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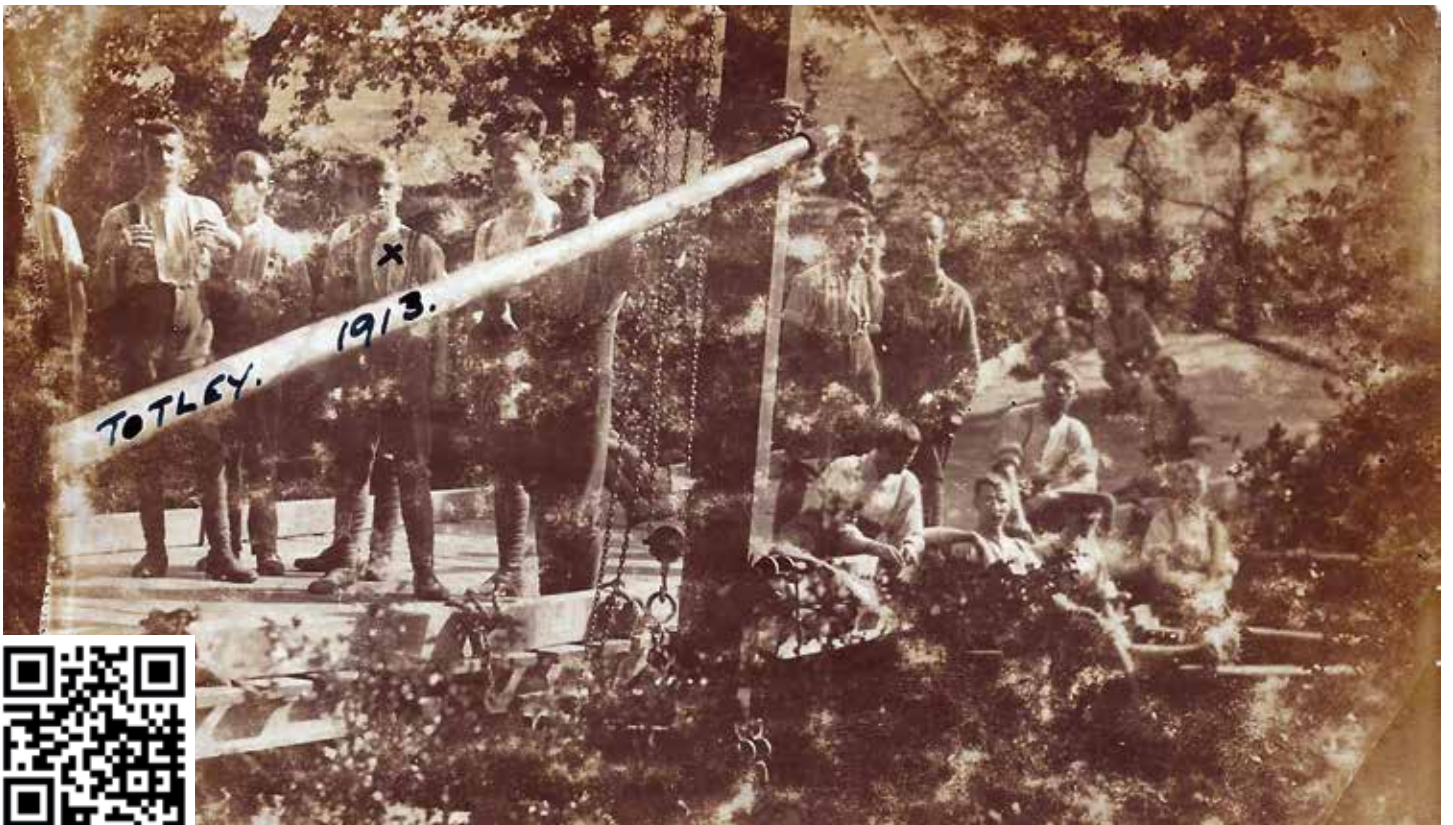
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Dore Road, Dore.

À la recherche du temps perdu

♦ *Pursuing our past through postcards - centre pages*



Bus Stops

So, farewell then, little M17 bus service. Keeping Sheffield 17 connected for a generation, the service has seen a number of operating companies over its life but has now run out of candidates to take it on.

Technically, the route is still there and is available to any bus operator who wants to run it. There just isn't a bus operator left in the area that hasn't already been involved at some point and then given it up.



As I mentioned in the last Dore to Door, the service started in about 1992 being run by Chesterfield Transport. It then went to Andrews' Coaches for a while before they were taken over by Stagecoach. Stagecoach never really wanted the route but got it by default on assuming Andrews' business. When their contract expired the service went to TM Travel.

TM ran the route for several years, before it was awarded to Hulleys of Baslow. Fuel prices and driver shortages over the last couple of years have rendered the route unviable for them now, so they have refused to bid again and withdrew when their contract expired at the end of September. The tender process is still open, but I can't think of another bus operator that might be invited, far less one that might say yes.

So there it goes, off into the sunset. It was never a profitable route, it was never designed to make money and ran on subsidy as a public service. Such altruism no longer exists in today's profit-driven and deregulated world, so the elderly, disabled and non-driving members of our community are thrown back on their own resources to find ways of getting about.

The timetable is still on the travelsouthyorkshire.com website but it's been labelled as 'withdrawn by Hulleys of Baslow' which I think is a bit mean.

John Eastwood

Last Post

As we go to press, I have just learned that our colleague magazine, the Bradway Bugle, will be ending with the current issue.

The founder, editor, head cook & bottle washer, John Baker, has finally decided to hang up his press card. For those of you new to the village, John was the first editor of this magazine too, from its start in 1986 until his retirement in 2011. He has continued with the Bugle since then, but has now decided to pack it in to give more time for his other interests.

Sadly, no one has come forward to take over editing the Bugle so it will have to end.

All the best John, and a happy retirement! I think the story on the back page will have been one of yours, won't it? Back in't day?

John Eastwood

The Village Greens

We don't have to explain to any of you, I'm sure, about how the last couple of years and particularly the last nine months have affected small businesses and larger ones too!

We could spend hours debating the consequences of Brexit, fuel prices, produce wholesale prices and now soaring energy costs, but the bottom line still exists - unless something changes, we cannot weather this storm and this small business will become non-viable soon.

Dore has had family run, independent quality food produce suppliers for decades, and it would be a tragedy to let this shop go the way of others before us. But, this is inevitable unless we make changes.

So what changes can we make to survive? As well as what we can do to staffing, overheads etc. we need to know what you, the people of Dore and S17, want from your local shop. What will it take to get more of you coming in through our door or using our online store?

Should we change opening hours? Change what we sell? We need you to tell us!

Initially, and unless footfall increases and business grows, we will be closing for another day in the week to save on staff, expensive electricity and wasted produce. We will not let any of our existing customers suffer and we will be in touch to accommodate those who rely on our deliveries and who we value as our regulars.

In short, we need help! From you all, with ideas, support and friendship. If you haven't visited the shop in the past couple of years then come in and see the extensive range of products we now have. Everyone is welcome.

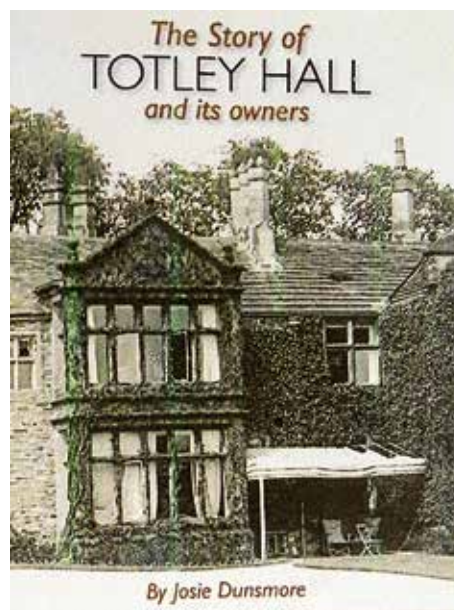
With love and best wishes,

Craig, Anna and the TVG Team

Happy Birthday, Totlely Hall

Over a number of years, I have been researching the history of Totley Hall – the Big House in the Village – for my own pleasure and interest. During Lockdown I began, with the help of my husband, to write up its story on wet days to keep our minds active. I came to realize that our local Hall, built in 1623, was nearing its 400th birthday, and that maybe the time was right to share my findings with others interested in our local history by putting the story into print.

Totlely Hall has played a number of roles during its lifetime as a farmhouse: Manor House, sporting lodge, office, retirement home, village hub and College. Its owners have included a High Sheriff,



a Lead Mine Owner and an eccentric Gentleman, but – who was the founder of Dronfield Market; which owner was a thief and embezzler; and which owner scandalized the village? Find out in this illustrated booklet, published with the support of Totley History Group, and with profits going to Transport 17.

Available at £8.99 from: Totley Library, Transport 17 and Carl at 'Shoe Repairs' on Totley Rise.

Josie Dunsmore

Cover: A couple of Dore Archives' local postcards from years gone by. More pictures and details on the centre pages.



And It's Goodnight From Him

After around six years in and around your area the South West PCSO teams are reorganising and Paul and I will no longer be covering the S17 area, instead moving to Gleadless Valley, Heeley, Meersbrook and Woodseats. The three PCSOs currently covering the Sharrow and

Nether Edge area will now also be looking after the areas for which we were responsible. There will no longer be a direct mobile number for you to call, so please use 101 or 999 in an emergency and remember there is also the facility to report online via the SYP website. You can also contact the team: email sheffieldsouthwestnpt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk for any non urgent enquiries. Thank you for your support over the last few years and hopefully some of the information I provided within my articles has proved to be useful to you. Special thanks also to the hard working editors of these publications, very few areas still have these locally based magazines and they are a valuable resource for sharing community information. Keep safe!

Adrian Tolson

The Totley Brook Hole

The article on The Hole (issue 147) brought back so many happy memories.

I was born at 134 Totley Brook Road in 1929 and learned to swim in the dam around the age of eight, as did Angela Kingdon and Pat Skidmore (nee Sampy). Several residents, including my mother and Pat's father, set to and cleaned it out. There was a "hole" on the left at the bottom end where a large key fitted for emptying, and halfway up on the right was a raised square drain cover which was used for access and diving, with the feeder dam at the top end.

Sadly now it is all full of rubbish.

As children our playgrounds were the aqueduct, the cricket field which ran at the back of the houses, the fields farmed by Mr Frith of Dore and the tipping on Penny Lane.

Oh what happy days, long before health and safety.

Pat Liversidge (nee Ludlam)

Deck the Halls

The Dore Village Christmas Lantern Parade will take place again on Wednesday 7th December 2022.

The DVS welcome the families of Dore to join us as we light up the sky for the beginning of the month-long countdown to Christmas with the official switch-on of Dore's Christmas lights. We will meet outside the shops on Causeway Head Road from 5.45pm. Father Christmas will lead the parade at 6.30pm towards the village green, where Christ Church Dore Choir will join us to sing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, followed by a meet and greet with Father Christmas in the Devonshire Arms from 7.15pm, where his elves will help him hand out early Christmas gifts.

There will be live music, a pop up nativity stall, hot refreshments and late-night shop openings, making for a wonderful celebratory start to the Christmas festivities.

Children are welcome to bring their torches and homemade lanterns. The Scouts will also be selling lanterns on the night.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Caroline Davies
Vice Chair, Dore Village Society

Dore Probus Club

Dore Probus Club is a thriving social organisation for retired men, irrespective of age, living in Dore and the surrounding area who meet to make friends and enjoy a wide range of stimulating talks. We meet at Dore Methodist Church Hall from 10.15am until midday on the second and fourth Thursday in the month. We also arrange days out for our members, friends, and family.

During 2022 we have visited two famous cities:

1. **Coventry.** Arriving at the transport museum we first enjoyed a much-needed cup of coffee. After splitting up into two groups we were given a very interesting guided tour of the museum followed by a buffet lunch. From there we were taken by bus to the Cathedral and the ruins of the old Cathedral, badly damaged during WWII in 1940. Time for another coffee, then back home after a very worthwhile visit.
2. **Liverpool.** The party of 25 was taken by coach to Liverpool Waterfront where we disembarked and split into two groups, one going their own way whilst the remainder were taken by coach up to the Anglican Cathedral. Unfortunately, this was closed to the public owing to University graduation ceremonies. Undaunted, we carried on to the modern Catholic Cathedral spending half an hour admiring the superb modern architecture. Back to the waterfront where the Cathedral members were dropped off to enjoy the rest of Liverpool at their own pace with plenty of time for lunch. Our members had various tales about their day to tell on returning to the coach for our return to Dore, tired but happy!

Once a year we meet up to enjoy a delicious lunch and a glass of wine at the Silver Plate restaurant, part of the Sheffield College where the students can hone their culinary skills at our expense. A second culinary happening is lunch at the Maynard Hotel in Grindleford. These two events are extremely popular with members, partners, friends and family alike who are all invited.

Recent talks enjoyed by our members have included subjects as varied as the Life of Charles Darwin, Apollo to the Moon, Decoys, A History of the Derwent Dams and 800 years of Sheffield Cathedral.

The following talks are planned for the remainder of 2022 and into next year:

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| 24 November | Flight of a Thousand Eyes |
| 8 December | More Funny Turns |
| 12 January | Big Bang |
| 26 January | A Forgotten Arctic Explorer – Tom Crean |
| 9 February | East Coast Mainline Part 2 |
| 23 February | AGM – H&S: Help or Hindrance (10am start) |
- All enquires to the Club Secretary, Nigel Reeves on 0777 5774575. Our forthcoming meetings are listed on our website at doreprobus.wordpress.com.

Gary Scholes

Christmas Toy Collection

The ladies of the Tuesday Group are holding a Toy Collection. The toys will go to children who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift on Christmas morning. We hope that the toys we collect will help to make these children happier this Christmas.

Dore Methodist Church will be open on Saturday 3rd December from 10am until noon. Coffee will be served.

Donations of new toys, books and games will be very welcome and all items will be collected by the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families across Sheffield and South Yorkshire.

We hope you feel able to help with this new idea and look forward to seeing you for a coffee.

Happy Christmas and thank you.

June Monks and Janet Clitherow

Further progress with refurbishing and equipping the CCD Community Centre continues to be made. We genuinely appreciate all who so generously give of their time, skills, and money to keep progressing with the improvements.

Over the summer the internal paintwork was touched up, and in some places totally refreshed, to keep the rooms looking smart.

A generous member of our local community very kindly fabricated and donated a beautiful stainless steel cross to put on the front of the building. Planning permission to allow it to be erected and illuminated from behind was granted and it was installed just before the summer.

Sufficient money has now been raised to finally place an order for new window curtains in the main hall. We hope that the curtains will not only enhance the appearance of the room, but also provide significant additional warmth and return the acoustics to their previous high standard. The existing stage curtains will remain until we have the funding to replace them.

