

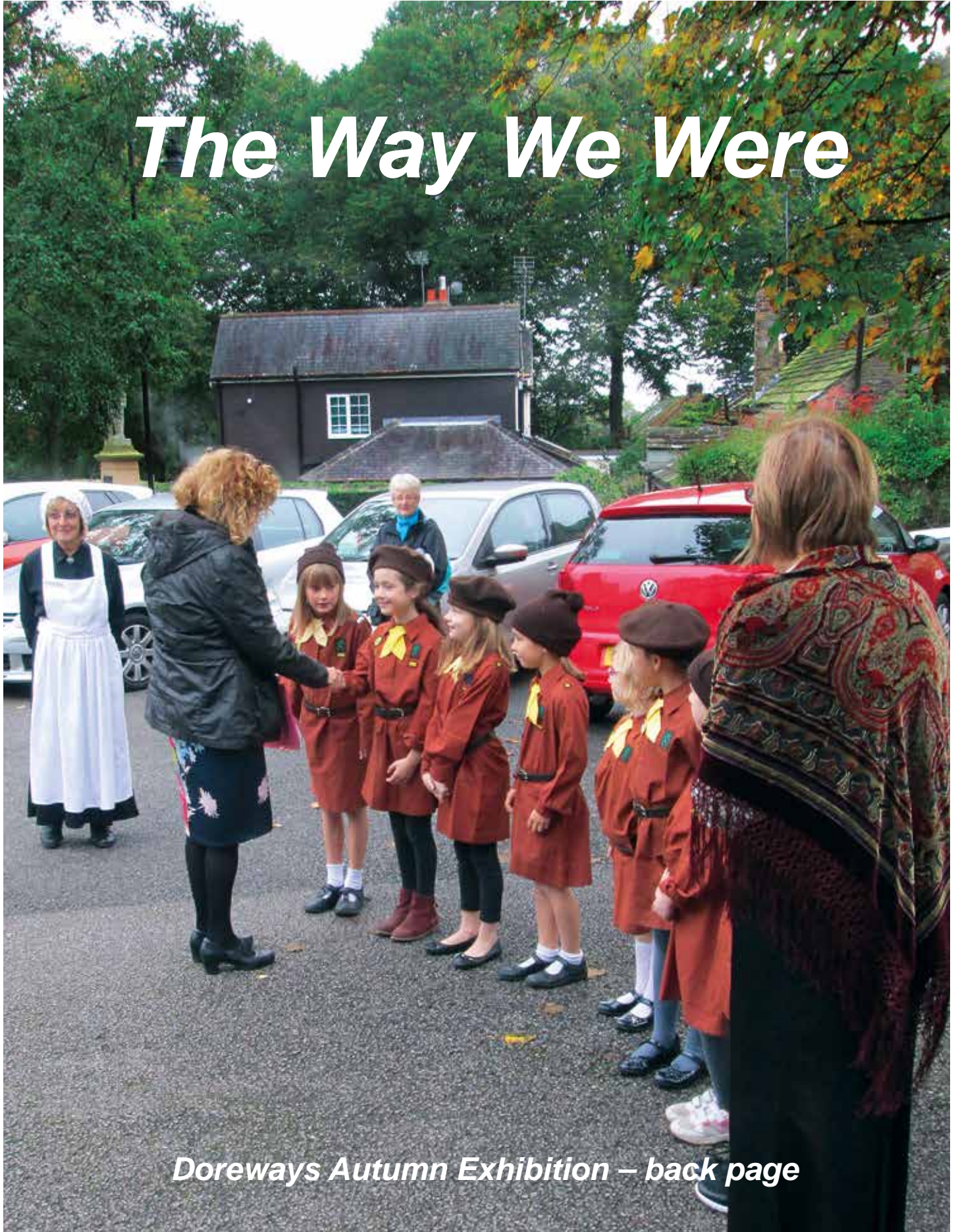
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DVS WASSAIL WALK

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STARTING OUT 10AM

FROM THE OLD SCHOOL SAVAGE LANE



Dev garden gets new look



The recent closure of the footpath through from Devonshire Terrace Road to High Street has been an inconvenience to many, but hopefully worth it now the results are apparent.

After moving a lot of earth, the site has been levelled and will shortly be home to a new family garden for the Devonshire Arms pub, with children's play equipment being installed as we go to press.

The land has always been part of the pub grounds, but has been out of use for many years owing to access problems. Previous plans involving the restoration of derelict buildings foundered a few years ago; the buildings concerned were subsequently deemed to be beyond saving and have now been either demolished or fenced off from the rest of the site.

It's nice that this plot of unused land right at the centre of the village is being brought back into use, and for something other than yet more house building.

Dore Village Calendar 2017
 Around the Edges



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Annual Balsam Bash

A big thank you to the Abbeydale Rotary Club and members of the Totley Brook Residents and Tenants Association for helping me with this year's Himalayan Balsam Bash on Totley Brook Open Space.

We have been doing this for about four years now and have made a massive difference with most of the site being completely clear of the invasive plant. This was especially important to achieve near the stream in the woodland as the shallow roots of the annual Himalayan Balsam plant mean

Amey's winter break

Work on road resurfacing of some through routes in our area has begun and hopefully, by the time that you read this, will be almost complete. These works on Hathersage Road, Stony Ridge Road and Owler Bar Road differ from local street resurfacing as the majority of the works are being completed at night. Road closures where necessary are therefore between 7pm and 7am.

Resurfacing of Hathersage Road is scheduled to reach the Dore Moor Inn by the end of November, following which the works will stop until the new year.

Local road resurfacing will continue until the end of the year, and we're pleased that the nightmare of Bushey Wood Road has now been ended. These works are increasingly weather dependent with the onset of winter, so there is no meaningful schedule available. Take note of any street signs which go up announcing works, and read any leaflets which Amey push through your letterbox.

Disruptions will continue throughout next year.



that bank erosion would take place during winter.

Now, brambles and the usual woodland species that have extensive year-round root systems are back and stabilising the banks. We still have some areas to clear next year on the open field edge and so will move the frontier

forward again. However we may decide to leave a patch of the plant where it can be easily controlled as people find it a very attractive flower and it is especially attractive to bees.

Dawn Biram

If you go down to the woods today...



Caitlin Hallatt, Theo the Bear and Sheffield Model Engineers member Bob Deveaux on the station

The Sheffield Model Engineers Society's annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Abbeydale Miniature Railway in August raised £3,400 for the Children's Hospital Charity. All the ticket revenue along with the proceeds from a tombola were donated to the Charity whose mascot is Theo the Bear. So far the Society has raised almost £10,000 since the event first started and wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously.

Biggest coffee morning

Tricia, Anne and Hallamshire Tangent would like to thank all those of you who attended or otherwise supported our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30th September at 33, Newfield Crescent. We were really lucky with the weather, which enabled many visitors to sit in the garden and we had a very good turnout. 115 people attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are delighted to announce that our final total for the day is £2610 which is a really fantastic figure. Thank you all again for supporting what we think is a very good cause.

Tricia Pitchfork & Anne Elsdon

DVS Wassail Walk

The tradition of Wassailing dates back several centuries and was associated with Christmas and New Year as early as the 1400s. It was a personal way of passing good wishes between friends and family in their area. In Dore the tradition is celebrated as the annual Wassail Walk, organised by Dore Village Society. Last year around 80 people of all ages joined to share winter views and conversation while following paths across Blacka Moor.

The Wassail is a guided walk of not more than five miles, taking around two hours and is designed to gently wake up the limbs after Christmas, and perhaps brace you for more New Year festivities. The pace can be leisurely to suit individual preference, allowing breath for conversation, but enough to stir up the heart and lungs.

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

The 16th Wassail Walk this year will be on Tuesday 27th December, starting at 10.00am from The Old School, Savage Lane. All ages are welcome - please wear suitable walking shoes with a good grip on the soles.

Why not put the date in your diaries now - we look forward to seeing you!

Martin Stranex

DVS Donations

Could your project benefit from a donation from the Dore Village Society?

Each year the DVS makes a number of donations to support other local charities and voluntary organisations whose efforts benefit the Dore community. Typically these donations are made around Christmas and we are now inviting applications for this year's donations. To qualify you have to be a either a registered charity or a voluntary organisation and you must be able to show that you operate within Dore, and that the donation is for the benefit of Dore residents. There must be a discrete and specifically identified need; we do not contribute to general funds or to recurring running costs.

If you would like to apply for a donation please contact the Secretary at The Old Barn, Nab Farm, 44 Savage Lane, S17 3GW by letter or by email to angela.rees@dorevillage.co.uk stating what the money is needed for, how much you are requesting and when it is needed.

Keith Shaw
Chairman, Dore Village Society

Car Parking in Dore – An Update

Earlier in the year a public consultation was held to invite responses to a proposal to introduce time-limited parking in the centre of Dore. These responses have now been considered by representatives from the Transport, Traffic and Parking Services Division of Sheffield Council and Dore Village Society. The result is that a significantly reduced plan will go before Councillors for consideration in December and, if accepted, will be implemented sometime next year. Here is the background to the current position.

The recent proposal arose from the result of a wide consultation which the DVS undertook in 2011. The DVS had, over many years, received a lot of requests from Dore residents to try and persuade the Council to “do something” about traffic congestion in the centre of Dore and the difficulty of finding somewhere to park when visiting the shops. Many of the shopkeepers had also made representations about the loss of business they felt they were experiencing because people couldn't park close to the shops and so were going elsewhere.

Consequently we undertook an extensive consultation in which all shopkeepers were asked for their views, a web-based questionnaire was set up for Dore residents, and a paper equivalent was made available in several shops. This was publicised widely in Dore to Door and on our noticeboards. The results were analysed by an independent organisation from outside of Dore to ensure impartial scrutiny. That organisation then led a further consultation at a public meeting which was held at King Egbert School and attended by a large number of residents, some shopkeepers and representatives from the Transport, Traffic and Parking Services Division of the Council, South Yorkshire Transport, the local Police, and other interested parties.

Of all the options considered by the attendees the one which attracted support by a significant majority was for some form of time limited parking together with monitoring of any displacement of parking into nearby residential streets so that supporting measures such as permit parking for residents and their visitors (family members, visitors and tradesmen, etc) could also be implemented.

We discussed this proposal with Council officers on several occasions. The option for permit parking was rejected by the officers quite early on but in September of last year a new group of officers agreed to consider limited time parking. What emerged from this was the proposed scheme that was put to public consultation in May of this year.

The results of that consultation showed a very significant shift in opinion. Only three shopkeepers supported the proposals, two opposed them, three suggested changes to the scheme and the rest made no response. The response from residents was also very different this time. In 2011 we had over 65 people supporting the original proposals and no dissenters. This time we had 32 people supporting the scheme and 36 objecting, so a fairly close result. Nearly all of the objections were from residents in the village centre. After reviewing the responses the Council officers and the DVS agreed that the objections received by village centre residents should be accorded significant weight and, consequently, the proposed restrictions have been amended considerably to take these into account: the proposals to restrict parking on Devonshire Terrace Road and High Street have been removed and considerably reduced along Causeway Head Road and Townhead Road.

The reduced scheme will now go forward for consideration by Sheffield Councillors.

Keith Shaw

Dore rings its way into the record books



Clockwise from front right: Chris Bostock, Adrian Moreton, James Croft, Simon Reading, Richard Knights, Martin Whiteley, Alan Reading (Conductor), Christopher Bennett.

A record peal was successfully achieved at Dore on 1 October; 10,080 changes of Cornwall Surprise Major. Major means eight bells, surprise describes some characteristics of the method and Cornwall is a unique name.

A band was assembled from as far afield as Bristol, with others from Leeds, Wakefield, Derbyshire, Sheffield and Dore. Whilst Cornwall Surprise Major dates from 1936, it has only been rung to normal three hour peals; these are required to have at least 5,000 changes. Ringing records are kept for peals of 10,000 or more changes.

Those in earshot of the church will have heard the ringing commence just after 10am, with the bells sounding highest to

lowest in order – known as rounds this is the traditional starting point of change ringing. After about a minute the bells started to change order and the peal commenced. Those listening closely will have heard the ringing stop after just 64 changes, 2 or 3 minutes, and commence again shortly afterwards. Three members of the band had misunderstood the meaning of the conductor's calls, the first of which had just occurred. This sorted out ringing recommenced at 10:06am, and 10,080 changes, 71 calls, and 5 hours, 49 minutes and 17 seconds later the bells returned to rounds. With very little incident the peal had been completed. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers subsequently ratified the peal as a record on the recommendation of the four umpires.

With thanks for the life of Sheila Wilkinson, long time member of Christ Church Dore, who died in October.

The peal was sponsored in aid of Christ Church Development Fund and has raised some £500. A “guess the time” competition was won by Jacob Bush who chose the nearest half-minute, 5h:49m:30s.

Richard Knights

Butcher bows out

Sad to note the passing of the village butchers who closed their doors at the end of October, Anthony having decided to go in a different direction.

At the time of writing there appear to be no firm plans as to the future of the premises, other than the notice in the window saying that “the shop may be taken over by a new proprietor shortly”. Whether this will be another butcher we don't know.

Best wishes to Anthony and his team for their future endeavours.

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It's that time of year again when we send out reminders to renew your subscription to the Dore Village Society so I thought I'd take this opportunity to review how we spend your money.

We have two sources of income: subscriptions and donations from members, and advertising revenue from Dore to Door. Subscription and donation income is used to pay for the day-to-day running costs of the Society: rental of our meeting room in the Old School, insurances of various types to cover the events we organise, paying for technical support for our website and membership database, miscellaneous items such as telephone, Internet connection, postage and consumables, and similar.

Until recently subscription income just about covered our running costs. There are always new members joining and existing members leaving and usually these have more or less balanced out but, over the last three years, membership has declined to the point where this is no longer the case and we have had to use our reserves to make up the difference.

