

DORE to DOOR

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Action on litter



Hi,
My friend Jen and I litter picked for three and a half hours today on Limb Lane near the HSBC Sports Ground, Porter FC on Ash House Lane and the car park leading to Ecclesall Woods. We retrieved 14 large black bags of trash and encountered a lot of fly tipping! We met some lovely people

who gave us the “thumbs up” and if anyone would like to help us in the future that would be fantastic! It needs tackling on a regular basis. Sheffield is a brilliant city with fantastic woodland, parks and green spaces bordered by the wonderful Peak District National Park! We need to look after these areas for us all to enjoy and for future generations. LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

Kind regards,

Julie Gay

Well done to Jen and Julie for a bit of ‘affirmative action’! They already take part in the regular village litter picks - this was just a bit of overtime!

Our thanks also to everyone who took part in the Doreways ‘Autumn Action’ litter pick in September, which helped to tidy up the village as we hunker down for the winter months. The next Doreways event will be in the spring; full details will be in the next Dore to Door.

What a crock of

Many of you will have noticed the leak on Dore Road near number 162. You may have even taken in its distinctive aroma! This is a sewage leak that was first notified to Yorkshire Water on 4th August. Yorkshire Water investigated the leak and tried to solve the problem by jetting the sewers. This failed and clearly an excavation was required to investigate the cause. In



Cllr Ross looks into the matter

spite of many phone calls from residents and Councillor Colin Ross there was delay after delay. The situation was not helped by Yorkshire Water changing their subcontractor on 1st October to Amey.

Finally, Yorkshire Water announced a date of 19th October for when the road would be dug up.

Well, residents watched as October 19th came and went without any sign of activity. Numerous phone calls over the next two days finally extracted the reason. There was an error in the paperwork to the Council requesting permission for temporary traffic lights!

Work finally began on 3rd November and it immediately became apparent that it wouldn't be a quick fix. As Dore to Door goes to press they're still digging.

We should not have to put up with untreated sewage running down Dore Road for three months. On your behalf the local Councillors have complained in the strongest terms to Yorkshire Water about the terrible situation.

Colin Ross

Dore Calendar 2016



The Village Society's calendar for 2016 is now available. Concentrating this year on 'Dore in Bloom', the calendar features stunning pictures of local floral displays, photographed for us by Elaine Nichols.

Comprising 52 weeks spread over a convenient twelve month period, this year the calendar also has a bonus day on 29th February at no extra cost.

Still only £5, which includes a stout envelope for posting to your friends and relatives who don't live in such a nice place as this.

The calendars can be bought from:

- The Village Store
 - Valerie of Dore
 - Hartley's Fruit Cabin
 - The Devonshire Arms
 - Dore Service Station
 - Dore Garden Centre
- or see any DVS committee member.

A change of career

Dear Dore to Door,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank my customers over the past twelve years for their loyal support and business. Unfortunately due to shoulder problems I have had to stop working as a joiner and carpenter.

However, on the plus side I now have a new career having qualified as an Approved Driving Instructor. I have been driving for 35 years, 20 of which have been as an Advanced Driver with the Institute Of Advanced Motorists. I am passionate about road safety and am eager to pass this information onto young drivers who are starting out or any driver who wishes to have a refresher course. I can also help with any particular difficulties that someone may want to improve on.

Once again thanks to all my ex customers and I look forward to hearing from any new customers regarding driving lessons.

I can be contacted on 0114 2364778 or 07506 537681. My email address is nigelmwatson@googlemail.com.

Nigel Watson

Front cover: This year's Scarecrow Competition winning entry photographed by John Baker.

It's that time of year again...

As a regular reader of Dore to Door, you will be aware of the work of the Dore Village Society and the influence that it has on our lovely village. In order to continue this work, it is vital that we have a thriving membership. You now have the opportunity to continue your invaluable support by renewing your membership or, if you are new to the area or have never been a member, by adding your name to the list of our regular subscribers. 2016 membership will ensure that you have a say in the planning of the area through the Neighbourhood Forum (see opposite page).

The annual subscription is still only £6. Please complete the membership form enclosed with this issue of Dore to Door and return it to me or, if you would like to pay your subscription through a standing order or BACS, please let me know. My contact details are all on the form, and on the opposite page. I look forward to being overwhelmed by your response.

Kath Lawrence

Neighbourhood Plan

The major focus of DVS at the moment is the development of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum and the Dore Neighbourhood Development Plan. The copy deadline for Dore to Door was before an important public meeting to discuss this so we are unable to report on the outcome until the next issue. In the meantime we will place a summary on the DVS website www.dorevillage.co.uk. For anyone without Internet access you will be able to collect a copy from the DVS office (upstairs at the rear of Dore Old School) from the beginning of December on Friday mornings between 10am and midday, or on the first Saturday of each month (not January) between 10:30 and 11:30am.

A Neighbourhood Forum is a community group that is designated to take forward neighbourhood planning and the Dore Village Society achieved this status in October 2014. This means that every member of the Dore Village Society is also a member of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum and thereby entitled to participate in the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Neighbourhood forums can use new planning powers to establish general policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood. Once a Neighbourhood Development Plan has been formally adopted by a community the local planning authority is under a legal duty to bring it into force. So, if you want to participate in this exercise but are not yet a member of the DVS please join as soon as possible.

Keith Shaw

Road works – latest schedule

The below has been received at Dore to Door from Claire Tideswell, South-west Sheffield Area Steward for the Streets Ahead project.

“In Zone B52 for Dore, we presently have the following programme:

- Street lighting and spot kerbing works are due to start in mid-November 2015.
- Pavement works are due to start in February 2016.
- Road resurfacing works are due to start in June 2016.
- During recent weeks, we have been replacing street name signs in Dore.
- The tree works haven't yet started here, this is due to start in December.
- Gully works started mid-October, and we expect that to continue until mid-November across the zone.

“There are currently plans for a scheme on Townhead Road to install more road drainage gullies. At the moment I am awaiting further confirmation and timescales for this work.

“With regard to the rumour of closing a road for 8-10 weeks for resurfacing works, this would not be the case at all. We write to residents for road resurfacing and pavement resurfacing works (if the road is required to be closed) approximately ten days before the work is due to start, and on-street signage is displayed five days beforehand.”

We should note that the above only applies to those roads which fall in what the Council refers to as the B52 Zone. Certain through routes, notably

Hathersage Road, Cross Lane, Causeway Head Road, Dore Road and Rushley Road/Limb Lane are under a separate classification (A18 Zone) and we currently have no information as to the timetable though we believe that the schedule will largely overlap. Similarly, Dore roads on the Ringinglow side of Hathersage Road, such as Long Line, fall under the Ecclesall B50 Zone.

To report a problem or issue relating to the Streets Ahead project, call their Customer Services office on 0114 273 4567 or email streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk

Help to light up the village

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the village Christmas trees are scheduled for installation on Saturday 28th November. If you have time to help with this task it would be greatly appreciated. Just turn up at 10am outside Hartley's Fruit Cabin or email Geoff Cope on geoff.cope@dorevillage.co.uk to find out what is involved.

Ex Libris Sheffield

A year after the closure of the city's mobile library service, which used to be available in Dore once a week, some of the holes that this has left behind are now being filled by a new, home-based service.

The Home Library service is available to any resident who is unable to travel to their local library because of transport or accessibility issues. Or you may qualify if you are able to travel, but cannot carry the books you've borrowed.

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For more information about this free service, either call 0114 273 4277 or email mobiliseservices.library@sheffied.gov.uk.

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The Society is the designated Neighbourhood Forum for the Dore Area, with responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore. The Society also aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development.

Membership of the Society is open to all residents of Dore, those who work in Dore and elected local council members for Dore. Membership is also open to Corporate Members representing societies, associations, educational institutions and businesses in Dore.

Current membership rates are £6 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members.

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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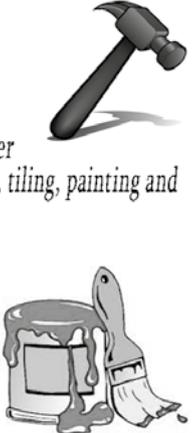
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The wheels on the bus...

By the time you read this, the new bus timetables will have been in operation for three weeks. This does not just apply to Dore; it is a major restructuring of the routes in the city, though it's true to say that the Dore service has seen some of the most significant changes.

Dore to Door goes to print as the changes come into effect, and we sincerely hope that the reliability of our local services has improved. For those without direct experience yet, here's a run down of what's altered.

RIP the 70 (formerly the 30, formerly the 50) route up Brocco Bank and past the University and Hallamshire Hospital. The new regular Dore bus is the 81, extended from its former terminus at Bents Green. The far end of the route is in Stannington, much closer than Catcliffe as was most recently the case with the 70. In the city centre, the bus comes in via Gibraltar Street, West Bar, Snig Hill, then up past the Cathedral to Leopold Street, Furnival Gate, Charter Row and then straight out along Ecclesall Road, joining and then following the 70 route at Hunter's Bar. On the inward journey from Dore (and now occasionally numbered 82) the bus goes from the bottom of Ecclesall Road along Eyre Street and Arundel Gate to the interchange at the back of the Crucible, then down Angel Street to West Bar and on to Stannington.

On the plus side this is a 20-minute service through the day rather than every half hour, as before. For most travellers to the city centre, it should be more reliable (and quicker) as it omits Brocco Bank and

the appalling bottleneck from there to the hospital.

But, as I've said, it doesn't serve the Hallamshire, the schools in that area or the University. To a degree, this job is now undertaken by a new route, the 181 which runs along the old 70 route at peak hours. This is designed to be of use to school pupils, day staff at the four hospitals and serves the University, and represents a significant change to First Group's original plan to cancel the route entirely. As a result of lobbying by DVS, our local councillors and bus users we now have this service but its long-term future will depend on usage. There are four buses in, leaving Dore at 0650, 0720, 0750 and 0930, and four returns leaving Western Bank at 1443, 1613, 1713 and 1813. Note that this bus terminates at Western Bank and won't take you all the way into town. It's also Monday to Friday only.

I know that people will be disappointed not to have an all-day direct connection to the hospitals and that the 181 won't be of any help to those with appointments there in the middle of the day, but there is a reasonable alternative in the shape of the new 271 service. This replaces some of the existing 272 buses and is re-routed to pass the hospital. The drawback is that it's the Castleton bus, coming in along the top road past the Dore Moor Inn so you'll need to get up there to catch it. There's an hourly service through the day though.

There's also the service 10, which crosses Hunter's Bar and goes to the hospital. It too is an hourly service through the day; 81 to

Hunter's Bar and wait for the next 10 round the corner.

There's another bit of news on public transport for those of us who pay for our tickets - the long-awaited promise of multi-operator bus and tram tickets is fulfilled at last by the introduction of new 'CityBus' and 'CityWide' tickets on 1st November. These tickets are valid on all buses, and CityWide is also valid on SuperTram. So now the one ticket will take you to town on the 81/82, then a very frequent 120 to the hospital. Here are the prices:

	CityBus	CityWide
Day	£4.00	£4.30
7 Day	£14.00	£15.00
28 Day	£49.00	£53.00
Annual	n/a	£560.00

As a bus user myself I am of course sad that the old 70 is gone, but not for anything other than nostalgic reasons. My journey to town should now be quicker and more reliable, and might even be cheaper if I plan my day right. It's clear to me, as someone who's taken a close interest in the consultation, that First Group have taken on board many of our concerns and done what they can to alleviate those. The bottom line is that they are not subsidised and need to make money if our routes are to survive. Go by bus.

John Eastwood

Check your own journey and bus times at <http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/journeyplanning/>
South Yorkshire TravelLine: 01709 515151

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Tricia and Anne, with Macmillan representative

Dear Dore to Door,

We would like to thank everyone who came along to support our coffee morning on 18th September for Macmillan Nursing's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'. It was a lovely sunny morning, many people were happy to sit out in the

garden to enjoy their coffee and scones. Their generosity and our great team of helpers meant we raised an amazing £1,545, another record donation for Macmillan Cancer Support!

Tricia Pitchfork & Anne Elsdon



Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild would also like to thank everyone who came to their Charity Tea Party on 29th September in the Dore Methodist Church Hall (above). Over 60 people attended to enjoy delicious homemade scones, cakes and sandwiches. This was a new fundraising event for TG which raised £560 for the Guild's charity, "CRY" supporting work with cardiac risk in the young.

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A village Christmas



Dore will once again be lit up with Christmas trees around the village sponsored by Dore Village Society. The Official Switch On, Family Lantern Parade, late night shopping evening and Christmas entertainment will be on Wednesday 2nd December.

Many of the local shops and businesses will stay open from 5.30pm (look out for posters in the shops opening) before the Family Lantern Parade begins at approximately 6.45pm. If you would like to join the Parade, families are invited to come along with lanterns and torches to Kutz hairdressers, Causeway Head Road, before 6.30pm. The Parade, led by the Danum Pipe Band, will leave at 6.45pm to walk along the High Street to the large Christmas tree outside Hartleys Fruit Cabin for the switch on of the Christmas lights and Carol singing around the tree.

During the evening there will also be music provided around the village by a Traditional Organ Grinder and the Shine Academy. Father Christmas and a children's entertainer will be at the Devonshire Arms. New this year, Dore Parish Church will be lit up and open. Below is the programme proposed for the evening:

6.15pm: Traditional Organ Grinder by HSBC Causeway Head Road

6.30pm: Parade assembles at Kutz, Causeway Head Road

6.45pm : Lantern Parade leaves and walks to Country Garden

6.55 pm: Tree Lights switched on. Singing around the tree

7.00pm: Shine Academy Singing

7.30pm: Father Christmas and Children's entertainer at Devonshire Arms

The Dore Christmas Evening will go ahead whatever the weather and we look forward to your support. Please check posters around the village in case there are any changes to the proposed programme. Come along, bring a torch and if possible walk into the village.

