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A message from our Chairman:

## Welcome to our new website

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### About Dore

Although Dore village is a relatively small suburb of Sheffield (with a population of about 7,000) it has a rich and varied collection of amenities, shops, restaurants, societies and interest groups, as well as three churches, two church halls, three public houses with restaurants, a group GP practice, a dental practice, a chiropodist, a care home for the elderly and retirement apartments for the over 60s.

Dore Village Society welcomes you to our little corner of South Yorkshire.

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11/10/2017

Confirmation has now been received that Streets Ahead have scheduled the felling of the Vernon Oak on Vernon Road S17 3QE for next week. Res...

### Upcoming Events



Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust: Guided Walk through Ecclesall Woods >

10:30am

Woodland Discovery Centre, Abbey Lane 10.30am - 1.00pm. Grab a cuppa (and a biscuit or two) and sit down for a chat with us to find out all about Sheffield's new project: Shinapp...

## Lantern Parade changes



There are going to be a few changes to the annual Lantern Parade this year, some of which are a result of it being too successful.

First of all the Parade will be on Friday December 1st, the first time it has not been held on a Wednesday. This is out of consideration for the large number of children involved, and also their parents who won't have to cope with the little darlings getting all party-hyper on a school night.

The second change is because of the buses. The old 70 route used to run just once an hour after 6pm - remember waiting until it had gone through before the march could start? But now we have the 81 which runs every 20 minutes until 7pm and every half an hour after that. Barely time enough to march around the route, never mind turning on the lights and a few carols.

Then there are all the people! This used to be a comparatively modest event but all that changed in 2010, the year of the heavy snowfall. Nobody could get anywhere so everyone stayed in the village the night the lights were turned on. We all had such a good time that the event has continued to grow since, with attendances now in the many hundreds.

So, there are to be a few changes. We will still be marching, but this year once the march reaches the main village tree outside Hartley's, we will carry on out along Church Lane and get clear of the bus route. David Hayes is trying to arrange for the various Christmas trees and lights to be switched on as we pass. Around the church, past Dore Grill and left into Vicarage Lane, and left again onto Savage Lane then into the Hare & Hounds car park where a sound stage is to be set up. Then it's just carols, chorals and Christmas for as long as the kids can stay awake.

The march will start at 6.45pm outside Jo & Kutz Hairdressers on Causeway Head Road. We aren't publishing a full timetable after that, as with the new arrangements no one knows exactly how long the parade will take.

We are grateful to Ann at the Hare & Hounds for her offer of the use of the car park; she has also arranged and paid for the stage.

We are also grateful to Anne Elsdon and Maureen Cope who have masterminded the Lantern Parade for many years and have seen it grow into one of Dore's most notable annual events. They have elected to retire this year but we hope that this doesn't affect their coming along to join in the fun.

Late news: Dore resident and former IBF welterweight boxing champion Kell Brook will be our guest to switch on the lights this year. See you there!

## Recognition for Daffodil Ball



A Dore resident has been presented with a prestigious award for his charity work. David Fyfe, who has lived here for almost thirty years, was awarded the Professor Robert Boucher Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of the £1 million that he, helped by his family and friends, has raised for Sheffield's Children's Hospital. The Award recognises alumni who have achieved distinction in their profession, or made outstanding contributions to business and community life and is named in honour of the University's late former Vice-Chancellor.

It all started in 1990 when David and his wife Jean were at a fundraising event with their friends, Sandra and Nigel Worthington. Their son, Adam, had recently been treated in Sheffield Children's Hospital and at this event, it was decided to organise a ball to raise much needed funds for the hospital. The Ball, which was intended to be a "one-off", raised £5,000. Twenty-seven annual parties later the funds raised have exceeded £1 million and the event is known as the Daffodil Ball, held in March of each year. Before you ask, all tickets for 2018 are already sold.

The impact that the fundraising has had on the hospital and the children it serves is huge, as it has enabled the purchase of specialist medical equipment over and above the standard NHS provision. Examples of equipment funded include a portable ultrasound for babies in neonatal care which allows them to be tested in their own cots, a ground-breaking 3T MRI scanner, as well as a state-of-the-art new burns treatment room and outpatient area which has transformed the experience of burns victims at the hospital.

Our photograph shows David receiving his award from the Rt Hon Lady Justice Rafferty, DBE, Chancellor of the University of Sheffield.

## Over 60? Have you heard of Project Connie?

We are a small, local group who operate a voluntary service set up especially for taking the over 60s of Dore to their medical appointments.

So if you struggle to get to the doctor, hospital, dentist or optician, then we are here to help you.

The way it works is for you to ring our number and then we arrange for a volunteer who will escort you, stay with you and bring you home from whatever medical appointment you are needing to attend.

Interested? then please call 07931 483693 and either I, Sue Ross, or Pat Yates will ring you back to tell you more about it.

Thank you so much

**Sue Ross**

## Barn Owls and a bit of detective work



Dore in the past was, like many Derbyshire villages, a farming community. Scattered throughout the village were many barns used for a variety of purposes including the storage of grain and other animal foodstuffs. Now as the leaves fall from the trees some of the remaining barns around the village, and on your travels, reveal a secret. High up near the gable end of many a barn will be an unglazed window.

Some of the windows are round, some square and some are even triangular. Barn owls were encouraged to enter and nest inside barns to keep down mice and rats that were tempted by the grain and foodstuffs being stored.

So look closely as you walk around to see if you can spot an old Barn owl window. The one in the photograph is in Dore, in a barn which dates from the late 1700s, but has been bricked up in recent times.

## No Accounting for Cherrytree!

Cherrytree on Mickley Lane, a registered charity, provides temporary accommodation and support for up to 20 homeless single young people aged 16-21. Most move on successfully either to their own accommodation or by being reunited with family or friends after a stay averaging 6-9 months.

The facility is managed on a day-to-day basis by Sarah Tully, the general manager, with support and guidance from a Board of Directors chaired by Steve Walker. The Directors also act as Trustees for the investment portfolio that provides the income needed to pay for the little extras, such as counselling and leisure activities, that help to turn the young people's lives around.

Unfortunately Cherrytree's Honorary Treasurer, John Kirkham, has recently had to retire due to ill-health, so a replacement is being sought as a matter of some urgency. The amount of work involved isn't huge since all the regular book-keeping is carried out by the company's admin and finance staff. The role mainly comprises the provision of an overview of proceedings, focussing particularly on the accountancy regulations, as well as liaising with the auditors. It would particularly suit a recently retired Chartered Accountant with management experience who is interested in putting something back into the community.

Apart from the AGM, which involves a certain amount of input to the Annual Report, the Board of Directors and Trustees meet for just a couple of hours four times a year.

Interested parties should contact Steve Walker (tel 07941 092 207) in the first instance.

## Dore Old School Bank Garden Refurbishment



You're probably wondering what this might be and where on earth it is! You'll find it in the Dore Old School playground, turning right as you enter the yard, (possibly on your way round to collect children from the Nursery), and cars park in front of it, but currently it has mostly gone unnoticed.

The gardeners amongst you will realise it's an inhospitable area to plant, being a steep bank overhung by trees, very dry and with little soil depth, riddled with twitch grass and tree seedlings.

Hmmm... so why have some members of the Doreways Group decided to improve this area?

Well, it is at the heart of one of the oldest parts of Dore village. An area where large numbers of locals and visitors pass through on a regular basis, and it potentially is "green" space in amongst a lot of concrete and asphalt.

Work has already begun to clear out the weeds, improve the soil, and generally prepare the ground for some insect, bird friendly planting, whilst keeping it as low maintenance an area as possible.

This is where you all come in - we would welcome contributions of specific plants.

Currently we are trying to gather the following with a view to planting them out, as appropriate from this month, or in the case of snowdrops, when they have finished flowering:

- Snowdrops
- Cyclamen hederifolium (autumn flowering cyclamen)
- Cyclamen coum (spring flowering cyclamen)
- Hellebores

If you feel you may be able to spare any of the above please get in touch with either Dorne Coggins (0114 327 1054) or Jean Stevens (0114 236 9156).

We are also in need of a quantity of stone suitable for building a low terrace wall in the garden. Please bring to the Old School and leave in the lower right hand corner of the garden, or phone Elaine on 07840 565600 and we will collect.

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**Time to go a-wassailing once more**

The word wassail comes from Old English was hál, meaning “be you hale”, “be healthful” or “be healthy”. It was a Saxon custom that, at the start of each year, the lord of the manor would shout ‘was hál!’ The assembled crowd would reply ‘drinc hál’, meaning ‘drink and be healthy’.

The tradition of Wassailing is associated with Christmas and New Year and dates back to at least the 14th Century. Wassailing has been a way of passing seasonal good wishes between family and neighbours around settlements in Britain and parts of Europe. The tradition takes many forms, and in Dore it is celebrated as the annual Wassail Walk organised by Dore Village Society.

The 17th annual Wassail Walk will take place this year on Wednesday 27th December, the day after Boxing Day, starting out at 10am from The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore.

Last year over 100 people of all ages joined to share winter views and conversation while walking paths across Blacka Moor. The Wassail event is a guided walk of not more than five miles, taking two hours to two and a half hours. The route is on high ground along tracks that are often wet and rough in winter, so windproof jackets and waterproof shoes with good grips will be essential. Distant views of up to thirty miles are possible, subject to weather conditions, with glimpses locally of grazing Highland cattle and wild deer.

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

Why not put the date on your calendar now – we look forward to seeing you!

**Martin Stranex**

**Doreways’ latest litter picking recruits!**

Doreways were very grateful to be supported on their Autumn Action litter pick around the centre of Dore by Dore Guides, led by Guide leaders Karen and Nicki. The Guides were armed with grabbers, gloves and rubbish bags and set off from Dore Old School to clean up litter from pavements and kerb edges. Smaller groups set off in the care of adults to attack Dore’s rubbish.

Comments from these smaller groups after they had finished were that they were sad to see so much litter, especially when they were removing crisp packets and cans very close to litter bins. Other comments were that at school their various school teachers were very keen to get the litter message home to them. When we arrived back at Dore Old School they had collected a lot of very full bags so our thanks to Street Force for supplying the bags and removing them.

The good news is that Dore’s Guides have been able to use their litter pick as part of their Community service. So, thank you one and all. A job well done!

Doreways’ next litter pick will be in Spring 2018 (exact date in our February issue) and our thanks go out to those individuals like Julie Gay and Jen Henderson who continue their mission to keep Dore litter free all through winter.



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## Some Good News and Some Disappointing News



### First, the Good News

As you will see from the picture on the front of this issue we have launched the new website. This went live at the end of September and there is a detailed article about it on page 13. We have been working closely with our developers for several months (a Sheffield based company called Evoluted Ltd) and we are very pleased with the result. We thank them for the positive and flexible way that they worked with us and for the many constructive comments and suggestions that they made during the development process.

The old website could only be viewed effectively on PCs and laptops. Although it could be read on mobile phones and tablets this was not a satisfactory experience. The new website has been designed so that it will automatically recognise the user's device and present the most appropriate display on all of these.

As with any venture of this type there are likely to be a few teething problems and we are still making some adjustments to ensure that the new website provides all the information contained in its predecessor, and it is easy to find. While we have tested the site thoroughly there may be errors, omissions or anomalies which we haven't yet come across. If you notice any please let us know at [website@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:website@dorevillage.co.uk) and we will correct them at our earliest opportunity. We hope you enjoy the new website and find it easy to use. If you would like to provide any feedback you can do so at the above email address.

Over the next few months we will be adding new content and features, including information about our policies in respect of the donations we make, the projects we fund (and how to go about requesting financial support for your ideas), and links to a number of agencies and services which residents frequently ask us about, such as the Sheffield Council Planning Department website and various other Council services, including bin collections, drainage gully cleaning, road repairs, street lighting, etc.

We will also be adding links to things of regular interest in other nearby

communities (Totley, Bradway, Whirlow, Ecclesall, and the Peak District National Park Authority etc.)

The agendas and minutes of the DVS committee meetings, and the annual accounts and trustees' report, will also be posted regularly, an aspiration we have had for some time but haven't had the resource to achieve.

### DVS Events

You may have noticed the flower tubs around the village. These bring colour and enjoyment to the village every year. Until recently these were provided free by the City Council but cuts to their budget meant that they had to stop supplying them about five years ago. They are a nice feature which people enjoy, and they add interest to the village centre, so we now pay for the installation of these and the City Council continues to deliver and place them around the village.

The Dore Show lived up to its reputation again and provided us with a very enjoyable afternoon of exhibits and entertainment. Our thanks go to the organising committee for all the hard work they put into this throughout the year.

Our next events will be the village Christmas decorations and the Lantern Parade, accompanied by late opening by the usual collection of village shops. We hope you enjoy these.

### The Disappointing Bit

Despite a sustained campaign throughout the year to encourage people to join the Dore Village Society we have again fallen short of our target for subscription income and for the fourth year running we are having to make up the shortfall from our reserves.

We need a membership of just over 1,000 in order to break even on our day-to-day running costs and, with an adult population of over 5,000 in Dore, this should be achievable. However, our membership has stuck stubbornly below



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this level for some time. If this is because those of you who don't join don't feel we provide what you want from a community organisation please let us know and we will address this.

The major events that we organise (entertainment on the village green, the Dragon Hunt, the Dore Show, the Wassail Walk, the Lantern Parade, the autumn exhibitions, etc) are always well attended and we continually receive thanks for our efforts in ensuring that these take place. We provide most of these free of charge but if we get to a position where we can't sustain such events (and all the other things that we support through donations) there may come a point when we have to consider if they can all continue. Then there is Dore to Door which we deliver free to every household in Dore. If these things disappear for want of a few more members then life in our community will be diminished.

What I find dispiriting at times is when I speak to people at events who haven't joined the Society and their reaction to my question "why not" is "well, if it's free to attend these things why should I?"

Subscription to the DVS is only £6 per year or, as I said in my last column, less than two pints of beer or a bottle of wine. In this issue you will find membership forms for next year so if you are existing members I hope you will renew for another year, and if you have never joined I hope I have persuaded you to do so.

Keith Shaw

## Age UK Sheffield unveils new city centre HQ

Sheffield's leading older person's charity hopes its city centre relocation will open an exciting new chapter for its work.

Age UK Sheffield has officially opened its new operational hub in the heart of the city, having moved its team of dedicated staff and volunteers to office space at South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue's (SYFR) headquarters on Eyre Street. Charity bosses hope the move will reignite public support for its work, which includes supporting more than 4,000 vulnerable, older people in the city every year. The unveiling of the plaque was carried out by HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew Coombe.

Other top dignitaries, including the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, Master Cutler and Lord Mayor of Sheffield were amongst the specially invited guests who heard more about the charity's work, which delivered more than £2.7 million in additional benefits to local people last year.

The whole city got behind the move, including Westfield Health who donated office furniture and storage equipment and solicitors HLW Keeble Hawson who provided legal support.

Steve Chu, Chief Executive at Age UK Sheffield, said: "I want to say a massive thank you to all the individuals and organisations that have supported us, and continue to support us with this relocation. We're really pleased to be here and believe the partnership between a Fire and Rescue Service and an older people's charity is beneficial to us both.