Currently we have about 870 members and we need about 1,060 to break even. Over the last year we have lost 172 members who didn't renew their membership and if we hadn't lost these they would have brought us close to our target. So the current decline is a source of concern and we would like to find out why this is. Consequently we have commissioned a telephone survey to identify why people are not renewing their subscriptions. If you receive a call from us on this issue we would really appreciate it if you can give us your comments.

Advertising revenue from Dore to Door pays for all of the other activities which we organise, sponsor or otherwise pay for such as the various Doreways exhibitions, the Lantern parade, the Christmas decorations and trees, the Dragon Hunt, the Dore Show, the Wassail Walk, occasional events such as this year's celebration on the village green of the Queen's 90th birthday, and donations to various charitable activities and voluntary groups. We are also funding the development of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan which the Dore Neighbourhood Forum is currently working on.

Every household in Dore (and that's about 3,500) receives Dore to Door free irrespective of their membership status so there's clearly scope for us to try and persuade non-members to join the DVS and, through their subscriptions, help us to sustain the work we do on your behalf. So, if you didn't renew for this year (or if you have never joined but feel that what we do for the community is worthwhile) please renew or join for next year. Membership forms are in this issue of Dore to Dore and can also be obtained by calling in at the DVS office, or from the membership secretary Kath Lawrence (*kath.lawrence@dorevillage.co.uk* or phone on 0114 236 2758), or by downloading from the DVS website (*www.dorevillage.co.uk/joindvs*). We now have the ability to accept payment by standing order as well as by cash or cheque. Unfortunately we cannot yet process payments online.

In order to reduce costs we are encouraging members to let us have email addresses so that we can reduce the number of letters which we need to post. Although this is an infrequent occurrence there are times when we need to get in touch with all members, for example with news about public meetings and consultations about the work of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum. Currently about 300 members have supplied their email addresses, leaving 570 or so to whom we have to write. Each letter costs about £1, so a mailing costs us in excess of £500. We take great care to ensure that members email addresses are kept confidential (as we do with postal addresses and telephone numbers) and we have a privacy policy on this matter which is as follows:

When you join the Dore Village Society you supply information to us. This is what we will do and what we will not do with that information.

We will only use the information:

- To maintain a record of who is a member of the Dore Village Society.
- To communicate with you about any aspect of the Dore Village Society and its activities.
- To compile our annual accounts.
- To recover money from HMRC for subscriptions paid through Gift Aid.

We will not pass any information to any third party unless there is a legal requirement to do so, for example to comply with Gift Aid legislation.

Now on to other things.

This year's Dore Show was once again a well attended and enjoyable event. It was also my last one as chairman of the Dore Show committee. I would like to end that role by thanking everyone on the planning committee, and the volunteers who turn out to set up and work on the day, who have worked hard

over the last several years to make the show a success, the DVS committee for its unfailing support, and all of you who have come along to exhibit or to visit, for without you there would be no purpose in having a show. I have enjoyed my role immensely over the years and it has been a privilege to see the pleasure and enjoyment which this event brings to the many people who attend.

It has been eight years since I joined the committee and much has changed in that time. In particular we now have far more activities for younger children. The show is on a sound financial footing and is self-funding. We have a full complement of helpers who are likely to be with us for a few more years (several new ones were recruited this year). Our image has been transformed by the introduction of the banners which are placed around the village to advertise the event, and by the quality of the posters we put in the noticeboards. Last year saw a major change from a simple home-produced programme to a full colour, multi-page programme.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the village Christmas trees are scheduled for installation on Saturday 26th November, with the Christmas lights shortly after that. Help is needed with these tasks (there are eight trees in all) so if you have time to come along and give a hand it would be greatly appreciated. Just turn up at 10am outside Hartley's Fruit Cabin or email Geoff Cope at *g.h.cope@btinternet.com* to find out what is involved. Geoff will also need help taking the trees and lights down on Saturday 7th January.

The Lantern Parade will take place on the evening of Wednesday 30th November and there's further information about this elsewhere in this edition.

Then after Christmas there is the annual Wassail Walk on 27th December. This is a very popular event for all the family and is a gentle amble of about five miles onto and around Blacka Moor. This is a chance to clear your head and fill your lungs with fresh air, and is followed by seasonal refreshments of mince pies, hot punch and non-alcoholic drinks in the Old School. Start at 10 am from the Old School playground.

Also watch out for the DVS calendar which is on sale at various outlets in the village.

Keith Shaw

Councillors' Surgeries

Second Saturday of each month

10.30am - noon in the DVS Office

above the Old School

(round the back and up the stairs)

One for two replacement?

Welcome to the latest news from Save Dore Trees. Many residents have been closely following the campaign for the last year or so, here's a chance to catch up with recent developments.

Following the first batch of final decision notices which were published by Sheffield City Council in July, there has to date only been one further announcement for ten more streets across the city. Two of these roads are local to us, Blackamoor Road and Ashfurlong Road. Nine trees are confirmed to go on Ashfurlong and one tree on Blackamoor. However, there has been some confusion on Blackamoor as to which of two trees in the same grass verge is the condemned one but, despite our representations to Cllr Bryan Lodge, SCC appear to be standing firm in their assessment and decision. The trees and their perceived problems are apparently almost identical, so for one to be felled and the other not considered to be an issue, is perverse to say the least. Do pop up and have a look for yourselves!

At the time of writing, the final decisions are still awaited for Devonshire Drive, Furniss Avenue, The Grove, Burlington Road, King Egbert Road, Vernon Road, Chatsworth Road and Abbeydale Park Rise. We have no idea really, why it is taking so long to hear what SCC have decided. Residents on these specific streets submitted their surveys almost a year ago and we know that the bulk of the Independent Tree Panel's work was completed at the start of this year so no one would have anticipated such a lengthy delay.

New surveys have recently closed for a large number of streets in Millhouses, Nether Edge, Meersbrook, Greenhill and other areas. Many roads in these nearby suburbs will be changed beyond recognition if the plans come to fruition. The only local involvement was one tree on Rushley Road, positioned near the sub-station and adjacent to the Scout Hut. It appears to be a healthy tree but is assessed as causing damage to a stone wall. This tree has been referred to the ITP.

You will no doubt have noticed that some of the empty tree pits are now planted with substitute trees. A very welcome sight. However, some of the trees put in on, for example, Busheywood Road during the previous planting season, were looking very unhappy over the summer months so we must hope that all these specimens become successfully established. If you are worried about the health of any new tree, please report it to Streets Ahead.

Residents on Totley Brook Road are concerned that although four of the majestic lime trees were removed, only two new pits have been prepared. The policy is for one for one replacement so information is currently being sought on this issue. In addition, the new trees are being positioned kerb side rather than following the line of the original avenue of trees.

It was good to meet and speak to folk attending Dore Show in September. It is clear that although there are varying degrees of concern and interest in the trees, there are very few folk who do not appreciate the valuable contribution on so many levels that our mature and healthy street trees make to our lives. We continue to lobby for the retention of our remaining trees and would welcome any support or input from local residents.

And finally, a date for your diary! Save Dore Trees invite you to join us for a fun singalong of carols and Christmas songs for all the family. We will be meeting on Saturday 17 December, starting at 5pm under the lights of Abbeydale Park Rise, then moving on to Brinkburn Vale Road and finally to the Vernon Oak. Look forward to seeing you. Xmas jumpers and flashing antlers most welcome! More details nearer the time will be available on social media.

Please note, if felling commences in our area, please phone Ann Anderson on 07715 623523 and also report any other issues or concerns by email at annanddavid3@sky.com.

Follow us on Twitter: [VernonOak@savedoretrees](https://twitter.com/VernonOak@savedoretrees) and on Facebook: [Save Dore Trees](https://www.facebook.com/SaveDoreTrees).

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Make High Street safer

Local resident Katie Salt has launched a campaign to reduce traffic hazards on High Street after she and her two-year old child were almost run over on their way to nursery school.



The online petition at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/make-dore-high-street-safer> calls for

- Traffic calming measures on High Street to reduce speed of traffic, and create a safer, wider pavement for pedestrians between Dore Road and Savage Lane;
- 20mph speed limits on High Street, Church Lane and Savage Lane and making the narrow section of road between The Devonshire Arms and Dore Road a one way system;
- Better marked School signage along High Street, Church Lane and Savage Lane.

The idea of making High Street one way

between Causeway Head and Savage Lane was first mooted back in the 1960s but nothing has ever come of it. On the face of it this seems sensible, but think for a minute. If it came to pass, then all through traffic would be forced along Devonshire Terrace Road past the Co-op, past the buses waiting at the terminus, and the inevitable driver parked on the double yellows because they're "only going to be a minute". The traffic on that stretch of road is bad enough already, do you really want to double it?

The eminently sensible proposal of extending the bus route down Dore Road to turn around at the railway station has failed to attract any enthusiasm from those involved in making the decisions. This move would not only provide a valuable rail-bus link for us, but would remove buses from the village centre loop; heavy traffic which our little village roads were never designed to take.

Colin Ross adds; "Speeding traffic and dangerous driving through the village is a concern to us all. As your local Councillors we have worked with the Dore Village Society to champion the idea of making the village a 20mph zone. It has been included in the list of future potential schemes but there is no date as yet for its implementation. In the meantime we urge all drivers to take extra care as they pass through the village and look out for pedestrians on the narrow pavements."

The Neighbourhood Forum has a

dedicated working group looking into all aspects of transport infrastructure, but as things stand their Neighbourhood Plan for the village is still some time away.

In the meantime, please support Katie's petition and maybe we can get something done about one of Dore's most dangerous traffic spots. Katie is aiming for 3000 signatures.

John Eastwood

* Dore Primary School road safety week: see page 9.

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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.

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Cafe of love



A warm village welcome to Cristina and John, who took over the coffee lounge on Causeway Head Road at the end of September.

Together for fifteen years, Cristina trained in law and John was a qualified social worker before they decided to take the plunge and go into business together. "It's such a change," Cristina says. "I never dreamed that I would do something like this for a living, but five or six years ago we had a talk and decided that one day we would have our cafe."

Much saving and a house purchase later, they were in a position to look for a business about eighteen months ago and the search began. When they came to Dore to look around, it was the people they met that persuaded them, as much as the business itself. "Everyone has been so, so lovely, so friendly" Cristina explains. "They've all helped with whatever they could, for instance there were some mistakes in the menu and one guy who comes in regularly put them right for us."

The couple are from Romania and came to the UK almost a decade ago. So, I ask, will there be any Romanian food on the menu? Realising as the words came out of my mouth that I have no idea what Romanian cuisine looks like. A bit of everything, Cristina says, Romania sitting as it does on a crossroads in central Europe. Armies and travellers passing through over the centuries have all left their influences. And yes, they'd like to do a Romanian evening at the cafe, but as they haven't yet taken on any staff this is something for the future. The main concern when I visited was that the signwriter has let them down, and there's still no name over the door. Hopefully by the time you read this that work will have been done.

Cristina is politely disparaging of British food. "I do like the turkey at Christmas, but I still can't understand gravy; I know a lot of people like it but I'm not a big fan."

They are a charming couple and work well together, with John manning the counter and taking care of barista duties, whilst Cristina looks after the kitchen. Sadly on my visit I didn't have time to try the food, but the coffee is very good. Very good indeed. Next time you're out shopping pop in and say hello, you're sure to be given a warm welcome.

John Eastwood



Road Safety Week



See what they did there? Dore pupils re-enact a famous scene

As the winter is drawing near and the evenings are getting longer, we would like to talk road safety again.

At Dore Primary we will be celebrating the Road Safety Week between 21 and 27 November. It is an opportunity to engage the whole Dore community to think about this year's theme is as it is all about sustainability.

At Dore Primary we will be thinking about how keeping healthy can help keep us safer on the roads and make our air cleaner.

We will be asking the local businesses to display posters designed by the kids. We have seen several great road safety initiatives in our community recently which the Road Safety Group is keen to support.

So, this winter please drive slowly, save your fuel and help us keep our keen little walkers safe en route to school.

30 years ago...

From Dore to Door #4, Winter 1986

Dore School of Theatre Dance

Dore Church Hall on an evening in September 1961 was the venue where 16 year old Bobbie Bolton held her first dancing class, charging 14 young dancers 2/6d each.

From Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th December, the School is celebrating by holding a Silver Jubilee Show in the Church Hall.

Bobbie, now Bobbie Drakeford, began dancing at the age of 2½ with Peggy Harrison as her teacher. After qualifying as teacher of dancing at the age of 16, she began holding classes, with Peter Hawksley playing the piano.

The School progressed, and now pupils can study all types of dance, including ballet, tap, stage, modern and gymnastic, from beginners to advanced level, and there are several dancers in the 30-50 age group.

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A Saturday Afternoon Debating the Neighbourhood Plan

Those volunteers who have been working hard to prepare a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Dore were delighted so many residents were sufficiently interested in the issues raised to give up time on a Saturday afternoon at the King Egbert School on 1 October to debate draft policies and proposals in two public workshops under the guidance of an independent professional facilitator, Mandy Wilson. Thanks to Mandy, all our volunteers, and particularly to our catering volunteers, both workshops were constructive, productive and thought-provoking.



Photo by Mandy Wilson

Importantly, there was general endorsement of our Vision and Objectives, but some useful pointers for adjustment. As draftsmen we accepted the criticism that we need to be more precise in the use of terms masquerading as equivalents – like village, neighbourhood, centre and community – allowing each a clearer definition and use. Indeed, given the propensity in planning for complex terminology, we intend to clarify our language and provide a glossary.

What powerfully emerged was the backing which residents gave to the National Park's policies and conservation and to the protection of the Green Belt girdle round Dore. If there are any moves to weaken the Green Belt designations which protect the Park and the attractive landscapes between Dore and the Park – whether from developers or a planning authority anxious to meet housing targets for Sheffield – the people of Dore will be formidable opponents. There was also widespread support for designating and better managing local green spaces within Dore's existing otherwise built-up areas.

