidying up in here," Mike Hewitt explains unapologetically as we settle down in his radio room. It is full of books and equipment, but the radio Mike uses today is, he explains actually a computer.

"I did have a valve set until about ten years ago" he explains, "but now I don't have to get replacement parts all the time. Like other computers these days if it goes wrong, generally you just turn it off and on again." He gives me a brief listen to a cacophony of beeps, whistles and static which he informs me is 14 megacycles, or the 20 metre band. Reception depends on weather, the time of day, and already I'm lost. His enthusiasm is infectious but I have to remind him that most of what he's saying is going over my head.

"Amateur radio can be a lot of different hobbies to different people" he tells me. "My own approach is through my love of Morse code, in the context of which you have to look at how I got where I am today.

"I was called up for National Service in '55 when I was eighteen, and I was accepted into the Air Force. They asked you what trade you'd like to do. I was a non-technical man, but I knew I wanted a change from banking which is what I'd been doing since I left school. Well, they gave me a long list of trades with fancy names but they didn't actually tell me what they were. I didn't really have a clue, but there was one that I recognised; Wireless Operator. I could imagine myself sitting in front of a wireless with a microphone and talking to people. I had no idea!"

He duly ticked the box for wireless operator, signed the Official Secrets Act and for almost a year he learned Morse code. Then he got the plum foreign posting that everyone wanted; Hong Kong.

"We left RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire in January 1957. It was a freezing night but we had tropical gear on ready for our destination, which took four days to reach! It was also the first time that the RAF had used the new De Havilland Comet to fly personnel to the Far East."

"I never got to transmit or speak to anyone on a microphone as I'd imagined, we just listened to Morse code," he remembers. "We had certain stations that we were required to listen to at various times. The one I was listening to came up every hour, on the hour, and if there were messages being sent I had to write them down.

"They never told us who or what we were listening to. It was all in code, all numbers actually. When we had finished listening to our allocated stations we were free to listen to any other short wave traffic we could find, though as National Servicemen I don't recall that we bothered much!"

Having qualified as a radio operator in the Air Force, Mike was entitled to an amateur radio licence. When he came home he didn't take up amateur radio straight away but then his father bought him an old wartime tank radio for his 21st birthday. "Bloody big thing it was, I don't know what my mum must have thought! As a receiver it was awful, though with a bit of tinkering I managed to find the amateur wavebands. But it got me started so that when I had a bit of money from work I was able to buy my first proper amateur radio receiver and I was a short wave listener from then until 1972 when I finally managed to get my transmitting licence."

Mike spent the 1960s listening to short wave radio. The idea of this aspect of amateur radio is to listen to the Morse transmission, write it down and send the originator a report on a QSL card - essentially a business card for radio hams. They would reply with their own card, and occasionally a letter.

"For a period I specialised in monitoring the American novice



stations, as they transmitted at a slower speed and in English. When they contacted someone on the radio they would immediately exchange addresses and if I was listening I would also take down the address and let them know that I'd heard them. This was often a surprise as most of them didn't know that they could be heard outside the USA."

Whilst listening in 1969, however, Mike picked up the callsign RAEM/MM. Although Mike had no idea at the time, this was Ernst Krenkel. A Hero of the Soviet Union, Krenkel had been part of the "Chelyuskin

Adventure". In 1934, the Soviet icebreaker of that name was sailing from Leningrad to a Russian polar station. In the Bering strait it became stuck in ice, was crushed, and sank. All the crew got off onto the ice safely, but had to live in tents for over a month awaiting rescue. Krenkel set up his radio and maintained contact with the authorities, arranging for planes to take them off to safety - no mean feat, they had to build and rebuild the airstrips on the ice thirteen times before everyone was taken to safety.

"I filled in my report and sent it to Box 88, Moscow. Everything concerning amateur radio in the Soviet Union had to go through there. Several weeks later I had a reply from Krenkel thanking me for my report and including his QSL card. I didn't find out until many years later that he was actually the head of Box 88 and the number one radio amateur in the USSR. He was the only Russian radio amateur allowed to communicate directly with the outside world."

Krenkel had been on expeditions with the Graf Zeppelin, and was known as the Father of Wireless in the Arctic. He was also a deputy of the Supreme Soviet from 1938-46.

Krenkel died in 1971, but that was far from the end of the story for Mike, who then tells me of how this acquaintanceship led to his 25-year search for the truth of the Soviet transpolar flights of 1937. This is a fascinating but separate story for which we have no space here, but maybe we can tell it in the future.

In 2003, to mark the centenary of Krenkel's birth the Russians organised a radio competition. Six stations from all over Russia

transmitted over one weekend using Krenkel's old callsign, and the challenge was to find and contact them all which Mike did, receiving an award for the accomplishment. He also has a rare award for logging amateur radio contacts in every single USSR district - 184 of them! Only a handful of people outside the former Soviet Bloc achieved this, and now of course it is no longer possible.



Mike with an early Midland Bank computer in the 1970s

Mike's involvement with and knowledge of electronics led to his becoming involved from the beginning in the Midland Bank's computerisation, which began as early as 1961. When the bank moved their headquarters to Sheffield in the 1970s they moved him too, and he's never left. He transferred his rugby allegiances at the same time, and was recently recognised for his 30 years service to Sheffield Tigers as player, treasurer and president of the Club. He will be at Twickenham for the England v Australia game on November 29 as a special guest of the RFU President.

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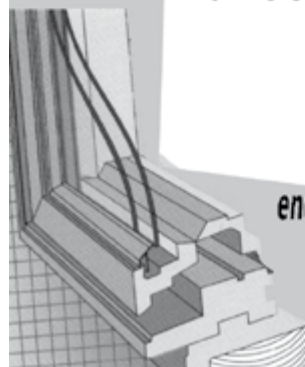


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Why a new bridleway?

DVS was surprised to learn through the grapevine recently that a new bridleway is planned for Blacka Moor. Also surprised were members of the Blacka Moor Reserve Advisory Group, Ride Sheffield (representing Sheffield's mountain bike community) and our local councillors, none of whom knew of the scheme. The council officers involved in making this decision, taken a year ago, were Michael Hanson, Principal Public Rights Of Way Officer, and David Howarth, Head of Property Asset Management, following apparent consultation with The Ramblers' Association, The British Horse Society, and the Sheffield Campaign for Access to Moorland.

When the council recently sold off some land just off Whitelaw Lane it secured the right to create routes across it before sale. It seems that this new route has been created just because it can be, rather for than a real need. The new route will spur off from existing bridleways and disturb an extremely quiet backwater of Blacka Moor to then cross the fields and come out in the middle of Whitelaw Lane.

Bridleways already lead from Hathersage Road down to Shorts Lane that joins the bottom end of Whitelaw Lane, so why have a path coming out into the middle of Whitelaw Lane with then nowhere to go except to turn back up to the main Hathersage Road or down to Shorts Lane where the existing bridleways lead anyway. It makes no sense.

