

DORE to DOOR



DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Over 60? Have you heard about Project Connie?

Do you find it hard to get to your medical appointments? If you're over 60 and living in Dore, then Project Connie can help.

Project Connie is a small local group of volunteers who are more than happy to take you to the doctor, dentist or hospital and then bring you home again if you're struggling with transport.

The way it works is easy. You ring the number, then the Project will organise a volunteer and call you back with the details.

If you're interested please give either Sue Ross or Pat Yates a ring on 07931 483693 so they can visit to tell you more about it.

Time to book your slot on the St Luke's Golf Day

Get out on the greens, tee off and help the annual St Luke's Hospice Golf Day to celebrate its 22nd anniversary. This year's Golf Day will be held as usual at Abbeydale Golf Club on Friday 14th June, and is once again being sponsored by Sheffield data protection specialists Bruce and Butler. And with almost 30 team places already booked, it's important to reserve a place quickly to avoid disappointment.

Open to teams of four players – from scratch to 24 handicap golfers – the day costs £220 per team and includes dinner and a prize-giving ceremony.

"We are delighted that Bruce and Butler are once again coming on board as our sponsors," said St Luke's Corporate Fundraising Manager Jack Kidder. "Their director, Matt Bruce, is a long term St Luke's supporter and also a keen Golf Day participant so this is a perfect event for them to be supporting."

Matt Bruce commented: "We're very proud and privileged to be able to support St Luke's through an event such as this one.



We look forward to raising vital funds whilst enjoying a day out on the course."

To register or for more information call Jack Kidder at St Luke's on 0114 235 7594 or email: j.kidder@hospicesheffield.co.uk.

Doreways, gardening and spring in the air

The Doreways gardening team have been busy once again and primrose planting has started on Newfield Lane. We have a knack for choosing the worst weather for our ventures, but the primroses survived Storm Gareth and are now looking quite chirpy. Donations are still coming in and we are very grateful to all the Dore residents who have contributed a little bit of their gardens to make the village smile. Some of the original sources of the native primroses are from far and wide!

We have even had independent primrose planting as gardeners have seen what we are doing and added a contribution themselves. Brilliant!



Elaine eyes the scale of the problem on Newfield Lane

Doreways hope you have spotted the display of spring bulbs in the garden at Dore Old School. It is hard to remember that this time last year we were still planting up the area. There are still a few pockets where we need to pop in a plant or two but essentially the hard structure and the bulk of the planting is now complete. The pot marigolds (Calendula) are now showing – they were planted to be in flower for the 2018 Dore Open Gardens - but that's gardening for you!

If you have any spare primroses (or other contributions) please do contact either Jean Stevens on 236 9156 or Dorne Coggins on 327 1054.

Well now...

This year's well dressing is very special. It is our 60th celebration of the wells. Though an ancient craft in Derbyshire (we used to be there, remember), the first well dressing in Dore was in 1959 - coincidentally just as the current editor of this magazine was being born.

To commemorate this (the well dressing, not the editor) we are holding an exhibition in Dore Old School on Sunday 7th July, the day of this year's dedication service on the village green, and the editor's 60th birthday. With examples and pictures of dressing history right up to the present days of petalling and fundraising for local charities.

We are delighted with this year's chosen charity being The Rowan School on Durvale Court, just off Furniss Avenue.

Well dressing is a long and involved story from day one to the final showing of the boards with the finished pictures on them.

It all starts with the final cleaning of last

year's clay before it is soaked for a week prior to being placed in the boards, which are also soaked during this time. Then, the petallers meet for three sessions a day over the week leading up to the finished article.

Our volunteers meet when they are able from 1st July from 10am-noon, 2-5pm and 7-9pm. We welcome visitors who would like to see the process, or new members who are wanting to see how it is done and possibly join in and learn this ancient craft.

If you have pink geraniums or purple sage growing in your garden, these are just two of the items we are looking for this year to complete our piece.

We are working at the Scout Hut on Rushley Road. If you would like to visit you will be very welcome.

Christina A Stark
Dore Well Dressing Coordinator



Cover: As Dore celebrates 60 years of well dressing, a selection of the historic displays which will illustrate the exhibition this year. Left: The 'green man' design from 2013 which had drivers on Savage Lane double-taking all week.

Dore Village Society Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 54th Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held at Dore Methodist Church, High Street, Dore, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th June 2019.

At the AGM we present the Trustees' report of activities and work undertaken and describe our policies for the work that we do and the way we spend members' money. We also submit our annual accounts for scrutiny and elect new Trustees to replace those retiring or resigning. At the 2019 meeting three Trustees will reach the end of their three-year term: David Crosby (with responsibility for planning), Colin Robinson (treasurer) and me. David has reached the limit of the number of years that a Trustee can serve and so will leave the committee. Colin is eligible to stand for re-election and is willing to do so, although he would prefer not to serve for the whole of another three year term. I am eligible to stand again and will do so.

So, we need someone with an interest in, or experience of, planning to replace David. If you would like to join the committee in this or any other capacity please let me know.

Our work is defined and governed by our constitution and you can find this at www.dorevillage.co.uk under the tab "Dore Village Society" or read it in the DVS office.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting
3. Trustees' report
4. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018
5. To elect up to six committee members
6. Membership fee increase

7. Any other business

Talk

This year we will hear Adrian Tolson, our local Police Community Support Officer, who will speak about his job and experience of working in our community.

