

DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Dore Old School – fifty years on

Here is an advance date for your diaries, especially if you are a past pupil of Dore Old School or know someone who was, and has moved away from Dore.

There will be a special reunion event in Dore Old School on Saturday July 4 for anyone who is a past pupil of the Old School, their family and friends. There will be more details available in the Summer edition of Dore to Door.

To get you in the mood here is a photograph, provided by Chris Dinsdale, of Mrs Aldred's 1959 -1960 class. Chris himself is third from the left on the back row. There are several familiar faces; see if you can spot Robert Colley, Jeremy Dench, Paul Jay, Jane Lowe, Nicholas Maxwell, Rosemary Speakman, Tim Brown, John Brookes, Sally Whiteley, John Collins, Kenneth Ineson, Michael Johnson, Perry Hunt, Julie Lawton, Elizabeth Lill, John Howell, Bernard Howell, Malcolm Gordon, Paul Jackson, Jonathan Sketchley, Marylyn Taylor and Christine Peddler, and others.



The Doreways group would love to hear from you, especially if you have photos and stories we can use at the reunion. New historical material has come to light which was not available at the time 'Dore Old School in Records and Recollections' by John Dunstan was published, and this will be 'unveiled' at the reunion too.

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Who's up for Village in Bloom?

There's been a suggestion that Dore might like to enter the famous 'Britain in Bloom' competition, organised annually by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The 2014 contest attracted entries from 71 communities around the country. Entries for not just 2015 but also the 2016 competition have already closed, and so the earliest that we could hope to get in is 2017.

This would require a lot of gardeners and an extended commitment. Two and a half years might seem a long time, but in gardening terms it's nothing.

For the moment we're just trying to find out how many of you enthusiastic gardeners would be interested in helping. Please contact me or any Doreways Group member.

Dorne Coggins

Village Spring Clean 2015

As we exit the Winter you may well be Spring cleaning at home. Doreways would like to invite you to help the village by giving a couple of hours of your cleaning time over to the community, and joining our annual village clean-up.

If you can help, please come along to the Old School car park at 11am on Sunday April 19. Full instructions, picking sticks, high-visibility vests and bags are provided. There are refreshments available.

Whether you're eighteen or eighty we'd love to see you. We're never going to stop the litter louts, so let's all get together and do a little to spruce Dore up for the Summer.

Please note: Due to the need to work close to busy roads, and the quite frankly disgusting nature of some of the things that we find, this event is not suitable for very young children.

Cover photograph of Old Hay Brook after the Boxing Day snow by John Eastwood.



Dore Village Society

Registered Charity No. 1017051

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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Councillors' Surgeries

Second Saturday of each month

10am - noon at the Old School,
Vicarage Lane

Buses, boundaries and bad dogs



In my August column I asked you to get in touch and let me know what you would like the Dore Village Society to do for you, and the response was quite varied as one might expect. Here's a selection.

Many people are annoyed by the unreliability of the no.70 bus service (a perennial problem) and we have made many representations to the bus companies and the transport authority over the years, both directly and via our local councillors, who work very hard on this issue. As a result of action by a local resident the pressure on the bus operators is being significantly increased and you can read about this on page 7.

Overhanging hedges which force people to walk in the road or have branches at face or eye level was also fairly prominent. This isn't just an inconvenience; it's also a safety issue, particularly for people with push chairs, mobility scooters, and the elderly and infirm. The best way of dealing with this is to get in touch with Dennis Wyatt at the Council (phone 273 6677 or email dennis.wyatt@sheffield.gov.uk). The Council has a duty to follow up on complaints and has the power to enforce action if householders don't remedy the problem.

Dog mess! This seems to be on the increase again. Dog owners have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog messes in a public place (registered blind people are not required to clean up after their guide dogs). If your street is littered with dog mess you can ask the Council to clean it. Councils now have legal powers to tackle public dog mess and they can also issue dog control orders against individual dog owners for allowing a dog to foul a public space. They can issue £75 fixed penalty orders and, in very serious cases, magistrates can issue a maximum penalty of £1,000. So, if you can identify the culprits you can ask the Council to take action.

One of the most significant things we are dealing with at the moment is the imminent work by Amey to resurface the roads in Dore, replace all the streetlamps and repair pavements. We had a very productive meeting with our local councillors, the Council and Amey liaison recently to ensure that Amey is aware of items which we want addressed, for example highway drainage

gullies and road drains (particularly eliminating the River Savage), street lighting, grass verge damage caused by motorists parking on verges, and liaison with Dore residents prior to, and during, the work. The repairs were due to start in July this year but commencement has been put back to September, with completion still scheduled for September 2016. A map, together with dates, is on the DVS noticeboards and our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk. If you have any items you would like Amey to take into account please let me know. There will be more on this in the May issue.

Car parking continues to generate a lot of discussion. There is undeniably a parking problem in the village and we thought we were making progress when we submitted a report with recommendations to the Council early in 2012 following our surveys and public consultations. Despite frequent requests for a response the Council has remained silent on this issue and so we have raised it again in the context of the Amey work and there are signs that we might have a positive response from them in time for a report in the May issue of Dore to Door.

The workings of the Dore Village Society and its committee can sometimes appear opaque and to address this and keep DVS members better informed about our work we will shortly be publishing the agendas for our meetings and a summary of the consequent actions and decisions. We will publish these on the noticeboards and our website and, hopefully, this will give you a good idea of the range of things we are involved with and give you the opportunity to comment or make requests for items for us to consider.

The work we undertake is defined by the DVS constitution and as another step in making our work more transparent and understandable the constitution is now on the website and available by post for anyone who doesn't have Internet access. Copies of the constitution will also be available at our AGM later in the year.

Of course we can't function effectively as a society without a healthy membership so, as a parting request, can I ask you to renew your membership as soon as possible if you haven't already done so?

Until next time, please keep the suggestions and requests coming in.

Keith Shaw

Chairman, Dore Village Society

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held at Dore Methodist Church, High Street, Dore at 7.30pm on 3rd June 2015. This is an advance notice and the full agenda will be published in the Summer edition of Dore to Door, as well as in the DVS noticeboards and on the website. However, formal notice is now given of recommended changes to the Society's constitution which will be put to the AGM and recommended for adoption.

The first proposed change is to replace the current section 4 of the constitution, which deals with membership subscriptions, and replace it with the following:

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The membership subscription shall be:

Full members per annum. £6.00

Corporate members per annum. £35.00

Junior members per annum. Free (aged 18 or under)

or such other sum as the AGM shall determine from time to time, following a recommendation from the Executive Committee, and it shall be payable on or before 1st January each year.

These changes are related to the designation of the DVS as a Neighbourhood Forum (see centre pages) and our desire to encourage younger membership of the Society.

The second proposed change is to delete the current final paragraph of section 3 of the constitution. This states:

"The subscription of a member joining in the three months preceding January in any year, shall be regarded as covering membership for the Society's year commencing on January 1st following the date of joining the Society".

It is felt that this is confusing and that it could be seen as conflicting with the wording in section 4 (both current and proposed), as shown above, which states that subscriptions shall be payable on or before 1st January each year.

Anyone who wishes to become a member of the executive committee of the DVS will need to put forward their nomination to the DVS Secretary, together with a proposer and seconder, no later than 20th May. Nomination forms can be obtained from the secretary. Again, a reminder of this will be placed in the Summer edition of Dore to Door.

Membership for 2015

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their subscriptions already. It is really appreciated. More than half of our existing members have now subscribed for this year.

Just a gentle reminder to those who have

yet to subscribe that your £6.00 payment would really be appreciated. If you have lost your form you can collect one from the DVS Office at the Old School or you can phone me and I will send you one.

Many thanks

Kath Lawrence 236 2758

Half Marathon runs this way

This year's Plusnet Yorkshire Half Marathon will be on Sunday April 12. This replaces the Sheffield Half Marathon, which last year you may remember was cancelled in disarray at the last moment when it was realised that water supplies hadn't been delivered.

Now in the hands of new organisers, the race will this year be coming up Ecclesall Road, then turning right onto Knowle Lane and Ringinglow Road to the Norfolk Arms, then Sheephill Road and Hathersage Road back towards the city. The map we've seen isn't very detailed, but it looks like the runners then come down Cross Lane and Causeway Head Road right into Dore, before turning up Rushley Road and Limb Lane, then Ecclesall Road South and Ecclesall Road back into the city centre.

If you plan to be out and about that day, please bear in mind the likely road closures. If you're a fan, then it's not too far to go and cheer on the runners but I'm afraid it's too late to enter yourself. All 5,500 places were sold out with three months still to go.

At the time of writing the route is still subject to change and the list of road closures hasn't been published. Nearer the date you will be able to get further information from (deep breath): <http://www.theyorkshiremarathon.com/events/-events-plusnet-yorkshire-half-marathon-sheffield/>

Correction

In the last issue we incorrectly stated that following review, Bushey Wood Road had been placed on the council list for preventive gritting. This was incorrect; Bushey Wood was not on the list to be gritted before the review, and unfortunately it still isn't.

We apologise for the error and our thanks to the local resident who pointed this out.

Dragon Hunt 2015

This very popular St George's Day family celebration will take place on Sunday 26 April at Dore Old School. It will begin with a treasure hunt in teams around Dore Village, designed for primary school children with their parents. However everyone is welcome, both young and old. Each team must contain at least one adult who will be responsible for the safety and conduct of the whole team. Children are encouraged to come in fancy dress, on the theme of St George and the Dragon. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Registration will begin at 2pm and the

hunt is expected to take about an hour. At each of the 20 stopping points on the route there will be a quiz question. Clues to the answer will be evident in the close vicinity. On completion there will be St George games in the playground while the other contestants are finishing. The competition will close at 3.45pm or earlier at the discretion of the organisers.

Refreshments will be provided in the Old School and prizes will be awarded to the teams with the highest scores. We look forward to seeing you all at this fun afternoon for the whole family.

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Totley Library opens at lunchtimes and Monday night

It's five months now since the community charity Totley CRIC took over the running of Totley Library. We are very pleased with the support from our dedicated volunteers. Over 90 people have now given their time freely to work in the library, for which we are all very grateful.

When we re-opened as a community run library we decided to change the opening hours slightly so that we are now open at lunchtime. We continue to open late until 7pm on a Monday night and also on a Saturday morning. The opening times are:

Monday 10am to 7pm
Tuesday 10am to 5pm
Wednesday 10am to 5pm
Thursday closed
Friday 10am to 5pm
Saturday 10am to 1pm

This spring we have a couple of upcoming events. For young children, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a dinosaur themed Toddler Craft and Storytime session on Wednesday March 4. All are welcome with their parents and

carers from 10.30 to 11.30am.

At 7.30pm on Monday April 20, we are pleased to be hosting an Evening with Alan Biggs. The sports journalist, broadcaster and author will be speaking and answering your questions about football and his career over many years. We hope you can come along; admission is just £5 (£3 concessions) payable on the door.

On Saturday May 9 we will be holding a plant sale at the Library. The quality of the plants and the prices will be first rate so please come along to support this library fundraiser.

You can also become a Friend of Totley CRIC. As a Friend you make a small annual donation to help ensure the future viability of Totley Library. You will receive discounted entry to our fundraising events and regular information updates. The minimum annual donation is £5 per year, but if you can pay more than this, it will really help fill the funding gap! Application forms are available from Totley Library or you can join via our website www.totleycric.org.uk.

Natasha Watkinson



Further evidence (if any were needed) of Dore's creaking infrastructure came again this winter, first when a power cut on the afternoon of November 20 left half the village in darkness. Most supplies were restored quickly but some premises, including businesses had no electricity until the following day. The resultant digging to find the problem (above left) disrupted buses and traffic for several days. Above right: between snows this large hole appeared by the War Memorial, resulting in diversions around Savage Lane. Dore to Door understands this was something to do with the gas, as is a hole on Townhead Road by High Trees which at the time of writing has been there, full of water, for a fortnight.

Now in full colour



For the first time this issue, your copy of Dore to Door comes to you in colour throughout. The change has been led by our nearest equivalent circulations, the Totley Independent and Bradway Bugle who have taken this step in the last six months, and by our advertisers who have been asking for it.

There are reasons why this hasn't happened before. To my predecessors and me it was and is important that Dore to Door maintains its reputation as a publication of record. To that end we have all shied away to a degree from being confused with the glossy advertorial magazines which periodically drop through our letterboxes. These publications generally cover a wider area than Dore to Door, and so contain very little in the way of genuine local interest. They mainly consist of advertising, supported by 'puff pieces' which are often little more than advertisements themselves.