The soft steep terrain in this part of Blacka Moor means we think it will need surfacing and would amount to a very drastic change, because new bridleways have to be a minimum of three metres wide. Representatives from Ride Sheffield are concerned that mountain bikers, once led into that quiet wildlife rich area of Blacka Moor will not go out across the fields, but continue on the rest of this quiet informal footpath down to Shorts Lane as they would have no desire for a smooth ride down Whitelaw Lane.

Had we been consulted, we would have suggested instead that a new concessionary bridleway be run along Hathersage Road just inside the wall of the Blacka Moor reserve from Devils Elbow gate to the top of Whitelaw Lane in order create an extra route option, whilst keeping cyclists and horses safely off Hathersage Road. It is shocking that the decision for this unacceptable route has been taken without proper consultation with local people and the main user groups of this land. DVS has taken the matter up with the Council, but at the moment they are saying that the bridleway has been designated and it is too late to change anything.

Dawn Biram

You're never too old for physio

There are nearly 14.7 million people in the UK over the age of 60, which means there are now more people aged 60 and above than there are under 18. With this in mind it is more important than ever to help to keep older people as active and well as possible. Physiotherapy specifically dedicated to older peoples' physical problems is very beneficial in helping to improve mobility, confidence, strength and balance and in reducing the risk of falling.

Falling is not specifically caused by getting older, but there are elements of ageing that clearly don't help. There are definite ways to reduce your risk of falling. Taking advice from Physiotherapists on specific balance exercises, assessment of the home environment and use of correct equipment where necessary are all important.

If a fall does occur then one of the unfortunate effects can be a broken bone, the most common being the hip or the wrist. Physiotherapy treatment is crucial in helping to get the joints moving again and build up the strength in the surrounding muscles. Of huge importance is the recovery of confidence with mobility after having a fall. Anxiety is understandably common following a fall, and physiotherapy can help recover confidence with one to one mobility practice, individually tailored exercise programmes, time, patience and support.

Another situation that is helped by physiotherapy is after joint replacement surgery. Joints are swollen and stiff for some time following surgery. Physiotherapy helps recover joint range of movement, muscle strength, reduces swelling and scar tissue formation and helps regain independence quicker. Likewise for people who have suffered a stroke, physiotherapy will help achieve the best outcome for the patient by working on their muscle tone, control and gait and incorporating functional goals into their treatment programme.

There is a certain amount of community physiotherapy available on the NHS but this can unfortunately be quite short lived due to the pressures on the services. There are now specialist local physiotherapy services that help to fill in the gaps that the NHS cannot accommodate. People can achieve so much more than 'functional' if they take the opportunity. We need to ensure that the older people in our community are helped to regain, maintain and improve their strength and mobility. Everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential and live as independent and full a life as possible.

Jennifer Turner

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Local man has birthday, gets bus pass



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Volunteers take over Totley Library

Totley Library reopened on October 4 and is now entirely staffed by volunteers. The first month has been incredibly busy and over 70 people have given their time voluntarily to work in the library. It really has been a huge effort to get all our volunteers trained up and get all the new processes agreed for how the library will operate. The trustees of the charity set up to run the library, Totley Community Resource and Information Centre, (CRIC) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved to date. With everyone pulling together we have been able to keep our valued local library doors open.

Now that volunteers are running the library the main services will not change. Anyone with a Sheffield library card can use the library to borrow, return and reserve books. The PCs and Internet access are also available. We just ask that library users are patient with our volunteers as we are all new and still getting up to speed.

We are also very proud that all the community groups that use Totley Library are continuing to meet. Two of our volunteers, Sarah Leckenby and Jill Hnat, have taken on the running of the Toddler Craft and Storytime on Wednesday mornings from 10.30-11.30am. The other groups that regularly meet are the Poetry Group, Writers Group, Book Group, Craft Group, Computer Classes, Health Walks, Kids Can Do Drama, History Group, Friends of Gillfield Woods and Breastfeeding Support. For details of when groups meet visit our website www.totleycric.org.uk/whats-on

To run Totley Library costs over £20,000 per year and the grant from the council only covers this in full for the first year. To raise funds for future years we will be holding fundraising events in the library. Please 'bookmark' our website at www.totleycric.org.uk and check back regularly for details. We will also need help from volunteers to help with fundraising initiatives. If you don't have time to volunteer in the library this is a great way to get involved. If you can help with fundraising please get in touch via email savetotleylibrary@gmail.com.

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Natasha Watkinson

Charity firewalk raises £1200



Staff and customers at the Devonshire Arms joined in a charity firewalk in October to raise money for the Little Heroes Cancer Trust. Pictured are Kirsty Jeeves, Freya Bushnell and Anthony Commons.

Neighbourhood plan gets go-ahead

Both Sheffield City Council and the Peak District Planning Authority have approved Dore Village Society's applications to become a Neighbourhood Planning Forum and agreed the Neighbourhood Planning Area for Dore. Both local planning authorities are required to support the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.

Any neighbourhood plan must comply with the local plans for both local authority areas but there is scope to influence the location and type of development that the community feels is appropriate to protect and enhance the village and its countryside context. Under the Localism Act 2011 the designation permits the Dore Village Society to prepare a neighbourhood plan that can make planning policies to reflect the local community's views on new development in the area for the next 15-20 years. This is a good reason for members of the community becoming members of Dore Village Society. If you live or work in the village your membership will be welcomed.

Work on the Plan has commenced, encouraged by the two local planning authorities. The initial work has been based on the Village Design Statement published by Dore Village Society in 2005 and on further consultation undertaken of the whole community through questionnaires in Dore to Door and the Dore Village Society website.

We are still in the early stages of preparing a draft neighbourhood plan and would welcome the offer of help and support from any individual or village group.

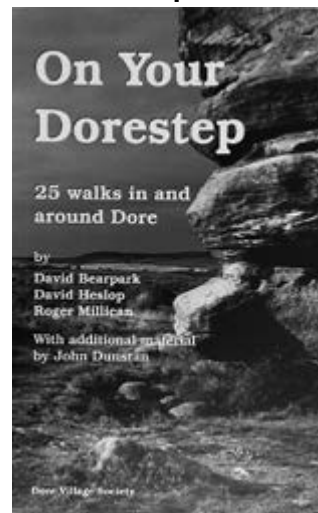
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Proposed new development at 135 Dore Road

A planning application has been made for a large detached house on the site that has previously been the subject of proposals for controversial, large and inappropriately designed apartment blocks. The previous applications were objected to by Dore Village Society and dismissed on appeal after public inquiries on two occasions by Planning Inspectors. The development of the site for a single large house is appropriate to the character of Dore Road and is to be welcomed in principle.

David Crosby

Last few copies



Our popular local walks book, *On Your Dorestep*, is on the verge of being out of print with only around fifty copies now left in stock. The last print run of 2000 copies has now almost entirely sold out.

The DVS publication has been described as the walker's bible for the Dore area and details twenty-five walks around the village for legs of all ages. If your home doesn't yet have a copy you can still buy one from the DVS Office above the Old School during our normal opening times, or phone Philip Howes on 236 9156.