We are continuing to grow the number of regular users plus one-off party bookings, which is very encouraging. Please help publicise the Community Centre to your families and friends as a very versatile venue to host a great variety of events. The more bookings that are made, the better the chance that we can offset the rising energy costs and so maintain our attractive room rental prices for longer.

Finally, we hope to play our part at the Community Centre in supporting England's World Cup challenge by screening at least some of the matches live on the large screens in the main hall. This will be particularly aimed at families with children who would like to watch the matches together with friends and (hopefully!) enjoy celebrating together. There will be no charge to attend. Further details will be shared on social media nearer the time.

Emma Gormley

Dore Male Voice Choir

It has been a busy month for the choir, following on from the concert tour to Italy which was a great success and the long-awaited memorial concert for our late music director Elizabeth Hampshire.

Based in Padua, a beautiful city which claims to be the oldest city in northern Italy proved to be a sound decision, singing in the evening mass at St. Anthony's Basilica where we were presented with some memorabilia and being a short distance from Venice where we sang in the evening mass at St Mark's.

A trip to this part of Italy would not have been complete without a trip to an Amarone Winery which was enjoyed by everyone. Concerts in Padua and at the Villa Ducale, around 30 minutes' drive from Padua, rounded off a most enjoyable week.

The memorial concert with our two guests Lorna James and Thomas Asher who have performed with us on many occasions, along with Mackenzie Paget our accompanist for the last six years who was moving on to a new life as a concert pianist, ensured it was a quite emotional evening.

A bucket collection held in support of St Luke's Hospice which raised £888.00 rounded off a memorable evening.

And finally, dates for your diary: our Christmas concerts will be held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of December, 7pm at Christ Church, Church Lane. Tickets are £12 including programme and refreshments. Guest artist Erin Alexander soprano. Tickets from R Vaughan 0143 362 3999, any choir member or enquiries@doremalevoicechoir.com

Ray Mellor

Time to go a-wassailing

We're pleased to be able to announce that the popular seasonal Wassail Walk is coming back to Blacka Moor again this year.

Neatly filling the gap between Christmas excesses and New Year's resolutions, the Wassail Walk has been missing for two or three years because of, well, you know. Anyway, this means that some of you won't even have heard of it. We were sitting in the Dev last night trying to remember when the last one was - 2019 we think.

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 annual Wassail Walk is recommencing and we will be setting off on Tuesday 27th December at 10am from Dore Old School car park for our usual five mile meander around parts of Blacka Moor, with a shorter return option of 3.5 miles for anyone not wanting to walk 5 miles. Children and dogs are welcome. Please ensure that you are properly equipped with adequate footwear and clothing. We go whatever the weather but the route is determined on the day to take account of this. Mince pies, mulled wine, water and fruit juice will be available at the end of the walk.

Does it sound like your sort of thing? There is no need to book, all you have to do is turn up in the Old School car park on Savage Lane for 10am on Tuesday 27th December. Remember that because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, Tuesday 27th will also be a bank holiday.

This year's walk will be led by Keith Shaw, and you can contact him on 236 3598, 07778 422 910 or keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk if you need any further information.

Membership Time again

It's time once again to remind you to join or renew your membership of Dore Village Society for 2023. Membership costs a measly seven quid for the whole year - one of the few prices that hasn't gone up during 2022.

Joining us next year is as simple as we're able to make it. You can

1. Complete the membership form which should fall out of this issue, and give it to any committee member (details on the right) or leave it through the letter box at Dore Old School, enclosing cash or a cheque. If by some accident you haven't got one of the forms in your magazine, then you can pick one up from the Village Greens.
2. Visit our website at dorevillage.co.uk and go through the menu to Dore Village Society > How to join or renew membership. There you will find out how to pay online, which only takes a few minutes if you have internet banking or a credit/debit card.

You can also set up your payment to be a direct debit so you don't have to remember to pay every year. This is what I've done.

All online payments are taken through websites run by legitimate banks and DVS never gets to see any of your financial details. The only details that we keep are listed on the membership form, and these are never shared with anyone. There are no annoying warnings about cookies on our website because we don't use them.

John Eastwood

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Good people of Dore, your Village Society is in dire straits.

We are now running with a skeleton committee and are seriously in need of some new blood. Do you have a pet project that you would like to see happen in the village? Some new benches on the village green perhaps? Or maybe you'd like to help organise an event to celebrate the coronation next year? With your help our Dore Village Society can make it happen.

There are currently six vacant seats on the committee - two of these being the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. These are not time-consuming jobs and if you have an hour a week to give to your community that would be plenty. To give you an idea of what is involved I have included a comprehensive list of tasks for these two positions.

Secretary

- Prepare agenda for meetings in consultation with the Chair
- Circulate documents prior to meetings
- Produce minutes of meetings
- Maintaining a file of paper copies of relevant documentation, particularly signed copies of minutes
- Correspond as necessary e.g. requests, follow up enquiries
- Prepare notices and nomination forms for distribution prior to the AGM
- Prepare AGM papers for inspection prior to the event and for attendees at the event
- Update information for DVS committee members on a regular basis e.g., contact details, calendar of activities

Treasurer

- Update Xero (our accounting software) with all financial transactions
- Liaise with the accountant that prepares the monthly accounts
- Circulate and present the accounts to the committee

- Pay creditors and reimburse trustees and others wherever possible by BACS
- Prepare cheques, if any, and despatch to other recipients
- Bank cheques (this can be done at the post office)
- Prepare a draft budget for the October committee meeting
- Prepare a finalised budget for the November meeting
- Report any required changes to the budget at the January committee meeting
- Ensure that necessary insurances are in place
- Submit Gift Aid declarations to HMRC.
- Liaise with the accountant that prepares the annual accounts in Charities Commission format and present to the committee for approval prior to despatch to the External Examiner
- Liaise with the External Examiner for examination and approval of the annual accounts
- Present the approved accounts to the committee for acceptance two months prior to the AGM
- Present the accounts at the AGM
- Maintain liaison with Banks.

Most of these items are once a year occurrences. If you already have experience of Xero that would be a great help, but it is a fairly intuitive interface and training will be given. The AGM is usually a Wednesday in mid-June.

Other roles in the committee include:

Wyvern Coordinator - Wyverns are our junior members and we would like to send them a birthday card from the DVS. Our current Wyvern membership stands at 107 so this works out at around 4 per fortnight. Cards and stamps provided by the DVS.

Website management – not a particularly big task, mainly keeping up the ever-changing list of forthcoming events in and around the village.

You could also get involved with:

Planning team – looking at emerging planning applications

Environmental team – all things to do with the environment including our green infrastructure strategy

Community events – helping to organise or liaising with the organisers of:

- Party on the Rec
- Lantern parade
- Wyvern walk
- Dore Festival Fortnight
- Dore Gala
- Christmas trees and lights
- Dore Show
- Anything else that might be going on.

If you would like to join the committee but the above seems a bit overwhelming, don't worry. We would be very happy to welcome you and you could add your voice and opinion to our discussions. Our only requirements are that you are at least 18 years old, and you live in the Dore neighbourhood area. Unsure if that includes you? If this magazine came through your door, then the answer is YES!

We meet on the last Tuesday in the month, except December, in the Old School on Savage Lane. The next meeting will be 29th November at 7.30pm and we are usually done by 9pm if not a bit before. Please, please, please, come along to our next meeting and see what we do.

What's on over the festive period.

The Lantern parade will be on Wednesday 7th December with lots of local shops open late for you to do a bit of Christmas shopping. Follow Santa from Causeway Head Road round to the Christmas tree outside the Village Greens for carols and a warm community feeling. The Methodist church will be open for refreshments too. More details can be found on page 3.

We're hoping that the Wassailers will walk again after a 2-year hiatus. This will be on Tuesday 27th December. A few miles in the bracing December fresh air to blow away the Christmas cobwebs followed by mulled wine and mince pies, location tbc. All ages welcome.

Jen Donnelly

Dora





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Back to School!

Bookings can now be made for HADIT's production of "The Happiest Days of Your Life", a farce in the Ealing comedies tradition, which is on stage at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 30th November to Saturday 3rd December. Some of you may remember this as a 1950's film with a stellar cast including Margaret Rutherford, Alastair Sim and Joyce Grenfell.

The pupils and teachers of St Swithins girls' school are relocated to alternative accommodation as their own school has been a casualty of wartime bombing.

Thanks to a bureaucratic mix-up, they wind up sharing the quarters of Hilary Hall boys' school. The harried headmaster and headmistress try to keep visiting parents from discovering the dilemma as the whole thing turns into a battle of the sexes. Add in a mystery 'tool bag treacher', a militant caretaker and a pinch of romance and you have all the ingredients for a rip-roaring comedy.

Tickets (£10) can be purchased online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit or ring 01433 620665, which is also the number for more information.

Carolyn Garwes
Secretary/Director HADIT
www.hadit.co.uk

Dore Village Society

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

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

Current membership rates are £7 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members.

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Maureen Frances Cope (1942-2022)

Maureen, who died suddenly on the 11th July, was well known in the Village. She was born at Port Glasgow on the Clyde and was always proud of her Scottish heritage. Her mother was a teacher and her father a regular officer in the Royal Navy on board a frigate that escorted convoys across the Atlantic during World War Two.

After the war the family moved south to Buckinghamshire and Maureen went to St Bernard's Convent, a girls' Catholic grammar school in Slough. She was good at languages and after school studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and at the University of Grenoble where she was also au pair to the children of the mayor of Grenoble, a fierce leader of the French resistance during World War Two. She became fluent in French and gained a working knowledge of German and Spanish.

After this period abroad she came to Sheffield to join her childhood sweetheart and future husband who was studying at the University. Here she trained as a teacher and gained a B.Ed. degree from the University of Sheffield.

Her first teaching job was at a secondary school in Clowne but she later moved to Staveley Grammar School before it became a comprehensive. She resigned as a teacher in 1974, only returning to teaching in 1982 once she had raised her three children. On return, she undertook several temporary jobs at local schools (mostly covering for maternity leave) including King Egbert, King Edwards, Silverdale and Lady Manners before taking up a permanent post at Gosforth School and later Henry Fanshawe. At all of these she taught French with supplementary German and Spanish.

In 1994 she resigned as a teacher, taking advantage of an enhanced pension as, at that time, the Government was keen on cutting the work force! Instead, she worked for a travel company who specialized in accompanying school parties abroad. Later she joined forces with an ex-colleague, taking A level arts students abroad to major museums and art galleries all over Europe.

Her involvement in Village affairs began as she supported her husband in his involvement with the Scouts. Twenty-five years ago, she joined Syd Crowson and Anne Elsdon in co-ordinating Dore Festival Fortnight that the Scouts introduced to complement their Gala. When Syd died, Maureen and Anne carried on with Anne retiring only three years ago, but Maureen carrying on right up to the time of her death. The plays on the green, jazz in the church and the concerts by the Dore Male Voice Choir and the Gilbert and

Sullivan Society were among her favourite events. For many years she could also be seen serving in the tea tent at the Gala and later, heading the group of ladies on the plant stall.

When her children were little, she joined the Young Wives Group at Dore Church. Gradually, as these ladies got older, this group morphed into the Dore Ladies Group. For many years she was a member of its committee, eventually becoming Chair when Lesley Vernon recently stepped down.

Once the children were off her hands, Maureen became a cook for the Dore Open Door Lunch club that meets each week in the Old School. When Bessie Colley and Betty Young retired as leaders some 13 years ago, Maureen and her friend Karrin took over. For the last ten years she had been in overall charge, but ably assisted by an enthusiastic team of cooks, hosts and washers-up. Besides organizing the lunches, Maureen took it upon herself to provide further pastoral care, visiting the guests when they were in respite care and organizing termly trips for them to restaurants or pubs in the Peak District to give them a change of scene. Even during the pandemic when the club could not meet, she produced a monthly newsletter and continued the tradition of giving them all a small gift on their birthdays, just to let them know they were not forgotten.

Finally, one of Maureen's proudest achievements was the founding of the Dore Oral History Project. At the turn of the century, she gathered together a team of 8-10 interviewers and typists who set about to record, on tape, the lives of many of the older members of the community during the 20th century. This produced fascinating insights into village life when Dore was a small farming community in Derbyshire. The project lasted for almost 10 years and led to many local exhibitions and presentations at national conferences. The resulting tapes and written transcripts now form part of the archives of the Dore Village Society.

She loved the Village and, judging by the response following her death, the Village loved her.

Geoff Cope



Maureen (second from left) with colleagues on the plant stall at this year's Gala in July.

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Understanding and Safeguarding our Green Belt

This is a progress report on our efforts to strengthen the protection of Dore's Green Belt, which comprises all the open countryside between the edge of developed Dore and the Peak District National Park boundary stretching across the gap between the Limb Brook Valley and the Old Hay Brook.

In the Spring Dore to Door I reported on the then debate within the City Council to determine how far they should go towards Green Belt development to meet the massive Government target for Sheffield to produce 53,000 new homes by 2039. We were pleased that, despite a wobble from the Greens, the Council remained reluctant to develop within the Green Belt and that they had secured a consultant report to demonstrate that the Government target lacked a sound statistical basis.

In the Summer Dore to Door I explained that the Dore Village Society and the Dore Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group had authorised David Crosby, Margaret Peart and myself to follow through on a major aspiration in last year's Dore Neighbourhood Plan to produce a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Dore, concentrating initially on our Green Belt.

Then, in the Autumn Dore to Door, I alerted the community to the continuing pressure from developers to contemplate planning applications in the Green Belt. We had already beaten off one application on open land off Long Line, but further applications were expected off Ash House Lane and on the Dore Garden Centre site opposite the Dore Moor Inn. In particular, I rehearsed some of the issues surrounding the latter after the presentation made by 'Inspired Villages' on 11 July. Furthermore, I appealed for 'Green Belt Warriors' prepared to help to work on the opposition to the latter and to contribute to the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Where do things now stand?

The good news is that we are likely to see the first full draft of Sheffield's new Local Plan in early November as a public consultation document. That document would have to reveal in detail any intention either to undesignate any of Sheffield's existing Green Belt or to allow significant development in that Belt. This is important to us because we know that, in past Council 'calls for sites', landowners and developers have made suggestions for development sites in Dore's Green Belt. We even ensured that a map showing those sites appeared on the DVS website (for which look on the website and follow the header 'Dore Neighbourhood Forum and Plan' and then scroll right down that page to the final paragraph on a Green Belt Review 2020 and towards the end there is a link to the map of suggested sites).

To the best of my knowledge the indications are that the Council is sticking to its Spring intention not to permit significant Green Belt releases in the new Local Plan except, perhaps, on the old Norton Aerodrome site which many of us have seen for some time as a sensible, potential well-connected development site. I hope I'm right, but the risk remains that strong arguments will be made by developers that the Council should not get away with failing to meet Government targets. Of course it is the case that within the Conservative Government strong opinions have been expressed that the recent practice of Government setting strong targets to planning authorities for future house-builds should be dropped, but the target to produce 300,000 new homes a year nationally still remains. At the same time one of the 'supply-side economic reforms' being bandied about by Government sources has been loosening planning controls. So, the risk remains of Sheffield's stance against Green Belt development being challenged. We must hope for the best.

