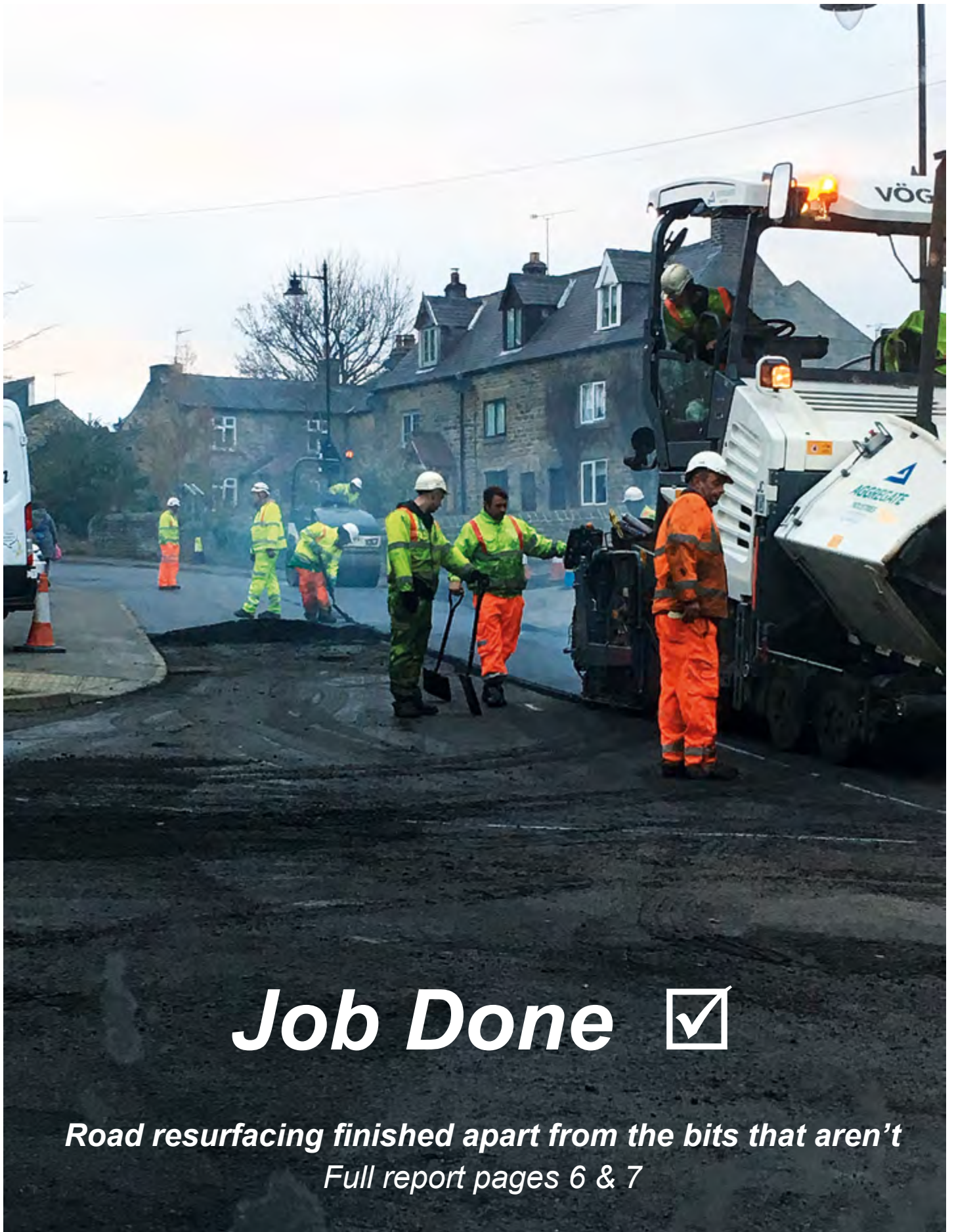


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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Job Done

*Road resurfacing finished apart from the bits that aren't
Full report pages 6 & 7*

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held at Dore Methodist Church, High Street, Dore at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting.
3. Trustees' statement.
4. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016.
5. To elect up to eight committee members.
6. Changes to the Society's Constitution. (see below)
7. Items for discussion.

Angela Rees - Secretary
26th January 2017

Proposed changes to the constitution

The committee has been debating the matter of how long an individual should be permitted to continue as a member of the committee. At the moment members are appointed for periods of three years. The committee is recommending that, in the interests of good governance, a committee member should not be allowed to serve for more than four terms of three years. In addition, it is recommending that the post of Chairman should not be held by the same person for more than five years. It is felt that these decisions should be reflected in the Constitution of the Society, rather than just being left to the good practice of the committee. The AGM of the Society needs to confirm any changes to the Constitution. Accordingly, it is recommended that the sentence currently in the Constitution, which reads "One third of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and outgoing members may be re-elected." should be replaced. The proposed new wording is set out below:

One third (or as close to this as is possible) of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Society normally for, but not exceeding, a period of three years; and outgoing members may be re-elected. The maximum period for which an individual shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee shall be twelve

years. Transitional arrangements shall apply, as minuted by the Executive Committee and to ensure the smooth running of the Society, for the early years of the introduction of this policy with effect from the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

A second change to the Constitution is also recommended. Section 14 of the constitution refers to the ways in which notices are deemed to have been given to members. At the moment the current wording in section 14 of the constitution reads as follows: "Any notices required to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to be duly given if published in Dore to Door, displayed on the Society's notice board or left at or sent by prepaid post to members using the address last notified to the Secretary". It is recommended that the word "Secretary" is replaced with "Membership Secretary" and that the following phrase is added to that sentence as follows: "or to the email address last notified to the Membership Secretary".

Talk

After the conclusion of the business of the AGM, there will, as usual, be a talk. The details of this have not yet been arranged. In due course, full details of this will be placed on the DVS noticeboards and website, as well as in the Summer edition of Dore to Door.

AGM Notes

1. Non members of the Society are welcome to attend the meeting but will not be entitled to vote.
2. The Society's accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report on them will be available for members of the Society on application to the treasurer from 1st May. Additionally the accounts may be viewed in the DVS office (upstairs at the back of the Old School) between 10am and midday on Saturday 6th May and Saturday 3rd June, and between 10am and midday on Fridays from 5th May until 2nd June inclusive.
3. Seven current members of the committee are standing again for re-election.
4. The Society's constitution permits nominations for election to the Executive Committee to be made up to 14 days prior to the meeting. Any nominations, together with a proposer and seconder, will need to be given to the Secretary no later than Thursday 25th May. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary. A list of those nominated will be placed on the Society's website and noticeboards.

Resolution corner

Did you make a list of New Year resolutions this year? Have you broken them all yet? Well, here's a chance to make good by volunteering for a local activity before the year gets too old.

The village spring clean litter pick will take place this year on Sunday 2nd April. This is a fine opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise, as well as helping to clear away all the winter rubbish just as (hopefully) the weather is turning nice enough to start enjoying walks in the countryside once again without a big winter coat and boots.

The best thing is that you don't need to provide anything but yourself for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning. Meet up at Dore Old School at 11am to collect your free loan of high visibility vest, picking stick and gloves. After that, you can volunteer to clear the litter around your own home, or the organisers will allocate an area of particular need.

Picking continues until 1pm and all rubbish can be taken back to the Old School where Amey are contracted to take it away the following week. You should be finished early enough for a proper Sunday lunch, either at home or you might feel that you deserve a treat and visit one of our fine local hostels.



Litter-picking stalwarts Julie Gay and friends had a session on Brickhouse Lane in January, recovering NINE bin liners full of other people's trash. As always they had a supportive reaction from passers by, but just who is chucking all this stuff? It's unsightly, unsociable and extremely unsavoury.

Front cover: Road resurfacing reaches the village centre as Amey lays new tarmac at the bottom of Townhead Road. Photo: John Eastwood

Art Show 2017



This year's annual Dore Art Show will be held, as normal in the Old School on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April. Come along and see the efforts of our accomplished Art Group over the last twelve months, chat to the artists and bring your weekend cheque book as many of the works will be for sale.

The show will be open 2pm-6pm on Friday and 9.30am-5.30pm on Saturday. Refreshments include home made cakes and you might well find something for your own wall at home.

Sandy says bye

Loyal Customers and friends,

After five and a bit years at the Hare and Hounds the time has come for me to say FaHarewell and move on. My time in the village has given me some of the best memories and friends that anyone could wish for. It has been an honour and a pleasure to run a pub in the heart of a community as the Hare & Hounds is. It is the people that make Dore such a wonderful place; loving, generous, kind and always willing to help. Your support has been invaluable and I know that you will look after my successor with the same kindnesses.

I would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone that has helped make the past five years as great as they have been; my team for all of their hard work, all the other business owners who have given their support (and often raffle prizes), but most of all to the people that have kept me in a job, you, the customers. Without you it simply would not have been possible.

I know the Hare will continue to thrive and wish you all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy

Your car, their land - so who's right?



A row has broken out over parking at a popular Derbyshire pub-hotel-restaurant following a change in policy.

Owners David and Sue McHattie of the Devonshire Arms, Baslow became fed up with cars being left in the pub car park by people not visiting their establishment, but either walking in the area or visiting nearby Chatsworth. To combat this, they contracted a private firm to oversee parking. Number plate recognition cameras were installed last summer and advice signs erected in the car park; reportedly a dozen warning signs covering 25 car parking spaces. More signs are displayed inside the premises. Genuine pub and restaurant visitors have only to leave their registration numbers on an iPad provided for the purpose at reception.

Failure to register results in a fine sent through the post to the vehicle owners - £60 if paid immediately, rising to £100 if unpaid after a couple of weeks. David and Sue have been accommodating and trying to sort out fines of genuine customers whilst the new system beds in, but disappointingly a number of those customers have been abusive to staff and some have still left poor reviews on the TripAdvisor website.

It's a shame that a measure designed only to ensure that legitimate customers can park in the first place has engendered such bad feeling. Remember that there is no general permission to park on private land anywhere, and that a landowner may impose whatever conditions they like on their private car parks. Provided that these conditions are displayed on adequate signage, it's likely that you will have to pay. Threatening to thump the barman or leaving a stinking review on the internet isn't going to get you what you want.



Good News on Whirlowbrook Park Café

Work is commencing shortly on the construction of a new café in Whirlowbrook Park. The park has been without a café since the change of ownership a few years ago when the café in the house was closed. The facility is sorely missed by regular park users. Indeed a very widely supported petition was presented to the Council urging them to make it a condition of the new lease that a café was retained. This did not happen but the new owners Saxon Hotels promised to find a way of replacing the facility.

The temporary solution of having a trailer in the car park was unsuccessful and the trailer was vandalised. But now the derelict toilet block is to be converted into a café. "Whirlowbrook Park is a gem but it was missing something without the café. I hope once it is open that families and the young and old can enjoy a drink and ice cream in these idyllic surroundings and that the café is well supported so it remains open." said Councillor Colin Ross.

TOADS announce world premiere

We are very pleased to announce that TOADS' May play this year has been written and will be directed by a member of our society, Alan Wade.

Alan lives locally and is well known in the community as a regular actor in TOADS' productions, is associated with The Company who enact the annual Play on the Green every Dore Gala, and is very active within the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

We are delighted to be performing the world premiere of Alan's play - "That Week in August". Don't miss it!

The dates for your diary are Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th May at 7.30pm and Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm. The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 2351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Anne Bettridge

Dore Festival 2017

Preparations are already in full swing for this year's Dore Festival which will run from Friday 23rd June until Sunday 9th July. We are delighted to announce that our opening event will be a vibrant Flower Festival to be displayed in Christ Church Dore. It is seven years since we held such a prestigious event and we are lucky to have on board a team of expert floral artists. As we did last time, we are now approaching local groups and individuals to request sponsorship of the many floral displays that will fill the parish church. If you feel that you might wish to sponsor, or part sponsor an arrangement, perhaps in celebration of a special family occasion or in memory of a deceased relative or friend please contact us.

After the initial Flower Festival weekend there will be a packed programme of indoor and outdoor activities ranging from talks and concerts to walks, well-dressing and family fun-run. Many of our most popular events have been organised for a number of years by the same loyal groups but we are always looking for new attractions. So, this year we welcome Dore Garden Club who will host a special open evening with Pollyana Pickering to which everyone is invited.

The full programme of Dore Festival 2017 will be published in the next issue of Dore to Door and will be posted on the Dore Village website and notice boards well in advance of the start date. In the meantime here are some key dates for your diary.

Friday 23 June - Flower Festival opens

Sunday 2 July - Well Dressing Service

Saturday 8 July- Scout and Guide Gala

Sunday 9 July – Festival Songs of Praise

We hope for some perfect summer weather and look forward to seeing you all at a Dore Festival event.

**Maureen Cope Tel: 235 0392 and
Anne Elsdon Tel: 236 0002
Dore Festival Co-ordinators**

The Future of Dore Scout & Guide Gala

The Dore Scout and Guide Gala has been running since the mid 1950s. From simple beginnings it has grown into a major village event that involves a considerable amount of planning and organisation. We are grateful for all the help we receive from the community on the day, but we have reached a crisis point as far as organisation is concerned. We urgently require committee members who are prepared to help organise and run the event.



A real community event - can you help ensure it continues?

The committee meets for a couple of hours a month from January to July, and again in October to distribute the money that we raise which is shared between the Scouts and Guides of Dore. Each committee member also has a major part to play on Gala Day itself. We require both energetic 'hands on' types and more

Our 2018 calendar - over to you!

The 2017 Dore Village Society calendar was, I'm pleased to report, a complete sell-out long before Christmas and raised £522 for local good causes. Sadly, this was the last calendar to be produced by Elaine Nichols who has stepped down after preparing the calendar for the last three years. We are extremely grateful to Elaine for all her hard work, and would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her.

So, what do we do next? As you're aware each calendar has a theme, and we've decided that for 2018 this will be "Dore Unseen". The reason that we're telling you about this so early is that we'd like you, the readers of Dore to Door and residents of the village, to take the photographs for us. The objective is to produce a picture of an unusual view of something in Dore.

It might be a landscape, a building, a garden, or other interesting subject but from a curious or interesting aspect not usually seen by local residents.

It could be a view of a local beauty spot taken from a different angle, a mystery garden in the village which members of the public rarely see, a natural history subject, farm animals - the potential list of subjects is limited only by your imagination.

As the calendar is a charitable enterprise we're unable to offer any cash prizes, but all winners will of course see their work published with their name prominently displayed alongside. And if you win, of course you'll be able to add 'Published Photographer' to your CV!

Please start snapping now, but don't send any photographs in yet. We've still to decide who will do the judging and formulate the details of how to enter. Full details will be published in the next Dore to Door which comes out in May.

It is likely that the competition will close in July, shortly after Dore Gala as the calendar has to be prepared and printed in time for its official launch at Dore Show in early September.

So, get those cameras, phones and tablets clicking away and we'll be back with more details next time.

sessile 'office' individuals willing to help get the ball rolling. I will be stepping down at the end of this year's Gala after more than thirty years' involvement and the rest of the members are fully committed. Without new input it is likely that this year's Dore Gala will be the last. You don't have to have sons or daughters in the Scout or Guide Movements but if you have, all the better. If you are interested and happy to join us now please get in touch. Thank you.

Geoff Cope g.h.cope@btinternet.com

Dragon Hunt

Dore's annual Dragon Hunt will again be taking place this year, and as Saint George's Day falls on a Sunday in 2017 it will uncommonly be held on the day itself.

Parents and primary school children wishing to take part need only assemble at the Old School at 2pm on 23rd April for a full briefing on an afternoon's entertainment which includes a round Dore quiz.

Fancy dress is optional (for children, not parents!), Saint George is usually on hand and there may even be dragons - and their eggs - hiding out in the village if only you can find them.

This highly popular event has been a feature of the Dore calendar for many years. We look forward to seeing you there.

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In the last issue I described what the DVS committee spends the Society's money on and in this issue I am explaining how we make decisions about spending and other activities.

The DVS constitution defines the role of the society and what it can and cannot do so it is within this context that we operate. Key elements of our activity are:

- the protection and enhancement of the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore
- the encouragement of a spirit of community
- recording the historic development of Dore

Any expenditure or use of DVS resources has to be undertaken within a defined boundary called "the area of benefit". This closely follows an old Dore parish boundary (starting near Lady Canning's Plantation, running down the Limb Brook and then along the River Sheaf, Old Hay Brook and Blacka Dyke up to the Hathersage Road, along the road to Toad's Mouth, then up Burbage Brook to Upper Burbage Bridge and back along the road to Lady Canning's Plantation).