"The work our staff do to support people aged fifty and over in Sheffield is high quality, highly-skilled, and much needed. Everyone tells me that the quality of our services is second to none. GPs are amazed at the outcomes we achieve for their patients, telling us we are the most holistic service they have. We have carers who cry with joy when their loved ones with dementia come to our Wellbeing Centre, saying their lives have been transformed by our support. We are extremely grateful for all the warm words we receive on a daily basis.

"We know that in delivering excellent services to older people in Sheffield, we have built up a lot of support for our work and

goodwill towards our charity. Our new location is a really exciting one for us, helping us to be as committed as ever to older people in Sheffield."

Age UK Sheffield supported nearly 4,000 people last year bringing in nearly £2.7m in additional benefits that weren't being claimed. The charity also made more than 1,300 referrals to vital services, including SYFR's Safe & Well checks, and to local community groups, from choirs to arts and crafts. It also helps to reduce demand on the NHS through taking GP referrals, helping to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and facilitating earlier discharge from hospitals.

"This is all vital work. But like most local charities, the pressure on us is growing, year on year. We still rely on donations to help older people in our city to have an income, a warm roof over their head, activities to enjoy and the best health they can have to live as independently as possible," Steve added.

To donate to Age UK Sheffield, visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/how-you-can-help1/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/how-you-can-help1/) or phone 0114 250 2850.



HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew Coombe officially opened Age UK Sheffield's new operational hub

## Trains news

Friends of Dore and Totley Station were able to make comments and positive suggestions to improve the draft timetable from the station. Unfortunately, until the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme is completed it won't be possible to make the service exactly hourly and there will still be some awkward gaps. The ones argued most strongly to get filled are those crucial commuting times between 6.49 and 8.04, and then 8.27 and 9.58, but there are others. It remains to be seen what will actually emerge after all other interested parties had their say and alterations have been made.

There is to be an extra TransPennine Express stop at 6.15

towards Manchester from 11th December. The 7.14 is the busiest train outwards each day picking up almost 100 passengers and this extra stop may help to spread that load a little. We're hoping an extra stop may come in the late evenings from Manchester from the Spring timetable change.

A negative step is the spate of one day strikes by Northern conductors, but there may be a positive side. On strike days, East Midlands are stopping 3 trains out of Sheffield at Dore & Totley. We can't guarantee it will continue, but stopping their 16.40, 17.40 and 20.36 services allows a commuter service into Sheffield to continue on strike days. We think it would be a good idea if they stopped every day. That idea could be pursued for the future!

Plans under the Hope Valley Capacity Scheme to redouble the tracks and add a second platform should have started work this spring with all ready for the new timetable in December 2018. It's in a log jam at the Department for Transport. Earliest start date is now 2019 or even 2020. FoDaTS are co-operating with many other groups and organisations in both the Sheffield and Manchester areas to push this forward but the decision will have to come from government. Enough said?

The Artisan Van is now serving teas, coffees, porridge, crepes and cakes from 6.00 until 10.00. Sandra Russo has a trial licence to operate in the car park, providing refreshments for commuters. That complements the Summer House who open at 8.30 for breakfasts and a wider range of good food throughout the day.

**Chris Morgan**

Website at [www.fodats.net](http://www.fodats.net)

(see also item on the station canopy, page 35 - Ed)



## Inmotion shortlisted for top transport award – again

An award-winning scheme which encourages commuters to use public transport is going for gold again in 2017.

The Inmotion! Busboost scheme, which encourages thousands of South Yorkshire commuters to swap their cars for travel on buses, trains and trams, has been shortlisted for a UK Bus Award for Sustained Marketing Excellence. Busboost commuters receive a smartcard which lets them try public transport for free for 28 days to see the benefits of leaving their cars at home.

“We were thrilled to win Marketing Initiative of the Year at the UK Bus Awards last year and to be shortlisted again this year is fantastic,” said Suzanne Hutchinson, Head of Promotions at South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive.

“Since Busboost was launched in 2012, we’ve given more than 14,600 South Yorkshire commuters the chance to have a proper go at using public transport as a commuting option. Busboost benefits everyone by helping reduce congestion, improve traffic conditions, lower carbon emissions and increase air quality levels.”

More than 400 South Yorkshire businesses and 170 Meadowhall retail outlets have so far benefited from the Busboost scheme and the Inmotion! team, who are based at South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, hope to engage with a further 1,800 to 2,000

commuters before April 2020. And of the thousands of commuters who have taken part in Busboost, 79 per cent said they would continue to use public transport for all or part of their daily commute.

“When we approach a business to take part in the Busboost scheme we look at what they could be looking to change, for example reducing overcrowding in car parks, increasing staff wellbeing, lowering stress levels and decreasing local congestion on the roads,” said Suzanne. “Through a number of surveys with Busboost participants before, during and after the 28 days, we are able to gauge their future travel habits.”

UK Bus Awards chairman Mark Yexley said the awards committee gets to hear about some of the ‘most inspiring’ projects from across Great Britain. “The Sustained Marketing Excellence award celebrates consistency in marketing bus services in an innovative and progressive way,” he said. “It’s great to see these efforts being recognised.”

The UK Bus Awards finalists were announced at a special ceremony in October, at the Museum of Transport in Manchester.

Inmotion! is a partnership between the councils of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to implement the Department for Transport’s Sustainable Travel Fund programme in South Yorkshire: [www.inmotion.co.uk](http://www.inmotion.co.uk)



## Where there’s a will

Hope Amateur Dramatic Independent Theatre (HADIT) are taking “corpsing” to a new level in their next production, Norman Robbins’ classic thriller-comedy A Tomb with a View.

In a sinister old library, presided over by a portrait of a grim-faced, mad-eyed old man, solicitor Hamilton Penworthy has assembled the eccentric Tomb family for the reading of their father’s will. All are greedy for their share of the inheritance but they are thrown into turmoil by the imminent arrival of an unknown beneficiary, a writer of romantic fiction. Is she destined to join the other bodies under the flower beds?

Performances are at the Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th November at 7.30 pm nightly. Tickets (£8.00) are available from Watson’s Farm Shop, Hope or may be booked through Carolyn on 01433 620665.

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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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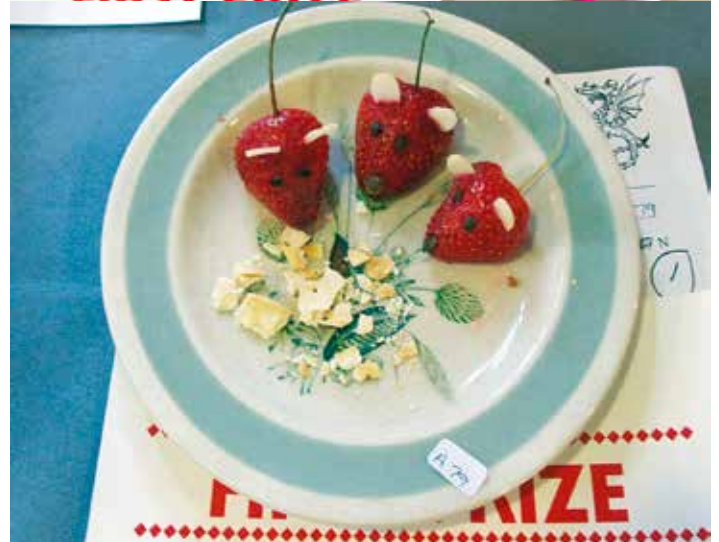


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- Founders' Cup – Jean Dykes
- Allan Peters Trophy (photography) – Simon Walkden
- Leisure gardens Cup (fruit & vegetables) – John Plumridge
- Graham Thorpe Cup (fruit & vegetables) – Rob Colley
- John Mitchell cup (wine) – Gillian Farnsworth
- Jane Steeples Cup – Rosemary Newton
- David Owen Shield (junior section) – Bella Walker

I was delighted with the large number of entries that rolled up to enter the show on a damp dull morning. It fairly cheered me up to see the effort so many people had made to come along with their produce, home mades and art work. The talent we have in Dore is plentiful and amazing.

I noticed during the day how many people who came, mentioned that it is the Show that makes Dore a village. I took delight in hearing that.

The Show Committee gave up a great deal of time over the twelve months leading up to the event, and on the day many helpers gave freely of their time to ensure that it was a success. I cannot thank all the volunteers enough. All the events on the day come together because of so many hard working people, and I thank them all.

This year we enjoyed some new attractions as well as most of the old favourites. We very much welcomed the Newfoundland Dogs, providing rides around the show ground to a string of children. The alpaca farm and their small group of animals were also a new booking, though unfortunately the coolness of the day prevented more animals being with us on the village green. Our own village primary school gymnastics team proudly displayed their skills, and for the first time ever we had a mermaid! Even on the morning of the show I was having to turn down stall holders who wanted to come to our show with the promise of perhaps a place next year.

The weather was a disappointment, but it is the one thing that can't be planned for. Luckily the rain stopped after about the first hour and though the day remained dull it didn't spoil the party. Sunshine would have been good but heigh ho, that wasn't on the agenda at any of our meetings.

I am most grateful to the team who were there on the day, both to the committee and all those who helped, including those involved on the Friday evening with the setting up. It did all come together, but I was most grateful that my predecessor as Show Chair, Keith Shaw was able to lend a hand in various directions.

Next year's show has already a long list of requests to include various things, so it looks like Dore Show 2018 is already being planned for your enjoyment and we hope to see you there. If you would like to be involved next year, just email me and no matter how much or little time you can spare, we will find you something to do.

Best wishes to all,

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Chair, Dore Show



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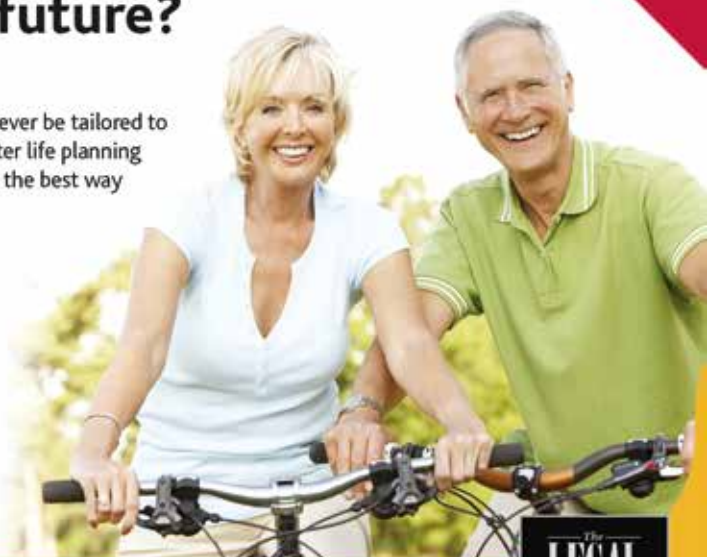
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## Getting Sauced on holiday



A new collaboration called Sauced Here has been formed in the area to help those visiting the Peak District and local residents. The collaboration was set up by Luke Osborne who has recently moved to Ecclesall after living in Bakewell for over a decade. Some of Luke's inspiration for the project came from seeing a number of local businesses close down whilst a fleet of supermarket delivery vehicles drove past. (Remind you of anywhere?)

*SaucedHere.co.uk* is a new online supermarket that is only stocked by producers and businesses local to the region – the ambition being to provide a convenient replacement to a national supermarket chain grocery delivery. There are over 1250 products now online from over forty different local producers, all of which can be delivered to your door at a time you choose.

The service offers a full basket of products hand sourced from the area's top purveyors (including meats, milk, cheeses, fruit & veg, drinks, ready meals - they can even feed your dog with a range of meals from Bakewell Pet Supplies), all made available via one flexible delivery to your permanent or temporary home. Even items that are not produced in the Peak District are purchased from the region's village shops. "We know who is the best because we have been living here for over ten years buying locally whenever we can," says Luke. "Best for us means great taste, traceable origins and products created with passion."

You will recognise several of the names on Sauced Here's supplier list. Two which leaped out at me were the Hartington Cheese Shop which is an absolute delight for fellow turophiles, and Caudwell's Mill at Rowsley, a complete working museum of a Victorian flour mill. The mill is Grade II listed and still going, a tourist attraction in its own right.

Sauced Here's website is a dictionary of local enterprise, from Adam's Happy Hens at Holymoorside to the Wye Bakehouse in Bakewell. The majority of the suppliers are local, often family businesses and their own website and contact details are given, along with opening times if they have their own shop.

There is, of course a delivery charge though this might not apply if you're prepared to pick up your order from one of the

collection points given. With delivery costing between £3.99 and £6.99 it's not a great expense anyway. But the great thing about this company is the holiday service. They will deliver to your holiday home, cottage or caravan - they will even deliver to your tent! If you'd like the delivery to be there before you are, just make arrangements for a key to be left locally and Sauced Here will even go in



and put the shopping away for you. Start your holiday smoothly, without the stress of having to find something for tea before even unpacking.

And if you're the landlord of any Peak District properties or caravans that you let out for holidays, Sauced Here have something for you too. A range of welcome packs in varying sizes are designed for you to say hello to new guests; they have a good shelf life and can be bought in bulk.

Sauced Here is an excellent idea, set up to directly challenge the major supermarkets in home delivery shopping and offering a bit of a bespoke service to boot. It deserves to succeed, and for that to happen Luke needs customers. So try it out, or at least take a look at the website. Let me know how you go on.

**John Eastwood**



## 30 years ago...

*From Dore to Door #8, Winter 1987*

Many thanks to all those people who have volunteered to deliver Dore to Door as a result of our appeal in the last edition. All we need now is a volunteer to cover Long Line.

Dore to Door now spans the globe. Not only are copies sent the length and breadth of England and Scotland, but to New Jersey in the USA and - believe it or not - as far afield as Katmandu and the Solomon Islands. If you know someone outside Dore who'd like to receive a copy, all we need is a supply of stamped addressed envelopes.

At the AGM of Christ Church Young Wives Group on 6 October 1987, it was agreed to change the name forthwith to Christ Church Ladies Group. For some years it has been felt that a name indicating a wider view of membership would endorse the Group's constitution i.e. 'A Christian Group affiliated to Christ Church, Dore, welcoming all women of any denomination.' Records since 1967 show that the Group has played its part in Church and Community life.



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It seems to have taken ages to the people involved in this, but it has only really been this year that the DVS Project Team has been involved in updating our website. The domain name *www.dorevillage.co.uk* was obtained for us in the early days of the internet, and if you type this into your browser today you will see the new site.

The DVS website that we've just said goodbye to was only nine years old, but in computing terms this is absolutely ancient. It was written specially for us, but as our resident computer guru became non-resident over a year ago to pursue a career in Japan it became difficult to arrange for any significant updates. We are extremely grateful to Matthew for his continued support from the land of the rising sun, but understand that he is equally pleased to finally be rid of the responsibility.

So, around a year ago the DVS Committee decided to look at the problem with a view to updating the site, taking advantage of new technologies which have come into being over the last decade, and also to ensure that the site can be kept up to date by people without a deep technical knowledge. A detailed specification was written and the consequent tendering process resulted in Evoluted, a Sheffield company based in Lambert Street being awarded the contract. Evoluted already had an impressive client list, including work for both Sheffield universities, the NHS and Sheffield Council whose own new website is a vast improvement on its predecessor.