As I write in late October no planning application has yet been submitted for either the redevelopment of the Ash House care home site or the Dore Garden Centre site. What I can report

is that in relation to the planning rules applying to the latter we already have a draft objection written which can be flexed to relate to the details in any future application; and we have the makings of a detailed landscape response emerging within the work we have already done on the intended new Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy. On top of that six individuals have contacted me to volunteer to help as 'Green Belt Warriors' in fighting any Inspired Villages application for a retirement village in our Green Belt and to provide advice on our draft G I Strategy. Others are welcome!

Turning now to our work on the G I Strategy, I can report good progress towards the first draft for wider community consultation towards the end of 2023. What is emerging is a strategy in relation to our Green Belt structured thus:

Introduction – Already largely written to describe why we are producing the strategy and how we are setting about writing it and consulting on it.

Landscape, Heritage and a Sense of Place – This chapter is already largely written by the G I strategy team (GIST) to describe the landform and land uses of our Green Belt based on professionally produced and authoritative landscape character assessments with recommendations for future strategic management objectives; to identify the reasons why these Green Belt landscapes should be regarded as particularly sensitive as they comprise the setting of a National Park; and to tell some strong stories about these landscapes as they exist within our history, our memories and our sense of place and thus constitute part of the character of the landscapes as they are perceived by people as well as by experts.

Biodiversity – Here we have sought expert help from Wildscapes, the consultancy arm of Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, who have already produced desk-top studies with mapped information about wildlife identification and recommendations about important wildlife corridors. We will shortly receive a more detailed report which will enable us to develop this chapter such that we can open it up to consultation and comment amongst wildlife groups and enthusiasts.

Land Uses and River Catchments – We expect to receive before Christmas an expert and academic report and maps on the changing pattern of land uses across the Green Belt over recent centuries with guidance on how important heritage features can be preserved and how the landscapes can perform better for us in terms of ecosystem services at a time of climate change. In particular, this chapter will reveal details of the potential for downstream flood alleviation in the Limb Valley catchment area in the exciting major project currently being carried out by the local Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Access, Recreation and Wellbeing – GIST has drafted the bare bones of this chapter but now looks for more local and expert help to fill out the details. We have strongly stressed how more people have been appreciating both the recreational and the wellbeing benefits of access to Nature since the Covid pandemic struck. We are determined to set out to describe what our Green Belt already successfully does to provide quality recreational opportunities and what scope there may be to do more.

What we have come to understand much better is that our Green Belt does a great deal for us and could do more, but we have to safeguard it against development and other threats. While the land involved is designated Green Belt and valued for its openness, that designation only arises from its role as a constraint on urban growth into the countryside and as a challenge to planning authorities to develop urban areas more imaginatively to meet the future needs of their residents. What we are trying to do is to evaluate the Green Belt landscapes in their own right so that all begin to realise how much we depend upon them for their own sake and for our own sake.

Christopher Pennell



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Life during wartime

You remember the article a couple of issues ago with all those lovely photographs of the interior of the Hare and Hounds? The pictures were donated to the DVS Archive by descendants of the previous landlord, Frank Clark and his wife Margaret.

The records here are from the same source, and concern a local initiative which was set up early in the Second World War - the Hare and Hounds Cigarette Fund.

The fund was set up early in the War - I believe that when it came into existence it was still 1939. Local men had already been volunteering for military service and the idea behind the Fund was to provide local servicemen with a creature comfort during their absence which also served to assure them that the 'folks at home' were thinking of them.



Remember that then, smoking was not known to be particularly dangerous - passive smoking was not even a thing - and so this fund would have been seen as a practical way to provide something for the benefit of those who had answered the call to serve. It was also a focus for the community who wanted to do something to help.

The Committee of the Fund was headed by Frank himself as Chairman, accompanied by Secretary Mr. A.H.Plews, Treasurer Mr. D.M.Uttley, and other members Messrs Hopewell, Howitt, Luden, Russell and Thompson. Mr. Luden was a Police Officer, though I don't know him to have been the local officer for Dore.

The Fund was properly set up and kept proper records. In their AGM records of 1943 it was noted that it was one of the most successful such organisations in the country, and had won a prize for originality from the Daily Mirror in the early days of the War. Who knows how many similar funds were started all over the country as a result of Frank Clark and his mates?

The backbone of the Hare & Hounds Cigarette Fund was the "Sixty List". This was of the names of 60 local residents, presumably all regulars of the pub, who undertook to donate a shilling a week each. That doesn't sound like a lot, but with sixty of them it amounted to three pounds sterling going into the coffers each week at a time of wartime shortages and rationing.

Any local Dore resident could apply to the Fund for their relatives to be included on the beneficiaries' list. They didn't have to take cigarettes; those who didn't smoke were sent small cash gifts of 10/- (50p) or sometimes £1. Again, as the conflict progressed it may have become more practical to send cash if tobacco was not readily available on the Home Front.

Remember that relatives at home might well not have known exactly where in the world their family members were. They had a BFPO (British Forces Post Office) number where letters and packages could be sent, but this often bore no relation to where the cigarettes would be delivered. All that side of things was looked after by the military.

Prisoners of War were not excluded, and the archive contains a close-typed set of instructions regarding the sending of

packages to those in camps across Nazi-occupied Europe. All this was looked after by the Red Cross. Prisoners were permitted to write home periodically and say where they were, but replies all went through official channels so they could be censored. You couldn't send photographs. Clothing was looked after by the military, and food parcels by the Red Cross who assembled these under the advice of a dietician - nothing could be added. The Red Cross also provided 50 cigarettes a week to each prisoner, and they preferred assistance from the Home Front to take the form of cash donations rather than any physical goods.

The cost of running the Cigarette Fund was proudly announced by Frank at the AGM in 1943 to be absolutely nothing. Everyone gave their time and money for free. During the first four years of the War, the same AGM recorded that over a quarter of a million cigarettes and £410 in cash had been distributed.

The Cigarette Fund Archive also contains a sheaf of letters from servicemen who benefited, and I'm going to close with a few of those.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank all members of the Cigarette Fund for the most generous gift of £1 which I received a few days ago, and I must say it will come in very handy for the spot of leave which I am going to have very soon.

*Wishing you all the very best,
A. Shipstone*

Dear Friends at the Hare & Hounds,

Many thanks for the £1-0-0, it was most gratefully received and a grand surprise, you cannot guess how much a soldier appreciates these little gifts from folks at home because he knows that friends are thinking of him, therefore giving him and adding to his moral courage.

Please convey my very grateful thanks to everybody concerned and I hope it will not be long before the whole business of war is over and I shall be able to meet you all as before in the days of peace.

*Yours truly,
Sgt. K.M. Hodges, R.A.*

Dear Secretary,

Thanks very much for the 10/- I received the other day. I am very glad you are carrying out the good work.

Please remember me to all the members of the committee, I hope you can get plenty of beer in the Hare & Hounds. We are rationed to two pints a night and 20 cigs a week but we can't grumble, we get plenty of grub. Well here's thanking you all again, I am hoping to see you soon.

*Yours truly,
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So, what is happening on the farm? Well, the free-range turkeys are growing nicely, and their plethora of Christmas trees in the bottom yard means they have a tree to suit everyone. You can even go into the field, and they will cut one down for you if you prefer. The farm shop is full of festive treats including their very own Whirlow Wine (red, white, rose, and sparkling rose) made from grapes grown at the farm in their own vineyard!

This fantastic local community farm loves nothing more than welcoming visitors to their fundraising events, and have two special Christmas Events planned for this year. The Christmas Fayre sponsored by local company GRI Group is on the 26th and 27th November which includes a Christmas market, Santa's Grotto, Hog Roast, and food stalls, the Grinch plus loads more! Adult tickets are just £6, and kids get in FREE!

If the queue for Santa fills you with dread, they also have an immersive, more personal Christmas Experience taking place on 10th and 11th, 17th and 18th of December. This event is full of magic for your little ones, with one-on-one time with Mrs Claus, the elves and Santa himself!

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Firstly, I'd like to apologise - I've been rather busy of late, time got the better of me and I missed the copy deadline for an update article in the Autumn edition. I started a new job earlier on this year and, combined with family commitments, it has meant I have not been able to spend the time I previously did on More in Dore projects.



Whilst I am happy to say we have sufficient funds in the bank to purchase the second piece of playground equipment for Dore recreation ground, a stumbling block was hit when the council advised that they had overlooked the height of our shortlisted pieces and the tree canopy that would be above it. These pieces were chosen and proposed to the council for their consideration based on the fact they would appeal to a wider age range, which is what we were aiming for with this next bit of apparatus. This now means we can't do a direct swap of the current wooden towers with one of the proposed new pieces; instead, the council are advising that the current roundabout would have to be either removed completely or repositioned elsewhere. In doing this it increases the installation and surfacing costs the council have quoted us, which unfortunately is fractionally over the amount of funds we have raised to date.

To help out with this, one of our members came up with the idea and organised a family fun afternoon in the old school car park on the day of the Dore Show. This was a great success and they managed to raise over £300 from the afternoon – thank you Julia & company!

I have also applied for a couple of grants over the last several months, but on both occasions I regret to inform you we were unsuccessful.

At the time of writing this we are currently in the process of re-evaluating the pieces of equipment we shortlisted against our available funds to see if there are any others that may either be better suited to the current wooden towers' footprint, or that from a cost perspective allow us to reposition the roundabout if needed. Once equipment is shortlisted and approved by the council, we will update you all via our social media feeds and in a future edition of Dore to Door.

As I mentioned at the start, I no longer have the time to give to More in Dore that I have previously done over the last two years. Whilst still wanting to help out with local projects when I can, I am now considering stepping down as chairperson of More in Dore once the next piece of equipment has been ordered. With the way things are progressing at the minute this is likely to be early next year. If anyone reading this is interested in taking over this voluntary role from me then please get in contact using the email address below.

As always, if you would like to help organise an event for us – please contact us via email. If you wish to donate to More in Dore then you can via bank transfer, please email us for details. Cheques and cash are also welcomed and should be posted for the attention of More in Dore, Dore Village Society Office, Dore Old School, Savage Lane, S17 3GW.

That's it from me for the time being, hope you all have a great Christmas.

Tim Ashman
More in Dore Chairperson
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Christmas at Longshaw

People have lived and worked in the rugged landscape of Longshaw for 8,000 years. Criss-crossed by old trackways and packhorse trails, Longshaw was once at the crossroads of important trading routes for salt, silk, cotton, wool, coal and lead. It may be difficult to imagine now, but just a few hundred years ago parts of Longshaw were busy with the noise of charcoal burning and gritstone quarrying. The oak woods provided the fuel for local lead smelting; and the coarse stone was carved to form millstones. Bole Hill, cloaked in silver birch trees, conceals the old quarry that provided over one million tonnes of stone for the nearby Derwent and Howden dams. The woods and moors were once the favourite haunt of shooting parties who stayed at the Dukes of Rutland's hunting retreat at Longshaw Lodge.



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Today, with its ancient woods and tumbling streams, Longshaw is a countryside haven on Sheffield's doorstep; a wonderful place to wander and discover spectacular views of the Peak District. The woods, moorlands and parklands are now a place where impressive red deer roam, rare species of fungi thrive, and hay meadows are awash with wildflowers.

The team of National Trust rangers work hard year-round to protect this special landscape and encourage wildlife and nature to flourish. And at this time of year, they add another string to their bow by selling Christmas trees to raise funds for their vital work.

"We like to say a tree from Longshaw is not just for Christmas; as well as decorating your home for the festive season, a Christmas tree from Longshaw will also help look after the landscape and wildlife of the Peak District all year round," says Ranger, Mark Bull. "All the money we raise through selling Christmas trees at Longshaw is put towards the conservation work we do, from erecting bird boxes in Padley Wood for declining bird species to restoring blanket bog in the High Peak to help tackle climate change."

The bird boxes the rangers have put up so far have provided a home to 276 pied flycatcher chicks, 16 kestrel chicks, 10 barn owl chicks and three tawny owl chicks. Work will continue this winter to clean out and repair or replace these boxes and ensure there are natural sites in woodlands at Longshaw for these bird populations to continue to increase.

Longshaw has been selling Christmas trees for nearly 50 years. "Children who used to come along with their grandparents are now bringing their own children, which is amazing to see," said Mark. "The trees are all British grown, all premium grade and all non-needle drop. Some are home grown here at Longshaw too. We have five different types from 2ft to 14ft in size. Norway spruce is the traditional Christmas tree, and Nordmann fir is our best-selling variety. We also have blue spruce, which is a really nice colour, the long-needled lodgepole pine, and Fraser fir, which has that fantastic Christmas scent."



Longshaw in Winter © Kev Dunnington

Chris Morgan from Bradway has been volunteering with the Longshaw Christmas tree sales since 2010: "We got a lot of snow that first year. It was cold and I did a lot of digging to get as many cars as possible into the car park and to reveal the trees. After 40 years in warm offices it was a change, but I loved it. I made friends with regular customers who've been coming each year for decades, some of whom I've met every year since. I've helped deliver massive trees to large houses, pubs and churches and learned how best to look after the different types of trees we sell. Sales are getting earlier each year. I'll buy my own as soon as we open and keep it outside in a bucket of water until early December. That way it will still be good on the twelfth night. I'm looking forward to seeing all the happy young and old faces and sharing memories of Christmas trees past!"

Next year, money raised from Christmas tree sales will also go towards restoring wood pasture at Longshaw, enabling the rangers to plant more native trees such as rowan, oak, holly and hawthorn to provide more food and a better habitat for wildlife. They'll also be planting individual trees across the estate that will grow as features in the landscape for many years to come.

On the limestone plateau above Stoney Middleton, flower seeds will be introduced across some of the fields to increase the number of species. The rangers will spread heather seed and plant bilberry where the soils are acidic, which will eventually produce a mosaic of habitats across the plateau area with plenty of food for birds and insects.

Festive Fun

As well as Christmas trees, there's a host of other activities coming up at Longshaw, making it the perfect place to come together for festive family fun.

Dru Lewis from Dore has volunteered at Longshaw for 15 years, welcoming visitors to the site: "There's always lots of exciting things going on at Longshaw during Christmas. Buying your Christmas tree (then trying to get it into the car!), the wreath-making workshops and Christmas

crafts. There is a great family atmosphere at the Breakfast with Father Christmas event, and I love the collective festive feeling - all the staff, volunteers and visitors are excited for Christmas."

Families will be pleased to know that Father Christmas has made time in his busy December schedule to visit the Peak District – you can come and meet him at our much-loved event Breakfast with Father Christmas at the Longshaw café. There'll also be festive family craft sessions where children can make a Christmas decoration using natural materials gathered from Longshaw, and a free reindeer trail.

Wreath-making

In this workshop, visitors can create a traditional handmade wreath from natural materials. A beautiful-looking wreath can be produced with ivy, holly, fir and pinecones gathered from Longshaw and the surrounding area.