Our constitution is on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/constitution and a map of the area of benefit is at www.dorevillage.co.uk/files/dnf/NeighbourhoodPlanAreaDesignation.pdf. These can also be viewed in the DVS office.

About two thirds of our income is expended on the day-to-day running costs of the Society and our continuing commitments: maintaining the war memorial, funding the dragon hunt, the Christmas trees and lights, the Lantern parade, the summer flower tubs, a contribution to the Dore Festival and producing Dore to Door, which means that the remainder is spent in pursuit of our other constitutional responsibilities. So, how do we decide what else to spend money on?

Sometimes events present opportunities to gain greater control over things that affect life in Dore, for example the legislation which led to the formation of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum and the development of a Dore Neighbourhood Development Plan, something which has been reported regularly in Dore to Door and via public meetings.

On other occasions we will respond to

changes such as the removal of the bus service to the Hallamshire Hospital where we feel that we should be trying to prevent, or at least alleviate, something that is seen as detrimental to services many of us depend on.

We also receive quite a lot of suggestions and requests from Dore residents.

Whatever the origin, all suggestions for expenditure are considered at DVS committee meetings. The first criterion is: does our constitution allow us to do this?

If so, we then consider the potential benefit to the community, the anticipated cost (can it be justified in terms of time, effort and benefit?) and finally, if we don't have the resources to respond how can these be acquired?

A lot of what we fund or support comes from suggestions from Dore residents. For example, the Doreways group, which was formed in 2012 to organise the Queen's Jubilee exhibition, has continued in operation and, among other things, has organised exhibitions every year, run the dragon hunt, published leaflets, organised litter picks, created photographic and map archives, and many other activities.

David Hayes is well known for his involvement in the community and for organising events on the village green, events which we are pleased to fund.

We welcome initiatives such as these and we pay for many of them. What we don't do is organise them, partly because we don't have the time but, more importantly, the people with the ideas are the best ones to organise and deliver them.

Ideas and requests come from many sources and we are pleased to encourage and support them where they meet our criteria. We see our role in this respect as an enabling organisation that has funds to help people turn their ideas into reality for the benefit of the community. So, if you have an idea that is consistent with our constitutional purposes, you are welcome to ask us for help. Suggestions can be for a variety of activities or projects including events, meetings, exhibitions, publications, research into local issues, surveys, renovating or maintaining items of historical significance, improving local amenities, sporting and recreational activities, etc. In the first instance send us an outline describing what you want to do, why, how this will benefit Dore and its residents, how much you think it will cost, what the money will be spent on and when it will happen. One of our constant challenges is ensuring that we are reflecting the wishes of our members, and in this we are always conscious of the need to represent all age groups in Dore. Unfortunately, we get few people under the age of 50 volunteering to join the committee. This is understandable: work and family commitments take up a lot of time and energy, so we are pleased that we have recently been joined by Tina

Havenhand, who has agreed to take the roles of deputy treasurer and school liaison. Tina's profile appears in this edition of Dore to Door, and as you will see, she is contributing to lowering our age profile.

If you would like to become involved in the work of the Society in some way we would be delighted to hear from you. Otherwise we would also be pleased to hear from you on any issue within the remit of our constitution that you would like to discuss. Our contact details and responsibilities are in each issue of Dore to Door and on the website (www.dorevillage.co.uk/contactdvs)

One of the most important decisions we took last year was to introduce time-limiting membership of the committee so that there is an opportunity for new people to join and new ideas and influences to be introduced. In this way we hope that the committee will become self-renewing and stay in touch with its membership. This will require a change to our constitution and you can read more about this on page 2 of this issue.

Moving on, we are in the middle of a comprehensive redevelopment of the DVS website. We have consulted widely to ask what you want from a new website and we have distilled the results into a specification that we are in the process of implementing. All the existing content is being retained but we are adding a number of new features and additional content. The appearance and "look and feel" of the website is being redesigned, as is the means of navigation, in order to make it more appealing and easier to use. Watch this space!

Lastly, membership renewals since the last issue have been encouraging but we still have a long way to go to reach our target of 1060 members. If you haven't yet joined or renewed, membership forms can be obtained by calling in at the DVS office, or from the membership secretary Kath Lawrence (email: kath.lawrence@dorevillage.co.uk or phone 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. When you complete your membership form it would be very helpful if you could include your email address if you have one.

Our next issue is in May when we will be looking forward to the usual summer events so, until then, best wishes for the start of this year.

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)

Where all that muck came from



Not a pretty sight - piles of earth over the planted verge at the junction of Causeway Head Road and Parkers Lane

As this edition of Dore to Door was being prepared, I and other DVS Committee members began to get phone calls about Amey activity on Parkers Lane. The article opposite was already written, and so I told the first few callers that the activity was expected and that all would be well once new drains were laid.

The first call, I think was only about parking of works vehicles and plant on the verge at the junction with Causeway Head Road. Then, it transpired that large quantities of excavated earth were also being piled up on the verge which, as residents will know was planted by DVS with

daffodils some years ago. The flowers present a pleasing approach to the village from that direction so this was rather disconcerting. Then I got an email to say that the whole area was going under tarmac!

I am grateful to the correspondent who has made some effort to discover what's going on. He writes:

"I went over to the site cabins this afternoon and spent around twenty minutes talking to the site supervisor and looking over their site plans with him. He was very helpful and I think he knew they had upset the locals somehow (!)

"He's told me (and the drawings say the same) that their remit is to redo all the drainage on Parkers Lane, clean out all the old road gullies, put in some land drains and then remake the road sub base where it has collapsed. This will then tie in with the main road resurfacing team. I asked for his general schedule and completion date but he said they don't have one at present.

"He said they were just going to re instate the large grassy area "as was" once they're finished and he was not aware of any plans to lay tarmac over the grass or anything like that. All the drawings I saw just mentioned repairing a small area of existing pavement.

"The large pile of new stone dumped on the verge is for land drain trenches along Parkers Lane. The pile of soil is what they've dug out for land drains so far.

"Once again, as with most of this ongoing Amey work, it looks like it could have been done a little more carefully and sympathetically, but this guy I spoke to seemed pretty genuine. He said they didn't have much space in the area for dumping materials. He didn't seem to know anything about the bulbs planted in the verge.

"I guess the best thing is to keep an eye on it and maybe ask the local councillors to write to the works team in charge to make sure they are prompt with their reinstatement work after the lads have cleared off site. It looks like it will all need reseeding or turfing and the bulbs replanting."

So there you have it, you know as much as anyone.

John Eastwood

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Bitumen Bulletin

Dore to Door attended the Amey roadshow at Abbeydale Sports Club on 10th January to get the latest news on road resurfacing.



The B52 zone which covers most of Dore is now completed, though a few locations remain pending. Included amongst these are Furniss Avenue and Grove Road, where tree issues are still to be finalised and Parker's Lane and particularly Savage Lane, where substantial drainage works are to be undertaken before a new road surface is laid.

There is no timescale for these remaining works with the exception of Parker's Lane, where work is now well under way. But this has led to other issues, for which see our supplementary article opposite.

The A18 zone, covering our through roads such as Dore Road and Causeway Head Road, Rushley Road, Limb Lane and arterial roads into Sheffield have some way to go yet, though Hathersage

Road and parts of Ecclesall Road were completed before Christmas to comply with conservation restrictions. Remaining works should be beginning from the end of January and will continue into April.

Hathersage Road was completed ahead of schedule, and so the teams were removed to begin pavement works around Greenhill where

we understand there have been other problems. The delay here may have knock on effects to our remaining roads, though Amey are still aiming to have finished all work in Dore by approximately Easter.

The next zone to undergo the treatments will be B53, which is Totley where only street lights have yet been done. Kerbing works are due to start in March and will continue into May. Pavement resurfacing is due to start in July and will continue into November. Road resurfacing is due to start in August and will also continue into November. There will be a roadshow for

residents before work starts, though at the time of writing no date or venue has been fixed.

Other areas in the city will also be affected during 2017, so please look out for street signs on the roads and be careful where you park. It's beyond the scope of Dore to Door to report on other areas, but we're grateful that our local works are almost finished and that the disruptions and diversions are nearly over.

John Eastwood

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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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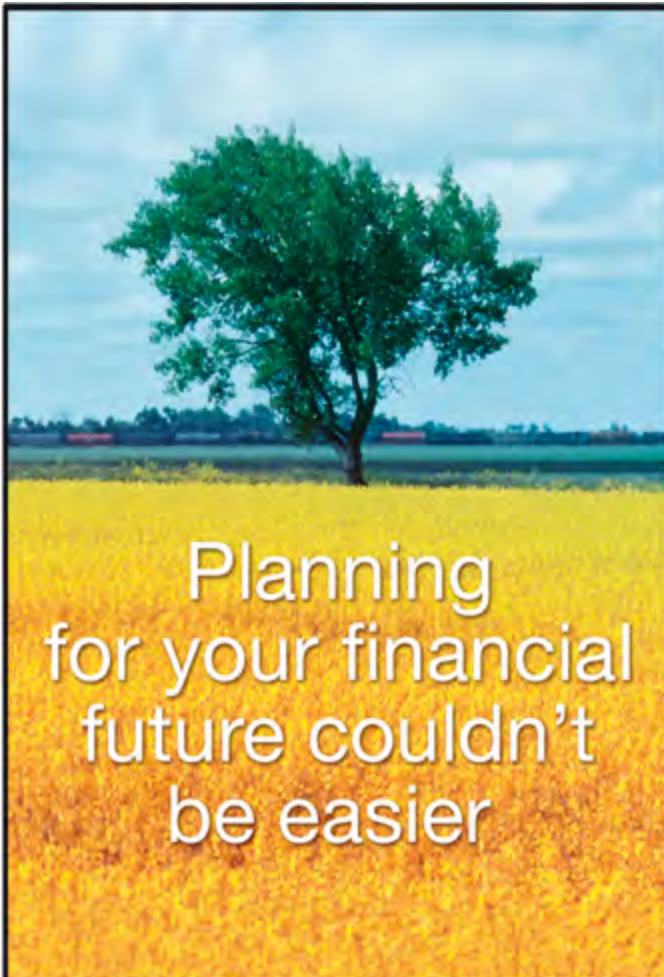
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Online Safety at Dore Primary

Children today are living in a technological age of wonderful opportunity. The internet is now fully embedded into our lives and children often come to school confident in accessing technology like tablets, game consoles and mobile phones to watch favourite videos and games. As educators too, the internet is a massively powerful and useful tool. The internet provides a gateway to an online world community that gives opportunities to connect and collaborate with others that would otherwise not be possible.

Just as we teach and advise children as they gradually gain independence in the real world, so too must we teach children about the online world, predominantly about the opportunities and the positive aspects of their online lives, but also about the risks, dangers and the responsibilities. It's important that messages are repeated to children from schools and parents and families.

So how does this look in Dore Primary School? There are many important aspects to our online safety approach:

Curriculum

There is a common misconception that because the internet is accessed through technology, that the teaching of online safety (until recently known as "e-safety") should be taught solely in computing lessons. The truth is that although there are lots of opportunities to discuss online safety aspects in computing, the main lessons are taught through Personal Social and Emotional Development lessons (PSED), - at Dore we call these lessons Growing Up Skills (GUS), - or discussed through Philosophy for Children (P4C). Technology in itself is not inherently dangerous but the people who use it can be. Online Safety therefore links to many important messages. For example, when talking about anti-bullying, it is important to discuss cyberbullying (online bullying) and experiences children have had with the impact it had on them. Obviously, teaching is tailored towards the age of the children. In infants, a simple message where they know to tell adults about anything unsettling they see will progress in the juniors to discussions about how they can be responsible internet users, what plagiarism is and how to ensure work does not breach copyright. So, when the government say that online safety education starts at age four they are right, but the messages are tailored to the age receiving them.

Online Safety Policies

At Dore, our Online Safety team has completed a new set of policies for school, which will be shared with parents, children, staff and governors. Alongside Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) for all school stakeholders everyone should be aware of the expectations of the school which are designed to keep children safe and also help adults ensure that all their behaviour is appropriate around technology. This will be reviewed annually if not sooner to ensure it is still relevant.

Staff Training

Teachers receive regular reminders on key messages that children need to receive and know who to refer concerns to. As technology moves along, children change the format of how they communicate and the specifics of any issues that arise may change, but the overall messages will stay largely the same.

Safer Internet Day

This is an international event that occurs every February. It's a great opportunity to focus on online safety in schools and revisit key messages. There is usually a focus for the children to think about. In 2017 the children will be thinking about how they can "be the change: unite for a better internet". During the week of Safer Internet Day children will discuss with their peers how they can be good "digital citizens" and this year the junior children will be discussing the images they share online and the impact that can have on them and their friends.

Online Safety Pupil Survey

Each year we ask children to answer some questions about their online habits so that any key trends that need to be addressed can be identified and fed back into planning for future teaching with the children and updates to school policies as required.

Supporting parents

There is a lot of support available for schools and parents to give guidance and support. The Child Exploitation Online Prevention service (CEOP) is provided by the police and they have a website called "thinkuknow" (www.thinkuknow.co.uk) which contains resources and advice for parents and teachers. Our school website has an online safety page for parents that has links to good resources and organisations as well as a direct feed from Parent Info UK that publishes advice to parents on many online safety topics. We hope to have a parent information evening at school before too long. Parents are encouraged to talk to school if they have any concerns about online safety.

School Internet Infrastructure

To help the children use the internet safely, our broadband access is filtered to help prevent children stumbling across something upsetting. The sophistication of filters improves all the time but is never perfect, so it's important that children and teachers report anything inappropriate that is discovered through the school network.

We hope this gives an interesting summary of how we approach Online Safety in our school. Ultimately, we want children to get that funny feeling in their stomachs when something doesn't feel right online, just as they would when they are in a potentially dangerous situation in the real world. Then to have the confidence and knowledge to know that they need help and to seek out that support immediately. The key is dialogue between children and the adults they trust about the internet. If they are talking regularly about the positive experiences, it will be much easier if something ever happens that worries them to disclose this straight away to people who can help them.

Matthew Smith

Keep off the zig zags

On behalf of Dore Primary School, the Road Safety Team (RST) would like to thank the local community for helping to keep the children safe, particularly during their journeys to and from school. RST's motto is "Look out for each other"; this extends from the pupils of Dore Primary to the village as a whole.

Sadly during this new school term, school staff and parents have witnessed several incidents that endanger children and carers. The main issue is the illegal parking on zig zags. Recognising that time is precious during the school pick-up and drop off times, it is still incredibly important that the zig zag zone marked in yellow outside the school entrance is free from cars. This enables families (especially children) to cross safely. The school would much rather a child be late due to having to park some way away from school than in front of school that potentially puts the lives of others at risk. If you do witness any incidents, please do not hesitate to contact the school at enquiries@dore.sheffield.sch.uk and add ROAD SAFETY in your email title.

In the meantime, there is still a vacancy for the school crossing patrol warden for Dore Primary. Details of the role can be found on the Council's jobs page at sccjobs.sheffield.gov.uk. If anyone from the village would be interested in volunteering to help with the school crossing, the school would be delighted to hear from them. Even one morning or afternoon during the week would be extremely welcome.

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Chainsaws move in at 5am

Welcome to the latest news from the local street tree campaign. It's been a hectic few weeks since our last report, both locally and across the city.

Firstly, and most importantly, Save Dore Trees has now become Save Dore, Totley and Bradway Trees! We have now joined together within the S17 postcode to oppose the unnecessary felling of healthy street trees across the locality. It's great to be working on this together and really rewarding to share experiences and advice with Totley, led by Sally Goldsmith, and Bradway, led by John Camateras. Surveys were received on the affected streets in Totley and Bradway late last year with some trees now referred to the Independent Tree Panel.

Now, let's catch up with the latest news on the Dore trees. Final decisions have eventually been announced for Blackamoor Road and Ashfurlong Road, and sad to say that nine trees on Ashfurlong Road have now been felled. Our group was contacted by local residents at the time, asking for information and upset at the loss of what were predominantly healthy trees. Sadly, at this stage there was little we could do to help although we do need to make sure that the substitute trees are indeed planted as promised. The one listed tree on Blackamoor Road is still standing at the moment.

Surprisingly, a year after the ITP visited many of our streets, final decisions are still awaited for the Vernon Oak on Vernon Road, The Grove at Totley, Furniss Avenue and Burlington Road. What on earth can the reason be for this lengthy delay?