Maureen Cope, Anne Elsdon & David Hayes for Dore Village Society

Carry on Wassailing

Traditions are long standing customs and practices carried on as a reminder of times when life was often harder and when the value of support and friendship was of greater importance. Traditions and rituals give us a sense of identity. As social beings, we value ceremonies and special rituals.

Wassailing is a classic example. In various forms across the country, it was most often a celebration of Yuletide by way of sharing food and drink amongst village neighbours and friends. In some areas, it is more a thanksgiving for good crops or a blessing of land and fruit trees for future harvests.

In Dore, wassailing would have almost certainly taken place but, as with much of our local history, there appears to be no written record of it. The practice was revived in 2000 by way of the Wassail Walk, when 25 walkers followed a five-mile route through Blacka and finished with a natter over a wassail cup and mince pies in the Old School. Since then, the numbers taking part have increased and exceeded 100 on a number of occasions.



Each Walk takes place on 27th December, thus avoiding Boxing Day when families may be otherwise committed. However, should the 27th be a Sunday, as this year, the Walk is moved to the 28th - this variation being introduced to allow an earlier vicar, who was a keen walker, to take part.

This revived wassailing tradition has undoubtedly been welcomed. It is seen as an asset to our village activities and needs to be maintained. However, age is now starting to catch up on some of the organisers and reinforcements are needed. In particular, we would like offers to help with the running of future Wassail Walks, both on the walk itself and with preparations in the Old School.

If you are interested in helping, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please have a chat during the refreshments after the walk with either Roger Millican, Martin Stranex or Chris Cave.

The good news is that this task requires little time, but some experience of winter walking would be useful.

Put this year's event in your diary now – Monday, 28th December at 10am outside the Old School, Savage Lane. Remember to wear appropriate clothing - see you there!

Roger Millican

St Luke's adds extra sparkle to Christmas

St Luke's Hospice will be adding extra light and sparkle to the Christmas season with two special events celebrating and remembering the lives of loved ones.

One of the most popular events in the St Luke's Calendar, the annual Festival of Light returns on Sunday 6th December at 5pm and will see the hospice gardens transformed as the Festival of Light tree, covered in thousands of bright lights, is lit and shines out all the way through the Christmas period.

Everybody who attends the ceremony will also be given the opportunity to decorate and write messages on special candle bags which will be placed throughout the garden.

Then, on Sunday 13th December at 2pm, Sheffield Cathedral will be the setting for the hospice's traditional seasonal service of remembrance, a chance to celebrate the season of goodwill and also a time for reflection.

"Festival of Light is a very precious time in our year and we would be delighted to welcome you, your friends and your family to either or both of these wonderful events" said St Luke's Regular Giving and Lottery Manager Sue Jackson.

To find out more about Festival of Light and how to make a dedication call the hospice on 0114 236 9911.

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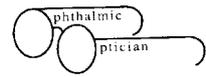
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Can we save any street trees in Dore?

In the last issue of Dore to Door I wrote that “Sheffield can only claim to be the foremost European green city if it respects and maintains [its] green assets”. Three months later I find myself not only concluding that the City Council is - in the matter of its street trees - close to failing that test, but also I wonder whether it is in danger of demonstrating a real failure to listen and react constructively to the views of its residents about what they value about their city; and the last few weeks have shown how much people in Dore and right across the city care about their street trees.



This is not just a crisis of confidence in the Council’s stewardship of its street trees, but also a crisis of confidence in its willingness to respond to its residents’ reasonable wishes.

We have seen the Council in debate in July reject a massive petition to save twelve impressive limes on Rustlings Road and to review the culling criteria. Your representatives have attended two subsequent Tree Forum sessions in the Town Hall where Cllr Fox chaired an opportunity for the public to fire questions at the Council about the tree-felling programme and listen to contributions from an expert panel. What has become all too obvious is that while Cllr Fox listened attentively, neither he nor his officials answered any of the questions. Indeed, it seemed an exercise to let the public get their protests off their chest without any intention on the part of the Council to respond or to engage with those expert witnesses. The experts from Sheffield University and conservation bodies, like the Woodland Trust and the local Wildlife Trust, raised serious points about the wisdom of the Council’s programme. Even worse, since then it has come to light from a whistle-blower’s recording of an internal Council officers’ meeting that the officer in charge of highways has contemptuously said “we are not interested” in residents’ “nonsense” reasons for saving individual trees. He has since been transferred to other duties! And the Council has recently been refusing to answer Freedom of Information requests from residents because the requests were considered “vexatious”.

Not surprisingly, these failures to respond to reasonable

questions and protest are getting substantial local and national media coverage which is tarnishing the environmental credentials and reputation of our city.

So where does that leave us in Dore? Four initiatives were taken:

- Volunteer residents quickly ensured that every tree in Dore listed for felling was clearly identified with a yellow ribbon and a notice inviting the public to sign a petition in support of our trees.
- A gathering of residents on Abbeydale Park Rise (APR) on 8th September was led by Kathryn Burkitt, and joined by Dore Village Society and our three ward councillors to meet Amey tree experts for a ‘tree-walk’. This led within days to an APR submission to Amey and the Council for reprieves for some of their cherry trees which host their widely loved Christmas lights.
- A parallel submission from the Village Society to identify the highest priority trees for reprieve elsewhere in Dore.
- The collection of online and hard copy signatures for the petition which by now has exceeded 2,000 supporters.

We are not questioning the Council’s intention to fell and replace the many ribboned trees which are dead, dying, dangerous or diseased. We are not even questioning the intention to fell and replace trees which are grossly damaging pavements, curbs and carriageways or seriously blocking passage. However, there are many trees where the damage to the pavement is modest but where the damage which will be caused by the planing machines when the pavements are renewed will cause fatal damage to the trees. It seems that such trees are being culled before they are fatally damaged by the Amey works: isn’t that what you call euthanasia?

The submissions made by APR residents and by your Society were to save a limited number of trees from ‘euthanasia’ in two high priority categories:

Those trees which are so highly valued by the local residents as to amount to the focus around which the residents’ strong sense of community spirit has grown (as supremely demonstrated in the case of APR); and those trees which are such magnificent examples of their species that they define the character of their streets and should be protected by the exercise of discretionary judgement by Council officers. These include limes on Brinkburn Vale Road, Totley Brook Road and Chatsworth Road and a splendid oak on Vernon Road.

It has been our view that the most we can realistically hope to get a reprieve for are these high priority cases. That would mean that Amey will have to carry out their pavement and kerb repairs more carefully and sensitively to avoid damaging the trees concerned. Thus far the APR residents have had no reply from the Council, and DVS has had an unsatisfactory response which leaves it totally unclear whether anything will be reprieved. Such is our frustration that the Society has written to the Council’s Chief Executive to ask him to investigate whether we have been treated properly and to ensure that the two Dore submissions get a fair hearing instead of the level of stone-walling which has characterised this whole saga so far. Hence I am left still asking: “Can we save any street trees in Dore?” And on that question the Council’s reputation for being green and for valuing its residents’ views currently rests.

Kathryn Burkitt recently reminded me of a Joni Mitchell protest song which says it all:

*They took all the trees
And put them in a tree museum
Then they charged the people
A dollar and a half to see ‘em
Don’t it always seem to go
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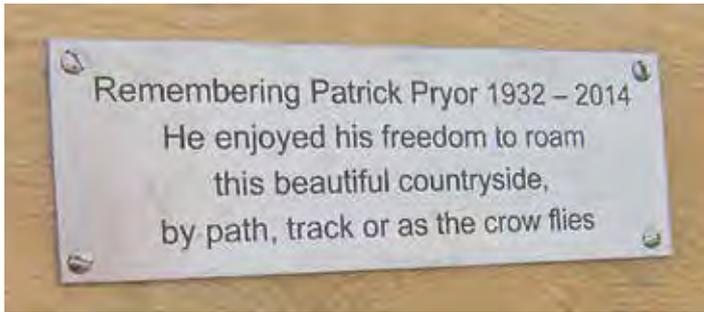
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More on trees

When the railway station car park was constructed it came with a planting scheme designed to try to minimise the urban impact and replace the trees, including a mature roadside cherry tree, which they had cut down during the construction. Unfortunately the new trees were planted on top of rubble in shallow topsoil and were not watered throughout their first season. Some trees are struggling and three trees died. It will be some time, if ever, before the growth gets anywhere near where it should be by now. However, at least Sheffield City Council has enforced the replacement of the three dead trees and they should be replanted this autumn.

Memorial bench for Pat Pryor



A new wooden memorial bench has been placed on Blacka Moor, up on the heather moor near the Piper House entrance. The bench is just off the main path and surrounded by trees in order to minimise its impact on this wild landscape and providing a quiet contemplative space. The bench commemorates the life of Pat Pryor. Pat was a long-standing member of the DVS committee and worked hard on environmental issues.

Cat Croft Green



Some time ago DVS had the idea to try to re-create Cat Croft Green at the top of Vicarage Lane because there is a large expanse of tarmac here that is not needed. At the time, the scheme would have been prohibitively expensive.

Now that Amey will be taking up all the tarmac anyway, we are proposing that not all of it is re-laid and that instead we take the opportunity to create a green space. The area shown on the plan above could be set to grass and flowers, and we may add another village bench here. Vicarage Lane would become one-way for its entire length, removing what is currently no more than a small turning area at the junction.

We think this would also make for a safer pedestrian entrance for pupils to the primary school. We consulted with the church to ensure it has no adverse impact and they welcome the scheme. Everyone we have talked to individually thinks this is a good idea. We also contacted the primary school as we want to ensure the school community would be happy with this idea and they have no comments to add. DVS will now put the proposal to Amey.

Dawn Biram

Bluebells – the Spanish Invasion

They are taking over our woodlands! Spanish bluebells are non-native invaders which are escaping from our gardens, moving into our woodlands and hybridising with our much loved native bluebells.

Sheffield alone has 400 hectares of woodland (over 10% of its total area) with over 2 million trees and over 160 publicly accessible woodlands. This is more than any other city in the country.

Among these are ancient bluebell woods. Native bluebells are an indicator of the site of ancient woodland, which is woodland that existed before 1600, and may link back to the wildwood that grew across Britain after the last Ice Age.

For centuries people have enjoyed the strong, sweet smell of English bluebells in spring, their deep blue hue and slender flowers; but in recent years their Spanish cousins have infiltrated from nearby gardens and dumped garden waste, changing the nature of our indigenous bluebell woods. The Spanish variety are paler blue



and often white or pink, the stems are stiffer, with wider bell shaped flowers all the way round. They have little or no scent. They cross-breed with the native variety. At Greno Woods, which is managed by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, there are Spanish bluebells which have spread from nearby gardens onto the outer section, hybrids in the middle, and native bluebells only in the deepest woodland.

Half the world's population of bluebells is in the UK, and although still common they are threatened not only by hybridisation with

the Spanish variety, but by habitat loss and collection from the wild. One in six bluebells found in broadleaved woodland in the UK is now found to be Spanish. In urban areas this is probably higher.

The bluebell wood in spring is one of nature's most stunning displays, but the heady scent and deep blue carpet of the native bluebell wood could soon become harder to find as the Spanish invasion continues. Please consider whether you need Spanish bluebells in your garden if you live near a woodland – native varieties are available from select garden suppliers. And please never pick native bluebells or dump garden waste in woodlands.

How tree replacement works



The tree on the left (Abbeydale Road South, opposite Tesco) was felled by Amey because a root was encroaching onto the footpath. Now (right) the tree is gone, no replacement, but the offending root (inset) has somehow been left behind.



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Holidays for Chernobyl kids

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The children visit the UK in June/July for a month for up to three consecutive years. Whilst in the UK the children stay with host families. As the original Trustees are now in their seventies, the management of the charity has been taken up by three of the newest host families who live in Dore: Liz and Andy Whelan and their children Ciara & Connor, Kathryn Acaster and James Kenny-Levick with their sons Casper and Felix, and Gillian Hallas and Stephen Potts and their daughters Amelia and Matilda. They have decided to move the whole operation of the charity to the local area. When the children visit in June 2016 they will be based Monday to Friday in the village while the host families are at work. This will give them easy access to the local amenities as well as easy access to public transport. Attending Dore Gala has always been a highlight of their visit, and we hope that the Dore community will welcome the children as they will become familiar faces during their stay. If you want to help this local charity and have any great fund raising ideas please let us know. If you have children living in your household, please consider if you could be a host family and offer a home for four weeks to a Belarussian child. Please see our website: supportingchernobylchildren.org or contact Liz Whelan at Lizwhelan@talktalk.net for more information or to offer help. If you can make a donation please make a cheque payable to Supporting Chernobyl Children and post to Steve and Gillian Hallas-Potts, c/o 226 Abbeydale Road South Dore S17 3LA. Many thanks.

Stephen Potts

The David Clover Festival of Singing (DCFS) will be held from the 5th-7th February 2016 and the entrants, usually in excess of 60, will perform in their chosen classes over three days. The different classes embrace British songs, oratorio or sacred songs, opera, songs from the shows and recitals, and performers can be any age from 9 years old.

An exciting new development this year is the introduction of "Singers' Platform" a new category open for singers aged 18-28 who are more advanced in their training. This will carry a substantial money prize and will take place on Saturday 30th January.