Walks

Longshaw is known for being excellent walking country and with the trees bare of leaves, winter is a wonderful time to take advantage of the amazing far-reaching views in the area. Meet up with family or friends, or take some time to yourself, for a rejuvenating walk in the crisp air of the Peaks.

Café

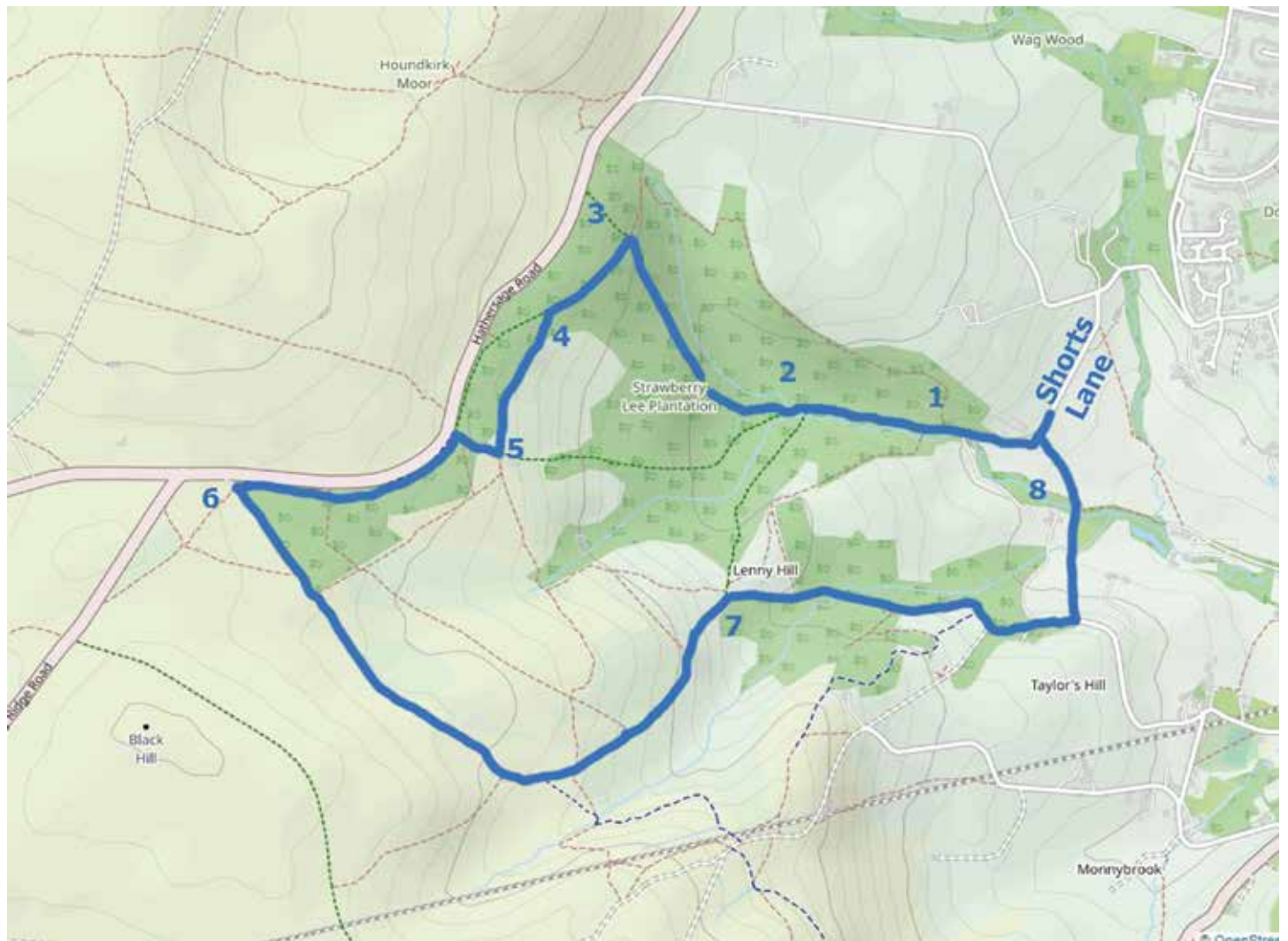
Our café will be open every day serving seasonal warm lunches and hot drinks – sit inside with far-reaching views across to Millstone Edge and Higger Tor, or grab a take-away coffee to accompany you on your wander round the estate.

Some activities are very popular and need to be booked in advance. Visit nationaltrust.org.uk for more information and to book your place.

Christmas tree sales are open every day from Saturday 26th November, 9.30am – 4pm at Longshaw Estate.



Padley Gorge © Kev Dunnington



Blacka Moor

This is an easy local walk that's suitable for families at any time of year.

Distance: 7.5km/4.5m assuming a start from the centre of the village.

Time: 2.5 hours plus time to spend enjoying views

Blacka Moor is on our doorstep and offers a large number of walking opportunities. Many of you will already be familiar with these but I frequently meet Dore residents who have never, or hardly ever, ventured onto the moor. So, as winter is approaching, I've included this walk as an easy all-weather introduction to walking there, although some stretches can be muddy in wet weather.

Blacka Moor has many attractions, from splendid views to a variety of wildlife, with the added bonus of possibly coming across the resident red deer population or the occasional weasel, fox or badger.

From the centre of the village walk to the end of Townhead Road, down Whitelaw Lane and down Shorts Lane. At the bottom, just past the recent development at Far Nova, turn right along the bridleway. This runs alongside Blacka Dike which forms the western boundary of the Dore Village Society "Area of Benefit". Shortly you will enter Blacka Moor nature reserve, 181 hectares of woodland and moorland forming part of the Eastern Peak District Moors. Blacka Moor is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and there's an information board with a map just inside the entrance to the reserve (1).

Continue along the bridleway. Shortly after passing the stepping stones on your left take a path on your right across a stream (2) and proceed up uphill (this stretch is known locally as Heart Attack Hill. It's not that strenuous a climb but it is uneven underfoot in places).

As you near the top of the hill just below Devil's Elbow Gate take a left turn at a point where two paths cross (3), follow this until the path forks and take the left fork (4). Continue along here until you emerge into an open area with splendid views to the south and a number of boulders conveniently situated for sitting (5). This is another point where two paths cross. Take the path uphill to a gate, turn left along a path that runs alongside the boundary wall and follow this until you reach the end of the wood. Go through the boundary wall (6) then turn left and follow a wide track through a gate onto grassland that descends to a second gate. Go through this and follow the track downhill until you reach another crossing point by two benches (7).

You are now just below Lenny Hill and it's worth going to the top of the hill to take in the view. As you look around, apart from the sight of Hathersage Road in the distance, there's a panoramic expanse of woodland with an air of serenity about it.

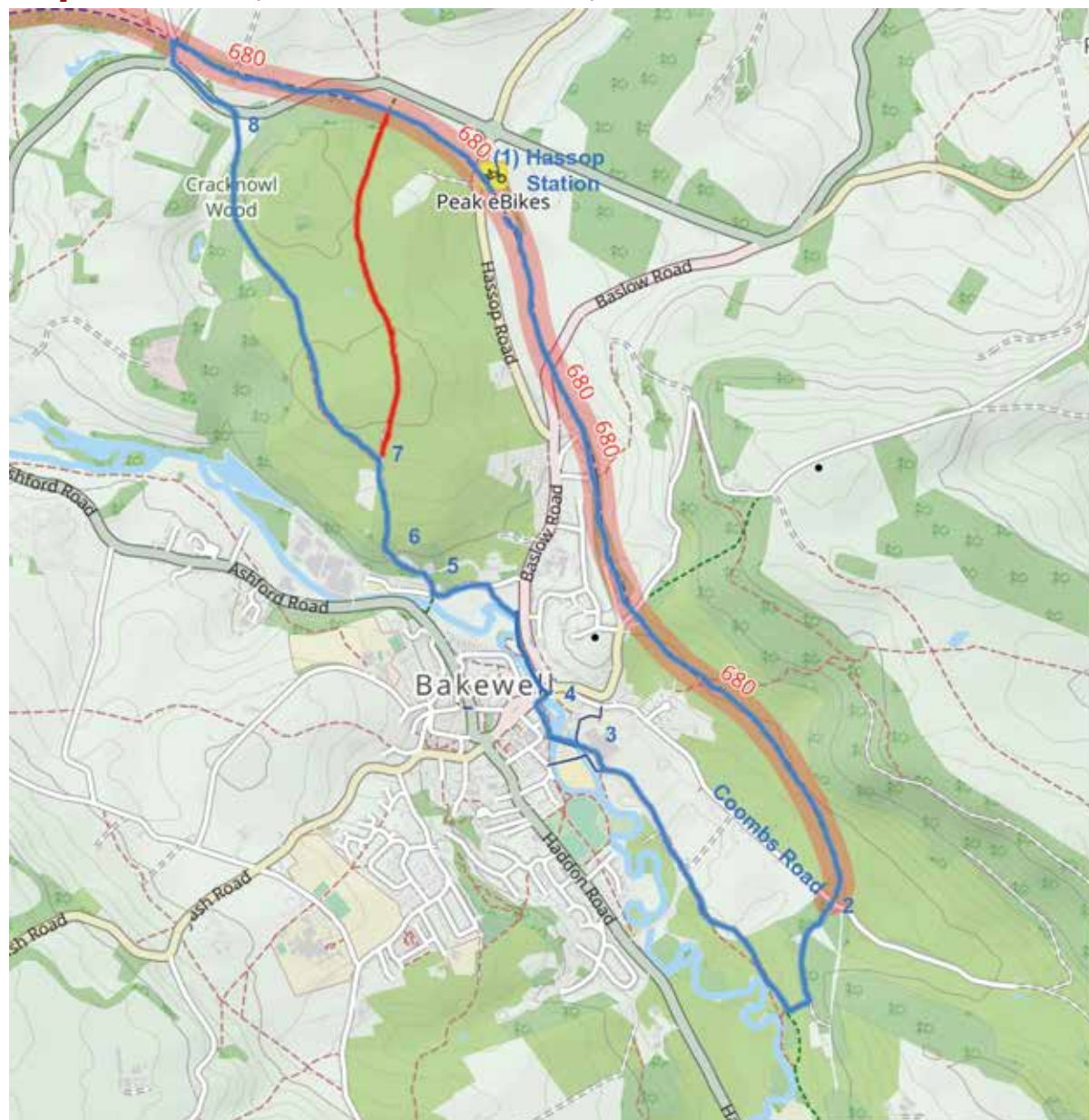
Returning to the benches, take the stony track ahead of you (not the track on your left) and follow this out of the wooded area and along the road (Strawberry Lee Lane), then turn left down a footpath that descends alongside Hallfield Farm (8). Cross the stream at the bottom of the hill, walk up through the field onto Shorts Lane and return home.

Notes:

More information about Blacka Moor can be found at www.wildsheffield.com/reserves/blacka-moor/

**Make sure you know what's going on
www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/events**

Hassop Station, Coombs Road, Bakewell



This is an easy family walk that's suitable for any time of year.

Distance: 10km/6.25m.

Time: 3 hours.

Toilets and food available at Hassop Station and Bakewell.

Parking in the Pay and Display car park at Hassop Station (Grid Ref SK217705)

From the car park (1) walk a few yards to the Monsal Trail and turn left. Follow the trail to its end (about 3km/2m) and descend to Coombs Road (2). Opposite you'll see a track leading through woodland. Follow this until you reach a closed gate that leads to private property. At this point turn right through a gate into a field and follow the field boundary on your right to the bottom of the field and then turn right into another field. Follow the footpath across this, and two other fields. Pass the Bakewell Show Ground (3) on your right and follow the path to the river. Cross by the footbridge. There are two bridges, take the one on the right. It's called Love Locks Bridge, for reasons that are obvious when you cross it.

Make your way through Bakewell until you get to the bridge over the river. Cross the bridge and, opposite Station Road (4), go through the wall and along the footpath that runs more or less parallel to the main road, exiting onto Holme Lane (5). Turn left here and walk a short distance then turn right and follow the

road uphill (still Holme Lane) past Holme Hall (6) until you get to a gate. Go through this and continue up a wide track into open countryside. You can follow this all the way to the Monsal Trail and turn right to get back to Hassop Station (this is a short cut). For a nicer walk, after about 400m/450yds leave the track by a gate/stile on your left (7) and follow a grassy track through this field and one more after which the path enters Cracknowl Wood. Descend through the wood, crossing the field at the bottom and onto the road opposite Rowdale House, now used for holiday homes (8). Now turn left and, after a short distance, turn right at a road junction, go under the Monsal Trail bridge and then take a short track on your right that leads up onto the Monsal Trail. Turn left and it's about 1km/half a mile back to Hassop Station.

Notes:

Holme Hall is a Grade I listed Jacobean Manor House built around 1726 for a wealthy lead merchant. It has an interesting history that you can read about at www.countrylife.co.uk/property/holme-hall-241575

It went on sale earlier this year for £3.75 million.



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Here at T17 we have had a mixed few months. We received the sad news that two longstanding supporters of the organisation passed away over the summer – Felicity Revill and Maureen Cope. We took the opportunity to join Stella Jockel's family in a celebration of Stella's life and have been out and about at several local community events. We

are still recruiting for volunteers and have advertised a part time paid role for a Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Felicity's initial contact with Transport 17 was through her job at the Community Action Programme in the late 1990s and her friendship with the mother of the then Transport Manager, Mike Finn. Much of her working life was spent encouraging and enabling individuals to succeed, always seeing the potential in others. Through her work role she placed John Savournin in his administrator's role at T17, and also one of our volunteer drivers, Darryl Creed, who continues to drive for us to this day. Felicity joined the management committee, initially as secretary to the Barlows who were instrumental in running the organisation for a significant period of time. When they left, Felicity took over as Chair. She brought enthusiasm and patience to this role, and is remembered as being someone who was committed to T17 determined that older people in the local community would continue to benefit from our services. This picture shows Felicity receiving flowers from T17 on her retirement from the management committee.



Felicity Revill

Maureen was the co-ordinator of Dore Open Door Lunch Club, amongst many other roles within the Dore Community. It was always a pleasure to speak to Maureen as she was friendly and organised. Attending her memorial service in early September made it clear how well thought of she was within Dore and the positive impact she had on the lives of many individuals. I am confident that there will be many memories of Maureen spoken about for a long time to come. We are grateful to be one of the three recipients of the generous donations given following Maureen's memorial service.

Earlier in the Summer we had the pleasure of attending Totley All Saints' Church for a celebration of the life of Stella Jockel. As Stella passed away during the Covid lockdown significant restrictions were in place at the time of her funeral. The remembrance service was a very special occasion and will be a lasting memory of the woman she was. Listening to, and joining with, a choir of the quality of Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus was amazing. Stella had been a member of the Chorus for over sixty years. It was a pleasure to meet Stella's wider family and to be able to express our thanks for Stella and the family's support over the years.