Like these publications Dore to Door survives on the sale of advertising space but the sums are somewhat different. First of all the profits from this magazine go not to a private individual or company, but to Dore Village Society, and thence they are reinvested directly into our community through their various projects, campaigns and community events. Secondly, advertising in this magazine is tightly controlled to between 45% and 50% of the total space; compare that! Just about everything else you will read here - over half the magazine - is written by, about or on behalf of a member of our community, either past or present.

Now, we in the Dore to Door team know that you read us. We also know that a surprising number of you keep the magazine on hand at least until the arrival of the next one, just because of the local advertisements. The next time you answer one of these, please help us and mention that you saw the advert in Dore to Door. This helps the advertiser to know that we're good for his business, thus ensuring that the wheels keep turning and the money keeps coming back into our community.

As I mentioned in the last issue, Dore to Door celebrates its 30th birthday in November with issue number 120. The first issue was just four pages long - a sheet of A3 folded in half - and was printed on a machine that had a crank handle on the side rather than a mains plug. The pages were prepared on stencils typed on a manual typewriter, and if you made more than a few mistakes you had to get a new stencil and start again. The correction fluid was bright pink, smelled awful and made you dizzy if you left the top off the bottle in a closed room. Look how far we've come!

Since I became editor almost two years ago, I've been amazed by the number of people who've come forward to contribute

articles, both as authors and as interviewees for my various features.

Despite all the new developments in the area over the past thirty years we remain a relatively small community; just a shade over 7,000 at the last published census. Yet the range of activities that you all get up to continues to stagger me. My predecessor, Richard Joel, once tried to calculate how much is raised in Dore for charitable causes each year; he got into the region of £2 million and gave up. And that's just the charity work! Clubs, societies, meeting groups and private hobbies all thrive, not to mention all the events that are organised in the pubs, churches and by DVS throughout the year.

Like our village, Dore to Door has grown in size massively in the last generation, but not, I hope, in scope. We are as tightly focused on the issues which directly affect our village as we ever were. It is produced by you, about you and for you.

A last word on the 'publication of record' thing I mentioned earlier. I've raided the Dore Parochial magazine of 1916 for a piece on page 7. It struck me that one day our descendants will be reading these pages (or their 22nd Century electronic equivalent) to find out about us. So think on.

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Hang On To Your House!



Probably the most common conversation we have with people approaching retirement age is about whether to sign their house over to their children. Reasons for doing this vary, from "saving inheritance tax" to "avoiding care fees", to "the newspaper said it was a good idea"! Usually, they leave our office convinced that they do NOT want to sign their house over to their children after all, once we have told them the pros and cons. So why do they change their minds, and what is the truth about signing your house over?

Firstly, let's put the record straight - if you sign your house over to someone and continue living there, then unless you pay that person a full market rent, the whole value of the house will still be classed as yours for Inheritance Tax (IHT) purposes. The "7 year rule" will NOT apply. So you won't save IHT by signing your house over to your children in this way.

If you need to go into care in the future, you are not allowed to make yourself poorer to avoid paying the costs of that care. If you have "deliberately deprived yourself" of assets and one of your main reasons for doing so was the avoidance of care costs, then you will be assessed as still owning those assets. To avoid

people having to sell their homes to fund care, in 2015 a proposed 'universal deferred payment' scheme will be introduced. This will allow people to borrow against the value of their home to pay for care with the estate then paying back the loan (plus interest) on death. Don't forget as well that you may never need to go into care. You may want to downsize or release the equity from your property at a later date and you can't do this if the house isn't yours any more.

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

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

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70 and 97/98 Bus Services

Over recent months we have received an increasing number of complaints about these services. We have had numerous tales of unreliability, buses not appearing and then two or three coming together, particularly on the 97/98 route. Whilst people have been waiting at stops in town for a missing 70 service seeing five or more 120s in that time. Indeed, "Sorry not in Service" has become such a common sight on our buses that it's like a fourth bus service for Dore and Totley!

These routes are vital to us. The 70 serves the Royal Hallamshire Hospital as well as the University, schools and the city centre. We have had examples of missed hospital appointments as well as the usual frustrations of waiting for a bus that doesn't arrive. Likewise the 97/98 runs to the Northern General and appointments have been missed there as well as staff being late for work.

Following a public meeting in November at Totley Library at which much dissatisfaction at the bus service was expressed, we three councillors undertook to take up this issue with First and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe). We met with them on November 27 and laid out the numerous complaints and examples of poor service. They were aware of the issue and they do take note of the number of complaints. Interestingly the 70 service has had more complaints than the 97/98 so it is worth writing in.

The First management cited staff shortages as one reason for the poor service but they claimed that these issues have now been resolved. They also said that cross city routes, which both of these are, present particular challenges in terms of traffic congestion and timekeeping. The 70 service was more reliable when it only ran to the city centre, but its alteration to take in Catcliffe since July has made it much more unreliable. Consequently they are looking to invest additional resources in the 70 and modify the route at the Catcliffe end in an attempt to speed it up and make it more reliable. They are also looking to see if the 97/98 could be split so it does not run across the city but this presents "challenges"!

We also raised the subject of the quality of the buses on these routes and they said that newer buses were going to be introduced.

Needless to say we are a little sceptical of these assurances and so we have arranged another meeting in March to see if there have been any improvements. Doubtless readers will keep us, First and SYPTe informed of progress.

Councillors Colin Ross, Joe Otten and Martin Smith

From the above it does seem that the way to get something done is to complain. If your bus is late or missing, you can register your complaint in any of the following ways:

- Visit First Group's website for South Yorkshire, which you will find at http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/south_yorkshire. Click on the 'Help & Contact' button at the top right of the page. This will give you access to an email form which you can complete with details of your complaint.
- Call First Group customer services on 01709 566000. This number is manned 7am until 7pm on weekdays and 9am to 5pm on Saturday. Outside these hours messages can be left with Traveline on 01709 515151 which is manned from 7am until 10pm daily.
- Write an old-fashioned letter to First Customer Services, Midland Road, Rotherham S61 1TF.
- To complain to SYPTe, contact their Corporate Communications Manager, Clare Cocken. Her phone number is 0114 221 1452 and email clare.cocken@sypte.co.uk.
- If you have Twitter, you can tweet about your late or missing bus. Say what time bus hasn't turned up and use one of these hashtags in your message; #Dore70bus, #Dore98bus or #Totley97bus. These tags are being monitored by our councillors to gauge the magnitude of the problem. You may also "mention" @TravelSYorks which is their official account. You can still back this up with an official complaint as above.

Extract from an Open Letter to Mr K Rooney, Traffic Commissioner, North East of England

Dear Mr Rooney,

I am taking this unusual and perhaps unorthodox step in contacting you about a specific bus service in Sheffield, because when I first complained about it in early October, I was informed by First Travel that it was your own office that had insisted on the change to this service, which now has resulted in the most appalling bus service that it has ever been my misfortune to have to endure.

Some years ago we had the number 30 service (Dore to Sheffield) changed to the number 70, and it went from Dore through Sheffield to Crystal Peaks. This was appalling with buses missing and a totally unpunctual service. After much complaining the number 70 was changed to travel from Dore to Sheffield only, and what an improvement! If First Direct retain emails, they will see one from myself complimenting them on this change, and pleading with them not to change it again.

Regrettably they have ignored my plea, albeit they are blaming this latest change on you! When I complained in early October I was told that you had insisted on making this change because there was insufficient "waiting space" in Sheffield, and so the bus had to continue its journey, now to Catcliffe in Rotherham. In fact, the number 70 had, at that time, its own dedicated space on platform D6 in the Sheffield interchange, so I do not understand this logic.

Since this change we are having to endure a dreadful service. A meeting was held with First recently attended by, amongst others, Mr Colin Ross, our local councillor. I understand that all that transpired was an undertaking to make a few tweaks to the timetable and review the situation in March – over three months away. This is totally unacceptable. I think that I speak for all the number 70 users when I say that this situation has become quite intolerable. Why do you, or First, keep changing this service? Every time you extend this service beyond Sheffield, it becomes quite awful. It is unreliable, unpunctual, and an absolute disgrace, one of which First should be thoroughly ashamed.

May I please respectfully request your personal intervention to speed up the review process; it is not acceptable for us to have to wait until March before this shambles is looked at again, otherwise it will be next summer before anything meaningful is carried out.

C. Robinson

100 years ago...

"We are forcibly reminded by the present stormy conditions of wintry weather **that we who live** on these bleak hill sides - although heavily rated and taxed - are living at a **great disadvantage** with respect to a **lack of Motor 'Bus Service**, and in comparison with neighbouring Villages we are very far behind, and still cut off from that convenient mode of communication with the City which a rapidly developing suburb demands. We do not all possess Motor Cars. **No wonder** we have such a **migratory population**, who, after a few winters of dark nights and wearisome toiling from the Station, **tire and leave**. The exodus during the last few years has been remarkable. After the War is over, with many hardships sure to have to be borne, such easier contact with the City would assist materially to overcome other difficulties."

- Dore & Totley Parochial Magazine, March 1916

Changes to the 'little bus'

The M17 bus between Dore and Batemoor is under new management, with Hulley's of Baslow taking over the route from January 26. The timetable remains unchanged with the exception that the final two runs from Dore on a Saturday, at 1550 and 1650 have been axed. The last Saturday bus now departs Dore at 1450. Good news is that the fares have been reduced!

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135 Dore Road - it's over!

Residents will be pleased to hear that Martin Flowers has given up his campaign for two glass towered multi-storey apartment blocks and has sold the site to a local resident who plans to build a single dwelling on the site. The last derivative of Mr Flowers' scheme, which he fondly described as "bungalows in the sky", was so compromised that it would have had obscure glazing on three sides. This was both unworkable and farcical.

Whilst the cost to the Council, and ultimately the public purse, of dealing with numerous planning applications, as well as two appeals instigated by Mr Flowers (and/or his company Metropolitan Homes Limited) over several years runs to tens of thousands of pounds, we should perhaps see this as value for money. You may ask why, and the answer is that we now have a very strong precedent to defeat any future applications for dominant high rise apartments in and amongst single and two-storey dwellings. This bodes well for protecting the nature and character of Dore and the unprecedented level of objections and resistance demonstrated by residents has had its desired effect. The Council will also have taken notice of the wealth of planning expertise in Dore and will now know that we are no pushovers should the planners be put under pressure from other greedy developers looking to chance their arm.

Martin Flowers' decision to exit follows a damning Inspector's report and what also turned out to be quite a battering from residents at the last public hearing. Readers may recall that residents who attended the hearing at the Town Hall called for Mr Flowers to be ejected following his bizarre decision to start taking photographs of those present. In the end proceedings took their course when Mr Flowers seemingly removed the offending photographs after the Inspector threatened to call a halt to the proceedings if he did not make amends for what was widely regarded as unreasonable and intimidating behaviour. We understand that some residents were so upset by Mr Flowers' behaviour that they made official complaints to South Yorkshire Police.

Whilst all of this is good news for Dore we should spare a moment or two for our neighbours in Totley who are fighting to ensure that Mr and Mrs Flowers are brought to account for business rates on a property that was not declared on the national valuation register for over ten years, as well as unlawful use of that property as a builder's yard. In addition, Totley residents are looking to bring an end to a long running public nuisance issue where a development undertaken by Mr and Mrs Flowers has restricted access to a public highway for both refuse and emergency service vehicles. All these matters are currently being pursued by our local Councillors.

Mrs Flowers and her agent Mr Flowers recently appealed the Council's enforcement notice to stop the use of 69 Baslow Road as a builders yard. The enforcement notice was issued on the basis



Service and emergency vehicles can no longer access Back Lane following the extension of this gable wall. Residents have to drag their bins to the end of the lane and are seeking a reduction in rates

that the property did not have planning consent for such use and had not gained lawful development rights. The Council's evidence, based on more than a hundred submissions from residents, was so overwhelming that just days before the planned public inquiry (where all parties would have been required to give evidence under oath) Mrs Flowers fundamentally changed the basis of her appeal and admitted to using the property, via their company Metropolitan Homes Limited, unlawfully. In its application for costs the Council's lawyer said that the appellant "had been less than truthful in terms of the submission of the application in claiming that the site had been continuously used as a builders' yard" and that "the Council had been misled on at least three occasions when submitting planning applications". The Council went on to say that the conduct of the appellant amounted to "deliberate concealment of evidence, either now as part of this appeal, or historically during the relevant ten year period".

Costs were subsequently awarded against Mrs Flowers with the planning inspector concluding that she "had been unreasonable in pursuing the appeal ... resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense".

Mrs Flowers did not attend the Public Inquiry and was represented by her agent Mr Flowers who submitted the appeal on her behalf.

The property in question can no longer be used for "builders yard" activities and the Council have asked residents to report any future unlawful activities. At the time of writing we are also aware of allegations of further unlawful use at another location in Sheffield although the Council has yet to conclude its investigations into this matter.