What emerged as controversial and requiring more examination was the section in the Plan on the village centre. There is a need to embark on specific consultation initiatives with both businesses trading and residents living in the centre to ensure that their different perspectives are considered and reconciled in a way which supports both the vitality and viability of the commercial and service heart of the village and the attractiveness of the area as one in which to live, to meet and feel safe.

Dore residents value the character of the housing areas in which they live and appreciate the low housing densities which they enjoy, much lower than exist in many other parts of the city. They value the fact that hitherto the City Council has recognised the distinctive characters of housing areas in the south-west of Sheffield and hope that for the future these lower densities will be seen as being vital to that character. Our Plan needs to better articulate the characters and densities of Dore's housing areas.

There was general agreement on the conservation policies and proposals in the draft Plan but a concern about the weakness of some recent enforcement decisions. It was recognised that the proposal to create a new Conservation Area on Lower Dore Road and part of Abbeydale Road South required that a specific consultation should (and, indeed, will) take place with the residents in that area.

One theme of intense interest in the workshops concerned transport, both public and private, safe village roads and appropriate car parking arrangements in the village centre and near the Dore and Totley railway station. There was strong support for traffic management and speed restrictions on Long Line, on Dore Road, within the heart of the village, where road safety is an issue, and to a certain extent throughout the residential areas. As our road surfaces are re-laid the temptation to drive faster will increase. We need to re-examine the measures to be taken, but the sobering constraint is that change is not in the gift of Dore itself, but requires action by the cash-strapped City Council, by private bus companies, by the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport

Executive and other parties. Some of the discussion on these issues is entirely appropriate for the Plan, but part of it may be better handled outside the Neighbourhood Plan process.

This is a reminder that the Plan contains both policies and proposals. The policies are for Dore itself to devise and secure referendum support from its residents, at which point the policies become part of the suite of planning policies determining planning applications. The proposals effectively become Dore's agreed wish-list of actions which it wants other public bodies to take in the interests of the people of Dore. The workshops played a part in making that distinction and its consequences clearer.

There is more work for the draftsmen to do, which will involve further activity within some of our Working Groups, and further specific, rather than general public, consultations to undertake. As the text becomes more settled we can pay more attention to its presentation and the supporting maps required. The workshops demonstrated how much Dore residents can themselves contribute to this planning process: it is not just for appointed Steering and Working Groups to determine where all this leads, but rather for residents to consider what further they can do to help. Offers of help are welcomed.

Christopher Pennell
Chair of Dore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

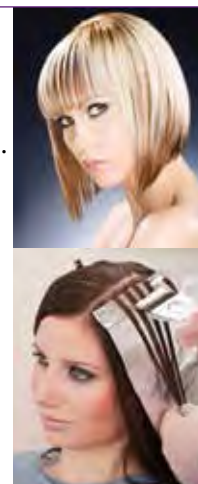
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Who are we? Dore Village Society has decided to start this series of biographies of its committee members with the intention of giving a clearer idea of their backgrounds, interests (and faces!). All are volunteers with service to the village at heart... and fresh blood is always welcome. On this and the next page we feature three committee members this time; more in future issues.



Christopher Pennell

Christopher was raised in Stoke-on-Trent, in sight of collieries and distant Peak District hills. Both played major roles in his later life. Escaping from the Potteries, he read law at Oxford.

He joined the NCB/British Coal, working first for the Board itself, then as PPS to its Chairman, then in procurement until he became the Head of Purchasing & Supply for the whole organisation, with an annual spend of £1.3 billion, buying everything from huge tunnelling machines to protective clothing, and managing a £70m turnover central workshops business.

Having been down around 100 collieries, he finally led the coal privatisation project, working with merchant bankers and corporate lawyers and negotiating with senior civil servants.

Turning down an offer to help lead rail privatisation, he chose instead a job which suited his love of the Peak District and of historic buildings, becoming for a decade the National Trust's Director in the East Midlands, stretching from south Northamptonshire to the Humber and across towards Stockport.

In Dore's vicinity he was responsible for Clumber Park, Hardwick Hall and 13% of the Peak District National Park's surface area. He managed aesthetes, conservators, fund-raisers, rural surveyors (for the 70 farming tenants on his patch) in one of the nation's best-loved charities.

Thereafter he opted for a non-exec portfolio life on public bodies in the heritage and environmental world. Over a nine-year period he was, mainly simultaneously, a founding national Board Member of Natural England and Chair of its Audit Committee, a Member of the Peak District National Park Authority (including membership of its Planning Committee and Chairmanship of its Audit, Resources and Performance Committee), and Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund's East Midlands Committee. He was also Deputy Chair of Moors for the Future, a ground-breaking moorland restoration body. In 2014 he was appointed MBE for services to heritage in the East Midlands.

Christopher chairs the steering group preparing Dore's Neighbourhood Plan and is Chair of the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. He has been a parish councillor and Town Mayor in rural South Yorkshire and a trustee of CPRE.

He and his wife Jenny have lived in Dore for 19 years, first in Brinkburn Vale Road and now in Rushley Drive, and they have three grand-daughters. He reads and travels extensively, still walks the hills, practises yoga, campaigns against unnecessary tree-felling, and remains infinitely curious.



Kath Lawrence

Kath was born in London and gained her first degree in Sociology at East London University when her children were young. At the time she was involved in amateur dramatics and operatics in which she was later joined by her two daughters.

Her Human Resources career began in the City of London with Coopers and Lybrand (now Price Waterhouse Coopers). Throughout her career she gained extensive knowledge of investment banking for Australian, Japanese, South African and American investment banks and stockbrokers. This took her to America and Europe, including Russia, where she recruited students for The Chancellor's scheme following perestroika.

A significant personal interest was the encouragement of women to return to work after having families, a subject she frequently lectured on. As a believer in continuous education, Kath undertook various academic courses during her career, inspiring those who joined her graduate recruitment programmes to strive to reach their full potential.

She completed a Masters in Business Administration in 2000 but soon afterwards decided to give up full time work as her husband had already taken early retirement to concentrate on writing. The pair travelled extensively, most memorably on Concorde and to the Galapagos Islands.

In 2002 a love of the Peak District where her husband's work had taken them led to a move to Sheffield which also meant that their keen interest in all things theatrical could be satisfied, including starting an entertainment group to raise funds for St. Luke's Hospice.

To fill her spare time, Kath was encouraged to take up art, her grandfather's profession, and has furnished the walls of their new home and those of their daughters. She has also produced tactile art for the Sheffield Blind Society and donates pictures to charity auctions.

Her daughters have busy careers and they and two granddaughters all love to visit Kath's new house, built on Dore Road in 2008, which started a trend in modern design. She is a keen gardener and recently opened her garden for the annual Dore Open Gardens event.

Kath was recruited as Membership Secretary of the Dore Village Society in 2011 and helped with the introduction of the new membership database. She especially enjoys talking to older members about their memories of Dore and the families that were brought up here.

John Clark 1940-2016



Andy Pack

Andy qualified as a teacher in York before returning here and teaching Physical Education for 24 years in three Sheffield secondary schools – Thornbridge, Norfolk and Westfield – before a career change took him to Sheffield United FC in 1995.

He was Publicity Officer and ultimately Media Manager throughout a period in which the professional game underwent significant changes in terms of finance, administration, media attention and the increasing need to engage with supporters/media in a rapidly developing environment.

He managed the Club's media obligations and requirements involving the manager, players and officials, working closely with local and national journalists in the print, radio and television industries. Andy was responsible on a day to day basis for the content and production of the Club's match day programme, website content including video, interviews and other publications and events.

He worked with a succession of high profile managers including Dave Bassett, Howard Kendall, Neil Warnock and Bryan Robson, and was in post during the infamous Carlos Tevez case which saw Sheffield United successfully challenge the football authorities and which featured regularly on national headlines.

When legendary Brazilian former footballer Pele visited the Club, Andy hosted an exclusive dinner event in his honour which included conducting a lengthy 'Parkinson' style interview. Following a year as consultant, Andy left in 2012 and has pursued some PR, media and journalistic projects on a more occasional basis.

In 2014 he worked with former Blades' striker Keith Edwards to produce the player's autobiography and is currently researching for two more books including Tony Currie's own official life-story. Andy still watches SUFC at home and away and occasionally reports on their fixtures for BBC Radio Sheffield which he did regularly in the early 1990s.

Joining the DVS Committee in 2014 he has been responsible for the publicity of its events, and become an active committee member for the Dore Show. He serves on the Steering Group for the Dore Neighbourhood Plan and contributes articles to Dore to Door.

Andy has lived on Busheywood Road since 1988 and has, with partner Denise, twice shown their garden for the annual Dore Open Gardens event. He maintains a healthy lifestyle, stays fit, reads and follows numerous sports closely, particularly cricket, tennis, rugby union and boxing in addition to football.



Dore and Totley said goodbye to a well-known personality in September with the death of John Clark. John delivered milk in the area for over half a century, back in the days when the daily pinta came in glass bottles, hand-delivered with a clink and a rattle to your doorstep whatever the weather by the hardiest of souls, of whom John was undoubtedly one. Indeed he reportedly never took a day off in 58 years 'on't milk' as he put it, making sure that his round was completed each day even through the long and bitter winters of 1963 and 1978.

John was born in Dore in 1940, and in 1954 moved to what was then The Grouse pub on Strawberry Lee Lane, where his parents had taken over the license. By then John was already delivering milk, helping out on a round from the age of twelve.

The pub closed for business in 1960, but the family continued to live in the building and it was to be John's home for the rest of his life.

John married Sandra in 1965 and became a well known face around the area through his job. He had many friends, as evidenced by the number of people who attended his funeral. He was a regular patron of the Crown Inn, and also of the Dore Club where he had held continuous membership since 1964. He retired in 2011.

Dore to Door would like to add our sympathy to Sandra, their children Tim, Louise and Alison, and the wider family for their sad loss.

Splish splash

Dear John,

The photo of the car braving the flood on Savage Lane (*issue 123*) was an excellent indication of the amount of water lying just beneath the surface of the village which requires little rainfall to bring it to the surface. Some local residents, myself included, have had flooded cellars over the years, although this is a problem that seems to come and go as the years pass by. Whether this phenomenon is due to the underground streams finding new courses or results from drainage alterations, one can only guess. May I take the opportunity of offering my view on the origin of the name 'Dore'? Most people I have talked to believe it means a door way or portal, possibly connected with the village being on a boundary – referred to in the Time Travellers' article in the same issue. Based on the fact that the Welsh word for water is 'dwr', my theory is that it may have Celtic origin and refers to Dore as a place with a lot of water, rather than a door.

Mick Savage

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Activities and Events for Young Children in December and the School Holidays

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Saturdays: 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 10:00am until 5:00pm; Sundays: 4th, 11th and 18th December from 11:00am until 4:00pm; Monday 19th (10am to 5pm) until Saturday 24th (10am to 4pm). Entry is £6 per child and includes a gift. There's no need to book, just turn up but please note that Santa's appearance times may vary. Times can be checked on arrival.

Then there's Breakfast with Santa on Sundays 4th and 11th December from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Join Santa at Weston Park for a special festive breakfast where younger visitors can write their Christmas list and show it to the man himself in person. You'll also get a tasty breakfast sandwich and drink, as well as a discount on the Santa at the Museum grotto.

The Price is £9.95 and booking is essential. Call on 0114 278 2647 or email events@museums-sheffield.org.uk.

And there's also several Festive Factory events on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December, and again on Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd and Saturday 24th (all from 1pm until 4pm).

These combine their Discovery Day sessions with a touch of Christmas sparkle to create their Festive Factory. These are free drop-in sessions where children make their own festive creations to take away. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Location for all events: Weston Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TP. Phone: 0114 278 2600

For more information go to their website at: <http://www.museums-sheffield.org.uk/whats-on/events/2016/12/>

Christmas Wreath Making. This is being held at the Sheffield General Cemetery, Sheffield, S11 8NT on Saturday 10th December from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm with free refreshments. All materials are sourced from the Cemetery site. A minimum donation of £5 per wreath is requested to cover the costs of the event.

Pushabout Clumber. Taking place on Wednesdays 14th and 28th December from 10:00 am to 11:00 am these Pushabout walks are aimed at anyone walking with a baby or toddler in a pushchair wanting to become more physically active. The walks are over terrain suitable for pushchairs and last approximately one hour, usually with a distance of two to three miles. The starting place is the Clock Tower which is located within the main facilities area of Clumber Park.

The events are free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue. For information email: clumber.rangers@nationaltrust.org.uk or phone on 01909 544 928.

Budding Picassos Ceramic Cafe is a paint your own pottery studio based in Sheffield with bright and airy premises. There are over a hundred different pottery pieces to choose from including mugs, plates, teapots, money banks and trinket boxes. Having chosen your pot you paint, stamp, stencil away as much as you like, with help from their staff if you want it. Your pot is then fired in their kiln and you collect your finished piece of pottery at a later date.

During the school holidays they run themed pottery painting workshops for children. Past workshops have included the Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland and Charlie and the chocolate factory. Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to paint too, or alternatively just sit back and enjoy refreshments. The cafe serves a variety of freshly ground real bean coffees, speciality teas and luxury hot chocolates and a selection of cakes, including wheat free brownies and blondies.

Facilities include a baby changing space and the cafe is baby

and breast feeding friendly and can provide milk warming facilities for babies.

It's a good idea to call them and book a place before setting off to make sure they are open and have places available, and to confirm admission prices as these can range from £3 to £30.

Opening times in term time: Monday and Thursday to Saturday, 10.00am to 5.00pm; Sunday: 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Opening times in school holidays: Monday to Saturday: 10.00am to 5.00pm; Sunday: 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Location: 768 Chesterfield Road, S8 0SF, Tel: 0114 250 8500, email: enquiries@buddingpicassos.co.uk

Planet Pot is another paint your own pottery studio, this time in Nether Green offering very similar experiences and activities for young children. It also organises "crafty" parties where they can celebrate special days. The party person also gets to put their hand on the original wall of fame. Party food is provided fresh from a local Deli on the day, and you are only charged for the number of guests that come, not the planned number.