Every year since 1980 this competitive Festival and celebration of singing has been held in Sheffield. It was established following the death of David Clover who was the City's musical advisor to the Education Department. Following his untimely death the City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir, which David established, decided as a fitting and lasting tribute and memorial for his work, that a Festival of Singing should be established. Whilst initially for young singers the Festival is now open to everyone over 9 year of age.

The Adjudicator for 2016 is Julia Dewhurst who has a performing career spanning more than thirty years and has appeared with opera companies throughout Britain including the Royal Opera, English National Opera, Kent Opera and English Touring Opera. She has broadcast for BBC TV and Radio and has sung in many of the country's leading venues as well as having undertaken concert and opera engagement through Europe and the Middle East.

Venues: Saturday 30th January: Tapton Hall, Shore Lane. Friday 5th & Saturday 6th February: Dore & Totley URC, Totley Brook Road. Sunday 7th February: Kenwood Hall, Kenwood Road.

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The man from Totley Ranch, British Columbia

Sometimes a story comes to light about Dore people which is compelling; this is one such story. Recently a Sheffield Star news clipping surfaced about one of our Dore boys. The clipping dated from 19th February 1983 and recorded that three young air cadets from 366 Squadron (King Ecgbert ATC Squadron) had found a memorial to Walter Patterson Angus in Christ Church graveyard in a desperate state. Recognising the badge of the RAF on the memorial they worked hard to clear and clean the memorial and even re-lacquered the lettering.



'His was the spirit that kept the fires of civilisation alive.' Walter Angus and his memorial in Dore Churchyard

It records that Walter (Wally to friends and work colleagues) displayed the 'highest courage and devotion to duty'. But is this Walter's grave? The memorial to Walter was erected by his work colleagues at Arthur Lee and Sons, Steel Works of Sheffield. Walter is physically buried in the Canadian War Cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize in northern France.

First, a little about his service and why he is buried in a Canadian War Cemetery. He was only 20 when he died and was a Flying Officer on a mission over northern France in 1943. At that time he was flying with 88 Squadron, part of the 137 wing of the No. 2 group of the Second Tactical Air Force preparing for the invasion of Europe. 88 Squadron was based at RAF Hartford Bridge in Hampshire. Walter flew Boston IIIA's which were a day bomber, and the tactic at this time was one of 'leaning across the Channel' to target German military targets in France, particularly communications and airfields.

On board on the fateful flight with Walter on the 8th August 1943 in plane number BZ296 was Pilot Officer Navigator Leslie Charles Brown, and Pilot Officer Radio Sydney Oliver aged 23. There were two fatalities and one survivor. Sydney died and has no known grave, whilst Leslie survived. Walter, as we know, died. The plane crashed at Chapelle des Fougeretz 'Bas Plessis' whilst on mission.

Now back to the Dore story. Walter was the son of Thomas Cuthbertson Angus and Grace Hannah Hartley of 59 Chatsworth Road. Thomas was a Glaswegian by birth and Grace was born in Devonshire Villas, Devonshire Road, the daughter of Walter and Edith Hartley. Walter was a printer and stationer. Setting the scene we have a photograph of Thomas and Grace on their wedding day in 1921 at Dore & Totley URC. The buildings in the background may well be the Totley Brook/Devonshire Road area.



Walter had a brother Ronald, born in 1926. What makes the story complicated is that in 1924 the family comprising Thomas, Grace and young Walter, just a year old sailed for Canada. On the departure documentation Thomas is called a wholesale confectioner and he stated that he was going to join his brother



in Canada in Kamloops, British Columbia to grow fruit. His sponsor was The Rainier Brewing Company. At that time he stated that his move was going to be permanent. Land title deeds exist for what appears to be virgin territory which he called Totley Ranch in Penticton, British Columbia. (Grace Angus, Walter's mother is recorded in her probate will of 1966 as living at Penticton, Aldern Way, Bakewell.)

By 1931 the whole family, including brother Ronald who had been born in Canada, were arriving back in Liverpool, and eventually their path brought them back to Chatsworth Road. Walter went on to be employed by Arthur Lee and Sons, Steel Works though in what capacity isn't known. He must however have had an inclination to be associated with the RAF because his citation says that he was service number 146970 of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Natural then, that he should join the RAF at the outbreak of WWII.

And what happened to the Air Cadets who found Walter's memorial in 1983? Their Squadron Leader was Flight Lieutenant Stevens (now deceased) and the young men were Neil Mellor of Parkhead, Richard Crinson of Totley Brook Road, and James Cooke of Blacka Moor Road. At the time both Richard and James said they wanted to follow a career with the RAF. Did they do that? Can anyone finish the story? We would love to hear from you.

Dorne Coggins

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Sell out summer at Totley Library

It was a very busy summer at Totley Library with many fundraising events and preparing for the launch of our new community cinema. We were very pleased that many of our events sold out, including all four performances of "Boots, Fresh Air and Ginger Beer", Jan Flamanck's comedy night "The Best Medicine" and the very first Totley Library Cinema screening of "Home". We continue this winter with our fundraising events; Jan Flamanck returns with a Christmas special performance, local authors Danuta Reah and Michael Fowler will be hosting "An Evening of Crime" and our community cinema will be showing two films per month, one for families and one for adults. More details can be found in the diary section.

Boots, Fresh Air and Ginger Beer

Throughout 2015 a series of events named 'Ruskin in Sheffield' took place celebrating John Ruskin, the Victorian art critic and philanthropist. In June there were three performance walks around Totley where, in 1877, Ruskin bought St George's Farm which



was to be worked communally by a group of working class men and their families. The performance, written by Sally Goldsmith also included other local characters who were connected with Totley and the surrounding area between 1877 and the early 1950s. I went on the final walk on a rather wet and dismal Sunday afternoon.

Here we have Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel. He was born into a poor working class family in Sheffield and started working as a labourer in a steel mill when he was twelve years old. He was a very bright boy and worked his way up the ladder

finally becoming a director of Brown Bailey, one of Sheffield's major steel companies. He married in 1895 and he and his wife came to live in a little cottage on Brook Terrace a little lower down and on the opposite side of road to St George's Farm.

Joseph Sharp and Mrs Malloy (right) who are two of the people who were involved in the St George's Farm experiment. Joseph Sharp was a musician, originally from Nottinghamshire, who earned his living by playing



the harp in pubs and at social functions.

On the left of this picture, Edward Carpenter was born in Sussex into a wealthy family and was a Cambridge graduate. He became a socialist poet and philosopher and was also an early gay rights activist. He lived for a while in Totley before moving to nearby Millthorpe where he had a small market garden. On the right is William Harrison Riley who was another of those involved with St

George's Farm. He later went to live in America and became a friend of the poet Walt Whitman.



The last two characters - Bert Ward and Ethel Haythornthwaite. GHB Ward founded the Clarion Ramblers Club in 1900 and they were the chief organization campaigning for public access to the moorland areas of the Dark Peak. The Clarion Ramblers handbooks are very collectable now and the early ones can cost over £30 which is a lot for a tiny book measuring about 4x3 inches. Though born in Sheffield, in the later part of his life Bert Ward lived locally on Moorwood Lane.

Ethel Haythornthwaite founded the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery in 1924 which in 1927 became the Sheffield and Peak District Committee of CPRE. She and her husband saved areas such as Edale, Mam Tor and Blackamoor from development and were instrumental in establishing the Peak District as the UK's first National Park in 1951. In spite of the weather the whole walk was great fun and I now know the route down from Woodthorpe Hall to Gillfield Wood. Oh and the title - boots for Bert Ward and the Clarion Ramblers, Fresh Air for all the outdoor activities and Ginger Beer - well I don't know quite why Sally chose that but it's a jolly good drink to take on a picnic.

Dorothy Prosser
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Experiences of a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Back in 1983 my late wife Brenda and I moved into a small street of terraced houses off the Lower Richmond Road in Putney, as I took up a new post in the Admiralty. We had moved from Plymouth and a very close settled neighbourhood where everyone knew everyone else and even their family histories!

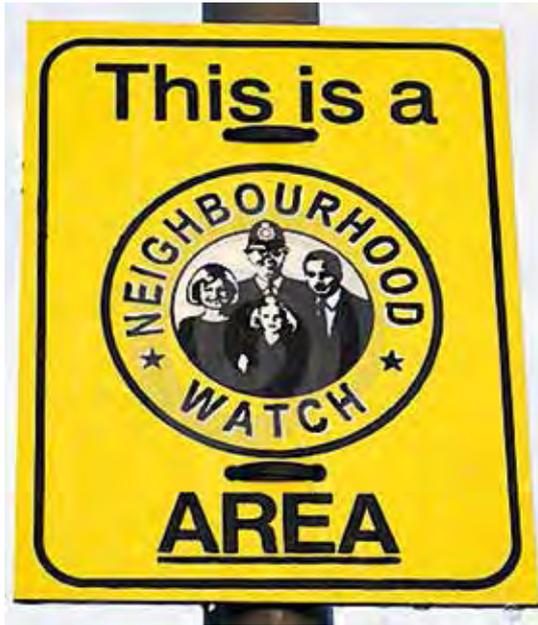
We were used to moving around with my naval appointments, but had never experienced a fractured, isolated and varied neighbourhood like this one. There was a major problem over parking, no garages, small two bedroomed terraced houses on one side and larger three-storey dwellings on the other. The road was a real London mix of yuppies, successful middle aged professional couples, some children, but many OAPs some of whom had been in this street during the War.

At that time the London Police Forces were publicising and pushing the new concept of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, set up in 1982 to create a partnership between Police and local communities. The aim was to bring people together to make their neighbourhoods safer and better places to live in. And to help the police by providing swift and accurate local information about problems and incidents.

Brenda took the initiative to talk to our local police about this scheme and then we went round all our neighbours, inviting them to come for a cup of tea and a meeting at which we could explain what was involved. Not everyone responded initially, but we had enough to get going and once the scheme got into operation everyone eventually signed up.

As an excellent secretary Brenda was able to do all the clerical work (before we all had computers, copiers etc.), and we got the thing off the ground. In those days you collected the money and paid for signs to go up at each end of our Neighbourhood and we all had stickers for our windows to show passers-by and potential sneak thieves that we were united in keeping an eye out for each other.

In London in those days it was amazing how the local residents now began to talk to each other. Some had lived there for forty years and never spoken to the people on the other side of the road. In particular, many of the older pensioners, some living alone and isolated, were brought into contact with neighbours for the mutual benefit of all. Squabbles over parking now could get a collective view and the involvement of our designated neighbourhood constable, who became a familiar sight, helped to smooth out



these local tiffs. Back then the police had the personnel numbers to allocate resources to this scheme.

We received reports from the police at local regional meetings of coordinators and NW constables and passed this on to our neighbourhood, along with all the latest advice about personal and household security. It was all designed to make families aware of the need for increased household and personal security and greater collective vigilance.

Everyone was in possession of designated phone numbers for contacting the local police to report directly suspicious people and incidents, rogue traders, disorderly conduct, illegal parking and any other local trouble.

When we moved to Sheffield, Brenda set up the Rushley Avenue and Rycroft View Neighbourhood Watch in 1986 with me assisting and I have taken over for

the past five years.

Across Dore around fourteen volunteer coordinators and six members cover some parts of the village, but the whole of our area is not covered. If you're interested in starting a scheme around your home, or just want to find out more about what's involved, email Neil Bunting, Area Co-ordinator for Dore, at nbunting@talk21.com.

Alan York

A personal farewell to HSBC

I, and many other people, are very sorry that the HSBC Bank in Dore has closed.

My late father, John Booth, opened the bank over fifty years ago. Before then it had operated in a house near the Church Hall in Townhead Road, for short periods in each week.

When my father took over as Manager of the Abbeydale Road branch, he suggested to Head Office that they should take one of the new shop units being built on Causeway Head Road and open normal banking hours. Head Office were concerned that there would not be enough business in Dore to merit such a move, but my father assured them that there would be, and indeed the bank was never short of customers. People came from out of Dore because it had a counter with very helpful, pleasant and efficient staff, and there was free parking outside. This brought prosperity to other businesses in the village.

It is very sad that it has now closed.

Jennifer Booth

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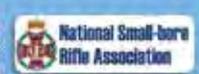
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Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society

All in all we've had a very successful year and made an overall profit with help of Society social events and concerts. Such has not always been the case, so it is a big thank you to all who have supported us at the show or any of the other events. All three concerts we gave over the summer were filled with fun and a wide variety of music from the Beatles to Mozart via Eric Clapton and George Gershwin (as well as some Gilbert & Sullivan), and were very well received with lots of plaudits resulting in bookings for next summer!



Mark White and Judy Savourin in a duet from *The Gondoliers*

Our usual December Concert will again be in Dore Methodist Church, at 2:30pm on Saturday 19th December. Tickets (£7 each) are now available from me (tel. 0114 2362299). Don't leave it too late as last year was sold out! This year there is music from John Rutter, Steven Sondheim and Handel amongst others, so there is something for everyone.

As many of you will know, in 2014 we performed *The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehár and next year's show will be another non-G&S operetta - "*Orpheus in the Underworld*" by Offenbach, which includes the famous "Can-Can". We are pleased to announce that we will be ably assisted by Kate Riley and some of her girls from the Dore School of Performance Arts. We can't wait. I'll keep you posted with further information regarding the show in later editions of this paper. The story is as implausible as any of the G&S operettas but the music is probably better known. The show has been cast and we could not have a better line-up of principals.