But, in the middle of November, SCC did release a further batch of final decisions which included four further streets from Dore. It was extremely bad news all round. Although there had been some slightly encouraging noises coming from various sources that solutions to some of the perceived problems involving healthy trees had been found, not a single tree on these four roads was reprieved. The reason given is financial, but it has always been understood that certain solutions such as installing a narrower kerbstone to accommodate tree roots for instance, were included in the contract and would not incur any extra expense.

So, we are now expecting imminent fellings on Devonshire Drive (2 trees), King Ecgbert Road (4 trees), Chatsworth Road (7 trees) and Abbeydale Park Rise (19 trees). The majority of these 32 trees are healthy. For instance, the seven iconic lime trees on Chatsworth Road could simply have a narrower kerb installed to maintain a straight line or the contract could allow for a variation by creating a slight build out, which the overall width of the road would allow. The loss of 19 trees on Abbeydale Park Rise is also of great concern. Please, if you haven't done so already, go and walk along these streets, noting the yellow ribbons identifying the listed trees. We are still contesting these decisions and will continue to hope that the situation may change.

On a more positive note, we hosted a fantastic event just before Christmas on Abbeydale Park Rise, a celebration of the truly wonderful display of Christmas lights with seasonal songs and live music for all the family, along with mince pies and mulled wine. This was well-attended and enjoyed by all. The lights seemed to be better than ever this year, attracting large numbers of visitors over the whole of the festive period, and APR received local media coverage as well. Thanks to everyone involved, both with the musical celebration and in creating the marvellous display.

The city-wide campaign has also been busy in the last few weeks and months. As you may already know from media coverage both

local and national, two supporters were arrested at Marden Road, Nether Edge for peacefully protesting during a felling operation. The men concerned are due back in court on 9 March; they've actually been charged under anti-picketing legislation.

Then, on 17 November there was a major Streets Ahead felling operation at Rustlings Road. SCC and its contractor Amey, along with South Yorkshire Police, arrived on the road during the night to prepare for the commencement of felling at 5am. Residents were woken and ordered to remove vehicles from the roadside and, if they did not immediately comply, their cars were towed away. Again arrests were made, this time of three people, including two women of retirement age, who exercised their right to protest peacefully. They were charged under public order legislation but the prosecutions were dropped in late January.

During the following hours, seven trees were felled and one partially survived due to the dogged determination of the residents, supported by other campaigners. It later became clear that the SCC final decision for the Rustlings Road trees was only published on the Council's website at 4.30am, just as the chainsaws were being prepared. There has since been an apology issued by Cllr Bryan Lodge but the only specific action is a promise that work will not commence before 7am in future and that final decisions will be announced in

advance. Questions have also been raised with Alan Billings and the Chief Constable about the involvement of the police. Yet the amount of interest created by this one incident has been phenomenal and support for the campaign rose rapidly almost overnight! Media coverage has also been extended nationwide and indeed worldwide.

Further developments include the plans to fell more than 20 trees on Western Road, Crookes. These are war memorial trees, planted to honour local soldiers killed in the First World War, and it is now coming to light that other streets across the city, including at least one street in

Meersbrook, also fall into this category.

Our local group and the city-wide campaign will continue to contest the unnecessary felling of healthy street trees, remembering of course that there is no argument with the removal of dead and dangerous trees. However, it is patently clear to a growing number of residents, supported by professional experts, that SCC, through its £2.2 billion PFI contract with Amey, is removing large numbers of healthy and mature trees, generally classed as damaging, many of which could be retained.

This local campaign was formed 18 months ago in August 2015, when the first information was published by Streets Ahead announcing plans to fell a large number of our street trees. Concerned residents launched a petition and the campaign took off. During that time support has been given by many people, locally and further afield. We are grateful to everyone involved, including Dore Village Society and our local councillors, and we remain steadfast in our determination to continue whilst ever there are still trees to protect. Please flag up any unusual activity locally, but in particular on Chatsworth Road and Abbeydale Park Rise.

Please note, when felling commences, contact us straight away on 07715 623523. Report any other issues or concerns by email at annanddavid3@sky.com

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Ann Anderson



Car parking in Dore – an update

In the last issue of Dore to Door I reported that the proposals for a parking scheme in Dore were about to go to a meeting for consideration by Sheffield Councillors. That meeting was postponed to give Councillor Mazher Iqbal, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, an opportunity to meet with our local Councillors and see at first hand what the circumstances are. He was concerned about the lack of agreement among the various parties who would be affected by any parking scheme.

In the meantime meetings also took place between the various groups which have an interest in parking to discuss their different perspectives and needs. These included the DVS, the Dore village centre residents' group, the Dore Neighbourhood Forum village centre working group, people who travel into Dore to work, and shop owners.



The outcome of these meetings was a suggestion to go back to the original surveys and reports of 2011 and 2012 to identify the points of common agreement and then to formulate a revised proposal which would, hopefully, be supported by all interested parties. This suggestion was then discussed at a meeting with Councillor Iqbal, Councillor Joe Otten, council highways officials and representatives from the above groups. The result was support for producing a revised proposal and further meetings will be held shortly to start work on this.

This is obviously extending the time it will take to get any action but all of us who were involved in the various meetings agreed that getting a consensus is important if we are to maintain a harmonious community.

Keith Shaw

David Crosby



David has enjoyed living in Dore with his wife Gail since 1994 and has been an elected Trustee of Dore Village Society for fifteen years. He prepared the Dore Village Design Statement and provides advice to the Society and residents about planning applications and issues in the village, including appearing at public planning inquiries. David is currently coordinating the preparation of the

Dore Neighbourhood Plan. He is a member of the Friends of Dore and Topley Station (FoDaTS) and recently represented DVS and FoDaTS at the public inquiry in an attempt to improve the design of the new station.

David is a qualified architect, town planner and lecturer. He worked in London as Project Architect on schemes for 2,500 homes, school and library projects and the restoration of the listed 17th century Forty Hall and stables in Enfield. In County Durham, he was a senior officer at the County Council and Sedgefield District Council, responsible for design advice on planning applications and housing development, local and mineral planning, conservation of historic buildings and areas, the designation of village greens, reclamation, town centre development, and industrial and recreation development including Shildon Railway Museum. He supervised the master plan for 1000 houses in Newton Aycliffe New Town, developed 1000 acres of industrial land in Sedgefield District, supervised the development of over 100 factory units and advised Swan Hunter on the design of a covered shipyard for the Royal Navy on the River Tyne. David became Chief Planning Officer at Sedgefield District Council.

As Senior Lecturer in Urban Design at Sheffield Hallam University David led the post-graduate planning and urban design courses and coordinated all postgraduate studies in the School of Development and Society for ten years. At the University, he provided consultancy planning services including the successful inscription of the World Heritage Sites of Derwent Valley Mills and Saltaire.

David served as a school governor for 35 years including 11 years at Meadowhead School where as Chairman of the Fabric Committee he oversaw the rebuilding of the £17million school for 1600 pupils under the government's PFI scheme. David has always been concerned with young people's needs and, as a volunteer, has been a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, administrator for a young offenders' probation day centre in County Durham, special educational needs governor at Meadowhead School and organised the Children and Families Worker at Abbeydale and Millhouses Parish. He chaired the DVS Committee that introduced free membership of the Society for young people. David continues to support the provision of bursaries for students at University College, London where he first studied.

David is Assistant Treasurer on the parochial church council of the Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses which includes the southern part of Dore Village. His other interests include singing in the church choir, watercolour painting and family history and he has researched an extensive family archive traced back to the 14th century.

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Three more members of the Dore Village Society Committee present themselves to you 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.

Colin Robinson

Colin was educated at Barnsley Grammar School, living in Barnsley until he was 18 years old. Whilst at school, at the end of the fifth form, he asked the school careers master what he should do



about sixth form and university. "What do you enjoy?" was the reply. He said he was good at maths, so it was suggested "Why not be an accountant then?" And that was that. There were no university courses in those days; it was a case of either getting a job in industry and training to be a Cost and Works accountant (as it was called then), or his parents paying a local accountancy

practice to train him as a Chartered accountant. He chose the former and never looked back, using a combination of night school, part-time day release, and correspondence courses to undertake his studies.

After two years working at the National Coal Board he moved to Sheffield, as his parents had relocated there, and took a job at WA Tyzack on Eyre Street. He stayed there for eight years whilst passing his accountancy exams, and immediately followed this up by taking the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries qualification. By this time he was married to his wife, Jenny, and had one daughter.

In order to broaden his experience he joined BOC in Brinsworth, and after a year got a promotion to their Glasgow offices. Both his wife and he wanted to move away from Sheffield, so this move was ideally timed. The first question he was asked at work was "What are you then?" This question related to whether he was a Catholic (Celtic supporter) or a Protestant (Rangers supporter)! It was something that he'd not had to consider previously. In a similar vein, in the village where they chose to live, it was immediately apparent that they were the Sassenachs - English, not British! What introductions to living north of the border!

Shortly afterwards, another daughter was born, followed up three years later with a son.

During the last two of his five years in Glasgow, BOC went through a phase of swapping people around. Colin became the Buyer, and the computer manager took his job. The new computer manager was an excellent musician. That's when computers became all singing and all dancing! (Sorry)

A change back to accounting was required, and this led to a post at Michelle Bearings, part of the Vickers empire on Scotswood Road in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The locals were most surprised to hear Colin and Jenny's Yorkshire accents as their children spoke with quite pronounced Scottish ones. Some explanations had to be given - did the children belong to the milkman?

After twelve months, Colin's boss was seconded to another part of the Vickers group and Colin was unexpectedly (to him) offered his job as Finance Director. He continued to be a Finance Director for the next 21 years, four more years at Vickers, four years in the pharmaceutical industry, six years in Knaresborough at a thermoplastic bearings manufacturer, and finally seven years in road haulage in Leeds.

Whilst working in Leeds, Colin and his wife and son moved back to Sheffield to live, their two daughters having flown the nest to carve out their own careers. Since 1990 they have lived in Dore,

and in the mid-90's Colin became self-employed in a consulting role. He retired in 2003 which is when they bought their motor home, which has brought them much pleasure during the last 14 years. They love jumping in the van and wandering around Europe for a few months each year.

Colin was appointed Treasurer for the DVS a little over a year ago, and during this time has introduced email to the invoicing and debt chasing procedures, saving the charity both time and money.

Tina Havenhand

Tina was born in Doncaster and moved to Sheffield to attend university in the 1990s. Following her graduation, Tina opted to stay in Sheffield, qualifying as an Accountant.

Tina and her husband enjoyed travelling in Asia and the Caribbean before Tina took time out of her career to have two children. Tina and her family moved to Dore in 2012 and her children attend Dore Primary School and Rowan School.



She now co-owns an accountancy practice based in the centre of Sheffield and provides a c c o u n t a n c y , taxation and business advice to a wide range of industry sectors, working with SMEs and charitable organisations.

Tina is a parent governor at Rowan School in Dore, a small, special school for primary aged children who have complex speech,

language and communication difficulties. All of Rowan's children are on the autistic spectrum.

She is also the treasurer of Dore Parents Association, a charitable organisation whose remit is to raise money for the benefit of pupils attending Dore Primary School.

Tina was keen to join the DVS committee to help represent the views of young families in the area and to help establish links between the DVS and the primary schools.

As a mum to two young children and with a busy career Tina doesn't have much spare time, though she does enjoy Sunday walks with her family, spending time with friends and wine!

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There might be more food



Whirlow Hall Farm Trust is a much-loved local charity, located just a short drive or weekend stroll away from Dore. Whilst its purpose is the work it does to inspire, nurture and expand horizons for children from across the city, the farm produces high quality meat, vegetables and fruit which are sold to raise funds for the charitable work. With the unfortunate closure of Dore's butchery, the Trust is keen that folk know that there is a local alternative to supermarket meat counters - one where they can get great produce and a traditional service. By remarkable coincidence, the Trust recently opened its own on-site butchery and so can plug the gap for locals. What's more, Whirlow Hall Farm Trust control every step of the journey from field to fork, a rarity in this era of mass-supply. Prices are highly competitive because there is no-one else involved - the Trust staff breed and rear the animals, deliver them to the abattoir in Chesterfield, and then butcher and sell the meat.

The butchery project was part of a much broader wish to improve the facilities at the Trust. The Trust has had a café for a long time, but the kitchen being across the yard from the diners meant that there was a bit of a disconnect between the two. The Trust also wanted to reduce food miles to a minimum and ensure they have absolute control of the animals from start to finish. So, when they were given an extremely generous donation by someone whose family has very fond memories of time spent at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, they knew exactly what to do with it. They decided to move the kitchen across the yard, open a butchery in its place, reconfigure the farm Shop and expand the café.

The Farm

The farm has raised animals for beef, lamb and pork for years. It's been an essential part of the real working farm that is used to host youngsters on day and residential courses at the Trust.

The Trust recently took on a new Farm Manager, Ben Rhodes who was brought up on a beef and sheep farm not three miles away from Whirlow. He, along with the long-serving Steve Eccles who's been looking after our pigs for the past 35 years, is focused on ensuring the herds and flocks produce the high quality and low numbers that the butchery, shop and café need. The farm team have recently bought some top-notch Texels and they're looking forward to seeing the results of these, along with their pure-breed Suffolks, when the lambs appear in April next year. On the pig front, they have a mixed herd of Large Yorkshires, Hampshires and Durocs. The Butchery needs pigs that can produce excellent joints, terrific bacon and great sausages and pork pies, so the farm team are continuously looking at what can be done to achieve the perfect 'Whirlow' pig. As for cows, they have a herd of between 30 and 40 now, mainly Shorthorns. They are predominantly grass fed, but supplemented with spent corn from Sentinel Brewery in Sheffield - the Team collect the corn from each brew and the cattle



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absolutely love it. The Trust has begun to supply Sentinel with some of its produce, so it's a really great two-way relationship. There is a similar arrangement with Forge Bakehouse - they get eggs, and the Trust gets old bread for the pigs!



Once the animals are ready, they have to be taken to an abattoir. The Trust uses Elliot's in Chesterfield which, at eleven miles is not quite the closest to the farm but is certainly the quickest to reach and thus minimises the time animals spend in transit; the Trust think that is the best approach. The farm team tend to do a run each week, taking only small numbers each time. Whilst it's not a pleasant bit of the business, it has to be done and the Trust is glad to have such a professional place so close at hand. Once slaughtered, the carcasses hang at Elliot's and are returned to the Trust's on-site chiller rooms at the end of the week, ready for butchering. So the meat that customers buy through the farm shop or eat in the café will have been raised on the fields outside to very high welfare standards, been slaughtered locally, hung and butchered at the Trust, and sold at the counters just a few feet away. You can't get much more local than that - the animals do more miles on the hoof in the fields than on the final journey!

The Butchery

The Trust have refitted and converted what used to be their kitchen into an on-site butchery - right next door to the shop.



The butchery team comprises Scott Storey and Richard Summers. Scott has been a local butcher for years, and joined the Trust because he wanted to be close to the source of the meat he works with. Richard Summers is a consultant butcher who also teaches at Welbeck Artisan School of Food. Together they butcher the lamb, beef and pork, cure bacon, make sausages and serve the Trust's customers. Because they get the entire carcass back from the slaughterhouse, they can provide everything from the oxtail to the tongue, and all that joins the two. The

beauty of this new arrangement is that if customers don't see what they want in the shop then they can ask Scott or Richard if they have that particular cut available - it might be waiting in our chiller unit. They'll also be able to quiz Scott and Richard about the animals the meat came from. Like most butchers, they'll know what breed they are. But they'll also know when they were born, which fields they've been in, the day it went to slaughter and the day it came back. They might even know the name of the mother if you're buying pork (Steve names all of his sows!) And because the Trust are entirely independent, they can vary what they provide to suit their customers, match the seasons and in line with what the farm has ready to go. But the Trust will always be small scale and that will ensure that they remain a high-quality, local butchery that can provide a really great standard of service and meat. The response so far from customers has been terrific - they love the new set up and, more importantly, the meat they've bought.



The Café

The generosity of the donation was such that, after some pretty major refurbishment, the Trust has been able to expand its café seating area into the stable next door. They wanted to create a great space that is in keeping with the rest of the farm and have achieved that - it's warm and cosy, the lamps are the same that are used to keep lambs and piglets warm and the 'Gripples' they use to hang pictures are used across the farm to join our fencing wire. The cafe can now seat 60 visitors in the beautiful Grade 2 listed Cruck Barn, in addition to the tables that are outside for the good weather. They have reconfigured what remained of the original cafe, and created an open kitchen so that customers can see their meals being produced by Steve and his apprentice Josh.