Meetings through the spring and early summer of this year finalised things, and work began.

The biggest single change that most people will notice to the site is the menuing system. Menus now appear across the top of the page, below which are sub-menus leading to

1. Information about the DVS - who we are, what we do and how to join, also the current edition of this magazine and its 30-year archive;
2. Dore Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan;
3. About Dore - this is currently the largest section and includes the archives and heritage collection, as well as information about local businesses, social and community groups, transport information and local government;
4. News and events - latest community news and forthcoming events in our community, also the current and forthcoming Wyvern Walks.

These menus are not set in stone and there may be minor changes in the future and likely some additions, but the basic structure is there.

Now let me move on to a few more things that are different. First of all the website search box remains at the top right hand corner of the home page, but it works in a slightly different way. As the editor of Dore to Door, it has been a personal annoyance for several years that the search box did not previously look at the roughly two

million words and hundreds of pictures which have appeared in this magazine since 1986. Now it does. To obtain this functionality the new site uses Google Custom Search, which means that two or three results from other sites generally appear at the top of your search results. It's the price of using this search engine, but these links are easily distinguished from what is actually on our site.

Another change concerns the forthcoming events in and around the village. Before, these were listed on a single page in chronological order, but now the events can be searched by club or society. Most of the active social and recreational groups within the village are, or will soon be, included in the table at the top of the Events page. To find the next meeting of (for instance) Dore Garden Club, just click their link and you'll get a list of only their forthcoming meetings. Or you can view the whole list in date order, a bit like an electronic Dore Diary. It is actually this, as the Dore Diary in this magazine is prepared from the events on our site.

We have also updated the site's listings of local businesses, and I hope that all the telephone numbers and opening hours are now once more correct. If you own or work at a shop in the village, please take a look and make sure that we've got everything right.

There are plans shortly to provide web links via the site to a range of local trades and businesses, those who support DVS by paying for advertising space in this magazine. Otherwise, there will be no commercial advertising on the site. A number of other developments are also under consideration and no doubt we will be able to report on those when they come into being.

In the meantime, it's over to you, the people of Dore on behalf of whom DVS exists and operates. Take a look at the new website, give it a good test drive and let us know what you think. It is your website and we will value your comments, positive or negative sent to [website@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:website@dorevillage.co.uk).

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## How to Beat the Party Season Bloat



Living with two teenagers and a five-year old means that Christmas in our household can be full on, with preparations for Santa's arrival combined with everyone's friends coming around, Christmas parties, both with work and on a personal level, meeting various contingents of friends for lunch, and also dinner and drinks as well as birthdays and of course New Year.

This seasonal time of year, although welcome, can also have a sense of dread, particularly for stepping on the scales in January, or when trying to get into a pair of trousers that fit only four or five weeks earlier. If this sounds like you, read on to get my top tips for how to beat the Christmas bloat.

The average adult can easily eat their way through 6000 calories on Christmas day alone, and this is just one day in the season. So, taking account of the other lunches and meals out that you'll be involved in, it's no surprise then that some people can put on between seven and ten pounds.

Let's do this!

1. My first tip is to write a list of all of your commitments, which ones are for lunch, dinner or drinks. Which ones are you in control of, in terms of being at home and able to determine exactly what you eat? If you are eating out, which restaurant/café are you going to?
2. If you have access to the internet, research the venue's menu before you go. Make decisions as far as you can, in terms of what you are going to eat. Plan to eat chicken or turkey (as the leanest meats) or some sort of fish or seafood. Order an extra side dish of vegetables instead of having potatoes. If at all possible, have a starter and main, in preference to a main and pudding. If you do have a pudding, try and share it with someone.
3. On the days when you are eating out, reduce calorie consumption of your other meals.
4. Restrict alcohol. This can be a tricky one at this time of year. You don't want to appear to be a party pooper, but unfortunately alcohol 'can' be bad news. Firstly, you may not be aware but each carb gram of alcohol is worth 7 calories compared to a carb gram of food which is 4 calories. You can see in the table below that Champagne has the lowest carbohydrate levels and therefore calories. Beer unfortunately has the greatest. My advice is, if you are a beer drinker, switch to wine and if a wine drinker, switch to white spirits. Vodka or gin has zero carbs, and is best mixed with slimline tonic. Pair it

with orange juice on the other hand, and the carb content jumps to 28. Alcohol is also metabolised in the liver and can't be stored, so as soon as alcohol floods the liver, the liver has to process it and as the liver metabolises fat, it can't effectively metabolise fat from your food whilst it's handing all of the alcohol in your system.

5. Reduce your salt intake, which contributes to water retention and therefore bloating. So really think twice about having salty snacks such as peanuts, or pizza and other processed foods.
6. Between parties and meals out eat small meals. This will give your digestive system a rest. It's important not to miss meals, as small meals will keep your digestive system going and reduce bloating.
7. Drink plenty of water. Ideally you should be aiming for roughly around 72 fl.oz of water for women and 104 fl.oz for men.
8. Restrict cheese. It features heavily at Christmas. Try to avoid it if you can. Dairy can be a source of intolerance for some people without them being aware. At the very least, cheese can be hard to digest, so if you can't leave it out, then go for goat's cheese instead.
9. Try to do as much exercise as possible. At the very least, go for a walk after eating. Exercise encourages movement of waste in the gut and so will help to alleviate bloating.
10. Limit foods known to cause wind and bloating. So this would be sprouts, cabbage, onions, potatoes, pasta and rice. All of the nice stuff! Have some but don't go overboard.
11. Try to eat (and drink) mindfully. This means really savouring the food you are eating. Always try to eat sitting down with no distractions. Think about the food in your mouth, chew it and taste the flavours. Eat slowly to avoid swallowing air, which can also encourage bloating.
12. Buffet behaviour! Try to avoid anything fried, in pastry or in breadcrumbs. Instead opt for lean cuts of meat or salmon, with salad if possible.
13. Limit carbs. Don't completely restrict carbs, but just try to have some with one of your meals in the day rather than eating carbs at every meal.

Despite all of the above, the holiday season is the perfect opportunity to be sociable and catch up with friends and family. So use the above strategies to minimise the effect of the party season, have fun, but be realistic about what is achievable depending on your social calendar. And above all, there is January to look forward to, which is when I will be spending a month detoxing gently!

Alison Lewis

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## Being your own boss – things to consider



Having your own business can deliver the good life, but think long and hard first.

It would be great to be your own boss, wouldn't it? And it can be. Running their own businesses provides millions of people with a good living and a satisfying independence. I am the last person to put you off if you want to take it on, but do not do it on

a whim. Millions of other people find it can be a nightmare of nothing but long hours, worry and debt. Business failures are more common than successes and not much more than a third last as long as five years.

Every year, about 400,000 new small or medium sized businesses start up and about 250,000 close down. There are now 5.5 million in the UK. Half of them are one man bands and over 90% of the rest have less than 10 employees. Only about 5% get outside funding of any sort. If you are going to start up your own business, it is best to assume that you will be on your own as far as funding goes.

Against this backdrop optimism and confidence are highly desirable, but proper planning and an element of caution are essential. It is almost inevitable that you will need some funds to get you going, it is just a matter of how much. So before you set off you need to decide just how much you are able and willing to risk for your business.

Whatever that amount is, assume it is spent and lost and, if it comes from a loan or is other personal liability, for instance under a lease, do not think it doesn't count because the business will pay it. If the venture fails it will not be able to, and all the liability will land back on your toes. If losing it all is more than you are willing to risk, cut it back to what you are, because that total loss is a real and present danger.

And it is not just money you are putting up. You are also committing your time, and lots of it if you are to succeed. It is amazing how many people go into businesses that they know little or nothing about, and do not realise the work involved or that they might need a licence or some qualifications before they can trade. The main culprits for this are pubs, shops and restaurants. If you do not have the time and at least a good basic understanding of the business, just forget the idea because it will all end in tears.

A lot of people are attracted by one of the many fast food franchises and by other franchised or tied businesses, particularly things like Spar shops or pubs run by Enterprise (now Ei Group), Punch or other companies. It is true that they usually offer training and support, the quality of which varies, but you are often very restricted on what you can sell and are required to operate in a fixed way. Whatever they say, they are far more interested in making money themselves than they are in how you do, and they can be ruthless in enforcing often onerous rent and supply contracts. Certainly, some individuals can do very well from these operations, but usually only those who operate multiple sites or are in absolute prime locations. Caution is the watchword with all of them, especially if you are not experienced.

Whatever kind of business you want to go into, you need to work out what resources it needs to succeed. That means making a business plan including a profit estimate and most important of all, a cash flow forecast. If you are not confident that you can do this yourself, it is well worth spending some money on professional help from an accounting firm or other suitably qualified source.

Whoever does it, it is vital that your forecast is at least realistic and better yet cautious. It must be broken down into small enough time periods to highlight the cash need peaks. Usually, monthly is adequate but if your cash flow is lumpy during each month you will need a weekly plan, at least for the heavier cash usage months.

The forecast should not take any account at all of what cash you have decided to risk. Cutting out important expenses or investments because you do not have the cash is a recipe for failure. The business needs what it needs and if it is starved of funds it will die.

If you are taking over an existing business, you cannot assume that your charm and personality alone will add business, because it won't. Getting new customers is hard, and a new face can lose some regulars as often as it adds them. If your business plan is to double sales in the first year by smartening the place up, adding new lines or services and making some special offers, scrap it and start again.

When your business is a new start-up, it is much harder to make a forecast, because you have no history to build on. You might be sure that your idea is foolproof and that customers will flock to buy, but have you done any research or test marketing? If not, it is just a leap of faith.

Armed with your forecast, you can then see if you have enough cash to cover the peak needs and if the expected profit is worth all the effort and possible stress. Remember it is only a guide, and it will never be exactly right. Usually, it turns out to be optimistic so if it shows only modest profits or that you are near to your cash limit this should ring alarm bells. If you need more

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cash, do not proceed unless you can get it, maybe by joining forces with a partner or by trying to raise it on the expanding crowd funding market that you can access through the internet.

If you have a business partner, draw up a shareholders' agreement that sets out what rights and obligations you both have and covers things like what happens if one of you wants to sell out, who can appoint directors, what you will each be paid, and anything else that you think is important. You will probably need a lawyer to do this for you and he will tell you all the usual things that are included. It might seem an unnecessary expense when you first start out but there are often disputes down the line and it is best to have some rules agreed from the start.

Once you have the money and the plan, it is time to set up a limited company or a limited liability partnership (LLP). You can easily do this on the internet. If you operate as a sole trader or ordinary partnership you are personally liable for all the debts of your business. In a company or LLP, you risk only what you put in as long as you follow the rules.

Try not to get too clever with the company name. William Fly (Electricians) Ltd might be uninventive, but it tells customers and suppliers what you do and that you are confident to put your name to your work, whereas Sparks Will Fly Ltd says you might not take the job seriously.

It is always useful to appoint a lawyer and an accountant but there is no need to go to any of the big firms unless the business is complicated. There are plenty of competent local firms that will give you good service for a fraction of the cost of a major player. There can be worthwhile tax savings from a limited company, and any accountant can show you how to use these. He probably knows a good and reasonably priced lawyer as well.

Keeping your books up to date is vital to success. If you can't or don't want to do it yourself, hire someone. Make regular comparisons of how the business is going versus your forecast. If the forecast is wildly wrong, revise it and look again at the possible consequences for your cash flow. Even if you are doing a lot better than you thought, this can often mean you need more cash for stock or to carry your debtors, and knowing in advance means you can plan for it.

You have set up as a company or LLP to minimise personal risk, so do not get sucked in to risking more. Banks, landlords and key suppliers often demand personal guarantees for company debts. This is just the same as putting the money in yourself, so if it would put you over the limit you have set, don't do it unless you have already decided to risk all you have. Go back to finding alternative funding or have the strength to walk away from the deal.

You can also take on personal liability by accident if you are not careful. Placing an order as 'John Smith' rather than 'John Smith Ltd' can let the supplier believe he is dealing with you, not the company. If the company does not pay, he can sue you personally and will probably win. Even if the company is called JS Plumbing Ltd, there is the same risk. Without the 'Ltd' or 'LLP' it could still be you. If a supplier invoices you instead of the company, ask immediately for a new corrected invoice. If they won't deal with the company, get another supplier, even if he is a bit more expensive.

If the business fails and enters the insolvency process, there can be other risks of personal liability. In the main, these can easily be avoided, but that is a subject by itself and will have to wait for a future issue. If you are concerned that your business might be at risk of insolvency now and cannot wait for this, you can email me at [ctharrison@outlook.com](mailto:ctharrison@outlook.com) and I will try to help.

On a more positive note, if your business does well and you have run it for a while and want to sell out, this is also much easier with a company. But don't assume you will necessarily get what you think it is worth. The value of a business usually depends much more on what it earns than on its assets. Property companies can be an exception, but generally buyers will value

reliable profits far more than assets like fittings, stock or debtors. They will pay a multiple of earnings for an established business regardless of its asset base. It is at this point you might regret it if you have been skimming a bit off the top to keep money out of the tax man's hands (heaven forbid!), because if you can't prove the profits, you won't be paid for them.

Unfortunately, you probably will not get big multiples of earnings. That is only for prime stock exchange companies and some daft dot com businesses. Realistically, you might get anything from one to five years' earnings and the more the business depends on you alone, the lower this multiple will be. You can strike it lucky and get more if a bigger firm wants to take you over and merge the businesses to thus save money and take out a competitor, but they will still not give you all the benefit, why would they?

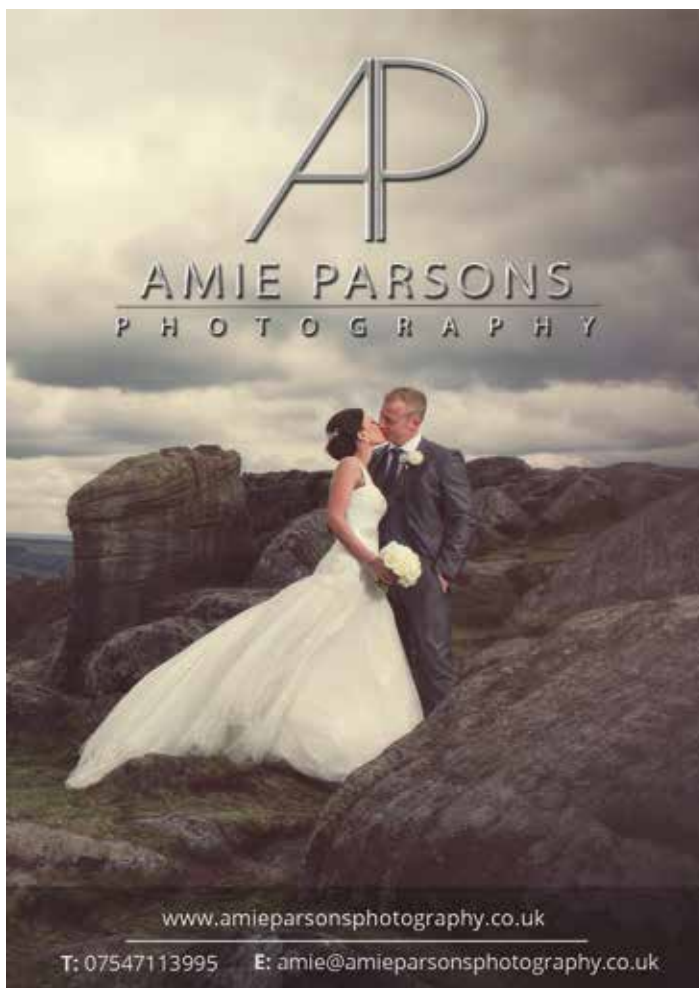
If the business is losing money, its assets are probably only worth whatever they can fetch at forced sale, which can be next to nothing, but its liabilities will all be allotted full value. Lots of loss-making businesses with big assets according to the books get sold for just £1, even if there is a chunk of cash or some real estate included in the assets. It is worth remembering all this when you are buying a business as well as selling. Overpaying is a common mistake, especially if you are new to the game.