We feel that we can no longer survive as a society solely performing Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. It is sad to say, but many youngsters have never heard of Gilbert and Sullivan even though it is a big part of our English musical heritage. Because of these diversions from G&S, the Society recently discussed whether we should change our name from Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society to a one which reflected a more eclectic mix of shows but after much discussion and some feedback from outside the Society it was decided that we would stick with our current name for the time being. It was said that we are known for presenting quality shows under that name and would not want to give the impression that the Society had folded and reformed. The Gilbert & Sullivan operettas will, of course, still form the major part of our repertoire. One consequence of putting on other shows is that most of them are still subject to a performance fee, where the G&S operettas, being out of copyright have no such downside. This fee can be quite onerous so we will have no alternative but to increase our ticket prices for the show. We will keep any increase as low as possible so we hope that it will not put you off coming to see us!

Whatever we might be called in the future we all hope that you will continue to support us regardless of the shows we present and that you all continue to come to our concerts which will always be filled with fun and good music. We hope to see you on 19th December but if not, have a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Derek Habberjam

Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club in Dore

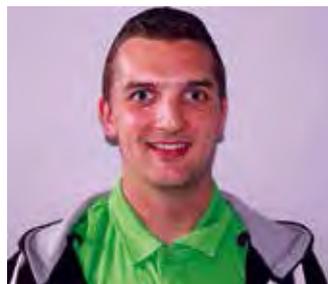
We have been playing indoor bowls for the last twelve years in the Church Hall on Townhead Road. Our aims are to provide active social occasions during the autumn and winter seasons, mainly for the large percentage of retired men and women in the area.

Play takes place on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10am until noon and Thursday afternoons from 3.15 to 5.15pm. Currently we have a membership of 44 people but we are able to welcome new members, especially on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. There are sufficient club bowls for all to play.

If this has stirred your interest and you would like more information, please contact our secretary Janice Hall on 235 1273 or me 236 3457.

Judith Hubbard

New Community Activity Leader for Sheffield South West



Robert Pearce is the new Community Activity Leader of the South West of Sheffield, for Activity Sheffield. Appointed by the South West Local Area Partnership at the beginning of October, his role is to support the local community in increasing their physical activity levels and well-being.

The initial phase of Robert's work is based around gaining an understanding of all the local activities. This comprehensive list will then be available to all local residents as a useful tool for increasing participation within the area.

As part of this role, Robert will be looking to support local community groups to increase their activity provisions through supporting funding bids, providing qualified staff, marketing the groups and events, and more.

"I feel this role will benefit the residents in the South West by providing the knowledge of current activities, building and expanding those and increasing participation levels. This, in turn, should help to reduce obesity and crime as well as building communities by bringing people together and helping support the development of community projects."

Are you part of a local community group? 'Friends of Parks' to 'Individual Community Groups' to 'Care Homes'? If you are a community group and would like some more information on Robert's role, or feel you could benefit from the services he is able to provide, do not hesitate to contact him on 07837 282502 or 0114 273 4266 Email: robert.pearce@sheffield.gov.uk

Transport 17

Transport 17 is based at Baslow Road and provides a service to the elderly and disabled who need to travel to a variety of luncheon clubs in the local area, but would not be able to get out without our help. We have been in existence for over thirty years and our day to day running costs rely mainly on charitable donations and fundraising. We are hoping that you may be interested in attending some of our functions and may even become a volunteer! We need all the help we can get, so please read on and hopefully we will be able to get to know one another better in the fullness of time.

We are still needing more volunteers for escorting on the buses. Like so many of us the team are not as young as they used to be. If any of you have a few hours free each week Mike and John would be happy to hear from you on 236 2962, 9am to noon Monday to Friday. Also our newly formed Fund Raising Sub Committee are looking for help, particularly with writing bids for grants and getting sponsorship. If you feel you could help with this or any other aspect of fund raising please contact Sandra Longley through the office number above.

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Lead to Success

We have over the months covered many different topics but in my role as a Dog Trainer I often get asked 'how can I get my dog to stop pulling when we go for a walk?' In this issue I thought we could cover this topic and hopefully give you some pointers on how to improve your daily experience.



A pulling dog can at best be irritating and at worst dangerous, depending how bad their habit has become and how big your dog is. With a few minutes practice each day you should be able to walk with your dog at your side using the lead as a security rather than something to drag him or you around with.

If you have somewhere contained to practice like an enclosed garden, it is easier to try this exercise without a lead at first. Arm yourself with some of his favourite treats and with some in your hand, put them to his nose so he knows you have them. Walk forward a few steps tempting him with the treats; he will follow and when he does treat him by giving him one. Try this a few times and then stand holding the treats in your hand, let him know you have them but then hold them just in front of you and walk forward again a few steps he will follow you anticipating his reward. When he follows you give him the treat, change direction a few times, change the pace but all the time keep his attention with the treat.

You will soon find he is walking at the side of you, looking at you intently waiting for his next reward. If he were to be on a lead he wouldn't be pulling at this point.

Once you have both got the hang of this, put his lead on and work exactly as you did before, rewarding him as you go. Keep the lead loose, put the end in your pocket if you have one and keep the treats in your hands. Your dog will soon forget there is anything attaching him to you and walk beside you as he did before. If he goes ahead of you tempt him back to where you want him to be with the treat, and continue doing this around the house or in the garden until it becomes second nature to him.

You should now be able to get out and about, still practising with the treats, (remember this time to keep a firm hold of the lead!) and the lead should be quite loose, not being pulled. Be aware of other people and roads and do not let him pull the lead out so long that you cannot safely control him should he forget his training. If he pulls, simply stop and tempt him back to you with the treat, then continue. He should soon remember and learn that pulling does not get him a treat, but if he stays with you a treat is just a moment away.

You are perhaps wondering why dogs pull in the first place. Well, they are so excited with life that they believe that the only way to get anywhere is to walk faster than you and pull you along with them. If you let them pull you along you are in fact rewarding this behaviour and they will continue to do it. They will, with your help and plenty of practice soon realise they can still get to where they wanted and get some favourite treats along the way.

As with all dog training this isn't an overnight fix, but with plenty of practice it will Lead to Success and your reward could be a nice glass of wine or a cup of tea.

Have a lovely Christmas and don't forget a present for your dog!

Chris Clifford

Jewellery making at Studio Budgie Galore



Abigail Clarke recently celebrated her tenth birthday by attending a jewellery making party with a group of friends at Studio Budgie Galore located within Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. The group worked in the studio learning jewellery making techniques and made charm bracelets, pendants and key charms. Refreshments were enjoyed and the girls took lovely goodie bags away with them.

Abigail's mother also went along to the session and said, "Julie-Ann did a great party for my 10 year old daughter's birthday. The techniques were a bit fiddly at first but Julie-Ann explained them so well to the children that they soon all got the hang of it. There was a fabulous choice of beads and charms for the girls to use and they were all really proud of their lovely bracelets and key rings. Julie-Ann also provided snacks, drinks and party bags which the girls all loved. A great party, highly recommended".

Studio Budgie Galore is a new business run by Julie-Ann Weiss offering jewellery making classes, short courses, one-day workshops and jewellery making parties.

Julie-Ann is a fully qualified tutor and experienced designer and maker with many years teaching experience within universities and colleges, and has exhibited her work widely across the UK. Her own work often makes links with museum collections with an interest in how objects can be used to tell stories and communicate the past, so is delighted to be working and running the studio within the heritage museum. Future plans are to develop some workshops and a collection of jewellery in response to the history of the Hamlet.

Studio Budgie Galore is running eight-week evening and daytime courses in jewellery making, starting again in January. These courses take beginners through a range of techniques, exploring how to texture, form and solder metal. Forthcoming courses include a one-day introduction where students make a silver pendant within a day, and an acrylic jewellery day workshop making pendants and brooches with silver detail.

There are also taster courses where students have the chance to make a few pieces of work over four evening sessions.

Jewellery making parties are suitable from ages 8 to adult as the session is designed to fit the level and ability of the group. Sessions can be booked for local craft and community groups, teenagers, yummy mummies and ladies who lunch – a great way to get together, drink tea, eat cake, learn some skills and create lovely things!

Julie-Ann will be taking part in the Kelham Island Museum Victorian Christmas Fayre on 5th & 6th December and will have an open studio at the Abbeydale Community Christmas event at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet on Sunday 13th December. Jewellery and gift vouchers will also be on sale, making perfect Christmas presents as vouchers can be redeemed against any of the forthcoming workshops and courses. Pop along to find out more or contact 07925 548898, email info@budgiegalore.co.uk.

A generation of campaigning and news

Dore to Door quietly appeared on the local scene in March 1986. It evolved from what until then had been an internal DVS newsletter circulated only to members, but in 1985 the brave decision was made to deliver a free copy to every household in Dore, funding the enterprise through sponsorship and advertising. A generation later and it's difficult to imagine life in the village without it.

The first Dore to Door was only four pages long, and the editorial team was just three people including John Baker, the man who was to become editor for the next quarter century. Today I occupy the editor's chair, and I am backed by an assistant editor, layout editor and advertising manager in the direct team. Then there's the DVS Treasurer, who looks after the money. Very importantly, there is the distribution team of around sixty volunteers who actually deliver the magazine through 3,500 doors in and around the village. Without them Dore to Door could not survive in its present form.

Each issue contains written contributions from around twenty people - but not always the same twenty. As many Dore residents write occasionally for us as have regular columns. About a hundred local companies and tradesmen advertise with us each quarter. Many have been with us for years - they know the value of advertising in Dore to Door and that it brings them business

I've been trawling the archives (all available online at www.dorevillage.co.uk/doretodoor) for a taste of the things that we were reporting on a generation ago. Some, I hope will bring back happy memories; others I'm afraid are depressingly familiar.

Issue number one, despite its small size, contained several elements which we still use today. Our masthead, for instance, has not changed - other than that it is now printed in colour it's exactly the same as it's always been. Dore Diary has also been with us right from the start. From the beginning too, the magazine included profiles of prominent local people; the first few issues featured Jean Sceats, Don Dean, Richard Farnsworth, Don Fisher and Syd Crowson; also Betty Brown who was Dore's principal well-dresser from its start in the 1950s.

By the second edition Dore to Door had grown to a massive ten pages, though in reality only one more page of editorial content was added. The other five pages were devoted to advertising, though in this case only one advertiser - Humphrey & Fanshawe, then the estate agency on Townhead Road. Although this formed, essentially the structure of the magazine as we know it today, five full-page ads for the same company can't have been popular and Dore to Door returned to a sponsorship-based arrangement by the end of that year.

In issue 2 were the first published complaints - about litter and dog mess!

Plus ca change, eh? Also reported on were objections to the parking of caravans at Whitelaw Farm, not a new subject even then as it had been going on since 1974. The last report on this in Dore to Door was in our August edition this year, surely making it the longest-running story to appear in these pages!

By the end of 1986 we were announcing details of the 1987 Dore Show, which was held in that year for the first time since the 1950s. In spite of continual volunteer shortages it has been held every year since, and you can read Keith's report on this year's show elsewhere in this issue.

1987 saw us announce the opening of the conservatory restaurant in the Devonshire Arms. The story goes that a director of Ward's brewery, then owners of the pub, used to drink there and thought that a restaurant would be a good idea, so they built one. The sort of executive action that you don't see today!

Production of the magazine in the first few issues was much more 'manual' than today. In those pre-computer times, cut and paste meant exactly that - a pair of scissors and a glue stick! Articles were typed up, sometimes on a number of different typewriters, and then glued in place onto a page which was then photographed by the printer to produce a plate. By the end of 1987, however the magazine had acquired a word processor which allowed justified columns and a choice of fonts. Dore to Door immediately began to look much more like it does today, though still just a maximum of eight pages long. On one of these pages was an ad for the Mogul Rooms, the Indian restaurant in what was, before and afterwards, the Dore Grill. Many of you will remember Kamal, the owner, and that carpet!

In summer 1988 the first Dore Festival was held, though at this time it was only a week long and took place after the Gala. Nowadays of course it is in the two weeks before, Gala having been moved from the first to the second weekend in July.

Also new in 1988 was the DVS notice board opposite the bus terminus, which was organised by Don Dean and made by George Henderson. The actual notice board has been replaced several times since, but it remains a valuable source of information for many residents.

In 1989 it was announced that the King Egbert School sixth form centre at King's Croft was to close as the Education Department had deemed it 'surplus to requirements'. As a former pupil there in the seventies my memories are not so much of the lessons, but of spending lunchtimes playing croquet on the lawns, kicking a ball around on King's Croft Field or walking in the orchard which is now somewhere under Bushey Wood Grove.

Also in 1989 Dore to Door announced the beginning of the 'Dore Collection', the first step in what was to become the Dore Village Archive. Historian Josie Dunsmore, librarian Pat White and DVS committee member Stella Wood were the first custodians of the Collection. They engaged themselves in collecting and classifying everything they could find relating to the village and its history. An appeal went out to all readers for maps, photographs, even audio recordings. The Dore Village Archive now occupies two rooms above the Old School and it is open to all for research. Its work continues today under the stewardship of Dorne Coggins and Myfanwy Lloyd-Jones, not only in the amassing of further documents and artefacts, but in this digital age to progressively make the material available on the Internet.

I've really enjoyed my trip through the first few years of Dore to Door, and the above are just a few of the names and stories which I personally remember. There is a lot more in the magazine's archive and if you've been living in the village for a while I'd recommend you try creating your own nostalgic trip one of these long winter evenings. That address again: www.dorevillage.co.uk/doretodoor.

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From our new Head at Dore Primary

Hello...

What a marvellous opportunity to introduce myself to the community of Dore Village, having been appointed back in March literally days before the school got 'The Call'. As you will probably know the school was awarded an outstanding judgement, a fitting way for Sue Hopkinson to retire after many years of service to the school.