Not surprisingly, the Trust's 'full English' is one of the most popular meals they serve - using our own eggs, bacon and sausages. But they also make the most of all of the meat, vegetables and fruit to produce daily specials, seasonal ice-creams, macarons, pickles, chutneys, pies and Whirlow Eggs (like a Scotch egg, only better!) for sale in the café and farm shop. They've also installed a great cake and coffee counter and further fantastic support meant that there is a brilliant new coffee machine, and some beautiful cups in which to serve drinks. There's even wifi! So, the café is now a really vibrant, warming place to enjoy something to eat and drink.

The Trust wants to be as successful as possible so that they can continue to nurture, inspire and expand horizons for Sheffield's children. So they've made a lot of changes in the past year - which will really improve what they provide. They really hope that locals will be part of that success by enjoying what their Butchery, Shop and Café has to offer.

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Don't be shy and retiring; be proud and retiring

Basically, retirement falls into three categories. You might have all the money you need and can look forward to a comfortable life, in which case everybody will be pleased for you and be happy to see you as long as you keep it to yourself. This article has only one piece of advice for you – enjoy your success but accept that it is at least partly luck and don't brag about it, or everybody will think you are a smug git and won't want to talk to you.

You might be at the other end of the spectrum and be worried about facing a tight time, in which case everybody will be rightly sympathetic but it is mainly up to you to make the best of it. Despite the best efforts of recent Chancellors, there are still some benefits that you can claim to make life easier, and you should chase these down. You are entitled to apply for every one of them and you need feel no shame at all.

True, it is not always easy to apply and you might be made to feel that you are just a pest, but you are not. Spend some time researching what you might be entitled to. The internet will help, or you can go to the Citizen's Advice Bureau. For less formal advice, but often more practical, you might just chat to someone who is already drawing benefits. Once you have an idea what you can get, stand tall, stand your ground and go get it.

There might also be some other things in here that apply to you and can help. Mainly though, this article is for the third category - those people who have done OK and maybe have their house paid or mostly paid for and a modest pension pot to draw on, but not much more. It might be that you can have a much better retirement than you thought if you read on.

The problem with planning for retirement is that you have no idea how long it will be, but all of the companies that make money from offering retirement packages depend on guessing just that. They rely on actuaries, who are good with numbers but find accountancy too exciting, and they take no risks at all, so the packages are not generous. But you are an individual trying to make your retirement years the best of your life. You won't succeed in that of course – in the best years of your life you went upstairs two at a time without using the banister, got out of an armchair without using your hands and grunting, and put on your socks or tights standing up. Even so, you can still have a reasonably good time.

In the old days, being about five years ago, it would be fairly standard to downsize your house, draw out the 25% tax free bit of your pension pot, get a brand new small car that you plan to keep forever, sit on the balance of the money for a rainy day, and set up an annuity to pay you some money to supplement the government pension. There is nothing wrong with that if it is what you want and it gives you all the money you need, but there are other options nowadays that you might want to consider.

I am not talking about the plethora of companies offering to buy your house and rent it back to you, or pay you a proportion of its value and let you live there for free until you die. For some people that might be a good solution, but remember that these companies all make money out of it and there are always clauses in the small print that might result in you losing your house if you fail to comply with them. Sometimes, your family can stand in their place and get a buy-to-let mortgage to buy you out and rent the house back to you, which you might feel more comfortable with and the family gets the benefit of the increase in value that would otherwise go to the specialist company. It all depends on the circumstances, but you must read the contract very carefully before you decide to go for something like this.

It is your pension pot that might be a better option than you think. A few years ago, the rules changed so that you can now take out more or less what you want from your pot, and you no longer have to buy annuities which are often a bad option, particularly now that interest rates are so low. Generally speaking, you will be better off taking a gradual draw down each year from your fund, and you can now decide how much that will be on a year by year basis. You will have to pay tax on the withdrawal as if it was ordinary income, but

you would have to do that anyway no matter how you take it out.

As an example, if you are 65 and have a pot of (say) £200,000, you could probably buy a full life annuity to pay a fixed sum of about £10,000 per year. That might be OK for you and if you live to 100 it is not too bad a deal, but if you only last to 85, you basically only get back what was there already, and if you go earlier, you probably lose the balance.

If you leave the money in the pot and put it in an investment that pays even 2% per year, you can draw out the same £10,000 each year and you will still have about £50,000 left in the pot when you are 85 and it won't run out until you are past 90 (and probably past caring). When you go, the balance of the pot can usually be drawn out and left to the family or whatever you want. You can draw out more each year but the pot will drop quicker. You can even take it all out in one lump, but that will be expensive in tax if it is a lot of money. Pensions are now very flexible and you can decide for yourself what suits you.

However, some types of pension cannot be drawn out in this way, and if you have already bought an annuity, you cannot go back on the deal. It was planned that you could sell an annuity and put the money back in your pot but that idea seems to have been abandoned.

Pensions that cannot be drawn out like this are civil service and other government pensions, and workplace pensions that are linked to your employment which pay out a proportion of your final or average salary while you were working. They are different from the government type in that, usually, you can opt to take out a sum based on the actuarial valuation of the pension into your own personal plan, and then use the money as explained above. Even some personal plans do not allow you the flexibility or make it hard and expensive, but if you are in one of these schemes, you can transfer the money to a scheme that is more flexible.

Whatever you do, it will be a big decision and you should always take professional advice and very carefully consider what you really want and need. I am not a Financial Adviser, but not all professional advisers are clued up on what is now possible, so don't be afraid to ask the awkward questions or move to another adviser if you do not like what you hear.

Finally, check that you do not have a pension pot that you did not know about. It is surprising how often people forget that they put into a scheme years ago. Write to all of your old employers and ask if you have a pension and contact the main investment providers (Scottish Widows, Aviva, Standard Life, Prudential, etc.) giving them your full name and age with all of your old addresses and ask them to check if they have an endowment or pension in your name.

Above all, remember that you are entitled to the best retirement you can get and you should use your assets to achieve what suits you, not others. Happy retirement!

C T Harrison
Liverpool for the league!!

50 Years and Onward Celebration

Christ Church Dore Ladies' Group (formally Young Wives) are celebrating just over 50 years anniversary in May this year.

We have already heard from some of our former members and would love to invite more to help us celebrate, meet up with old/new friends and share memories.

There will be a display showing some of the last 50 years or so, a celebration supper and of course a chance to have a good chin-wag. If you have memories to share or photographs we can use in the display we'd be delighted to hear from you

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Retirement living in style

Retirement can be an exciting opportunity to create the lifestyle you've dreamt of over the years. It's also a good time to choose where you would like to spend your retirement.

Some people decide to escape from the hustle and bustle they've known for years, or yearn for an idyllic country retreat; others simply want to move to be closer to family or friends. The decision of whether to stay in your existing home, downsize, or change location completely, is important in creating the lifestyle you desire.

The choice to live in retirement living accommodation is increasing in popularity, providing an option for older people to live independently in beautifully maintained communities. You may enjoy very good health, but want the comfort of care on hand if you should need it, now or in the future. The peace of mind this gives provides more time for enjoying retirement and less time worrying, and is becoming an attractive choice for many.

A stylish new community for older people was built at Fairthorn in Dore in 2008, on the site of a former children's convalescent home. In a beautiful location overlooking picturesque views of Blacka Moor, Fairthorn provides modern two bedroom apartments, retirement living accommodation with a 24-hour wellbeing service. There's a caring team of staff, so there's always help if required, and there's also an active social community, activities and outings.

Siobhan Cunningham, Manager of MHA's Fairthorn, has a wealth

of experience in creating a happy and caring environment for older people. She said; "I feel privileged, working in a very close knit community, where everyone is friendly and enjoys coming along to our social events. We're lucky to work with such lovely people, in a fabulous setting with views that we enjoy every day."



From left to right: Martin Goddard and Kirsty Esposito - Care & Support Workers, Chris Eggington – Maintenance Worker, Anne Bell - Chaplain, Siobhan Cunningham - Manager, Keeley Williams - Senior Carer & Support Worker

MHA is an award-winning national charity which provides care, accommodation and services for older people. Through its work, it aims to tackle loneliness and isolation by creating communities that care for older people.

Not born yesterday

Neighbours and relatives of elderly and vulnerable people are being urged to join a campaign to crack down on rogue traders and scammers.

Called "Not Born Yesterday", the Sheffield City Council-led campaign highlights the collaboration between Sheffield's Trading Standards and Adult Safeguarding services and brings together a network of partners including South Yorkshire Police, Age UK Sheffield and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

Mail and telephone scams, rogue trading and doorstep crime are prevalent across the city but go largely unreported. This campaign is delivered through organisations and community groups – using the help of concerned friends, neighbours and relatives – who are best placed to spot the signs of this type of financial abuse and provide an effective and confidential route to refer concerns.

Spotting the warning signs and providing support to victims is a key aim of the project. Those being helped might be someone receiving lots of junk letters for mail order products and prize draws, being pestered by scam calls, or being targeted at the door for unnecessary property repairs or gardening work.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, cabinet member for the environment at Sheffield City Council, said: "We know that some of the most vulnerable people in Sheffield sadly won't have face-to-face contact with many people on a daily basis, which is why it's important that we use those living and working in our communities to look out for these people and be aware of the signs of scams and rogue trading.

"We will be raising awareness of these issues through public spaces such as community centres, GPs surgeries, libraries and other places that act as hubs of the community.

"It is a sad fact that criminals prey on the most vulnerable but, by raising awareness of the problem and giving people the knowledge they need to help spot the signs, we aim to reduce the level of offending and the risk of being a repeat victim of these types of crime. The message is to friends, families and neighbours – you can help.

"Is someone you know receiving lots of junk mail? Have they had work carried out on their house by someone who called at the door and demanded payment in cash? If so, let us know, and we can take strong, firm action against these criminals who take advantage of elderly people for their own financial gain."

Sheffield Trading Standards has identified more than 600 residents in Sheffield who are known to be targeted by scam mail. National statistics suggest that at least half of scam victims lose more than £50, while five per cent lose more than £5,000. A third of adults responding to post or phone scams will then be repeatedly targeted with requests for money or sensitive personal details.

Last year, officers intervened in more than 30 serious incidents of doorstep crime involving elderly or vulnerable residents. The team investigated a similar number of allegations of rogue trading where people suffered "serious" financial loss.

The Not Born Yesterday network provides strong links between partners and improves the opportunities to safeguard individuals and pursue those involved in this type of criminality.

South Yorkshire Police's force lead for burglary, Detective Chief Inspector Jade Brice, said: "South Yorkshire Police are committed to protecting members of the public, particularly vulnerable members of the public, who may be targeted by bogus and rogue scammers.

"The number of reports we receive relating to bogus calls do tend to increase at this time of year, but we have been working to put plans in place to prevent this increase and work with residents to provide them with advice and information on how to spot bogus and rogue scammers."

A spokesman for Age UK Sheffield said: "Age UK Sheffield regularly hears of older people being targeted by unscrupulous and unsolicited traders. If in doubt, older people should contact Trading Standards. Or, for independent advice, contact us on 0114 250 2850."

Anyone who has concerns that someone they know may be a victim of scammers or rogue traders should call 03454 040506 or email trading_standards@sheffield.gov.uk

Dore's Green Belt - your chance to have your say

Dore residents are encouraged by the Neighbourhood Plan team to read this article, consider the issues raised, then complete and return the questionnaire which has been enclosed with this magazine.

Is Our Green Belt to be Ripped Up?

Can we trust Sheffield City Council? Will it continue to protect the Green Belt between Dore and the National Park as it has predominantly and honourably done in the past, or should we fear the motives of developers who we believe have been locked with Council planners in secret conclave for many months preparing for Green Belt assets to disappear in puffs of smoke?

As we draft a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore we are working to reflect opinion in our community – which we believe strongly supports our Green Belt – but our Plan is also required to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the City Council and, until the Council publishes in March its new draft Local Plan and Green Belt Review, we do not know how these might impact on our surrounding countryside. What is at stake?

A Sheffield Heroine

I want to talk about a Sheffield heroine – not Helen Sharman or even Jessica Ennis-Hill – but Ethel Haythornthwaite, the daughter of T.W. Ward, a significant Sheffield industrialist. In May 1924 she held a meeting in Sheffield to form the 'Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery'. Two years later she was a founder of the London-based 'Council for the Preservation of Rural England', now renamed the 'Campaign for the Protection of Rural England', and her Sheffield Association became the local charity branch of that nationwide Campaign.

She achieved the two principal ambitions for the local campaign through inspiration, hard work and connections:

- To apply a new concept to Sheffield – the formation of a protective Green Belt around the city to halt the threat of urban sprawl into the countryside, and
- To create England's first National Park between Sheffield and Manchester to protect the natural beauty which it contained and to provide public access to the hills and moors.

In 1933 (well before the introduction of Town and Country Planning legislation), she challenged a proposal to build 900 houses between Whirlow Bridge and Long Line and opposite the Dore Moor Inn by putting a well-argued case to the City Council, not only to turn the proposals down (which the Council did at the price of £22,000 compensation), but also that there should be some defined limit as to where the town should end and the countryside begin. By February 1937 Ethel had turned this vision into carefully mapped proposals for a Sheffield Green Belt, which, within 16 months had been implemented by City Councillors almost exactly on Ethel's lines. The City tried from time to time to renege on this commitment, but the protective belt was finally and firmly designated in the South Yorkshire Structure Plan of 1979. It has by and large held since then, and yet, here we are again, worrying about Green Belt threats just where the Sheffield Green Belt vision started... between Whirlow Bridge and Dore Moor Inn! Success is never certain without constant vigilance.

Even before the Second World War Ethel was plotting within CPRE and lobbying Government and local councils to create national parks. Then, in May 1944, she published *The Peak District – A National Park*, which superbly argued the case for National Parks and proposed that the Peak District should be one of the first. She provided a fully worked out map of the Peak District National Park showing its stunning relationship with its surrounding conurbations. The gauntlet that she threw down was picked up by the reforming post-war Attlee government which

introduced the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act in March 1948; and the first National Park created under that Act was the Peak District in April 1951, almost exactly as Ethel had designed it.

One of the supreme delights of Sheffield is to be on the edge of a dramatically beautiful and accessible National Park, envisaged and fought for by Ethel; indeed, a significant part of the City boundary falls within the National Park, such that **the City has a solemn duty to uphold the integrity of the National Park**, a duty shared by no other city in England. Already here at Dore our residential areas sweep closer than any other City residential areas to the Park's boundaries. **All that constrains Sheffield from sprawling ever closer to the National Park, endangering views in and out of the Park, is Ethel's second towering achievement, Sheffield's Green Belt.**

Does the Green Belt Constrain the House-building we Need?

How long can that Green Belt continue to contain Sheffield's growth? There is no doubt that the nation needs more homes, and it is the constant claim of developers that such homes cannot be provided without more greenfield land being made available for building, notwithstanding the facts that developers hold undeveloped land already granted planning permission and that there still remain extensive tracts of brownfield land which cry out for redevelopment. The simple truth is that the house-building industry makes an adequate profit for its shareholders by building executive homes on choice greenfield sites and has not proved up to the task of providing the large numbers of affordable homes, starter homes and social housing on redevelopment sites which ordinary folk require. **Another estate of large multi-bedroom executive homes in Dore does little or nothing to address the forward housing needs in Sheffield; indeed it impedes the likelihood of appropriate early brownfield redevelopment.**

Dore's Future: Developed Village or Land-grabbing Suburb?

The City Council laid out its vision for development within Sheffield up to 2034 in *Citywide Options for Growth* published for consultation in November 2015. It envisaged needing to provide for 43,000 new homes by 2034 and it made the case for meeting that need through five 'options':

- A. Maximising existing Urban Capacity by concentrating new development on brownfield sites and making additional allowance for windfalls on larger and smaller sites (19,000 homes)
- B. Greater Urban Intensification, increasing the density of sites and increasing City Centre and Kelham capacity (12,750)
- C. Urban Remodelling in Neepsend, Shalesmoor and Attercliffe to promote the relocation of poorer quality employment uses in favour of creating sites for new housing (4,300)
- D. Four 'confident bites' into Green Belt in locations which are, or could be, well-served by Supertram or rail services, viz. Stocksbridge and Upper Don Valley, East Sheffield (Waverley in Rotherham), South-East Sheffield (Mosborough), and East of Norton (the old airfield) (6,100)
- E. Multiple Smaller Green Belt Releases which potentially include Dore (550 homes)

The Dore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group cautiously supported this vision, except it rejected Option E as being unnecessary as a balancing figure to hit a forecast total of 43,000 new homes which itself was only an estimate within a range of need between 40,000 and 46,000 new homes. We felt that the inroads at Option D into the Green Belt, while unfortunate in principle, were well-conceived in practice, because they were

mainly on the less sensitive east of the City and not adjacent to the National Park and of a critical mass scale which would justify carefully planned extensions to the public transport network and the master-planned creation of neighbourhoods with a good range of services and infrastructure.