Notes

1. Non-members of the Society are welcome to attend the meeting but will not be entitled to vote.
2. The Trustees' report, the annual accounts and the Independent Examiner's report are on the DVS website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/agm-and-trustees-reports and are also available in the DVS room
3. The Society's constitution requires nominations for election to the Executive Committee to be made no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. Consequently nominations, together with a proposer, a seconder and a brief résumé of relevant background must be received no later than 6pm on Wednesday 29th May 2018.
4. Nomination forms for election to the committee can be obtained from the DVS website (www.dorevillage.co.uk), any of the current committee members, or from the DVS office whenever it is open. Nominees, proposers and seconders must be members of the Dore Village Society at the time of nomination and at the time of the AGM.
5. Completed nomination forms can be given to the chairman or to any other member of the DVS committee.
6. A list of those nominated will be placed on the Society's website and noticeboards at least seven days prior to the AGM.

Keith Shaw, Chairman, Dore Village Society
120 Townhead Road, Sheffield S17 3GB
19th April 2019

Well Dressings 2019

Once again we are grateful to Glyn Williams for all his work compiling details of Derbyshire (and other) well dressings taking place this year. Full details are on his website at www.welldressing.com, which includes maps and details of opening/ dedication ceremonies. There will also be details of other dressings not listed below, where dates had not been finalised by the time that we went to press with this issue. These include Crosspool, Peak Forest, Unstone, Pilsley (the one near Bakewell), Belper, Bamford and Stoney Middleton.

May 6-11	Newborough
May 11-15	Waingroves
May 18-20	Etwall
May 18-25	Swanwick
May 25-27	Brackenfield
May 25-27	Endon
May 25-29	Wirksworth
May 25-31	Middleton
May 25-Jun 3	Monyash
May 26-Jun 1	High Peak Junction
May 30	Bisley
May 30-Jun 5	Tissington
Jun 5-9	Chatsworth [1]
Jun 8-13	Disley
Jun 9-15	Cressbrook
Jun 15-21	Edlaston, Wyaston
Jun 15-22	Biddulph Moor
Jun 15-23	Ashford-in-the-Water

Jun 21-27	Holywell
Jun 21-28	Norbury
Jun 22-27	Youlgrave
Jun 22-29	Tideswell
Jun 22-30	Hope
Jun 22-30	Litton
Jun 22-30	Over Haddon
Jun 23-30	Whaley Bridge
Jun 28-Jul 5	Old Whittington
Jun 28-Jul 7	Elmton
Jun 28-Jul 7	Tintwistle
Jun 29-Jul 6	Buxworth
Jun 29-Jul 6	Mellor
Jun 29-Jul 6	Rowsley
Jun 29-Jul 7	Derby (city centre)
Jun 29-Jul 7	Hayfield
Jun 29-Jul 7	Ulley
Jun 29-Jul 8	Bakewell
Jun 30-Jul 7	Walkley
Jul 6-8	Wessington
Jul 6-11	Aston-upon-Trent
Jul 6-12	Coal Aston
Jul 6-13	Brown Edge
Jul 6-13	Crich, Whatstandwell
Jul 6-13	Croxtan
Jul 6-13	Hathersage
Jul 6-13	Matlock
Jul 6-13	Whitwell, Hodthorpe
Jul 6-14	Chapel-en-le-Frith
Jul 6-14	Dore
Jul 7-14	Apperknowle
Jul 7-15	Buxton
Jul 8-14	Harthill

Jul 12-19	Dronfield Woodhouse
Jul 12-19	Holmesfield
Jul 12-20	Charlesworth (village)
Jul 12-21	Cutthorpe
Jul 12-21	Millthorpe
Jul 13-17	Pleasley
Jul 13-17	West Hallam
Jul 13-20	Great Longstone
Jul 13-20	Little Longstone
Jul 13-20	Sutton Lane Ends
Jul 19-30	Charlesworth (church)
Jul 20-26	Clowne
Jul 20-27	Heath
Jul 20-28	Ault Hucknall, Rowthorne
Jul 27-Aug 2	Bonsall
Jul 27-Aug 3	Chadkirk
Aug 3-10	Bradwell
Aug 3-10	Wingerworth
Aug 8-14	Great Hucklow
Aug 14-20	Barlow
Aug 17-23	Taddington, Blackwell
Aug 22-Sep 8	Holymoorside
Aug 24-31	Eyam
Aug 24-31	Wormhill
Aug 24-Sep 2	Foolow
Sep 7-14	Chesterfield [2]
Sep 7-14	Hartington

[1] The dates shown are those of the RHS Chatsworth Flower Show, which includes well dressing exhibits. An admission fee to the show is payable; tickets are purchasable in advance and may not be available on the day.

[2] The dressings are closed and locked from 5:00pm each evening (4:00pm Sunday).

John Eastwood & M17 bus

I've just read the item in the Dore to Door spring issue regarding the situation with the M17 bus service.

Is Mr Eastwood aware of the reasons for the proposed changes to the bus service? Two of the doctors' surgeries looking after patients at Greenhill and Low Edges are moving to Jordanthorpe. This means many people will have no direct route to the surgery. If they don't have a car (and many don't) they will probably need to take 2 buses to visit their doctor. Not an ideal situation, I'm sure you'll agree. It was hoped the M17 could be used to fill that gap.

It appears that is now a non-starter.

However, I'm really pleased the residents of Dore will have a bus to do their shopping! I truly wonder how many people will actually make use of it!

Regards,

**Sonia Wilson
Greenhill resident**

Proposed changes to the M17 timetable in March did not include the re-routing necessary to accommodate these NHS patients. This was handled as a separate issue after The Star and the Sheffield Heeley MP became involved. The route will move from Greenhill Parkway to Lowedges Road and Gervase Road in September (when the doctors move), and in fact will return to the route used before the bus was moved on to Greenhill Parkway a few years ago. There will be no reduction in service or other timetable changes.