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Doreways goes Downton for period atmosphere



Members of the Doreways Group went to the dressing-up box for period costumes in which they stewarded the exhibition. More precisely, they went to Fancy Sew And Sew at the bottom of London Road, where Laura made several of the costumes to measure and charged only for the weekend hire. Pictured above are Anne Elsdon, Janice Owen and Ewen MacKinnon; Below, Myfanwy Lloyd Jones, Ruth Darrall and Jeremy Dench.



Sheffield Lord Mayor Councillor Peter Rippon spent an hour at the exhibition, seen above examining the work of Dore Primary pupils with Head Teacher Sue Hopkinson, and enjoying a copy of Dore to Door whilst waiting for his trench cake.

More WWI Exhibition on page 24

Once again we had a very successful show, with similar attendance to last year and an increase in exhibit entries compared to the last two years.

The Best in Show award went to Janet Morris for her painting of a fox.

The charity we supported this year is Diabetes UK. We chose Diabetes UK to honour the memory of Mary MacKinnon who, for many years, was a tireless campaigner for improving the care and treatment of diabetes and who was also a key member of the team which planned and delivered the Dore Show.

The raffle was a great success, raising more than twice the amount raised in previous years and we are very grateful to everyone who donated a prize (particularly to Tesco for the splendid hampers they donated) and to the raffle team who solicited the prizes and persuaded so many people to buy tickets.

The auction was also an outstanding success, raising over £235, all of which goes to Diabetes UK along with an additional amount from our other sources to make a total donation of £500.

We were also very well supported by the Oughtibridge Brass Band and Sheffield City Morris, and stallholders, many of whom gave donations. The Vet4Pets stall was particularly popular with children.

We'd like to say thank you to everyone who supported the Show this year, especially to everyone who helped on the day and in the run up to the event, to our sponsors, to those who donated raffle prizes, to the exhibitors without whom there would be nothing to show, to the judges whose decisions are always awaited with eager anticipation, and to everyone who came along and helped to make it a success.

I'd also like to thank the Dore Show committee – Ruth Darrall, Elaine Nicholls, Andy Pack and Mary Watson for all the effort and hours they have put in over the last 12 months.

Lastly, special thanks go to Mandy Clover and her team who have run the refreshments for many years, including cooking the many scones we have all devoured with relish. This is Mandy's last year in this role and we will miss her calm and unflappable efficiency.

Keith Shaw, Dore Show Chairman



David Heslop shows off his sales skills at the auction

Dore Show Sponsors

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Junior sections score again for humour and artistry



Two junior sections in the Show never fail to raise a smile for their wit as well as achievement. Section 74, for four decorated cupcakes (above) and Section 67, a vegetable animal (for under 11s, below) both had plenty of entries this year and we're only sorry not to be able to show them all. Well done!



So many stories

There is no doubt that the Home Front Exhibition staged by Doreways in October was a resounding success in many ways. Financially, although entry was free the collection boxes raised over £250 for charity, but that is perhaps the least important thing. Archivally, the village has been permanently enriched with a record of its residents who fought in the Great War. Educationally, Dore Primary School have embraced the whole subject for a year and the results were displayed prominently at the Exhibition and have featured in these pages.

It is the social aspect of this exercise which is perhaps the most important. Dozen after dozen of you came forward with family tales, photographs and letters which might otherwise have been lost to history.

Indeed, we hear that the stories are still coming in. You were also generous in the loan of books, newspapers and periodicals of the day, postcards and a myriad of other memorabilia. So many of you came together to be part of this community event, and provided so many stories.

Special thanks have to go to a number of people, prime among them being Steve Pounder for putting in countless hours mounting and preparing the materials for display. He has done this for all the Doreways exhibitions so far. Thanks also to Jimmy Martin for his encyclopaedic knowledge of Dore and Trolley and being the kindest man in the world; to Jane Quibell who proof read and corrected all the written material; to Mollie Smith and her squadron of ladies from the Mothers' Union who kept the tea and cakes coming for the two days.

We'd also like to thank Lynne Tasker and Ewen Mackinnon for their creation of the Lord Mayor's presentation; Jo Jacques and the Guide leaders for marshalling the Rainbows into his reception committee; Sue Hopkinson for loan of the school materials, and Fiona and Stephen Willetts and all the other stewards who volunteered (or were volunteered) to spend the weekend on their feet whilst in fancy dress.

Finally Dore Village Society, the Doreways Group and Dore to Door magazine would like to join in thanking each and every one of you who took part, in however small a way, in our various remembrances throughout 2014. We believe that it has enhanced our sense of community, and know that people have been inspired to research their own family histories for themselves.



Top left: Geoff Cope's war horse tribute doubled as an entry in the Scarecrow Festival, but was ineligible for a prize as his wife Maureen was a judge.

Above: Just one of many galleries of personal stories submitted by Dore residents about their ancestors' involvement in WWI.

Top right: A couple of uniforms which would have been a common sight on Abbeydale Road South 100 years ago, when the VAD Hospital was in operation.

Right: Reproduction posters of the period also featured in the Exhibition.

Letters from the Front

Those of you who joined us to commemorate the Great War in the recent Exhibition in Dore Old School cannot help but have been deeply moved by some of the personal stories retold there. There was tragedy certainly with lives cut short, but also moments of laughter.

Many of you contributed stories and items from all round the United Kingdom and beyond about relatives. There were tales of extreme bravery, heroism and coincidence. One of the most unexpected pieces of memorabilia whilst Doreways was preparing the Exhibition material came from Rachel Jones,

nee Phipps. Rachel is Frank and Lucy's granddaughter through their third daughter, Sheila. She allowed deeply personal letters exchanged between her grandfather and his fiancée and then wife to be loaned to us for the Exhibition. As an archival record of the times they are of great historical significance so we were extremely grateful to Rachel for the loan of them. There were nearly a hundred letters; far too many to display so to print one of the letters now will give our readers a 'snapshot in time' impression of what was being experienced within an ordinary family of the period.

Rachel's Grandfather was Francis Charles Marnes Veal of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Army Service Corps. Born in 1885 to William and Gertrude Veal he grew up in Worcestershire where his father was a Railway signalman. He had five sisters - Jennie, Daisy, Lillian, Violet and Gwendoline - and just prior to the Great War he was employed as a brewery clerk. His future wife was Lucy Ellen Hall who was born in 1888 and who, in his letters he affectionately refers to as 'Lu'. They had a daughter born during the Great War, Frances Ethel Marnes Veal, who was born in 1918 and to whom he refers constantly in his letters home. Frank did not see his baby daughter until she was eighteen months old. Subsequently they had another two daughters, Nona and Sheila.

This particular letter was sent while Frank was training on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire in 1916 prior to being sent overseas to France. To give a flavour of the times (with Rachel's permission) we



Frank and Lucy on their Wedding Day on May 6, 1917.