So, good luck if you fancy giving it a go, just take care and you should not get hurt.

**C T Harrison**

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*Dore lads on tour - in front of the main altar in St Peter's Basilica, The Vatican*

The Dore Male Voice Choir has just completed its biennial week-long overseas concert tour. This year the Umbria region of Italy was selected, with the choir based in Assisi. A great deal of prior organisation was involved, including arranging venues and agreeing programmes. Almost fifty choristers with an equivalent number of partners were transported across Umbria in two buses, driven by aspiring Italian F1 drivers.

We settled into our hotel and enjoyed a rehearsal in lovely sunny weather, on a terrace overlooking the Umbrian plains. We then discovered that the TNT distributors had lost our sound system somewhere between Dore and Assisi. Luckily, we had the keyboard and the ancillary equipment, but we then had to hire speakers and mixing deck.

The first event of the tour was to sing at the 5 o'clock mass in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, a truly special experience; although after arriving in Assisi we were told that our planned opening piece there, Verdi's Ave Verum Corpus, was not acceptable as Verdi was an agnostic/atheist. The first challenge we encountered was to access the Vatican. Understandably the security was very strict and there were thousands of tourists queuing to enter. Italian bureaucracy meant that we could not get in quickly, and so we were barely in place when the Mass started, at which point we were told that The Lord's Prayer was too long and that we should proceed with Ave Verum Corpus - so the organ started to play and after a couple of bars the Choir joined in. We were told later by members of the congregation how lovely the effect was of the organ commencing playing and the Choir joining in.

After we had sung our four pieces, the Choir actually received several rounds of applause, were thanked by the priest, and invited to stand in front of the Altar for the congregation to take photographs. We were told that visiting choirs rarely received this accolade.

We then turned our attention to the three concerts arranged in Perugia, Bevagna and Todi.

The music scene in Umbria is controlled by one person called the Maestro and all the music had to be approved by him, along with the venues. Before we left Dore, programmes were produced and translated into Italian and so everything was set, or so we thought. Arriving in Assisi, we were told that there had been a disagreement between the Bishop of Todi and the Mayor, so performing at the Duomo was out and we were switched to the Church San Fortunato. So, we had to rewrite that programme.

The first concert was in Perugia, which has Etruscan origins. The oldest part, facing the square, is Sala dei Notari (The Lawyer's Hall) dating from 1273, which has all its walls and ceiling lined with frescoes of the Bible and Aesop's Fables. The Choir received a standing ovation and gifts from the Perugia Council, as did our guest singers accompanying us on our tour, Fae and Tom Asher, who produced an outstanding performance of great depth and range.

Our next "event" was a guided tour around a winery (well, we were in Italy!), followed by a lunch with various accompanying wines. Typically this concluded with an impromptu, unaccompanied sing and this can be viewed on a WhatsApp video. A truly modern choir!

Then on to Bevagna in the Vale of Spoleto, a little Roman town dating from the 7th century BC, the twelfth century development giving the town centre the medieval appearance of today. Teatro F. Torti, where the Choir performed, is full of miniscule boxes and balconies rising four storeys above the stalls, all in crimson and gold with painted putties on the ceiling. We were welcomed by the Mayor with a speech that took almost as long as our performance! The venue was an unusual and intimate one and it was a real experience to perform there. Again, it was pleasing to receive an excellent response from the Italian audience.

And finally, on to Todi, a quintessential Italian hilltop town and regarded as one of the most historically preserved towns in Umbria. At this juncture we were told that the Bishop and Mayor had settled their differences, so we were back at the Duomo, which began life in the 12th century and was built over a Roman temple, a fitting place for the Choir to complete the tour.

The Bishop must have been in touch with the priest at St Peter's because he also banned us from singing any Verdi, so out went 'Speed Your Journey' and a couple of others he didn't like. As a consequence, the programme for the Todi concert now showed both the wrong venue and the wrong music!

Prior to the concert we lined up on the steps of the Duomo, looking out over a large square, for photographs. The setting was so magical, with a clear blue sky, that a couple of us decided that it called for an impromptu performance. And we thought that as we could not sing "Speed Your Journey" inside there was nothing to stop us singing it outside; and so we started it and the rest of the choir joined in. Everyone in the square fell silent and stopped to watch. A magical moment and so well received - possibly tempting even more to join us in the Duomo for the concert itself.

All the local dignitaries turned up but interestingly the Bishop didn't. We were asked to sing several encores and prior to commencing them we asked the Maestro what he would like us to sing; his response was "anything", so we sang all those pieces we had previously been told that we couldn't sing! The Choir was presented with gifts and memorabilia and so a fitting end to a wonderful tour, and a typical Italian experience.

**Ray Mellor, Vice Chairman and PRO**

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### Vernon's week

The Vernon Oak is still here but what a week! First, there was the Sunday evening candlelit vigil of songs, poems and speeches with a good crowd of around 120 people. Respect, reverence, creativity and a peaceful presence for our beautiful and stately oak.



Then, early the next morning when we were expecting the felling crews to arrive, this masked mystery man turned up, climbed the tree and kept the press enthralled ALL day. We were all over the media. Thank you, mystery man. You did nothing illegal - no felling crews were there and no barriers - though Council-employed 'evidence gatherers' were there in force. Four prowled up and down the road for hours among the many goodly residents of Vernon and Chatsworth Roads and their supporters.

We sang again, this time with more defiance.

No crews turned up the next morning either as Hurricane Ophelia blew and the sun turned red.

By Wednesday morning the notices had been altered to give two more days when felling could take place. Later that morning two men turned up to alter it yet again, making one notice (though not the other) eight days and taking the possible felling well into the following week. Residents were confused.

A presence by residents and supporters was kept up throughout the week, with tea and biscuits on tap, yellow ribbons on many gates, and a "Toot for Trees" sign. People on duty chatted, learned more about each other, connected - one of the delights of the Campaign.

Visitors were many. Our local Lib Dem Councillor Colin Ross turned up to help a lot, other of his colleagues visited. We were tooted, a visiting French poet read his 'tirade' to us, a skateboarding lad stopped to give his support, tiny children came and also 93-year old Bill who is our oldest resident. One supporter turned up in a blackbird nest hat. We were interviewed again and again by the



media including by the famous swearsy 'Artist Taxi Driver'.

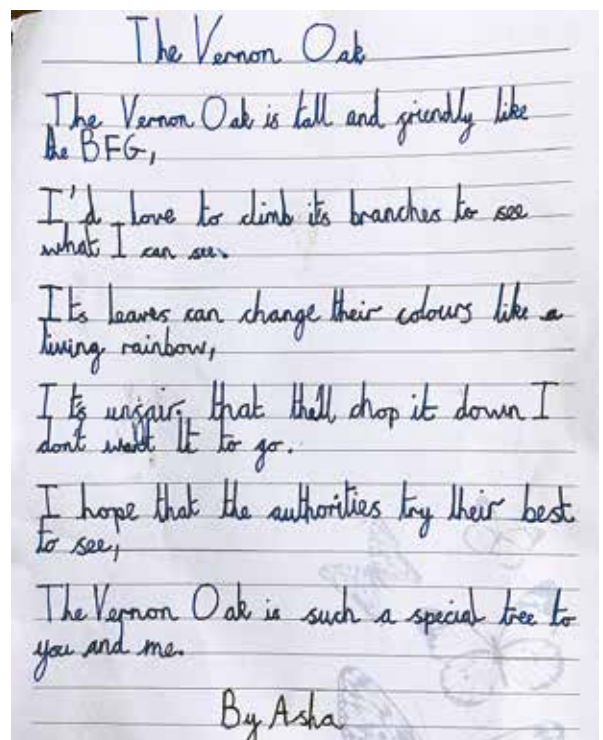
Celebrity Vernon Kay recorded a twitter video for his arboreal namesake and Benjamin Zephaniah tweeted us a poem.

By Friday, not only had a rainbow appeared in the sky but charity Trees for Cities generously pledged the money to save Vernon from the chop. As I write the Council are considering the offer. More media frenzy and reports and interviews with us on radio and regional TV ensued.

By the end of the day, our new Labour MP Jared O'Mara came with members of the local Labour Party and broke ranks with the Labour Council and other city MPs to offer his unequivocal support to the Campaign. All week, the hashtag #StandWithVernon was trending on Twitter.

Next week (as I write, at the end of October) they come for Vernon's pals, the seven Chatsworth Road limes around the corner and two mature planes and a beautiful ash on nearby Aldam Road in Totley. We don't sleep much.

Sally Goldsmith



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Hello everyone. I hope that you had a very enjoyable summer break, weather notwithstanding. As I write this the Society has come to the end of their break after successful concerts in Dore, Carlton-in-Lindrick and Norton in July. We have now started rehearsals for our next shows and it won't be long before we begin practicing for our Christmas Concert either. How time flies.

We are sad to say that we have lost our Musical Director of the last four years, Nigel Martin, due to illness and will miss him but are very pleased to say that we have an old friend returning this year to take his place. It is James Newby, a very well-known and respected musician who worked with us a few years ago. We are also lucky to retain the services of Graham Weston, a very talented producer. He works us hard and the shows he has produced for us reflect his talent and our hard work. We are also extremely pleased to welcome our new and excellent accompanist Kelli Edwards, a talented lady well versed in G&S.

Now, what have we got coming up? Firstly, next year's shows. Yes, I said shows for we will be performing two for the price of one! The two are Trial by Jury, a short one act romp which is always great fun, and The Sorcerer, a tale of what can go wrong when a love philtre is indiscriminately fed to a whole village. It is another fun-filled vehicle for Gilbert's wit and Sullivan's wonderful music. It is extremely pleasing to be able to report that a new, excellent, young soprano, Rhianna Burnage, is to play the part of Angelina, the plaintiff in Trial by Jury.

These two will be at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield from Wednesday 11th April and run to Saturday 14th April 2018. Tickets (£15, £7.50 under 16) will be available from January 2018. I have no details of telephone numbers to ring for tickets yet but you can always contact me for further information. If you fancy singing and acting with the friendliest bunch of people you could wish for, why not come along to a rehearsal? These are held at Millhouses Methodist Church Hall every Wednesday at 7:30pm. We are always looking for more men and top sopranos but you will be too late to audition for a part as the auditions have already taken place. I can promise you a great evening out as the line-up is splendid and both shows are great fun.

Secondly, our Christmas concert will, as usual, be in Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane, Dore, and will be on Saturday 16th December at 2:30pm. Tickets are £8 each and available from me, (telephone 0114 236 2299). If the last two years are anything to go by please don't leave ordering them too late as the church has a limited number of seats and it is a popular event. The programme will be, as always, an eclectic mix of music including, I am sure, more than a little comedy (heaven knows what Judy Savournin will get up to this time) and of course some carols. We very much hope to see you there but don't leave it too late to order your tickets. If you cannot come, have a good Christmas and keep your eyes open for more about next year's show in the next edition.

We look forward to seeing you at Christmas.

Derek Habberjam

## The Neighbourhood Plan Dilemma

By now you will know that the meeting of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum scheduled for 24 October was postponed to the New Year. The Steering Group decided in early October that it needed more time to finalise a draft for the Forum to consider and approve. Why has this delay proved necessary?

Producing a viable Plan has always been challenging, because that Plan has both to reflect the aspirations of Dore and to generally conform with the strategic development plans of our two Planning Authorities, Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Satisfying the National Park has not been a problem, but trying to achieve that balance of objectives with the City Council has been more demanding than we expected. Achieving that balance has been doubly difficult because:

1. Dore has been trying to align itself with a City Council Development Plan which itself is in flux, creating real timing problems for our work; and
2. Sheffield is increasingly motivated by the need to provide 43,000 new homes in the city by 2034, while Dore Neighbourhood Forum is trying to reflect the dominant opinion of its residents that the village of Dore and its surrounding landscapes have some special and highly valued qualities which should be preserved wherever possible.

The Government's pressures on our city, as on other planning authorities, to boost the supply of homes is increasing the propensity to put development before conservation, and even risks developing homes before we are certain there will be the jobs to employ the breadwinners in those homes and the transport infrastructure, school places and other essential services to support the housing growth.

In its existing strategic development plan Sheffield has exhibited great care to respect its Green Belt and Green Corridors and to value its physical proximity to the Peak District National Park, and for that we are grateful.

It is to be hoped that, as our City Council struggles to produce a new Sheffield Plan to allow for substantial housing growth, that plan will still recognise and protect its south-western suburbs as economic, social and environmental assets for the city as a whole and recognise how sensitive the Green Belt is which lies between Dore and both the nearby National Park and Ecclesall Woods. However, a sense of proportion is easily lost when a single objective dominates all others, and there is a real risk that the race to build houses - and all too often the wrong types of houses in this area - will have this unbalancing effect by slewing the aims of sustainable development away from environmental goals.

Shortly before the Steering Group was finalising its Neighbourhood Plan text, it received a raft of critical comments from the city's planners on our policy approach. To the extent that the criticisms justifiably identified that we were in danger of being too restrictive of sustainable development, we had to pause to determine how we could redress the balance between the economic, social and environmental goals of good planning. However, to the extent that the criticisms also presaged the possibility of future development pressures over the next 20 years overwhelming the character of Dore and the landscape setting of our National Park, we needed to rethink our strategy for deterring that threat.

We needed additional time to evidence and adjust our approach to find a more convincing planning balance between the different goals of sustainable development at a time when Government talks the talk of sustainable development but pressurises local planning authorities relentlessly to weight the dice in favour of housing development wherever the game is played.