Chris Morgan of Bradway Action Group (thanks for the info Chris!) has noticed that following the opening of St. James Retail Park, ridership on the M17 service has picked up and the bus is attracting more users from Dore, Totley and Bradway. The ability to shop out of town is clearly welcomed by several people in a trend which we hope continues. The long-term future of the service will be made more secure by an increase in usage and reduced reliance on subsidy.

John Eastwood

Ashby's Odyssey

Bond Girl Carole Ashby and a film crew visited Dore last summer to record part of a documentary film in which the actress journeys back through time to discover forgotten family secrets through visiting places and people who can help her piece together her family history. Carole's journey included a visit to the DVS archives where we were able to introduce her to her Victorian great-grandparents Horace Tate and Emily Frith. Horace was a



Carole poses with our picture of Ebenezer Hall - search the DVS website for more information about him.

Rosemary Memory Café

The Rosemary Memory Cafés are a new initiative from Age UK aimed at helping people in the local area who are living with memory loss or who have a diagnosis of mild to moderate dementia.

The Memory Cafés will include lots of tea and coffee, home-made cakes (and fruit and vegetable snacks too) and will offer activities which it is hoped will engage, inform, stimulate and entertain everyone. They will also be an opportunity to make new friends, keep active and feel more confident. It should be fun with a lot of laughter!

Starting on 7th May, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, there will be one at Dore Methodist Church Hall on High Street from 2-4pm. Starting on 14th May on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, there will be a Rosemary Café at Totley All Saints Church Hall from 2-4pm.

These sessions are free to attend, but there will be a small charge for refreshments (£1 per person). Our local Community Transport provider, Transport 17 will be offering accessible minibus door to door transport to and from the venues for a small charge (£1.50 return per person)

Please ring Age UK Sheffield on 0114 250 2580 to let us know you're coming and if you need a place on the minibus.

We do have a small group of volunteer helpers in place already, but as we grow and flourish we will be needing more volunteers. Training and expenses will be available, so if you are interested please contact Virginia Lowes, our Volunteer Co-ordinator virginia.lowes@ageuksheffield.org.uk (or on the above number) who will help you join our team.

If you have any further enquiries, you can email me at elspeth.mallowan@ageuksheffield.org.uk or on the Age UK Sheffield number above.

Rosemary Memory Cafés are part of the People Keeping Well (PKW) initiative. You can find out more information about People Keeping Well and what other activities are available in the local area on www.ageuk.org.uk/sheffield/activities-and-events/pkw/

Elspeth Mallowan

coachman who boarded with the Frith family on Chapel Street, whilst Emily Frith worked as a housemaid for wealthy businessman and landowner Ebenezer Hall at Abbeydale Park.

Carole is best known for her appearances in Bond films 'View to a Kill' and 'Octopussy', as well as TV series such as 'Allo 'Allo', 'Bergerac' and 'Sale of the Century'. The photo shows Carole at the DVS archives, standing next to a painting of Ebenezer Hall.

Carole's visit to Dore now features in the finished documentary, 'Ashby's Odyssey', which has just had its cast and crew screening at the Showroom cinema. The filmmakers are now hoping that it will be shown at this year's Docfest and on television. If it does, you'll be able to see Dore (and Carole) looking beautiful in the summer sunshine and discover what family secret we managed to uncover in our archives!

Janet Ridler





Proposed sale of the Church Hall on Townhead Road

The Parochial Church Council released a notice at the end of March confirming that they wish to retain the Church Hall for community use and that they will be in touch with "interested parties" once a new PCC has been formed. This is reiterated in an article from the Secretary of Christ Church on page 9. We have written to the PCC emphasising that we wish to enter into discussion with them with a view to running the Church Hall for the benefit of the community, either through a long-term lease or purchase and we await their response.

The problems the PCC is facing are not new as entries in earlier editions of Dore to Door show (see page 9 for an extract from 1990). Hopefully we can help the PCC find a sustainable solution.

In the meantime, a joint application by the Dore Old School Trust, the DVS and the Dore Neighbourhood Forum, to have the Church Hall listed as Asset of Community Value has been successful. This listing lasts for five years from 8th March 2019 unless removed in accordance with the provisions of the regulations. If the future of the Church Hall has not been resolved by then we can re-nominate for ACV status for another five years.

This means that if the Parochial Church Council decides to dispose of the Church Hall they must inform the Council of their intentions and, if the disposal does not fall in an exempt category, a moratorium of six months will be triggered enabling community organisations to prepare a bid for the asset.

ACV status does not confer a right of first refusal to a community group or restrict who an owner of the asset can sell their property to, or at what price, but it does give us a chance of purchasing it.

If you have any comments to make on this matter please send them by post to Dore Village Society, The Old School, Savage Lane, Sheffield S17 3GW, deliver them via the letterbox in the front door of the Old School, or email us at chp@dorevillage.co.uk.

Annual General Meeting

Our 2019 AGM will take place on Wednesday 12th June from 7:30pm in the Dore Methodist Church Hall (see page 3). An agenda and related papers (including our annual accounts and details of who is standing for election as a Trustee and committee member) are available on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/aggm-and-trustees-reports and in the DVS office. The Agenda and Trustee candidate details are also on our noticeboards.

We need to elect six Trustees at this meeting in order to bring us up to our full complement of 13. We have two nominations so far. As you will appreciate from comments I have made in earlier editions of Dore to Door, we face this problem regularly. We need a full complement to ensure that the widest possible range of views is represented at our meetings and in our decisions on how we spend DVS members' money. We also need this in order to share the workload of running the Society otherwise matters that need our attention may not get dealt with. Please get in touch if you would like to know what is involved in being a Trustee.

Membership subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership subscriptions for this year. At the time of writing 894 members have renewed their subscriptions. This is a record for this time of year, thank you to all of you who have renewed. That leaves about 390 members who haven't yet renewed. If you are one of these, or would like to join for the first time, you can now pay your DVS subscriptions online by any of the following means: Direct Debit, Credit Card and Debit Card. You can also continue to pay by Standing Order, cheque or cash if this is your preferred method. Details of how to pay by each of these methods can be found on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/how-to-join-the-society.