Frank in a later photograph from Salonika.

are printing the letter in its entirety. All Frank's letters were passed through the Army censor and troops were strictly ordered to refer only to private and family matters. The postal service during the Great War within Britain was very reliable so that letters and parcels generally arrived within a day or two. This letter bears two halfpenny stamps. The cake, and we hope, the hard-boiled egg should still have been relatively fresh. In some of Frank's other letters sent from abroad he asks often about missing letters and parcels. Hardly surprising since by 1918 he was in Salonika.

Windmill Hill Camp, Salisbury Plain
Thursday 11 May 1916

My darling Lu,

I thank you very much for the parcel which came in very useful. It is good of you to think of me as you do. Will you also thank Mrs Jakeman for the egg. Tell her I took it with me today for lunch with the sandwiches as I have been on the open range today and shall be for several days now as it is the final firing so I shan't be long before I am home. I have scored well today so if I go on like it I shall soon be with you my darling. I ask the sergeant about coming home this weekend and explained to him about Sis but he said it would not answer so I thought it would be best to leave well alone although it made me say a few words to myself of course.

Poor Ernie. I do feel sorry for him being so nervous. I know it is trying but it is no good giving way when you have to do it. I bet he would have shook a bit if he had been where I have been today, mines bursting all round where we were firing. When we laid down the ground shook. It could not have been any worse in France for noise but these were only blank ones. Goodness knows what the live ones are like. It is done to get us used to being under fire if you can understand that.

We are only 2 miles from Sidmouth so I might run against E Haynes some time but I don't get away from camp only when we are marching. We don't get any spare time. We are up every morning about 5 o'clock. Different to when I was at home but I am got used to it now. It will seem funny when I come and sleep in a bed won't it. I shan't want much sleep when I do come. I shall fill all the time I can with you my love when I do come. I have been looking forward to see you for so long it will seem nice when that time comes won't it.

We are having the cake tonight between us for supper. I have to divide it amongst the others as they are all good chaps. They always give me some of theirs. You ask what I do on Sundays. When I have cleaned all my harness it is time for church parade. We have that on our parade ground as there is only a little church here. When that is over our washing is given out to us and then it is dinner time and in the afternoon I write to you my love. Then if it is fine I go with my mates for a walk in the woods. So there is no chance of going astray here. If there was I should never think of doing so.

Well my darling will you please remember me to Mr Freeman. I hope I shall be able to hear him preach again. I shall try and get a Sunday in my leave. Tell Lill I will write to her when I have time. If you go to Banbury on Saturday give my love to them all. I hope they are well. Write my darling so as I can get it by Sunday there's a dear. I don't think I have any more news this time. Hoping you are quite well. I must finish now as it is nearly post time. Best love.
Yours ever. Frank

Lucy and Frank married during the conflict and their correspondence continued. Further letters reveal that Frank was to be moved on to fight in Salonika as well as having been on the Western Front. Happily Frank survived his wartime experiences, dying in 1956 although family tragedy saw Lucy and Frank's middle daughter, Nona dying aged two. Sheila, their youngest daughter was born in 1926.

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Trevor Biggin's Roots

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Hannah was born on November 12, 1873 at, more than likely, Newfield Lane Farm and was christened in Christ Church Dore on Christmas Day. She sadly died on Mothering Sunday 1950 at 24 Barker's Row, where she had spent most of her life and where all of her six children were born. The census and other research soon revealed Trevor's down-to-earth tale of old Dore and of the family's fascinating connection with Barker's Row and many hostelrys in the area.



Photo taken about 1907 of Hannah Mary in the doorway of number 24. Mary Thorpe (née Sampson) is holding Trevor's mum Evelyn. The babe in arms is Sam Thorpe, eventually the village chimney sweep.



Trevor today in front of Barker's Row

George Green, Hannah Mary's grandfather, was born in Fulwood in 1817. He was a twenty-two year old, relatively humble agricultural worker until he married thirty-nine year old Elizabeth Jennings and soon assumed the tenancy of the Grouse and Trout Inn, Redmires, with its accompanying seventy acre farm and extensive farm buildings. Here was a thriving business in the boom time during the construction of the three dams between 1836 and 1854. This isolated location was a safe haven for the habitual drinkers of largely thirsty, Irish navvies, their frequent pitchers of ale often instigating riotous behaviour. George certainly embraced their custom as numerous complaints were made by their wives, living hand to mouth in their temporary accommodation, of their husbands disappearing for days, fully knowing they remained in the pub drinking away their earnings. The inn had a secret entrance through the hayloft which would later house the snoring navvies in their drunken stupors. Here they would remain until the crowing cockerel reminded them it was time to resume their unfinished business in the tap room. George and Elizabeth's only son Vincent Valentine Green, Trevor's great-grandfather, was born in this most sociable of places on Valentine's Day, 1842.

By about 1860 the family had moved to the Dore Moor Inn with its accompanying farm, where George continued his pursuit of money, comradeship and ale, possibly unaware he was being carefully scrutinised by conscientious Constable Hill. In 1862 he was fined £1 at Eckington Magistrates' Court for the disgrace of actually opening the inn during Sunday's Divine Service. On August 29 the following year he was again prosecuted for opening after proper hours, although this time merely cautioned. The same year he was punished for "unjust measures" as his pitchers of ale were at least a quarter of a pint short of the required quart.

Charged at the same time and with the same offence was Dore butcher William Farnsworth whose weights were found to be half an ounce in his favour.

The prosecutions continued: in 1865 Constable Hill "just happened to be passing the Dore Moor Inn at two o'clock in the morning" and heard the sound of pitchers and tankards. Again, George Green was fined, this time five shillings (25p) with 9s 6d (48p) costs. Perhaps many wives in Dore at this time were following the Redmires ladies' example and having a quiet word with Constable Hill?

In early February 1873 Vincent Valentine Green married dressmaker Mary Ann Sampson. Her father was a table blade grinder and publican who ran the Ball Inn in Fulwood. Their first child Hannah, Trevor's grandma, was born nine months later and nine other siblings soon followed. At seven years old, as the census reveals, Hannah was staying at the Rock Inn, Little Matlock, Stannington, with her aunt and uncle. This inn was later renamed the Robin Hood Inn (now converted into apartments) which had, in 1864, resolutely defied the annihilation of the great Sheffield flood.

Hannah soon returned to Dore and eventually became a general servant at Oak House Farm, Limpits, where she remained until her marriage to Samuel Thorpe in 1906. Their daughter Evelyn, Trevor's mum, was soon produced in their first home together in Barker's Row.

For the first thirteen years of his life Trevor lived two houses away from his grandma at 20, Barker's Row, so would often do errands for her, visiting the sweet shop (now the post office) for a bottle of Eardley's lemonade for her (complete with stopper and wire) and a bag of sweets for him. He also sadly remembers running frantically up to Mr. Taudevin's Wagg Wood House on Mother's Day, 1950 to tell his gardener father the distressing news of Hannah's death.

Trevor now lives at number 28, Barker's Row. The only house his family have never occupied is number 26. Perhaps they should be renamed Biggin Row.