Stella was Alan Jockel's second wife and worked with him to support Transport 17 right from its inception in 1984. After Alan



Stella Jockel

URC on Totley Rise.

died in 1985, she continued to support us and, almost right up until she passed away, was an active supporter of our fundraising events. We were thrilled to bits with a significant donation she made in 2019, and her generous spirit lives on in the form of a legacy left to T17 in her will. In the last couple of years of Stella's life, as her mobility declined, she was able to make use of the service herself to go to a lunch club at the

Community events

T17 thoroughly enjoyed being at the Dore Gala in July, Lowedges Festival in August, and most recently at the Totley Show in September. Thank you to all those who took the time to come and say hello, those who enquired about volunteering roles and/or how they might support the organisation financially, and of course those who took part in our lucky dips, tombola and 'finding the Totley Treasure', all of which raised funds for T17 operations. Many people, both young and old, enjoyed coming aboard the minibus to have a look around, experience how the tail lift works to bring passengers on board, and to sit in the driver's seat. We also had the pleasure of meeting Colin Ross, Local Councillor.

We are really excited to be planning our first Christmas Fayre to be held since the Autumn of 2019. As with previous fundraising events, the Cross Scythes have kindly agreed to host us. It will be held on Saturday 19th November, and will include some Christmas activities for children as well as the ever-popular Bottle Bonanza, a Christmas raffle and various Christmas stalls. The funds raised will go towards the £5000 total needed for essential bus services, inspections and maintenance through the year. Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Recruitment

We are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to volunteer with us at T17 as a minibus driver or a passenger assistant. In the last couple of months, we have had four enquiries from local organisations needing transport for their older members who are finding it difficult to access their groups, as they are unable to use public transport. Unfortunately, although we have the minibus capacity, without more volunteers we cannot take on new routes. Similarly, we are in search of new members for our board of Trustees, the time commitment for which we would expect to be on average six meetings a year.

Fiona Smith
Operations Manager, Transport 17



Dabbling in deltiology

As I'm sure you know by now, the Dore Village Archive contains quite a lot of stuff these days. The collection has been building since the 1960s with maps, documents and photographs relating to our village and its history.

Overseeing all this material is the DART - Dore Archives Research Team - a small group of village elders with, between them, over 200 years of experience of living round here. Some of them specialise in old records such as census returns and military archives; others are good at ploughing through even more ancient texts; the ones where the letter s appears as f half the time. Since I was invited to join DART a few years ago, my speciality seems to be photographs and many of these have since appeared in these pages along with what DART has discovered about them.

You might remember the little story about Emma Hoyland that appeared a couple of years ago (issue 140). She worked as a servant for the Ogdens in Dore in 1910, her mother lived in Swallownest, she did have six brothers, all miners. The Ogdens, too, were real people. All this information came from DART, and it was only my little scenario that wasn't absolutely and provably true, though it may well have been pretty close. The article in Dore to Door came about from just a single postcard that found its way into our archive.

Sometimes, however, you just get defeated. There isn't enough information to make a proper start on research, though it is possible to make some basic assumptions. In this article we're going to look at four postcards which we'd love to know more about, but so far we know very little. Dore to Door does have one other resource however and that is you, the good people of Dore.

A bit of history first

Picture postcards first became a thing in the 1870s, but their heyday in the UK was between about 1890 and 1920. At the beginning of this period, hardly anyone would have had access to a camera; the first camera designed for home photography was made by Kodak in 1903. Even then, someone taking up photography as a hobby had to know a good deal about things like focal lengths and exposure meters - the 'point and shoot' technology of today was still a long, long way off.

I've written about the postcards produced for Herbert Jackson, Dore's Postmaster, on many occasions. We think that he will have employed a professional photographer to produce these; he certainly wasn't behind the camera himself as he and members of his family appear in many of the local scenes captured. Of course, in his job he would not only have made a small profit on sale of the card from the village Post Office, but he would also have received a commission on the sale of the stamp he sold to accompany it.

Professional photographers at this time also had studios which you could visit and have your picture taken - much as you still can today. Portraits known as 'cartes de visite' were popular from the 1860s and were almost always studio photographs. Exposure times were at first so long that the subjects had to be immobilised so the picture didn't blur.

Whether you were a hobbyist photographer or used a professional, you would probably have had to use a service to get the images developed and printed, and in the early 20th century having the photos printed as postcards would have been an option. This makes more sense if you regard the postcard as being the social media of the day. Post boxes were emptied and letters delivered several times a day; a short message on the back of a postcard would be delivered quickly and reliably.

That's enough potted history of postcards, and it's only here to provide some context for the particular cards that we're going to talk about. There is much more information online if you're interested.

Police box posers

Right, let's take a look at our mystery pictures. The first one is the upper picture on the front cover of this issue, and a scene which you shouldn't have any problem recognising. The photographer

is standing roughly on the corner of Causeway Head Road and Devonshire Terrace Road, looking down Dore Road with Rushley Road just out of sight round the corner to the left and the end of High Street on the right - you can just see the 'keep left' bollard at the junction.

Surprisingly, this is the first time that this photograph has been seen by DART. This particular card was posted in 1953 to a Mr and Mrs Veitch of New Jersey, USA by their daughter Betsy. As far as we can tell, Betsy never visited Dore and may not even have known where it was. The card was posted from York and is postmarked for York Races which were taking place in July, but Betsy's message home doesn't mention our village at all. Although the card gives our location at the bottom left, nowhere does it say that Dore is in Sheffield and the company that produced it was in Leicester so it was commercially printed. I don't personally remember the police 'Tardis' style box standing there - before my time - but you can just make out the public call box standing next to it. Do you remember the police box?

Our main interest is in the three young ladies standing in front of the police box, posing for the camera. They look to be of primary school age, so if they were local children they will have attended Dore School before it became Dore Old School. If we assume that the photo was taken in the early 1950s, these girls will be in their early eighties by now if they're still with us - does anyone remember them? Have you seen the picture before?

Totley bridge builders

On to the second card, the lower picture on the front cover. We know almost nothing about this, but I can't help feeling a twinge of sadness each time I look at it. It was never posted and there is no writing on the back whatsoever. The only thing giving a clue is the 'Totley 1913' handwritten as you see, with one particular man in the picture marked with an X.

The card is very dirty on the back, but it isn't badly creased and my guess is that it has been standing on someone's mantelpiece above an open fire. Also, the photograph has deteriorated in a way that would fit with the front being kept clean by wiping with a damp cloth over many years.

The men are army, that is virtually certain as they wear puttees, the bandage-like straps around their lower legs which were never part of Navy or Scouting uniform. Though the First World War didn't begin until the following year, the army land which would become Totley Rifle Range existed so it is likely that this is where they were stationed, but where exactly was the photo taken? One can imagine it being the bottom of Hillfoot Road, with Totley Grove behind the men on the left and the Crown Inn just out of sight up the road. Equally it could have been Penny Lane, or somewhere else in Totley.

There is a block and tackle rigged up against the post at the centre of the picture, and this seems to be over a small culvert - was this what the men were working on? Some of them seem to be breathing clouds of vapour indicating a cold day, even though they are in shirtsleeves. Or it might be tobacco smoke, the picture just isn't clear enough to be able to tell.

Who was X? These men were regular soldiers; the mass volunteering for the armed forces didn't begin until the war started, and conscription was brought in later than that. In all likelihood the chaps in this photograph will have been among the first to be sent to France in 1914, every one of them someone's brother, or son, or sweetheart. Maybe X never came back, and that's why his picture, perhaps his only picture, spent years on the mantelpiece of someone who loved him.

A brace of boatmen

On to picture number three, which is the two young men here. We do know a little more about this, but it isn't clear exactly what we know.

On the back, the postcard has a name and address that we do know - Harold Charles Parsons of Totley Brook Road, whose

name is on the Dore war memorial. The postcard hasn't been posted, neither is there a message, just the name and address.

It looks like the photograph was taken in a studio, with something or other placed behind the subjects to look like ship's rigging. The uniforms look, to me, more naval than army, though I am no expert. Even in black and white they are too dark to be khaki and were more likely to have been dark blue.

This fits with what we know about Harold, whose father, incidentally, was physician and surgeon at the St John's VAD Hospital on Abbeydale Road South (now the postal sorting office).

Harold had joined the Army in 1915, but even when he joined it was noted that his eyesight was poor and he never served in France, possibly for that reason. In January 1916 he was discharged, "in consequence of not being likely to become an efficient soldier". Though not specifically mentioned, his eyesight would have been enough for this reason to be given, though his character was also described as "bad".

We might have lost track of Harold at that point, except for a couple of news reports about his death in 1920, at the age of 23. The report of his death in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph a couple of days later was headed "The end of an adventurous war career" and stated that on discharge from the Army, Harold was transferred to the Merchant Navy because of his medical category, and that he had served "in various parts of the world".

The Dore and Totley Parochial Magazine for October 1917 said that at that time he was "somewhere on the high seas as a wireless operator". After his death, the magazine further reported, "He was torpedoed and suffered other terrible ordeals, as a result of which, it is thought, he contracted consumption (tuberculosis). He has since had a severe breakdown, which resulted in his death".

Back to the postcard. As I mentioned earlier, studio photos could be printed as postcards and these could then be given or sent to friends and family. This card was produced by 'Electric Studios' who had several addresses, one of which was on Pinstone Street so it is likely here where the picture was taken whilst the two men were on leave. But, we still have no idea whether Parsons is one of the men in the picture or not. Did Parsons write his own name and address on the back and give it to a shipmate, or were these two of Harold's shipmates who sent their pictures to him? Sadly, Harold's enlistment photo from the army has not survived so we have nothing to compare with this picture.

There is another thing. The address on the back was first written as 'Totley Broom Road', which someone has later corrected in pencil. That would seem to indicate that Harold didn't



write the address himself, or maybe it was another consequence of his poor eyesight.

Harold Parsons was one of our war heroes, and his name is still read out annually at our Remembrance Day Service. Although he passed away after the Armistice, it was as a direct result of his war service so his inclusion on our war memorial would have been acceptable at the time and remains so today.

Scouts at camp

On to our final postcard, which is the group of Boy Scouts pictured at the foot of this page. We know nothing about them at all.

The picture looks likely to have been an early 'holiday snap' taken on their annual camp somewhere, and the only local connection is that it was posted at Dore Post Office in the summer of 1915. Someone called 'Ella' writing to her mother in Blyton, near Gainsborough was telling which train she was coming home on.

The mother's name was Marsden, so this may have been Ella Marsden though there is nothing to suggest any connection to Dore there.

What more can we possibly say about this? I have heard that what is now the picnic area on Limb Lane

was once used for Scout camps, which would fit with Dore being the nearest Post Office. Intriguingly, there is what appears to be a large information board at the rear of the field and a similar board is there to this day, if not the same one. Also, one of the upturned buckets in the foreground has the letters 'DB' - Dronfield Borough? Hmm.

As always, we're happy for you to get in touch if you think you can develop any of these stories. We're not expecting anyone to have all the answers, but if you know about things like military uniforms for instance you might well be able to help. There is a story behind each of these postcards, and we'd love to know them before they are lost to history forever.

John Eastwood / DART





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My Top Tips for Eco Green Cleaning

Growing up, I was brought up in a home where my mum was quite conscious about the cleaning products we used. I still remember helping her to clean with bicarbonate of soda, white vinegar, simple warm or hot water with soap and essential oils at times too. Very rarely, my mum would buy the odd bottle of Dettol. When I left home for university, I still remember my first shopping trip with university friends who picked up bottle after bottle of cleaning products, shampoos, shower gels and much more. I joined the bandwagon of buying and throwing away cleaning spray bottles amongst other plastic items like shower gels, washing up liquid and more.

Fast forward ten years to after I graduated from university and I started to look at the products I was using in greater detail. I was shocked at the amount of chemicals each bottle contained and the amount of plastic I was really throwing away and contributing to landfill. This really put me off but, like it or not, I knew I still needed to clean. I started to research and learn about other ways of cleaning more naturally and eco-friendly. Remembering back to my childhood and growing up, I started to really find lots of amazing products that were so easy to use and that also went a long way.

When it comes to using more green and eco-friendly products for cleaning, I've tried and tested a wide range of products and found that just a few simple ones can clean every inch of your home. My tips for eco-cleaning include a bit of a return to the older, simpler ways of cleaning with a modern twist. You too can also remove chemicals from your home and still get the same quality clean.

White Vinegar

White vinegar is an amazing natural cleaning product that can be bought from supermarkets, can be refilled in eco stores or it can be bought in bulk to allow you to be able to decant it from home.

It can be used as an ultimate multi-purpose spray infused with herbs like rosemary or fruits like oranges and lemons to clean around your kitchen, bathroom and other surfaces.

White vinegar can be used as a brilliant glass cleaner.

Alongside other ingredients, it can be used to make cleaning products such as dishwasher powder or tablets.

One of my favourite uses for white vinegar is an alternative natural fabric softener. It helps to soften your clothes whilst helping to flush out and help to keep your washing machine clean. A dash of white vinegar can be added to your laundry to soften fabrics, particularly jeans and towels. Washing a load of towels with a vinegar wash instead of laundry detergent cleans all the gunk from towels and leaves your washing machine clean too.

Mixed with other natural ingredients, you can also use white vinegar to make a natural weedkiller to use around the garden.

Bicarbonate of Soda

Bicarbonate of soda is a household staple that you may use during baking. Bicarbonate of soda shines, though, when it comes to neutralising odours and it's great for cleaning too.

It can help to remove tough stains from granite, bathroom tiles and it cleans up grout brilliantly too.

It is excellent for cleaning difficult items such as your fridge, oven and microwave.

Simply mixing bicarbonate of soda with water and nothing else, can help to clean all of the above. Make a paste to clean your oven or microwave and a lukewarm bowl of water with a couple of tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda and a cloth will help to clean your fridge whilst removing smells too.

Use bicarbonate of soda as an alternative to shake n vac and clean your carpet by simply sprinkling some on a carpet or rug, leave for a bit and then vacuum it up. I love mixing the bicarbonate of soda with essential oils like lavender to help give an additional natural smell too.

Bicarbonate of soda can even remove smells from shoes and old boots.

Citric Acid



Citric acid is a natural cleaning product that naturally helps to break down stains. Lemons naturally contain citric acid which is why this trusty fruit is so often called upon when it comes to green cleaning.

Citric acid can be used to sanitise chopping boards and wooden utensils.

It can also be used to descale kettles and coffee pots. A couple of tablespoons

of citric acid and hot water will get rid of stains. It's even great for removing oil stains from plastic Tupperware and other plastic containers.

Citric acid is also brilliant for cleaning your toilet. Simply add one to two tablespoons of citric acid to your toilet bowl. Leave it to settle for 15 to 20 minutes, scrub with a toilet brush as usual and then flush.

Percarbonate of Soda / Oxygen Bleach

Percarbonate of soda is a natural disinfectant and stain remover. The ingredients are derived from raw materials (salt, water and chalk). It can remove tea stains, red wine, fruit stains and even blood.

Percarbonate of soda can kill a wide range of bacteria, mildew, algae, viruses and fungi.