If you are paying by cheque please make cheques payable to 'Dore Village Society'. Cash and cheques can be posted to: Dore Village Society, The Old School, Savage Lane, Sheffield S17 3GW, or delivered via the letterbox in the front door of the Old School.

Likewise queries can be sent to this address or emailed to: membership@dorevillage.co.uk.

You can also pay by visiting the DVS office on Fridays between 10:15 and 11:45, or at the same time on the first Saturday of each month and we will be pleased to give you a membership subscription form, to accept cash or cheques, or to explain how to pay online.

When renewing your subscription please include your email address if you have one as this greatly reduces our costs when we have to communicate with all members.

Our annual membership subscription has been £6 for several years but, unfortunately, rising costs are making it difficult to meet our everyday running costs from subscription income alone. Consequently we propose to raise this to £7 pa. from January 2020, principally to cover an increase in our rent of £600 pa. which takes effect later this year.

Any increase in subscriptions requires approval at an AGM and so we will be proposing this at our June meeting.

Talking to us

We hold open mornings in the Old School from 10am until midday on the first Saturday of each month (except January) and you are welcome to call in. We are experimenting with holding these meetings downstairs (enter through the front door) instead of in the DVS office so that visitors can avoid the steep staircase at the back of the building. We will put notices up on the occasions that we are doing this so that you will know where to find us.

In addition John Eastwood (editor of Dore to Door) and I are in the DVS office on most Fridays from 10:15 to 11:45 and you are welcome to call in then as well.

World War II Exhibition

This was a tremendous success with over 500 people attending and is a tribute to the considerable amount of work undertaken by Janet Ridler (DVS committee member for Archives and Heritage) and the Doreways Group. Thank you to everyone involved.

Keith Shaw

Councillors' Surgeries

Second Saturday of each month
10.30am - noon in Dore Old School

Second Monday of each month
6 - 7pm at Totley Library, Baslow Road

Sheffield Citizens' Advice Bureau

Every Tuesday 10am-noon, Totley Rise Methodist Church.

No appointment needed.

A drop in free and confidential service.

Advice on legal, financial, employment, benefit and any other matters.

Dragon Hunt



This year's Dragon Hunt was a great success with 29 families taking part, the largest number of entries to date. The excitement and enthusiasm of the children was a joy to behold. There were the usual collection of colourful and creative costumes, and our resident dragon (left) guarding its eggs carefully. Named Theodore some years ago, I wondered if it should be Theodora, or do male dragons incubate eggs?

A great many thanks go to the Doreways Group who organised this event yet again, coming up with more fresh ideas and challenges for the participants.

Lantern Parade

We are hoping to have a lantern parade this year but this depends on having sufficient volunteers to help in the pre-event organisation and on the day. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue on pages 5 and 8 we may be short of committee members to share the day to day work of running the society after the AGM in June. This will inevitably result in us having to curtail some of our activities as the existing committee is already significantly overloaded with work. We are often complimented on how much the DVS does for the village and it is very heartening when this happens. Unfortunately such comments rarely convert into offers of help or joining the committee. If you would like to help with the lantern parade or can spare a few hours a month and join the committee please email me at keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk or call on 07778 422 910 to find out what these entail.

Christchurch Dore Ladies Group

We are a very friendly and welcoming group of women who come together for talks, entertainment and companionship. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road.

Although we were founded as a church group we are open to everyone and members do not have to be churchgoers or believers. Our values are those of respect, empathy and support for each other and those less fortunate than ourselves. Our talks and presentations cover a wide range of topics from travel, well-being and food, to the arts, history and local charities and our speakers are always stimulating and often humorous. At Christmas we have a bring and share supper and entertainment plus an organised theatre trip and an annual dinner in February.

After each presentation there are refreshments and a time to chat with old friends or meet new ones. We have a good steady membership and would like to invite more women to come along and get to know us. You may have lived in Dore for a long time or be new to the area. You may want to escape the family once a month or be looking for friendly female company. Whatever the reason, you would be made most welcome on the first Tuesday of the month in Dore Church Hall.

Forthcoming meetings include "The Work of the Modern Fire Service" by a local female fire fighter on Tuesday 4th June, a visit to Cawthorne church followed by a pub lunch on Tuesday 25th June and an evening with Sally Goldsmith, celebrated writer, poet and broadcaster on Tuesday 2nd July.

For more information please contact our leader Lesley Vernon Tel: 0114 3273675 email: lesley.vernon@sheffield.ac.uk.

Maureen Cope

Whirlowbrook Park Cafe

At the end of February a number of interested parties met at Whirlowbrook Hall about the future of the Park. Top of the agenda was the need to get a cafe back in the park but we also discussed establishing a Friends of Whirlowbrook Park Group.

The well-loved cafe has been sorely missed since Saxton Hotels took over the running of the Hall some six years ago. There is a clause in their lease to provide catering facilities within five years of taking over, but this has proved difficult to achieve. The main problem was that the lease did not allow Saxton to sublet the catering and needed to be amended. Once this variation to the lease was sorted, the interested party closed negotiations as they could not agree the rental or other details of the proposed café operation with the Lessee.

Planning permission has been granted to convert the old toilet block into a cafe (it will look much better than you imagine), but we still lack an operator for this facility. The plans can be seen by looking up the Planning application: "14/01231/FUL | Use of park shelter and wc's as a cafe/kiosk with public conveniences (Use Class A3 - Food and Drink) | Whirlowbrook Hall Ecclesall Road South Sheffield S11 9QD".