Good luck Totley, we wish you well in your ongoing battles with Mr and Mrs Flowers.

Aubrey Read



The property on Back Lane, Totley at the rear of Totley Rise shops

This brings to a successful conclusion the battle to prevent the site at 135 Dore Road being developed by large inappropriate apartments. Dore Village Society acknowledges the role played by the neighbours to the site and many individual members of the community including our local councillors in objecting to the proposals. Dore Village Society takes a great deal of satisfaction from its role in objecting in full to the applications and in taking the case on behalf of the community at two Local Public Hearings.

David Crosby, Dore Village Society Planning Officer

I am really pleased for the residents of Dore that we have managed to prevent this inappropriate development. It has been a long campaign involving many people and I wish to thank them all for this community effort.

Councillor Colin Ross

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There are two Masonic Centres in Sheffield, one based at Tapton Hall on Shore Lane and one at the bottom of Dore Road.

Freemasonry means different things to each of those who join. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others it's about being able to help deserving causes and making a contribution to family and society. But for most, it is an enjoyable hobby that encompasses the previous perspectives.

Freemasonry is a worldwide fraternity, a brotherhood (commonly but erroneously referred to as a secret society). It is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. It teaches self-knowledge through participation in a progression of ceremonies. Members are expected to be of high moral standing and encouraged to publicly speak openly about Freemasonry. There is nothing incompatible with civil, moral or spiritual values. Members are taught principles (moral lessons and self-knowledge) by a series of ritual dramas – a progression of allegorical two-part plays performed within each Lodge – that follow ancient forms, using stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides. Freemasonry instils a moral and ethical approach to life with values based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness. Members are urged to regard the interests of the family as paramount but importantly it also teaches concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need.

From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick and the aged, with large (normally unpublished) sums donated to national and local charities and all raised internally from its members.

In the UK Freemasonry is governed by a Central Body called "The United Grand Lodge of England", based in a magnificent, palatial historical building (which is open to the public) on Great Queen Street, London WC213 5AZ. This is well worth a visit.

The brotherhood is broken down into Geographical areas. Believe it or not "Dore" Freemasonry is in the catchment area of the "Provincial Grand Lodge Derbyshire" whilst Tapton is in the area of the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire West Riding".

There are over a quarter of a million Freemasons under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England with additional Grand Lodges in Ireland and Scotland who have a further combined total of about 150,000 members. Worldwide, there are between five to six million Freemasons.

Freemasonry has been practised at the bottom of Dore Road for well over 100 years. It is considered as one of the larger of the Seventeen Derbyshire Masonic centres that extend from Burton on Trent in the South to Long Eaton in the East, with Derby, Chesterfield and Alfreton being more centrally positioned, Ashbourne and Glossop in the West and Dore being considered as in the North.

The Masonic site at Dore exists in two parts. A row of grade



two listed cottages that front Abbeydale Road South, opposite the Railway Station. This contains the Masonic Lodge room. To the rear there is a function suite (also available for private hire) with a private car park accessed by Dore Road.

The site was not originally a Masonic Centre as you might think. It was constructed in 1877 by Sheffield and Rotherham Licensed Victuallers Association as an "Asylum for poor and distressed members of that Society".

The Licensed Victuallers moved to Dore from their original site in the Grimesthorpe area of Sheffield due to the exponential growth of Industry in that area. Their original site at Grimesthorpe had once been green fields of rolling countryside and woodlands. The foundation stone at Dore was laid by the Rt. Honourable Lord Edward Cavendish.

Interestingly some five weeks after the laying of that stone a newly constructed Masonic building was opened in Surrey Street by Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. It still stands today opposite the Central Library. Membership from there however later moved to Tapton Hall with the Masonic Building in Surrey Street becoming a Pub. Conversely and ironically the Dore building ultimately passed from the Licensed Victuallers to be owned outright and operated as a Masonic building in 1951. A peculiar twist in fate!

There are also historical records showing that the Dore building was taken over by the British Red Cross from 1915 to 1919 and utilised as a Military Hospital during the Great War.

In the present day at Dore Masonic Hall ten individually named, separate Lodges meet. Members are not an elitist, subversive or clandestine group – just ordinary everyday people, from all walks of life, who try to uphold and practice the Masonic Principles referred to above.

People have their own reasons why they enjoy Freemasonry. The following is a sample of the reasons given by some:

Achievement – "progressing through the various offices in the Lodge to become Worshipful Master".

Brotherhood – "making new friends and acquaintances from all walks of life, every background and age group".

Charity – "being able to contribute to deserving causes, both Masonic and non-Masonic".

Education – "learning from peers and mentors by practicing ritual and making short speeches".

Knowledge – "finding out about the history, mysteries and meanings of Freemasonry".

Self-improvement – "making a contribution to family and society".

If these statements describe how you lead your life or a lifestyle you may wish to attain, do you think that Freemasonry could be for you?

Paradoxically a recent demographic survey showed that we have very few members living within five miles of the Hall. Sarcastically some might say it is still an "Asylum" patronised by the privileged.

You may want to check or challenge the validity of the last statement. If this article has sparked your interest from a historical, organisational or fraternal perspective then why not follow your inquisitiveness or intuition and make enquiries? Here are some web and contact details with more information:

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Fifty years ago this summer Dore Old School closed its doors as a state primary. There was at that time a real chance that the building and land might have been sold off for development, and the newly-constituted Dore Village Society was instrumental in preventing this. Today the building is an important community space in the village. Run by a charitable trust, it is home for local clubs and societies which cater to villagers of all ages, from pre-school to the elderly.

In a short series of articles this year, I'll be finding out more about how this valuable asset is used and enjoyed by our community today. Last month I visited the Dore Open Door Lunch Club.



The Lunch Club was founded in the 1970s by Betty Young and Bessie Colley, with the mission of providing a weekly hot home-cooked meal to elderly people in the village. With its fully equipped kitchen, the Old School was ideal for a venue, and the club has been operating ever since. Now run every Tuesday by Maureen Cope and with a regular clientele of nineteen and around forty volunteers who work on a rotation basis, they have probably served up something over 30,000 two-course dinners in forty years! Each session requires six volunteers; two helpers who meet, greet and serve; two cooks and two washers-up. Today there are Mary, Alison, Rachel, Valerie, two Janes (actually a Jane and a Janie) and of course Maureen.

The Club is now part of the voluntary sector and receives only a small grant to cover room hire and other major costs. The logistics are fully supported by Transport 17, with whom many of the diners travel. Both the Club and Transport 17 are also supported by Dore Village Society.

I was lucky enough to have been invited in the last week of January, which was the occasion of the Club's Burns Dinner and more than a little ceremony was on display. Many of the diners had raided their wardrobes for skirts, scarves and sashes in tartan, and tartan streamers decorated the tables. The sherry bottle was passed around, and Piper Joe McNulty readied himself for the tradition to follow. There being no soup course, the haggis was piped in and in traditional fashion paraded around the table to a handclap guided by Joe's bagpipes. Placed at the head of the



table, the dish was given Rabbie Burns' *Address to a Haggis* which Joe declaimed without notes.

Maureen read us some more of Burns' poetry whilst the haggis was returned to the kitchen to be carved, and then the Selkirk Grace was said before the knives and forks were allowed to start clattering. Lively conversations sprang up around the table and the miserable weather outside was forgotten for a couple of hours. A bottle of whisky kept appearing at various points and the whole room was suffused with good cheer. It was a very good haggis too; no supermarket pudding this, it was supplied by award-winning T.H. Carson of Dalbeattie in Galloway, from whom Janie and her husband Peter have collected it in person for the past five years. You can try their haggis and other produce yourself; details are below.

The Open Door Lunch Club is clearly a much appreciated social event for our villagers whose mobility is limited, and it's difficult to see how there won't still be a need for it in another forty years. If you'd like to give a little of your time to help and thus ensure its future, please drop a line to Maureen at maurencope1@btinternet.com.

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Your letters

Dear Sir

The front cover of the winter edition of 'Dore to Door' left me weeping tears of nostalgia.

In 1955 at the age of eleven my parents pursued an upwardly mobile path, which led them from Norton to Dore and the acquisition of a very smart bungalow in Rushley Drive where I spent my formative years and indeed in which my mother remained until her death some fifty-five unbroken years later!

The photos evoked so many memories.

Yes the bus, which brought me back from school, did stop first outside the Co-op for passengers to alight before turning empty into Leyfield Road and reversing towards the sheltered stop, and a few minutes rest for the driver and conductor before returning to the city. Although it is not apparent from the photo, it may be interesting to note that the bus route number then was number 50.

My inseparable friend at the time was Peter Weston whose family owned the newsagent in the picture and who lived close by in Causeway Head Road.

Eric Gregory was my bank manager at the Midland Bank and with his then wife-to-be I 'co-starred' in an unmemorable amateur dramatics performance in the village hall on Townhead Road.

All of my many contemporaries in the Hare and Hounds will have fond memories of Frank Clark's closing time exhortations, to "sup up" or "gerrit down lad", which if ignored resulted in a not so gentle tug of the hair at the back of the head; or of the more gentle Mrs Clark's piano playing carols on Christmas Eve prior to a subsequent and total choral degeneration - after she had left of course.

I seem to recall that alongside the pub at that time was a butcher (Thorpe?) and also a post office (Mace?) and outside the corner shop (bottom left) was a water trough where we, the local youth, spent many hours just hanging around...

Oh happy days – pass the Kleenex please.

Yours faithfully

Edward Haslam

Dear John

Once again may I use your pages to thank the villagers and members of Dore Male Voice Choir who turned out for our annual Boxing Day carol singing in the Devonshire Arms. The room was packed, and this was the best-attended such event for many years.

Thanks also to Elizabeth for leading the singing, and to Tina and the bar staff who once again made us feel so welcome.

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On the right lines

The Friends of Dore and Totley Station (FODATS) is up and running. At a meeting in Dore, local users and supporters of Dore and Totley station agreed to form a "station adopter" group. The initiative is supported by Northern Rail which is responsible for the station and some of the services from it.

The station has a long history. Opened in 1872, it served as the gateway to Sheffield from the south. Since 1894 it's also been the gateway to the Hope Valley. It's the stop for local attractions such as Ecclesall Woods, Abbeydale Hamlet and numerous local walks. It also has increasing commuter and leisure traffic from an area much wider than Dore and Totley. Passenger numbers have more than doubled in the past ten years and in 2014 around 130,000 passengers used the station.

FODATS wants to ensure that current levels of train services are maintained and increased. We want to see the station facilities improved. The refurbished station building is now the Rajdhani restaurant, but passengers need seating, lighting, information, shelter and a pleasant waiting environment. Safe and secure facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers need to be maintained to meet demand. There needs to be a stronger link between local bus service routes and timetables. These issues are all on the list for FODATS.

Coordinator Dawn Biram is clear about the aims, saying "We want to bring 21st Century rail services and facilities to our 19th Century station while respecting and keeping its character."

The present line which was reduced to single track in 1985 is due to be redoubled. This will reduce the bottleneck effect on all rail services to the south of Sheffield. The second platform taken away in 1985 is to be reinstated. A new ramp and/or lift will lead to a new footbridge for the new Platform 2 for the Hope Valley, Chinley, Stockport, Manchester and Liverpool. These developments are part of the government's Northern Hub programme. Dore and Totley station is an historic building in a semi-rural setting. Over the line is Ladies' Spring Wood which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). We want to ensure that all these developments respect the building and its surroundings.

FODATS has already joined the Association of Community Rail Partnerships. ACORP is the national federation for station

adoption groups which supports the government's Community Rail Development Strategy. In time, FODATS volunteers will receive training from rail operators in order to work on voluntary improvements to the station environment. It's not all about flowerbeds - it's about the overall station experience, involving the community and getting problems and service opportunity issues dealt with by those responsible. There's a nearby success story at Dronfield where the station closed in 1967. A limited service was reintroduced in 1981 and the station now boasts a regular service which 160,000 passengers used in 2013. The Friends of Dronfield Station Group planted an award-winning wild flower meadow, won a station gardens award and now involves local schools and the wider community in projects connected with their station.

FODATS now needs your support and enthusiasm. If you're a commuter, shopper, holidaymaker, walker or occasional rail user we just want to get you on our list of supporters so that we can keep in touch. If you can offer practical support then so much the better. Please let us know of your interest by getting in touch with: Dawn Biram at dawn.biram@btinternet.com or phone 235 6907, or Nick Barnes by email to nj-barnes@outlook.com.

Help wanted on the rec

The DVS is looking for someone prepared to assess and point up problems on Dore Recreation Ground. Things like:

Walking around the perimeter and the central areas every couple of weeks to see if there's any damage (natural causes or vandalism) that we need to let the Council know about and to observe the general condition of the rec.