What has since become clear is that, far from these being either/or options, Options A to E represent a hierarchy of choices, such that the greatest preference is to do A and the lowest preference is to do E; indeed, if more could be accommodated within A to D it might prove unnecessary to contemplate 550 homes through Option E, but, conversely, if Options A to D fail to provide the predicted number of homes, more would be required of E. Small wonder then that, in the published responses to *Citywide* consultation, developers and landowners, led by planning consultants DLP Planning Ltd, rubbished the prospects of securing the projected housing numbers from those urban options for which they had little enthusiasm, but happily welcomed Green Belt releases. Separately in response to a Council 2014 call for Green Belt sites for potential development, house-builders and landowners proposed releasing Green Belt sites in a great arc around Dore: every opportunity to make money at the expense of the countryside between Dore and the National Park was put up for consideration.

The only way to authorise significant house-building in the Green Belt is to change the Green Belt status during a general Green Belt Review, but such a review can only be carried out when a planning authority is revising its Local Development Plan, which Sheffield is now doing. This is a once in a generation opportunity for Sheffield to significantly change its Green Belt and we can be sure the developers are pressing them to do so as they meet in private with City planners to carry out the technical analyses to complete the review; but, of course, we, the citizens of Sheffield, are not participants or even observers in these review proceedings. So we must ask: **do we trust the City Council and profit-motivated developers to determine the future of our Green Belt? Does Julie Dore, the Council Leader, have a vision to match that of Sheffield's heroine, Ethel Haythornthwaite?**

Even if it were the case that multiple releases of Green Belt land might prove to be necessary to reach the 43,000 new homes target by 2034, it is feared that, far from releasing the Green Belt sites at the end of the period, the Council would release them at the start, and the developers would rush like the Gadarene swine, possessed of the greenfield madness to which they are prone, to cover the fields round Dore with executive homes rather than meet the challenge of affordable house redevelopment in the existing urban heart of Sheffield.

Let the Green Belt Do What it is Designed to Do

What does the National Planning Policy Framework say that the purposes of a Green Belt are? Well, three of the five purposes are these:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment
- to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict land and other urban land.

So it is precisely when we want our Green Belt to fulfil these important functions to ensure that the Council's desire for urban regeneration is implemented instead of creating new urban sprawl into the countryside that the Council, working with developers, might contemplate undermining the Green Belt by releasing large parts of it, not least here in Dore. **This is planning madness being caused by a Conservative Government desperate to shake off the criticism that it cannot provide the homes the nation needs and a Labour Council all too willing to be persuaded by developers that Green Belt releases on the borders of a National Park are the expedient route towards**

housing targets, particularly if some of those money-making releases are of land owned by the Council itself.

Protecting Our National Park

Do not forget that the Green Belt to the west of Dore village is not your average Green Belt (if there is such a thing): it is the buffer setting of a National Park which constitutes the nation's highest landscape designation. At its closest point (Newfield Lane), Dore village is two fields from the National Park boundary; Long Line runs from Cross Lane right to the boundary. This is more than close enough for a major residential area to sit within the setting of a National Park. Indeed, in Sheffield's current Unitary Development Plan much of the Green Belt between Dore and the Park is described by the Council as an Area of High Landscape Value, but we can expect them to quietly forget this sensible assessment in their revised Local Plan; but what they surely cannot forget is that in the *Citywide* consultation document they stated that: **"Our provisional view is that the majority of Sheffield's Green Belt is too environmentally sensitive to be suitable for development. Areas bordering the Peak District National Park are particularly valuable, and the countryside around Sheffield is one of the City's distinctive characteristics which make it a great place to live."** We must pray that our City Council does not choose to eat its words.

Sheffield Council has a legal duty under section 11A(2) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 to have regard to the Peak District National Park's purposes when the Council exercises any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land. Government Planning Practice Guidance on the Natural Environment issued on 21 January 2016 states that: "This duty is particularly important to the delivery of the statutory purposes of protected areas. The duty applies to all local planning authorities, not just to national park authorities. The duty is relevant in considering development proposals that are situated *outside National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundaries, but which might have an impact on the setting of, and implementation of, the statutory purposes of these protected areas.*" **The building of an estate of housing on Green Belt land close to the boundary of the National Park and clearly within close view of the Park surely offends such a duty.**

Your Chance to Express your Views

It would be immensely valuable to the Neighbourhood Plan team to gauge the opinions of Dore residents on these potential threats to our Green Belt. **Accordingly we ask you to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.**

Christopher Pennell



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Time Travellers Update

2016 was undoubtedly the busiest year since our formation as a local history and archaeology group in 2011. We have grown in size from around a dozen enthusiasts to an organisation of 100 members, plus as many again on our email information lists. We rounded the year off in celebratory style at our Solstice / Christmas party and reflected on what we had experienced and learned, aided by a curry and a drink or two.



Time Travellers dig at Whirlow Hall Farm

The highlight of 2016 was our Heritage Lottery Funded project to conduct a variety of archaeological activities at Whirlow Hall Farm. We will be delivering several presentations over the coming months, passing on details of our findings and organising a Heritage Day for the public at the farm during the late spring.

Part of our HLF grant for the Whirlow Hall Farm project provides for some professionally led training on earthwork surveying. This was delivered by Dr Clive Waddington of ARS in January and was an excellent event. We were given a couple of hours theoretical training on why and how we do this type of surveying and then were let out into the open to put this into practice. We walked up to a very breezy moor near Topley and looked at two fascinating and very different sites. First, we inspected an area where it has been suspected that a prehistoric stone circle exists, although this appears to have never been fully detailed. Our first task was to clear away the dead bracken and have a better look around. We will hope to return there quite soon to do some further clearance of the undergrowth and complete the task of surveying the site.

The second site, just a few minutes away, is thought to be the location of a medieval grange, possibly associated at some time with Beauchief Abbey. There has been more recent use of the land and this site clearly lends itself to research, surveying and perhaps some exploratory excavation by Time Traveller members. This provides a great opportunity for us to consolidate our newly acquired skills now that many members of our group have built up some good archaeological experience.

Over the coming weeks we plan an industrial archaeology trip to Lumsdale Valley and Cromford Mill, several walks around nearby moors and a talk on the historical development of Yorkshire. If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that the Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months, then give us a call on 0114 236 9025.

Glynn Burgin
The Time Travellers

30 years ago...

From Dore to Door #5, Spring 1987

Welcome to...

Norman Kean, the new landlord at the Hare and Hounds, who together with his wife Susan and daughters Samantha and Rachel moved into the village about three months ago.

An ex Navy man, who has spent eight years in steel works, Norman would like to thank everyone who has welcomed his family to the village. A full lunchtime menu is provided in the Hare and Hounds from noon to 2.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

On 11th December 1986, the John Wade Singers presented a cheque for £100 to the Home Farm Trust, Fairthorn, Townhead Road, Dore.

Tessa Davies, a Fairthorn resident received the cheque from John Wade, the conductor and musical director of the concert opera company which bears his name.

The Company was formed four years ago by a group of local singers and quickly attracted the support of several of the principal singers of South Yorkshire Opera, who now regularly take leading roles in the company's productions. Proud of its high standards, the company was delighted to receive the accolade of a German visitor who compared it favourably to the (professional!) Frankfurt Opera.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Most of you will be familiar with the Neighbourhood Watch signs which adorn many lampposts in Dore and the surrounding areas, but are you familiar with what Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) stands for?

NHW is about local people working together to create safe, attractive, friendly places to live, places where crime is less likely to happen and people are less likely to indulge in antisocial behaviour. It's about you looking out for your neighbours and them looking out for you, crossing barriers of age, race and class for everyone's good. It's about making sure that no one need feel alone, scared or vulnerable in the place where they live.

In the UK, NHW started in 1982 and over the last three decades has evolved into a coordinated national network counting its members in the millions. However, the emphasis is on coordination rather than central control, so each NHW group is owned and run by its community.

Here in Dore, I was appointed as the Area Coordinator in the Autumn of 2016 after a trial run of six months. It is my responsibility to disseminate information to our network of Street Coordinators who, in turn, pass on that information to their members. In Dore we have a network of 17 Street Coordinators who collectively have about 300 members. However, if you consider that there are something like 3000 households in Dore, one realises that our membership is around 1 in 10 households so there is scope for significant recruitment. Also, I am aware that certain major roads in Dore do not have a Street Coordinator e.g. Dore Road, Causeway Head Road and Townhead Road to name but three. Street Coordinators typically look after 10-20 members so those three long roads mentioned would ideally each have several Coordinators.

At a practical level, what does NHW do locally? Our aim is to foster an active partnership with the police so that we can help:

- To cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Provide a better place to live, work and play.

In order to achieve these aims we maintain a dialogue with the local police, usually through our local PCSO, Adrian Tolson, who is a regular contributor to Dore to Door. (His column is below.) We have a weekly update which is circulated by email and more urgent items are transmitted as needed. In addition we hold a quarterly meeting which, in order to make most effective use of police resources, is combined with the NHW schemes for Bradway and Totley. These meetings are held in the Totley Methodist Church and typically last about an hour. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 7th and all members and prospective members are welcome at 7.00pm.

Currently, the major sources of crime and the potential for crime in Dore are:

- thefts from houses, especially by snapping the Euro locks and gaining entry
- thefts from sheds, especially of bikes
- thefts from vans, often during daylight hours from unlocked vehicles but also overnight where the vulnerable side door is forced and no alarm has been fitted
- cold callers who display a threatening nature to home occupants, these are usually, but not exclusively, in the building trades.

Whilst each of these can be distressing, it is important to keep these issues in perspective. Here in Dore the crime rate is mercifully low, but there is no room for complacency and an active NHW can help maintain the low rate.

Recently in Dore, some members have received advice on the suitability of their existing Euro locks which are usually fitted to their uPVC doors. Also, an elderly lady has benefited from the help of the police and trading standards in stopping her being the victim of a rogue and persistent salesman.

Finally, membership of a NHW scheme may entitle you to a discount on your home insurance premiums. It's worthwhile enquiring before you renew your policy.

Interested in becoming a member or a Street Coordinator? Then please contact me, Harry Driver, by email harrydriver49@aol.com or on my mobile 07715 167849. Alternatively, come along to our next meeting – see above for details.

Harry Driver

Policing



Where did last year go? I'm coming up to my first anniversary on the S17 beat so please forgive a moment of reflection on the year gone by.

Firstly can I say thank you to all the people who have taken the time to contact me or talk to me in the street during the last few months. Its been pleasing to know that people are actually reading my columns in this

magazine and finding them useful (sometimes!) I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know people across the area and have been impressed by the many groups and organisations I have spoken to and how dedicated these groups are to providing a service to the community. I'll admit to being floored by some questions I've been asked at Rainbow groups and I've learned a few things myself from the more "mature" groups I have visited. I've attended some great community events and met some lovely people.

I'd like to say a special thank you to members of the S17 Neighbourhood Watch who have helped me out with a few issues in the area and kept me advised of things I may not have known about. They are a very committed and enthusiastic group and its been a pleasure (mostly!) to attend their meetings. If you are hesitant about whether NW is for you, I'd recommend getting

in touch with them to find out more. If you don't have their details then see the article above.

I've also enjoyed visiting the local tea and coffee shops which are all fantastic in their own way. If you see me in one please don't hesitate to say hello, I'm more than happy to have a chat over a teapot. However please don't interrupt if I have cake in front of me... ☺

Crime wise we've had a mixed year with a number of burglaries earlier on tailing off in the Summer but just starting to pick up again, particularly where properties have been left empty for one reason or another. Please don't let your vigilance drop with the temperature. Burglars love the time after Christmas as houses are full of shiny new things! Keep an eye on your neighbours as well as ensuring your own security and let us know if you have any suspicions of vehicles or people in the area. Vehicle crime is also still an issue, particularly the theft of tools from vans. Please don't leave items in your vehicle overnight wherever possible and always make sure doors are locked if the vehicle is to be left unattended. Finally, a repeat from previous columns regarding door to door tradesmen, please say no unless you can thoroughly verify their credentials.

As ever I can be contacted by email on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or via mobile during duty time on 07787 881945.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy 2017.

Adrian

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Totley Library safe for another three years

In November Sheffield City Council committed to a package of funding and ongoing support for the city's volunteer-run libraries for a further three years. Totley Library will receive a grant towards running costs such as lighting, heating and insurance, and a package of professional support such as van deliveries to transport books. We are pleased that the council has given this commitment to help keep Totley Library open, however the grant is less than in previous years so it is important that we continue fundraising to ensure the long-term viability of the library.

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 November and December, the first prize winners were Stephen Willets £84 and Margaret Griffiths £94.40 and second prize winners were Elaine Ferguson £22 and Susan Facer £23.60. If you would like to enter you can pick up a form at the library.



Library volunteers from across the city at the Make a Difference Awards, with Dore resident and former KES pupil Jessica Ennis Hill (left)

We are delighted that the dedicated volunteers at our library, along with fourteen other volunteer libraries across the city, won an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Sheffield Make a Difference Awards. These awards were set up to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Voluntary Action Sheffield and recognise the amazing quality and diversity of local voluntary work and the huge impact that this has for our city. Over 150 charities and local bodies entered the awards and there were only fifteen winners, so we were very proud that our volunteers were recognised. The awards were presented by Jessica Ennis Hill in a ceremony at the Cutlers' Hall on Thursday 24th November.

We are looking for new volunteers to help with our film club, cleaning and new trustees to join our management board. In particular, we are interested in finding volunteers who have experience of fundraising or bid writing. If you would like to help support our work, please pop into the library or email totleylibrary@gmail.com for more information.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated books to Totley Library. All books in good condition are gratefully accepted. Recent bestsellers and popular novels go into our new Totley Library Loans scheme, which all have an orange sticker on the cover. This scheme has now been extended into the children's library, with a new shelf of books for 8-12 year olds. These books were recommended by Waterstones as their children's books of the month and include popular series such as Horrible Histories and Lemnong Snicket. Donated books that are not suitable for our loans scheme are sold to help raise funds for the library.

On 5th November, we were pleased to take part in the BBC's 'Lovetoread' campaign. Totley's very own Rony Robinson, who presents on BBC Radio Sheffield, visited the library and hosted a book group with library users. People brought along their favourite book of all time, read small passages and explained why it inspired

them so much. There was a broad range of books from classic favourites like Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice', to American Literature like J. D. Salinger's 'Catcher in the Rye', and one of the longest novels in the English language; Vikram Seth's 'A Suitable Boy'.

On Friday 25th November, we hosted a sell-out fundraising concert by Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppell. It was a highly enjoyable evening of traditional and contemporary folk music in the company of these three stalwarts of the local folk scene. We would like to say a big thank you to Pete, Ken, Geoff and everyone who came along to make it such a fantastic night. We raised over £350.

Natasha Watkinson

Community Cinema in February and March

Friday 17th February 7:30pm - Bridget Jones's Baby

Thursday 23rd February 10:30am - Finding Dory (half term special)

Sunday 19th March 2:00pm - Trolls

Friday 24th March 7:30pm - The Girl on the Train

Tickets to all shows (includes entry into raffle draw)
Adult - £4.00 and Child - £2.50. Tickets available from the library main desk.

Free Films for Over 65s:

Thursday 23rd February 3:00pm - The Girl on the Train

Thursday 30th March 3:00pm - The Quartet

Books

There's something about Mary



Mary, Queen of Scots, The Captive Queen in England 1568-87
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David Templeman is the Chairman of the Friends of Sheffield Manor Lodge. After years of painstaking research, this book contains a detailed account of Mary's nineteen years in confinement in England, fourteen years of which were spent in Sheffield.

Mary was one of the most romantic and tragic figures in British history. Many, many books have been written about her over the years, but the majority largely skim over her lengthy imprisonment on the orders of Elizabeth I, who feared Mary's potential claim to the English throne but for many years refused to sanction her execution.

Find out exactly what did happen to Mary in captivity and the answers to the three relevant questions arising which are why, where, and when. The book was released on 5th November last year to critical acclaim.