A wide range of children's and adult's clubs and workshops are provided throughout the year. To find out more go to their website (<http://www.planetpot.co.uk>) which includes details of any special events or seasonal activities.

High chairs are available but there are no baby changing facilities.

As with the Budding Picassos Ceramic Cafe it's a good idea to call them and book a place before setting off to make sure they are open and have places available, and to confirm admission prices. Opening times are Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Closed on Mondays.

Location: 102 Hangingwater Road, Nethergreen, S11 7ER; Tel: 0114 230 6479. email: paula@planetpot.co.uk

The Climbing Works offers something a little more adventurous and caters for children from age two upwards. It claims to be Europe's biggest and best dedicated bouldering centre and includes a dedicated children's bouldering facility called The Mini Works. Parents can turn up, have a short induction and then supervise their children as they climb. There are climbing classes for children, beginners and improvers plus family taster sessions but contact The Climbing Works before you set off to make sure they are open and to confirm admission prices. These vary according to time of day and age from £5 to £7.50.

The Climbing Works (for adults) is open on weekdays from midday to 10pm and at weekends from midday to 8pm and the Mini Works on weekdays from 10am until 8pm and weekends from 9.30am until 6pm. There's a cafe with snacks, cold drinks and coffee but no hot or fresh food, although there are sandwich shops nearby. Toilets include a baby changing room.

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Here's the irony. David was a Corporate and Commercial Manager with NatWest Bank for over 20 years, and now his premises on Causeway Head Road are the ones vacated earlier this year by... HSBC.

David, born in Todwick and now living on the edge of Sheffield, established himself at NatWest until experiencing one of those 'moments': "I did the job for so long but never really settled in banking.

"You get to 40 and think, do I want to be doing this for another 20 years? I wanted a career change but what else could I do? I'd had treatment on my neck once and maybe that had sown a seed because I looked around for courses and found one in Keele, near Stoke."

It was designed for people who already had jobs and could travel for weekend lectures, enabling them to study whilst working. He was made redundant around halfway through, in 2009, following the financial crash. Fortunately, the settlement helped him complete the course and qualify in 2011, including clocking up 1200 hours of clinical, hands-on experience.

The usual route in to the profession is to become a locum at several different clinics at once to make up a working week:

"I rented a room for one day a week at Synergy in Totley, along with others in Derby, Leek and Chesterfield, building my client base. As it gradually increased in Sheffield I shed some of the others until I felt able to acquire my own premises.

"I wanted to be around the S17 area where most of my existing clients were and I wasn't prepared to compromise, even though

I missed out on or two possibilities. When HSBC moved out I quickly secured a lease agreement."

Now his premises include specialists in stress management, massage, reiki and reflexology all under the banner of Hallamshire Osteopathy and Health Care Clinic. Only six months on from seeing his first patient in Dore David has doubled his former Totley client base, is ahead of his projections and partly attributes that to walk-ins:

"It's been pleasantly surprising just how many people have simply popped in to ask if I can help with something that is troubling them. A chat can help them decide whether to book treatment. I don't claim to have magic hands but some regular 'illness' complaints can be caused by something I can treat."

It can be confusing for us to understand the differences in the philosophies of medical specialisms and, as a consequence, difficult for us to choose which might best suit our particular problem.

David accepts that all have their place: "Physiotherapy tends to be exercise based and chiropractic generally involves cracking joints. The theories behind both are logical - but you would be surprised how different practitioners in the same field go about their work. I crack joints occasionally too if I think it is appropriate, so you cannot really generalise to the extent that I've just done!

"My view on osteopathy is that the body is a unit, everything is linked and affects everything else. You can't look at one bit and say that is what we will treat because the cause might be related to something elsewhere – it's often a chain of events. For example, a fallen arch in someone's foot could even be the cause of persistent headaches."

New clients discuss their full medical history, medication, previous medical traumas, surgery, and how they go about their daily lives with David to enable him to work out and analyse why problems have occurred.

"That procedure is extremely important as I treat to remove the symptoms but also, if I can, eliminate the cause. The client is told what the plan is with regard to treatment and, in many cases, given appropriate exercises to perform that will aid their recovery – should they wish to."

Clients with Westfield Health Membership can, dependent on their policy levels, normally reclaim three quarters of osteopathy charges which are competitive anyway, and osteopaths treat more symptoms than you realise:

"One lady has regular treatment for a back problem and mentioned discomfort in her foot. When I offered to investigate she was surprised to hear that I could treat the whole body – there is a common misconception that we only treat backs which is far from the truth.

"If you have a pain somewhere I could probably see you within 24 hours, a whole lot quicker than many of the alternatives which could take weeks to sit you down and conduct a thorough examination."

Footnote: David can also treat animals, usually dogs, even the occasional horse problem, because "mammals are basically made of the same stuff as us and the classic principles of treatment are universally applicable." Ask him about healing the limping wild pigeon!



Interview by Andy Pack

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Flood Protection For Sheffield

With memories of the awful floods in Sheffield in 2007, and conscious of increasing risk of flooding with changing weather patterns arising from global warming, Sheffield City Council has wisely lobbied Government for more financial support for better flood protection for Sheffield, which lies so close to upland water catchments and at the confluences of several river systems from the west and north. They are currently consulting the public on their latest proposals worked out with the help of global engineering consultants, ARUP.

There are five potential stages for flood protection:

1. Retaining heavy rainwater for as long as possible where it falls on the upland catchments instead of rushing immediately down stream towards the city.
2. Slowing storm flows on the lower catchment streams so that they do not overwhelm downstream protections.
3. Introducing bunded or barraged temporary flood storage areas close to and/or inside the residential boundary of the city to temporarily hold back flood water which might otherwise overwhelm downstream flood defence walls
4. Containing the flow of floodwater as it passes through the city by, for example, increasing the height of flood walls.
5. Increasing the resilience of buildings within the city to enable people and property to withstand the impacts of flooding.

It is a sad fact that many of our towns and cities are at greater risk of flooding because of poor planning and building practices and over-engineered defence measures taken in the past which involved canalising natural rivers, encouraging them to flow faster and, ironically, deliver disasters quicker. What is important to ensure is that we don't make the same mistakes again, and yet the current proposals concentrate rather more heavily on engineering at 3 and 4 above and are in some danger of neglecting 1 and 2.

While we cannot forgo some hard defences, we should always err towards working with Nature rather than against it. That's why I think that a sound comprehensive flood protection plan should exploit the opportunities at 1 and 2 in preference to over-relying on downstream costly engineering. Heavy rainfalls rush off our moorland uplands because we have in the past failed to keep the moorland bogs healthy. Anyone who has walked our upland moors knows only too well how we have lost sphagnum moss, how our peat has eroded with deep gullies cutting through the spongy layers to bedrock, and how in some cases state money has been spent in error in the past to drain water-retaining

soils. Much is being done now by some enlightened moorland owners to restore moorland peat bogs so that they can act as more effective natural sponges to retain or, at least, slow the release of storm waters. Sheffield City Region should campaign for Government to increase the pace of moorland restoration instead of leaving funding to the HLF and European Union as has been the case for the innovative National Park-sponsored Moors for the Future project of which I was Deputy Chair; and we shouldn't forget, of course, that the City Council owns extensive moorland itself.

Somewhat lower down in the catchment in the farmlands outside or just within the city boundaries (sometimes owned by the City Council) there are opportunities (some identified by ARUP) for beneficial tree-planting and modest wooden 'dams' on small streams which can become fast-flowing torrents during storms. These 'dams', tiny though they are, can slow flood waters or partially divert them into temporary ponds in lower-lying and damp corners of fields. Brexit will require that in the future our own Government determines what criteria will justify the payment of subsidies to farmers: wouldn't a good reason for subsidies arise if some farmers were willing to create small flood protection areas on the less productive areas of their farms. Again, a useful area for Sheffield to stress to Government. Indeed, to what extent could our drinking water reservoirs play a bigger role in regulating flood water flows instead of concentrating solely on drinking-water supply – a further case for campaigning, this time to change OfWat rules governing water utility objectives.

If much more is done to boost the contribution made from these softer natural interventions, then less hard engineering interventions will need to be made at 3 and 4. While some of the proposals at 3 and 4 are reasonable to supplement natural measures – such as the creation of new pocket parks set back from the downstream rivers but helping to provide riverside access, or the temporary diversion of river water into bunded storage areas alongside the river on land normally used for recreation purposes, like the cricket pitch at Millhouses Park – others represent unjustifiable substantial permanent structures in existing places of beauty and biodiversity, such as the 300 metre wide permanent 30 feet high barrage proposed to be built across Totley Brook in the ancient Gillfield Wood.

While we must applaud the City Council for thinking ahead to provide better flood protection measures for its existing low-lying central homes, businesses and public facilities, it needs also to facilitate the development of 43,000 new homes by 2034, a good proportion of these will be located in the centre of the city and will need to be flood-proofed before being authorised for construction. Flood protection planning needs to look well ahead and cannot afford to neglect any potential opportunity for slowing the flow of storm surges; and that must surely include increasing natural flood management as well as funding prestige engineering projects which surely should not be placed in highly valued woodlands. This will require improved partnerships with upland and land management bodies from the water utilities to the National Park Authority to charities like the National Trust and the local Wildlife Trust.

Let's hope that Cllr Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for the Environment, is totally up to speed on this one and is not dazzled by his expensive consulting engineers.

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Bradway Bank, circa 1900

Two views, of and from Bradway Bank here which as far as we can guess were taken in about 1900. They may even have been taken by the same photographer on the same day; cameras were pretty rare back then.

The picture above is taken from West View Lane, showing the footpath leading up to Prospect Place and Queen Victoria Road. The footpath still exists but now runs between West View Flats, and the remainder of the land is wooded rather than being actively farmed as shown here.

The picture below is taken from that footpath, higher up the hill and looking back towards Dore. We can see the beginnings of Totley Brook

Road, with just the first dozen or so houses built. The little lane which you can just see on the very left of the picture is the approximate location of King Ecgbert Road, and the bungalows on the right of the line of houses stand on the corner of what would become Busheywood Road. West View Court was built on the land between the railway line and Baslow Road in the 1960s.

The cottages in the foreground fell derelict over time and were finally demolished in the early 1970s to make way for West View Flats.

Beyond Totley Brook Road there are a few rooftops of the first houses to be built on Chatsworth Road, and beyond that nothing but fields all the way up to Dore village.





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My Girlguide Trip to Costa Rica

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to the Girlguiding community in the village as well as all the people who supported me by donating money. I would also like to say thank you to Seasons Gallery and Hartley's Fruit Cabin for selling magnets to help raise the funds required.

Just a reminder that I appeared in the Spring issue of the magazine letting you know that I had been selected to represent North East England Girlguides in a long haul trip. It was originally set out to be to go to the Philippines yet over time, it was decided for security issues and increased terrorism risks that the destination be changed to Costa Rica. This trip would have more variety and involved nature preservation work as well as social projects.

What an adventure; Costa Rica is an amazing country, situated in the heart of Central America and full of landscapes and culture. Its differentiating climates helps it house 5% of the world's biodiversity. The people of Costa Rica are unbelievably welcoming as they treasure any traveller that visits their nation.

Our group of eight girls and three leaders travelled 22 hours from Newcastle upon Tyne to San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, via Heathrow and Dallas. Upon arrival, we met our guide Lisseth, and our driver Ramone. The first meal that we ate was the traditional rice and beans; a dish we would grow much accustomed to over the following fortnight, as we had it for breakfast, lunch and dinner on most days!

For our first project, we spent our first couple of days in the Osa Peninsula where, for one day, we planted mangroves in the shallows of the Pacific Ocean which grow into huge trees that are a habitat for many sea creatures such as fish, crabs, shellfish and other marine species as well as crocodiles. The following day, we went out on the ocean to catch turtles. Five were caught in total, four being Hawksbill which are an endangered species but easier to catch in this area. We also caught one black turtle which are a vulnerable species of turtle, and very difficult to catch. We measured the turtles for research purposes and then released them back into the ocean, except for one. We had to take a Hawksbill turtle back to the centre and bathe him in freshwater for 24 hours because it was covered in parasites that damage and infect the turtle. The following day, we picked out the parasites and released him back into the ocean. The amount of nature that we saw in this area was truly amazing- scarlet macaws, two-toed sloths, bats, crabs, iguanas and hummingbirds.

To end our first week in Costa Rica, we spent a couple of days in the cloud community of Providencia which is home to some of the highest points in Costa Rica. Providencia is known for its sustainable and self-sufficient lifestyle. We joined a family and learnt how to make cheese, from milking the cow and churning the milk in a big metal bowl, to eating our own cheese, grilled, for breakfast the following morning! With Señora Flora, we learnt how to make a traditional coffee basket similar to the ones that are still used in the fields today to collect the cacao beans.

On the Caribbean side of the country, we visited another indigenous community in the Talamanca mountain range, called the Bri Bri Community. This community are native Costa Ricans that were driven up the mountains for safety with the arrival of Christopher Columbus when he first reached the Americas. They are one of few native groups left in Costa Rica. In order to get there, we had to cross a river by boat, take a public bus, trek through the rainforest and wade waist deep across two more

ivers. It was worth every step as the experience we had there was one of the most unique encounters I've ever come across. We were told about cocoa production and what life is like when disconnected from the rest of the world. We had lunch of chicken, rice, beans, plantain and hearts of palm, all served on a banana leaf, as well as sampling a bitter chocolate drink and cacao beans. Very few people are invited to visit the Bri Bri on their sacred land and we were privileged to have the experience.

Next was the Veragua National Rainforest where we went on a night frog walk and on another night; an insect walk as well as assisting in the hatchings of butterflies from their cocoon in the butterfly garden. We also had the opportunity to work on a frog habitat restoration project where we built a pond for the vulnerable species of bull frog to encourage new life.