Keeping an eye out for litter and dog mess (there's rarely any of either)

Looking for evidence of misuse (tyre marks in the grass indicating trail bikes, evidence of drug taking or dealing, that sort of thing).

Monitoring the conditions underfoot to see if the drainage needs attention.

Anything else that comes to mind while walking around the rec.

Liaising with the DVS and the Council on anything arising from the above.

This would suit someone who already uses the rec on a regular basis, maybe one of you dog walkers? If you're interested please contact Keith Shaw, DVS Chairman. Contact details are on page 2.

Your garden club needs you !

Not quite the impact of Lord Kitchener's famous recruiting poster of the First World War but are you interested in gardening? Do you know all the plant names? Do you like flowers but don't know what they are called? Are you interested in trees, fruit, and veg? How about visiting other people's gardens?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes then, to paraphrase Lord Kitchener, 'Your garden club needs you!'

We are a friendly group who meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month in Dore Methodist Church Hall. We have a very interesting list of speakers lined up for this year. We also plan to have a trip to Harrogate Spring Flower Show and also to Brodsworth Hall and Gardens. If any of this is of interest come and join us either for the year or a one off talk.

Dore Garden Club is now in its seventh year and still going strong. Over the years we have had the pleasure of presentations from accomplished speakers, many of whom are experts on their chosen topic. Janet Hewitt is a founder member of the club and along with other committee members, past and present, has worked hard to promote it and build up the membership.

Upcoming talks:

18 March - Hardy Plants by Andrew Ward

15 April - Bedding Plants by Philip Smith

All meetings are at The Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm. For further information contact Janet on 235 0434 or email janet.hewitt@gmail.com

Dave Riley

Dore Festival Summer 2015

After a sunny and successful Festival last year we are now planning the programme for summer 2015. Festival fortnight will run from Sunday 28th June to Sunday 12th July. Some key dates for your diary are:

Sunday June 28 – Dore Open Gardens

Saturday July 4 – Dore Old School Reunion

Sunday July 5 – Well Dressing Service

Wednesday July 8 – Play on the Green

Saturday July 11 – Scout and Guide Gala

Look out for more information in the next issue of Dore to Door, which will also include our full Festival Programme. Details will also be on the Village website www.dorevillage.co.uk

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Who's this little angel, pictured outside Dore Church in around 1939? He still lives in the village and is part of a well known local family business.

The answer, and hopefully a few of his memories will be in the May Dore to Door.



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Dore Art Group Spring Exhibition

A lady from Totley rang me recently to inform me of the death last October of the gentleman who formed the Dore Art Group, probably over forty years ago!

His name was Norman Bevan, who I'm sure will be remembered by some of our older painting friends in Sheffield. I understand that he painted with several other groups, as well as teaching here in Dore.

His work, however, didn't just stay in Sheffield. After he retired he moved to the Shetland Isles to be near his daughter. I understand that he was very happy there and continued to paint and sell his work to the end of his long and happy life.

The legacy he left us with here in Dore still lives on and I'm sure he would have been happy to know that his work with the Art Group is still providing a lot of pleasure, both to we artists and to all our friends who appreciate what we do when our work goes on show in the Old School each Spring.

The dates for this year's Exhibition are Friday April 10, from 2-6pm, and Saturday April 11 between 9am and 5pm when our pictures will be on display for sale and for your pleasure. We will also have for sale a wide assortment of cards, more than ever as our talented artists prove with their colourful display of work. Come along to view, perhaps purchase and then enjoy tea or coffee and cake and meet some of the artists, who will be more than pleased to enjoy your company. A treat in store.

Connie Bedford
Dore Art Show Co-ordinator

Abbeyle Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding an open morning on Saturday April 18 between 10am and noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at crown green bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as instruction will be given. Our Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Members assemble and groups are made up as people arrive.

Friendly inter-club matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed by the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including dinners, a garden party and a race evening, as well as regular coffee mornings during the close season.

Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeyle Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the pavilion. The bowls pavilion is situated at the top of the Abbeyle Park sports complex where ample car parking is available.

Please feel free to join us on the green equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels), where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a large selection of bowls from which you can choose to borrow.

If you require any further information please contact:-

Doreen or Richard Bertram
(Membership Secretary)

0114 289 1423 or
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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

The two concerts we performed in December were a complete success, the one in Dore being a sell-out. I did warn you! What was gratifying was that the less experienced acquitted themselves wonderfully well and out of the twenty-three contributors Monica, our MD, worked extremely hard to get to the peak of performance (I still wonder how we managed to perform Freddie Mercury's "Bohemian Rhapsody" so well!). Peter, our accompanist, supported us brilliantly as well as giving us a splendid rendition of Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*, and 17 out of the 21 singers performed in solos or duets. That is the sort of strength and depth we now have in the Society.

Rehearsals are well under way for the 2015 show which, as I have mentioned previously, will be *The Gondoliers*. The show will be from April 29 to May 2, 2015 at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street. For tickets (£12 each) and timings please contact Judith Bettridge on 0114 2507155 or write (including SAE with money) to Judith at 238 Carterknowle Road, Sheffield, S7 2EB. Booking forms can be found on our website <http://www.doregass.co.uk/page7.html>. Alternatively, you can always phone me on 0114 2362299 or our chairman Mark White on 0114 2360723 for further information.

We all hope that you will come and support us in April and May at The Montgomery and have a thoroughly enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing you.

Derek Habberjam

Dore Male Voice Choir



What a year 2014 was for Dore Male Voice Choir, celebrating 50 years of song, a new uniform to add to the green jackets and a host of prestigious concerts.

In March our programme of major concerts was truly launched with a celebratory concert at the City Hall with our principal guest artist Dame Lesley Garrett; the concert receipts enabled us to make a generous donation to St Luke's Hospice.

This was followed in June with a concert in The Guildhall in London at the end of the Pan European Energy Conference dinner. Guests included CEOs of the energy companies, Ambassadors and MPs - a fabulous night for all of us.

July proved to be just as busy, we performed at the Cutlers Hall at the Forfeit Feast and the following day at the Sheffield Rotary Clubs' "Music in the Gardens" where we supported the headline act Ladysmith Black Mambazo. At our Dore Festival Concert we were supported by King Egbert School Jazz Band, the kids were terrific!

After a brief recovery period we were into our Gala Concert with special guest artists Elizabeth Watts and John Lenehan; Elizabeth is one of the UK's premier sopranos appearing earlier that year as Zerlina in "Don Giovanni" at The Royal Opera House Covent Garden and the BBC Last Night of The Proms on TV. John, a renowned and celebrated International concert pianist, accompanied Elizabeth.

The Christmas period was just as busy with concerts at Chatsworth House and Dore Church which ended quite a hectic but most enjoyable year.

To celebrate our 50th anniversary we have produced a double CD entitled 50 Years of Song covering live performances from the mid-1970s through to our gala concert in 2014. Priced at £10, they are available through our website: www.doremalevoicechoir.com.

So to 2015; with 15 new pieces to learn, a session in the recording studio in June, a tour to Prague in September and concerts in between it looks as though it is going to be another busy year.

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You might be having a friend and their dog over for a meal (with perhaps a glass of wine) or you happen to run across a new dog on a walk. Whatever the situation, there are some basic things you should do and be aware of to help your dog with his new greeting. You must remember that just because your dog may be easy-going, this doesn't mean that all other dogs are going to get along with him.

To help with the 'meet and greet' it would be good to do this first in an organised way. Get in contact with a friend or relation who has a dog, not just someone you met at Christmas. It would be good to ask the other owner if their dog is dog friendly; if not then this would not be a good experience for your dog and would set him back such a long way that it would not be worth the risk. If you are both comfortable with allowing the two dogs to meet, you should make sure everyone is calm, and do so with a loose lead. Make sure you meet with an exit route in mind. Approach each other with both dogs on leads but not in a way that they could easily become tangled.

As you approach each other for this exercise you must have to the front of your mind that you should limit the first greeting to about three seconds. Three seconds is the maximum amount of time the initial greeting should last. One AND Two AND Three, then walk away from each other. If there's barking or growling before that, walk away sooner. We don't want that to escalate.

When you're walking away after number three, give the dogs a

second to forget about one another. Once both dogs have been distracted and praised, you can bring them back for another meeting. You need to concentrate and be fully aware of your dog's behaviour, don't be on the phone or chatting with your friend! This is an exercise for your dog.

Tails tell a tale. If tails are stiff, tucked under or only the tip is wagging furiously, this is a sign that you need to move away before the three seconds are up. If one dog is positioning his head over the top of the other dog's head or on its shoulder or back, walk away from each other. If their jaws are tight and they're not breathing, walk away. What you want is a relaxed posture with loose wagging tails and relaxed jaws.

It is common and good for dogs to sniff each other's bottoms, it's what they do and how they get to know each other. The three seconds still apply - be aware, count and move them away from each other even if they seem to be enjoying their experience. Last but not least, the three second rule is particularly important for the first greeting, even for dogs that already know each other. Give them their three seconds, walk away and if all goes well, take it from there. There will most likely come a time when you can eliminate the three second rule but it's always a good idea to work up to it.

Getting this initial greeting right lays the foundation for your dog to have strong relationships not only with other dogs, but with you as well. It is another opportunity for your dog to know that you've got things under control which builds trust.

Socialising with both dogs and people helps to keep your pet balanced and fulfilled. Don't be discouraged if you don't immediately have success. This exercise is all about baby steps and repetition. Don't do too much too soon, build slowly and you will be successful. Your dog will be more confident around other dogs and will be happy that you are in charge.

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Streetlife – a social network for local communities

Social networking applications such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and the like are now ubiquitous and used by millions of people around the world as their main means of communicating with relatives, friends and colleagues (and often with complete strangers).

There's now a social networking application designed specifically for people in local communities to get in touch with each other called Streetlife.

Free and simple to use, the aim of Streetlife is to help people connect with others in their locality and share information, advice and resources. You can use it to find people with common interests and talk about the local issues that matter to you (such as wheelie bins that aren't emptied or road gritting that doesn't happen or the vagaries of the no.70 bus service), and generally to keep in touch with the local community. You can also use it to exchange local news on anything from lost pets to crime alerts or to help you find out if there's anyone nearby who could help you solve a problem, or to find a tradesman or start campaigns to tackle litter, etc. There's a wealth of practical knowledge in any neighbourhood and this is one way of discovering it. For example here are two postings which appeared just before Christmas:

Christ Church Dore
Clubs & Groups in Dore

Jill B 6 days ago
Crib services at 4 and 6 at Christ Church Dore on Christmas eve. Relaxed family-friendly services with dressing up for kids and lots of traditional carols.
Family Communion 10 o'clock Christmas Day.
All welcome.

Bob B 6 days ago
Just been down to see the Abbeydale Park Rise Christmas lights. Wow! Hats off to everyone who put so much time and effort into the project. We went to see the lights in Castleton the other evening and they are not a patch on the Abbeydale Park Rise effort. Well done to everybody.

Gail D 4 days ago
Yes, took my 93 year-old Murn up Abbeydale Park Rise last night on our way home - she insists on it every year - and they get better every year too. Thanks to all of you on that road who go to so much trouble and bring us all such joy! For those who don't know, that road is also fabulous in cherry blossom season as well!

The Boxing Day snow caused our blue bin collections to be delayed by nearly a week and many people were left wondering what would happen. Here's how some people used Streetlife to find out.

Monday bin collection
Local Conversations in Totley

Mag. D about 12 hours ago
Does anyone know why the blue bins weren't emptied today? I know some of the side roads are still icy but most of the busier roads are ok and my hubby was up fox hill this morning and the bin wagons were out.

Lynda G 2 hours ago
Put mine out in the hope they would be collected but when it snows in Bradway they just don't come on the side roads usually, now what do we do leave them out, bring them in and risk being missed? It's a real pain.

Alan G 10 minutes ago
Talked to councillor ross he said the bins will be emptied tuesday or wednesday.

Gail D 10 days ago
I was listening to Radio Sheffield - they said the blue bins would not be collected Monday as the collectors had to catch up with the grey bins that were not collected during the bad weather. They also said to leave them out as they would be collected Tues or Weds. Radio Sheffield is really good at letting you know stuff!

J.Knight 10 days ago
Here's the latest posting on the Veolia website: If your blue bin collection is not made then alternative arrangements and further information will be confirmed and available here as soon as possible. The emptying of black bins is currently our priority which means recycling (blue bin/box) collections have been delayed to allow crews to collect any black bins where possible before starting recycling collections later. If your recycling bin/box hasn't been collected on its scheduled day we will make alternative arrangements soon but please expect further delays. More detailed information will be available as soon as it is available.

There are currently over 400,000 users of Streetlife across more than 2,000 communities in the UK and it's proving to be a very useful way of keeping in touch. For example, its local value was evident recently when there were a number of

posts warning about a suspicious character walking around trying to get into people's houses and an instance where he was found in a house and chased out.