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Bring Me Songshine



You may remember the Shine On Ladies' Choir from the Christmas lights switch-on and lantern parade a year ago, when they gave us a selection of seasonal songs and carols to launch the season in Dore. (They're appearing again this year.) Run by professional singer, musician, vocal coach and producer Liz Mack, the choir is based at Dore United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road.

Shine's 'fit to sing' ethos combines moderate movement in the form of a funky and fun five minuet warm up which leaves everyone smiling, before moving on to vocal warm up and repertoire. The choir teaches the ability to sing with confidence and conviction, and members have a private area on the Shine website where they can download song lyrics, music and dance steps to practise at home.

As well as the ladies' choir, Liz also runs the Shine Academy Choir, a youth choir for children and young people between 8 and 18 years old. The academy teaches pitch, rhythm, breathing and articulation, as well as dance moves with an on-site choreographer. They present live shows throughout the year supported by state of the art sound and lighting, which is a great way to get the feel of a professional environment.

You don't have to be able to read music to get involved with either choir and you won't be asked to audition. Even your first session is free!

Shine Ladies' meet at Dore URC each Tuesday at 7.30pm, and the Academy Choir on Mondays at 4.30pm. In addition, Liz holds private coaching sessions on Saturdays - call her on 07921 162489 for more details.

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Shine On Ladies' Choir will be performing at the switch-on of the village Christmas lights on December 3. They will also be performing their Christmas Cracker Show at Dore URC on December 16 from 6.30pm, compered by Bobby Dennis. Song, dance, storytelling and Christmas joy. Tickets £5/£3 concessions, phone Liz on the number above.

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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The year certainly gets round faster than ever. It seems no time since we broke for summer but we have just started music rehearsals for our next production which will be The Gondoliers, many peoples' favourite. The production team is the same as last year so we will be assured of another fantastic show. We could still use new members, particularly men, so if you fancy your chances come along. We rehearse every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Millhouses Methodist Church Hall. The show will be from April 29 to May 2, 2015 at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street.

In the meantime we will be performing our Christmas Concert, which will be, as usual, in Dore Methodist Church at 2:30pm on Saturday December 20 when there will be the usual mix of comedy and fun with an eclectic mix of high quality entertainment on offer. Tickets will be available from October onwards from me (Tel: 0114 2362299) or other society members at £6 each; the best value for money around! Don't delay too long, our Summer Concert was sold out.

If we don't see you in December have a good Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Derek Habberjam

Beginners' French at St. Johns

Have you ever fancied learning French? Now is your chance, thanks to a new beginners' course which has recently started at St. Johns Church Hall on Abbeydale Road South. The classes, on Thursday evenings are run under the auspices of the Workers' Education Association (WEA), a registered charity which is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education.

Places are still available for the new term which begins in January. For further information please contact Sylvia May on 07958 940821 (phone or text) or email sylviamay@gmail.com.

Coffee against cancer

Anne Elsdon, Elizabeth Watson and I would like to thank all those of you who supported our Macmillan coffee morning at Newfield Crescent on 26 September. We had a wonderful morning with 109 people attending. Fortunately it was a lovely morning and people were able to go into the garden. The coffee flowed, the scones soon disappeared, the sales table and plant stall were very busy and the raffle was also well supported.

In all we raised a wonderful £1501 so thank you all again, we could not do it without all of you. Here's to next year.

Tricia Pitchfork

Dore Probus – Professional And Business Persons Club

Dore Probus Club provides regular gatherings of those retired or semi-retired business and professional people who appreciate the opportunity to meet others in similar circumstances and with similar interests. Although part of a national organisation, each club is autonomous and free from the obligations and constraints of other organisations and with minimal costs. We provide a friendly atmosphere, offering fellowship and mutual support between members who have compatible backgrounds and we actively encourage the involvement of wives, partners and widows of former members in our social activities and visits.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Church Hall at the rear of the Methodist Church in Dore High Street, with coffee and biscuits from 10.00 a.m. followed by a talk and discussion until midday. Most of our talks are from outside speakers on a wide range of stimulating subjects.

Anyone recently retired is cordially invited to come along as a visitor initially and then hopefully to join us. Please contact me on 0114 2621902.

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Samosas at the station



The Rajdhani Indian restaurant was opened at the beginning of September in the old Dore and Tolley railway station. The restaurant offers Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine. Dore to Door's resident foodie Cherry Bakewell visited to find out more.

The Rajdhani has been totally renovated and provides a very comfortable easy dining experience. Someone has built a really nice car park next door with ample night time parking!

There is a small bar area for pre-meal drinks if required, and the restaurant area seats around 40 people. As a confirmed people watcher I sat looking out to the station platform, an ever changing view as trains come and go.

For our mid-week meal we opted for the open table plan, ordering several dishes to be shared between three. Knowing how filling Indian food can be we chose to miss out starters and stick with poppadoms and the pickle tray as nibbles to start.

With two meat lovers and one verging on a veggie, we ordered a mix of dishes for the main course.

Our first choice was the mixed grill from the "Tandoori Heaven" section of the menu. Not the cheapest meal on there but you get plenty for your money. The platter has sheek kebab, chicken and lamb tikka, tandori king prawns and half a tandoori chicken. All was cooked dry and served with a plate of curry sauce and a plain naan bread.

Next up we ordered the garlic chilli chicken rogan. This is chicken tikka cooked in garlic sauce and served with roasted tomatoes and bullet chilli. A great compliment to the dry-cooked mix grill.

To go with these we added saag paneer and tarka dhal as side dishes, a Peshwari naan, a plain rice and a pilau rice. Two bottles of Cobra and a large Sauvignon Blanc!

Quite a table full, and too much for the three of us as it turned out. We could have done without one of the naan breads for sure. I particularly liked the taste of the chicken rogan with the roasted tomatoes, and even coped with the bullet chillies.

The food was well cooked, service was very good and all in all we enjoyed the occasion. Better still it falls within the midweek budget at £12 per head for food alone. The restaurant was busy, particularly for a Tuesday evening, so booking may well be recommended.

There is a web site: www.rajdhanirestaurant.co.uk where you can download a menu beforehand and also email your booking in, which I did and got confirmation promptly. I suspect that I will find this a useful midweek venue.

Cherry Bakewell

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A taste of the trenches

If you came along to the WWI exhibition you may have had the chance to taste one or both of these recipes. They were provided by the Governments for women baking at home to send to their family members in the War zones. The Anzac biscuits travelled well from Australia and New Zealand. The fast postal service by rail meant that the trench cake (called "fruit cake" officially) would arrive in good condition. Both were a useful addition to a diet based on fatty tinned meat issued by the army suppliers.

Anzac Biscuits (Australia and New Zealand)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 5 oz butter or margarine (half a normal block)
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dessicated coconut
- 2 tablespoons boiling water

Method: Grease a baking sheet and heat oven to 180C (160C fan oven) or gas mark 4. Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl. Gently heat butter and golden syrup in a saucepan then add boiling water and bicarb to the pan and mix. Add contents of pan to dry ingredients and mix quickly.

Drop the mixture in tablespoonfuls (or less) onto the baking sheet and bake for about 20 minutes.