I've been teaching for more years than I'm willing to share, but suffice to say I've seen many changes in education since I began as a newly qualified teacher and began teaching in Burnley, Lancashire. I first came to teach in Sheffield after leaving Lancashire and moving to a village school in Bawtry, Doncaster. My first teaching job in Sheffield was at Phillimore as Key Stage teacher, where I was also lead teacher for our school within the Education Action Zone before moving onto a secondment with the Local Authority as a maths advisor delivering training to teachers across Sheffield.

I became deputy at Woodthorpe Community Primary and saw the school rebuilt in 2005. In 2006 I moved to Hunter's Bar Junior School as deputy, thinking at the time that the last thing I would ever do would be to become a head. However, after a shadowing opportunity with the Local Authority I decided that actually I did want to become a head; and soon after completing The National Qualification for Headteachers was appointed as Headteacher at Woodhouse West Primary School.

When I saw the advert for the headship at Dore Primary I just knew I had to come and have a look and from the moment I walked through the door I just loved it. The children were, and continue to be, a huge asset to the school. Along with teachers, governors and parents they have welcomed me to the school with positivity and enthusiasm. I definitely made the right move coming to Dore Primary and look forward to working with the whole community to ensure that the very best outcomes are achieved for all the children.

Here's one piece of work which shows children, staff, parents and the community working together:

Dore Primary School's Road Safety Team has regrouped this term to engage with school children and discuss road safety

concerns. At the first meeting, the children talked of their journeys to school and their experiences en route.

The children spoke of their difficulty crossing roads. They talked about the number of cars they see on the roads during their journey to school and how this made crossing the roads hard and often dangerous. The lack of designated crossing areas meant they found that vehicles would not stop to let them cross roads safely.

They spoke of how cars parked on the roads also made it hard for drivers to see they were trying to cross roads leading to school, and with our primary school children being notably smaller, drivers of cars would also be challenged to see children trying to cross the roads in between parked vehicles.

There are so many benefits to children walking to school with health and wellbeing being at the heart of the campaign, but Dore Primary School and its Road Safety Team aims to ensure that families and children can do so safely.

The school respects the needs of the residents and local businesses and we hope by working together and being a considerate community we can make Dore a safer place to live, work and go to school.

"Looking out for each other" is the theme the children would like to adopt as part of the programme to address road safety issues. By continuing to raise awareness of the real dangers our children are faced with on their daily walk to school, we hope we can make our children's journey danger free.

Please reflect on the concerns raised by the children of Dore Primary School. In our campaign to "Look out for each other" we wish to remind everyone that with the clocks going back and the nights drawing in, it is important that if you are making your journey on foot or by bike to dress brightly with reflective clothing or reflective panelling such as on bags, to make yourself more visible to cars.

We also ask parents and carers to remind their children to approach driveways with caution as residents may need to exit their properties during those school commuting times. Likewise, we ask residents and businesses to exert caution when reversing out of properties.

If anyone is interested in setting up walking buses, we would ask you contact the school at enquiries@dore.sheffield.sch.uk.

Lynnette Glossop

Spot the difference!



This water coloured drawing (above left) of our Church Hall on Townhead Road was recently rediscovered by a local resident and has been kindly donated by them to the Village Archive. For many years it had been used to back another picture; only when that picture was removed from its frame was this little bit of history found. It appears to be one of the architect's drawings which would have been prepared to 'sell' the design to the Church Council.

The drawing is signed "J. Amory Leather, FRIBA, Chartered Architect, Sheffield, July 1937." The design seems to have been acceptable, as you can see from the photograph on the right which was taken shortly after the Hall's construction. Although the architect seems to have somewhat exaggerated the green space around the building!

We love the little touches like the chap in the bowler hat walking past.



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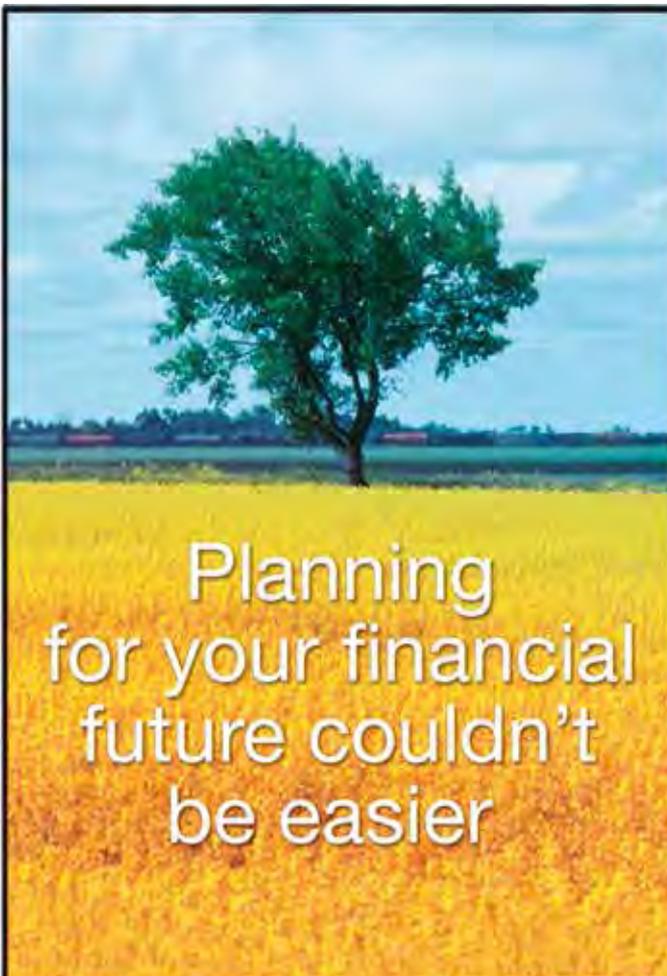
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Summer with the refugees



Like many of us, I've been aware of the growing problem caused by the conflict in Syria. The refugees shown on our news feeds and televisions have become a background noise to the general guilt I was beginning to feel about being born in the west. I looked at my children playing (well fighting actually, but you know where I'm coming from) and felt, 'thank God I'm safe'. I'm sure I'm not alone. I'm not a bad person, but I sometimes feel defeated and helpless against the litany of disaster that seems to bombard us. Left to my own devices I think I would have done little but feel pity.

My brother however took a more practical approach. He simply decided to load his Transit van with tents, clothing and supplies and drive to Calais to give it to the people that needed it. Frustratingly easy. He put up a request for help on Facebook and within four weeks he had raised over £1000 and packed his van with donations, many of which came from the teachers at King Ecgbert School.

I felt relieved to be motivated out of my helplessness. We had a successful trip. We delivered the bulk of our supplies to Calais, and then set about buying and assembling camp kitchens for groups of families on the camp. I was repeatedly struck by how many other British people were doing the same thing. GB stickers dominated the roads that lined the refugee camp.

It's impossible not to feel political about things when you see people (*people* not migrants or asylum seekers or refugees) living in tents with winter on the horizon. The situation can only get worse.

I leave the last words to my brother, because despite him being a furniture maker and me a drama teacher he is far more expressive:

"We have met some inspiring people - Alpha from Sudan, who has his asylum granted but stays in the camp to help; Pascal, working tirelessly in Calais distributing aid; Cassim from Somalia who fled the fighting leaving his wife and child in Kenya. He speaks



perfect English, French and Spanish and is now the proud owner of a new cooker. Akram who had such a great sense of humour and has timber and nails to build with now, Joseph who invited us into his 'home' for coffee (with much sugar!); people whose names I didn't get who just want to complete their education; people who are fully qualified electrical engineers who want to also study physics because 'it is beautiful'; and lastly Omar who helped us distribute gas and timber to those that needed it without much thought for himself and who shared his 'home', bread and milk with us, who understood our feelings and felt our pain at having to leave him."

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Once again we had a very successful show, with similar attendance to last year (somewhere around 440 adults plus children), the exhibition classes were well populated, the raffle and auction were as popular as ever and we introduced new features for younger children: a bouncy castle and slide as well as stalls from Bank View Farm and Vets for Pets. These proved very popular.

The Best in Show award went to Christine Turney for her exhibit: Flowering Plant in a Pot.

The charity we supported this year was the Sheffield Sick Children's Trust. The auction raised over £175, all of which goes to the Sheffield Sick Children's Trust along with an additional amount from our other sources.

We are very grateful to everyone who supported the Show by sponsoring the exhibits, advertising in our programme or donating prizes for the raffle, and to the raffle team who solicited the prizes and persuaded so many people to buy tickets.

We were also very well supported by the entertainers (Oughtibridge Brass Band and Sheffield City Morris) and stallholders, several of whom gave donations.

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

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

The Dore Show is always a popular event and we rely on a significant number of volunteers to undertake all the tasks required on the day. Finding sufficient people for all the tasks continues to be a challenge and for the second time in consecutive years we didn't have a full complement of helpers until the day beforehand. Even then we had to rely on those who were there putting in extra time or helping with additional tasks. So many people thank us and congratulate us on our efforts (which is appreciated) but we need a few more people to volunteer if the Show is to run again next year. All we need is eight or nine new people. In particular, as in previous years, we were short of people from 5pm to 7pm to help with dismantling gazebos and transporting items back to our

storage area and this is an area of particular concern. We need four more people to join this team so please get in touch if you know anyone who would be willing to help with this task next year; we start planning soon.

Keith Shaw
Chairman, Dore Show Committee

Super Veggy Animals



The popular children's section for a vegetable animal delights every year with its wit and ingenuity. This year's winner was Cauli the Sheep (top left)

Dore Show 2015 Cup Winners

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Wyvern Bowl	Pamela Challis
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Skelton Cup	Pamela Challis
Graham Thorpe Cup	Richard Farnsworth
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Congratulations to all the winners, and our thanks to everyone who took part.



Worthy winners: Clockwise from top left: Pamela Challis, Philip Thorpe, Allen Bentley and Christine Turney receive their prizes

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Summer House brings a dining choice to Abbeydale Road



Locals have seen the Summer House in the making over recent months, a steady transformation from a bike shop to a modern restaurant. Opening in August, it is an all-new eating experience to add to that already available locally, including the fine dining next door at Peppercorn.

We all like choice and that is exactly what The Summer House brings to Sheffield 17, something that we do not already have. The choice it offers is also quite significant as you can dine from early until late and the restaurant is open from 8.30am to 10.30pm. The plan is to extend this further as trained staff become available.

The Summer House is a new Venture by Kate Cavan and John Tompkins. Kate brings business experience, a director of Dronfield-based Phyto Therapeutics, one of the UK's largest providers of beauty products for twenty years, she has always had a creative eye and dreamed of opening a restaurant. John has also managed several businesses, one of which is the salon next door, Hair Union. When the spare unit, the old Bike Tree, became available these two business acquaintances planned their new venture.

The Summer House is a relaxed and informal restaurant, catering for breakfast, coffee & cakes, light lunches and evening meals. It's all you would expect from a new restaurant, modern, light and a comprehensive decor with varied seating spaces surrounded by

relaxing lighting, artwork and greenery.

We were there for a light early evening meal. I started with cream of vegetable soup, just a side of olives for AJ. (We were just back that day from a week of eating on Anglesey!) The soup was good, full of the taste of roasted vegetables, a tad over seasoned for me, but then I'm in the Jamie Oliver camp when it comes to salt. It came served with good homemade bread. Olives are olives but they were all they needed to be.

For drinks I chose the Curious Brew lager. I'm a lager drinker and found it to be the perfect cross between a good quality lager and a blonde real ale. I could certainly have drunk more of this (and probably will!) A glass of Prosecco for my guest; a good Prosecco served cool with a raspberry.

On to mains. Crispy monkfish for me served with chips, salad and lemon crème fraiche. A great way to serve monkfish, breaded and deep fried. The salad was minimal, the plate needed more salad but the crème fraiche went well with the fish. The dish was served with homemade chutney, beautiful but too powerful for monkfish.

AJ chose the risotto of the day, which was mushroom and blue cheese with a side of sweet potato chips. This was well cooked, and with a good strong flavoured cheese it worked well. Sweet potato chips were an excellent choice as a side. AJ was full of praise, which always helps.

I chose a glass of Malbec with my main, more Prosecco for AJ.

Now the desserts; here we found some clever thinking. Mini puddings served in a shot glass. Choose one or a selection of three. They all sounded good. The one with the sweet tooth couldn't resist and chose a chocolate berry treat, it hit the spot as did the dessert cocktail!

I chose ice cream, chocolate orange, new to me, and vanilla, elegantly served and full of flavour.

Cost was as expected, around £65 all in, food and drink.

In all a good experience. The Summer House is a new venture and constantly improving, helped by training days on Mondays. The staff are attentive and knowledgeable about the menu. You will enjoy it.

Cherry Bakewell

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A bigger bistro in Bradway

S17, Bradway's popular coffee shop and bistro, has relaunched this November with a new menu and an exciting new look which will see its capacity increase.

The striking refurbishment is the work of Sheffield-based interior designer Sally Flude, who has updated the bistro with a modern, industrial and chic look. Bi-fold windows are now fitted across the shop front to make the most of the light and an arched theatre pass is built to provide an insight into the kitchen. One of the most significant changes is the capacity of the bistro which now has seating for 36 inside with an additional 20 seats outside.

Andy Forder, owner and head chef at S17, says: "We've been running successful bistro nights once a month for a while now and they always sell out. The decision to expand our footprint and relaunch S17 was based partly on this but it's also customer driven. Our customers told us they wanted more flexibility to dine with us in the evenings and so we listened.

"I'm really looking forward to launching our new innovative menu which will showcase the most delicious, locally sourced, seasonal food. I would like us to be achieving awards for it within a year." But, he stresses, "It won't be pretentious. I want customers to leave feeling fully satisfied, both in terms of food and value for money. That's one of the reasons we'll be remaining as a BYO."