It's very easy to join Streetlife, just go to the website at www.streetlife.com and sign up using your postcode and email address.

You'll then be automatically connected with people and conversations in your area. One drawback is that locations are searched by postcode, so if you enter S17 you'll get messages from Totley and Bradway, but not necessarily Whirlow or Ecclesall. Hopefully this issue will be addressed by the developers in a future update.

To avoid being bombarded with things you aren't interested in you can control the information you receive and the topics you're interested in. For example you can opt for alerts by email to let you know when someone posts information about things you are interested in and the frequency with which these arrive.

Keith Shaw

Inside artists' studios

Did you get a chance to visit your local and Sheffield artists last year? If not, Open Up Sheffield 2015 will take place again on two May weekends; 2-4 which is the May bank holiday weekend, and 9-10 May. Opening times for all events are 11am-5pm.

Entry is free. The artists and venues vary from year to year but Dore, Totley and Bradway are all represented again this year. Two of our local artists can be contacted for more details. Christine Rodger at www.christinerodger.co.uk, email 30rodger@gmail.com; and Rosemary Watson at www.rosemarywatson.co.uk, email info@rosemarywatson.co.uk

The free Open Up brochure will be available from mid-April, and gives the studio locations of all the participating artists across Sheffield and surrounding area. They are available from the artists, your local shops, garden and community centres, libraries, art groups and galleries. They go very quickly, so please contact us if you would like some for your group.

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There is such a variety of styles and presentations that it can be helpful to select those which appeal most, to maximise your visiting times. Why not come again and see how personal projects have developed over the year, look at new dimensions with materials; be adventurous and add a new artist or crafts person to your list. The work is usually for sale but there is no obligation to buy. You can expect a very friendly welcome for all ages, so please put these dates in your family diary.

Christine Rodger

For Sale (maybe): One up, no down, outside loo

This well-known local landmark is the last survivor of four railway signal boxes in the Dore area. There are plans afoot to extend its life after closure. It sits on the Hope Valley line between Grove Road and Totley Brook Road. As the railway around Dore changed during the 1960s, the signal boxes at Dore Station, Dore West Junction and Dore South Junction closed and were demolished. There was no longer a need for them as Dore station had become unstaffed, main line services ceased to call there and the layout of lines and points was simplified. Bear in mind that Dore and Totley station once had four platforms. There was also a five track carriage siding to the north of the station which was used to store carriages for extra trains at peak periods: this area has now been totally reclaimed by nature. Incidentally, if you stand on the footbridge by the signal box and look towards Sheffield you will see three "countdown markers" with red diagonal stripes at 100 metre intervals. These are to show train drivers the distance before the stop signal before they enter the stretch of curved single line by Poynton Wood through Dore and Totley station.



Totley Tunnel East box in railway terms is a Midland Railway Type 2B signal box. It was built in 1893 and has twelve signal and point levers mounted in a cast iron "tumbler" locking frame. Levers are painted in red, yellow, black and white to show their particular function. The black-painted frame stands out from the floor and makes the levers easier for the signaller to pull. This was especially so in the old days when pulling a lever meant getting many heavy yards of signal wire or metal point rodding to work properly to move the signal or points correctly. In extremes of hot and cold weather signal wires expanded and contracted so they had to be adjusted either to slacken or tighten them. The "tumbler" part of the description refers to the mechanical equipment which ensures that levers, points and signals controlled from the box are "locked" until they are released. This makes certain that conflicting

train movements are impossible and that trains are spaced apart, don't meet head-on or end up on the wrong line. It also ensures that when the signal boxes on either side ask if a train can be allowed through, once permission is given the locks are released so that the levers work. They also have to be pulled in a particular order. Any old order won't do and traditionally signallers always used a duster to grasp the shiny steel handles of the levers.

There was always pride taken in the cleanliness of the box and its equipment and there was usually a smell of black lead, floor polish and metal polish in the air.

Signalling today's railway is being revolutionised with the introduction of about a dozen Rail Operating Centres (ROCs) which will in time signal all of Britain's railways. Signal boxes started to be used in the 1860s and by 1900 there were 13,000 of them. By 1978 there were 2,400 and the figure fell to 800 in 2013, of which 500 are so-called "mechanical" boxes like ours. Totley Tunnel East is expected to close within the next eight years as

a result of the improvements and re-signalling of the Hope Valley line. Our signals will then be controlled from Derby and those on the Grindleford side of the tunnel from Manchester. At this point the box will become redundant and in normal circumstances would be stripped and demolished. It is not a listed building so there is no pressure to retain it. It does, though, feature in an English Heritage booklet about railway signal boxes where it is pictured before and after renovation. Also, there is considerable community interest in Dore and Totley to negotiate with Network Rail to keep the box as a beneficial community resource. The Friends of Dore and Totley Station (FODATS) have already approached Network Rail to log their interest in a new future for our signal box. Let's hope there's enough local "leverage" to make it happen. If you support this aim and wish to be kept in touch with progress then please contact FODATS: Dawn Biram at dawn.biram@btinternet.com or phone 235 6907, or Mike Peart at m.peart1@gmail.com or phone on 236 8100.

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Neighbourhood planning can begin

It was the Localism Act 2011 that introduced the principle of a Neighbourhood Plan which would become part of the statutory planning system, forming the basis of planning decisions in the village and its environs. In the last issue I informed everyone that Dore Village Society had been designated as a Neighbourhood Forum and that Dore had been designated a Neighbourhood Area.

What can a Neighbourhood Forum do?

It can influence the development of land in the Dore Neighbourhood Area.

It can develop a vision, aims, planning policies and proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities.

It can decide where new development can be built and provide guidance on the design of new development.

But a Neighbourhood Plan must comply with national and local planning policies.



We moved promptly to respond to the Localism Act and, based on the Dore Village Design Statement published in 2005, the DVS issued a questionnaire to seek views on the planning issues in the Design Statement. In 2013 we found that there was overwhelming continuing support for:

Protecting and enhancing the Eastern Moorland Fringe of the Peak District National Park in the western half of the Dore Neighbourhood Area.

Protecting and enhancing the Sheffield Green Belt that surrounds the Village.

Protecting and enhancing buildings and areas of special architectural or historic interest and local archaeological assets.

Protecting the character of our housing areas in the Village.

Supporting the vitality, viability and environment of Dore Village Centre.

Protecting Dore and Topley Station and rail infrastructure.

Improving highway safety and traffic management.



However our initial work was put on hold as the City Council got to grips with handling the introduction of Neighbourhood Forums in the City. There were extensive discussions to ensure the DVS was an appropriate body to become a Neighbourhood Forum. Now that this has happened the DVS, acting as a Neighbourhood Forum, will prepare a Draft Plan engaging the whole community;

We need to build on the support we have to develop a vision for the Area.

We need to identify aims and objectives for each planning issue, and

We need to draft policies that affect planning applications and proposals to influence the Peak District Authority and Sheffield City Council on planning and highways issues.

What are the next steps to a Neighbourhood Plan?

We need to carry out consultation in the community to ensure we identify and address all the important planning issues and options.

Dore Neighbourhood Forum will decide policies and proposals for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be published for formal public consultation

An external examiner will report to the two local planning authorities on the legal basis of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

A public referendum will be held of all residents on the electoral roll in the Dore Neighbourhood Area.

If more than 50% of the votes are in favour of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan the two local authorities adopt the Plan as part of the statutory Development Plan.

Now is the opportunity for you to be part of the process of deciding what should be in the Dore Neighbourhood Plan. You can do this by becoming a member of Dore Village Society.

David Crosby – Planning Coordinator

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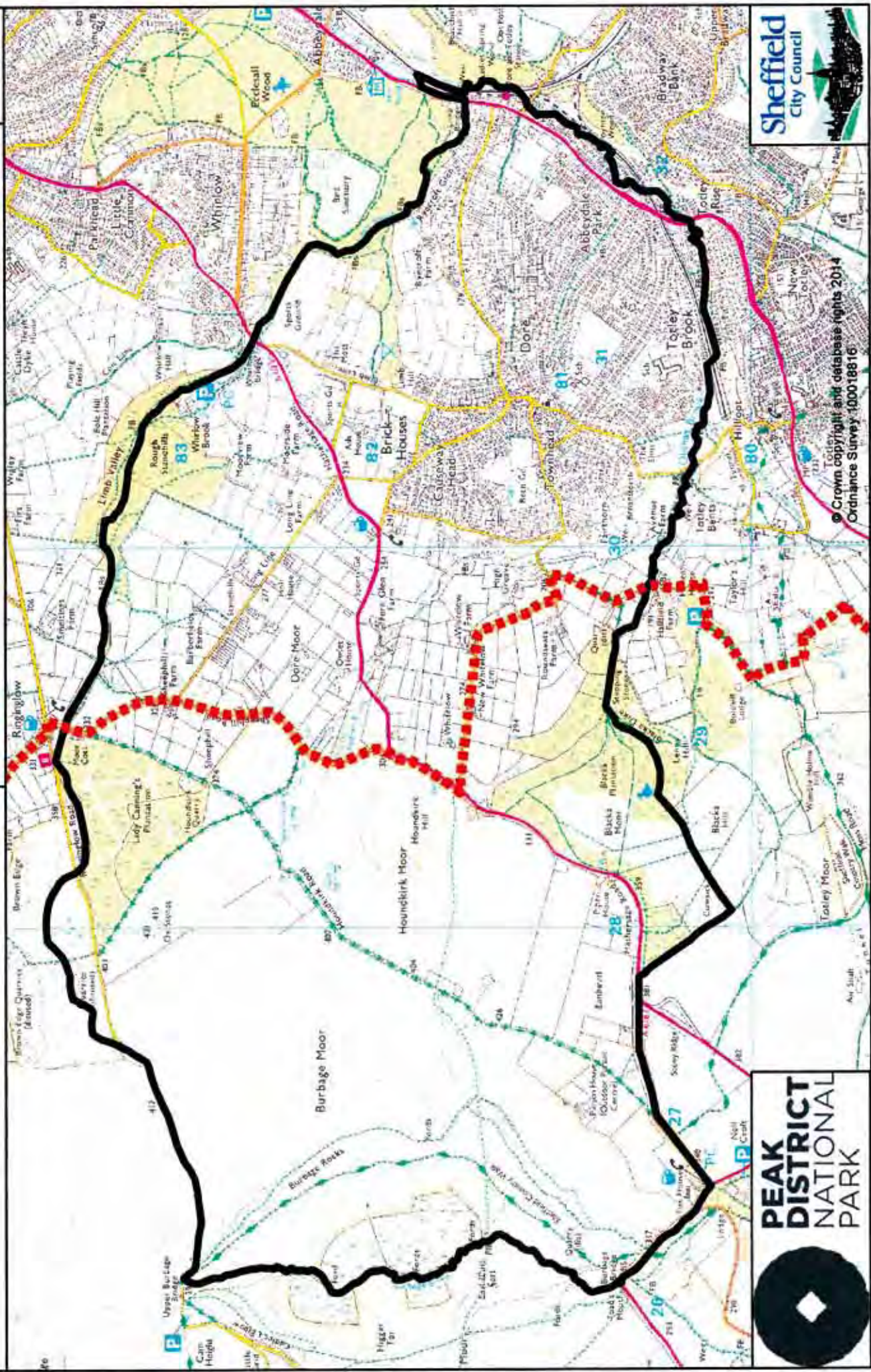
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Last term we started our very own radio station which broadcasts every Friday lunchtime. Mr. Alex Percy and a team of Y6 which changes every half-term include a very wide range of interviews, performances and news items and also collect ideas from children in the school for future broadcasts. Please tune in by going to our website at www.dore.sheffield.sch.uk and either click on the icon for the radio on the home page or search through the News section for earlier broadcasts. In the News and Year Group pages you can also see many interesting articles about our vibrant school.

Sue Hopkinson

Remembrance Day Words

Poppies – white for peace 364 days a year...
...But always red on Remembrance Day
Sacrifice – during war on the front lines and on home fronts...
...Our hearts are with you on Remembrance Day
Bravery - acts both great and small which make a difference to our world...
...All are acknowledged on Remembrance Day
Honour – for those who stand up for what is right...
...We pay you respect on Remembrance Day
Gratitude – a debt of thanks owed by all...
...Given without question on Remembrance Day
Reflection – on the freedoms and privileges we have in our lives...
...We think of the price paid on Remembrance Day
Duty – to those who have lost their lives in the service of others...
...We do our duty to you on Remembrance Day
Silence – a rare thing in modern life...
...But always for two minutes on Remembrance Day
...One special day - Lest we forget

– by Abigail Ridley

Remembrance

Brave men once fought so children can play,
On village green grass once broken by war.
The echo of laughter left in the air,
Replaced by the noise of exploding dreams.
Tattered and torn, broken and bleeding,
Each man fighting for many,
A freedom.
Charred memories falling like leaves,
Resting in petals of poppies that grow.
They gave their lives for us.
So let us remember.
Their days are wrapped up in my days,
My here and now

By Tom Bee (Y6)
3rd November 2014

Grandparents

I opened my eyes,
And what did I see?
New friends from history,
Looking at me.