Trench Cake (British)

Ingredients:

- 8oz flour
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 4oz margarine
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pt milk
- 3oz brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 3 oz currants
- 2 teaspoons cocoa powder
- Nutmeg and/or ground ginger to taste
- Grated lemon rind (optional)

Method: Grease a cake tin and heat oven to 170C (150C fan oven) or gas mark 3. Rub the margarine into flour, add the other dry ingredients and mix well. Dissolve the soda in vinegar and milk and add to the bowl, mixing thoroughly. Turn out into the cake tin and bake for about 2 hours.

Recipes sourced by Veronica Pillinger. Sampled and tasted by Doreways. Baked by the Mothers Union for the Exhibition.

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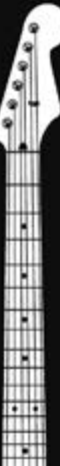
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House training



Most dog owners expect their dogs to do their business outside. When that doesn't happen owners often get distressed and do not know what to do. Well let's try and understand what can be done.

Puppies younger than four months old have very limited bladder control so it is important to give them plenty of opportunities to go outside. Let them out as late in the evening as possible, just before you go to bed. Being aware of your puppy's behaviour you will see when he wants to do his business, but this comes with experience and you may not yet have this. Your little friend will need your help so please be patient.

The instructions below can actually be done with some dogs within a few days, but do not be discouraged if it takes significantly longer. All of what follows assumes your puppy has arrived at your home with no training. Many reputable breeders will have already paper trained (not house trained) the pups; if this is the case go straight to Stage 3.

First – what not to do

If your ikkle fella (or lady) has an accident, certainly do not 'rub his nose in it' or verbally chastise him. He will not understand what he has done wrong - he has simply done what his body has asked. If you continue to chastise him it will simply encourage him to do his business in secret where he will not be shouted at and this can make further training virtually impossible.

Stage 1 – Watch and learn

If you are not experienced with puppies - and your puppy will certainly not be experienced with you when he first arrives - he will probably want to do his business anywhere (but not near his food). If you

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On Sunday December 14 there will be a family fun day at Far Nova Indoor Horse Arena, Shorts Lane from noon-4pm. Attractions will include bouncy castle, animal petting corner, games and face painting for the kids, whilst adults can browse the stalls for last minute gift ideas, or tuck into the barbecue provided by the team at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust. Father Christmas has been invited and says that he'll come if the children of Dore have been well-behaved enough, but he'll have to check his list. Twice.

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missed his signals and he has already done it then do not chastise him. Clean it up and move on, but remember where it was. If you catch him doing it then simply pick him up and take him outside to the area that you would like him to do his stuff. It is likely that he will carry on, praise him on that spot and say 'Good boy'.

Stage 2 – Don't go barefoot in the house

When he did his stuff when you were not watching did you remember where it was? Of course you did, you probably stood in it! The positive? This is where the training starts. This is where your ikkle puppy has decided all by himself that that is where he needs to go. This is the start place, a puppy pad in that position. He will probably go there next time. Clean it up and move the next puppy pad closer to the area that you want him to go, but only a small distance at a time (it will require small steps to make this successful). This will work but the best way is to be in tune with your puppy and realise when he wants to go. He will give very subtle signs but this is part of the bond between you and your puppy.

Stage 3 – Out we go

The puppy pad should be moved to the external door, but do not stop there. The pad should be moved out to the area that you ultimately want him to use as his area (not all the way to the park!) Once the pad is at the area you want him to go then start to reduce the size of the pad each time. If the pad was to disappear suddenly then puppy may revert back to basics and start again in a random place in the house.

Just to wipe up...

Puppies often do their business after being fed or play, you will get to know this and learn to anticipate when they need to go. If you get this timing right you should have enough time after he has been fed or played with to have a glass of wine or a cup of tea before you need to deal with the next accident. Happy house training!

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Is there an aspect of dog training that you'd like Chris to address in this column? Are you having a particular problem with your dog? Email her with your questions and Chris will answer in a following issue.

The rabbit's tale



As I sit here looking down my garden I've been reflecting on what a nice summer (mostly) and a splendid autumn we've had. Mind you, it's not been without incident.

For example, I was over at my sister's for Sunday lunch a few weeks ago and we were sitting out on the back lawn afterwards sipping our Pimm's No.1 as you do when there was a terrific commotion at the bottom of the garden. My sister's dog, a West Highland Terrier, emerged from the bushes with something furry clamped firmly between his jaws. He trotted up the garden wagging his tail with delight and proudly dropped the furry thing at my brother-in-law's feet.

"Oh my gosh!" brother-in-law declared. "It's a dead rabbit!" On closer inspection he said, with a hint of panic, "it's next door's rabbit, our dog has killed next door's rabbit, what are we going to do?"

My sister, always cool, calm and collected in a crisis as women tend to be said "don't worry dear, our neighbours are away for the weekend, I'll deal with it". She picked up the rabbit, took it inside and washed it to get all the mud out of its fur, then she shampooed and blow-dried it and combed its fur until it looked immaculate. "Follow me" she said and we all went next door where she carefully laid the rabbit in its hutch and closed the door, then we returned to the back garden to await the return of the neighbours. We didn't have long to wait and shortly they came out into their garden. Suddenly there was a piercing shriek and we rushed to look over the fence to see what was happening. The neighbour's wife was pointing at the rabbit and crying hysterically.

My sister, thinking this was an outburst of grief, said "Oh dear, I think your rabbit's dead". The neighbour replied "Yes, it died last week and we buried it at the bottom of the garden!"

Which just goes to show that acting with the best of intentions doesn't always produce a good result.

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Fighting for every Heartbeat in Dore

Brunsmeer Athletic AFC has been presented with a life-saving Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) as part of an inspirational month long campaign.

The presentation concluded the 'Heart of Sheffield' campaign, an initiative by not for profit health insurer Westfield Health, together with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS), to provide free Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to non-profit organisations in the city.

An AED is a portable machine that can help restart the heart by delivering a controlled electric shock through the chest wall.

The campaign, which ran throughout February this year, was launched by Westfield Health in recognition of its Charitable Trust's 10-year anniversary of donating AEDs.

Brunsmeer Athletic AFC was successful in its application for an AED, and Club Directors agreed to place the unit externally so that it can be accessed by members of the community.

Brunsmeer Chairman Paul Shepherd said, "On behalf of everyone at Brunsmeer AAFC and the wider Dore Village community I am delighted to receive such a wonderful piece of equipment which I hope is never required, but the peace of mind knowing we have access to life saving equipment locally is fantastic news for all. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Westfield Health and The British Heart Foundation for supporting The Heart Of Sheffield project. Without their involvement this would never been achievable."

Lauren Mallinson, Community Fundraising Manager at the BHF said, "When someone has a cardiac arrest, defibrillation needs to be prompt. For every minute that passes without defibrillation, chances of survival decreases by around 10%. Having more AEDs available locally for these emergencies is crucial to saving more lives. We are delighted to be working with Westfield Health and Yorkshire Ambulance Service to support more charitable organisations to widen the AED network in Sheffield."