It is colour safe and fabric safe. Use it in your laundry to brighten colours and to prevent fabrics from becoming yellowed or darkened.

It is also very effective as a laundry pre-soak for heavily stained clothing.

Inside the home, you can also use it to clean stubborn mould and mildew stains, use it to lift marks off carpets like felt tip pens.

Add percarbonate of soda to your mop bucket with hot water plus a dash of eco washing up liquid to mop your floors.

Outside, you can use it to clean your garden furniture, patios and even your decking.

Alongside these great cleaning ingredients, you can also use and reuse products such as -

- Old toothbrushes to scrub and get into small, harder to reach areas.
- Natural compostable sponge cloths and sponges are great for wiping round your surfaces.
- Eco-friendly coconut scourers are great for targeting more stubborn stains and are fully compostable when they're worn out.
- Old leggings that can't be donated to charity are great when cut up to use as a thicker cloth for cleaning around your surfaces.

Eco green cleaning doesn't have to cost the earth. Using simple products can mean fewer chemicals in your home. These cleaning products don't affect our water systems, so in turn don't affect marine life either.

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Dore Show

Dore Show 2022 – results table



What a pleasure it was to have the Dore Show more or less back to normal - and much blessed by the weather! All in all, it was just like old times, with such a fun and amusing auction of produce auctioned off by the splendid David Hayes at the end.

There were some high standard exhibits to look at in both the Old School and the Methodist Church Hall, and I for one didn't envy the judges who had some very difficult choices to make in a number of sections.

The Oughtibridge Brass Band never disappoints, while the contribution of More In Dore in providing games etc for kiddies proved a big hit. We expect to see both of them back next year on 9th September 2023.

On behalf of the Show Committee, I would like to thank both organisations, every single helper, our local businesses and sponsors for their support, and finally all of you who appeared on the day.

We look forward to even more of you joining us next time, whether that be entering classes or viewing them. Who knows, you might add your name to the list of winners? Here is a list of those who took first prizes this year...

Leisure Gardens Cup
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David Owen Shield
Society Cup
Alf Owen Trophy
Dore Probus Plate
Allen Peters Trophy
Best in Show

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Allen Bentley
Jill Bush
Rob Calnan
Rosemary Newton
Paula Dowson
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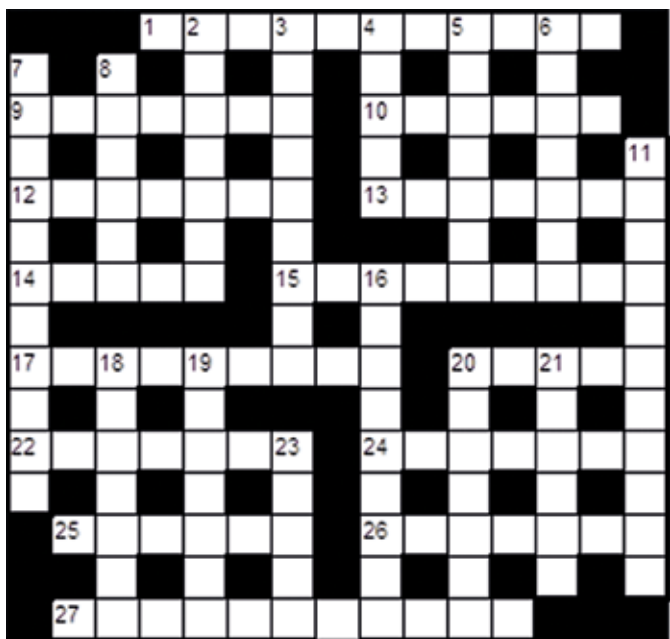
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For the last two years I don't think I've written one of these articles without a mention of Covid. Barring a catastrophe, this is the last time it gets a mention! Ann and I have had our winter boosters and our flu jabs. There, that's it.

The 50th anniversary dinner was a huge success. Thankfully there were founder members still on the planet who turned up together with many past members. It was a delight to see them and catch up with old friends. There was a prodigious amount of musical talent in the room from John Wade, Peter Maxwell, Stephen Andrews and Mike Tippler to name but four, to the present members like Charlotte Waring, Alex Hayward-Browne and Pete Geary. I am sorry I cannot name everyone. It was a joy to see them all again.

In mid-October we gave a splendid concert in Bolsover. It was a full programme of Gilbert and Sullivan music including some lesser known but beautiful pieces from such as *Ivanhoe* which Sullivan wrote in collaboration with Julian Sturgis and not W.S. Gilbert, and *The Emerald Isle* which he wrote with Basil Hood. One piece we sang from it, "Come away cries the Fairy voice" is said to be the last piece Sullivan wrote. That song is gorgeous. He died before he finished the operetta and the powers that be drafted in Edward German (who wrote *Merrie England* and *Tom Jones*) to finish the work. Sullivan was very clever at writing double choruses where the ladies sing one melody on their own, the gentlemen sing a different melody on their own then the two combine singing their own tunes together where they fit together perfectly. They are always a joy to sing and they included one in most operettas, a couple were included in the concert programme. We had to work hard to learn the unfamiliar numbers but it was worth it. The evening was such a success that our host at Bolsover Assembly Hall invited us back next year. Martin Yates, our musical director worked wonders with us to get the music just right. We are extremely lucky to have Martin. He is Chairman of The Sir Arthur Sullivan Society and a renowned authority on the operettas.

In December we have our usual Christmas concert at Dore Methodist Church. It will be at 2:30pm on Saturday, December 17th. For tickets phone 07565 805405. If you need further information, you can phone me as usual on 0114 236 2299.



Iceland yesterday

Finally, Ann and I have just booked flights to visit another former member, Richard McKeown and his family who many of you might remember as he played many leading roles including Ludwig in *The Grand Duke*, Luiz in *The Gondoliers* and Pooh Bar in *The Mikado* while his wife, Jenny also took leading roles such as Liza in *The Grand Duke*, Cassilda in *The Gondoliers*, Princess Zara in *Utopia Ltd* and Yum-Yum in *The Mikado* as well as singing in our concerts where Richard often joined me with Flanders and Swann numbers. They now live in Iceland so we'll have to dig our thermals out and hope the volcanoes are not too active.

Don't forget the Christmas concert where we would be delighted to see you.

Derek Habberjam

Across

- 1. Recently provided I get effective and well-founded (11)
- 9. Partially forgotten, for cerebrum to carry out (7)
- 10. Female horse expecting this (2,4)
- 12. Half of primates get inside nest for colours (7)
- 13. Genuine, no energy, socially acceptable, however, backed up like sewer (7)
- 14. Tries out taking exam again (5)
- 15. Amused to have made another one (9)
- 17. Pop out to mix with Bishop, and I make a combination (9)
- 20. Notes Greek character exactly as in Latin (5)
- 22. I have mixed organic information for the woman (7)
- 24. Drums make boy get awful pain (7)
- 25. Temporary accommodation within vessel provides arterial supports (6)
- 26. God to charge for wear (7)
- 27. Fear nothing from battleship (11)

Down

- 2. Moral standing (7)
- 3. Unusually austere bishop brings financial officer (9)
- 4. Strong fabric that can make sparks... (5)
- 5 ... and a strong yarn can be pleasant (7)
- 6. Circular meadow felt bad (7)
- 7. Population structure when protest is clear (11)
- 8. Heart and liver, rotten even in eagles (6)
- 11. Nudge acceptable about changing into what's made (11)
- 16. Initially unusual reaction when changing spirit (9)
- 18. Pigs foot, first toe then heel (7)
- 19. In the first place, other countries established a nation in a group of islands (7)
- 20. Married before noon, taking insect that's huge (7)
- 21. Unmoved by interference (6)
- 23. Don't start to reduce German city (5)

Crossword compiled by Mavis

Answers will be published in the February issue. Solution to our Autumn crossword:





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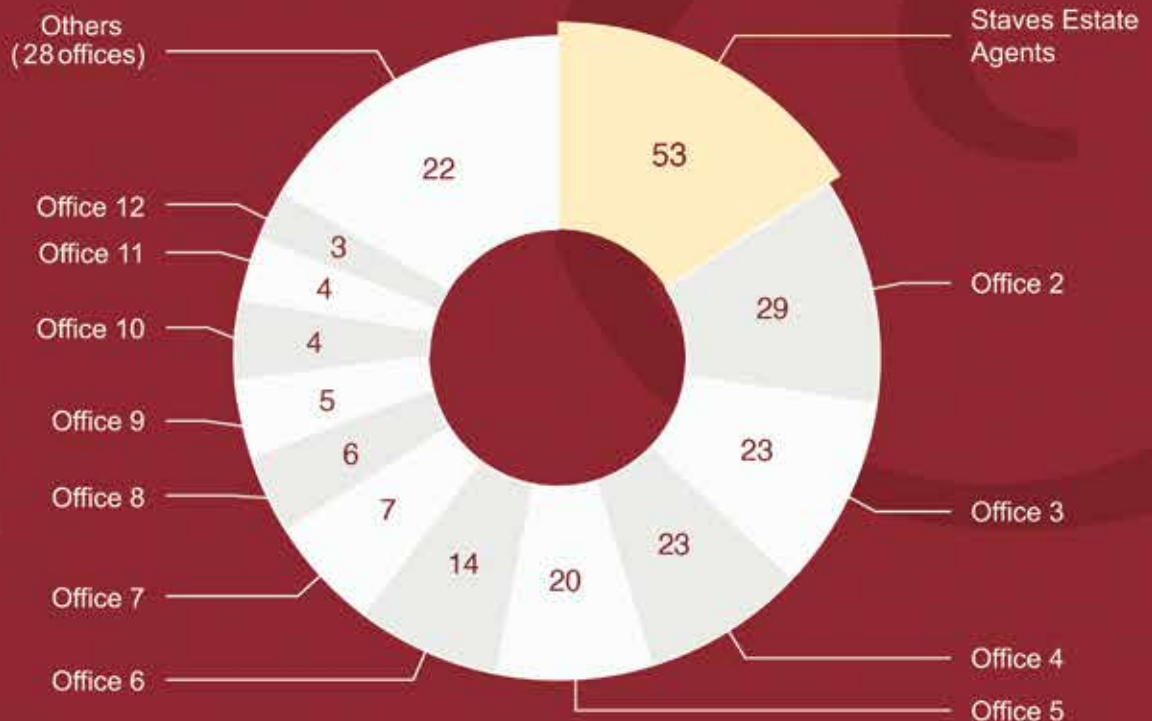
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Industrial relations

Sadly, this rather dominates railway matters at present. Over several years of restraint all the railway unions have accumulated grievances over pay with mostly below cost of living increases when granted. Added to that are overdue changes in working practices to benefit from advances in technology and more modern trains. Changes in users' travelling patterns post-Covid need different approaches.

As I write another three days of strikes are being announced by the RMT. Their members man the old manual signal boxes along the Hope Valley, so even if their train conductor members work, train operators are unable to run trains on our line. On other days ASLEF may strike, so few drivers will work. Unite have control of railway depots so when they strike trains can't be serviced. TSSA cover a wide range of roles and they aren't happy either.

Short of strikes, unions are also banning overtime, working to rule and refusing to work on rostered rest days. Following Covid there's a big backlog of training that would normally be resolved by the flexibility these measures provide. Most, but not all, railway employees are in a union and follow their instructions.

Trains on the Midland Mainline and East Coast Mainline are controlled from a big centre in York together with similar centres in Manchester and Derby. Currently they can be manned for restricted hours by staff not subject to union actions.

It's a delicate situation with no quick resolution in view. Maybe when we get a stable government in place there'll be opportunity to thrash out agreements to restore peace to the railways. In the meantime, check train details very carefully on the night before travel and again on the day as some cancellations may happen at very short notice.

Services from Dore & Totley

All said above, Northern services have been less severely impacted than Trans Pennine Express! 100 Manchester bound commuters used to be unhappy when the 7.14 arrived with only 3 coaches instead of 6. Unfortunately, TPE's training plan is a long way behind schedule and that means they can't run all their trains even on strike free days. The 7.14 may not run at all. Pre-Covid this was Dore & Totley's greatest success story. Along with many other groups FoDaTS is in contact with TPE and they hope to see major improvements by the year end – we certainly hope so.

Northern have also been having crew shortages, particularly on Sundays meaning only 2 in 3 services may run. Positively they are now running 4, 5 and 6 coach trains at weekends as they try to cover missing TPE services.

Good news – Timetables from 11th December

At least it should be for most of us, as long as all the other complex factors are resolved. Almost every service to, from, and through Manchester has been amended. There may be some teething problems! The new timetables are available for booking now.

Most TPE services will run to and from Liverpool Lime Street. As examples our 6.15 will arrive there at 8.00, the 7.14 at 9.00. They'll use Platforms 13 and 14 at Manchester Piccadilly for easier changes to the Airport.

East Midlands services remain almost the same as now and in theory should be more reliable.

Northern services are to stop at all stations every hour leaving Sheffield at 14 minutes past and will leave Dore for the Hope Valley and Manchester at 21 minutes past – no more finding oneself at Grindelford when the Sheffield 13.14 doesn't stop here! We get a new westbound train at 8.21.

Trains from Manchester will run at 48 minutes past the hour and slightly less regularly at 50 - 59

minutes past the hour to Sheffield. Our current 8.24 will become the 8.58 – the single platform can't cope with more stopping in the morning peak.

The next 12-18 months at the station

Work planned for the July weekends was not all completed as planned. Work is currently progressing to build the new freight loop below Poynton Wood and that will continue into January. Local residents have been advised, there will be more details posted at the station and in our Facebook group.

In order to facilitate construction work and undertake the delivery of rail material, the station car park will be closed from Friday 4th November (6am close) until Friday 25th November (12pm open). Alternative parking will be available in Abbeydale Sports Club, in the top car park, while accessible parking and a drop-off point will be available on Ladies Spring Grove road during the closure.

Work on the station platforms should start the first week in January – with more car park closures!

We now understand we'll be getting two shelters on the new Platform 2 and they'll both be bigger than the small bus shelter originally planned. Bigger, but not what we'd hoped for in design.

Our current impression is that the planned Scheme completion date of September 2023 has slipped, probably by 6 months and possibly nearer 12. Strikes, the hot weather and delays in obtaining materials due to the war in Ukraine are some of the reasons.

Car park expansion, toilets, EV charging points

Due to the fall in passenger numbers after Covid, further falls due to unreliable services, and the difficulty in calculating true demand during the current construction work, it's not possible to produce a strong business case to get funding for car park expansion. All avenues of government, both local and national, are looking for cost savings so we'll need to present a very strong case once we can get some reliable and strong statistics. SYMCA are sympathetic to our needs.

We keep requesting toilet facilities. Legs crossed and we may have some positive news in 2023.

Electric vehicle charging points, 4 of them, are being installed for operation in early 2023. This will happen.

Let's look forward to a more positive 2023 when station, trains and services can better serve our community. By this time next year we'll be needing help to brighten our new station.