**All Forum members are invited (that is those DtoD readers who are paid up members of the Dore Village Society) to attend the re-arranged Forum meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28 February in King Ecgbert's School to consider and hopefully approve an updated draft Neighbourhood Plan for Dore.**

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The DPA is delighted to be hosting the Winter Wonderland at Dore Primary School on Saturday 2nd December from noon - 3pm. This is a great community event, so please do come along and join in the fun. There will be a Santa's grotto for the children of Dore Primary School, an Elf's workshop, reindeers, craft area, a Christmas market and plenty of themed games for the children to enjoy. The Dore Primary School Choir will also be performing to add to the festive spirit. Seasonal refreshments will be served including catering from Whirlow Hall Farm Trust and Livvys. If you would like to volunteer on the day or on the build up to the day, we would also love to hear from you at [dpawinterwonderland@gmail.com](mailto:dpawinterwonderland@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

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The Road Safety Group (RSG) has been working together with the South Yorkshire Police to put initiatives in place to improve road safety around the school and in the local community. This includes a police representative giving a talk to the infants and juniors during Road Safety Week. The RSG was also keen to address the issue of how best to report road traffic incidents. The feedback was that all traffic incidents and concerns must be reported to the local police. You can do this by:

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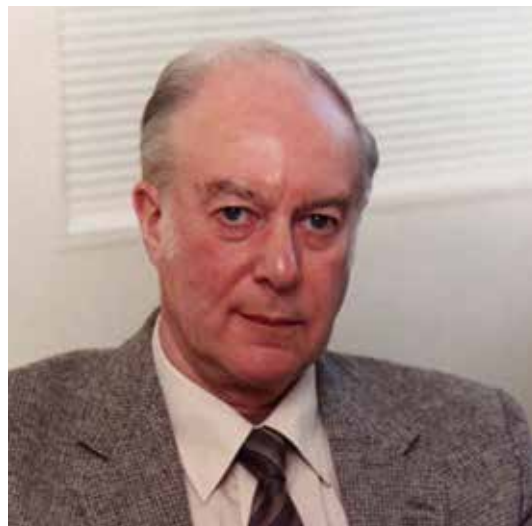
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You can also contact our local MP: [jared.omara.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jared.omara.mp@parliament.uk).

Whilst the school and the RSG are doing what they can with regard to road safety, we rely on the support of the local community to respect the speed limits, be mindful of parking in residential areas and school entrances and being alert to our children walking around the village - so please help us look out for each other.

Laura Bruce

## Jim Jackson (1924 - 2017)



We are sad to report the death earlier this year of Jim Jackson aged 93 years.

Jim and his late wife Barbara moved into their newly built house in Furniss Avenue in 1955 when Dore was a relatively quiet village; a time before King Ecgbert School was built and when cows were free to wander across Furniss Avenue between the fields on either side.

Jim often recalled that the old residents were always reminiscing about the pre-1930 days when Dore was in Derbyshire and was better looked after than by the Sheffield Corporation. (Nothing much has changed here then!)

In the years after moving to Dore Jim and Barbara had two children, Richard and Patricia, who both attended the old village school before transferring to the new Junior school in 1965.

Jim was born in Bloxwich, Staffordshire in 1924. His father owned a factory in Walsall producing what were known locally as fancy leather goods. The main output was high quality ladies' handbags for all the big London stores such as Harvey Nicholls and DH Evans, but the factory had to close in 1940 due to the war, because leather was just not allocated for non-essential use.

He attended Queen Mary's School in Walsall, and in 1942 commenced studying metallurgy at Birmingham University. At the end of the university year in 1943 he received his call-up papers to join the RAF and upon completion of his training in radar and wireless he was posted to India.

Many decades later his granddaughter, Sinead, who was learning about WW2 at school, asked him the question "Were you in the war Grandpa?" which prompted him to write his memories of everyday life in the wartime RAF based on his diaries and photographs from the time, and his book with that title was subsequently published.

After serving four years in the RAF Jim was demobbed in 1947 and returned to Birmingham University to complete his degree in metallurgy.

Jim had a distinguished career in metallurgy and steel casting research, and his work earned him a PhD degree which was presented to him by Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, in 1973. He also served as a member of International Standards Organisation committees so he travelled extensively worldwide.

Jim enjoyed gardening and his daily strolls around the village and after retirement he was an active member of Dore Probus group.

A service of thanksgiving was held in Christ Church, Dore in June to remember the life of a true gentleman who will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

[Jim Jackson's book "Were You in the War Grandpa?" (by WJ Jackson) is available from Amazon priced at £11.99. The ISBN for searching elsewhere is 978-0993285448 - Ed]

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### Three years as a volunteer run library!

Totley Library has just celebrated its third anniversary as a volunteer run library! The library service is now run by an energetic group of 110 volunteers who annually clock up an incredible 6500 hours supporting the library. This is an amazing joint effort by local people!

Our main aim in taking on the library was to maintain a local library service for the local population. However, in taking on the library the Trustees of the charity which runs the library were also keen to develop its role as a community hub. Over the last three years the range of community activities run at the library has been extended. We now run a regular Film Club at the library, provide more activities for children such as those run over the summer holidays, and also enjoy more musical and other enjoyable evening events at the library.

Library users have told us that they are happy with the improvements we have made to the library service, and particularly the increase in community activities. Last year some users told us that the quality of books was less good than it had been. In response to this concern we worked hard to bring new books into the library through the Orange sticker scheme. These are mainly new or nearly new paperbacks donated by local shops and local people which library users can borrow. Whilst we will do all we can to encourage Sheffield City Council to add new books to our shelves, when money is tight the Council is not able to spend as much money on books, so we are very glad of the donations to help us to add new titles to our book stock.

Over the last three years we have also made a number of other improvements to the library. We have new carpets in both the children's library and the adult's library and the car park has been resurfaced. We have received many compliments on the new flower beds and we are extremely grateful to our green-fingered gardening team for the fantastic work they have done to make the area outside the library more welcoming.

### Library extension

One of the main problems we have had with the library over the last three years has been the lack of an accessible public toilet. One of our priorities has been to address this problem. We are pleased to report that we have raised sufficient funds for a project and we are now in discussion with Sheffield City Council about a plan to address this shortcoming. Plans for the proposed extension are available for everyone to see in the library at the moment and involve adding a small extension at the rear of the building to provide an accessible public toilet, along with an additional storage room. We are hoping to progress with this scheme during 2018.

### Library Lottery winners

Congratulations to Robert Jackson and Barbara O'Connor, our August Totley Library Lottery draw winners, winning £94.60 and £23.65 respectively, and to Frank Gutsell and Margaret Holdcroft our September winners who won £95 and £23.75 respectively. Congratulations to all!

### Supporting your local library

We are always glad of more volunteers, and there are many ways you can support your local library. We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Film Club Team, technical skills not required! We are always glad of volunteers to work in the library, be that working at the desk, tidying the bookshelves or cleaning. Bakers are also always welcome to supply tasty goods for cake sales at events!

### Plant Sale 2018

During the late Spring of this year a very successful plant sale raised over £700 in aid of the library. Our Gardening Team are



Lottery manager Chris Cave holds out the bag of numbers for Library user Jillian Dudley to draw the winners. To take part in the Lottery, pick up a form at the Library or phone Chris on 236 4648

planning a similar event to be held in May 2018. We are looking for volunteers to grow plants for next year's plant sale. You might be dividing herbaceous plants this Autumn or planning seed sowing for Spring. Perhaps you could grow a few extra plants to support the library! If you can help, please let us know by contacting either Sue Hare or Fiona Smith via email – [Suehare42@talktalk.net](mailto:Suehare42@talktalk.net) or [fionaksmith@gmail.com](mailto:fionaksmith@gmail.com) or leave a message via the library.

Isabel Hemmings

### Community Cinema this coming quarter

#### Children's Films

Sunday 19th November 2pm - The Lego Batman Movie

Sunday 17th December 2pm - Despicable Me 3

Sunday 14th January 2pm - Robinson Crusoe

Sunday 11th February 2pm - Captain Underpants

Thursday 22nd February 10.30am - Kubo and the Two Strings (half term holiday film)

#### Adult Films

Friday 24th November 7.30pm - Hidden Figures

Thursday 30th November 3pm - Lion

Friday 8th December 7.30pm - Their Finest

Thursday 14th December 3pm - Wild Oats

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## Save our natives and help our environment

Most people have heard of the problem of plastic in the oceans, or the damage it does to wildlife and the effect this will inevitably have on human life. It is not the only cause of damage though, as many leisure activities like cruising have a detrimental effect on the seabed and sea life, and our oceans are in a poor state of health. Similarly, while we have known more about the poor state of the soil for a considerable time we have done very little to improve it, resulting in a huge fall in biodiversity which is continuing.

According to a study in PLoS One (peer-reviewed journal of scientific papers) in 2016, intensive farming has done the most harm to UK species. Researchers found that habitat destruction, intensive grazing, fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides have devastated biodiversity. Climate change, growth of cities, river drainage and decreasing forest management were also found to have played a role. I am convinced that the way we garden will be adding to these problems. A walk around any local garden centre says it all!

In the summer, my newly-planted sunny bed of wild native flowers did well despite the fact that some plants somewhat overshadowed others. I have sorted out which will be moved elsewhere and which will stay put. Certainly, there was a huge increase in the variety and number of insects (don't ask me what they all were - I have a job remembering all the names of the many native wild flowers here!) All the flowers were visited by bees, although their favourites were still the nearby established patches of betony and the yellow birdsfoot trefoil. However, overall there were fewer bees than in the previous year which may be because of the general and very worrying decline in numbers, or perhaps, because like all wildlife they need good links from area to area.

Despite me growing more plants like hemp agrimony and purple loosestrife that are especially attractive to butterflies, few visited the garden which again is worrying, though the garlic mustard did attract several orange-tip butterflies and the leaves were later full of holes, hopefully caused by their caterpillars. Quite a lot of

other leaves provided food for some sort of wildlife, so maybe next year there will be a greater number of insects in all parts of the garden. I am sure some gardeners would reach for the pesticide but that will kill off the predators of the leaf-eaters as well. When left to nature it will all balance out in time.

The lawn is very healthy and a good green colour. It has not been cut too short or too often despite all the rain. There used to be a patch of rough grass and other areas of creeping buttercup but they have disappeared and there has been no need to scarify the lawn at all, as with no chemicals applied, or even any organic compost, the worms have done their job, absorbing any debris back into the soil to improve the fertility naturally.

The ponds did have problems - mainly from the uninvited Canadian pond weed - so some action had to be taken before October, which is the ideal time for any renovation as most frogs and newts will have left. The problem may not be eradicated but is now much reduced.

In October my trusted gardener donned his waders (he loves fishing!) and very carefully moved through the water to remove built up silt onto some spare pond liner at the side of the ponds, and a few nymphs and tiny newts were helped back into the pond. It had been clear that many frogs had not left the ponds, and as the water cleared a little we could see dozens of baby newts! After fearing that the ponds were not in a healthy state I was both relieved and delighted.

The nuthatches are continuing to visit the feeders, and goldfinches too. Just now, there are twitterings from large flocks of birds in the trees as the autumnal migration begins. I am sorry that song thrushes do not appear to be breeding in my immediate area any longer. They are good for controlling snails, though in early October a magpie was seen eating one which it had found on the dry-stone wall at the edge of the patio. I have had very little problem from slugs which are, hopefully, being controlled by hedgehogs rather than the slug pellets used in surrounding gardens and, of course, frogs and newts also eat at least smaller slugs.

Now is the time for planning and planting for next year. We all love to see native spring flowers in our woodlands but most people buy cultivated varieties for their gardens, as they are usually larger with flowers in a variety of colours - many of them rather bright compared to our indigenous species. However, they do not support our wildlife nearly so well. Television programmes showing our beautiful British countryside invariably also show cultivated daffodils. Little wonder, therefore, that our environmental situation is deteriorating.

Native varieties are available online from specialist growers and are not expensive at all. Winter aconites, wild daffodils (narcissus pseudonarcissus), lesser celandines and wood anemones are all very beautiful. Give them time though, they reappear each year, getting stronger and spreading. Snowdrops are very popular but not native having been introduced into this country from France and Denmark. The original variety is *galanthus nivalis* and I do grow that in my garden, but no other more cultivated varieties.

Later spring flowers which accept shade or semi-shade include the long-lasting greater celandine, white deadnettle, red campion and hedge woundwort. I have always found the catalogue produced by my supplier very helpful on colour, flowering time, height and position, as well as giving lots of helpful general information (a few plants offered are introduced species and so it is as well to check with them if you are unsure).

Any necessary tree-pruning should be done during the next few months and new trees can be planted. The native white hawthorn is second only to the oak for the amount of wild life it supports. It does not grow too tall, is easily contained and is very good cover for birds; in fact I now hang my bird feeders from the branches.

In the Woodland Trust's north magazine (autumn 2017 issue), there was an article about Headley Hall near Gateshead in which Richard Wilson states that "bees are having a difficult time everywhere, so we'll specifically go for trees that produce flowers we know they like. For starters, we've got our eye on blackthorn, wild cherry and guelder rose." As it happens, I was advised to plant a guelder rose by my supplier a few years ago, and just now the leaves are turning a beautiful pinky gold. More recently, I also planted a wild cherry and a blackthorn as they are very good for birds.

What makes native flowers so special to me is the fact that along with trees and shrubs they have been around for thousands of years, and after the last ice-age they appeared again, covering our country with colour and variety according to local conditions and supporting the wildlife on which we depend. Now, many of our wildflowers have become rare, over 90% of wildflower meadows have been lost and so much woodland. We do need to plant more natives to help improve the environment.



*An orange tip butterfly said it was very nice in Marian's garden.*

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One of the most frequent comments I hear is that people aren't sure what number to ring to report antisocial behaviour and non-crime incidents. In this column I will try to clear up the confusion and let you know what the Police can do and what is actually the Council's responsibility.

999 is of course the number to call in emergencies where life or property is in immediate danger. 101 is our non-emergency number and should be used for all other calls. I am aware that there are sometimes issues with this line and that the hold time can be frustrating, but this is the only other telephone number to report other crimes or incidents and have an officer allocated. Please do not use Facebook or Twitter to report crimes. If you are internet savvy we now have an online reporting form available at [www.southyorkshire.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/reportcrime). These reports go through to our contact centre and incidents are created from them in the same way as from a phone call.

There are many different types of anti-social behaviour and in some cases, local authorities are responsible for dealing with particular issues. The following is a guide that may help you decide who is the best agency to contact:

Police will deal with begging, drug dealing, youths in parks causing issues, harassment or intimidation, hoax calls, lighting of fires, misuse of fireworks, intimidating dogs, some aspects of nuisance neighbours, prostitution or indecent behaviour and vandalism.

The Council are responsible for abandoned vehicles, dead animals on the street, dog fouling, fly posting, fly tipping, graffiti, littering, lost or stray dogs, noise nuisance/noise from DIY, discarded syringes or needles and waste on land. They can be contacted on 0114 273 4567 or via [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk) on the report a problem section. *(There is also a section of the Dore Village Society website which gives useful contact numbers for common problems; look on the 'Local and National Government' page - Ed.)*

Untaxed vehicles should be reported direct to DVLA through the website [www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle](http://www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle) or via their postal address at Enforcement Section, W070/D12, DVLA, Longview Road, Swansea, SA7 0XZ.

On parking issues, the police only have the power to deal with parking obstructions and dangerous parking. All other parking issues (clearways, bus lanes, yellow lines etc.) are dealt with by the Council. Their parking services department can be contacted through the number above. It should be noted that driveway obstructions can only be dealt with if you are blocked from getting out of your drive, the legislation does not cover being blocked from getting in! (Don't shoot the messenger!!) In the case of pavements, an obstruction occurs when prams or wheelchairs are unable to get past a vehicle without going into the road and does not necessarily involve how many wheels the car has on the pavement.