The new menu is available from the website: www.s17coffeeshopandbistro.co.uk/ Telephone 235 3285.

* Cherry Bakewell's review of S17 appeared in Dore to Door no.118, Summer 2015.

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Go wild in the garden

With winter approaching, wild flowers are dying back. It has not been the best summer, but, having had 68 varieties of native wild flowers blooming – from winter aconites in January to immature and rather late flowering bergamot (a favourite for bees to look forward to next year when they will be increased and more mature) – it has been a very rewarding year for me and for the wildlife in my garden.

In April, a patch of alkanet and another adjacent patch of white dead nettle were attracting many bees all day and, when the flowers faded, they could be cut and new shoots and flowers emerged. Some were still flowering to the end of September.

Adjacent patches of red clover, betony, yellow birdsfoot trefoil and marjoram which flower from June onwards were visited by bees all day and every day, even in the early morning and late evening and on quite dull cooler days.

Hedgewoundwort, which likes shade, also attracted bees, and a female orange tip butterfly visited a line of garlic mustard (Jack-by-hedge) on which they lay their eggs as it is a food plant for their larvae... and the leaves are now full of holes!

Other flowers like white clover and annuals like red deadnettle and borage, all of which I am growing from seed, are also very good for bees and this will extend the choice for bees next year, as will the bergamot and the various varieties of native scabious.

Scat, cat!

Following references I have made about the problems of cats that disturb and predate on birds and small mammals, I have been asked to mention the various ways I know of deterring them from the garden. My attitude over the cat problem may suggest that I am not concerned with the welfare of animals, but nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing I'm going to suggest will harm a cat, our mission is to dissuade them from coming into our gardens.

So, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, I will start by saying that a fence is good, but there should be no gaps underneath that a cat could get under. If you can, lean the fence outwards slightly, which will dissuade the cat from climbing it. Similarly, small gauge mesh fencing of a sufficient height will do, but cats can push under it if it is not fixed firmly. The mesh needs to have a small square (5 x 5 inches) so that the increasingly rare hedgehog has the chance to move from garden to garden and control the slugs!

A wire or string stretched five or six inches above a fence or wall will make it awkward for a cat to sit on top.

If cats are paying too much attention to your bird table, you can put a hole in the bottom of an old biscuit tin or plastic bucket and place this, upside down, around the post to prevent climbing. Smooth poles can be treated to a thin layer of Vaseline or other grease.

The RSPB sells ultrasonic cat deterrents that sense movement within a certain range and send out a signal that affects cats

The marjoram had three pairs of gatekeeper butterflies around it, and red admirals, peacocks and small tortoiseshell as well as small whites found the red valerian attractive. Small daytime moths were prevalent in longer grass by one of the ponds.

This autumn I have had several small trees removed as they were not native and I will be replacing them with wildlife-friendly alternatives, such as bird cherry, wild cherry, hawthorn, hazel, rowan and buckthorn.

Frogs are hiding away among stones, bricks and low plant cover – two baby ones had hopped down to a bed near the house - and damsel flies and dragonflies emerged from one of the ponds in the summer.

Three hedgehogs have been taking advantage of dried mealworms and other special food at night. This is all very pleasing, but when bees are struggling to survive, it is worrying that bee-eating Asian hornets already sweeping across Europe may reach our shores.

Members of the Soil Association will also be aware of how our soil is mostly in a poor condition, so when this is the UN International Year of Soils, I am surprised that no information seems to be being broadcast during the all-day news on TV or in gardening programmes and documentaries as it is a very serious problem.

Finally, in the gardening calendar, autumn/winter is the time for planning – I say "Go wild!!"

Marian Tiddy

adversely. However, they are quite expensive and I found that they did not solve the problem when I tried them several years ago as the cats seemed to get used to them, but they may be more effective now. I do have a "laser gun" which can be effective, but you have to be quite skilled at acting quickly when the cat is seen in the garden and aiming is not all that easy – it can be silent or have a loud noise which does have an effect, but may not be popular with neighbours.

Rushing up the garden shouting "shoo" is effective, but it may not be very convenient when it's raining cats and dogs.

Pepper is good but rather expensive. Garden centres sell various products, but many of them are not environmentally friendly, so check the label to make sure that you're not accidentally poisoning the small mammals and birds you're trying to help! I use a spray of various plant oils including garlic which is effective, but does need applying quite regularly and so can become an expensive remedy.

Arguably the best deterrent is to own a dog. We had no problems for nine years or so after my son found an abandoned lurcher while on his paper round. Cats soon learned that the garden was a no-go area and I can strongly recommend adopting a rescued greyhound or lurcher as they are lovely dogs and very easy to look after.

There are many other good "scaredy-cat" ideas on the RSPB website at www.rspb.org.uk as part of their "Make a Home for Wildlife" project which you may have seen advertised on TV. With a bit of trial and error you should be able to find solutions that work for you.

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The window posters in the Village Store after its brief closure in August announced the arrival of "Mr. Z. Ahmed, formerly of Totley Rise". As we meet, I ask him about the Z. "Just call me Ahmed", he grins. Ahmed it is then. I am immediately offered tea, and occupancy of the shop's only seating, a stool in front of the office computer.

"This place is a bit awkwardly organised. I'm going to be doing a bit of work and maybe taking a lot of this out and making a proper little kitchen" he says, patting an interfering wall which bisects the already tiny room. The sink is on one side of this, the electric point for the kettle on the other. Ahmed bustles between, making the tea. It's awkward because there's a lot happening at the moment, he explains, listing his priorities.

"I've taken all the information I can from the computer and set it up manually." He gestures towards the large ledger on the counter, filled with little tickets such as all newsagents used to have before the digital revolution. But, he insists, it works better than any computerised system, at least for him.

"Our delivery system will improve. Because of the bad weather around here you have to pay the kids a bit better. At Totley Rise I used to have a bad weather payment. That way you keep them happy and they'll be keen to come in for their rounds. And people don't mind paying a little bit extra."

Ahmed has been in newsagency for over thirty years, beginning at a shop in Northampton in the eighties. He soon came to Sheffield, and ran shops at Handsworth and Wath-on-Dearne. I ask whether he found Wath to be a bit of a rough area.

"It was a rough area yes, but I tell you what, the people were brilliant. I find that you only get out what you put in, look after the customer and they'll look after you. You've seen my approach here, and my footfall is improving, but the afternoons are still very quiet." Are there no schoolchildren coming in at lunchtime and after lessons? "I think they've got used to not coming, the range of sweets and comics that they were selling before I took over wasn't very enticing" he tells me. I look around. Gone are the big boxes of chocolates, artisan cookies and designer soft drinks. One whole wall of the shop is now taken up with candy bars of every description, all at pocket money prices.

Sadly 'Elf & Safety has now seen the end of the big segmented trays of pick 'n' mix beloved of my own childhood, but Ahmed has a work around. He explains at length that he is allowed to sell ten sweets in a bag without a label, but if he calls it 100g of sweets in a bag, it has to have a full ingredients list, be properly weighed and all manner of regulations apply. This chap knows all the wrinkles, the attention to fine detail which will give him the edge in a cut-throat business. "Staying within the law is so important" he says. "You can do a hundred good things and one bad thing, and it's the bad thing that sticks, that's what people will remember."

Back to a bit of history. Ahmed bought the business on Totley Rise in 2000. It had been failing for its previous owners, and he threw himself into turning it around.

"The fittings were absolutely awful, it was out of date. Accounts and deliveries were in a mess. They had seven or eight staff

working there, basically to do nothing because there were so few customers. I went in there and had the place back on the climb in three months." He was there for a successful twelve years, before selling it and retiring. So, what happened to the retirement? "I heard that this shop was for sale, and thought 'why not?' There's only so much gardening you can do!"

At Dore, one of Ahmed's first moves was to extend the opening hours. He arrives for work each morning between 5.30 and 6am, and is open until 7.30pm though he often stays on to do an hour's work after that, leaving about 8.30. This brings him the early evening home-from-work trade, and late lottery customers.

The Lottery has stayed, but the alcohol section has gone. "I've decided not to do wines, I had them at Totley Rise but there was room there. You can't carry any sort of a range in a little corner, you need more space."

He's also unhappy with the lighting in the shop, and the fascia outside. "Village Store, what is that? It doesn't say anything about the shop, and grey letters on a brown background - you can't even read it properly from any distance!"

For the moment, the main work in progress is sorting out the delivery system. Although the newsagent was only closed for ten

days, heavy marketing by other local shops encouraged people to defect on the assumption that our store's closure would be permanent. "We will eventually be writing to all the former delivery customers, to let them know that the service is again available locally and what our charges are. A lot have come back already."

Ahmed is clear about the future. "In the end we will only succeed with the support of local people. But that support has to be earned, I believe in looking after my customers."

These aren't empty words. Whilst I'm there, every customer is given a cheery greeting, and a few of the regulars welcomed by name. There's time for a chat with those who want it, but no queues build up. All very relaxed and pleasant, but there's a lot of hard graft and fourteen-hour shifts going into making it so.

Interview by John Eastwood



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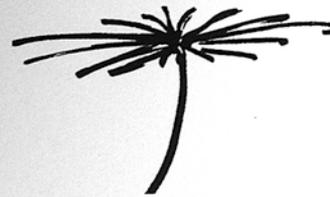
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It's all a bit complicated

The future's bright at Dore & Totley station, or so we're assured. Passenger numbers are up from 55,000 ten years ago to 138,000 last year - they just keep rising.

By the end of 2018 we should have a second platform with waiting room for Manchester bound passengers, a bridge with lifts, and stopping trains every hour. Reliability should also be improved. There's no current plan for more parking.

In the last two months the small band of Friends of the station have met three managers from Northern Rail, two from ISS with responsibility for day to day maintenance of the station, and one from SYPTE. By doing so we're discovering just how difficult it is to run a modern rail service. British Rail isn't coming back, and it's got very complicated. We're trying to get our heads round exactly who does what, when, where, how, and for how long.

Each weekday our station offers 20 trains into Sheffield and 15 to Manchester. Dore & Totley is managed by Northern Trains, who operate the Hope Valley stopping service. Ours is just one of the 464 under their authority.

Fast First Trans Pennine Express trains stop en route to Meadowhall, Doncaster and Cleethorpes to the east, or Manchester Airport to the west. East Midlands fast trains go to Warrington and Liverpool to the west, and Nottingham, Peterborough and Norwich to the east. However, many stops at Dore are timed for Manchester commuters.

Then there's Network Rail. They're responsible for the track and line-side equipment. Northern look after the platforms; everything up to the platform edge is Network Rail so any work a Friends group does is only possible with their agreement. Northern sub-contract their maintenance to ISS who also have a lot of stations to cover. SYPTE built the car park, but have handed it over to Northern to manage, and ISS maintain that as well. Network Rail have leased the station building as a restaurant. With me so far? It gets even more complicated.

Northern is a partnership between Serco Group and Abellio, a subsidiary of NS Dutch Railways. Their franchise runs out in March and they haven't tendered to carry on. However, Abellio Northern, Arriva Rail North and Govia Northern have, and the winner will be announced in December. Then there'll be a frantic scramble to reorganise and rebadge everything for the new company. At the same time the Trans Pennine Express franchise is also up for review, with Keolis Go-Ahead and Stagecoach bidding with First. The same period of frantic restructuring may occur there too. The East Midlands franchise has been extended to March 2018.

Where do the Friends fit in? What can they do? As a first step our meetings with various interested parties have been helpful. In the old days each station had a station master, but now one person is responsible for the train services to hundreds of stations. Another manager looks after the servicing of the stations, sub-contracted in our case to ISS. Yet another manager is responsible for marketing of services and keeping in contact with people like us. SYPTE have no funds to do any more in the foreseeable future.

Our meetings were positive. By gathering people together at our station we were able to demonstrate how busy it is, and its future potential. These people aren't aware of every detail of every station, so that alone was helpful. We can't claim credit for the recent developments at the station, however some things may have been speeded up as a result of our contacts. We were unhappy with the overgrown car park. It was cleared - maybe with a little too much vigour. Some of the trees and shrubs originally planted haven't survived. Some will be replaced. Ones next to the



platform may be left until the platform has been extended and the bridge built. We've also got a train departures screen and CCTV is being installed, with at least 13 cameras in the car park alone.

We emphasised that Dore draws passengers from a much wider area than S17. People drive from places in Derbyshire and all parts of south-west Sheffield. The free car park is usually full by 8am each weekday morning with 60 or more cars on nearby roads. We'll now be standing back until the New Year when the new franchise arrangements are confirmed. It's likely that most staff will transfer over to the new company, but it will take time for things to bed back in. The new companies may have different ideas.

Meanwhile the Hope Valley rail improvement scheme is proceeding. FoDaTS is broadly supportive of the plans to improve the reliability of the service and increase the number of stopping trains. However, we're expressing strong reservations about some design features at the station. We feel that inadequate covered waiting space is being

planned. We're not happy with the design and position of the footbridge. We'd like the new buildings to be more empathetic with the existing station than appears likely. We're particularly unhappy about the present parking arrangements and feel that planning should be addressing this now. It is nonsensical to redesign the station and leave that problem unaddressed.

Summing up, we want to have a vibrant station at Dore & Totley. Better maintained, better facilities, better services and well integrated into its surroundings. It won't come without a little effort.

We hope you'll add your support by joining us. Find and join our Facebook page: Friends of Dore & Totley Station. It will be updated when we have news. We'll also send out occasional email newsletters. To join that list please send an email to Nick Barnes at: nj-barnes@outlook.com. At present we're few in number, but the more friends we have the more we can do, on all fronts.