The final place we went to was the base of Arenal Volcano where we had time to relax in the hot springs and fly through the rainforest canopy on a zip line. We had a view of the entire valley, the fields, the town and people's houses. We visited Escuela El Jaúuri elementary school where we were met by

enthusiastic children who took our hands, showed us to our seats and danced in their traditional costumes to songs that had been around for centuries, encouraging us to join in! An organic farm was nearby that we visited and learnt about rural life on a small Costa Rican farm, after an exploration of the fields and creating sugar from a sugar cane, we made coffee milkshakes out of freshly roasted coffee beans and learnt how to make some traditional tortillas - we were told that men used to choose their wives based on how well they could make tortillas. Our final visit of this adventure was to an orphanage where we played with the children, all of who have had difficult childhoods, it made me feel privileged to have the safe, loving home that I have in England.

All of these amazing aspects have made my adventure this summer fantastic, memorable and happy allowing me to achieve the full Costa Rica experience. I think for any young girl, this opportunity that is offered by Girlguides is a privilege and I would encourage anyone to do it to broaden their experience.

Once again thank you to everyone who supported in fundraising and with donations to help me achieve this adventure, the memories are something that will stay with me for a long time.

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An only too small selection of over four hundred wonderful exhibits submitted to this year's Show.

Many thanks to the organising committee, helpers, judges, stewards, stallholders, advertisers, entrants and others whose efforts help to make this annual event such a success.

Section A - Fruit & Vegetables Judge: David Riley

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| 1 | 6 pods runner beans | Juliet Cain |
| 2 | 3 onions dressed | John Plumridge |
| 3 | onions 8oz or less | Sarah Longstaff |
| 4 | 3 leeks | John Plumridge |
| 5 | vegetable marrow | Jill Bush |
| 6 | 4 potatoes, 1 variety | John Plumridge |
| 7 | 4 beetroot | Allen Bentley |
| 8 | 1 cucumber | Jill Bush |
| 9 | 5 tomatoes 1 variety | Margaret Thompson |
| 10 | 8 cherry tomatoes | Margaret Thompson |
| 11 | any other vegetable | John Plumridge |
| 12 | plate of blackberries | Ray Thompson |
| 13 | 4 dessert apples | Gloria Havenhand |
| 14 | 4 cooking apples | Gloria Havenhand |
| 15 | tray of mixed veg | John Plumridge |
| 16 | heaviest marrow | John Plumridge |
| 17 | 5 of any other fruit | Margaret West |
| 18 | bunch of mixed herbs | Chris Goldie |
| 19 | pumpkin or squash | Sam & Steve Nebber |
| 20 | hothouse fruit | Gloria Havenhand |
| 21 | 3 courgettes | Allen Bentley |

Leisure Garden and Graham Thorpe Cups awarded to John Plumridge

Section B - Flowers Judge: Janet Williams

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| 22 | 5 dahlias arranged | Sharon Goldie |
| 23 | 3 gladioli | Liz Walkden |
| 24 | potted orchid | Di Williams |
| 25 | 3 roses | Gloria Havenhand |
| 26 | potted foliage plant | Pamela Challis |
| 27 | potted flowering plant | Pamela Challis |
| 28 | vase of mixed flowers | Liz Walkden |
| 29 | vase of sweet peas | Chris Goldie |
| 30 | floral arrangement | Liz Walkden |

Wyvern Rose Bowl awarded to Liz Walkden

Section C - Domestic Judges: Rachel Wall, Jean Hopkins and Heather Moore

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| 31 | 4 hens' eggs | Gillian Farnsworth |
| 32 | ginger cake | Gail Crosby |
| 33 | victoria sandwich | Pamela Challis |
| 34 | lemon drizzle cake | Jill Bush |
| 35 | chocolate cake | Jacob Bush |
| 36 | men only cake | Jacob Bush |
| 37 | shortbread | Pamela Chalis |
| 38 | plate of 5 biscuits | Elaine Nicholls |
| 39 | 4 decorated cupcakes | Pamela Challis |
| 40 | loaf of white bread | Barbara Cassidy |
| 41 | jar of chutney | Gillian Hallay |
| 42 | jar of lemon curd | Liz Walkden |
| 43 | jar of fruit jam | Sharron Goldie |
| 44 | jar of marmalade | Sue Ross |

Chairman's Plate awarded to Pamela Challis

Section D - Wine Judge: Mike Waters

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| 45 | bottle dry red wine | Simon Choppin |
| 46 | bottle sweet red wine | Allen Bentley |
| 47 | bottle dry white wine | Allen Bentley |
| 48 | bottle sweet white wine | Allen Bentley |
| 49 | non-alcoholic | no entries |

John Mitchell Cup awarded to Allen Bentley

Section E - Textile/Handicrafts Judges: Angela & Barry Williams

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|----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 50 | handmade cushion | Barbara Cassidy |
| 51 | cross stitch | Elaine Nicholls |
| 52 | item of fabric clothing | Barbara Cassidy |
| 53 | hand knitted item | Sue Ross |
| 54 | soft toy | Susan Ashmore |
| 55 | craft exhibit (wood) | Percy Bishton |
| 56 | craft exhibit (other) | Sue Potts |
| 57 | crocheted item | Elizabeth Wood |
| 58 | quilted item | Barbara Cassidy |

Alf Owen Cup awarded to Barbara Cassidy

Section F - Visual Arts Judge: Barry Williams

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|----|---------------------------|---------------|
| 59 | watercolour landscape | David Crosby |
| 60 | watercolour other subject | Robert Clark |
| 61 | painting, other medium | Martin Wiener |
| 62 | monochrome drawing | Isabelle Cain |

Dore Probus Plate awarded to Robert Clark

Section G - Photography Judge: Ron Walker

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| 63 | b&w photo "sport" | Martin Evans |
| 64 | colour photo "holiday" | Mary Watson |
| 65 | colour photo portrait | Martin Evans |
| 66 | photo "natural world" | Lynne Briggs |

Alan Peters Trophy awarded to Mary Watson

Section H - Junior Section Judges: Anne Chipchase and Ian Wileman

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| 67 | vegetable animal | Sophie Cam |
| 68 | painting (5 & under) | William Challis |
| 69 | drawing (ages 6-11) | Megan Thomas |
| 70 | painting (ages 6-11) | Matilda White |
| 71 | craft exhibit (ages 9-11) | Anna Evans |
| 72 | art or craft (ages 12-14) | Molly Kirby |
| 73 | colour photo "animal" | Izzy Ponsford |
| 74 | homemade cupcake | Chloe Challis |

HSBC Shield awarded to Sophie Cam

The weather wasn't quite as kind to us as it might have been. We still had a good turn out of exhibitors and plenty of visitors. The fine selection of exhibits, the stalls and the entertainment were enjoyed by everyone.

It was a busy time leading up to the event and on the day I gained valuable experience shadowing Keith Shaw. Although I must say that the Scarlet Pimpernel was probably much easier to shadow. Keith was everywhere and as usual he did a fantastic job.

The stall holders were mainly delighted with their own personal Show. The Bluebell Woods Charity was thrilled with their first visit to Dore Show and have booked to return next year. They made £125 for their charity and were very happy to have a presence at our Show.

As was the Totley Library who have offered us space on their notice board and have also booked to return next year. They made £51 on the day selling books and were delighted with this result.

Unfortunately the bouncy castle people could not attend due to an insurance issue. Their presence on the green would probably have attracted many more visitors to that area. They must have been OK as they have also booked to return next year.

I am delighted to be the new chair and look forward to a long and successful connection with all the activities connected to the Dore Show.

Christina Stark



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Book early for Christmas

Summer holidays are over (but let's hope that this clement weather continues), so now it's back to the old routine. We have started rehearsals for our annual show next April which is to be the all time favourite G&S operetta - The Mikado. It has always been one of my favourite shows because almost all of the music is well known and the characters are very funny, especially Ko-Ko and Pooh-Bar, but more of this in later editions.



Mike Tolson in a scene from 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice'

We all miss our past president, David Braham who passed away in June but are pleased to announce that his replacement has been selected by the Society and he has accepted the post. Our new President is to be Mike Tolson of Rowan Tree Dell. Mike has been a member of the Society for almost as long as David was and although he has not been a playing member for the last few years has always remained close to us helping out where he could. I am glad that we have chosen a man who has worked long and hard for the benefit of all in the society.

Our next public outing will be just before Christmas when we undertake our usual Christmas Concert in Dore Methodist Church on Saturday 17th December at 2:30pm. We will have started rehearsals for this concert by the time you read this and I've already had a preview of the programme. There is the usual mix of light and comic offerings with plenty of seasonal content including several popular and well-loved carols: I've even had a request for one of my favourite Flanders & Swann songs but you'll have to come along to find out what it is.

Tickets (£7 each) are available from me, telephone 236 2299. Don't leave it too late as the Methodist Church only holds 110 so it's first come, first served.

We'd love to see you there. Enjoy the rest of this autumn weather and we'll see you on the 17th December.

Derek Habberjam



As the nights are now drawing in again, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of a few basic home security tips. Whilst we have had a relatively burglary free time in S17 of late, you can never be too careful!

Burglars prefer to gain easy access to homes, so the harder you make it for the criminal the lower your chances are of becoming a victim. In addition, if you do become a victim, there are measures that you can take to increase the chance that your goods will be returned to you if the police later recover them.

Here are some ways that you can protect your property:

- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions. Consider Smart Water, www.smartwater.com
- Placing a sticker on a conspicuous window of your home that states your possessions have been security marked will also help to deter thieves. I have stickers if required, leave your address and contact number on my mobile.
- Keep your home securely locked at all times. Most house break-ins are committed by opportunist thieves who do not have to break-in due to a door or window having been left open.
- Speak to your local PCSO (that's me) about the safety devices (locks, timers, lighting etc) and procedures (closing curtains after dark, cancelling regular deliveries when you are on holiday etc) that you can put in place to increase the security of your property.
- Consider installing a telephone entry system especially if you live in a shared block. This may be easier to organise if you get together with other residents and speak to your property management company.
- Don't put your name or room number on your key ring, if you live in shared accommodation. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.
- Change the locks – if other people, such as previous tenants, could be in possession of keys that fit the locks in your home.
- Do not give keys to tradesmen as they can make copies quickly and easily.
- Do not go in – if you see signs of a break-in at your home - like a smashed window or an open door. The burglar may still be inside. Instead, go to a neighbour and call the police.

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Children can benefit from EyeDream not only by not being restricted from playing, swimming or taking part in sports, but mainly as the research over the last ten years has shown it has an effect called myopia control, which is the slowing down or halting of short sightedness. Many studies have shown this and its reduction of the likelihood of developing associated problems in adulthood. Research into myopia has shown that the light going to the periphery of the retina is responsible for eye growth or the lack of it. As normal contact lenses or spectacles don't change the way the light hits the peripheral retina they aren't effective at controlling the length of the eye. However, other forms of contact lenses such as EyeDream have been shown to change the way the light reaches the peripheral retina whilst still giving clear vision and have had an effect on slowing the progression of myopia.

Patient welfare is always our main priority at The Eye Place and as such all young myopic patients will be given the opportunity to be enrolled on our Myopia Management programme. Our programme has been carefully considered and structured, utilising current and validated research.

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Alex Kemp
Director/Optomestrist, The Eye Place

Two years already at Totley Library

On 4th October this year the volunteers at Totley Library celebrated two years of managing the service. When Totley CRIC took over the management of the library, we wanted to develop it as a community hub and we set out to expand the activities offered at the library. New groups are now using the library for a variety of purposes including yoga, French classes for primary children, a work club to support people with their job search and pregnancy relaxation classes. The new community cinema is proving popular and we host events throughout the year including Totley Music Festival, comedy nights and talks by local authors. Upcoming events this winter include the BBC's Love 2 Read event, a fundraising Folk music concert on Friday 25th November, a series of art workshops with Jan Flamank and Totley Library Cinema are showing singalong versions of favourite Christmas films for adults and families to enjoy together. For further details see the diary section of Dore to Door or visit our website www.totleycric.org.uk.

In June we launched the new Totley Library lottery to help raise funds for the library. The monthly prize fund is 25% of the ticket income, 20% for first prize and 5% for second prize. The remaining 75% goes into library funds. In September ticket income was £427 and the prize winners were Anthony Simpson and Mary Love. Prize winners in July and August were Barbara Chadbourne, Sheila Parkin, Rita O'Hara and Jutta Jagger. If you would like to enter you can pick up a form at Totley Library.

On 12th September we held our AGM which was well attended by over 40 volunteers and Friends of Totley CRIC. The annual report and financial accounts were approved and a new trustee, Steve Wyatt was voted in. Steve has lived with his family in Totley for many years and has recently retired from a career within BT as an IT project manager. He volunteers at the library as a film club technician and brings a wealth of experience to our board.

In the summer we undertook a survey of library users to gain feedback and see which areas we need to develop. We had over 200 respondents and were very pleased with the results of the survey. Over 90% of users thought the library had improved since the volunteers took over. Many people commented on that the library is very clean, bright and welcoming and how good the activities are, especially storytime for children, health walks and the film club. Some users felt the book stock needs refreshing, and we had to agree with them as we have not received any new books from Sheffield City Council in the last two years. So in August we launched our new Totley Loans Scheme with around 200 donated and new bestselling novels. We would like to thank Tesco and Waterstones for donating some new books to the collection. The new scheme is proving extremely popular, with 315 loans alone in the first month, and we now aim to expand the collection. If anyone has any recent bestsellers from 2015 and 2016 that they have read and they would like to donate to the collection, then these would be gratefully received.

The survey has also informed our response to the review of library services being conducted by Sheffield City Council. Our current funding arrangement is due to expire in March 2017 and the council is reviewing all the volunteer managed libraries in Sheffield to decide on our future. We believe that the council and tax payers are getting incredibly good value for money from the £23,000 a year grant Totley Library receives from the council to cover running costs. Especially as last year our volunteers gave over 13,000 hours of their time for free. We are moderately optimistic that the council will continue with the grant arrangement so that we are able to keep Totley Library open from April 2017 onwards. The recommendations from the review are being presented to the council's Cabinet in November so we will report the outcome in the next edition of Dore to Door.