For anyone wishing to purchase it in the Dore area, the author will personally deliver the order and you can pay on delivery. Call him on 01246 415497 or email templeman3@tiscali.co.uk. You can also buy through the Friends of Sheffield Manor Lodge website at www.fosml.org.uk or over the counter from the Discovery Centre at the Lodge itself.

The initial print run sold out before Christmas, but David assures us that a reprint will be available by the time that you read this.



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Last year's production of *Orpheus in the Underworld*

Happy New Year everyone. Thanks to all who supported us at the Christmas Concert. If you weren't there you missed a treat. It was two hours of a variety of wonderful music and more laughs than a hyena.

The older you get, the faster the time flies by. It seems like only yesterday that we were working on *Orpheus In the Underworld* and here we are starting the floor rehearsals for *The Mikado* (or *The Town of Titipu*), one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most well known and loved operettas. If you know it then you'll enjoy hearing all that fantastic music and Gilbert's clever gags again. If you don't know it, here's your chance to find out what all the fuss is about.

Although set in Japan it is Gilbert's way of disguising his lampooning of the British Establishment. It tells the story of Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado, who has fled court to escape the clutches of Katisha, an elderly and not very pretty lady at court. He travels under the guise of an itinerant musician and falls for Yum-Yum, a ward of Ko-Ko a cheap tailor who has fallen foul of the law by flirting with Yum-Yum and was due to be beheaded, but reprieved at the last moment and made Lord High Executioner (don't ask!). To cut a long story short, *The Mikado* is due to visit Titipu and the town grandees think it is because no executions have happened. Pooh-Bah (Lord High just about everything) and Ko-Ko collude with others to choose a victim. Unfortunately he just happens to be Nanki-Poo, not a good idea!

The shenanigans all work well in the end but there are lots of laughs and excellent music on the way. Some songs are very well known; *A Wandering Minstrel I*, *Three Little Maids from School*, *I've Got a Little List*, *The Sun Whose Rays* and *Tit Willow* to name but a few. The chorus sounds better than ever and the principals are a delight with Alan Wade as *The Mikado*, Mike Spriggs as Pooh-Bah, Ian Stewart as Ko-Ko, Davron Hicks as Nanki-Poo, Christine Subbs as Katisha, Gwen Nimmo playing Yum-Yum and Jo Hutchesson as Pitti-Sing ably backed by Dick Bell and Kathryn Parkin.

The Mikado will be performed at The Montgomery Theatre in Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LG on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5th, 6th and 7th April at 7:30pm and a matinee at 2:30pm on Saturday 8th April. For tickets (£13 adults and £6 children) and/or further information contact Judith Bettridge on 0114 250 7155. She will give an address to send payment, and please provide a stamped addressed envelope for your tickets. Tickets are also available at Sheffield Theatres Box Office (subject to a 10% booking fee).

Go on, grab some light-hearted culture, we look forward to seeing you there.

Derek Habberjam

The 2017 programme got off to a flying start with a very good attendance on Wednesday 18th January.

Our first presentation entitled 'The Wildflowers and Garden Flowers of The Isles of Scilly.' was delivered by Dr. Patrick Harding, esteemed botanist and author. The interesting topic was accompanied by a colourful slideshow and a very entertaining narrative. Commencing with general information and a brief history of The Isles followed by specific details of flora and fauna it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Our opening speaker has set a very high standard for the rest of the year. We have a very comprehensive programme ahead and there is no doubt that it will live up to if not surpass the standard already set.

Please come along to the events and support YOUR local garden club. All meetings are held on a Wednesday evening at Dore Methodist Church Hall.

Although we are only at the beginning of the 2017 season we are already in the process of compiling the programme for 2018. Suggestions for speakers are always welcome. If there is a specific subject or speaker you would like to see please let us know. Or maybe you would like to be considered as a speaker yourself, no experience necessary. Make your speaking debut with us. Equity membership is not required. Contact me on 0114 2368877.

David Riley

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The Depaul Group was formed in 1989 by Cardinal Basil Hume in response to the growing number of homeless people on the streets of London. He brought together as founders the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and The Passage day centre – all organisations rooted in the life and work of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Though Supported Lodgings is a new service for Sheffield, it runs successfully in many other locations around the UK, including nearby in York.

Nightstop Manager Amy Smith said: "The young people using Supported Lodgings don't just need a roof over their heads, they also need a stable and secure home environment in which they are supported to mature and develop.

"It's a chance for members of the local community to make a tangible difference in the life of a young person facing homelessness."

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Amy Smith



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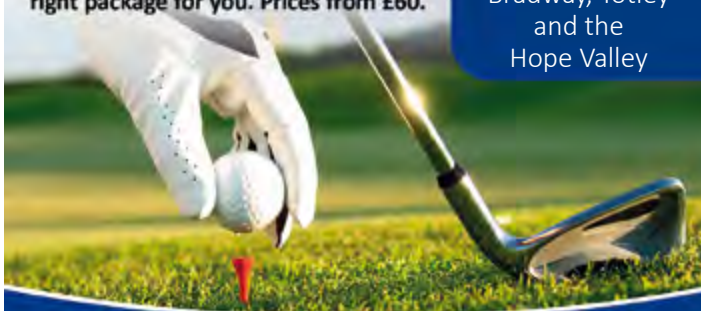
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Winter is for worms and woodlice, willow and water

Before Christmas there were some pleasant days, but it was mostly damp and dull. As the leaves fell they became very wet, but I resisted clearing them from the lawn unless it was too thick a layer. They start to decompose and the worms get to work as nature intended. Many garden experts advise us not to walk on lawns when it is wet or frosty. While my lawn is not pristine, nor free from buttercups and daisies etc, I walk on it every morning when feeding the birds, whatever the weather, and yet it is very healthy and rarely needs scarifying, thanks to the worms again.

The ponds did not get a full maintenance treatment this year. I was too busy planting over 200 plugs (45 varieties) of wild flowers. Also, and not for the first time, digging up bricks kindly buried by the house-builder in a corner by the garage some 65 years ago.

It was then time to trim hedges and prune trees, which was mostly left to Luke, and in December I did some maintenance of my willow fence. I love willow structures as they can be very attractive garden features, but they do need attention at the coldest time of year. Brrrrr!!

The compost heaps have been turned and the oldest (one to two years old) is a really good consistency, having been well decomposed by the worms, woodlice and other organisms vital to the decomposition cycle.

Wild flowers don't thrive well on chemically fertilised soil but my compost will cause no harm to the plants or the essential micro-organisms in the soil. Some I sieve as it makes very good potting compost.

Hopefully 2017 will be a better year for our native wildlife, both flora and fauna, but the lack of good habitats throughout the country does not bode well for any improvement. Human activities are undoubtedly the cause and inappropriate gardening has to take a lot of responsibility. A visit to the garden centre or any other outlet for plants and a variety of chemicals is not the answer. Locally, I have found only one that sources plants from this country. Most plants are imported, including short-life plants for bedding out in gardens, hanging baskets and window boxes and, of course, indoors. This brings with it considerable risk of introducing unwanted and invasive

pests and other organisms. Garden centres are piled high with chemicals and it is a struggle to find organic composts (even the staff might look puzzled when you ask for it). If they do stock it, check the small print, as it may have some chemicals in it too. Similarly, with farmyard manures, which should be produced from certified organic farms. "Environmentally-friendly" products should also be checked.

Native wildflowers (plugs or seeds), shrubs and trees can be sourced from British growers who value the integrity of their products rather than making a lot of money out of imported mass-produced goods that are contributing considerably to our carbon footprint and the poor state of our environment.

The Soil Association is an excellent charity which, backed by good science and evidence in the field, is doing all it can to encourage organic farming for healthier, "living" soil, an improved environment, high animal welfare, and healthier food. The loss of pollinators is one of its greatest concerns.

It is not easy to remove plants which look attractive and fill space in the garden, never mind removing almost all of them, as I have done. It has, however, given me a real "feel-good factor" to see how much more wildlife there is.

The winter aconites were starting to come through in December and flowered in January, followed by lesser celandine, wood anemones and wood sorrel, as well as snowdrops and daffodils which are all increasing naturally. Later spring flowers including greater celandine, blue alkanets and white deadnettle, which are all very attractive to bees and many other pollinators, will follow and whilst I do not want to wish the time away, I am keen to see how the latest planting of summer flowers develops, along with those which are already established, including red campion, red clover and betony.

To finish, a quotation from Rachel Carson, an American marine biologist and conservationist whose book *Silent Spring* and other writings are credited with advancing the global environmental movement: "Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life". Until next time,

Marian Tiddy

A Busy Year for Dore Probus Club

In 2016 Dore Probus Club organised a highly successful and varied programme of day visits, well supported by members and guests. We had the pleasure of including guests from other Probus Clubs on our trips when spaces were available.

Members' lunches continued to be well attended, but the most popular ones were those three to which guests were invited. We had lunch at Sparks (now The Silver Plate) Restaurant at Sheffield College in both February and October, and the annual Summer Lunch was at the Sitwell Arms in July, with an optional afternoon visit to nearby Renishaw Hall.

A visit to the BBC Media Centre in Salford proved so popular that we organised two groups, one in May and the other in September. In August, we went to Belvoir Castle near Grantham for a tour of the striking building, lunch in the Stewards' Restaurant and a stroll around the beautiful gardens on a warm and sunny day. A different, but equally impressive, location for our November visit was the world headquarters of JCB in Rocester near Uttoxeter, where we saw the JCBs roll out of the factory at the rate of one every fourteen minutes.

Meanwhile, our regular talks included topics as diverse as Measurement, Magic, South Africa and the British, George Formby, Medieval Knights, Mountain Rescue, Haddon Hall, and Dunkirk.

Membership of Dore Probus Club now stands at 56, with spaces available for new members. Any retired man living in the neighbourhood who would like to consider joining is welcome to come along as a visitor (with no obligation) to one of our meetings, which are held in the hall of Dore Methodist Church at 10.15 on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Just phone our Secretary, Alan York, on 262 1902, and he will welcome you.

The programme of recent and forthcoming talks and speakers is listed on our website at doreprobus.wordpress.com.

Open Gardens closed for 2017

It has been the custom over the last few years for Open Gardens of Dore to be held on the first Sunday of Festival Fortnight, but this year we are in for a different "flowery" treat, a Festival of Flowers taking place in Dore Parish Church over the first weekend of Dore Festival. (see article on page 4.)

So, I will not be knocking on doors this year cajoling Dore residents to open their gardens this June! However, I would like to take this opportunity to ask any residents who share an interest in plants and gardens to consider opening their garden in 2018, when we again plan to host this event.

We do rely on new volunteers joining us each year thereby offering variety, and it really is a sociable and rewarding experience to the garden openers, as well as providing an excellent opportunity to meet up with fellow residents, and offering a delightful buzz in the village as visitors stroll from one garden to the next.

If you have ever thought that you might one day "do it" and open your garden, let me assure you that it is not a competition, it's simply about sharing a space you enjoy with others for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. By opening, it does also give you the opportunity to raise funds for a charity of your choice.

I was reluctant initially when approached to open our garden, thinking it was not good enough, or sufficiently interesting, but we were gratified to receive compliments, such interest and profuse thanks for opening for a thoroughly local village event that we have opened again since!

If you feel even a little bit interested but are unsure, and would like more information I would be delighted to have a chat.

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Buon appetito!



A post-Christmas date night, and we decided on a trip to our favourite Italian – Maranello's on Ecclesall Road. We have been to this small, family run restaurant on many occasions and always found the food excellent and the service second to none. It was therefore with great anticipation that we finished our pre-dinner drinks in the Devonshire Arms in Dore, and hopped on the No.81 bus.

We had reserved a table for 8pm on a Saturday night, and as expected the restaurant was pretty full. We were given our table for two in the upstairs section, which has the same marble tables and wrought iron chairs (more comfortable than they sound!) as downstairs, but without the exposed brick, and a more homely feel. We ordered a bottle of Regaleali Nero d'Avola Sicilia (red) at £19.95 and started to work our way through the extensive menu and the specials board. The menu is typical of most Italian restaurants, with sections for pasta, meat, fish etc. and many of the dishes will be familiar to most who have eaten in other Italian restaurants.

We were both a bit disappointed that the scallops had been scrubbed from the specials board – obviously a very popular choice. As my alternative, I went for the oven baked pepper stuffed with rice, spinach, garlic, parmesan, mozzarella, basil and parsley with a tomato and béchamel sauce. My partner chose a prawn and mushroom dish which was baked in a similar sauce, topped with mozzarella.

On this occasion I was determined to not choose my usual fillet steak and venture into a different area of the menu. The linguine mare was tempting, as was the lamb, but then my partner pointed out that she was thinking of the sea bass on the specials board. Below it I spotted venison – served with an onion, red wine and peppercorn demi-glace – sold. My partner eventually chose the filletto di Parma - fillet steak wrapped in Parma ham in a Stilton and cream sauce with black pepper, garlic and parsley.

It is at this point that the evening started to go downhill. We were chatting away, drinking the extremely palatable Sicilian red, and by the time we had poured the last of the bottle into our glasses we realised it had been forty minutes since we ordered our starters. I caught the eye of a passing waiter and asked if he could check on our food. Ten minutes later and with no response forthcoming, I asked a different waiter the same question. At least this one came back, only to tell us that our food would be on its way in five minutes – no explanation or apology. Our starters finally turned up after an hour, which even

on a busy Saturday night is not really acceptable. We were determined that this would not spoil the night, and the quality of the dishes themselves went some way to making up for the delay. My stuffed pepper was cooked with just the right amount of firmness left in the pepper itself, the filling was well balanced and the sauce was lovely and creamy and still bubbling from the oven (rather than warm from a heat lamp, which is what I had feared!) My partner's starter was similarly freshly cooked with very tasty mushrooms and large succulent prawns.

The main courses were significantly more prompt, although if I wanted to pick nits, they may have been a little too soon after the starters. It was almost as if the restaurant was trying to make up for the previous delay! Again however, the quality of the food put us in a forgiving mood, and as I sat there with venison melting in my mouth a sense of equilibrium returned. It was a simple, no frills dish using good ingredients, well cooked. The demi-glace was rich and deep and the meat perfectly pink in the middle. The fillet steak on the other side of the table looked just as good, and after having a taste (reviewer's prerogative!) I can report that it was. It was cooked exactly medium rare as ordered, the Parma ham was just the right side of crisp, and the sauce wasn't overpowered by the Stilton, which so often happens. The meat, chicken and fish dishes are all accompanied by roast potatoes and vegetables, which do warrant a mention as they were of the same standard as the rest of the meal.



By this time, the last of the other diners had left the upstairs room, and it was equally bereft of waiters so we again had a wait, during which we decided not to have a dessert. We eventually managed to ask for the bill, and waited another ten minutes before leaving the table and seeking out the manager to comment on our experience. The excuses of a broken computer and a mix up with our starters fell on deaf ears, and I explained that it was the lack of communication and proactivity on the part of the waiting staff that was disappointing. He agreed, apologised and knocked £10 off the £85 bill.

The food at Maranello's is excellent and on our previous visits the service has matched it. It is great value for money with starters in the £6-£8 range and the mains generally £9-£17, with only the fillet steaks over £20. Despite this unedifying experience, I am willing to put this one down to a one-off and we will return in the future.

Hendo Nagasaki

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Smarthomes and Home Automation

The annual Consumer Electronics Show was held recently in Las Vegas where a mind boggling array of goodies were on display: everything from self-drive cars, virtual reality systems, companion robots to fitness trackers and devices claiming to cure motion sickness, with the usual collection of PCs, laptops and communications devices thrown in.

A lot of the products were directed at making our domestic lives easier, for example personal assistants that respond to voice commands and can switch devices on and off, alter your room thermostat, answer questions and much more. Some are even gender sensitive, responding in a male or female voice as they hear yours. They can learn your habits so that they can predict when you will return home or get up in the morning, know when to switch on your heating, remind you to take your medication, take the dog for a walk or feed the cat.

Personal assistants really come into their own if you have "smarthome" devices in your house. Smarthome devices can be controlled remotely by personal assistants (as well as by Smartphones, computers or tablets) usually using Wi-Fi technology. Smarthome devices already exist in abundance (ranging from burglar alarms to room thermostats, TVs, radios, music systems, robot vacuum cleaners, fridges, kettles, lights and lots more).

A typical personal assistant is Amazon's Echo, a hands-free device controlled with your voice and featuring a persona called Alexa.

Echo responds to the wake-up call "Alexa". If you have more than one Echo in your house Alexa will respond from the one closest to you. She is always listening for your command but you can turn the microphone off if you want privacy.