Chris Morgan

Obituary

Maurice Hennessey 1931-2015

Maurice Hennessey, former Chairman and Life President of Dore Village Society has died at the age of 83.

Maurice and his wife Irene have lived in Dore since 1981. Maurice was born in Liverpool, where he took a degree in history at Liverpool University. After his National Service he took examinations for the Civil Service, becoming an Inspector with the Inland Revenue.

He married Irene in 1953 and they have two daughters, Janice and Judith.

Maurice's job took the family to a number of different cities but they came to Sheffield in 1981 when he was appointed Regional Controller for South Yorkshire.

He retired in 1990 and had many hobbies and interests; walking with U3A, gardening, travel and lecturing to local Probus groups. He took a great interest in local affairs and became Chairman, and later President of the Dore Village Society.

During his six-year chairmanship of the Society he was actively involved in the organisation of Dore Show, and of the now traditional village Christmas card, using a specially commissioned picture by a local artist each year. He was also an active member of Dore Probus, and was their Chairman in 2000.

He thoroughly enjoyed village life and lived in Dore for 34 years - longer by far than he lived anywhere else.

He had many friends in Dore and will be greatly missed by them and by his family.

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If you are a couple you can have mirror LPAs which act in the same way mirror Wills do. You are able to appoint multiple attorneys in your LPA if you wish, which does help to protect you should one of the people you appoint also lose capacity, which does happen. To protect your interests, an LPA must be signed by a certificate provider, which is someone who certifies that you understand the LPA and have not been pressurised into signing it. Your solicitor can do this for you or you could choose close friends or relatives (different to your chosen attorneys) who must be formally told that you are setting up an LPA and be given the opportunity to raise any concerns. Before it can be used, an LPA must also be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. This process can take a number of weeks; therefore we always encourage clients to consider making an LPA long before it's needed so that it's ready and waiting for when the time comes. Where there are doubts about a person's capacity, such as during the very early stages of Dementia, it may be necessary to obtain a medical opinion which will add to the cost of the LPA and delay the process.

What happens if I don't have one?

If you do not have an LPA and you lose mental capacity then all is not lost, one person can make an application to the Court of Protection to be appointed as your Deputy. Be aware though that this process can take several months and it's expensive as the Court fee alone is £400.

During this period your bank accounts and other assets may be frozen and be inaccessible which can be very stressful for you and your family. I have some clients who have recently been through this with their elderly parents and asked me soon after to write LPAs for themselves, simply because they couldn't bare the thought of going through the stress of the Court process again. Dementia is becoming a major concern in the UK with one in five people over 85 already suffering from it, with rates significantly higher among women than men. Handling your financial affairs then becomes virtually impossible - which is why charities who care for the elderly recommend everyone plans ahead to ease the potential burden on our relatives.

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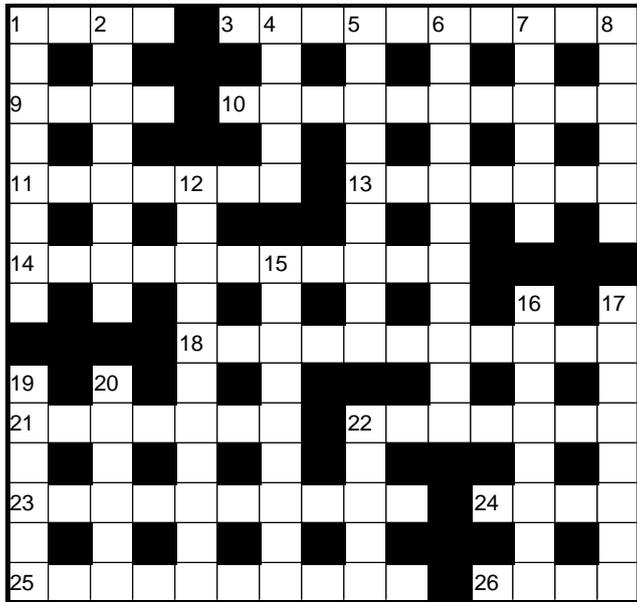


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Across

- 1. Rolls to some degree, on second thoughts.....(4)
- 3.change holiday plans as a safety measure (4,6)
- 9. One man holds something against another man that may be terrible (4)
- 10. It's wrong to slum it, taking workers drugs (10)
- 11. Grabs muscles surrounding pipe (7)
- 13. A swim round Home counties for Fatty (7)
- 14. Tie-in to nurture entertainment area (7,4)
- 18. Supply column with vehicle tracking (11)
- 21. Outstanding insurance not first to get what was deserved (7)
- 22. Taking note when hit by American disease (7)
- 23. Minds noise in production to this scale (10)
- 24. Good single repeated in musical (4)
- 25. Meeting at top involving new man (10)
- 26. Division without the French fever (4)

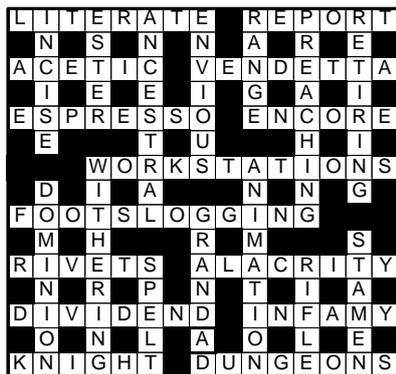
Down

- 1. Outlaws manipulate in groups (8)
- 2. Three of the same around and about meals (8)
- 4. Stir up trouble finally inside Customs (5)
- 5. Pageantry requires a severe hairstyle (9)
- 6. Having resolution, up to one in the morning, mine sounds like an old statesman (7,4)
- 7. Lean to leg and make connection (6)
- 8. Meat Loaf possesses permit (6)
- 12. Change Police department therefore not hard coming together (11)
- 15. Getting to the meeting (9)
- 16. Kind of match with offences from both sides (8)
- 17. Force open can in immaculate condition (8)
- 19. No way I get caught with Scandinavian (6)
- 20. Desire to take in old mother farmer (6)
- 22. Catch up by working the joint (5)

Crossword compiled by Mavis

Answers will be published in the February issue

Solution to our Autumn crossword:



A religious revelation



I was talking to my sister the other day about the way that gender references always default to male, creating an unconscious notion of superiority, and she related the following conversation which, apparently, took place in the Garden of Eden.

“God, I have a problem.”
 “What’s the problem, Eve?”
 “I know that you created me and provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, as well as that hilariously comedic snake, but I’m just not happy.”
 “And why is that Eve?”
 “God, I am lonely and bored, and I’m sick to death of apples!”
 “Well, Eve, in that case I have a solution. I shall create a man for you.”
 “Man? What is that, God?”
 “A flawed, base creature, with many bad traits. He’ll lie, cheat and be vain. He will be witless and will revel in childish things. He’ll be bigger than you and will like fighting, hunting and killing things. He won’t be too smart, so he will need your advice to think properly. He will have a very limited emotional capacity and will need to be trained. He will look silly when he is aroused, but since you’ve been complaining, I’ll create him in such a way that he will satisfy your physical needs. And you most certainly will never be bored again!”
 “Sounds great” says Eve with ironically raised eyebrows, “but what’s the catch, God?”
 “Well... you can have him on one condition.”
 “And what’s that, God?”
 “As I said, he’ll be proud, arrogant and self-admiring... so you’ll have to let him believe I made him first. And it will have to be our little secret. You know, woman to woman.”
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The “paused” electrification of the London to Sheffield main line through Dore and Totley station has now resumed. But it won't be until 2023 at the earliest when we see electric trains. They might be “greener” but probably not much faster on the current two-hour fastest journey time to London. Strangely, electrification between Sheffield and Manchester on the Woodhead route came and went between the mid-1950s and 1981.

Getting Sheffielders to London by train has a chequered history. The city had simply been by-passed by the earliest railways, some say because Rotherham didn't want “the drunken unruly people of Sheffield” to travel. But Sheffield was joined to Rotherham - and nowhere else - by rail in 1838. Then in 1840, travel to London by rail became a possibility. You had first to go from Wicker station to Rotherham Westgate, then change to the North Midland Railway to get to Derby, then change again to get the Birmingham and Derby Junction Railway to Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire, and take the London & Birmingham Railway train from there to London's Euston station. This was a marathon of almost ten hours. From 1856 it was possible to go direct to London via Eckington, albeit slowly, from the new Sheffield Victoria station which had opened in 1851. Faster through trains from Sheffield Victoria to Kings Cross via Retford started to run in 1857, taking five hours and twenty minutes and using the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincoln Railway and Great Northern Railway's lines. The link to Chesterfield was a long time coming. A line northwards from Derby through Chesterfield avoiding Sheffield existed in 1840, but it wasn't

until 1863 that the Midland Railway announced a plan to make a tunnel “emerging into the valley of the River Sheaf at Twenty-Well Sink Lane”. This was Bradway Tunnel which when completed in 1870 allowed the Midland line via Chesterfield to London to open for business. The Midland Railway's hand had been forced as another company had proposed an ultimately failed scheme to build railways south from Sheffield. The line would have split near Beauchief with one route going to Dronfield and Chesterfield and the other through Totley, Baslow, Bakewell and Ashbourne towards Stafford and Uttoxeter.

Sheffield Midland station - the one we use now - opened in 1870. The Midland Railway's trains tended to take up to four hours from St Pancras to Sheffield as they were often routed via Nottingham and were heavier trains heading for Manchester or Leeds, Bradford and beyond. The gothic Midland Grand Hotel at St Pancras station opened in stages from 1873 to offer 300 luxurious rooms to railway passengers to and from Sheffield and elsewhere.

The Great Northern Railway ran expresses on their 161 mile route from Kings Cross via Retford to Sheffield Victoria station. Their fastest train in 1898 took a mere three hours and nine minutes! Competition was already rife and from 1899 the Great Central Railway, the last main line to be built in Britain, also started to serve Sheffield. This line ran through Aylesbury, Rugby, Leicester and Nottingham. To attract Northern business guests, in 1899 the company opened the 700-bed Great Central Hotel at Marylebone Station which initially charged 3/6d for a room. The hotel boasted “service de luxe”, a palm court, daily orchestra and a cycle track on the roof. It was used by the Suffragettes in 1908 for a lavish celebration breakfast to greet Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst on

her release from prison. Might some Sheffield captains of industry have choked on their kippers to witness this event? This hotel later became the headquarters of the British Railways Board - known to railwaymen as “The Kremlin” - and it is now the Landmark Hotel.

Before 1914 there was much competition in the three choices of route between Sheffield and London but the First World War disrupted that. Between 1900 and 1910 it was possible to travel by Midland Railway between the two cities in three hours with other expresses taking just twelve minutes longer. The need for trains to stop so that engines could take on water added time. In 1903 the Great Central Railway which ran services into Marylebone installed water troughs in the tracks in two locations so that water scooped up into the tenders could be taken on at speed. Their southbound “Sheffield Special” took three hours and eight minutes for the non-stop 164 mile journey. The Great Northern responded in 1906 with a non-stop train taking two hours and fifty minutes. These were light but fast express trains with first and third class dining cars -

now almost disappeared from our railways. Dining cars were relatively luxurious with fine upholstery and silver-plated cutlery. Chefs cooked up minor miracles on the move in cramped kitchen conditions. In 1906 a typical 3/6d (17½p) railway menu of sustaining fare offered soup, salmon, sirloin, chicken and salad, asparagus, diplomat pudding (now known as bread and butter pudding) or cheese. Coffee was 4d extra. The Midland Railway was offering green pea soup, boiled turbot and boiled potatoes, roast mutton, redcurrant jelly, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots, cabinet pudding (a steamed pudding with dried fruit), cheese, biscuits and celery also for 3/6d with Coffee 4d

extra. Any resulting indigestion could be relieved by the “White Lions” acidity and gastritis remedy costing a few pence.

From 1924 the London & North Eastern Railway put on the “Sheffield Pullman” from Kings Cross to Nottingham and Sheffield Victoria. This was a short-lived venture lasting 15 months as the numbers of staff to provide luxury service sometimes exceeded the number of passengers. The Pullman coaches were moved to carry more affluent passengers to Leeds and Harrogate. In 1925, the London Midland & Scottish Railway train named the “Yorkshireman” from Bradford via Sheffield to St Pancras was a popular restaurant car service with at-seat meals served in new carriages. By 1937 the “Yorkshireman” was taking two hours and 52 minutes, and trains between London and Sheffield were averaging three hours and six minutes. World War Two saw journey times lengthened, train names and catering suspended, with widely-displayed “Is Your Journey Really Necessary?” calls to the public. The same appeal appeared in timetable books translated into nine languages, excluding German and Italian.

The “Master Cutler” named business train was introduced in 1947 to be joined the following year by the “South Yorkshireman”. Sir Ronald Matthews who had been Master Cutler in 1922 became Chairman of the London & North Eastern Railway and suggested the train naming. It then became customary for the Master Cutler of the year to enjoy a ride in the cab of the engine. The train engines carried distinctive nameboards, and the coaches used which carried the train name on roofboards were the best that could be mustered. The famous “Flying Scotsman” locomotive was used on



1956 - Marylebone Station showing the 10.00 express to Sheffield and Manchester about to depart. The 1925 Doncaster-built locomotive is named “Isinglass” after the winner of the 1893 Derby, St Leger and 2,000 Guineas horse races. “Isinglass” worked for 40 years.

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Brunsmeer AAFC

I am pleased to report that the season is well underway and in view of the relatively dry weather all fixtures have been played already. Our new Under 8's and Under 9's teams won their first silverware which is a fantastic start, and our Senior team are also progressing well in their cup competition.