Happy Christmas and New Year to one and all.

Chris Morgan
Chairman

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The Neon Fish



Regular readers will know that I have been trying to review The Neon Fish since just after it opened, and for a variety of reasons (mostly my fault!), it has taken until now to try it. Cary Brown, probably best known for his time at Carriages and Slammers has managed, cheffed at, or owned fourteen restaurants in or around Sheffield and claims that this venture, with business partner Gracie Anderson, will be his last. Understandably, Cary runs the kitchen and Gracie, who was previously front of house manager at The Tickled Trout in Barlow, is customer facing.

The restaurant is in the building that previously housed Marco@Milano on Archer Road in Millhouses and retains some of the characteristics of its predecessor. We had a table in one of the three (I think) rooms, which was minimally decorated with whitewashed brick walls. This made the atmosphere a little sterile and the high ceiling and wooden floors did nothing to dampen the echo of conversation. To be honest, my partner felt this more than I did – I hardly noticed before she mentioned it, but then I saw her point. The music was a nice touch, all being by Sheffield bands. Well, all the ones I heard and remember were!

We found out later that the front of house team was operating at 50% capacity, but we wouldn't have noticed from the excellent service we received. Our drinks order was taken promptly – a large glass of Sauvignon (£9) and a bottle of Rioja (£27), and served equally promptly, and we were given just the right amount of time to peruse the menu and “day-boat” board.

For starter I was torn between oysters (£3.50 each) and a crab tart (£14). I went for the latter, which consisted of Cornish white crab meat, dressed in lemon mayonnaise and served in a wafer-thin filo pastry case topped with pickled cucumber radish. The crab itself was delicious, full of flavour and not overpowered by the hint of lemon in the mayo. The crunchy pastry gave the dish the needed texture, but it was the cucumber that made the dish stand out, cutting through the crab mayo with a little sharpness and extra bite. My partner chose the Seafood Slammers (£16) which consisted of six shot glasses, each with a different mini seafood dish. There was a prawn cocktail, a king prawn, a scallop, smoked salmon, battered hake, and a crab salad. The overall dish looked and apparently tasted great – I was only allowed to sample the scallop (perfectly

cooked) and the hake, which had crispy batter coating lovely, flaky white fish.

For mains I had already half decided on going decadent with the Lobster Thermidor (half lobster – £28), but the day-boat board did give me pause, with the Grilled Fillets of Sea Bass and Bream, Samphire Butter and New Potatoes (£30) being a contender. My partner did go for a day-boat option of Neon Fish & Chips which was served with mushy peas and home-made tartare sauce (£24). Her fish was obviously very fresh, and the batter was crunchy and not at all greasy, the chips were almost perfect – crispy on the outside with fluffy, floury potato inside. However, whether £24 for fish and chips, no matter how good it is, is value for money, remains to be seen.

In the end I did stick with my original choice of Lobster Thermidor, which was served with rocket and parmesan salad and skinny fries (which can be swapped for new potatoes). There is the option, which I didn't take up, to add garlic king prawns for an additional £10. The lobster meat itself was tender, really tasty and well-seasoned and the sauce was thick, rich and smooth, giving the dish the desired luxury. The cheese was grilled to a perfect golden brown to (literally) top off the dish. The skinny fries were crisp and crunchy which complimented the soft seafood, and the rocket a lovely peppery addition. Overall, a great example of this classic, and in contrast to the fish and chips it felt like really good value.

The presentation of the dessert menu was both a surprise and a disappointment, handwritten as it was on a sheet of lined A4 paper. I can only believe that their printer had broken, but it certainly wasn't in keeping with the rest of the experience! The content was also a little disappointing with pub-grub favourites of sticky toffee pudding, chocolate brownie and lemon meringue pie (all £9), and a cheeseboard (£12). There was nothing that I would call special or exciting, and it wasn't really in keeping with the starters and main courses. However, we did choose a dessert to share – Strawberry and Belgian Chocolate Shots (£9). This came in six shot glasses (again), which was at least two too many for one person, but perfect to share – I actually had to ask the waitress if she had brought two portions by mistake! That being said, it was the one stand-out dish on the dessert menu. The strawberries were perfectly ripe with just enough bite and the chocolate sauce was rich and smooth, and this classic combination was a great end to the meal.

Overall, I came away with slightly mixed feelings. The food was great – no surprise there and the service was first class, but the atmosphere was a little off, although admittedly, that is a very personal view. I was wondering about the pricing as I wrote this article, so I did a bit of research. The meal cost £135 for two, and although it seems expensive, prices are increasing across the board and Sheffield restaurants at a similar level are not any cheaper, and several are more expensive, so in comparison the value for money is not bad at all.

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I hope everyone in Hallam was able to enjoy the summer, stay safe in the heat and have some time off. I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the Queen. I know she was much loved by many across our city and I have really enjoyed people's memories of her visits to Yorkshire. I joined the tributes in Sheffield and in Parliament and attended the King's address in Westminster.

I've spent the last couple of months knocking on doors to hear how the cost of living crisis and bus cuts are affecting people locally. I want to thank everyone who has been supporting people across our constituency, whether through food banks or community events. If you are struggling to pay your bills or are worried about how you will make ends meet come the autumn, please get in touch with my office and we will do everything we can to support you: olivia.blake.mp@parliament.uk.

Nationally I am campaigning for an immediate cut to energy bills, paid for by a windfall tax on the huge profits of North Sea oil and gas companies. I am also joining calls from the National Education Union for the introduction of universal free school meals. Our country is facing a cost of living scandal and the Government needs to take urgent action to ensure no child in our city goes hungry at school.

Over the summer I visited Regather Cooperative, a worker-owned, sustainable food co-op in Sheffield. It was great to hear about the projects they are running and visit their farm in North East Derbyshire. Huge thanks to all those working to deliver sustainable food across our city. In Parliament I called on the Government to do more to support community run food projects like Regather, as part of a longer-term strategy to increase local food sovereignty and ensure the Right to Food.

As many of you will know, for the past two years I have been campaigning for better care for people who experience miscarriage and this month the Government finally published its much awaited Women's Health Strategy. However instead of honouring its commitments to recording miscarriage data and 24/7 care, the strategy offers little in the way of concrete reform. Pushing reform further into the long grass is unacceptable. People right now are being left to suffer in silence, turned away from support. I will continue to work with campaigners, constituents and cross-party MPs to ensure people receive care and advice after every loss, 24/7 support is available to all, and every miscarriage is recorded. I have already met with the Minister to express my concerns with the women's health strategy and I will be calling for further reform in the up and coming Pregnancy Loss Review.

After being invited by a number of people across Hallam, I attended a roundtable with the British Medical Association pensions committee to hear about solutions to the NHS pension taxation crisis. It was an insightful event and I am hoping to now meet with people in Sheffield Hallam who have been affected by this. Please get in touch if you are interested in attending.

As the RSPB Hen Harrier Species Champion, I joined Chris Packham and Wild Justice at this year's Hen Harrier Fest to

celebrate the beautiful Hen Harrier and discuss what we can do to protect it. I will continue to work with campaigners in Sheffield and across the country to defend this important species. I also know many people in our constituency are concerned about the burning that is taking place on our precious peatlands. As the government's own independent climate advisor suggests, we need a full ban on burning on peatland, a properly resourced regime for enforcing the law, and a serious strategy for restoring these habitats.

Following the record-breaking heatwave temperatures over the summer, minds have once again been focused on the climate and nature emergency. I have been working hard to hold the new Government to account on the urgent need for climate action. We need rapid investment in real green technologies, but instead the Conservatives are scrapping the ban on fracking and granting new oil and gas licences. In Parliament I questioned Ministers on the Government's net-zero strategy, and why it fell short of what is needed to meet our legally binding net-zero targets. I am also proud to be supporting the Climate and Ecology Bill in Westminster.

Buses are a vital lifeline in communities like ours. The unwillingness we've seen from both bus companies and from the Government to come to the table and discuss how they are going to stop the cuts, really speaks volumes. At the time of writing, I am about to hold a public meeting with South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard for anyone in Sheffield Hallam who's been impacted by the bus cuts, so that we can come together and discuss the action we need to see to save our services.

If you would like to hear more about what I have been getting up to, you can sign up to my monthly newsletter on my website, and as always, please do get in touch if there are issues you would like me to speak about or campaigns I should join.

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Construction of the Whirlowbrook café is finally underway. We have been reporting on this in previous editions and are pleased that for next year there will be a place to sit, have a coffee and admire this gem of a park. The Friends Group and U3A are certainly making an impact and there is much to admire in the park at whichever season you visit. There is a significant underperformance by Amey on the streets ahead contract leading to many roads across the city not being maintained in good time to the specified standard, and your three councillors are getting many reports of this in Dore & Totley ward. As chair of the Waste and Street Scene committee Joe Otten will be summoning Amey to explain their plan to get back up to standard at the meeting of the committee in December. Amey is currently paying financial penalties for their underperformance and are in the process of being sold by their parent company. The Council committee that Joe chairs - Waste and Street Scene - is bringing in a new initiative to support volunteer litter pickers. At long last, the materials they need (grabbers, bags etc) will be made available in some local libraries rather



Joe Otten with Councillors Cliff Woodcraft and Tim Huggan visiting the anaerobic digester

than expecting them to go to Ecclesfield on a Wednesday afternoon. Ecclesall Library is included (but not Totley Library unfortunately) which should make it easier for our wonderful volunteers who help keep our city clean and tidy. Another fresh initiative from Joe as chair of this committee is that 8000 homes across the city have been involved in a trial where food waste is collected separately every week. It is then sent for anaerobic digestion which efficiently extracts the energy from the food waste and produces fertiliser that is used in agriculture. We are hoping to roll this out across the city when funding is available.

We're pleased to report that a second Vehicle Activated Sign is now being rotated around different locations in the ward. It differs from the one on Baslow Road in that it only displays a warning when a vehicle is detected breaking the speed limit. The equipment also keeps a record of the average speed and

the number of speeding vehicles in a particular location, both of which help inform other enforcement activity.

The financial situation at the Council remains very serious with a predicted overspend this year of approximately £18 million. Every Councillor in the city has been involved in cross-party discussions on what actions can be taken to reduce the deficit. Good progress has been made but a significant gap remains, and it is unlikely that additional funds will be available from central government. Some difficult decisions may have to be taken before the end of the financial year.

More positively, as Chair of the Economic Development Committee Martin has been working on the next phase of the city's post-covid economic recovery plans and a second batch of grant funding for local projects should be available in the new year. He was also involved in the city's bid for the Eurovision Song Contest. We were really pleased to make the shortlist and it's a shame that we didn't win the final vote, but the favourable publicity that Sheffield received during the process may lead to other opportunities in the future. The economic benefits of hosting major events like the Women's Euros are tremendous.

The South West Local Area Committee has secured some additional support for youth provision. This will be used to provide youth workers who will target groups in the local parks with the intention of engaging the young people and preventing any anti-social behaviour.

Our regular surgeries are at Totley Library on the second Monday of each month at 6-7 pm and at Dore Old School on the second Saturday at 10.30 am-noon, or you can contact us by email on

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2022 has thankfully seen Totley Library gradually able to get back to pre-pandemic services and welcome the return of community groups and events to the library. We have been very pleased to welcome more volunteers and see many new families visiting as part of a growing and diverse population of library users. Our Summer Reading Challenge was a great success with 275 children participating and 90 new library members as a result. We would particularly like to encourage more involvement from local schools and young people to recommend books and events they would like to see taking place.

The library is always in need of new volunteers to help deliver our events and activities. If you have a few hours to spare a month and are interested in meeting new people and getting more involved with a local charity, we would love to hear from you. We are seeking support for Storytime activities on Wednesday morning (term time only), front of house help for our monthly cinema screenings and our gardening group would love an extra pair of hands to keep the library grounds looking attractive and grow plants for our annual plant sale in the Spring. Finally, if you are handy on the computer and can support the marketing and promotion of our activities that would be very useful. Please email totleylibrary@gmail.com and put 'Volunteers' in the subject heading if you or someone you know would be interested.

We are delighted to have been awarded grant funding for the replacement of the heating system in the Children's library. Sheffield Town Hall Trust granted Totley CRIC £2,500 and the National Lottery Community Fund has awarded £5,100 towards the costs. Trustees and volunteers are delighted by this support which ensures our library is now effectively heated for all visitors and users.

Julie Kitlowski, Chair of Totley CRIC

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield's Reading Challenge

The Lord Mayor has invited individuals, families, schools, community groups, and businesses to share in the simple joy of and power of reading through to April 2023! Borrow printed books from the library three times before Christmas and you will be

entered into a prize draw to win one of ten £50 book tokens. The reading challenge is running across all Sheffield public libraries and open to library users of all ages. More information is at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives/lord-mayors-big-read>

Events

Totley Library Author Event Thursday 17 November 1.30pm, entry free. Join Peter Carter, author of 'Sheffield Before Sherlock' to hear some true cases of Victorian crime detection.

Totley Library Christmas Fair Sunday 4 December 12 – 4pm. Book sale, Santa's Grotto, craft stalls, cakes and refreshments.

Live Folk Music Event Friday 13 January 7.30pm Tickets £7. Come and enjoy an evening of exceptional music and singing from New Horizons, Pete Burnett, Graham Pratt, Offshoots and Rare Occasion.

Totley Library Cinema

Our cinema programme at Totley Library is now available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments are served at all films. Raffle tickets: £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Thursday matinee films are free for Over 65s.

Thursday 10 November 3pm - The Last Bus (12) Gentle drama starring Timothy Spall.

Sunday 20 November 2pm - Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG) Children's animation fun.

Friday 25 November 7pm - Official Secrets (15) Spy thriller starring Keira Knightly.

Thursday 19 January, 3pm - Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG) Feel good film starring Lesley Manville.

Sunday 22 January, 2pm – Jumanji: The Next Level (12) Family comedy starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart.

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The pleasant autumn weather has seen us get to half-term with pretty much all of our 23 Brunsmeer teams playing at least one competitive fixture every week. This season, we've added a new venue at King Ecgbert School to cope with the demand for pitches and take the pressure off our spiritual home, The Meadway. We've invested several thousand pounds in the Meadway playing surface over the past few years. The net result is that the pitches have never looked so good and are drawing numerous compliments from the opposition, which are always great to hear.

We can but hope that the upgraded facilities have helped to improve performances across the club and, if early season results are anything to go by, that certainly seems to be the case.

In our women's section, both the Under-12s and the Under-16s are unbeaten at the time of writing. The under-16s are top of the table with a 100% record, which includes an eye-catching 3-2 win against title-favourites Sheffield Wednesday. This represents a superb achievement for a side whose future was in doubt just a few weeks prior to the start of the season. A trio of late signings steadied the ship and they have clearly brought additional quality to last year's County Cup finalists.