The Parks and Countryside Department are actively seeking an operator via #betterparks and if anyone is interested please confirm your interest at BetterParks@sheffield.gov.uk. They are hopeful of getting someone soon. Saxton Hotels are providing some investment, but the new operator would be responsible for running the cafe. So, we might get a cafe back in the park in the near future. In the meantime, Parks are seeking a mobile operator for weekends and school holidays. The tender for this closed on 13th April. They had two interested parties who they will interview and process in due course.

Whirlowbrook Park is a hidden gem and has many fine features. Part of the park near the pond has been reclaimed and developed by the University of the Third Age (U3A). They have done a marvellous job, but don't want to take on the running of the rest of the park, so it was suggested that if a Friends Group was established they could help with the upkeep and enhancement of the park. A number of ideas that a Friends Group could undertake included fund-raising for a play area for children, attention given to the stream and large pond, enhancing the rose garden and cleaning up the path from Whinfall. The ranger service may also be on hand to assist with the work and equipment can be provided. If you are interested in joining a Friends Group, please contact Karen Lewis, the Partnership Manager in Parks and Countryside at the Council: karen.lewis1@sheffield.gov.uk. Initially we envisage setting up a volunteering session in the park to see if there is sufficient enthusiasm to establish a Friends Group.

First Bus reliability

Local Councillors have received a number of complaints about bus services in our area. On April 1st (yes really!) we met a senior representative of FirstBus to complain about their poor reliability.

FirstBus have a target of 95% of buses running on time and that 99.5% of services will actually run. The figures for the 97/98 are at 91.8% and for the 81/82 around 93% for timeliness. This figure has declined by about 5% in the last 3 years with no changes to the timetable.

First Bus said the main reason for the delays was traffic congestion with Friday afternoons being the worst for reliability. Ecclesall Road has 'slow running' as the bus lanes are not being cleared for 4.00pm. There are also delays caused by the Hillsborough bus gate. Obviously traffic congestion is getting worse but having a reliable bus service would help to reduce it. "Driver issues", that is not having a driver available, account for 0.1% of the problem and "engineering problems", that is buses breaking down, for a further 0.5%.

We then asked what First Bus were planning to do to improve

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Night Strider is back with a new route for 2019!

Night Strider is back for a fifth year of colour, fun and fantastic fundraising on the streets of Sheffield. To celebrate its fifth anniversary, the popular St Luke's Hospice autumn charity spectacular is launching a new route and some new attractions!

Night Strider – sponsored by Pricecheck and Gripple - is the annual nocturnal half marathon and 10k walking challenge that aims to raise more than £120,000 towards patient care at Sheffield's only hospice. Last year's event saw more than a thousand fully illuminated St Luke's supporters take to the streets as darkness fell on the city on an October evening. Already entries are coming in for Night Strider 2019, which makes its return on October 5 and promises

to be the biggest and best yet!

Starting out from a new launch point in Sheffield's Peace Gardens – where even the famous fountains will be transformed into distinctive St Luke's pink - the walk takes in some of Sheffield's finest locations as it heads out towards Ecclesall on a new and improved reverse route before heading back to the city centre finish line.

With no running involved, there's plenty of time to take in the city's best known views by moonlight as walkers embark on their nocturnal challenge.

Either a full half marathon distance or a shorter 10k route, Night Strider is open to everybody over the age of 10, though participants aged 10 to 17 must be registered and accompanied by another participant aged 18 or over, and is suitable for all abilities.



Wheelchair users are encouraged to take part in Night Strider but due to the nature of the route and distance it is advisable they should source suitable assistance throughout the challenge.

"This is our fifth year of Night Strider and every year we find ourselves more overwhelmed than ever before by the response from our supporters," said St Luke's Events Coordinator Rachel Spofforth.

"With a new route to

enjoy, we are confident that this year's participants will enjoy striding together more than ever before, knowing that with every step they will be helping us raise the vital funds needed to ensure we can continue providing the very best care for all our patients and their families.

"Come along and join the party – it's a great family night out for anybody who wants to support a fantastic cause."

There is an Early Bird discount offer of £20 person available until June 30. After that the individual entry fee is £25 - to sign up simply visit www.nightstrider.co.uk.

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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 £6 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members.

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Dore Village Society Committee vacancies

The DVS Committee has currently, or soon will have vacancies in the following positions.

Secretary: We particularly need a secretary as we haven't had one for most of the last two years. The secretary's principal task is to prepare agendas for meetings in consultation with the Chairman and produce minutes of meetings. The time commitment is about six hours per month in addition to attending committee meetings.

Also, the current holder of the below post will retire from the committee at the forthcoming AGM in June. We are inviting anyone with an interest to discuss in detail.

Planning Officer: The Planning Officer is expected to be conversant with planning law and the associated legal procedures. They will be expected to monitor planning applications in the Dore area, and to answer, sometimes visit, residents who ask for advice on such matters and be competent to give that advice.

Even if you don't fulfil the requirements for these two jobs, you may still become a member of the Committee. You have until 29th May to be nominated for appointment at the forthcoming AGM - see page 3 of this issue to see how.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Keith Shaw in the first instance for an informal chat on 07778 422 910 or email keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk.

Christ Church News

Christ Church, as you may realise, does not have a vicar since the beginning of this year. We have instead many members of the Church community stepping forward to do some of the work that needs to be done during this vacancy. We are very blessed to have Reverend Neil Marchant as curate until June. The Diocese of Sheffield has warned us that there is unlikely to be a new vicar of Dore for some time, if at all, and they are looking towards new models of Church leadership. Christ Church remains confident that we do have leaders in our midst and we are sure you will want to support them in their endeavours.