Generally we are still lucky in having a low crime rate for our area although recently we have been hit by a number of burglaries where cars have been targeted. As the nights draw in, please make sure your alarm systems are set and invest in some timer lights so your house is not in total darkness whilst you're out. If you require any other crime prevention advice call me and I'll pop round to see you.

Finally I'm pleased to say that I have been invited to participate in the Age UK-led People Keeping Well partnership. This partnership aims to coordinate and provide activities for over 50s across Dore & Totley. We're holding an event hopefully in December, venue and date will be advertised across the village and in the GP surgery once they are finalised. Come along and see what we're up to if you can, or contact me for more details.

I hope you find this helpful but please don't hesitate to call me if you require any further advice. As usual you can contact me on [adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk) or on my mobile 07787 881945. Thank you for reading and I hope you have a very merry and safe Christmas!

**PCSO 8136 Adrian Tolson  
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It is fair to say that we have enjoyed a very successful year. The Club makes a valid worthwhile contribution to village life and our programme is very much part of the local social calendar. The highlight of the year in terms of attendance was our contribution to Dore Festival when around 80 members and guests enjoyed the presentation by Pollyanna Pickering, the world renowned wildlife artist.

We have set a very high standard in terms of the quality of speakers. This will be maintained throughout our 2018 programme which is now complete. Thanks again to the ladies on the committee and in particular Carol Whitehead.

Following the August break, Club activities resumed in September. On the 9th September four of our members assisted at Dore Show. Beryl Scholey and Marguerite Kent judged the flower section. Janet Williams and David Riley, assisted by local resident Paul Savage, judged the vegetable section.

The prestigious Dore Gardening Club Annual Rose Bowl award for the best Mixed Flower entry was won by Liz Walkden with her magnificent exhibit. This attractive trophy (below) was donated to Dore Gardening Club by Christina Stark of Dore Village Society and Chair of Dore Show.

The September presentation, "The Bulb Year And Some Unusual Bulbs" by Kevin Pratt was well attended. Useful advice on selection of bulbs, planting and cultivation was well received. Often vague about bulb planting, where to site them and how deep, members left with enhanced knowledge and confidence.



On October 18th we welcomed Steve Porter, Head of Gardening and Landscape at Chatsworth. His presentation, "Chatsworth to Chelsea 2015 and Back" lived up to all expectations. The audience was enthralled to learn of the planning and organization involved in exhibiting at the world's greatest flower show.

On Wednesday 15th November following the AGM, Jo Marshall, our very local florist of Valerie of Dore presented "Floral Arrangements For The Festive Season." Very appropriate in the run up to Christmas, the crowd in attendance picked up many tips and tricks of the trade from this accomplished professional.

Our programme for 2018 begins on Wednesday 17th January when Ken Balkow presents "Wild Flowers of the Porter Valley" and on Wednesday 21st February our very own Janet Hewitt will be talking about "My Garden Makeover." On Wednesday 21st March Doug Stewart will be describing "Ten Ways To a Better Garden," an appropriate subject for the start of the gardening season.

All presentations are held at the Dore Methodist Church Hall, High Street and if you would like to come along as a visitor to a particular talk you are very welcome for a modest cost of £3.

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## Brocco on the Park



I took the opportunity of my partner's birthday to try out Brocco on the Park. This Edwardian villa at the bottom of Brocco Bank was previously a DHSS B&B which has been converted into a boutique hotel with eight rooms. A modern restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. The décor is very modern and clean, and understandably has a Scandinavian feel (the proprietor, Niina Carr has Finnish roots). The menu, which is changed seasonally is similarly modern and clean, with vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, wheat free and dairy free options.

We arrived reasonably early on a weekday night to be greeted by a charming and polite host, who offered us a drink in the small waiting area before we took our seats. The restaurant was quiet at 7:30pm so we took the opportunity to relax and peruse the menu. The drinks menu has a good range of cocktails and aperitifs as well as bottled beers and soft drinks, and as it was a celebration I started off with a Mason's Sheffield Gin with Fever Tree Tonic, and my partner decided on a Rhubarb Fizz cocktail.

There were some interesting dishes on the dinner menu, with six starters and six mains to choose from. The Scandinavian influence could be seen in the cured mackerel, dill ice cream, pickled fennel and fennel pollen starter, but I was more intrigued by the wild mushrooms, white chocolate and tarragon risotto with a parmesan tuille. All starters were £9, which looked like good value to me although the seared scallops, velouté, peas, crostini and crispy parma ham was £12 and was my partner's choice – it was her birthday after all!



The risotto was as close to perfect as I have ever had, the flavour combinations were exciting without being weird. In particular the flavour of the chocolate was subtle, and combined with the tarragon to complement the wild mushrooms rather than overpower them. The tuille was very crisp, and provided a great texture counterpoint to the wonderfully creamy rice. I realised my partner's scallops were very good when she kept them all to herself - only allowing me a spoonful of the velouté (which was lovely!) Perfectly cooked with just the right amount of seasoning, firm peas and crispy ham, she reported. Then she asked for some bread to accompany the remaining velouté, and turned it into an impromptu soup course! As it was a celebration, we chose a large glass of Gavi di Gavi to go with the starters, which at £10.70 for 250ml is not the cheapest option, but a wonderful accompaniment to the food.

My inability to quickly choose from a menu continues to plague me and frustrate my partner, as I could have happily had any one of the six choices. She chose immediately and then sat, contemplating the wine list, as I managed to reduce the contest to a decision between beef fillet, triple cooked chips, wild boar croquet, confit tomatoes, watercress and peppercorn butter (£26); and roasted lamb, goats curd, jersey royals, baby carrots, crispy sweetbreads, and mint oil (£22).

I eventually chose the lamb, and I was surprised when my partner requested a vegetarian dish of creamed leek Scotch egg, asparagus, broad beans and sundried tomato hollandaise (£16). I am quite likely to run out of superlatives, so forgive me if I have to repeat a couple in the absence of a decent thesaurus! The lamb was brilliantly cooked, perfectly pink and very tender, and the vegetables were also spot on and just the right side of al denté. I must confess to not having eaten sweetbreads before, although I do know that if they are overcooked they go rubbery (thanks Masterchef). These weren't rubbery at all – they were tender and tasty with a crunchy crisp coating.

How creamed leeks were formed into a Scotch egg I really don't know, but it looked like a Scotch egg on the plate, albeit one filled with broad beans. The asparagus had the perfect amount of crunch to them, and the Hollandaise was silky smooth and worked really well with the sundried tomatoes.

We accompanied the main courses with a Carlos Serres Rioja at £26 (Crianza rather than Reserva – which was available at £42), and a Chilean Hugo Casanova Antaño sauvignon blanc, which is one of the house whites at £18, both of which were perfectly acceptable and drinkable.

The extra bread with the starter meant that only one of us was up for a dessert. Again, a varied selection of sweet desserts all at £6, or the cheese board at £7, as well as a range of ice creams and sorbets all at £2.20 per scoop. As a sucker for a lemony desert, the Lemon crème brûlée with basil shortbread and candied lemon meant that I didn't need to spend anywhere near as much time choosing as usual. Although the chocolate fondant, strawberry purée, hazelnut praline and strawberry ice cream did cause me to pause momentarily. The brûlée was very lemony (which I liked) but the addition of the basil in the shortbread meant it wasn't harsh or bitter. All in all a good end to a great meal.

I would like to add that the service was exceptional – friendly, polite and attentive at all times without being intrusive, and this noticeably added to the success of the evening as a whole. The food was very good value for money and I couldn't find fault with the flavours or the cooking. Due to the celebratory nature of our evening the bill came to around £150, however, on a "normal" day we could have spent £50 less and still had an exceptional meal.

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## Mental Health and the Environment?

We seem to be suffering a mental health epidemic at the moment. I have never met so many people, and especially the young, who are taking antidepressants or suffering from some form of mental illness. This apparent rise may simply be because the stigma surrounding mental health has been removed, so it is not so hidden any more and it is ok to express how we actually feel. Maybe it could be something to do with the pressures of modern life, the constant targets and the feeling that simply being content with ourselves and what we have is somehow being lazy or a failure. We are made to feel that we should desire constant change and 'improvement' in our lives.

Does the urban environment have an effect? Apparently so, and the emotional attachment people have to their environment is something that has recently been highlighted as very important. I know for certain that my surroundings have a massive effect on me. Nature rarely does straight lines and I personally find contemporary urban spaces very agitating compared to places where the greenery is less regimented and the buildings more traditionally attractive. This is why I chose to live in Dore and not in the city centre, and I do get attached and derive pleasure from my own special places in my locality.

During my time on the DVS committee I have fought to keep the character of Dore that I value and in fact that I feel that I need so much. I can never understand why people think that important improvements in services and facilities mean that we also have to accept change from village character to urban utilitarian design. No, we don't have to accept this and it is our job to ensure that we maintain the best possible standard for Dore for future generations to enjoy. We can all do our bit by not accepting poor work or planning decisions. The repair of the stone steps leading down to Totley Brook Open Space was done using concrete flags, but we complained to the council and they were replaced properly in stone. We campaigned to remove those unnecessary street lights across Totley Moors. We insisted that the ugly metal sign erected on Totley Brook Open Space was replaced by a wooden sign more fitting for a rural space. All these examples would have been incremental changes to the character of Dore and once accepted in place, they of course become the new character and accelerate further change.

## How do we want Dore Railway Station to be developed?

Recently Dore Village Society suggested to the Friends of the Station Group if they could investigate with Northern Rail the options of extra shelter at Dore Railway Station. This would be provided by adding an in-character veranda between the twin pavilions of the existing station building. We suggested this for two reasons. Firstly, there is a clear need for additional shelter as the station now attracts a huge number of passengers and secondly, we are keen to influence the design of any new development at the station. This is a unique historic and attractive Victorian station, even having the SSSI Ladies Spring Wood backdrop that adds to the commuting experience. We offered to consider financial contribution if necessary to draw up several designs and had in mind something like the first two options below, in slate and wood or perhaps glass and metal.



The Friends group submitted a seed corn funding application for the canopy. That was refused but Northern Rail, having a pot of money available for station improvements, themselves have drawn up a canopy design. It is fantastic that Northern Rail have taken our request seriously, though the design they have come back with is very contemporary and so out of keeping with the existing building. It also is a very open structure with high level heaters that would seem to be a waste of energy.



If we are happy with this design then it will set a precedent for any future development at the station. There is still a decision to be taken on the substantial work of providing an extra track, new central platform with new shelter and bridge.

This is a first draft design and the Friends of the Dore and Totley Station Group (FoDaTS) are currently consulting on this proposal for the new canopy. If we are to get a more in keeping traditional design, we require enough people to express that they want this, so please give your comments to us. We are also interested to hear any opposing views as we may have got this wrong and discover that most people prefer the station to be developed in a more standard town station design. You can give your comments to us by emailing me at [Dawn.Biram@btinternet.com](mailto:Dawn.Biram@btinternet.com).

Dawn Biram

## Ma's Laces reprinted

Many of you may remember 'Ma's Laces', the book about Kerry Brooksbank's grandmother and of her making a number of pieces of 'resistance lace' during the First World War. We reviewed this book in the Summer issue of Dore to Door this year (number 126) since which time Kerry has sold out of the first edition, with enquiries for copies coming from as far away as Japan.

Kerry informs us that he has now had the book reprinted, so if you've been trying to track down a copy we can assure you that it is again available direct from Kerry by phone on 0114 236 5248.

If you want to read the review again and have thrown out your old magazine, you can find it online in the new DVS website at [www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/dore-to-door](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/dore-to-door).



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Horse Troughs and Dore's Water Supply



New lease of life – the water trough after cleaning. The water still looks a bit icky, but at least now it can be seen

Have you noticed the recently emerged horse trough on Newfield Lane? For many years this grand horse trough has been smothered in overgrown vegetation. Thanks to Marguerite Kent, Bernie Hardie and Judy McMurray, ladies of Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, the trough has been sympathetically cleaned to reveal its construction.

The trough dates back to between 1815 and 1819 when Newfield Lane was originally built following the Award as part of the Dore Enclosure Act 1809: Award 1822. Previously the moors had been open down to the 17th-century New Field, now the site of Dore Moor House, whose lodges adjoin its boundary. From there a lane ran as far as the northern edge of what came to be called Wagg Wood, followed by a track along the bank top down to Knowle Green. This explains why the Enclosure Commissioners gave their new road the awkward name Newfield Lane Road—this was in part a road leading to an old lane.

Before the trough was cleaned it was so overgrown that the feeder spout was masked, and the double drains on either side completely covered. One outlet from the feeder supplies water to the trough with the overflow flowing back to the spring and a second outlet supplied water used by the dray men and local people for drinking and domestic purposes.

What feeds this trough? Since medieval times the villagers of Dore had enjoyed a supply of wholesome water from Sparkinson Spring and Sheep Hill Spring which rise on Houndkirk Moor. By the early 1800s, the water from Sparkinson Spring flowed through culverts which had been cut into the hillside, toward Dore Moor Inn and then down behind what is now Causeway Head Road to the village. The trough on Newfield Lane is fed by water from the Sparkinson Spring.

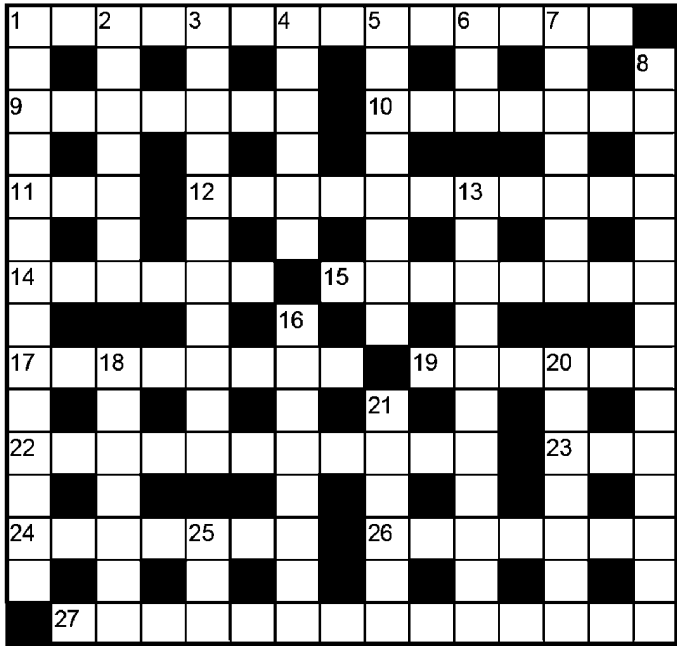
The importance of maintaining the supply of the water from these springs to Dore village was recognised in the Dore Enclosure Act 1809: Award 1822 which included:

*'And it was further enacted and provided that nothing in the now reciting act contained should extend or be construed to extend so as to affect the Springs and Watercourses called Sparkinson Spring and Sheep Hill Spring but the Inhabitants within the said Manor of Dore should have and enjoy the benefit thereof in such and the like manner as if the now reciting Act had not been made'*

In the mid-1800s there were more than fourteen troughs throughout Dore. The spring water supplying them was still used for drinking water and other domestic purposes. Apart from a few wells supplying outlying farms and crofts, this was the only supply of water to the village. There was no supply of piped water to houses. Few of these troughs now remain.