The microphones feature enhanced noise cancellation and far-field voice recognition, meaning you can ask Alexa a question from any direction, even when there is noise in the background, and she should still hear you.

Alexa can play music, provide information, deliver news and sports scores, tell you the weather, as well as controlling your smarthome devices.

Echo updates over the Internet automatically and learns all the time. The more you use Echo, the more Alexa adapts to your speech patterns, vocabulary and personal preferences, and there's also a feature that enables you to customise your Echo device. It also



Amazon Echo



connects with lots of the Apps that you might have on your phone such as Uber, National Rail, most UK newspapers, Spotify, Skyscanner, Nest and lots more, so it can obtain information via these.

Here are a few examples of what you can ask Alexa to do.

"Alexa, wake me up at seven in the morning"

"Alexa, ask Skyscanner for prices for flights to New York"

"Alexa, ask The Daily Telegraph for the top stories"

"Alexa, what's in my diary today?"

"Alexa, what's the weather forecast for Sheffield?"

"Alexa, play Taylor Swift from Amazon Music"

"Alexa, turn on the coffee machine"

"Alexa, turn on all the lights"

"Alexa, set the master bedroom to 20 degrees"

"Alexa, find me a recipe for chicken curry"

A more recent entry on the personal assistant scene is Olly, developed by a UK start-up company. What sets Olly apart from the other personal assistants is its personality. Depending on the conversation, Olly's face will light up in different colours. It also swivels around on its base to look at you when you're speaking, to create a more personal experience. If you live in a loud and busy environment Olly is likely to reflect this by moving, flashing its lights and chatting quickly.

If you have a quieter home environment Olly will learn this and adjust its movements and speech accordingly.

Because smarthome devices are controlled using Wi-Fi, and are connected to the outside world via your Internet router (in order to be updated, for example, and for you to manage devices remotely when away from home), smarthomes present security risks if not properly protected from hacking.

We are all familiar with the need to make our computers secure in order to prevent them being infected with viruses and other malware that might allow someone to take control of them. Similar risks exist with smarthome devices and so appropriate security measures are required here also. The barrier between your devices and the outside world is your Internet router and it is essential that this incorporates a robust firewall (usually included as a standard feature), having its security settings enabled, "hiding" its presence from drive-by hackers, and changing the factory set password.

How to implement and maintain such security, and the threats it will protect you from, will be described in my next article.

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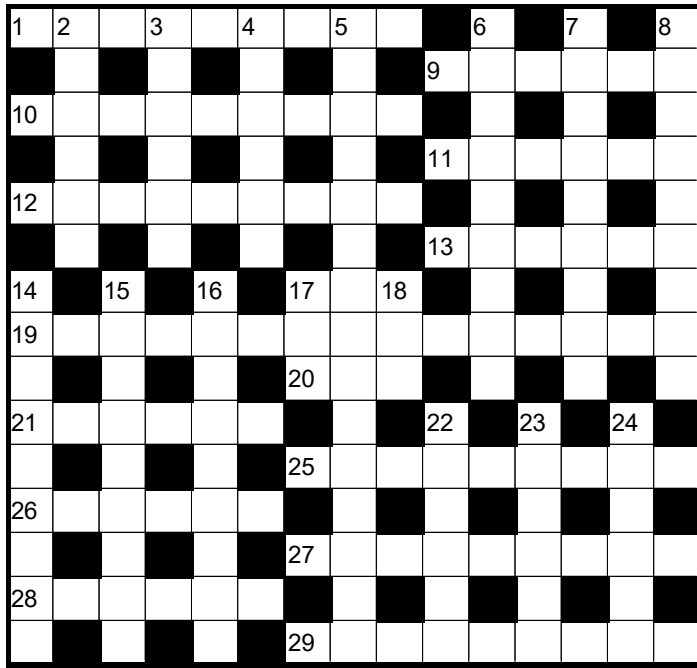
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Christmas, New Year and Resolutions

I hope you all enjoyed your festive celebrations over Christmas and New Year. We certainly did. It's not often my sister, our cousin and I manage to get together and, while preparing Christmas dinner as the men went to the pub, we were debating why there's this myth about Santa Claus being a man. After all, if God can be a woman (see my diary in the November 2015 issue) why not Santa Claus?

A family Christmas is a warm, comforting, emotional event, ideally suited to a woman's temperament. Making it a success it requires planning, organisation, and co-ordinating of lots of activities and people. Multi-tasking no less.

Many men don't even think about buying gifts until it's too late. Once at Meadowhall, where they expect to get everything in one swift visit, they are always surprised to find only toiletries, vacuum cleaners and jigsaws left on the shelves, whereas we plan in advance and get everything bought, delivered, gift wrapped and under the tree at least a week beforehand. Just think about the task Santa has to deal with. On this basis alone Santa must be a woman.

Another problem for a male Santa would be transport. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, him having forgotten to feed them (just like the family pets). Even if he passed this test he would inevitably get lost in the snow and clouds because he would refuse to stop and ask for directions. That's before we come to answering the mail from all those children and the challenge of packing a stocking. And anyway men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them. No, it's clear; we decided Santa must be a woman.

The obvious follow on was New Year's resolutions. My sister and I decided not to have any but to carry on being who we are. Being flippant we suggested we could try to worry less and fill the resulting time with - oh no! What are we supposed to fill that time with? This was already not going well. In a similar vein our cousin said she had thought about taking up jogging until she realised that there is a problem with jogging: the ice falls out of your glass.

Returning to a more sensible discussion our cousin did feel that her husband needed to show some resolve in a number of areas. Her husband thinks otherwise and believes that the best resolutions are the ones you aren't making and so he looks forward to the New Year for a new start on his old habits. Her response on New Year's Day: just write out everything you did last night and add the word "don't".

He's a past master at diverting his wife's entreaties, for example he's only two stamps away from a free brunch with his B&Q loyalty card and thinks it would be silly to pass up that opportunity. In reply our cousin suggested starting with something simple like trying to remember to write 2017 instead of 2016.

While we were discussing all this my nephew arrived. He was supposed to appear the previous evening to help with a number of tasks but he didn't make it. As he came in a bit dishevelled and with slightly grubby hands (and looking suspiciously as if he had a hangover) he apologised, saying that the previous day he had gone out with his friends to a party and on their way back their car had a puncture and they had to push it home (hence his appearance) and by then it was too late to come round. Our cousin (his mother) sympathised and asked "which wheel?" After Christmas dinner two friends turned up to take him out and while he was getting ready our cousin, suspecting an alternative explanation for the previous night's no-show, referred to their puncture problem and managed to ask his friends separately "by the way, which wheel?"

Shortly afterwards as the three of them were leaving she commented that they must have had a terribly hard time yesterday pushing a car with three punctures!

So there's one resolution: don't try and outsmart your mother. Happy New Year everyone!

Miranda Chief

Across

- 1. Complete a little and it's good (9)
- 9. Wish misfortune about circular route (6)
- 10. Sticking together about times gone by including present (9)
- 11. Harmony comes when way is unchanged (6)
- 12. Modification to Communist movement (9)
- 13. Fictional animals could be squealers after one second (6)
- 17. Hit back and charge (3)
- 19. Furniture happening to be on a large chart (10,5)
- 20. Beat the colour (3)
- 21. Convenience note for the cleaner (6)
- 25. Star confined to a weight (9)
- 26. Fall over leaving nothing out when I go in for drink (6)
- 27. Set off to school in antiquated surroundings (9)
- 28. Admitting possession (6)
- 29. You must pay this and stand to it in the army (9)

Down

- 2. Fine inside, having done some gardening, that's dependent (6)
- 3. Take shelter on route to play (6)
- 4. Covering small moor (6)
- 5. Nit-picking by the board (15)
- 6. Blessed to be strong around fish (9)
- 7. Ban for writer (9)
- 8. Saw through sidestep right as a dodge (9)
- 14. Fuel, one changing into fusion (9)
- 15. Go with current firm (9)
- 16. One attacking like canvas worker (9)
- 17. Count for the nipper (3)
- 18. Leading Bolivian with an outlaw (3)
- 22. Hit by a debilitating medical occurrence (6)
- 23. Horrified by Eastern commander on the way (6)
- 24. Look over box office to see summerhouse (6)

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At the time of writing there are many plans and ideas being researched with a view to celebrating the Club's anniversary throughout the year. Provisionally a charity dinner was going to take place in April but this has now been moved to September in line with the start of our fiftieth season.

A meeting is being held with Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association to see if they can assist us as a Club with facilitating an event. The relaunch of 'Brunsmear News' is planned which is a great opportunity where all teams and officials of the Club have the opportunity to share with them their season's experiences, good and bad! Each player and official has already received a commemorative mug so it is fair to say we are very busy off the pitch at this moment in time, as well as on it.

2016/2017 Season

Amazingly, not a single fixture has been cancelled due to bad weather and I am delighted to confirm that the pitches are holding up extremely well in view of the increased usage.

Our Under 12's and Under 13's Black, Under 13's Red, Under 15's Red and our Under 16 teams have all reached the semi-finals of their respective Cup Competitions, which will take place in February. We might have to order an open top bus now!

Brunsmear Under 13's Black boys were nominated for their exemplary sporting behaviour during a game against an opposing team who had only nine players at the start of the game, during an 11v11 League fixture. Brunsmeer started the game but several minutes in, realised the significant disadvantage and restricted the players to minimum touches. As the game progressed, the team manager decided to rotate players out of position while keeping it to the restricted touches. By half time it was clear that they were still at a disadvantage so to keep the game competitive our manager, Daniel Bingham, reduced his team to nine players and played on as usual.

When informed of the Award, Daniel was surprised and happy to receive it and said, "we could see that the game was unfair and was quickly becoming one sided, so we tried to make it more of an even game though play had only just started. I sat with my players



True sportsmen - the Brunsmeer U13 Black team

and suggested we played with nine to match the other team and they all agreed to this".

Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Assistant Football Development Officer Jade Elson said "situations like this will happen in grassroots football and it is great to see teams adjust and adapt to the situation, to allow all the players involved to not only continue to develop their skills and knowledge of the game, but also have fun". Our Brunsmeer Under 13's Black team will officially be awarded the Respect Team of the Month for December by Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA which will include a trophy and Respect goodies for the players.

This is a very proud moment for Daniel and his players, parents and Brunsmeer as a Club.

I can also report that our seniors are having a great season, who are currently joint top with games in hand.

New toilet and changing facilities - Furniss Avenue

For regular readers of this article, you will be aware that for many years now we have been trying to put in place a basic changing and toilet facility on the Mercia playing fields, in conjunction with the current Bellway Homes project.

A meeting was held with myself and councillor Colin Ross with King Ecgbert School and Mitie whereby it was made clear that they were not wishing to support this project in the overall scheme of things. Therefore, sadly this particular project has now been shelved but I would like to go on record in thanking Councillor Colin Ross' support over the years.

Paul Shepherd, Chairman

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It's also a local sport, conceived in 2011 by the Chesterfield FC Community Trust, and there are now hundreds of walking football teams in the UK plus others in many countries around the world.

Now there are local facilities available. Dore Walking Football has been recently set up by Dore resident Chris Roy, a qualified FA Coach who also works with Porter FC's under-9s team. Taking place on Thursday evenings at the HSBC Sports Ground, Limb Lane, this new



Chris Roy

attraction is proving popular with local residents since details were first published on the village notice boards a couple of months ago.

Dore Walking Football is open to men and women of all ages and abilities, and will be of particular interest to those who thought football was no longer an option for them due to previous injury, general fitness, mobility or age. You may not need any more reason that the sheer enjoyment playing football can bring, but there are plenty of other reasons to play including maintaining an active lifestyle, improving fitness, losing weight, improving stability and strength and meeting new people.

You can get involved by completing the form on the DWF website at www.dorewalkingfootball.com or find out more by contacting Chris, again through the website.

Still not decided? Costs are minimal at only £3 a session and your first visit is free. The only required equipment is a pair of training shoes. I'm a lethargic 57 year old with no appetite for exercise and no love of football, but I'm struggling to find good reasons not to give it a go.

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Women's rugby hits new year on a high

Sheffield Ladies' rugby union team have reached the half way point top of the league and are still unbeaten all season. So far they have chalked up an impressive eleven wins from eleven matches while managing to concede less than eight points and collecting the extra try bonus point in most games, achieving some impressive statistics on the way; points for 520, points against 73, overall +447. That is 342 points more than any other team in their league.

The ladies' junior sides, the Sheffield Swans launched their new kit recently in a festival of ladies' rugby at Abbeydale Park, with all three girls' teams playing. This was followed by another league win for Sheffield Ladies - since Christmas the girls have progressed in their cup competitions so there's still a chance of some silverware in their first competitive season.

The men's rugby in our area is not faring quite so well. Sheffield 1st XV slipped up on their run into Christmas by losing two games on the trot, dropping them off the top spot in Midlands 3 which they've held for most of this season. However, since the new year they've reclaimed their early season form, winning all games so far in 2017 and making it a two horse race with Nuneaton for the top title. Both sides sit at the top on 64 points, so it should be a really exciting run-in with every point counting for these two in-form teams.

Up the road at Dore Moor, Sheffield Tigers in National 2 North are requiring a huge turnaround in fortunes to avoid the drop. Games have been tight, often right up until the last five minutes but they just can't seem to collect any points, having picked up only one point in the last seven games since November and haven't secured a win since October. On paper their last few games are achievable but without the wheels coming off another team their results could now be immaterial. It's looking like by the start of next season, Sheffield Club and Tigers will have switched bragging rights to who's the top rugby union side in Sheffield.

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding open mornings on Saturday 1st and Saturday 22nd April between 10am and noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at crown green bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as free instruction will be given.

The Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Members assemble and groups are made up as people arrive.

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

Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

The Bowling Green is situated on the right hand side at the top of the Abbeydale Park Sports Complex where ample car parking is available.

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

Practice sessions for beginners will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm starting at the beginning of May and prospective members are welcome to come to these up to three times before applying for membership.

If you require any further information please contact Doreen or Richard Bertram (Membership Secretary) Telephone: 0114 289 1423, email: richard.bertram@btconnect.com.

Doreen Bertram

Remaining Home Fixtures:

Feb 12th:	Sheffield Ladies v Sunderland
Feb 18th:	Tigers v Chester
Feb 18th:	Sheffield v Peterborough Lions
Mar 25th:	Sheffield v Syston
Feb 26th:	Sheffield Ladies v Carlisle
Mar 11th:	Tigers v Preston Grasshoppers
Apr 1st:	Tigers v Hinckley
Apr 8th:	Sheffield v Birmingham & Solihull
Apr 22nd:	Tigers v South Leicester
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Sheffield Swans show off their new kit - photo by Isabella Biggs



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- 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.
- Thu 23 Totley Library Community Cinema presents "Finding Dory" 10.30am (half term special). Tickets £4 adults, £2.50 children available from the Library main desk. Ticket price includes entry into raffle.
- 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" speaker Janet Hewitt. Visitors welcome £3

MARCH

- Sun 5 Wyvern Walkers: A scenic walk starting in Eyam and descending to Stoney Middleton, famous for limestone and fluorospar quarrying. We make our way along tracks where Black Harry, the 18th C. highwayman, terrorised travellers around Longstone Edge and Coombs Dale. Lunch opportunities, NT, church and visitor attractions on our return to Eyam. (5 miles.) Further details from Godfrey Wilkinson 0114 236 6319
- Tue 7 Dore Ladies' Group, 7.45pm Church Hall, Townhead Road. "Spring Containers & Baskets", speaker Lis Collins of Dore Moor Nursery. All welcome Visitors £3.
- Sat 11 Friends of Whinfall Quarry Garden working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens at 9.30am.
- Sat 11 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Preston Grasshoppers, Hathersage Road. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 14 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am for 10am Church Hall Townhead Road. Annual General Meeting.
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall 7.30 pm. Speaker Mairi Longdon of Tissington Nursery, "Growing and Propagating Perennials". Visitors welcome £3.
- Sun 19 Totley Library Community Cinema presents "Trolls" 2pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2.50 children available from the Library main desk. Ticket price includes entry into raffle.
- Fri 24 Totley Library Community Cinema presents "The Girl on The Train" 7.30pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2.50 children available from the Library main desk. Ticket price includes entry into raffle.
- Fri 24 Wyvern Walkers: Another walk around the popular Winster area, but with no chance this time of getting lost! We explore Bonsall Moor, Wensley, Cowley Knoll, Uppertown and Winster. Lunch at the Miners Standard? (6.15 miles) Further details from Chris Cave 0114 236 4648
- Sat 25 Dore Male Voice Choir in concert with Lesley Garrett CBE, Sheffield City Hall. See page 45.
- Tue 28 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am for 10am Methodist Church Hall. "My Hats", speaker Irene Yarnell. Visitors welcome £3.