We have a tradition of working with Dore Methodist Church and there continues to be joint working, this time in partnership with Age UK and the setting up of a dementia café. The Memory Café will take place in Dore Methodist Church Hall with a mix of Dore Methodist and Christ Church trained volunteers two Tuesday afternoons per month starting in May. [See page 4 for more information - Ed.] Dementia is a condition which touches many families, and this is a way of helping those with dementia and their carers.

By the time you read this we hope to have moved on a stage with the plans for refurbishing and redeveloping the Church building. There are ongoing problems with the maintenance of our building and we look forward to a time in the not too distant future when we can relax in the knowledge we have a more energy efficient, accessible and effective building to open up for community use.

Several articles and letters were published regarding the future of the Church Hall in the last edition of Dore to Door. Since then, a Church Hall Future Working Group has formed which has reviewed comments and suggestions received. We are grateful for the level of interest in the Hall. The group also discussed different models for the Hall's future management and development. The Parish Church Council (PCC) would like to confirm that they wish to retain the hall for community use and again apologise for any failings in

previous communications. Following the formation of the new PCC in April, we will engage in discussions with interested parties and will keep all in our community up to date.

Christ Church also works with young people. These activities are not as obvious as seeing people going to meetings in Church itself. There is a very active and growing Pathfinder group that meets over Sunday breakfast and has afternoon tea and discussion on Thursdays. Soulroots is an ecumenical trust which works across Sheffield 17 with teenagers and provides much needed youth work. Individual members of Christ Church support this financially and by being trustees and volunteers.

Everyone who reads this short article is most welcome to come and find out more about what we do. The Church is open in the day and you can come in and pick up a newsletter at the back of Church, come to one of the services and introduce yourself to the Welcome Team on the door or pick up further information from our website or Facebook page.

www.dorechurch.org.uk

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**Anita Campbell, Secretary
Christ Church, Dore**

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the reliability. They are unwilling to add extra vehicles to the schedule or to terminate buses in town, both of which would improve reliability. They are intending to increase the amount of prepay, such as weekly tickets, and debit card payments to reduce the time standing at bus stops. Getting Traffic Enforcement to clear the bus lanes will also help and we have taken this up with the relevant department.

We will continue to press First Bus to do what it takes to improve the services to our area.

Councillors Colin Ross, Martin Smith and Joe Otten

From Dore to Door #20, Winter 1990

The Church Hall - Help!

The hall was built in 1937 on the initiative of the Church at a cost of £4,000 of which £500 was granted by the Diocese. The balance was raised through a bank loan taken out by the Parochial Church Council and repaid over some years by means of money raising efforts.

A PCC (Parochial Church Council) cannot own premises but are managing Trustees, the actual Trustees being the Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance. When money has to be raised it is entirely the responsibility of the PCC.

The land had been part of the lands for which the Dore School and Charity Lands Trust was responsible and in 1962 the PCC bought the land and the building. At the same time the terms of the Trust Deed were varied so that the purpose of the newly established charitable trust was for the benefit of the Church. The PCC has tried to remove this restriction, unsuccessfully, and so any sale of the Hall has to be at the full market price and the proceeds can only be used for church purposes.

What has brought the PCC to consider sale is the steady deterioration of the hall and the failure to maintain it adequately in the past. No blame is attached to anyone, since the hall has never been run at a profit, the church collections making up the shortfall. There has never been anything to spare to pay for new roofing, window frames, plastering, etc.

Rather than sell it the PCC suggested a change of Trustees. These were appointed at a public meeting and for a few years have been trying to find an economic way of administering the church hall. We had much time wasted because we were given wrong advice at an early stage in the negotiations.

The Charity Commissioners, it turned out, were only prepared to allow a full repairing lease at a pepper corn rent providing the PCC can always sell the hall in an emergency, thus fulfilling the terms of the Trust Deed.

If the PCC has no further use for the hall, it can be sold on the open market. The Trustees-Elect considered the options and have decided not to proceed. This leaves the PCC wondering who they can turn to now, and with suggestions from the Trustees-Elect the PCC is looking for four public spirited volunteers from the local community who have unbiased professional skills in one or other of the following disciplines:

Business Management: The coordination and management of projects within an agreed Business Plan.

Architecture/Building Surveying: The organisation of repair, maintenance and improvement schemes.

Finance: the control of financial records and costs against tightly drawn budgets. Fund raising.

Market Research/Promotion: The conduct of market surveys to determine likely levels of demand and utilisation. Promotion of new business.

This Think Tank will be asked to consider whether it is viable to maintain our church hall, and make recommendations to the PCC within, say, three months.

In order to make the Hall pay its way major changes may prove necessary, and we must be prepared for this. The desire is to keep the building for the use of everyone, but clear priorities need to be established in considering what facilities are needed in a community. We should remember that in 1937 the Old School was not available as it is now, and together with other local halls, perhaps there are other venues for most if not all of the present users.

Anyone who could offer their expertise to advise the PCC, please contact one of the following;

Vicar: Rev J. Froggatt 363335

PCC Secretary: Mrs R Harrison 620106.

The task is not an easy one, as both the PCC and Trustees-elect know, but fresh minds, with an open brief and the goodwill and active participation of the local community, are challenged to grasp this last opportunity to SAVE OUR HALL.

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Another route to success



Whilst the great and the good of Dore gather themselves into a huddle to decide on the future of our church hall, Dore to Door has been a little further afield to find examples of good practice.

We already have good examples of community run organisations in and around Dore - Dore Old School has been run successfully as a charitable trust since its educational function ceased in the 1960s, and Topley Library has comprehensively reinvented itself as a Community Resource and Information Centre. It is now far more than it ever was as a council-run library, and has a volunteer army of some 120 people to help with raising the £25,000 or so needed to keep the lights on each year. It's a daunting total, but you have read in these pages how it has been, and continues to be done.