The opening of the Midland Railway and the subsequent proposed construction of the villas along Dore Road meant that the supply of water from the springs on Houndkirk Moor would be inadequate and an alternative supply of water had to be provided. But that is another story.

Dorne Coggins and John Dunstan



Across

1. Private needs rank for daily category (8,6)
9. They bring results for property (7)
10. Joke to punch one Asian (7)
11. Darling! Don't start the organ (3)
12. Out of shape sucker taking in nothing is unpalatable (3,3,2,3)
14. Paper has article on curtailed relation (6)
15. Car taking a hill projection (8)
17. Sounds wicked going to California by sea (8)
19. Contained in half of beer that's protracted (6)
22. One looking for those with expertise, getting double-time with consulate reorganization (6,5)
23. Associate sprawls evenly (3)
24. Love to do away with promotion speech (7)
26. Half of them need two to cuddle (7)
27. Belgian city taking day off with rubbish credit, shrewd in a flashy sort of way (14)

Down

1. No odds for sparse target, so it comes down to fate (14)
2. Hand over a couple of drugs to judge (7)
3. Providing leg problem (2,9)
4. Resources to put time into animals (6)
5. Inverts hat measurements (8)
6. One man no good for another (3)
7. With check on funds, a good man leaves most humble (7)
8. Imagine spectators finding art in here (7,7)
13. Permit extremely testy sound of disapproval, but it's fine (11)
16. Cradle fish with one catch (8)
18. Winning plenty by making transfers to server (7)
20. Porn has been broadcast to waifs (7)
21. Premonition there'll be no resistance to powerful (6)
25. Cable but not with anger (3)

**Crossword compiled by Mavis**

**Answers will be published in the February issue**

**Solution to our Autumn crossword:**

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## Back to the battlefields

One Tuesday morning in September a group of thirteen D-Day veterans along with family and tour guides, commenced their journey by coach from London to France on a three-day tour to visit the beaches of Normandy. The previous day they had made their way to London and Ashford from various parts of the country to join the trip which was organised by the British Legion and funded through fines from the Libor banking scandal. Each veteran, from a range of services, had landed by one route or another on 6th June 1944, a date that is now associated with the turning point of the second World War. One of the veterans was Dore resident Robert Maxwell, now 92, who was accompanied on the journey by his wife Sylvia, his daughter Debbie (me) and grandson Jack. This is a brief account of our visit.



*Robert and Sylvia Maxwell*

Tuesday's journey took us all to Folkestone, through the channel tunnel to Calais and then on to the French city of Caen where the tour was based. Over the following three days we travelled to various beaches, towns and memorial sites identified by each veteran, giving everyone an opportunity to revisit places of significance for them.

### Day One – Wednesday

After a good breakfast at the hotel we boarded the coach for a 9am departure. Our first stop this morning was Le Grand Bunker at Ouistreham, which now houses the Atlantic Wall Museum.

This 52ft high concrete tower acted as the German Headquarters in charge of the batteries that covered the entrances to the Caen canal. Four days after the allied assault Robert was one of the British Royal Marine Commandos who approached the tower. After calling for support, 51 German soldiers emerged from the bunker, their surrender marking the liberation of Ouistreham.

From here we headed to Pegasus Bridge, which spans the Caen canal about four miles inland, and the Memorial Pegasus Museum. The Museum is dedicated to the men of the 6th British Airborne Division, who were tasked with capturing and holding bridges across the River Orne and Caen canal to enable the seaborne reinforcements to cross. After spending some time at the museum we travelled on to Longueval to honour those from the Royal Ulster Rifles who had given their lives.

The coastal town of Aromanche-Les-Bains served as our late lunch stop. The town is remembered for the Mulberry harbour artificial port which allowed for the disembarkation of 9,000 tons of material per day. After lunch we continued on to pay our respects at Bazenville Cemetery, before returning to our hotel for our evening buffet, some fun, and sharing of memories.

In 1944 at the time of the D-Day landings, Sylvia was 16. She had been returning to London after visiting relatives and recalled the trains being full of soldiers making their

way to their units, and a sense of great excitement. Then it was announced that the allied forces had landed in Normandy.

### Day Two – Thursday

Day two began with a stop at Juno beach, 1-Charlie tank and the D-day memorial site. After a brief stop at an old German bunker, we travelled on to the town of St-Mère-Église where we were greeted by a stream of Willys jeeps offering rides to the veterans. The town is particularly well-known for a unique incident which involved American paratrooper John Steele whose parachute caught on the church spire. He hung there for two hours pretending to be dead before the Germans captured him. An effigy of John Steele is maintained to this day, hanging from the church tower. After lunch we paid our respects at Ranville War Cemetery and headed back to the hotel for a rest before dinner.

### Day Three – Friday

This morning our journey took us past the Port of Ouistreham. In 1944, at the age of 19, Robert had landed on Sword beach as part of a specialist team of Royal Marine Commandos and divers. They were sent ahead of the main allied forces to defuse mines they had been informed by the French resistance were planted on the lock gates at the entrance to the Caen canal. Maintaining this route was crucial for the allied assault that subsequently followed. Frogmen engineers found no explosives on the gates, but disarmed explosives discovered on the rudder of a boat moored in the lock.

We continued on to Sword Beach and the statue of Piper 'Bill' Millin who led the way playing his bagpipes for the Scottish Commandos of Lord Lovat's 1st Special Service Brigade landing on Sword Beach. The statue was erected to honour him and his comrades.

We then headed to Bayeaux for lunch and an opportunity to see the sights, stopping en route at a Royal Artillery Memorial. After lunch we made our way to the cemetery at Cambes-en-Plaine where we held a brief remembrance service in memory of all those who had given their lives.

On Saturday we began our journey home. The trip brought back many memories for the veterans along with mixed feelings. There were moments of sadness as well as laughter, and new friends and memories were made.

**Debbie Michaels**



*The veterans pause for a photo by the memorial in Cambes-en-Plains*

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## Fifty years of Brunsmeer



Our fiftieth Season is well underway and I thought it was appropriate to share with you some background as to how it all began. I was fortunate enough to meet our only living founders Richard and Maureen Foster earlier in the year who have been a part of this year's celebrations. I look forward to sharing with you further snippets from yesteryear in forthcoming articles.

**Paul Shepherd**

In the summer of 1967 a few games of football were taking place in Meersbrook Park and Endcliffe Park. A few lads from Meersbrook Bank Church Youth Club, and a few lads from Brunswick Trinity Church Youth Club met together and played. This was a summer event (coats down; coats for goal posts). One week it was Meersbrook Park then the following Sunday at Endcliffe Park and so it continued for about 3 months.

On one particular Sunday after we had been playing, I suggested that if we could secure a football pitch somewhere in the area where we all lived, maybe we could form a team.

They say it's not what you know, but who you know, and my next door neighbour was with the local education department recreation section and within 2 days he

came back to me with a pitch at Castle Dyke Playing fields. So Brunsmeer Athletic Amateur Football Club was formed.

From September of that year we started to play some friendly matches. I bought an all blue strip for £20 for the team which I borrowed out of my till at my butchers shop and two footballs, all purchased from Jack Archer Sports suppliers on Bramall Lane.

The football we played was only average but the enthusiasm was second to none. It was a family atmosphere with girlfriends, parents etc. even in those early days getting involved for social events and day trips.

Most of that season we played friendlies and at the end of our first season in April 1968, we had applied for a place in the Imperial Sunday League Third Division.

We had two seasons in the Imperial league, but also on July 12th 1968, my wife Maureen presented me with a lovely daughter Sallianne. My daughter remembers the strip hanging on the washing line in the middle of winter, all stiff like cardboard, after every Sunday game, that Maureen had washed by hand in the dolly tub.

In 1970, we joined the Regional Sunday league, Division 3. In 1973 Brunsmeer

were approached by Ron and Annie Leach, Pete Cadet and Mick Hyde. They had a cub team at under 10 years and because they belonged to a church they could not get into a Sunday Junior football league. So this was discussed by all of us and we felt the time was right to move forward and start a Junior section. So in 1973, they joined us as our First Junior Team.

This was 44 years ago. They had to provide a Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary and so the journey began...

One person who became the driving force behind the whole club was co-founder Andy Wilson (highlighted above). He cared so much for the club, that he eventually gave his life for it and he was still too young. He was a great friend and a great person, with memories I shall remember forever. God bless you Andy.

At this point I just want to say a massive thank you to all of those people over the years who gave their time and talents to B.A.A.F.C, without their efforts and inputs the club would not have survived

Thank you for giving me this chance to tell you a little bit about the early days of Brunsmeer and thank you for inviting me.

All the best for a very strong future.

**Richard Foster (far left)**

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## NOVEMBER

- Sat 18 Friends of Whinfall Quarry Garden working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens at 9.30am.
- Sun 19 Wyvern Walkers: From Fairholmes Visitor Centre (toilets) we will walk along to Wellhead, up to Lane End, then across Pike Low and Abbey Bank to Abbey Tip. We return beside the dam. (5.7 miles) Walk organiser Chris Cave: 0114 236 4648.
- Tue 21 Friends of Ecclesall Woods AGM, Woodland Discovery Centre, Ecclesall Woods, Abbey Lane, S7 2QZ. 7pm start. Speaker Jon Dallow (Woodland Project Officer for Sheffield City Council) "Ecclesall Woods - the next 400 years". Followed by refreshments and AGM.
- Wed 22 to Sat 25 TOADS present 'Lathered Up', written by Lynn Brittny. Performances Wednesday-Friday at 7.30pm, Saturday at 2.30pm. St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 0114 235 1206 to reserve your ticket or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price £6 or £5 for concessions.
- Wed 22 to Sat 25 Hope Amateur Dramatic Independent Theatre (HADIT) are on stage at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th November at 7.30 pm nightly with Norman Robbins' classic thriller-comedy A Tomb with a View. Tickets (£8.00) from Watson's Farm Shop, Hope or through Carolyn on 01433 620665.
- Wed 22 The Cutlers Company and The Assay Office: Sheffield's Two Unique Companies. Talk by Christopher Jewitt at Totley Library (7.30pm). Among his many roles in a distinguished career, Christopher has been both Master Cutler of The Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire and the Chairman of The Sheffield Assay Office. Visitors welcome £3.00.
- Sat 25 & Sun 26 Whirlow Hall Farm Christmas Fayre sponsored by GRI Group. Celebrate the magic of the festive season at Whirlow Hall Farm's Christmas Fayre complete with our outdoor ice rink. The event will be opened by The Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Father Christmas himself at 10am, along with a brass band. Whirlow Hall Farm will be transformed into a festive Christmas Market, our Lambing and Cow Barns, packed full of gorgeous Christmas gifts & treats, perfect for filling your stockings. Full details at [www.whirlowhallfarm.org](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org) or see article page 45. Children 13 & under free, adults £5. Free parking.
- Sat 25 Transport 17 Christmas Fayre at The Cross Scythes Pub, Baslow Road 10am-noon. Proceeds towards fundraising of £10,000 for their new bus in 2019/20. Home Produce and a Strictly Christmas Stall, a Bottle Bonanza Lucky Dip and of course a Festive Raffle.
- Mon 27 Wyvern Walkers: An autumnal walk chosen to be attractive to those Wyvern Walkers that we have not seen for some time! We will explore Whirlowbrook Park and check out the new cafe and recent improvements to the rockeries and ponds. We return via the "Beech Walk" to the Quarry Gardens. Bring your bus passes as, depending on numbers, we might catch the 9.44am 82 bus from the Co-op. But we still meet at the Old School for a 9.30am departure. (2 to 2.5 miles). Walk organiser Stephen Willetts : 0114 2362821.

## DECEMBER

- Fri 1 Dore Village Society Lantern Parade. Our much-loved Lantern Parade will open the festive season in Dore on Friday 1st December. Meet outside Jo & Kutz hairdresser, Causeway Head Road for parade start at 6.45pm. Dress - seasonal fancy dress for kids, Christmas jumpers for adults. Shops will be open late \* Village Christmas lights switch on \* Carol singing \* Live entertainment \* Charity lanterns and magic wands on sale \* face painting \* hot chestnuts \* mulled wine \* hot chocolate \* parade led by the magical float \* early visit from Santa. See article, page 2.
- Sat 2 Totally Terminus Millhouses Christmas Market. Join us, shop local, support independents. 10am to 3pm. Terminus Road, Millhouses opposite the Waggon & Horses Pub. Carol singers, artisan crafts, food stalls, shop promotions & live music.
- Sat 2 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Sun 3 Dronfield Genquip Band, Christmas Concert at 3 pm, Totley URC, Totley Brook Road. This award winning silver and brass band will perform a selection of seasonal music and was widely acclaimed at their last visit to our church in the Spring. Tickets at £6 include seasonal refreshments from Elaine Ferguson on 07929720977 or by email to [elaineferg32@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elaineferg32@yahoo.co.uk)
- Tue 5 Dore Ladies Group 7.30pm, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Christmas Social Evening.
- Sat 9 Totley URC Christmas Fair 10am-noon. Join us for delicious home made cakes (including gluten free) and drinks and browse some stalls for Christmas ideas. All welcome, free entry.

- Sat 9 John Wade Singers present their Christmas Carol Concert at Millhouses Methodist Church, Millhouses Lane Sheffield S7 2HA. Carols to sing and forty Christmas trees to admire. Tickets £9.00, concessions £7.00, children free. Proceeds to local charity. For ticket sales and further information please contact Jenny Parker (0114 236 0798) or Helen Hancock (0114 235 1433).
- Thu 14 to Sat 16 Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concerts, Christ Church 7pm. Tickets £9.00 including refreshments and programme - contact David Heslop 236 5043 or any Choir member.
- Sun 17 Carol service, Dore & Totley URC, led by Rev'd Simon Copley.
- Thu 14 Wyvern Walkers: Philip's very popular "End of Year Urban Walk," exploring the canal basin at Victoria Quays and following the canal to around Darnall Road and across via Attercliffe cemetery to the Five Weirs Walk and back to Sheffield. The extra option includes the Upper Don Valley Walk to Ball Street Bridge with the possibility of exploring the Green Lane Works' new "Eco Village" and finishing at the Fat Cat for lunch. For this walk we are meeting at 10.15am at the Arundel Gate Interchange (by the Crucible Theatre). The 9.44am 82 bus from Dore Co-op is due at Arundel Gate Interchange at approx 10.15am! (5.5 miles, with an optional extra 1.5 miles). Walk organiser Philip Hetherington 0114 2367647.
- Sat 16 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society Christmas concert of Music and More, 2:30pm, Dore Methodist Church, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield. S17 3GU. Tickets £8 from Derek Habberjam 0114 236 2299.
- Tue 19 Time Travellers Winter Solstice Social. Dore Old School 7.30pm. Planning for a pie and peas supper, bring your own drinks and various party activities. More details to follow as the event is firmed up but pencil the date into your diary. Visitors £3.00. Further details at [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk) website.
- Thu 21 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Wed 27 Wyvern Walkers annual Wassail Walk. The Dore Village Society's very popular annual Wassail Walk for all the family – onto and around Blacka Moor (a Site of Special Scientific Interest). This is a chance to clear your head and fill your lungs with fresh air and is followed by seasonal refreshments. Please note that this walk will start at 10am from the Old School. (about 5 miles). Walk organiser Martin Stranex 0114 235 3522. See article, page 4.