Good times for sharing,
Soft landings for falls.
Tuned into my heart beat,
As my body grows tall.

Guiding me in the future,
A living link to the past.
Building wonderful memories,
That forever will last.

A hand through time,
Always in reach.
A window on history,
With wisdom to teach.

A face full of stories,
Ready to be told,
With value much greater,
Than diamonds behold.

Tom Bee
December 2014

Haiku Poems Y3

30th January 2015

Shimmering snowman
let's walk away together
to a snowy world

by Millie

Winter has begun
red robins gracefully fly
winter is great fun! ☺

by Jonah

Slippery Snow

As shiny as silver
Wet like cement
Snowy fun
Icy like an ice berg
White snow

by Nicholas Wiener (Y1)

My Snowman

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March into Spring!

Founded by John Baker in the late 1990s our village walking group, the Wyvern Walkers, now has over 150 members on its mailing list. David Bearpark organised the programme for an amazing ten years, retiring at the end of 2013. My wife Fiona and I have just completed our first year in the role.

The 2014 programme comprised 24 walks, covering a total of 139 miles. Specialist walks with dedicated leaders included the biennial Boundary Walk, the Health Walk and Wassail Walk - this last taking place immediately after Christmas with 20cm of snow on the ground still attracted over forty die-hards.

The geographic spread of our walking was diverse, from the reclaimed colliery sites at Wiliamthorpe Ponds and Orgreave, through the natural beauty of Monsal Head and Higger Tor, to the rural charms of Upper Beeley, Stoney Middleton, Hathersage and Eyam. City walks covered Darnall and Meadowhall.

We publish three programmes a year, which as well as being distributed to members are available through the village website and displayed on the village notice boards outside the Co-op and at the recreation ground.



Generally our walks are between five and six miles, but there are both longer and shorter walks to add variety. We leave the Old School at 9.30am, generally aiming to return no later than 1.30pm. Between six and eighteen members usually come along, with a core of half-a-dozen 'regulars'. Walks take place on different days of the week for those with other regular commitments.

If you would like your name added to our mailing list, please email us. There's no obligation on members to partake in any walk, just look at the programme and decide which walks best suit you for distance, day of the week or any other consideration. You can always call us or the walk leader in advance if you're not sure about anything. Do join us if you can.

Fiona and Stephen Willetts - email sfwilletts@gmail.com

Wyvern Walks for March:

On Monday March 2 Dorne Coggins will lead us around the Dore Heritage Trail, but this will include additional buildings and points of interest not included in the recent leaflet. This walk starts at 10am from the Old School and will be only three miles.

The following day we have the next of our popular long walks for our more serious members, starting at the Old School at 9.15am. Philip Hetherington will take us on a twelve-mile route from Ladybower to Win Hill, with a total ascent of 2200 feet. All-weather gear is essential, and as we won't be back in Dore until about 5pm you'll need to bring your own food and drink for an open-air lunch!

Finally, on Friday March 20 we have a walk which anticipates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. This walk is less than five miles; we climb up from the Robin Hood Inn and across the valley to the Wellington Monument. Better not forget Nelson, so we'll visit his monument on the way!

The trouble with windows



The other day I got a call from a man who said he was phoning from the windows technical support centre. He said that they had detected that I had got a problem with windows.

He obviously meant me to infer that he was calling from a Microsoft centre about the Windows operating system on my PC. Microsoft doesn't do this sort of thing and I'm not stupid; I recognised a scam when I heard one so I decided it was time for a little fun.

Me: Gosh, how can you know that?

Him: We've detected the problem here at our windows technical support centre and we'd like to help you fix it.

Me: Where are you?

Him: I'm at the windows technical support centre.

Me: Yes, but where?

At this point he became very evasive, just as I expected.

Me: I'm really impressed that wherever you are in the world you know that I've got a problem with my windows. In fact I was just wondering what to do about it. My windows are double glazed and two of them have started to mist up. Can you fix that for me?

Him: Not your windows, the windows on your computer.

Me: But I've not got a computer in my windows, I've only got glass in my windows.

Him (with a hint of exasperation): No, not the windows in your house. The windows in your computer.

Me: Ah yes, I have got a computer and it does have a window in the side. In fact I like looking through it to see the insides of the computer. I like to see when the fan starts up because I know that it's keeping everything nice and cool and I like to watch all those little blue lights flash on and off when it's doing whatever it does, it's quite pretty really but there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it.

Him: Not that type of window, I'm calling about your windows operating system.

Me: But I don't have a system for operating my windows, I just open them when it's hot and close them when it's windy or cold. And if it's very cold or dark I close the curtains. Why would I need a system for operating my windows?

Him: (by now clearly very exasperated) I'm talking about the operating system that your computer uses and it's called Windows and it's got a fault that you need to fix urgently. I can sort that out for you from here, you just need to enter the following commands to let me take control of your computer and I'll fix it in about five minutes.

Me: Ah, but there's a problem with that.

Him: What problem?

Me: My computer isn't a Windows-based computer, it's an Apple MacBook Air and I don't use Microsoft products. I use Linux as the operating system, Google Chrome for my browser, Google Mail for emails and Google docs for creating documents. I then store everything in the Cloud. In addition I've got a very robust firewall on my router and I've secured it from hacking by switching off the SSID identity broadcast feature so that it can't be detected remotely. I've also changed the assigned SSID to something very obscure and I've added WPA2 as the main security level.

Him: Spluttering incoherently as he realised that I'm pretty expert and had spent the last ten minutes deliberately wasting his time.

Me: Back to coffee and the crossword with a smile on my face.



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I have been going to Uncle Sam's now for 39 years. I know that surprises you all, yes Cherry is no spring chicken! I can remember the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill who died fifty years ago to the day as I write this. I always look forward to a visit to Sam's and as it's such a long time since I saw it reviewed, decided to do just that this month.

Sam's opened its doors on July 4, 1971 making 44 years this year, which in itself tells you something. An American style diner, but it is unique, partly due to the train that must have travelled a long way in the past 40+ years – though it hasn't always gone the same way round! Sam's has had local owners for the past 30 years and has been run by Sue Crossland for much of that time, with the assistance of very efficient young ladies who work hard to give good service.

Great for families, kids just love the atmosphere (and the train). Best of all there's one free kids' meal for each paying adult between 4 and 6pm on weekdays. The feel is just the same as it was all those years ago, though the bar area was added some years after the restaurant first opened its doors. I remember those pictures of James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis, now in different positions but still there.

If you haven't been for a long time, let me tell you that the menu at Sam's is more comprehensive these days, with something for everyone. There is far too much to list here, see www.unclesamsdiner.co.uk/menu for the 'lowdown'. Nachos are a popular starter, as is the combination platter. Burgers, steaks, chicken, pizzas and American style sandwiches for mains are all there. Did I mention burgers? Well, why else would you come back to Sam's other than for a Sam's Special Burger?

We were a party of four reliving the Sam's experience once again. It's Saturday night, it's busy and there's a forty-minute wait; fine, that gives time for drinks at the bar and a spot of 'people watching'! You cannot book a table after 6pm on Saturday.

For me, I am afraid gone are the days of nachos for starters, Sam's Special No.16 Burger with *everything* for main and a banana split for dessert. If only.

We all opted for main course only with sides. No.8 Sam's special for the men and No.2 cheeseburger for the ladies. Coleslaw, onion rings and yes, a bean pot were our sides. 1664 Lager and wine complement the meal. We all thoroughly enjoyed our meals, leaving four clean plates. Not a common sight in many burger restaurants these days. Ok it's not Michelin Star food, it's not meant to be. It's an experience, and one we keep coming back to.

The chips are frozen, so too the onion rings and the burgers. Maybe not quite what I remember from 1978, but times change. Don't forget that Sam's has outlived some of its best suppliers, as well as fending off competition from the large burger chains and other cuisines.

The total food bill was £36 for the four of us, which we all agreed was good value. Let's hope Sam's has a 50th Anniversary, something to look forward to. Oh and on the way out don't forget that Kojak lolly! Who Loves ya, Baby?

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The judges of ITV's Britain's Best Bakery, on which we featured last January, were also very impressed with our authentic Borodinsky Rye bread which has drawn new customers from all over the country, putting us and Dore firmly on the map. Our ryes are baked according to old traditions with original Russian leavens from St. Petersburg. Our whole range is made from scratch and on premises by Tanya – an expert bread-scientist with thirty years of experience; we have no suppliers!

Tanya is always experimenting with new products and last year we expanded our variety of healthy breads, now including more delicious rye and wheat recipes, as well as a fabulous sourdough assortment. We incorporate great flavours such as rosemary and potato, cheese and onion, tomato and many more, always adding fresh, imaginative and tasty things to our shelves, all exclusive to the Sunflower Bakery.

The process of crafting what we call 'real' bread is long, difficult and complicated, and we have been asked many questions regarding the issues surrounding bread raised on the news and tricks and tips of home baking. Due to the intensive production our products must go through, Tanya is very busy and rarely has the chance to give answers to all the questions. We'd like to use this opportunity at the start of a new year to answer some of our more frequent inquiries. This issue we're going to look at rye bread.

What are the advantages of rye bread?

With a history dating back to 400BC, rye was first grown in Germany. It is believed to have originated from an Asian wild grass or from a wild rye variety found in Syria, Armenia and Iran. Slowly, it started gaining importance in the culture of Scandinavian and Eastern European countries. The discovery of its nutritious benefits meant that more and more people began to incorporate this unique-tasting cereal into their diets.

Consuming breads made of rye or pumpernickel is proven to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease and heart failure. Not only that, but rye bread is exceptionally valuable in triggering a quick insulin response, making it a healthy alternative to wheat for people suffering with diabetes.

Another advantage of rye is that it is ideal for treating obesity. With a high water binding capacity, the fibre in rye provides a feeling of fullness and satiety for longer duration, thereby contributing to weight loss. Rye flour is an excellent source of soluble fibre, so is effective in lowering cholesterol levels, controlling blood pressure and optimizing health of the heart. Rye contains the naturally occurring plant compounds lignans, which increase the formation of plasma enterolactone by intestinal microflora. Enterolactone is beneficial in lowering the risk of certain cancers.

In comparison to wheat, rye flour has a different structure. You never will find strong rye flour, since it does not exist. The main difference is that rye proteins can be dissolved in water, while wheat proteins (glutens) are insoluble in water. Gluten proteins have the ability to form polymeric complexes (called gluteneins); they have very strong and long molecules and need time and extra action to decompose. Rye bread production requires the sourdough process and the use of different techniques to deliver to the dough specific levels of acidity, which gives the loaf its soft crumb and distinctive unforgettable taste.

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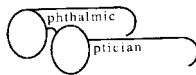


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Remembrance of more things past

The Winter 2014 issue of Dore to Door featured a timely compilation about the first half-century of the Dore Village Society by its present Chairman. I should like to add some personal comments on the early days to supplement those of Michael Bassey. I had arrived in Dore earlier in 1964, just in time to become a founder member of the DVS. Two years later I was elected to the Committee. I served as its third Secretary (after Royston Smith) from 1967 to 1970, when I was succeeded by Derek Fry. My memory has been refreshed by the seven numbers of the Dore Village Society Newsletter that I produced.

I was soon to plunge into my first big issue when shock-horror news reached us that Council workmen were vandalizing the trees on the Green. Like the notorious reports on Mark Twain's death during his lifetime, these turned out to have been greatly exaggerated. After a slightly awkward initial encounter with A.L. Winning, Manager of the Parks Department – I recall that he took exception to my indiscriminate use of the word “lopping” – he completely won us over. The trees round the Green had become overcrowded, and less attractive or shorter-lived specimens had to be pruned or removed so as to give the more beautiful and enduring ones scope to develop. That meeting set the pattern for a mutually beneficial relationship with the Parks (later Recreation) Department, contrasting with the adversarial or at least uneasy stance we often experienced when dealing with Council officialdom. Each party had a direct conduit to the other when problems arose. We profited from expert advice, while the Parks Department benefited from our ability to dispel unnecessary concerns.