Our women's team also find themselves at the right end of the league table. Despite some serious pre-season injuries, notably the loss of outstanding keeper Katie Whitfield who is recovering from a ruptured ACL and out for the season, they are currently on course to achieve promotion to the North-East Regional League. Trevor Fox's side is the perfect blend of youth and experience: a high-scoring team that plays attractive, pass-and move football, they are proving very difficult to contain. The women have also progressed in the County Cup after dismantling Sheffield United reserves 8-2 in the opening round. Trevor is still looking to add one or two players to the squad, so if you are interested – or know anyone who is – please contact: Trevor Fox on 0797-169-7821.

We are launching at Wildcats Academy in the spring for girls aged 5-11, with a view to developing more teams for girls at Brunsmeer. We should have more details on this initiative for you in the next issue.

Over in the men's section, both our Under-18s teams are also unbeaten and flying high in their respective Divisions. This is no mean feat as they are both playing in the Meadowhall & Bud Evan's League where they compete against all the local semi-professional clubs. In Division 3, Dom Gaffey's side scored an impressive 2-1 against Penistone Church and are currently in second spot with a game in hand over leaders Staveley Miners. Meanwhile in Division 2, Will Storey's team find themselves in an identical position. A win over Swallownest FC in their next game would see them move to the top of the table.

Under-12 Girls – an international signing

The power of the media came into sharp focus during the summer. Regular readers may recall that last issue, our club round up featured a call for players to join our Under-12 Girls.

Stepping forward to become one of the club's newest recruits was Halley Steadman, who had recently relocated to Dore from the USA. Halley has made a great start, scoring goals in her first two league matches, so we caught up with her at the end of September to find out how she's settling in at the club and what she makes of life in the 'Good ole U of K'!

Where did you live before moving to Dore?

I'm from Boise, Idaho in the United States. Idaho is a State in the mountainous west. It's one of the largest states in the Union and very beautiful with lots of forests, rivers, and tall mountains. Idaho is also known as 'the Potato State' because we produce a lot of really yummy potatoes over there. Boise is state capital and is most famous for its 'Smurf Turf' which a blue turf field where our local University team, the Broncos, play football (That's American Football not 'soccer').

How come you moved to the area?

My Dad works for an energy company called UGI International and is on a three-year work assignment in Sheffield, so this is going to be home for the foreseeable future.

What are the best things about living in S17?

I love the outdoors, so I really like living so close to the Peak District for walks and days out. I also love how green the city is with so many parks and trees. I want to be a vet when I grow up, so I also like how there are sheep everywhere!

What do you miss about the States?

I miss my cousins and friends and some of my favourite food places like Chick-fil-a and Cafe Rio and Goldfish Crackers, which you don't have in the UK, but mostly I miss my dog. We left her with a friend because my parents thought it would be easier on her – she doesn't like to travel – and since we are trying to see as much of England and Europe as possible and traveling every school break, it was going to be too tough on her.

Any local words or foods that have surprised you?

Lots of words have surprised me! A car boot is a trunk in the US, pavement is sidewalk, and football is soccer. Some words are spelled differently like color is colour. I like how often people say "cheers" although I haven't figured out yet whether it means hello, goodbye, thank you, or all of the above. My headmaster at school says "ticketyboo" which I think is a really funny word!

The chocolate here is waaay better than the US. My favourite is the Aero peppermint chocolate bars – we don't have anything like them – I also like Yorkshire pudding a lot.

Do you enjoy playing for Brunsmeer?

I love football. I missed a season of play in the US due to our move, so it has been great to be on a team again. The coaches and my teammates are really nice and have been really welcoming.

Hopes for the season?

Besides winning a lot, I hope to make new friends, get some good exercise and keep up my skills.

We couldn't have put it better ourselves. If you're interested in joining Halley, or any of our other teams at Brunsmeer, just drop a line to Liz our club sec at: brunsmeer.secretary@gmail.com

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Dore Village Society's contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy

Over one million trees have been planted nationwide for the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative during its first planting season (up to March 2022). As a means of marking Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee it has produced a wonderful green legacy which will benefit us all. The QGC has now been extended until March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memory of the Queen.

Dore Village Society has sponsored a tree for the QGC and this will be planted on Kings Croft during National Tree Week in late November 2022. Y6 pupils from Dore Primary School have been involved throughout the project and some of them will be there to help the team from the council when the tree is planted. They will be joined by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Colin Ross and representatives from Dore Village Society. Dr Toby Pillatt, Community Forestry Project Development Officer at Sheffield City Council, has changed his recommendation on the best tree to plant and following more research about planting non-native species we have now selected an Indian Horse Chestnut tree. As Toby says, '...it does seem opinions [on this] are changing all the time as we clamour to get our response to climate change right.' After planting, we will be able to add our Jubilee tree to the QGC map and receive a virtual plaque, in keeping with the environmental nature of the initiative.

The tree will be monitored and watered by the council for two years following its planting. No doubt Dore Primary School pupils will also keep an eye on it and remember the year in which it was planted: the Platinum Jubilee; Queen Elizabeth II's death and the accession of King Charles III - and at least three prime ministers. Let's hope our tree grows and thrives for many years and well into the future.

A lifetime's defence of the countryside

As you walk along Brickhouse Lane towards Hathersage Road you may have noticed a small gate hanging open at the edge of an area of woodland. It's overgrown and looks rather forlorn and unloved; it doesn't seem like a place which invites exploration. Go through the gate and look for a stone not far from the entrance: it's



a memorial stone but the inscription is difficult to make out because the letters have become obscured. The stone reads:

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The woodland was created 30 years ago by the environmental charity, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and it is dedicated to two people who made a major contribution to preserving the landscape around Sheffield, the Peak District and nationally - Ethel and Gerald Haythornthwaite. It's impossible to do justice to this couple in a short article as their years of work and dedication to the protection of our countryside lasted from the 1920s up until their deaths in 1986 (Ethel) and 1995 (Gerald).

At Dore Village Society's AGM earlier this year Tomo Thompson, CEO of CPRE told a story of how, in trips out to Derbyshire after her first husband's death, Ethel had been annoyed by seeing bus tickets dropped by alighting passengers and had lobbied for bus companies to install litter bins on their buses. A small thing but fortunately it didn't stop there, it was followed by years of determined environmental campaigning and lobbying with groups like the forerunners to CPRE - Friends of the Peak District, Sheffield Association for Protection of Rural Scenery and finally in 1927, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, of which she remained Honorary Secretary for 56 years. Gerald and Ethel married in 1937 and they continued to work effectively together throughout their lives. CPRE now has more than 200 local groups and a branch in every county.

Although the Haythornthwaites were actively contributing to important national policies and legislation which resulted in the creation of National Parks (National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949) and Green Belt policy, we can perhaps appreciate their impact more keenly when we look closer to home. Therefore, remember that in 1927 Ethel raised money to save Longshaw from development (it was given to the National Trust in 1931): in 1932 she also persuaded JG Graves to buy Blacka Moor for the city of Sheffield. In the 1930s CPRE opposed developments between Whirlow Bridge to Door Moor and Totley Rise to Owlter Bar and by 1938 Sheffield had become the first city outside London to have a Green Belt of land secure from development. But as Christopher Pennell writes elsewhere in this issue, our local Green Belt is under threat and we need to be vigilant if we want to preserve it.

During the pandemic many of us have found how important free access to green spaces is. You might want to remember the Haythornthwaites by climbing some of the 'Ethels', a list of 95 hills in the Peak District created by CPRE in 2021. Mam Tor, Lose Hill, Higger Tor are just three you could attempt. As you climb, remember all those people who had the vision to recognise, value and then fight to preserve this beautiful countryside for future generations. Forward, you Green Belt warriors!

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- Sat 19 Christmas Fayre in aid of Transport 17, Cross Scythes Public House, Totley. Christmas activities for children, Bottle Bonanza, Christmas raffle and various Christmas stalls. See article, page 21
- Wed 23 Totley History Group: "Trespassers will be Prosecuted". Talk by Thelma Griffiths (volunteer at Longshaw). Tracing the history of access to the moors over the past two centuries. Totley Library, 7.30pm
- Sat 26- Christmas Fayre, Whirlow Hall Farm, 10am-3pm each day. Christmas market,
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DECEMBER

- Sat 3 Christmas Toy Collection by Dore Ladies' Tuesday Group, Dore Methodist Church, 10am-noon. Donations of new toys, books and games will be very welcome. Refreshments. See page 3
- Sun 4 Totley Library Christmas Event, noon-4pm. Books, crafts, gifts, music, Santa, cakes and refreshments. Admission £2, details on page 37.
- Wed 7 Dore Village Christmas Lantern Parade, from 5.45pm. Details page 3. Shops open late, Santa's Grotto, live music, hot refreshments.
- Thu 8 "More Funny Turns", talk at Dore Probus Club, Methodist Church Hall, 10.15am. See article, page 3
- Thu 8- Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert, Christ Church, 7pm. Tickets £12 from
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- Sat 17 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society Christmas Concert, Dore Methodist Church 2.30pm. Details page 29
- Tue 27 Wassail Walk from Dore Old School Car Park, 10am. Details on page 4

JANUARY

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Memories of Dore

The following extract is taken from a letter received from Mr Alex Thorpe. This was prompted by correspondence from Alan Speight in our Spring edition, which referred to his father Sydney - the headmaster of Dore School from 1924 until 1940.

Mr Speight was a marvellous teacher who ruled the school with much discipline and I remember on more than one occasion being told to fetch his "little friend" which was kept in the cupboard of his desk. The little friend was of course the cane and few of us boys escaped strokes across the palms of our hands. He also had a punishment book in which he kept a record of our "crimes". I cannot remember but I do not think the girls met the same punishment; I do know that Alan and his brother Bob were probably caned more than anyone, for 'Sidney' had no favourites and made an example of his sons as a warning to the rest. He was respected by everyone and I never heard anyone complaining about his treatment, for he was a very fair man. The percentage of his pupils who went on to higher education was, I believe, the highest in Sheffield.

Prior to, I think it was 1934, pupils wishing to progress had to attend Dronfield or Chesterfield Grammar Schools after reaching the required standard in the examinations, but when Sheffield extended its boundaries to include Dore, pupils were given the choice of continuing their links with Derbyshire or attending the Sheffield secondary schools. I elected to go to Dronfield and walked every day from Brickhouse Lane to Dore and Trolley Station in foul weather or fine, a distance of two miles. I set off at 7.30am each morning, travelled through some atrocious weather on occasions and often arrived at school wet through. The journey was repeated back at night and it was usually around 6pm when I arrived home. I came to no harm and the walking stood me in good stead in later life.

It was interesting that you should mention the cottages in Wilson Hill in your Spring Edition. One of the best loved pupils to attend the school in my time lived in the top cottage. His name was Anthony Shipstone, he lived with his grandparents who ran a coal and haulage business, using a horse and cart as their means of transport. Although Anthony lived so near, he was always late for school, always untidy with shoes that had never seen a brush or polish and very often arrived with his breakfast still in his hands.

He was a mischievous lad and a few gas lamps bore witness to his expertise with a catapult. I remember Mr Speight saying in one sentence "Who was in Denniff's orchard last night, come out Shipstone" or "who was playing on Swift's haystacks, come out Shipstone". I think Anthony was blamed sometimes for things he didn't do but I remember Mr Speight once telling my father that he thought more of Anthony than anyone.

I remember on one occasion Anthony and John Pyecroft fighting on the village green. It was a very hot day and the tar on the roads had melted in the heat. As the boys rolled down the bank into Savage Lane, they became covered in black sticky tar and were duly paraded in front of the school to everyone's amusement. Mr Speight was a keen gardener and the school had quite a few allotments for the senior boys, they were situated on the driveway on the top side of the Chapel, just past the sheds which you featured. The allotments were next to land owned by Mr Alan Farnsworth who used to keep bees and poultry, and of course it was just a matter of time before the temptation was too much for Anthony. When we were all busy digging, over went a couple of hives and there was one mad rush to escape the furious bees. Anthony was not so lucky however and I remember him being paraded once again with a few others, covered in blue. 'Blue' was commonly used as a

cure for stings but was normally used to get clothes whiter than white in the old 'Dolly Tub' - there were no washing machines in those days.

Another well loved boy was "Tommy" Taylor whose father was head gardener at Causeway Head House where the grounds were extensive, covering the land now known as Heather Lea Avenue and the development to the north around the house. Tommy was like his father and a very keen gardener, he usually won the school prize for the best kept allotment. We arrived on the allotments one afternoon and, to Tommy's horror, Alan Farnsworth's fowls had found a way through the wire netting and had scratched his newly germinated seeds all over the place. Tommy picked up a clod of earth and threw it at the offending birds, unfortunately Tommy's aim was a bit off course and the missile went straight through a large glass window in Roebuck's workshop. I think the damage was paid for by Mr Speight.

You also featured Turver's shop and I remember visiting the shop each week with my mother. It is hard now to imagine but the farm opposite, known as Limpits Farm, was a very active concern run by Mr Jack Swift, the farmhand was a Mr Sammy Unwin who took a great pride in his work and the cows were always in prime condition. Sammy had a brother, 'Joe', who was the local roadman. He knew where all the water courses were underground and was horrified when all the development started to take place. Mr Swift later moved to Moorside Farm at the bottom of Long Line which eventually was run by his grandson Phillip, another dear school friend who, sad to say, passed away recently.

All the boys in the village had happy times playing football in the croft where the shops now stand in Causeway Head Road.

All the boys in my very young days were members of the Church Choir whose choirmaster was that well known character Mr Arthur Farnsworth. There were so many boys in the choir that the first two rows of pews in the church were taken up by the choir, the choir stalls were overflowing. I think the reason for the large choir was because we all wanted to be in the choir football team, not because of our singing capabilities, and the choir trips were an added attraction. My father was a member of the choir for seventy years and if one was to look in the Church records they would see that the first person to be married in the Church after the records were transferred from Dronfield, was a Mary Musgrave. I think the date was 1840. Mary was my great grandmother on my Mother's side so you will see my connections with the village go back a long way.

Dore was well known in sporting circles when I was a boy and had very good football and cricket teams. The village was a power to be reckoned with in amateur football and was featured on the backs of cigarette cards which everyone collected in those days. I can remember some of the names such as Jack Stacey, Ben Biggin, Norman Bedford, Eddy Bellamy, Joe Coward, Harry Truswell, Eric Frith, Claude Wragg (a marvellous header of a ball) and Billy Green who was a brilliant left winger and eventually played for Sheffield Wednesday. Some of the spectators were nearly as well known as the players and woe betide those who committed any offence either on or off the field.

I can remember as a small boy standing behind the goal with my black and white scarf, protected by Maggie Wallace (Win's Mum) Gladys Dean (Don's Mum) Francis Coates, Fanny Marshall, Mrs Gill and daughter Francis. Mrs Gill's son Lawrence was the groundsman. When Dore played Trolley the match always finished in a fight and Trolley had some good players too. Stuart and Alec Jepson, Joe Burgess and Pearson (I cannot remember his christian name). Later in my life Dore produced some further very good players such as Leonard Bingham, Dick Wragg and George Thorpe who still lives in Brickhouse Lane where I was born but to my knowledge we are not related.