## JANUARY

- Sat 6 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Tue 9 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30 for 10am Dore Church Hall. "Great Halls & Houses in the Peak District", speaker Ellen Outram. Visitors welcome £3.00.
- Wed 17 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. "Wild Plants of The Porter Valley", speaker Ken Balkow. Visitors welcome £3.
- Thu 18 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Tue 23 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 10 for 10.30am at Dore Methodist Church Hall. "A Teacher's Tale", speaker Richard Scholey.
- Wed 24 Totley History Group: The Shell Armaments Crisis and Munitions Production, 1915-1916. Talk by Chris Corker at Totley Library. This talk highlights the limitations of Britain's industrial mobilisation during wartime, and the formation of the Ministry of Munitions, which under the guidance of David Lloyd-George was tasked with rectifying the severe shortcomings. Visitors welcome £3.00.

## FEBRUARY

- Sat 3 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Thu 15 Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust volunteer work day on Blacka Moor, 10am-3pm. Start at 10am and finish at 3pm. Gloves, tools, and refreshments are provided, full details at [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).
- Wed 21 Dore Garden Club: Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. "My Garden Makeover", speaker Janet Hewitt. Visitors welcome £3.

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It's been a great year for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, the educational charity based two minutes down the road. They've continued to expand their work with children from a wide range of difficult backgrounds and with a variety of challenges - behavioural, emotional, learning, social. Keith Lilley, Chair of the Board of Trustees said 'Our goal is to help those youngsters make the most of their potential so that they can make a positive contribution to the city and the wider region. There's also been lots in the news recently about excluded kids, and the team at Whirlow has been increasingly engaged with the growing number of Sheffield children who find themselves in that group too'. The Trust helps those youngsters get back on track so that they can enjoy their childhood and thrive, rather than become a problem to themselves, their families and their communities. Keith added, 'Whilst some might think those kids are simply badly behaved, the truth is that few of us would do well if we faced the same lack of love, care, support or encouragement at home'. The Trust's view is that it's never the child's fault, and ignoring the problem or doing nothing is simply not an option.

Word of what the Trust does has got out - helped no doubt by it featuring heavily in an episode of CBBC's 'My School'. The Trust hosted Firth Park Academy students whilst they tackled the moral and emotional dilemmas that surround the rearing of livestock for meat. The result was an informative, entertaining and heart-warming programme that showed what a difference hands-on education can make.

All this great work drew significant recognition, and culminated with the Trust being awarded the Bayer/FACE Farm Access award - a nation-wide competition for the organisation that has had a significant impact in making farming and the countryside accessible to disadvantaged youngsters. The competition was very tough, and so it really is a significant achievement that a charity from Sheffield should get the honours.



Ben Davies, Chief Executive at the Trust told us 'None of what we do would be possible without the tremendous local support that we receive - and we're incredibly grateful for what is done to help us'. Businesses, customers, volunteers, Trustees, corporate groups, donors, Wine Club members (yes, it really does have a vineyard!) and sponsors all contribute to ensure the Trust can keep on helping local youngsters. There's masses of ways to get involved and lots happening in the run-up to Christmas. The Trust's butchery and shop will be open seven days a week from 27th November, when their free-range turkeys and own-grown Christmas trees will be a real draw. There's also a Christmas Fair, Breakfast with Santa and a Carol Concert to get everyone in the festive spirit and a calendar to see you through next year! Have a look at their recently revamped website and see how you can help a fantastic local charity: [www.whirlowhallfarm.org](http://www.whirlowhallfarm.org).

## Transport 17



Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a really good summer. We have been quite busy since I last wrote.

At Topley Show this year we had our new bus on display which gave us an opportunity to talk to people about the work we do and put faces to our blue buses. Thanks go to Phil Kirkup, Colin Price and Jenny Nuttall for the time they gave to chat to people. As a result of this, three people showed an interest in becoming volunteers and one of these has already started the process of becoming a driver. If you feel you have some spare time and would be interested in driving or escorting on the buses or would like to help with fund raising please contact the office on 0114 2362962. We had our usual stall in the hall which raised £35 and the collection

box at the bus brought in another £12.

The draw for the Flight Voucher Raffle took place on 30th September at the Cross Scythes. Number 2 was the lucky winner and they are contacting Ray Carr to arrange the flight. Many thanks to Ray for the generous prize and to Phil Kirkup who worked so hard to sell the 100 tickets. Sorry if you weren't the winner this time - hopefully there will be another opportunity to try again next year.

Once again we had a very successful Duplicate Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club on 3rd October which raised £840. Thanks go to all who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

We have four donations to thank you for and they are as follows:- Topley Rise Methodist afternoon teas £100; Dore and Topley Lunch Club £300; Topley Rise Methodist Church £300; Blakemore Foundation £200. Thank you one and all, we will be putting this in the bus fund for future use.

Our last event for the year will be on November 25th - our Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes. We will be starting at 10am to noon. It has always been an excellent event that has been enjoyed by everyone. We are organising a Home Produce and a Strictly Christmas Stall, a Bottle Bonanza Lucky Dip and of course a Festive Raffle. Lets hope we have some excellent mince pies to have a go at !!

As you are out and about you may come across our new leaflet which Jenny Nuttall has produced. We are really pleased with it and believe it will be a great tool to let people know about Transport 17. We would like to thank Alan Colley and Secprint for all their help and assistance and for printing it for us.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

**Felicity Revill**

### Where are they now?

Dore's Scout Gala in July has always been an opportunity for former residents and families to meet up. This year Simon Henry, who now lives in southern England, returned and promised to pass over to the Archives some photographs which he felt would be of interest to our Dore to Door readers. So, see if there are any familiar names in this photograph of the Dore Junior School football team of late 1971 – a team that went on to reach the semi-final of the Sheffield Under 11s tournament in the 1971-72 season.



Back row: Simon Henry, Graeme Jones, Peter Fletcher, Rick Holroyd, Quentin Ainsworth, Chris Taylor.  
Front row: Nigel Grimsley, Andy Frost, Nicholas Bennet, Steve Thompson, Robert Taylor.

The second photograph, below, is from June 1979 and shows the 'graduation' of Sixth Formers from King Ecgberts. Simon believes that the students in the photograph were only the third year through the school after it became a comprehensive school, and the first to complete from Kings Croft (which is in the background of the photo). In Simon's Upper Sixth year there were around 70 students, and they had a very successful university entrance record. Once again, see if you can spot any familiar faces!

And if you think you recognise the name, Mrs Henry may well have been your teacher at Dore Primary, particularly when some of the classes were taught in prefabs behind the Church Hall on Townhead Road. Mrs Henry still lives in Dore.



### Margaret's mulled wine



I am indebted to Margaret Jenner for her quick and easy recipe, given to me several years ago and which I have used successfully many times since.

You can use any cheap, nasty red wine (provided that it's not so bad that it's actually gone off!) and the recipe should make enough for your Christmas party. Unused wine can be cooled and bottled, and will keep in the fridge for a couple of days.

#### Ingredients:

- 3 bottles cheap red wine
- 4 tablespoons brandy
- 4 ounces sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cinnamon stick, one inch long
- 6 cloves
- rind of 1/2 a lemon

#### Method:

Slosh the wine into a large stainless steel or non-metallic pan and put on the stove to heat gently. Add all the other ingredients except the sugar and brandy and heat to simmering, without allowing to boil. Remove from heat and add the sugar, allowing it to dissolve.

Just before serving add the brandy and serve very warm, but not so hot that it can't be drunk immediately.

The pan will sit happily on your stove for the duration of the party, just turn the heat on for a couple of minutes periodically to maintain the temperature.

**John Eastwood**

### Dore Village Society

is seeking to appoint a

### Secretary

If you would like to join a small and enthusiastic voluntary team who seek to enhance the life and environment of the Dore community, are able to meet with the committee on the last Tuesday evening each month, and have relevant administrative skills please contact:

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## 'Owd 'Oss' – a long lost New Year's Day tradition in Dore



In the Dore Heritage Collection there are books, documents, photographs and items of interest about the village. What has just been donated must be one of the most unusual items received so far. We have been given, and been able to copy, probably the only remaining sound of 'Owd 'Oss being performed in Dore. The last known performance of what used to be a tradition of mummer's plays throughout Derbyshire is believed to date no later than the early 1970s. The original cassette tape of the performance has been copied onto CD format before promptly disintegrating into fragments!

But an explanation is needed as to what 'Owd 'Oss' or Old Horse is about. It is, or rather was, a mummers' play performed at Christmas time by amateur actors, predominantly male, who would go round the big houses and pubs in the village, stopping at each and singing the song about a poor old horse in return

for cash and certainly ale. The tradition of mummers' plays goes back to the 1200s and Dore's play was specific to this area, with the theme being a decrepit old horse which is miraculously revived in the end!

The mummers were generally masked and brought with them a wooden horse's head, with a mouth and jaws which open via strings pulled from inside. More gruesomely the early versions used a real horse's skull mounted on a pole and painted black and red. Sidney Addy, who recorded mumming in Yorkshire and Derbyshire in the 19th century, noted that

*"I have been told by an old man in Eckington, now dead, and by another man in Sheffield, that formerly the mummers used to find out where an old horse was buried, and dig its head up."*

During the performance, done with great noise and histrionics, young women in the audience pretend to be very frightened at the snapping jaws of the horse, and the loud clacking noise made by them.

The last performance of 'Owd 'Oss', that resulted in the recording, took place at The Mount on Causeway Head Road on New Year's Day, and was this the original song sheet dated January 1st, 1971?



But here's my question to our readers – where did the horse's head go? Is there someone in the village who knows what happened to it? Is it gathering dust at the back of a shed somewhere? Please do get in touch if you can add to the story at the usual contact – Dorne Coggins at [md2.coggins@talktalk.net](mailto:md2.coggins@talktalk.net) - I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks to Jean Barber for rescuing the original cassette, and Heather Worden for retrieving a copy off a 50-year-old tape.

**Dorne Coggins**

We've got a poor old horse,  
And he's standing at your door,  
And if you'll only let him in  
He'll please you all, I'm sure.  
[Chorus] Poor old horse, poor old horse.

He once was a young horse,  
And, in his youthful prime,  
My master used to ride on him,  
And thought him very fine.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

But now that he's grown old,  
And nature doth decay,  
My master frowns upon him,  
And these words I've heard him say -  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

His feeding it was once  
Of the best of corn and hay  
That grew down in yon fields,  
Or in the meadows gay.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

But now that he's grown old,  
And scarcely can he crawl,  
He's forced to eat the coarsest grass  
That grows against the wall.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

He's old and he's cold,  
And is both dull and slow;  
He's eaten all my hay,  
And he's spoiled all my straw.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

Nor either is he fit to ride,  
Or draw with any team;  
So take him and whip him,  
He'll now my master's ....  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

To the huntsman he shall go,  
Both his old hide and foe, [sic]  
Likewise his tender carcase,  
The hounds will not refuse.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

His body that so swiftly  
Has travelled many miles,  
Over hedges, over ditches,  
Over five-barred gates and stiles.  
[Chorus] Poor old, &c.

[Here the horse falls down apparently dead. Then follows a prose conversation amongst the mummers. The end of it is that the horse gets a new lease of life and attempts to worry a blacksmith who is called upon to shoe him. The play is ended with this final verse:- ]

The man that shod this horse, sir,  
That was no use at all,  
He likened to worry the blacksmith,  
His hammer and nails and all.  
[Chorus -] Poor old, &c.

(Lyrics recorded by Sidney Oldall Addy in 1888 as used in Sheffield; Dore was at that time in Derbyshire.)

## Chapel of Ease: another view into life in Dore in the past

Following the article about the mystery pavement or path which was discovered under Savage Lane and its relationship to Dore's Chapel of Ease, (Dore to Door Autumn 2017) another image of how that building looked in the past was given to the Archives by a local resident. Once again it shows from a different angle a path or paved surface. But what intrigues in this image lies on the left hand side of the image.

Dore had a set of stocks near the Chapel occupied by a figure which looks quite comfortable with feet through the holes, and a rather fetching hat. Were the figures on the left with a hay rake friends, or people coming to see who was being punished?

Crime, policing and punishment were very different at this time, as can be shown by dipping into records from the Sidney Hoffman Archive. From these records we can build up a picture of life in Dore in the period 1813 to 1816. This would be close to when the Chapel of Ease was demolished, and



Chapel of Ease, Dore—Two hundred years old when pulled down. in 1966

presumably the stocks fell out of use. It was a time of great unrest in Europe – Britain and France were at War. Napoleon's Russian Campaign had just come to an unhappy conclusion.

At this time, the policing of Dore and Totley was carried out by a Constable and between 1813 and 1816 that role fell to firstly George Marsden, and then John Pinder. Before the 1829 Metropolitan Police Act authorities had few resources to cope with riot, crime and disorder. County parishes and smaller market towns had Constables, and the local Watch which was essentially the same system as in Tudor times. Sometimes Troops were called in to keep order. Local Militia were used to deal with local problems.

From the records of the time the Constable paid to the local Militia the sum of £2 and 3 shillings. The men who received this sum on 3rd June 1815 were Samuel Hopkinson of Totley, William Turner, Jacob Green, James Broom and Henry Wilkinson. They would all have volunteered to serve in the local Militia and although there might be pressure to join the Regular Army this was not the rule, even though they were given basic Army training at an army depot. Once that was completed they returned to civilian life. At regular intervals they reported for military training, usually on a weapons range. There was an annual two week training camp. They received military pay and a financial retainer, (a most useful

addition to their civilian pay.) Many of the Militia saw the annual camp as a paid holiday, and it was a very appealing prospect to agricultural labourers, colliers and the like who could leave their job and pick it up again.

From the archive accounts submitted for Militia expenses, we see that the men were examined by a doctor at a cost of 5 shillings; for going under the standard 2s; swearing in 5s; cost of cockades 10s; and most importantly, expenses for dinner and ale, 18s 8d.

By 1829 Sir Robert Peel had established a full-time professional police force, but only for Greater London. Despite rising crime, most counties retained their Parish Constable long after this date. Dore belonged in Derbyshire until the 1930s and the Derbyshire Constabulary was only formed in 1857.

From a newspaper report of the time in the Sheffield Independent of 31st October 1857, Thomas Barton of

Brick Houses, Dore was charged by one of the (newly formed Derbyshire) constabulary with being drunk and disorderly at Dore Moor Inn. The defendant wanted to fight the constable, pushed him off the pavement, called them all a lot of lazy scoundrels, and took off his clothes to fight him. He was fined 5 shillings and costs, which was a considerable amount for a fire clay miner.

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