This development was linked to new ventures by the Society. In the spring of 1968 we began a series of twice-yearly meetings with invited speakers, the first being Mr Winning. To an appreciative audience of over 100 members and friends and with the help of colour slides he spoke about his department's activities in Dore and Ecclesall Wood and gave us a preview of Whinfall Quarry Garden, then about to be opened to the public. The autumn meeting starred Lt-Col Gerald Haythornthwaite, technical adviser to our local branch of the CPRE, who addressed a similar number on the landscapes of the Peak and environs of Sheffield. The spring meeting of 1969 featured an open forum with three Sheffield councillors. The Conservatives were in power but we achieved a political mix: William Blake (chairman, Health and Welfare), Peter Horton (ex-chairman, Education) and Gordon Wragg (chairman, Town Planning). The lively audience of 150 was gratifying to the speakers. We had about 600 members in those days.

The reasons for the speed of Council action on the Green once planning permission and funding for the King Ecgbert Stone had been granted were twofold: Mr Winning wanted to carry out tree surgery before the sap rose, and also to give the Green a new look before the Stone was erected and formally inaugurated by the Lord Mayor, Ald Mrs Patience Sheard, in July. The Stone kindled a wider interest in the meeting of AD 829 and its background. As Michael Bassey remarks, Syd and Hazel Hoffman were the prime movers – though Michael himself deserves credit for the original idea – and Hazel was the right person to satisfy this interest as head of history at King Ecgbert's School. The DVS Committee then conceived a plan for a series of Occasional Publications. Number One, written by H.C. Hoffman and launched at the 1969 spring meeting, was *King Ecgbert and the Treaty of Dore*.



Mary Walton, the contemporary historian of Sheffield, reviewed it thus: “From personal experience in the Reference Library, I know not only how often people ask why King Ecgbert is so much associated with Dore, but how many people know something about it and have got it all wrong. Mrs Hoffman has made it possible, once and for all, to answer the question and to put the misconceptions right. Her exposition of the framework in which the Anglo-Saxon kings battled for supremacy, how they each won and lost it, and the extent to which Ecgbert attained it, is clear, concise and sufficient, and she has put accurately in its historical context the way in which

the agreement made at Dore, when Eanred acknowledged the overlordship of Ecgbert, proved to be the first step towards English unity through the leadership of Wessex”.

The Stone also provided the Society with its logo, the wyvern as the tribal emblem of Wessex. Apart from our letterhead, I believe it made its first public DVS appearance on the cover of Hazel's booklet. But its transition from the Stone was not altogether smooth. When the designer of the letterhead presented it to the Committee for approval, the wyvern had somehow fallen forward 90 degrees and so was no longer

“erect” but “passant” (walking), and with its head so low that it seemed to be literally biting the dust in impotent rage. This was not the impression of a go-ahead society that we wanted to foster. So the wyvern quickly regained its more combative vertical stance and its dignity.

Two more Occasional Publications soon followed. The DVS commemorated the centenary of our first local railway line by issuing my booklet *The Origins of the Sheffield and Chesterfield Railway* in 1970. The first printing of 1000 copies sold out in some two months. Number 3, *From Dore to Dore: Some Local Walks* edited by the late Betty Young and Elizabeth Garland, appeared in 1974. Launched in the newly refurbished Old School, it was hailed “a real community effort” and also sold like hot cakes. All three booklets were sooner or later reprinted. Although the series title didn't long survive, the DVS's role as publisher of books and pamphlets of local interest has gone from strength to strength, and the tradition of active community participation was very much sustained when the new walks book *On Your Dorestep* came out in 2008.

Michael Bassey listed a number of matters engrossing the DVS Committee in the 1960s. I would add: the fight to prevent the development of Ryecroft in 1970-71, which involved the engaging of Counsel for a public inquiry (we won that battle, but the war would break out again); the protracted concern over the site of the prefabs, their gardens “awash with roses”, between Causeway Head Road and Rushley; and the hardy perennial of the state of our roads. The January 1970 issue likened potholed Gilleyfield Avenue to “the remoter regions of Macedonia”: no wild claim, this, but a deeply-etched memory of a nightmare drive of a decade earlier.

My trawl through the Newsletter series did, however, stir up a few surprises. Let me end with one of 1968. We were delighted to announce that Dore and Totley Station had been reprieved. It was the era of the Beeching axe and I had quite forgotten about that particular threat. The next comment nevertheless suggests lingering unease, though now it also evokes incredulity: “If we want to keep our station we must use it; there is plenty of parking space in the forecourt”. Who then could have foreseen fast commuter trains and a huge new carpark already full to overflowing?

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Over millions of years, natural ecosystems have evolved with plants and animals co-existing and supporting each other in many different geological, topographical and climatic conditions. In our ignorance we have disrupted this delicate balance, so much so that vital habitats have been lost or greatly reduced.

Urbanisation, industry and intensive farming as well as various human leisure activities have had a devastating effect. As a result, many plants and animals have become extinct and many more are in danger of extinction. Research at Kew Gardens has found that 20% of our wild flowers are now on their Red List and little is being done to arrest this decline, despite the efforts of a considerable number of conservation and wildlife charities.

British gardens cover a huge acreage of land which once supported masses of native fauna and flora, but fashion trends for cultivated, showy, brightly coloured and often foreign plants, along with immaculate lawns and too much hard landscaping have all had a detrimental effect. Overall, the pollen and nectar from our wild native plants are much more beneficial to our native insects than that from foreign or cultivated plants. Native plants also provide better conditions for hibernating insects, their eggs and food for caterpillars. Many foreign and cultivated flowers are extremely attractive to our insects - one excellent example is the popular buddleia – but this has added to the loss of our wild flowers as they are not being pollinated and are consequently disappearing.

Well-known TV gardeners and designers have contributed to the problem by enthusing about the colour of various varieties of flowers and foreign plants, and prizes are awarded to garden designs where there is far more concrete than soil. Garden centres are filled with mass-produced plants for instant show, hardly any of which will help our declining wildlife, and supermarkets and some greengrocers, too, supply a quick fix. Nor, as “Maggie Pie” wrote in an issue of *Bradway Bugle* in 2005, are estate agents any help whatsoever as they promote immaculately lawned gardens with little other planting as “easy to care for”.

Having gardened organically for over ten years, the texture of the soil in my garden is much improved and there are many more soil-living creatures. I do not use chemical fertilisers, pesticides or herbicides and use natural predators to control any problems such as red spider mite. Wild native flowers do not thrive well on rich soil, so I only spread compost made from my own garden and organic household waste.

An article printed in the Soil Association’s magazine some years ago explains that the soil is teeming with micro-organisms; bacteria, fungi and protozoa, and that the activity of these creatures is responsible for the soil’s crumbly texture and its fertility. They also “fuel and drive the organic nutrient cycle and create a nutrient-rich, water-retaining and life-giving humus”, as well as being involved in the absorption of nutrients themselves in various ways. However, any chemicals used on the soil suppress these micro-organisms and the soils become starved of nutrients and water. It has already become a matter of international concern with intensive and inorganic farming methods as well as land covered by gardens and even towns and cities being studied, particularly in this UN-declared Year of Soils. We all need to be aware of what is happening and do what we can to mitigate the damage already done and stop further decline.

I am gradually removing all non-native, cultivated and variegated plants and replacing them with native ones apart from a few that have sentimental connections. The latter will not be replaced when they die.

Marian Tiddy

In the next issue, Marian will discuss a range of plants and trees you can use to help the insects in your own garden.

Year 10 GCSE Drama public performances

Early in the term the Year 10 Drama group performed a piece looking at the life of Harry Farr publicly to an audience of friends and family. The pieces used physical theatre and original verbatim text from 1914 to explore the emotional story. The five pieces focused on events in the First World War, where the British army executed a number of soldiers, Farr among them for ‘cowardice’. Later it emerged many of the men were suffering from shell shock, a condition that was not recognised at the time.

Flash mob



In November students and some staff took part in a flash mob in the centre of Sheffield. The piece of movement involved around 50 people and had a stunning effect in the Winter Gardens and Millennium Gallery. The piece was choreographed and organised by N2C theatre in support of the War Child charity. Artwork was displayed in the Winter Gardens along with the ‘Selfish Giant’ a huge puppet that was used in the summer in the school’s end of year production. KES’ media department took footage of the event on five different cameras and the finished film is due to be released shortly.

The Winter Celebration

In December the School came together to celebrate the different faiths present in our school. The hall was transformed by the atmospheric lighting, with two stages and a large performance space in the centre. Students from the lower school art club had created giant Chinese lanterns that hung from the ceiling, depicting the five major world faiths. Drama and music provided some high quality performances, with guest speakers talking about different faiths. For many the highlight was the amazing food, both Asian and western, that had been provided by parents and students within the school.

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Roy Bullen (1925-2014)

Roy sadly died in 2014. Our sympathies go to his wife Pat, their two daughters Ruth and Janet, and the wider family. Below are some memories from people who knew him well. David Hey's article is taken from the magazine of the Sheffield and District Family History Society; our thanks for permission to republish.

Roy Bullen and I first met at the launch of DVS Occasional Publication No.3 *From Dore to Dore: Some Local Walks* in January 1974. A careers adviser by profession, he had been a prominent member of the "willing team of walkers" who had helped Betty Young and Elizabeth Garland to put the booklet together.

Roy used DVS sources among much else when editing "The Old Days in Dore" which he himself published in 1988. This is a splendid edition of "A History of Dore, Drafted by J. Hancock" (1896), an interesting personal account by a lifelong resident at Rushley Farm which had previously been available only as a manuscript in Sheffield Central Library. The interest is increased hugely by Roy's very thorough commentary – a good deal longer than Hancock's text – supported by reproductions of maps. Subsequent historians of Dore neglect this at their peril!

In the early 1990s Roy was involved in setting up the Dore Collection (now the DVS Archive) and later donated a substantial file of his research notes and xeroxed source materials to the Society. To cite just one chunk of these: he tracked down and photocopied a large quantity of news reports of 1884 about a case at Leeds Assizes establishing the public right of way through Ryecroft Glen. Sorting out your research results and handing them over for posterity while you are still able to do this yourself reveals a provident and generous nature.

Roy was a lifelong Methodist and would occasionally reminisce about Hoyle Street Primitive Methodist Chapel in Sheffield. In recent years I got to know him better over many after-service coffees at Dore Methodist. Already respecting him as a meticulous scholar, I came to regard him as a wise and genial friend.

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Roy was one of the members of the Sheffield University extramural class on 'How to Trace Your Family Tree' that I held in 1974. This quickly developed into the Sheffield & District Family History Society and Roy was a committee member for many years. He contributed to several of the Society's publications and was always there to help with a friendly smile.

At the thanksgiving service in Dore Methodist Church where he had long been an active member, several friends spoke about his life. He left school at 15 to work as a clerk at Arthur Lee's steelworks. He then saw active service during the Second World War, suffering from shell shock which affected him for the rest of his life. After the War he was involved in the repatriation of Belgium and Germany.

Upon returning to Sheffield, Roy joined the Ramblers' Association and soon became an active champion of the Right to Roam. He was a voluntary warden on Kinder and at weekends he helped in the Peak District National Park information centre at Edale. In the 1960s when his work took him to Lancashire, he became equally active in the campaign for access to the forbidden moors of Bowland. Upon returning to Sheffield he was largely responsible for reorganising the Ramblers' Association in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire and eventually became Area President.

This involvement in the outdoors movement led naturally to an interest in researching the history of the local countryside. He was a much valued member of an extramural class that I led on identifying moorland packhorse routes, and his interest in family history prompted him to join another group which studied the origins and spread of local surnames. I recall his enthusiasm in those early days in tracing his surname back to a Devon farm. As Roger Stevenson has written, Roy was 'a very helpful and extremely pleasant guy. He had time for everybody and his advice was invaluable to those of us starting out with our research in the days before home computers and the mass of information available on the web.'