We have recently inherited a second Under 10's football team which further bolsters the number of teams representing the Club throughout the various age groups.

The pitches are receiving very positive feedback from our visiting teams which is testament to Pete Bowden and his staff at Pete Bowden Sports Maintenance and the new drainage system which was installed over the summer.

The Club is currently applying for Football Association Small Grants Funding for help towards the proposed clubhouse changes which will bring us a café and changing facilities. The application is progressing well.

A Special Visitor

During August I was contacted by Sky Sports as they wanted access to the ground to film a past player of Brunsmeer Junior Football Club, namely Kevin Davis.

Kevin visited Sheffield to film his place of birth and his footballing experiences at both junior and professional level. With over 574 league appearances Kevin was very complimentary of Brunsmeer, his manager and teammates at that time.

The film was screened as part of the Fantasy Football League show on Sky 1, and Sky have kindly provided the Club with a DVD of the show. In addition to this Kevin kindly signed a Brunsmeer shirt that can now be used as a charity item at a future fundraising event.



Brunsmeer Visit Sheffield United

It is pleasing that Dave McCarthy, Operations Director for Sheffield United approached us as a Club in the summer and asked if we would be interested in pioneering a fundraising day at the Millwall home fixture on the 24th October.

Reduced ticket prices were on offer and our Under 8's team provided the Guard of Honour for the players. Under 9's and Under 10's boys and girls did half time penalties. The day was very well supported by players and parents. More importantly monies were raised for the Sheffield Children's Hospital and Brunsmeer will also be due a cashback donation from Sheffield United.

A great footballing experience for the youngsters but at the same time generating much needed funds for the Club.

Taking Football to Africa & Beyond Appeal

I have already delivered two large sacks of football kits to the local Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association and we are half way through filling a third sack! A great achievement by players and parents at the Club for such a good cause.

Mercia Site Storage & Toilet Block

Councillor Colin Ross and I attended the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at the Town Hall on the 29th September. Councillor Ross presented to the committee the much needed consideration to be given to the CIL money to be allocated towards this community project on the back of the proposed Bellway Homes facility.

I am delighted to report that the planning and highways committee approved that the CIL money can be used towards this project which will be of major benefit to both King Ecgbert School and the organisations renting the facilities.

Costings are currently being put together and it is then hoped the students at the school can actively get involved in the design of the proposed facility, which hopefully will then receive the necessary planning permissions leading to the build taking place.

I would like to go on record in thanking Councillor Colin Ross for his continued support and also Mrs Sarah Munstall, Head of Planning at Bellway Homes.

Paul Shepherd

Dore's Derby a Big Hit

It's been a cracking start for both our local rugby teams this season. Sheffield Club got off to a flyer, winning three of their first four fixtures and only narrowly losing out to Sheffield Tigers in the big derby game. The first derby match was a fabulous event as a capacity crowd watched neither side giving an inch. The game was tough but good natured and packed full of drama with breakaway tries and end to end action. A last second try for Tigers brought them victory and the privilege of lifting the Glyn Chandler trophy. The rematch is down at Abbeydale Park on 19th December at 2:30pm and it should be another great spectacle.

The two teams being in the same league and the first derby game have brought about a renewed spirit of cooperation between the two clubs, which even stretches as far down as the junior players. Tigers girls' and Sheffield girls' teams have joined forces to ensure a good sized squad for their games. They have even picked up their own joint shirt sponsor thanks to Guy Salmon Land Rover.

At first team level the league has started to settle down and although Sheffield has slipped a few places they are sitting comfortably mid-table with every opportunity of being able to stay in the national leagues.

Tigers, who started by winning all their opening games, reside at the top of the league where they have been since week two. There's a long way to go yet, but while ever Tigers remain the highest points scorers with the best defence in the league it's difficult to see that changing.

The early departure of England from the Rugby World Cup did bring one bonus to Sheffield Tigers, as England rugby star Billy Vunipola dropped into the Tiger Dome to watch a game. He was



supporting the opposition because his cousin was playing for them but he was great, meeting all the supporters and having photos taken. Despite supporting the visitors he was still given a hearty welcome.

Richard Joel

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both trains along with other locomotives of the same type, most of which were named after racehorses. They ran to Marylebone station before a further change in 1958 when the "Master Cutler" became a diesel-hauled Pullman-only service running from Kings Cross to Sheffield Victoria in under three hours. Firth Vickers Stainless Steels Ltd made a stainless steel headboard for the train in 1959. Meanwhile the "South Yorkshireman" title was abandoned in 1960 as the Marylebone route began to be closed, but the "Master Cutler" soldiered on. Then in 1968 the "Cutler" was transferred to

run between St Pancras and Sheffield Midland. By this time, most of the Great Central route had been closed, leaving just the Midland and East Coast routes. Little by little the journey time was reduced to two hours 30 minutes and again down to 2 hours 17 minutes in 1982 when High Speed Train (HST) sets became available for the Midland route. The highly successful HSTs first started work in 1976; they're still with us and still working some of our trains. Track improvements have now brought the London journey down to a fraction over two hours. It remains to be seen how much more can be shaved off the journey.

Mike Peart

The curious tale of the Great War medal and the long arm of coincidence

The Archives and Heritage Collection were set a puzzle recently. A campaign medal from the Great War for Private J. Skelley of the Yorks & Lancs Regiment was passed to us, with the request to find out more about who Private Skelley was.



The medal ribbon is in a sorry state due perhaps to where it was discovered. When Mr Kerry Brooksbank was clearing a garden shed at number 19 Church Lane he found the medal tucked away at the back of a dusty shelf. It hadn't belonged to anyone in his family so for ten years it sat on his desk until he passed it over to Dore resident Joe Mitchell of Broadfield Antiques to see if he could find out more about Private Skelley.

Examination of the war records of the time show Private Skelley as being John William Skelley, born in 1893. He was in the 4th Battalion of the Yorks & Lancs Regiment, which is the Volunteer Territorial Battalion, Service Number 1145. Subsequent service saw him in the Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) as 319443.

John died in 1952, having served from 29th June 1915 to 22nd April 1916. No reason is given for the termination of engagement other than he probably reached, fortuitously in view of the 1916 date, the end of his term of service.

In the 1911 Census John is recorded as living at Hanover Street and working as a spring knife blade grinder. His father William is noted as a cabinet case fitter, making the cases for cutlery. One of John's many sisters is shown as a cutlery case liner, presumably the satin and velvet interiors to cutlery cases.

Now for the long arm of coincidence! Kerry Brooksbank's paternal family were engaged in the cutlery trade. His grandfather, Herbert started the family business at Eldon Street (now gone)

making table knives and cutlery. Hanover Street is very close by, and it is highly probable that they used the Skelleys to supply their cutlery cases.

It is, however, more likely that the medal found its way into the garden shed via a previous tenant of Number 19 rather than from the Brooksbanks – maybe one of John's sisters? It certainly seems to have arrived back in Dore by a circuitous route.

Herbert Brooksbank was himself an amazing character, but that is another story.

Can you add to the tale?

Dorne Coggins



Brooksbank's was here from 1920 to 1945. Bombing in the Second World War took out properties next to the works but miraculously this building was undamaged.

WWI Shell Case Makes a Bomb

Independent antiques and fine arts valuer Vivienne Milburn sold this massive First World War German shell case for a record price in a recent specialist auction. "I knew it was something special when I first saw it at the bottom of the staircase filled with walking sticks and umbrellas. I am often asked to value old shell cases or trench art pieces but it is very unusual to find such a large shell case as this. The idea of the destruction just one of these shells could cause is mind boggling to me. However it didn't put off the buyer who paid £1,750 in the auction".

The shell case, 30 inches long and 16 inches in diameter was discovered in a house in Totley and was being sold as the family were moving to a smaller house and could not incorporate such a large piece. It was brought back from France by Captain Robert Grayson who first joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) Anti-Aircraft Corps, Sheffield (Brightside) in December 1914. In 1916, presumably wanting a more active role in the military, Robert joined the Royal Garrison Artillery where he was a second Lieutenant, followed by the Royal Field Artillery, where he was a Lieutenant. He served in France as a gunner for two years during the war, leaving the army to resume his career as a solicitor in Sheffield and



founding Grayson's Solicitors, a firm that continues today. [Dore to Door covered Robert's war record in Issue 113 – Ed.]

It is presumed to be a shell case from the infamous 'Big Bertha' that humbled the Belgian fortresses at the beginning of the war. 'Big Bertha', or 'Dicke Berthe', is the name of a type of super-heavy mortar developed by the armaments industry in Germany on the eve of World War 1.

Recently there has been increased interest in First and Second World War memorabilia, including medals which have increased in value by 20% in the last year. The highest price for a shell case at auction prior to this was £420. For further information and for advice on your antiques please contact me on 01629 640210 or 0114 283 0292 or mobile 07870 238788.

Vivienne Milburn FRICS
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An example of the type of gun that fired shells the size of this one.

NOVEMBER

- Sat 21 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Sat 21 Coffee Morning, Totley Library. Refreshments, homemade cakes and bric a brac. Proceeds to Totley Library and Transport 17.
- Tue 24 Wyvern Walkers: An unusual walk around the outskirts of Hathersage starting at Hillfoot at the junction of Hope Valley Road and Jaggers Lane. Then to Nether Hurst, Dennis Knoll, North Lees Hall, Hathersage Church and back to Hillfoot. (6.4 miles.) Meet at Dore Old School, 9.30am. Further details from the organiser Chris Cave: 0114 2364648.
- Thu 26 An Evening of Crime with local authors Danuta Reah and Michael Fowler, Totley Library, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (£3 Friends of Totley CRIC) available in advance from the library or on the door.
- Fri 27 Totley Library Community Cinema presents "Far from the Madding Crowd", (cert 12), 7.30pm. Tickets £3 adults and £2 children available in advance from the library.
- Sat 28 Putting up of village Christmas trees. Please come along and help, meet 10am outside Hartley's Greengrocers. See page 3.
- Mon 30 Dore Methodist Church Monday Fellowship, Methodist Church Hall, 2.30 pm. Concert: An afternoon's entertainment by Kath, Sue & Ray Lawrence. Everyone welcome.

DECEMBER

- Wed 2 Dore Lantern Parade and switch on of Christmas lights. Parade leaves Kutz Hairdressers, Causeway Head Road 6.45pm. See page 7.
- Fri 4 Totley Community Library presents "The Best Medicine" - a Christmas special with Jan Flamanck, 7.30pm. Following her sold out performance in October, Jan returns to Totley to premiere her all new Christmas special. Expect an evening of hilarious stories and lots of laughter with her unique look at the festive season including disastrous parties, terrible food, loveable but eccentric relatives and of course those talented imaginary moggies. Tickets available in advance from Totley Library or on the door. £8 or £5 (Friends of Totley CRIC). Book early though as her previous Totley show sold out quickly.
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- Sun 6 Wyvern Walkers: City Walk around several places of interest, some associated with John Ruskin. Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am.
- Sun 6 St. Luke's Festival of Light, St. Luke's Hospice, Ecclesall Road South, 5pm. See page 7.
- Tue 8 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - Christmas Lunch Abbeydale Sports Club.
- Tue 8 Dore Ladies' Group - Christmas Social evening with mulled wine & shared supper. Church Hall, Townhead Road, 7.45pm. All welcome. Visitors £3.
- Thu 10 - Sat 12 Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas concerts, Dore Parish Church 7pm. Tickets £8, please phone 236 2474 to book.
- Sun 13 Totley Library Community Cinema presents "Minions" (cert U), 2.00pm. Tickets £3 adults and £2 children available in advance from the library.
- Tue 15 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - "How the Tudors Celebrated Christmas"; Speaker Maureen Taylor. 9.30 for 10am Methodist Church Hall, £2 including coffee. Visitors welcome.
- Sat 19 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society annual Christmas Concert, Dore Methodist Church 2.30pm. Tickets £7, call 0114 236 2299. See page 19.
- Mon 28 Dore Village Annual Wassail Walk - reviving the ancient tradition of wassailing. This involves a five-mile walk across Blacka Moor, ending with a wassail cup and mince pies at Dore Old School. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, meet at the Old School at 10am. See page 7.

JANUARY

- Tue 5 Dore Ladies' Group - Sheffield Helipad Appeal; Illustrated Talk. Church Hall, Townhead Road 7.45pm. Visitors Welcome £3.

- Tue 12 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - "Totley Tunnel & the Navvies"; Speaker John Clarke. 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome £2.
- Tue 19 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - "Artic Svalbord Experience"; Speaker K McKay. 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome £2 includes coffee.

FEBRUARY

- Tue 2 Dore Ladies' Group - Members' Dinner, Dore Grill
- Fri 5 & Sat 6 David Clover Festival of Singing, Dore & Totley URC, Totley Brook Road. Tickets £4 on the door. www.davidclover-festivalofsinging.org.uk. See page 12.
- Tue 9 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - "The Family Markham"; speaker Tony Hallam. 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome £2.
- Tue 16 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild - "Garderoles etc."; speaker Maureen Taylor. 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome £2 includes coffee.

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Dore Village Society has a range of local interest publications for sale covering a variety of interests. These are available for sale from the DVS office, or contact Philip Howes on 236 9156.

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Scarecrow Competition



Entries for the 2015 Scarecrow Competition trebled in number this year, with eighteen families taking part. The theme of 'a favourite character from literature' inspired characters as varied as James Bond, the Cat in the Hat and Despicable Me. Overall winner was Phileas Fogg and Passepartout, on our front cover. Peter Rabbit in Mr. MacGregor's garden was second, and third prize went to Angelina Ballerina. Very well done to everyone who participated