APRIL

- Sat 1 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Hinckley. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 4 Dore Ladies' Group, 7.45pm Church Hall Townhead Road. "CRY Charity - Cardiac Risk in the Young", speaker Elaine Ward. All welcome Visitors £3.
- Wed 5 to Sat 8 'The Mikado' by Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society: Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th at 7:30pm and Saturday 8th at 2:30pm at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street Sheffield S1 2LG. For tickets £13 adults, £6 children ring Judith on 0114 2507155.
- Sat 8 Friends of Whinfall Quarry Garden working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens at 9.30am.
- Sat 8 Sheffield RUFC home match v Birmingham & Solihull, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Mon 10 Wyvern Walkers: The walk starts and finishes near Brimington. We walk by a lake, through woods, along lanes, (passing Tipton Grove) and field paths to the Chesterfield Canal. We return to our starting point along a pretty section of the towpath. (about 6.5 miles) Further details from Philip Hetherington 0114 236 7647
- Tue 11 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am for 10am Church Hall Townhead Road. Speaker for the TG Charity chosen for support in 2017. Visitors welcome £3.
- Wed 19 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall 7.30 pm. Speaker Irene Dougan, Derbyshire County Council Co-ordinator for the National Garden Society: "Delights of Derbyshire". Visitors welcome £3.
- Sat 22 Sheffield Tigers RUFC home match v Bridgnorth. See <https://www.sheffieldtigers.co.uk/> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Sat 22 Sheffield RUFC home match v Bridgnorth, Abbeydale Sports Ground, Abbeydale Road South. See <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sheffield/teams/3213/fixtures-results> for kickoff time and admission charges.
- Tue 25 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30am for 10am Methodist Church Hall. "Brodsworth Hall – a family home court in times", speaker Steve Willmot. Visitors welcome £3.
- Wed 26 Wyvern Walkers: From Low Bradfield, this beautiful walk follows old lanes, bridle paths and woodland with spectacular views of the reservoirs and moors. There is some road walking (take care) and muddy sections, if wet. We hope to spot wood anemones, king cups, and bluebells! (about 5 miles) Further details from Stephen Willetts : 0114 236 2821
- Fri 28 and Sat 29 Dore Art Show, Dore Old School, Savage Lane. An exhibition of art works by members of our local Art Society, many of which will be for sale. Open 2pm-6pm Friday, 9.30am-5.30pm Saturday. Refreshments available.
- Sat 29 to Mon 1 May; also Sat 6 and Sun 7 May Open Up Sheffield - an annual showcase for independent artists and craftspeople across South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire. Local artists open up their studios to the public. For details of local artists involved this year, please see website at openupsheffield.co.uk.

MAY

- Sat 6 Friends of Whinfall Quarry Garden working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens at 9.30am.
- Wed 10 to Sat 13 TOADS present 'That Week In August', a new play by Alan Wade. Performances Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 7.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Venue St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. For tickets please call 0114 2351206 or contact any TOADS member.
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Cappuccino in Wagga

Where did you say you are going?' enquired someone, clearly not wanting to show ignorance by asking me to repeat the answer (not the Editor of this magazine - he knew!) 'And how exactly do you spell Ouagadougou?' asked the travel agent. Be honest, prior to 15th January 2016, unless you are a crossword puzzle expert or a regular in pub quizzes did Wagga, as it is known, mean anything to you?

That date was in fact a turning point in the lives of people sitting in Cappuccino enjoying a Friday evening meal in one of their favourite city centre restaurants, or indeed across the road in the Splendid Hotel in the capital of Burkina Faso. Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb had struck one of the poorest countries in the world (poor even by West African standards and suffering from recurring droughts and military coups) resulting in at least 23 deaths and at least twenty wounded from eighteen worldwide nationalities.

There was an air of disbelief as friends came to terms with the fact that I was still Wagga-bound on 25th January, despite the attempts of Air France to mess things up with cancelled flights in both directions. I was going as part of a small international team to contribute to a conference for NGO and missionary parents who home educate their TCKs (third culture kids). I'm not sure what Nicky Morgan in her role as Secretary of State for Education would have made of this home education, but what else do you do if you can't afford the fees for the International School, or you live in a village community in the back of beyond! My experience of local schools in other African countries would probably mean that I would do the same. I'm quite clear that I wouldn't want my child taught in a class of over 150 nine year olds as I've experienced in Malawi - but at least I'm a teacher and the majority of the home educators aren't.



In addition to presenting a lecture and workshop for the parents, I indulged myself for three days teaching art to a group of 9 to 16 year old TCKs. And what a delight that was! In home schooling, art is a curriculum subject that often gets neglected and so for these children who originate from the USA, Netherlands, and UK it was, as one of them said 'such fun!' They became so engrossed in trying out activities in the style of some of the great artists that

I couldn't help but smile as I was asked 'why does snack time come so quickly?'

For many of the parents the conference was an opportunity to have their children tested in order to both ascertain if there were any special educational needs and check also the levels which their offspring were at by comparison to what would be expected 'back home'. We have to remember that the likelihood is that at some point these TCKs will be taking formal

secondary school examinations and even preparing for university entrance.

As for Wagga, well it's not exactly on the tourist map. I rather think that the Co-op Travel in Dore is unlikely to be inundated with requests! There are very few tarmac roads and as for the majority, just imagine some of the roads in Dore with all the old potholes back, add to this red dust all over the place and piles of old tyres as the occasional marker to remind you on which side of the road to drive. And because it's winter despite being 30°C, no ice cream, compensated only by the fact that it was the strawberry season (though lots of sugar was needed)!

Of course, curiosity (or was it nosiness) meant that a drive around the city centre was a must! Yet the colourful fruit and vegetable markets, the crazy motor cyclists (no helmets for the majority) and people going about their daily work despite the presence of a myriad of army and police with guns, was a reminder that life must go on despite the threat of terrorism. As you may imagine, it really would have been unwise to check out the local cuisine in the restaurants, and just an impossibility to drink a cappuccino in Cappuccino, which hopefully by the time you read this will have reopened!

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Lesley Garrett for President

The highlight of 2015 for Dore Male Voice Choir was our tour of the Czech Republic where we gave three packed-out concerts to several standing ovations.

Lorna James, a soprano from Opera North, toured with us; if you are a follower of the choir you may recall Lorna who has appeared several times in our past Christmas concerts. A beautiful voice and great personality, she stole the show in Trebon Theatre with Dvořák Song to the Moon from Rusalka, and she sang it in Czech.

A call from the Foreign Office asking us to perform at the Cutlers' Hall for a 150 strong Chinese delegation was one of the many highlights for 2016 and, as a result, we will be performing in June 2017 for the Public Health Department in the Winter Gardens.

We are extremely pleased to announce that last year Lesley Garrett CBE has agreed to be our President along with England's cricket vice captain Joe Root as our Vice President. We will be in concert with Lesley at The City Hall on The 25th March along with Unite The Union Brass Band; tickets available from the City Hall Box Office, Tel: 0114 2789 789, or see their website at www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk.

In September we will be off to Italy for our bi-annual concert tour, based in Assisi in Umbria. Our first concert will be preceded by singing during the Mass at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, an experience we are all looking forward to.

On our return it will be our annual Gala concert at All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road followed by the Christmas concert season.

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Battle of The Sheffield to Manchester Railway Line; A David &

Most Dore residents will now be aware of ongoing public consultation concerning proposals to increase the capacity of the Hope Valley Line to Manchester and the immense amount of work being done by the Friends of Dore and Totley Station to influence changes there.

Early nineteenth century plans to link Sheffield with Manchester focused on building a canal over the Pennines. There were five competing proposals, but the opening of both the Cromford and High Peak Railway and the Stockton to Darlington Railway in 1825, and then the Liverpool and Manchester Railway a year later compelled the canal-minded developers to turn their attention to the building of a railway line. They could then take advantage of the very latest technology - steam powered railway locomotives.

A meeting was held between interested parties at Sheffield Town Hall in Waingate in May, 1830, at which it was decided to form the Sheffield and Manchester Railway Company. The company would be partly owned by the pioneering Liverpool and Manchester Railway. George Stephenson and his son Robert were appointed as the Engineers. Along with railway promoter Henry Booth, who had suggested using a multi-tubed boiler, the pair had won the Rainhill trials in October 1829 with their locomotive 'Rocket'.

Henry Sanderson, a land surveyor from Sheffield, was also appointed to the team. In 1826 Sanderson had published his own proposals for a route through Edale which would have connected with the Peak Forest Tramway. He seemed the ideal choice, but his recruitment was to have significant repercussions on the final route the new railway would take over the Pennines.



George Stephenson: famous railway builder sidelined by a Sheffield land surveyor (picture: Wikimedia Commons)

In view of what was to follow it is worth looking for a moment at George Stephenson's credentials. Born in 1781, he is often credited with being the inventor and founding father of the world's railways. The son of a fireman at Wylam, near Newcastle upon Tyne, he worked at first in his father's colliery, became an engine-man at Willington Ballast Hill in 1802, moving to Killingworth colliery in 1804 and Montrose in 1807, before returning to Killingworth in 1808 where he became the engine-wright in 1812. His talents were not confined to steam engines however - for example he perfected a miner's safety lamp in 1815, at the same time as Humphrey Davy who is generally credited with that invention.

In 1814 Stephenson's first locomotive ran successfully and a year later he patented the steam blast principle by which a partial vacuum was created in the locomotive's smokebox. This caused air to be drawn through the fire by the exhaust steam - a fundamental principle used in every steam locomotive built since that time. He completed the Hetton Colliery railway in 1823 and then became the engineer for the Stockton and Darlington Railway. And of course, just a year before the meeting in Sheffield his 'Rocket', the first locomotive to be built with angled cylinders and boiler tubes, had easily won the prestigious Rainhill trials.

There can be no doubt that the man was a living legend and those present at the meeting in Sheffield must have held him in awe. George Stephenson's detailed proposals would have meant building a railway line which climbed up the Sheaf Valley and over the moors. In these pioneering days, the notion of building a tunnel over three and a half miles long to cross the formidable barrier presented by the Pennines (which the Midland Railway was eventually forced to do between Totley and Grindleford) was inconceivable, so Stephenson devised a series of rope-hauled inclines.

Unfortunately for the great railway engineer the astute Henry Sanderson became deeply concerned about what he considered to be an excessive amount of tunneling and about inclines which he believed were dangerously steep. He immediately began working from his home in Beet Street to mount a vigorous campaign against the plans. Sanderson was certainly not alone in having concerns, or in being willing to stand up to the eminent Stephenson. One correspondent to the Sheffield Courant and Advertiser, in February, 1831, commented that 'no man in his senses would ever venture in a carriage on such a road; the breaking of a chain or a rope would be inevitable destruction'.

In support of his case, Sanderson discovered inaccuracies in the surveying work for the levels carried out by John Gillespie, one of Stephenson's assistants and he was also able to prove that some of the costings put forward by Stephenson were erroneous, perhaps even mendacious. As a result of these totally unanticipated objections, several meetings of the troubled Sheffield and Manchester Railway Board and its equally worried shareholders took place. Each participant had set out before him George Stephenson's personal assurances that his proposals were workable. This was in direct contrast to the well-written pamphlets from Sanderson arguing that they most definitely were not. Sanderson's vitriolic comments finally sounded the death knell for Stephenson's proposals when his fourth and final pamphlet, dated 28th May, 1833, was accepted by an adjourned meeting of shareholders on 5th June at the York Hotel, Manchester. In his scathing comments, the Sheffield surveyor accused Stephenson of dismissing a route through the Don Valley 'too hastily' and even more intrepidly given Stephenson's reputation, of writing 'nonsense'. Instead, Sanderson had urged the shareholders' meeting to consider a route out of Sheffield which ran along the Don Valley to Deepcar

Goliath Tale From The 1800s

and then went via the Vale of Midhope, by Langsett and Swinden. The line could cross the Pennine ridge at Saltersbrook using inclines, but Sanderson strongly recommended that they drove a tunnel, which would be two miles long.

And so an upstart Sheffield surveyor won the day - a latter day David up against a Goliath - and Stephenson's proposals for a Sheffield to Manchester Railway over the high moors between Dore and Topley were rejected, 'strangled by the ropes of its inclines' according to the eminent railway historian George Dow. But Sanderson had achieved something which was to have far reaching effects - he had put forward for the first time the notion that to be a feasible proposition, the first trans-Pennine railway line should pass through the Don Valley and not the Sheaf.



Stephenson's Rocket, in an engraving from 1868 (picture: Wikimedia Commons)

Strangely enough Sanderson does not seem to have taken any further part in later developments and he disappears from the scene. It was to be 1893 before the Hope Valley Line, with the second longest tunnel in Britain, was completed by the Midland Railway Company.

With Stephenson out of the way, a series of meetings took place in 1836 between groups of influential businessmen from both sides of the Pennines to consider a new survey, this time one which had been undertaken on their behalf by another eminent civil engineer, Charles Vignoles. The result was the Sheffield, Ashton-Under-Lyne and Manchester Railway which connected the two great cities via the Don Valley. Construction began in October 1838 and the line was officially opened to the public on 22nd December 1845. The first train passed 'through country mantled white under a recent heavy fall of snow' according to one observer, before plunging into the dark, smoke-filled depths of the Woodhead Tunnel. Not surprisingly, the passengers cheered when they emerged over three miles later at the end of the longest tunnel in the world.

Railway mania may have been at its height, but travelling by rail was not a pleasant experience. The Sheffield, Ashton-Under-Lyne and Manchester bought twenty cattle wagons which were fitted with sprung buffers and drawbars to enable them to carry passengers, although there were some first-class coupes for those who could afford such luxury!

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Bradway Bank circa 1900

I have looked with interest at the two photographs on page 21 of the Winter 2016 Edition of Dore to Door of views taken of and from Bradway Bank.

The second photograph, which shows the beginning of the development of Totley Brook Road, is of particular interest to me because it shows the iron church known affectionately as the Tin Tabernacle or 'Tin Tab', which was the early home of the present Dore and Totley United Reformed Church. This entire building was moved to the site on a horse drawn bogey from its previous home next to Dore and Totley Station. Richard Moffat has written a brief history of the church which appeared on pages 12 and 13 of the Autumn 2010 edition of Dore to Door.*

The minutes of the church meetings record that the Tin Tab was moved from its original site close to the Dore and Totley Railway Station to Totley

Brook Road in October 1908 with its first service being held at the new site on Sunday the 29 November 1908. The photograph, therefore, must have been taken after this date. The trees shown suggest that it was taken in summer time.



Laying of the URC foundation stone in 1912. Photograph published with permission of the Dore & Totley United Reformed Church Elders

The plot of land next to the Tabernacle is shown to be vacant in the photograph and was subsequently used to build the Dore and Totley Union Church, since 1972 the Dore and Totley United Reformed Church. The foundation stone of the Church was laid on the 21 September 1912. The ceremony is shown in this photograph which has been taken from the Church's Archive.

It is highly likely that your photograph was taken between the summer of 1909 and September 1912.

**Margaret Warwick
Former Archivist, Dore
and Totley United
Reformed Church**

*[*You can read the original article from 2010 in our online archive at www.dorevillage.co.uk/doretodoor - Ed.]*

Obituary



Elizabeth Bramley 1938-2016

Elizabeth Garland, later Bramley, moved to High Trees in 1964 when her husband Julian obtained a post in the steel industry. Her arrival almost coincided with the launch of the Dore Village Society, which she promptly joined. Her interest in conservation issues made her a natural for election to its committee on which she served for several years.

Elizabeth was closely involved in developing the Old School as a community centre. She made a special contribution to local affairs as co-editor (with the late Betty Young) of the DVS "Occasional Publication No. 3", From Dore to Dore: Some local walks (1973). With an introduction by Paul Cutts on the local landscape and geology, it contained descriptions of eleven round walks with their local historical

background. With input from over a dozen walkers and others it required a lot of editorial skill to make everything hang together.

Elizabeth Bramley was born in London in 1938. She read geography at Queen Mary College, University of London. While in Dore she raised three children, Charles, William and Fran. Later they moved to Fulwood and she worked first for the South Yorkshire Housing Association and then at the Sheffield and Peak District Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. During the 1990s, based in Edinburgh, she served as Director of the CPRE's sister Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland. She married John Bramley in 1999. Her thanksgiving service took place at St Mark's, Broomhill on 19 December.

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