David Hey, President, Sheffield & District Family History Society

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Baptisms:

Baptised on 2nd November:

Freya Emma Fletcher
Isaac William James McCoye
Calvin Ellis Murphy
Lucas Alexander Murphy

Baptised on 7th December:

Matthew Robert Cooper
Jude Spencer Wells

Deaths:

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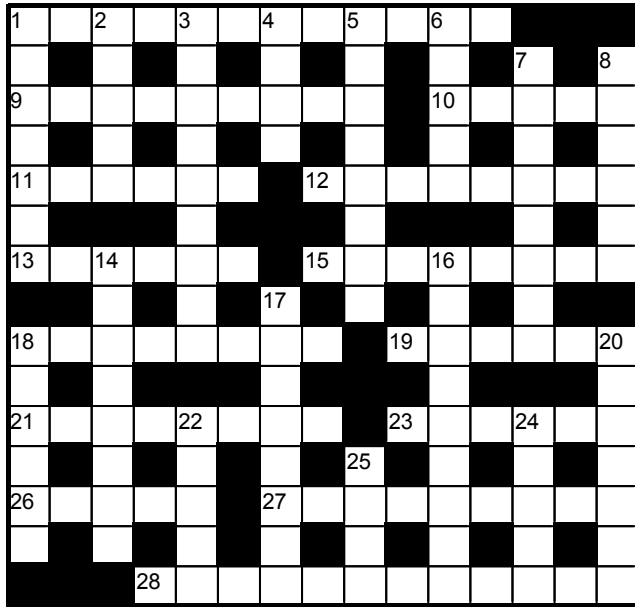
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Totley by the sea



- Across**
- Expression of exceptional Sherpa (4,2,6)
 - Carry out instrument (9)
 - Certain type of green is round, as it happens (5)
 - Takes off following drizzles around the lake (6)
 - A container so much like a plant (8)
 - A long time to acquire new aches (6)
 - Routine task inside, also held securely (8)
 - No profit in fuel - that's monstrous ! (8)
 - Show anger with control (6)
 - Elevated action to follow fruit harvest, just outside (8)
 - Allow one member in with hanger-on (6)
 - Croft, say includes very young 22 (5)
 - Soldier who takes material, not new but right at the end (9)
 - Small change to calories, one for the teeth coming together (12)

Many Dore and Totley residents will remember Howard and Christine (*nee* Freeborn) Croxton. They both grew up around here but moved away from their home in Totley in 2002 to travel the world. They share an interest in long-distance travel and love the far-flung places which to most of us are just names on the map.

On their return a couple of years later they bought and ran a bed & breakfast in Whitby for a few years. Sunnyvale House was named after their old Totley address, and they were there until there was enough in the bank for another trip around the world.

Their next B&B was in Lincoln, also followed by a lengthy period of travel, then in October 2013 they pitched up in Whitby once more where they bought Haven Crest. Situated an easy 15-minute walk from the town centre along the cliff top (or a little longer if you prefer to walk along the promenade or beach), their six-room B&B is right next door to Whitby Golf Course. They don't offer evening meals, but they are right across the road from a large pub, the White House, which has full lunchtime and evening menus. If you're there for the golf that's pretty much all you need, but there are of course innumerable places to eat in the Town.

Whitby is increasingly a year-round resort with only January and February being relatively quiet. This is when Howard and Christine take their own holiday, and as I'm writing this on a snowy January afternoon in Dore, I know that they are being bitten by mosquitoes somewhere up the Panama Canal before visiting Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Haven Crest's rooms are all doubles, though Howard assures me that a seventh room is being developed as a twin bed and this will be available sometime during the 2015 season. All rooms are ensuite with shower, TV and tea/coffee facilities. The whole place is spotlessly clean and very nicely furnished. And then, of course there are Howard's legendary breakfasts! I was privileged to be served with cherry tomatoes from Howard's own greenhouse to accompany mine.

They're always pleased to see old friends and I'll be back again to visit them this summer, as Howard's not sure how long it'll be before the next trip. "I'm 63 now," he told me. "Maybe I'll give this another three years and then retire, see a bit of the world."

John Eastwood

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- Down**
- Small in number, but eager (7)
 - Stagger round to parking, then drive off (5)
 - Extra senses are apparent with singles (9)
 - Variegated food on the day (4)
 - Bashful just passed it back inside (8)
 - Disregard son having cereal (5)
 - At that point, acted about, then hesitated (8)
 - Crumpled when Romeo went and broke it off (6)
 - Myth that every German is covered in blood (8)
 - Retreat from the mirage that's fantastic (9)
 - Way to get round information on cause of disease (8)
 - Spoil cook (6)
 - Take heart with extremely normal but fashionable intrigue (7)
 - Picture lacking energy takes nothing to make old 26 (5)
 - Power is not casual to describe (5)
 - I was first to go back to the little restaurant (4)

Crossword compiled by Mavis

Answers will be published in the May issue

Solution to our Winter crossword:

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Rugby

As the rugby season rolls into its second half both our local sides are poised for promotion from their respective leagues this year.

Sheffield Tigers have been building a young talented squad this season; introducing players from their Colts XV and coaching them with the 1st XV squad until they are ready to debut at national level. This formula has been working very well as since October Tigers have been top five in the National 3 North & are presently on the brink of taking the playoff position sitting in third place.

Tigers' coaching methods have produced a double edged sword for the club. Some players have improved and come into the first team, but others have been headhunted for the rugby elite with three players going to Rotherham Titans and Leeds, and a further player presently on assessment with Titans.

Sheffield Club has maintained good results down the road at Abbeydale Park, reaching the top spot in North One East earlier in the season and steadily holding around an eight point lead, which should be enough to clinch automatic promotion. It looks like Abbeydale will have some new tenants next year as Rotherham Titans, who are in dispute with their Clifton Lane landlords, are looking closely at a move to the Abbeydale Sports Ground. Although nothing official has come out of either Sheffield Club or Abbeydale Park, there are a lot of discussions and media reports coming across the border from Rotherham, saying a move to Abbeydale will be happening next season. A move which would potentially put three national level rugby clubs within the borders of Dore.

Next Home Fixtures

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Many ongoing projects both on and off the pitch are keeping everyone involved in the club very busy over the winter months. Unfortunately, pitches at The Meadway are not draining correctly, which has caused a lot of fixture postponements. We recently hired a mini digger to identify the contributing factor of the excess water on the pitches.

The water comes in from the rec in the top right hand corner of our ground and into the first manhole which the council put in and then it is supposed to travel to the next manhole which sends it off down the drains under the pitches. Unfortunately, the council only put a three-foot section of pipe from the first manhole into the existing, very old, pipework system which feeds the second manhole. Most of the drains are broken or blocked, meaning all the water entering from the park is just going into the land, and we have put in a temporary fix by digging out a trench which hopefully will allow for games to resume. We anticipate that further works will then need to be carried out.

It is feared that a new drainage system will have to be installed over the summer. Hopefully we will receive financial support from the Football Association who have launched a funding initiative aimed to help sports clubs such as Brunsmeer, but we have already been told this will be a very expensive project.

Our seniors recently beat HSBC 3-2 to qualify for the semi-finals of The Challenge Cup. Open top bus at the ready! Our under-10s reached the final of their League Cup, the under 13s got through to the last 32 of the County Cup and the Under 11s are in the quarter final of their League Cup.

Turning away from the pitch, I am pleased to report that the defibrillator has now been fitted. You may remember in the last issue of the magazine that a suitable location was being investigated. Sadly, we received no response from the local church following our letters and we have therefore had to take the decision upon ourselves to locate it to the side of our gate. The South Yorkshire Ambulance Service has been notified that the defibrillator is now fitted and this has been noted on their emergency system. In the event that such equipment is needed in case of an emergency, it is available within the Dore community. Let's hope it is not needed!

Other initiatives include the extension of the ground lease at The Meadway and ongoing is the possibility of trying to have a new changing, storage and toilet facility built on the Mercia site. This particular project would be a massive improvement, not only to be enjoyed by ourselves as a Football Club but the wider Dore community including King Ecgbert School.

Best wishes from everyone at Brunsmeer for a healthy and safe 2015.

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MARCH

- Mon 2 Wyvern Walkers: Walking the "Dore Heritage Trail" but with additional buildings and points of interest not included in the recent booklet (about 3 miles). Time for a coffee and a chat afterwards? Meet Dore Old School, 10am. Further information from Dore Coggins 0114 3271054. See page 27
- Tue 3 Wyvern Walkers: Starting at Ladybower and covering Whinstone Lea, Fairholmes, Lockerbrook, Hagg Farm and Win Hill. A total ascent of some 2200ft (12.5 miles). Please note that this route is for experienced walkers only; please bring food and drink for an expected return to Dore around 5pm. Meet Dore Old School 9.15am. Further details from Philip Hetherington 0114 2367647. See page 27
- Fri 6 Women's World Day of Prayer, English Martyrs' Church Baslow Road from 10.30am. All welcome. This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. Enquiries phone 236 3027.
- Wed 8 To celebrate World Book Day, dinosaur themed Toddler Craft and Storytime at Totley Library, 10.30-11.30am. See page 4
- Tue 10 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Clarins Beauty Evening Demonstration. Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 14 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Wed 18 Dore Garden Club monthly meeting, Dore Methodist Church Hall, High Street 7.30pm. Speaker Andrew Ward of Noirwell Nurseries, Nottingham, "Hardy Plants". Further details contact David Riley on 236 8877 or email vintique21@gmail.com. Non-members £2. See page 15
- Fri 20 Wyvern Walkers: From the Robin Hood Inn, we climb up to Birchen Edge and Nelson's Monument with fine views of Chatsworth House and Park. We cross to Wellington's Monument and the Eagle Stone, returning via Moorside Farm (5 miles). Perhaps the Robin Hood for a light lunch? Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. Further details from Stephen Willetts 0114 2362821. See page 27
- Sat 21 Sheffield Tigers Rugby club home game, Dore Moor Ground, Hathersage Rd. Admission £8 non-members/£6 members, includes parking & programme. Live national rugby v Huddersfield YMCA, kickoff 3pm.

APRIL

- Mon 6 Wyvern Walkers: Easter walk from Bradwell to Hazlebadge Hall, Great Hucklow, Grindlow and Abney Moor, back to Bradwell (6 miles). Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. Further details from Chris Cave 0114 2364648. See page 27
- Fri 10 and Sat 11 Dore Art Group annual Exhibition and Show, Dore Old School. Friday 2pm - 6pm, Saturday 9am - 5pm. Original work by local artists on display and for sale. Meet the artists, refreshments available. See page 17
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- Tue 14 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Katherine Mackay - "Iceland - Desert in the North Atlantic" illustrated talk. Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.

- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club monthly meeting, Dore Methodist Church Hall, High Street 7.30pm. Speaker Philip Smith of Bents Green Nurseries, "Bedding Plants". Further details contact David Riley on 236 8877 or email vintique21@gmail.com. Non-members £2. See page 15
- Sat 18 Abbeyle Park Bowling Club open morning 10am-noon. Come along and try out your hand at crown green bowling. Wear flat shoes without heels, all other equipment provided. The bowling club is at the top of the Abbeyle sports complex; ample parking on site. See page 17
- Mon 20 An Evening with Alan Biggs, Totley Library, 7.30pm. The well known sports journalist, broadcaster and author will be speaking and answering your questions on football and his career over many years. Admission £5 (£3 concessions), payable on the door. Refreshments. See page 4
- Thu 23 Wyvern Walkers: From Castleton, we walk below Peveil Castle up through Cave Dale and past Hazard Mine to Windy Knoll. We head down the old Mam Tor road to Blue John Mine, down past Treak Cavern, crossing Winnats Pass by Speedwell Cavern. Finally, through the NT Longcliffe Estate, over Goosehill Bridge and back into Castleton where there are lunch possibilities (5 miles). Meet Dore Old School 9.30am. Further details from Godfrey Wilkinson 0114 2366319. See page 27
- Tue 28 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Christine Manby - "Royal Voluntary Service". Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- Wed 29 to Sat 2 May Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society present "The Gondoliers" at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield. Tickets £12 each from Judith Bettridge 0114 2507155 or downloadable booking form at <http://www.doregass.co.uk/page7.html>. See page 17

MAY

- Sat 2 until Mon 4; Also Sat 9 and Sun 10 Open Up Sheffield; local artists open their studios to the public, various venues, 11am-5pm on all dates. Full details on www.openupsheffield.co.uk. See also page 22
- Sat 9 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Sat 9 Plant Sale at Totley Library, 10am-1pm. See page 4
- Tue 12 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Pat McLaughlin – "Sheffield's Historic Churches and Chapels". Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 16 and Sun 17 Spring Plant Sale: The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society, Sheffield Botanical Gardens. A wide selection of well-loved and rarer hardy plants for sale, with advice from knowledgeable members. Free admission, all welcome. 12.30-3.30pm Saturday, 10-1.30pm Sunday. For further information see www.hardy-plant.org.uk
- Wed 20 Dore Garden Club monthly meeting, Dore Methodist Church Hall, High Street 7.30pm. Speaker Phil Hirst, "Planning and Preparing a Show Garden". Further details contact David Riley on 236 8877 or email vintique21@gmail.com. Non-members £2. See page 15
- Tue 26 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. Speaker Dr M Wilson – "They don't take care of you" (Aviation problems). Visitors welcome. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.

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Since publication of the last Dore to Door there has been much debate based on the photographs of Dore in the 1960s. So to jog a few memories we have decided to run a series of articles about shops in the village, starting with the contentious location of the fishmongers. This point occasioned lively debate in Dore Club with some maintaining that it had been on Causeway Head, and others remembering a shed on land near the garage.



These photographs are all of the general area round Christ Church taken mostly in the early 1960s. The dark trees opposite the churchyard were rather spooky to some of the village little 'uns at the time.

So have you spotted 'William Roberts – Dealers in Fish, Game and Poultry'?



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Photos by John Eastwood