This much we know. Last month I went to Grindleford, that little village of around 1000 souls which lies across the county line only four miles away from Dore. The last shop there closed a few years ago, leaving the population feeling a little stranded with a less than ideal bus service and a train station about as far from the village as Dore Station is from Dore.

The Grindleford Community discussed and debated, first trying a 'pop-up' community shop in the Bishop Pavilion on the Grindleford Playing field. Though this was never going to be a permanent solution, it was enough to convince people that a community shop could be viable.

The church, St. Helen's on Main Road and on the edge of the village, stepped in and allowed the shop to be set up in the vestry. The operation was set up as a limited liability company, and seed capital raised through the sale of 300 shares at £10 each. They opened in June 2014 and are now in trading profit with a total turnover of £75,000 per annum.

I met with Carolyn Downes, the Treasurer of Grindleford



Community Shop Ltd, who moved from Grindleford to Dore around four years ago but retains her contact with the village through volunteering at the shop one afternoon a week, as well as looking after the accounts. As you'd expect, there is a lot more going on behind the scenes than is immediately visible.

Back in 2013, before the shop opened, the project team organised a 'cyclosporive' (basically a marathon on pushbikes) event which was named 'The Grindleford Goat' - because participants climb steep hills and eat a lot! This was such a success that it is now a regular annual event. It's limited to 500 entries each year and has its own website (www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk). The Grindleford Goat now realises £10,000 a year in profits which not only helps the shop but also enables it to support other charitable organisations in Grindleford. If you're a cyclist, you can sign up for this year's Goat on the website and clear your diary for 14th September - and possibly several days afterwards! The full course of 108km (sorry, I don't know what that is in real money) is not for the faint of heart or inexperienced, but shorter routes are available. The Goat is also supported by Nonna's down Eccy Road, who provide a post-race tuck-in pasta meal.

The shop is located on a couple of popular walking routes, and cyclists are also passing regularly. So, muddy boots and bikes are welcome, with their owners able to enjoy coffee and a cake in the tree-dappled sunlight of the churchyard. Bikers in trouble can even ask for the use of the shop's Bike Box which contains enough spares, parts and equipment to get most going again. It's a free service, though users are invited to make a contribution to shop funds and I expect that most of them do.



The cafe part of the business has no indoor seating sadly, but the tables outside are really pleasant to occupy, in the peace of the churchyard and with lovely views over the wall. If you're out that way this summer then take a look, and if you're so minded you can even volunteer to help the shop yourself. This doesn't just mean working behind the till; people are also needed to make the teas and dole out the cakes - even to make the cakes!

I've been asked to make a special mention of the artisan bread from the Welbeck Bakery (as we no longer have a bakery in Dore). It comes every day except Sunday and can be ordered for collection.

How much of this tale applies, or can be made to apply, to Dore remains to be seen. We are nowhere near losing our last shop, but we have lost our last butcher and an artisan bakery over the last few years. Nobody seems to know how things will end up with the Post Office but it seems certain that there'll never again be a high street bank in the village.

In Grindleford, we see a community that knew exactly what was wanted, came together, focused themselves and ensured that it came to pass. We can all learn from that.

John Eastwood

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Our WW2 living history event and exhibition on 6th April was organised by the DVS archives and heritage group and commemorated the 80th anniversary this year since the beginning of the Second World War. Working in partnership with Sheffield University's history department, our archivist worked with a MA student to record oral history interviews with members of Dore's community, now in their 90s, who remember living through the war. Our event celebrated these stories through an exhibition and costumed living history displays which gave 500 visitors a fascinating glimpse into what life was like in the 1940s for civilians, the home front and the military. These oral histories will be an important addition to Dore's archives; if you know anyone who might like to be interviewed for the project please contact Janet Ridler on 07963 727551 or email dore.archives@mail.com.

Photos by Janet Ridler, Dorne Coggins & John Eastwood.



WW2 rations, authentically displayed in a typical kitchen cabinet of the time. Not much, is it? A week's supplies, which most of us these days would have no problem polishing off in a single meal. Yet the population in the war were as healthy as they've ever been.



Head back, chest out, stomach in! You 'orrible little man!



Do you remember any of this food packaging? Several of these brands are still available today. Though popular at the time, the Ministry of Food isn't around so much any more.



'Make do and mend' was a common Home Front catchphrase in the War, using equipment like this. Clothing was rationed and it was difficult to collect enough coupons for anything meaningful anyway. You mended what you had.



Several local residents entered into the spirit of the day by wearing period costume.



Long-time local resident Kit Corbett discusses the Sheffield Blitz over a map of where the bombs fell. Spot the Chad on the blackboard - that's attention to detail!



One of Dore's oldest residents, Ted Needham, 95, tells of his wartime experiences. Ted's first job after leaving school at 14 was at Laycock's off Abbeydale Road (now under Tesco's), making parts for Spitfires.



Not just any pilot, this chap on the left had an identity card showing him to be a Polish member of the RAF. The other re-enactor was dressed in Russian (NKVD) uniform.



Re-enactors were happy to show the firing procedures for their Bren Gun, which of course only goes 'click' these days rather than 'bang'. No damage was caused to the Doreways garden, which they were aiming at.



The motorcycle was authentic, though sadly no longer street legal. It did start, however as this Corporal was happy to demonstrate.