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Between Autumn Fair and Winter Wonderland

On Saturday 8th October, the Dore Parents' Association hosted its annual Autumn Fair at Dore Primary to help raise significant funds to support the school. The DPA chose a Roald Dahl theme for the fair to celebrate 100 years since the author's birth. Thanks to the efforts of the DPA volunteers and most importantly the support of the pupils, their families and the local community, the event was a great success.

Visitors were able to enjoy all the traditional stalls such as the rainbow tombola, books and toy stalls as well as the chance to enjoy some delicious cakes. With the Roald Dahl theme linked to many activities, children were able to enjoy the golden ticket machine, messages in the frobscottle as well as a chocolate fountain. The school's Road Safety Group also set its own traffic light challenge which certainly tested the sharpest of throwers. The DPA is still totting up the funds raised and will let the Dore Village Society know when the final figure raised is confirmed. Thank you again to everyone who supported the school at the event.

To follow the success of the Autumn Fair, the DPA is delighted to be bringing the Winter Wonderland back to Dore village. This will be taking place at Dore Old School on Sunday 4th December 2016, from 1pm-4pm. There will be a Santa's grotto for the infants of Dore Primary School, an elves' workshop, craft area and a variety of stalls where you will be able buy some great presents.

The Dore Primary School Choir will also be performing to add to the festive spirit and there will be plenty of refreshments available with hot drinks and mince pies being served. If you are interested in having a stall at the event, please contact dpawinterwonderland@gmail.com and further information will be forwarded to you. If you would like to volunteer on the day or on the build up to the day, we would also love to hear from you. So please do come and join us for some festive fun and help raise more funds for Dore Primary School.

Laura Bruce

The speaker for September was Dr. Steven Furness, the proprietor of the Alpine Centre at Calver. The very entertaining talk and slide show titled "Lessons From Nature" was enjoyed by members. Dr. Furness who has featured several times in presentations to DGC lived up to our expectations and received enthusiastic applause.

David Kesteven, Head Gardener at Renishaw Hall was our speaker for October. His presentation "A Horticultural History of the Sitwell Family" was very well received. This was a very entertaining and highly informative historical account of these famous gardens which was well received by the audience.

Don Witton, Holder of the National Collection of Euphorbias is our speaker for November when his presentation will be "Is Big Ever Beautiful?" Don is a great friend of DGC and his presentations are always well attended.

Janet Hewitt arranged a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield on Wednesday 5th October 2016. This was a most enjoyable day out for those who attended. The beauty of the natural surroundings are enhanced by spectacular memorial monuments to all branches of our armed forces, police and fire services. The pleasure of the surroundings is tempered by the atmospheric solemnity of the remembrance of those who have fallen. This really special place was well worth the visit.

As the year comes to an end, a big thank you to all the ladies on the committee for all that they do to keep the Dore Garden Club alive. They do a great job.

We look forward to a great and exciting programme in 2017.

David Riley

Transport 17

After a quiet summer period we are now back in full swing. We are proud owners of our new bus funded by The Department for Transport Community Minibus Fund which arrived at the end of September. Already we are feeling the benefit financially as the continuous cost of repairs has ended.

We are back in action with our fundraising events. Once again we had a stall at Totley Show in September. A new and successful venture for us was a bridge drive held at Abbeydale Golf Club in October. Huge thanks to Terry and Jackie Marah, Jean Cameron, Stan Heywood and of course our own Aileen Kirkup for all their hard work in organising and running the event. There were many requests to repeat the event so we hope they will all be back in action again next year.

Our next event is the annual Christmas Fayre at The Cross Scythes on November 19th from 10am-noon. We are hoping the Cross Scythes will be blessing us with their famous yummy mince pies - can't wait!!!

This year Dore Mercia Townswomen's guild has chosen us to be their charity. They held an afternoon tea on 6th September and we are very grateful to them for all they are doing to help raise funds for us. Dore Open Gardens donated £429 to our refurbishment fund - many thanks.

As most of you are aware we are trying to use all funds raised this year to update our office facilities. The job is almost complete. The work involved has been considerable. It included treating the damp etc that has been prevalent since Moses was a lad. It is now very bright and clean and looks a picture with a revitalised kitchen and toilet area that have been damp and dismal for a long time. I am pleased to report that the new radiators have been fitted along with new lighting and the premises are looking really splendid. We are hoping to have the carpet cleaned and then there will be minimal work to do.

The work has been done by volunteers predominantly (approximately 150 hours in total) which would have cost us dearly had people not been so generous with their time. A huge thanks to all concerned.

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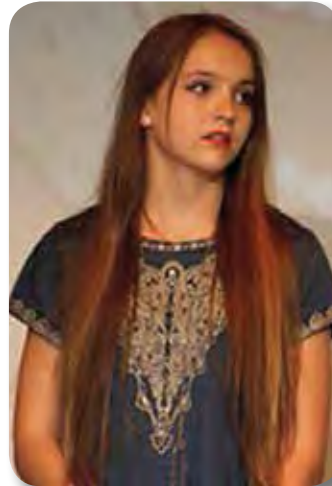
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It was a good summer, with some very hot days. I had planted more native wild flower varieties in spring, which grew well and attracted bees. There were slightly fewer bees than last year which is disappointing, but there were far more pollinating insects.

I keep a record of the date flowers come into bloom. It varies from year to year, depending on the weather. January and February were relatively mild and winter aconites even appeared in December, along with primroses that flower on and on. Snowdrops appeared in January as did Lungwort which is very attractive to bees.



A good crop of hips on my native Dog Rose

I have been checking up on whether all my wild flowers are true natives (i.e. they appeared after the last ice age). Lungwort is native to the rest of Europe but here the only native stock is the narrow-leaved variety, mostly only found in the New Forest. My supplier can only get a near native (i.e. has been seen in the wild for over 480 years).

The poor spring delayed the alkanets, greater celandine and white dead nettle until late April and May when water avens, red campion and birdsfoot trefoil (yellow) also flowered, and small bumble bees became more abundant. June saw ox eye daisies, red clover, foxgloves, rock roses, betony and shade loving hedge woundwort followed by meadow cranesbill, small and field scabious, self heal, St John's wort, large and small knapweed and marjoram.

In July, brambles flowered in the hedges and also tutson (an attractive native shrub), hemp agrimony, purple loosestrife, musk mallow, common fleabane and water mint.

Many species are long-lasting and were attracting pollinating insects and butterflies as well as bees. Some early flowering plants can be cut back when they fade and will come again; those that flower later, I leave long into the autumn - even into the New Year - to provide seed for birds and shelter for insects. As a bonus, they are then easier to clear and less bulky to compost.

I am removing all bluebells and will not replace them any more as the English ones tend to become hybridised with the Spanish ones from nearby gardens and can invade woodland where the true natives are struggling to survive.

The garden has also been busy with birds. The hanging feeders and insectivorous food and meal worms for ground feeders have been attracting all the regular visitors and locally nesting birds. A small flock of starlings enjoy meal worms too. With a healthy soil (no chemicals), worms are abundant, and birds are also constantly seeking the insects and invertebrates among the plant debris (which is not cleared) on the flowerbeds.

Occasional visitors included tree creepers with their young on the alder trees, nuthatches and bullfinches. Numerous greenfinches and goldfinches were on the feeders - the sunflower seeds disappearing before my eyes!! The goldfinches brought their noisy fledglings who were sitting in a row on a hawthorn branch near a feeder and trying to pluck up courage to fly the few inches to it, trying, failing and then succeeding. If at first...! Birds are wonderful,

but my gold medal went to the wren that sang so loudly all morning from early spring to early summer at the top of the garden.

Sadly, fewer butterflies this year and this is a nationwide problem as highlighted by the results recently published for the the Big Butterfly Count and the "State of Nature" Report. I had mainly small and large whites, but also a few orange tips that probably emerged on the garlic mustard leaves which they like so much. A painted lady spent time on the small scabious and gatekeepers were around. Also seen on the scabious was a red admiral. It flew off to a buddleia flower growing the other side of our hedge (more attractive to butterflies because of its evolution to produce an addictive nectar, but not native so not the best pollen or nectar for our butterflies or bees). Unfortunately, a blackbird that spent most of its time in a hawthorn tree in our garden near the buddleia took the opportunity for a quick snack and it was gone!

Few moths were around at night, but quite a lot of very small moths were happy among the long grass by the pond during the days. However, the situation is not good for butterflies, bees and many other insects on which we depend.

The frogs are doing better and while October is the best time to do any necessary pond renovation/maintenance as the larger ones will have left for cover in some safe damp place, very young frogs are still around the pond edges and those that leave could return in a few weeks to the safety of the mud at the bottom, so we need to bear that in mind when working on our ponds. Newts, too, are looking for similar shelter in stone walls and under stones or logs.

Late one evening during September, a hedgehog visited the water dish and a different one was seen a few days later. Now, in early October, they are both visiting in the late evening and enjoying a pile of soaked dried meal worms. Hedgehogs are in decline because of bad garden practices and intensive farming. They are a great asset to us - not least for controlling slugs. They need to be very healthy before they hibernate and need piles of leaf litter and twigs in which to do that.



Pretty musk mallow - a native wild flower and still flowering in my garden in August/September, providing much-needed food and shelter for many pollinating and other insects

As well as renovating ponds, now is the time for trimming hedges as fledglings are stronger and more confident, but otherwise I do as little as possible until the spring, leaving plants to die back naturally as it is best for wildlife.

Finally, a quotation from Rupert Stephens, the father of Arran who founded Nature's Path (a wonderful company which produces the organic and gluten-free breakfast cereal for which, as I have coeliac disease, I am very grateful): "Always leave the soil better than you found it"

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It's a wonderful day for pie



I frequented the Broadfield Ale House a number of times in the past when it was a “normal” pub, and it was an excellent venue as an alternative to my local, even though it did have a somewhat colourful reputation. When it was transformed into yet another gastropub it seemed like another example of the march of “progress”. However, having already reviewed a couple of pubs in the same bracket, I was happy with the assignment. It was the winner of the Gastro Pub of the Year 2015 in that year’s Eat Sheffield Awards, and hence I was eager to compare it with my previous two outings.

The establishment is split by a peninsular bar into a tap-room and restaurant, both much bigger than I remembered and on the whole, it retains an atmosphere of the pub it once was, but with an easy-going modern feel. The décor is not as extremely modern as some other “gastropubs”, nor did it try too hard to be “traditional”, and it gave an overall impression of authenticity, although this may have been just good design!

For an early dinner in the middle of the week, the place was very well populated. We were seated as soon as we arrived, offered menus and drinks. There is a good range of interesting starters, and my partner got the ball rolling with an immediate choice of smoked sardine rillettes with rye bread (£4.95). I chose, an interesting combination of oxtail samosas with bloody mary dip (£5.50). The samosas were perfectly crisp and filled to bursting with moist, tender meat, all offset by a dip that certainly was concentrated bloody mary. The rillettes was amazingly light and melted in the mouth with the salt and smoky flavours coming through the sardines. We accompanied our starters with a Brooklyn lager (dry and full-flavoured, 5.2%, £4.20), which came in a cold can with a chilled glass, which was a fair reflection of the overall attention to detail; and a glass of Chilean viognier (250ml - £5.20), which my partner thoroughly enjoyed.

If you didn’t already know, The Broadfield has a reputation for pies, and it was almost inevitable that I was going to choose one,

although they change regularly so I had to wait until the night to decide which. I went for a traditional beef in ale with mushrooms (£8.50), although the pork & black pudding and the chicken & tarragon with wholegrain mustard were also tempting. For completeness, there was a vegetarian option of sweet potato, red pepper, spinach & goats cheese. The menu has these served with hand cut chips and mushy peas. I am not a great fan of the mushy pea, and at the risk of breaking up a holy trinity, I asked for an alternative of seasonal greens. The pie was almost perfect in every way. The crust was the shortest of short crusts, glazed and baked to retain a filling of the most tender beef, flavourful mushrooms held in exactly the right proportion of ale gravy. The chips were chunky, golden crisp on the outside and fluffy inside, and the savoy cabbage, leeks and more ale gravy complimented the whole dish. I chose a French malbec (250ml - £6.20) to go with the pie which was both full-bodied and typically old-world, and an excellent foil for the meat in my pie.

The other dish that the establishment has as a special is their award-winning sausages, priced the same as the pie. Again they change regularly, and my partner chose the pork & chilli from a selection which contained beef & sundried tomato and a vegetarian leek & cheddar. Rarely have I seen such a large sausage grace a plate of sausage and mash. Rather than the ubiquitous three sausages atop a small mound of mash, this was case of having to use sufficient mash to support such a beast, and then find a plate large enough to accommodate these with the addition of the veg and gravy. To be honest, after tasting my main, this one had a lot to live up to, and it did itself proud. The sausage meat was coarse chopped, with no real filler in evidence, just really sweet, tasty pork, coupled to just the right degree with the heat of the chilli. The mash was smooth and firm, obviously made with excellent quality potatoes and mashed with just the right amount of butter. As great as my pie was, I may actually be tempted by a sausage on our next visit – which won’t be too far in the future.

Although not quite bursting at the seams, I was full enough to not go for a dessert under normal circumstances. However, I felt a duty to my readers to loosen my belt and scan the dessert menu for the ideal conclusion to my meal. My partner, without any similar obligation decided against dessert and left me to my seasonal fruit crumble (£4.50), which on this occasion was apple with mixed berries and ice cream. In keeping with the rest of the meal, this was an excellent example

of a traditional dish, there was plenty of fruit; the apple just firm enough to bite through, and the berries adding both flavour and colour. The crumble was coarse and crunchy and the whole thing piping hot as you would hope. The ice cream was simple, tasty vanilla, although not quite enough to be in proportion with the crumble.