Warren Bostock, Community Defibrillation Trainer at YAS, who was on hand to explain how to use the defibrillator said, "Yorkshire Ambulance Service is proud to work in partnership with Westfield Health and the British Heart Foundation on the Heart of Sheffield campaign. It's important that we now run familiarisation sessions and offer support to the organisations receiving these AEDs and we're currently scheduling this training."

A site for the defibrillator has still to be decided, although a shortlist of potential locations near the village centre are being considered. Once it has been installed it will be available to all of Sheffield's paramedics and anyone who has received the appropriate training.

It's estimated that there are around 60,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year. Of these, around 30,000 are treated by emergency medical services.



Paul Shepherd of Brunsmeer AAFC receives the new defibrillator from Lauren Mallinson of BHF. Warren Bostock of YAS (far right) instructed staff in use of the equipment.

Local rugby season starts well

Sheffield Tigers Rugby Club had a slow start to their campaign in National Three North this season as their team took a short while to settle in. However once they started scoring they just kept going, creating some of the most exciting rugby ever seen at Dore Moor. Three weeks running they were the highest try scorers in the league, consistently achieving at least six tries per game. They have created an open running game which is very entertaining to watch, even for the non-aficionados of the sport.

This exciting rugby has created the interesting statistic that within the first few games they have fifteen different players all with at least one try apiece, demonstrating they can score from anywhere at any time.

Sheffield Abbeydale in the league below had an easier start, with a fixture list starting with the lower sides in the league, they have taken full advantage of this by winning four of their six opening games. Presently they presently sit in second position, just five points adrift of their local rivals Dinnington RUFC.

Hockey

Sheffield Hallam hockey club, playing at Abbeydale sports club on the striking bright blue surface of the relocated 2012 Olympic "smurf turf" hockey pitch, are enjoying an excellent season so far in the Men's Conference North League. They sit in second position in the table having played five, won three, drawn one and lost one. They have achieved an outstanding goal difference of +10 largely due to an early season hammering of Leek 5-0 and more recently away at Doncaster where after a slow start and being two goals down, they dug in until a Liam Ansell hat trick helped them to a 2-5 victory. The return fixture will be at Abbeydale on February 8th at 1:30pm.

Ketts pulls the first pint



The long awaited newly refurbished Clubhouse Bar at Abbeydale Sports club was officially opened at the end of September by the celebrated ICC 2013 cricket umpire of the year and long-time member of the club, Richard Kettleborough. Known affectionately to all at Abbeydale as 'Ketts', Richard duly pulled the first pint and declared the bar open remarking it wasn't the first time he had pulled a pint behind the bar at Abbeydale. The evening continued with champagne and canapés for the invited guests including local councillor Colin Ross.

In his speech, Chairman, Martin Chatwin thanked the members, staff and our community groups for their support throughout the recent refurbishment and looked forward to Abbeydale continuing to provide excellent sporting and social facilities for everyone.

Members have commented how thrilled they are with the new facilities and how comfortable and cosy the new bar is.

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- 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.
- Wed 19 Holmesfield Flower Club demonstration of flower arranging by NAFAS demonstrator Heather Shaw: "Ho Ho Ho Come on in". 7.30 pm at Holmesfield Village Hall, Vicarage Road (Off Woodside Avenue), Holmesfield S18 7WZ. Ample parking. Tickets visitors £7, members £3.50 includes refreshments. The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. All welcome.
- Wed 19-Sat 22 TOADS present Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders, a comedy by Derek Webb. St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Performances at 7.30pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 2.30pm Saturday. Please telephone 0114 235 1206 to book tickets.
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market, Totley Rise Methodist Church noon-4pm. In aid of Totley Residents' Association.
- Sat 22 Friends of Whinfall Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Tue 25 Friends of Gillfield Wood: Illustrated talk by local naturalist Derek Bateson, 'Hidden Treasures in Gillfield Wood'. Venue to be confirmed. See website for confirmation and details, www.friendsofgillfieldwood.com or email the Secretary at fogwsecretary@gmail.com.
- Sat 29 Putting up of Dore village Christmas lights and trees. Meet outside Hartley's greengrocer 10am if you can help. Many hands make lights work!
- Sat 29 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Morley, kickoff 3pm.
- Sun 30 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.

DECEMBER

- Wed 3 Christmas Festival and grand switch-on of Dore's Christmas lights. Late opening at many shops, traditional organ grinder, carols around the tree with the Shine On Ladies' Choir. Village centre from 6pm. See also page 7
- Thu 4 Wyvern Walkers: Sheffield City Centre to Meadowhall in memory of John Houdmont (5 miles). Meet 9.50 am outside Sheffield Cathedral; the 70 bus from Dore leaving at 9am will get you there. More information from Philip Hetherington, 0114 236 7647.
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- Sun 7 St. Luke's Hospice switch on of festival lights, 6pm. See article page 7
- Wed 10 Carols by Candlelight, Totley Rise Methodist Church 7.30pm. Collection for homeless charity.

- Thu 11-Sun 14 Christmas Tree Festival, Totley All Saints' Church. 3-5pm Thursday and Friday, 11am-5pm Saturday. Service Sunday 10am. See page 7.
- Sat 13 Messy Church at Totley Rise Methodist. Crafts, games and stories for pre-school and primary children with a biblical theme. Call 07912 352543 or email racheltrm@yahoo.com to book.
- Sun 14 Charity Family Fun Day, Far Nova Indoor Horse Arena, Shorts Lane noon-4pm. Father Christmas, bouncy castle, animal petting corner, stalls, games, barbecue. Admission adults £3, children £2, proceeds to NSPCC. See page 31.
- Tue 16 Christmas Cracker Show at Dore URC on December 16 from 6.30pm, compered by Bobby Dennis. Song, dance, storytelling and Christmas joy. Tickets £5/£3 concessions, phone 07921 162489 or email shineacademy@live.co.uk. See page 27
- Sat 20 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society Annual Christmas Concert, Dore Methodist Church, 2.30pm. Tickets: £6 each from Derek Habberjam Tel. 0114 2362299. See page 27.
- Sat 27 Wassail Walk over Blacka Moor (about 5 miles). Meet Old School 10am. Refreshments afterwards. Further information from Roger Millican 0114 262 0012 or Martin Stranex 0114 235 3522. See page 7.

JANUARY 2015

- Sat 3 Taking down of Dore village Christmas lights and trees. Meet outside Hartley's greengrocer 10am if you can help. Many hands make light work!
- Sat 3 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Billingham, kickoff 3pm.
- Tue 13 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Jack Scott - "Home Start Charity". Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 17 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Westoe, kickoff 3pm.

FEBRUARY

- Sat 7 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Wirral, kickoff 3pm.
- Tue 10 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Paul Cutts - "Struggles with a Camera in Remote Britain". Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 28 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Rossendale, kickoff 3pm.

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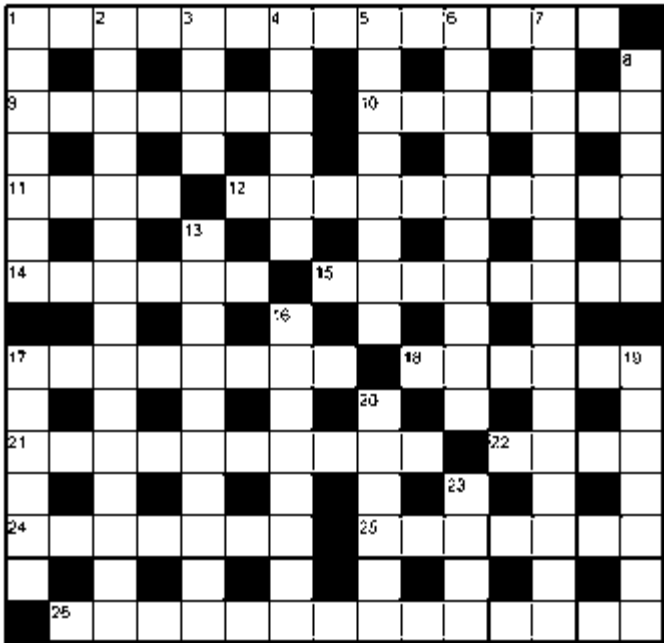
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9. Watching numbers in the Navy (7)
10. Pull a shapely tart and perform (7)
11. Sunday frequently in times gone by was quiet (4)
12. Restored control when told (10)
14. Unusual echo at times, when hearing organ described (6)
15. Separate a charge with a note (8)
17. Make car on command (8)
18. No new funding is intended (6)
21. Demand that is passionate when hearing about little sister (10)
22. Keeps hold of soft catch (4)
24. Pile of energy provided in cubes (7)
25. Airmen right but wrong with one at sea (7)
26. Employed in good direction as opposed to 2dn (2,7,5)

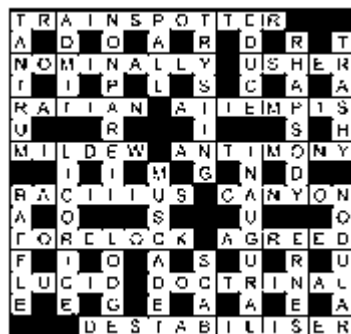
Down

1. It's divine to conceive after getting a warning (7)
2. No longer an officer unlike 26ac (3,2,10)
3. Point mentioned by the river (4)
4. Number cast having eaten informally (6)
5. Ditches BBC and ITV (8)
6. Counter worker with one idea (10)
7. Admit to being kept by Government funds (5,10)
8. Dotes on good spread which is filling (6)
13. A mission which included private investigator was involved and must be kept very quiet (10)
16. Defrocked Dominican leader goes missing and gets confused in front of bridge (8)
17. Pull ones tee-shot - that's rubbish (6)
19. For every being in Rome returning an old leader (7)
20. Final word about copper awareness (6)
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Solution to Autumn crossword:

Crossword compiled by Mavis

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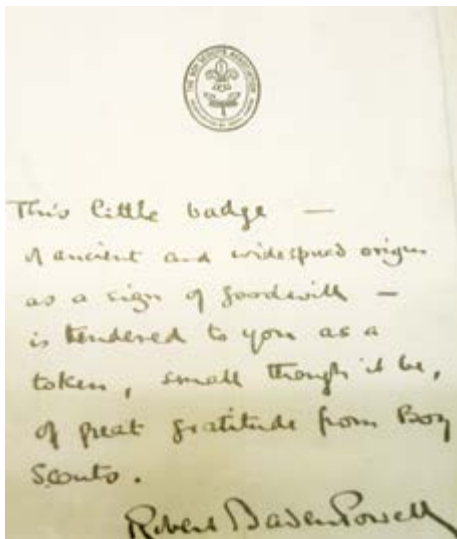
The Second Boer War, the Great War, Scouts... and Dore

Following the recent Exhibition about the First World War many stories surfaced about family members with a connection to this event. What was much less expected was when Betty Grimsley, who many of you will know from Christ Church Choir, mentioned that her grandfather, Frederick Richardson, took part in the Second Boer War of 1899 to 1902. She believed that he had been a runner for the Red Cross during the campaign, taking messages between positions.

Frederick, on retirement as a postman, moved with his wife Eliza to a small cottage near Clitheroe. As a child Betty remembers the large African bows and arrows that he had on the walls, and sitting on a red Basuto rug for picnics outside. It was only a few years before his death in 1950 that his army ration tin from the Boer War was found, still with some contents intact. More extraordinarily a recent Dore Village Society Saturday Open Morning was greatly enlivened as Betty produced from her shopping bag his dress sabre and scabbard, closely followed by infantry sabre and scabbard. Luckily she did not bring Frederick's bugle by which communications were exchanged over long distances.



Frederick went on to have a colourful life in the Manchester Moss Side area as one of the first Scout Leaders in the country. The Scout Movement started about 1908 following Baden-Powell's experiences during the Boer War, where he too was a runner. Frederick received a badge and letter from Robert Baden-Powell. He had met Baden-Powell personally though it is not clear where that meeting took place – possibly in South Africa.



Frederick's Scout Troop marching through the streets of Moss Side just after the end of the Great War.

During the First World War Frederick was in charge of Scouts who were evacuated from Manchester to Porthmadog, North Wales. The idea to evacuate to this area may well have come from the times when Frederick used to cycle from Moss Side to Liverpool, then sail on a sailing ship clipper service to Porthmadog. Some of these Scouts stayed on when danger passed and lived and worked in the Porthmadog area. Betty remembered talk of one boy who became the town butcher.



This photograph is particularly poignant. Taken just after the end of the Great War, Betty's father, who was in Frederick's Scout troop, looks to be on Scout camp, quite likely to be at Alderley Edge. He was Anthony Nevens Garbutt, third from the right at the back. He went on to marry Frederick's daughter, Beatrice. However our eye is drawn to the young man who is talking to the Troop. He is missing his right arm and is wearing army puttees, leading to the assumption that he was wounded in the Great War.

Other Scouting memories of this period included the Scouts walking from Moss Side to Alderley Edge in Cheshire, a distance of about thirteen miles, on Scout camps with a wooden trek cart with two wheels. It was the Scouts who pulled the cart full of camping gear in the days when Scout tents were heavy canvas affairs, just

like the bell tent in the photograph.

Eventually Frederick became a Church Lay Reader for the small village church of West Bradford near Clitheroe.

And then just as Betty was about to leave she casually mentioned that Frederick was a descendant of Henry Morton Stanley of Livingstone and Africa fame. Stanley's story is extraordinary in that he was originally John Rowlands of Denbigh in Wales and only took the name of Stanley on emigrating to America where he became a journalist. But that is another story!

The family tradition of supporting the Scout Movement continued with Betty and Ken's son, Nigel Grimsley; another familiar name to many of you. Nigel has been a Scout Leader in Dore and still helps with the Gala sheep roast. His children, Charlie and Ella, joined their local Scout Group in Holmesfield.



Frederick pictured in his late 70s