In conclusion, The Broadfield is not fine dining, but neither does it set out to be. It is an excellent example of good, quality modern pub food often with a twist, very well cooked and well presented in an establishment which maintains a great pub feel. All the dishes on the menu represent value for money and there is enough variety of both food and drink to satisfy everyone.

Hendo Nagasaki



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He thus opened his speech with his memorised phrase and delivered his presentation. At the end there was stony silence, no applause and no questions. On the way out he asked his guide why this was. "Well" said the guide "we know that you Englishmen are renowned for being eccentric but never before have I heard an audience addressed as dear lavatories and urinals".

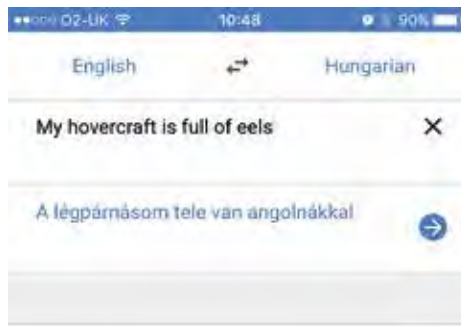
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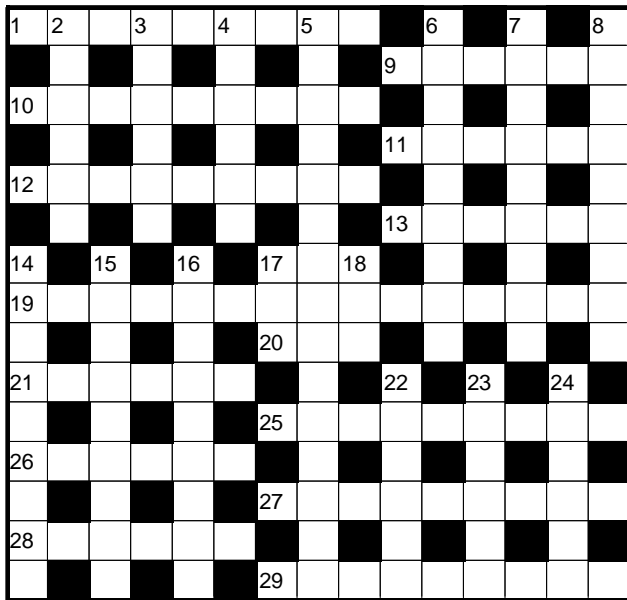
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Across

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- 9. One about to take orders is bereft of sin (6)
- 10. Vote is extremely risky to maintain, providing supply of power (9)
- 11. Odds on tree to fill the room with this (6)
- 12. Unusually idle in view of little illumination (9)
- 13. Success at the moment for fan (6)
- 17. Idol returns to haunt (3)
- 19. Colin's on manoeuvres with capacity but no comfort (15)
- 20. As bully, not hard to become jerk (3)
- 21. Come quietly in large force (6)
- 25. Sabotage by German and weasel (9)
- 26. Familiar with indication of the past (4,2)
- 27. Find out about sectarian involvement (9)
- 28. Put off that woman taking love out of love (6)
- 29. Rising noises can be disturbing (9)

Down

- 2. Sweet city retreat (6)
- 3. Church having regrets about folds (6)
- 4. Before going to American University that woman was reclusive (6)
- 5. Tone taken by journalists to the traitors (5,10)
- 6. Involved in wrong firm, politician was sanctioned (9)
- 7. Incomplete desire to cheat evil State (9)
- 8. Rip-off society for wild ones (9)
- 14. Record our direction in communication (9)
- 15. Rascal made a mistake with hearing shot (9)
- 16. Reason to be resourceful but not against taking in a hundred (9)
- 17. Party time for the little lady (3)
- 18. It's funny to choke (3)
- 22. Pacific cruiser energy provided internally (6)
- 23. Swats small insect in seconds (6)
- 24. It's popular to understand nothing to do with colour (6)

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings

Many years ago when my niece was about four or five she came to stay for half term while her parents went for a holiday. We had a great time. Children of that age can be so amusing in what they say. For example, over lunch one day she stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed, auntie." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time I thrust her hand under the tap and washed it thoroughly. After she finished her pickle I asked "How did you kill that fly?" Between bites, she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

One morning she got up early and came into my bedroom while I was sitting up reading. She announced that she was going to draw a picture of me and insisted I had to put my book down and relax. Then she started to draw, giving me a running commentary as she did so: "auntie, I'm drawing your face, now I'm drawing your mouth and nose, now I'm drawing your eyes, now I'm drawing the bags under your eyes". How sweet!

My dad came to stay for a couple of days as well to spend time with his granddaughter. My niece sat in the bathroom with him, watching as he removed his dentures and brushed them. After a few minutes she asked "Can you take your ears off too?"

Years later she phoned just after she received her A Level results to say she was off to university in a few weeks. She said she wanted to pick my brains about living away from home and "things like that" so I invited her round.

After the usual pleasantries, and with tea and a bun in our hands, we went through a fairly predictable list, much of which she had discussed with her parents but wanted a less closely involved perspective. Then we got round to an unexpected topic.

"Auntie Miranda" she said "there've been a few men in your life over the years haven't there."

Well, I was a bit taken aback by this, particularly as she said it as a statement and not a question, but it did remind me of a conversation with my mother many years earlier. While volunteering in a charity shop I hit it off with a very attractive single man. My mother was relieved since she always said that the men who I met were inevitably married or otherwise unsuitable. So, seizing my opportunity, I asked him what he did for a living. He replied "I'm a priest." Such is life.

Anyway, back to my niece. She continued "I'm obviously going to meet a lot of male students and I'd like to ask you what you think I might come across by way of things that I might find irritating whereas a man might consider them to be normal. I don't want to find myself puzzling over their behaviour and wondering if it's me that's just odd or intolerant.

"I've asked my mum but she wasn't very helpful, she just referred to men as being on another planet sometimes and having difficulty understanding how women think or what they want. She said you were much more knowledgeable about these things and I should talk to you."

Thanks sis.

So I made a start: "You know when your dad is reading his newspaper and your mum says something to him and he replies "Yes dear" and moments later has no recollection of the conversation. These days it's more likely to be him looking at his phone while you are trying to talk to him and then asking "what?" when he sees you are annoyed. It's quite infuriating to have to repeat yourself because he wasn't paying attention. It implies that whatever we're saying is less important than whatever he's looking at and that's not acceptable."

"Think of it this way: in any relationship one person is always right and the other is ... the boyfriend, and if he doesn't get this remind him never to laugh at or criticise your choices because he is one of them!"

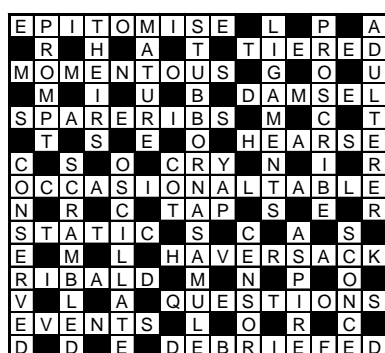
And so it went on for quite a while. As she left I said "By the way, when you get home can you just let your mum know that when she texted everyone about your A level results that ending with WTF doesn't mean Well That's Fantastic.

Miranda

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All teams are now well into their season, and in view of the relatively mild weather all fixtures are up to date. A number of our age groups are progressing well in each of their respective Cup competitions. The pitches are in excellent condition, and all the hard work and money invested over the summer months is really paying dividends, the real test will come when the proper winter weather arrives!!

Work is well underway in relation to Brunsmeer celebrating its 50th anniversary. So far the

following plans are being put into place to acknowledge this fantastic achievement.

Charity Dinner, 7 April 2017. As a Club we are currently speaking to a number of potential charity partners with a view to joining up with us to celebrate the Club's anniversary, but at the same time try and raise funds for great causes. The above date has already been booked as a suitable time, and a social committee has been formed to address the various tasks which need arranging to make it a successful evening.

With regards to player involvement, the local Sheffield and Hallamshire Football Association has been approached to see what can be done in relation to events for our players across the age groups to enjoy and celebrate. Hopefully we will also be running our own summer tournament for each age group over a number of weekends, once the season is complete.

Trespassing/Vandalism. I am pleased to say that no reports or sightings have been passed to me over recent months, and therefore I hope the message is clear that we will not tolerate such unsociable behaviour.

Car Parking on Furniss Avenue and The Meadway. Whilst I dislike any form of negativity, I do feel I need to take this opportunity of addressing with your readers the Club's stance and approach to car parking at both our football grounds.

Suggestions have been made by some people that the Club does not take car parking seriously, having no regard for local Dore residents. This cannot be further from the truth, as a significant amount of money has been spent on new signage and extending the car park at our Meadway ground. In addition to this, all Managers send visiting teams a map and directions which clearly indicate the car parking positions. We have to accept that there will always be a certain minority who do not adhere to our instructions, however if anybody is having persistent problems regarding car parking, then I am detailing below my contact details and would ask you not to hesitate in getting in touch.

The message I want to make quite clear to everyone is that we do take it seriously, fully accepting that as a Club we do attract a large number of visitors to Dore village for a few hours on a Sunday morning.

Brunsmeer Awareness. I am pleased to report that the Brunsmeer Awareness Team is increasing in numbers and are still meeting every Wednesday at Woodbourn Road for a training session conducted by Keith Ward from Sheffield United.

Recent highlights include:

- Inclusion as a major partner in a research project "optimising the benefit of football interventions to promote the mental health of diverse group of men" led by Dr Liz Such from the University of Sheffield.
- Five service users and one member have begun taking their FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate.
- The team are also featured in the Sheffield University "Football Stories" project, and a book has been produced to celebrate diverse approaches to football in the city.

The new kit has arrived, and all members are proudly wearing the red and black!

Toilet & changing facilities. As everyone will be aware, the Bellway housing project off Furniss Avenue is growing at a pace. Unfortunately the proposal of having in place a changing and toilet facility built on the Furniss Avenue/Mercia site took a slight backward step when one of the working partners advised us that they do not wish to participate any further. This is a great shame, but we are determined to continue in having in place a fit for purpose facility, as you are no doubt aware that local residents quite rightly take exception to players trying to find a tree or bush to use as a toilet!

Meetings are planned very soon to move this project forward, which has got to be for the benefit of the community, especially King Ecgbert School and its pupils. I hope to be able to report back to you with more positive news in the next article.

Paul Shepherd, Chairman

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Sheffield sitting pretty while Tigers have it tough



Sheffield secure another bonus point win against Nuneaton. Photo by Frank Womak

There must be something special in the water at Abbeydale Park this season as Sheffield Rugby Club are sitting at the top of not just one but two league tables. Their 1st XV are top of the National Midlands 3 & their Ladies XV are clear top of North 2. Sheffield 1st XV have certainly thrown down the gauntlet in their National league beating some of the top sides including a demolition of the then 3rd place team Nuneaton by 56 – 28. If they can keep this kind of form up it should result in at least a playoff spot, which as history shows the Northern side always beats the Midlands side; unless the Midlands side happens to come from the city of Sheffield.

Up the road at Sheffield Tigers it's proved a tough schedule for the start of their National 2 North league campaign, having played four of the top five sides already and only producing a 50% record. But more importantly they haven't collected any bonus points from the losses and in total have only three bonus points, which could make the difference at the end of the season.

Interestingly Sheffield Ladies play at the RFU level three in Ladies North 2, that's just two leagues away from the top-flight Premiership, impressively making them the highest-level rugby union team in Sheffield. They've had a storming start this season, being unbeaten while also scoring at least four tries and picking up every point available. The Ladies have beaten all the top sides which leaves them just the three bottom sides to play before Christmas. They could well reach the halfway mark with a clean sheet and maximum points.

The future looks good for ladies' rugby as the Sheffield Swans girls' rugby cluster have moved base to Abbeydale Park. This thirty strong South Yorkshire wide group of girls bridges the gap from mini rugby to senior ladies, run in three age groups from under-13 to under-18 ensuring a future supply of women players. The Swans have also announced that their main shirt sponsor is Guy Salmon Land Rover which adds to their growing list of company supporters including GRI Group, Ecclesall Design & Build, Digital Micrometers Ltd and Mr Rubble.

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What's been happening over the last few months down at the station?



The Public Inquiry into the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme concluded in May and we've not heard a word since. Work should commence in early summer 2017. The auguries aren't looking too good for that target being met. The Department for Transport has yet to give the go ahead for any scheme, let alone one we'd consider acceptable. Completion was scheduled to take about 15 months to allow everything to be ready for new services to be introduced in December 2019. Until that is confirmed we won't know exactly what new facilities we will be getting from Network Rail.

Northern have taken longer to settle down than we'd hoped. However, we've had a friendly site meeting with Alison Bell, their Client and Stakeholder Manager for our station and we hope to make some progress. Northern have funds available for station projects and those with good ideas and plans may get their attention. It's very early days and we're looking to see how we can tap their resources. We'll be meeting them again before you read this.



An idea we've discussed is to provide more cover over the seats beside the old station building. Who pays and arranges for any plans, and then the construction, is currently under active review. It could be Northern, but we wouldn't count on that. The station at Garforth (see picture) used to have an open shelter covering an area similar to that at Dore, and a glass front wall has recently been added. We understand that was done by Northern.

We think an awning is quite feasible at Dore, but there is probably not enough space for a similar glass wall. The design of any additional work would need to match both the existing station and the new buildings we hope to see constructed very soon. Rail building regulations are complex and new facilities are usually in standardised style that may not be to everyone's liking!

We all know car parking space is inadequate and the sight of seven disabled spaces which are rarely used is a matter of much comment. It's quite normal for none to be used, even in mid-week,

as in the photograph on the left. The seven extra-large spaces seem excessive, especially when one is usually occupied by a small Fiat. These are the minimum stipulated under existing law. We feel it's ridiculous and are suggesting two disabled spaces are made general use extra wide spaces, and the seven spaces are remarked at standard size to take ten cars. It would only create five more, but a step in the right direction. We'll be compiling statistics to support a case to get dispensation to relax the regulation on the grounds it is demonstrably not required.

The ticket machine has been out of order a lot recently, frequently displaying an out of service message. There have been multiple causes, but it is very well used for collecting pre-ordered tickets and that seems to cause it to jam more easily. We won't get a second machine, although an updated model might be possible. In the near future, tickets will be printable at home and smartphone users won't need to print a ticket at all.

If you come across any problems at the station, please call 0800 200 6060. This goes through to a call centre in Sheffield, the same place you'll go to if you press the help point buttons at the station. Try and get a fault reference number.

If you've joined FoDaTS on Facebook let us all know so we can refer to that reference until it's cleared. If it isn't cleared reasonably quickly FoDaTS has contact numbers and names to escalate an evidence based complaint.

By the New Year we hope to have come to an agreement with Northern regarding improved maintenance of the planted areas around the station. That may include some interventions by appropriately trained, approved, and security clothed FoDaTS volunteers. Any extra vegetation on the platforms will have to wait until after any reconstruction works.

Finally, a FoDaTS poster should soon appear in the station notice board. Updates on progress should appear there from time to time.

If you use the trains, or just have an interest in developments at our station, please join us by sending an email with your contact details to our Secretary; nj-barnes@outlook.com. You can also join us on Facebook - just search for FoDaTS. Look in from time to time to see the latest news - and make constructive comment, please!

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NOVEMBER

- Tue 22 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30 for 10am Methodist Church Hall, High Street. Speaker Karen Kaye, "Gift Wrapping". Visitors welcome £3.
- Wed 23 Wyvern Walkers: Following the River Wye just outside Tideswell to Millers Dale, we join the Limestone Way, climbing (gently!) towards Monks Dale across fields with lovely views. We descend and walk through Tideswell back to the car park (toilets and car parking charge.) It is an easy walk with good paths, a few stiles and a chance to have lunch in Tideswell. Further info from Stephen Willetts 0114 2362821 (5 miles).
- Thu 24 A Wonderful Life, over 65s film club, Topley Library. Admission free.
- Fri 25 Topley Library, doors open 7.00pm. Fundraising Folk Concert with Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson & Geoff Heppell. Tickets cost £7 (£5 Friends of Topley CRIC) available in advance from Topley Library.
- Sat 26 Putting up of village Christmas trees, lights and decorations. Volunteers welcome, meet outside Hartley's greengrocer 10am. See also page 5.
- Wed 30 Dore Village Christmas Celebration, shops open late, switch on of Christmas lights. See panel on page 2.

DECEMBER

- Sat 3 Afternoon delights craft workshop with Jan Flamank, Topley Library 1.30-4.30pm. Tickets cost £30 available in advance by phoning 0114 2584157
- Sat 3 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Tyndale, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sat 3 Sheffield RUFC home match v Bedford Athletic, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sun 4 Winter Wonderland, Dore Old School 1pm-4pm. Santa's Grotto, stalls, crafts etc. in aid of Dore Primary. See article, page 31.
- Thu 8 to Sat 10 Dore Male Voice Choir annual Christmas Concert, Dore Church, 7pm nightly.
- Sun 11 Topley Library 2pm. Singalong Frozen, Topley Library Cinema. Raffle tickets £4 adults and £2.50 children
- Tue 13 Wyvern Walkers: Philip has devised another urban walk for us to enjoy at Christmas entitled "Following the water downhill. Sheffield's water supply." From Lodge Moor, we explore some local history at Redmires and then follow the water supply conduit to Sheffield, to the former reservoirs at Crookes, finishing at Western Park. The 51 bus will take us back to Lodge Moor to collect the cars, but others may wish to stay in Sheffield. Further details from Philip Hetherington 0114 2367647 (about 6 miles).
- Sat 17 Sheffield RUFC home match v Broadstreet, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sat 17 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Concert, 2.30pm at Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane. Tickets £7 each from Derek Habberjam Tel 0114 236 2299

- Sat 17 Carols & Christmas songs in aid of Save Dore Trees, meet Abbeydale Park Rise 5pm. See article, page 6
- Tue 27 The Dore Village Society's very popular Wassail Walk, for all the family – onto and around Blacka Moor (a Site of Special Scientific Interest.) This is a chance to clear your head and fill your lungs with fresh air and is followed by seasonal refreshments in the Old School. Please note that this walk will start at 10 am from the Old School. Further details from Martin Stranex 0114 2353522 (about 5 miles). See page 3.

JANUARY

- Sat 7 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Stourbridge, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sun 8 Sheffield Ladies' RUFC home match v Preston Grasshoppers, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 10 Dore Ladies' Group, 7.45pm Church Hall Townhead Road. "Flight of a Thousand Eyes", speaker Sheila Dyson. Visitors welcome £3.
- Tue 10 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Church Hall Townhead Road. "Nature's Wonders on the Doorstep" speaker Steve Drinkall. Visitors welcome £3
- Sat 14 Sheffield RUFC home match v Lichfield, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Wed 18 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall 7.30 pm. Speaker Patrick Harding, "Wild and Garden Flowers on the Isles of Scilly". Visitors welcome £3.
- Sat 21 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Harrogate, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 24 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Methodist Church Hall. "Beyond the Far Falls" speaker S. Niepokojeczycka Visitors welcome £3

FEBRUARY

- Sat 4 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Wharfedale, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sun 12 Sheffield Ladies' RUFC home match v Sundaerland, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 14 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Church Hall Townhead Road. "Women of The Titanic" speaker Professor Terry Keefe. Visitors welcome £3
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall 7.30 pm. Speaker Ted Croot, "Orchids". Visitors welcome £3.
- Sat 18 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Chester, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sat 18 Sheffield RUFC home match v Peterborough Lions, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sat 25 Sheffield RUFC home match v Syston, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sun 26 Sheffield Ladies' RUFC home match v Carlisle, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 28 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Methodist Church Hall. "Tulips"



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Tactically embarrassed

A career soldier and resident of Dore relates an experience during the first Iraq war.

It was 1991. Saddam had invaded Kuwait and was trying to lay claim to the country and its oil reserves. British and American troops were sent to dislodge him, and it was this situation which led to Gunner "Brummy" Pritchard and me driving an armoured personnel carrier (APC) up to a frontline position. We were carrying supplies, so there were just the two of us, Brummy and me, then a lowly Corporal.

It was desert terrain, featureless and no civilisation for miles. Dry as dust and hot as Hades. As we crossed a ridge the APC struck a rock awkwardly and threw a track. No way we could move any further without recovery as four links of the track were smashed, and a short radio conversation with our HQ confirmed that there was no chance of assistance until the next morning. We faced the prospect of a long, cold desert night in unsafe territory.

"Well," I thought, "no reason not to make ourselves comfortable!" and so we decided to make our wait as pleasant as possible. It was around 4pm and time to eat, so we examined the supplies that we were carrying. To my delight I remembered we had bought a trestle table and a bed sheet from Germany in our load cage on top of the APC. Setting these up, we decided to go the whole hog and have a proper dinner. We had on board wine glasses, beer and wine from our own rations which Brummy and I did not disclose to the RMP on port side in Saudi Arabia. We could put together a reasonable three course meal.

This was turning out to be quite civilised, and Brummy lit a fire to cook whilst I sat in a canvas chair reading a three-week old copy of the Telegraph. Brummy worked out how to take the grille off the APC's air chemical filter system unit and put the beer and wine inside so that it would be properly chilled.

At that point, there was a distant rumble, then a roar and eventually an American Abrams tank hove into view over the ridge. Pulling up alongside our stricken vehicle, the tank commander called out to us, "Hey Mac, do you know the way to X?"

Putting on my best posh accent I replied "Well it's over there (gesturing vaguely) but there isn't going to be an attack tonight, why don't you join us for dinner?" The two bars on the man's uniform denoted him as a Captain, far senior to me but Brummy and I had stripped down to our shirtsleeves to unload the APC in the heat and to start with he didn't know what to make of us as we had no badges of rank.

"Come Sir," I said as he hesitated. "As you see we are going nowhere tonight and I would be honoured if you would join me as my dinner guest. I'm afraid we can't accommodate your crew, but as senior officer you are welcome to join us at table. I am the Earl of Yorkshire, and this is my man Pritchard."

The Yank's manner changed immediately from arrogance to deference. I thought Brummy was going to wet himself but he quickly caught on to the ruse and played along. "Pritchard!" I called. "Please will you serve our guest with a cold beer."

"Very good, sir." He disappeared into the APC and came back not only with the beer nicely chilled but had also draped a towel over his arm with which to wipe away the condensation. "What wine will you require with your meal tonight sir?"

"What is the main course Pritchard?"

"We shall be having the turkey." (tinned)

"In that case please serve the Chablis. Uncork a bottle and you may serve it and the first course as soon as ready."

"Very good sir."

And so we passed a very enjoyable evening, dining under the stars in the desert of Kuwait. Mulligatawny soup, turkey casserole and peaches and cream for dessert. The tank crew looked on balefully over their rehydrated rations (contrary to popular belief, these days British Army compo rations are much better than the American version which are largely dried). The Captain explained that he was 'tactically embarrassed' - i.e. lost - and his radio was on the fritz so he couldn't get further orders. I told him of my estates in Yorkshire, and how Pritchard had once been my gamekeeper but had been injured in a

shooting accident - he did actually have a limp - but we kept him on as a faithful old retainer who went everywhere with me. Brummy played his part too, but more than once had to go behind the APC and stick his fist in his mouth to stifle his laughter.

Just before midnight the tank's radio finally crackled into life and the Captain had to be on his way. We shook hands and said goodbye; he actually bowed several times and backed away from me as he went back to the tank, and called me "My Lord". I never knew his name. But I've often wondered how many times since he got back home, he's told the tale of how he once dined with the Earl of Yorkshire in a battle zone on the eve of war.

'WO 252' (retired)

Do you have a humorous anecdote from your days in the Armed Forces? Contact the editor, details on page 7.



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The old boozers of Dore



Following the success of the first Dore Beer Festival held at the end of the Dore Show our thoughts here in the Archives have turned to beer. Most residents of Dore are familiar with the public houses in the centre of the village, the Devonshire Arms and the Hare and Hounds, and the slightly more distant Dore Moor Inn on the main Hathersage Road.

So what if we went back in time? What would we find?

There have been, at various times a whole range of iconic public house names within the village. Where for example was the Bull's Head? Or the Mason's Arms? Or the Sportsman Inn? Or the Fox and Hounds? Or, even the second Devonshire Arms?

We can track these providers of ales and beer through trade directories and census returns, and like most farming and industrial settlements of the period there was always a big demand for somewhere to quench the thirst after a hot day in the fields or around a forge. So, let's track down the second Devonshire Arms first.



That's an easy one because it is based on land ownership. Dore Moor Inn was on land owned by the Duke of Devonshire and when ownership passed to the Duke of Norfolk the name was changed. Dore Moor Inn had a significant part to play in coaching times, being a main stopping post en route to the Peak District. It was also very busy on Sheffield's market days, when farmers brought stock towards Sheffield and stopped off to refresh themselves before moving on. Bear in mind they thought nothing of walking ten miles or more with animals for a market day...and back again at night.

That brings us to the current Devonshire Arms. This public house, originally built as a beer house, is believed to date back to the 1700s and has, as far as can be determined always answered to its current name, unlike the Hare and Hounds which has had a wide range of names as time has gone by. Prior to being the Hare and Hounds it was the Fox and Hounds, and is recorded as such in Pigott's Directory of 1829 under the licensee Henry Elliott who was also a stonemason. After that it was briefly known as The Sportsman Inn under licensee James Ellis. Like many innkeepers

throughout the 19th Century in census documents James Ellis is described as innkeeper and woodman.

So we move on to the Bull's Head. In 1832 it was being sold at public auction as belonging to the estate of Thomas Short:

"consisting of a public house, known by the sign of the Bull's Head, situate in the village of Dore, in the county of Derby, together with the stable and outbuildings, and an excellent garden: also a cottage newly erected, adjoining the above, in the occupation of Dorothy Short."



After consulting John Dunstan in the search for the missing Bull's Head he suggested a possible location near the bottom of Townhead Road. However it may also be the public house licence which was bought out by the landlord of the Hare and Hounds for a business opposite the current location of the Hare and Hounds, at which point the attached licence was discontinued.

Then there is the Mason's Arms. It would seem that one of the village pastimes was renaming the public houses because Thomas Short, landlord of the Bull's Head is also recorded as being landlord of the Mason's Arms. Was the Mason's Arms the public house opposite the Hare or was it simply the earlier name of the Bull's Head? Or one and the same?

In 'the Old Days in Dore. A History of Dore', drafted by John Hancock in 1896, he refers to a beer house being in an old thatched cottage which had stood at Nether Causeway Head, now known as East Rushley. This establishment was run by a man called Oats who also had run the fabulously named 'The Hog's Den' public house. This stood in the hollow near Whirlow Bridge, next to a field called St. Igna. (That field is recorded on maps of 1827).

And let's not forget The Peacock, Dore run by Peter Green and recorded in Glover's Trade Directory of 1829. It might be the Peacock of Owlbar which was built in 1818 or there again... yet another mystery location.

If you know any more about any of these public houses we'd love to hear from you. In the meantime, cheers! I'm off to the ale house in one of the terrace houses next to Barker's Row (opposite the Chemist).

Dorne Coggins





This year's annual Doreways exhibition in October took the title of 'Discovering Dore's Past: Life in a Rural Landscape', and true to form attracted several hundred visitors over its two-day opening. Doreways members adopted period costume and also the identities of specific individuals whose lives are known to the archives. Artefacts came from the village collection, Sheffield Museums Trust and private individuals to produce, once again an engrossing 'pop-up museum' in the Old School for the weekend.

The Exhibition was opened by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Sheffield Cllr Anne Murphy (see front cover) and comprised artefacts, costumes and tales from the archives with complete scenes set up, such as the bedroom and schoolroom, both shown above.

Our thanks once again to Doreways and the enthusiastic supporters who gave their time and efforts to set this up for us.