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They aren't always up to no good

For once I'm struggling to find something to write! I'm very pleased to say that the recent spate of burglaries seems to have calmed down for the moment. I'd like to think that this is all down to people following my sage advice in recent issues and some good arrests by my colleagues, but who really knows? I have noticed that as I walk or drive around the village of an evening there are fewer houses that stand out like a sore thumb as attractive targets for a burglary attempt. However, this is certainly not the time to let your guard drop. Recent events not too far away in Heeley and Meersbrook have seen a number of houses entered overnight through unlocked doors and property and/or vehicles stolen. As the weather improves it's all too tempting to leave a window ajar at night for ventilation, however if this is in an unoccupied room it's an invitation for opportunists to have a go and see what they can find. The garden may also be demanding attention at this time of year, but just make sure if you're heading out of the back that your front door and windows are secured. Let's not make it easy. Now that evenings are lighter it's easy to forget to leave some signs of life on in your house for the evening, either through the use of timer lights staggered to come on and off at random times or through my favourite gadget, the TV simulator. Don't just leave the landing or porch lights on, this is a clear message that you're probably not in. If you live in the back of the house make sure there is something showing to the front.

Longer evenings and warmer nights also have a tendency to increase reports of anti-social behaviour. Whilst I do not believe this is a major problem in the village it is a subject that can lead to friction between neighbours or between the young and not so young. Garden bonfires, work on properties, garden parties, barbecues, young people hanging round in parks or on the street can all lead to people feeling unsettled or upset. Think about getting to know your neighbours better, let people know in advance if you are planning something, don't worry too much about the young people, they're not all budding criminals! Forty-odd years ago the Rec and Jimmy's newsagents on the bottom of Busheywood Road were my regular hangouts! We certainly didn't mean to cause any trouble but people look at groups differently now, even though their intentions are probably the same as ours were. If you are affected by issues please let me know, usually a word in the right ear can be all it takes. Remember the phone number given at the end of this article is not for reporting incidents/crimes but I am more than happy to discuss any concern you may have and advise on whether it should be reported through the proper channels for further investigation.

As ever, if you want timely updates and accurate information on what is going on with police in your area you can sign up to SYP Alerts at www.sypalerts.co.uk. This will let you know within 24 hours of any burglary that has taken place, and when and how it happened to keep you informed on latest methods or trends. We may also let you know about lost children or vehicles to watch out for and we try to keep most of the information local and relevant. It will also let you know when we have made significant arrests. At present this is an email system, although may move onto mobile text alerts in the future. If you are unsure about how to sign up you can email me your house number and postcode and I will register your details on your behalf. You could also consider setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in your street if you don't have one already; contact me for further details.

My email remains adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk and my phone number is 07787 881945; please don't forget to leave your name and contact number if it goes to voicemail. The answer machine usually means I'm off duty so calls will be returned as soon as I pick messages up.

Have a safe summer and thanks for reading!

Adrian

Guard of Honour

What a last six weeks it's been! In March we lost our much loved musical director, Jim Newby, who died suddenly. He had been ill, but it was unexpected. His schooling of us has been so wonderful over the time we have been lucky enough to have him as our musical coach and mentor and it is this legacy, I am sure, which lifted our performances so much over this last week. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude. We were extremely fortunate to have the services of Stephen Godward, another renowned musician, who stepped in at no notice to see us through to the end of show week. We are pleased to say that he has agreed to stay on with us for next year.

The show itself was a huge success. The Yeomen Of The Guard is, as said in my last article, a well loved G&S opera which comes as close to grand opera as the pair achieved, but there is so much humour in it that it is too light-hearted to be classed as such.

The audience response we received was amazing. I will not write a show review here, but you can find one on Sheffield.Bigstamp.uk. If you wish to visit the site, however, I will pass on comments overheard from members of the audience as they were leaving and others which were passed on to me.

"That was the best amateur performance I have ever seen"

"I've seen professional shows not as good as that"

"That was the best Yeomen, amateur or professional I have ever seen"

"What a wonderful show, not a note, not a word, not a movement wrong or out of place"

and as I am writing this the phone has just rung – it is a lady who said that she could not stop herself from telling the society just what a special and brilliant show it was.

One, given to me directly by an excellent, well respected performer himself made me laugh. He said, "Tell that Simon (Copley, who played Wilfred Shadbolt) that I hate him!" I asked why so and he replied "Because he played it far better than I ever could have". Simon was well pleased with that when I told him who had said it. We could not have put on such a show without our extremely talented producer, Graham Weston. He inspires us and has such wonderful ideas that make the show the spectacle that it is.

Enough. It was a wonderful week with full houses in this new venue. Who needs Glyndebourne when we have the Merlin Theatre? We will be back there next year with "Patience", a skit on the aesthetic movement of the late 19th century.

We now move on to rehearsing for our summer concerts. Our usual local concert in Dore Church Hall on Townhead Road will be on Saturday 6th July at 7:30pm. Tickets (£8 each) will be available from me from May onwards (Tel: 0114 236 2299) but once again I warn you to not leave it too late, it was a sellout last year.

We are looking for more male members, so if you sing and would like to perform come along and meet one of the friendliest,

most talented societies in the whole of Yorkshire. We will be restarting on Wednesday evenings in Millhouses Methodist Church Hall at 7:30pm from 1st May. Dick Bell, one of our keenest members who has been with us six years, says that he wished he had done this twenty years ago. Don't be shy, give it a try.

Enjoy springtime and we will see you again in the summer.

Derek Habberjam



Secret of the Stones

For kids who are creative, adventurous and enjoy exploring outdoors, Growthreatre is running its fun-packed, creative outdoor sessions in Ecclesall Woods again this May half-term. Secret of the Stones will take place on Thursday 30th May.

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How green was my village?

Well, you can be helped to see that now as one of the longest - possibly the longest ever - project by Dore Village Society has finally reached completion after nearly fifteen years.

Carved stones now adorn each of the historic greens in our village, giving details of the location. They are not actually village greens in the modern sense of the term (with the one obvious exception), but rather they represent public meeting places, usually those where villagers would go for a specific business or leisure purpose.

So, where were the six greens of Dore? How many can you name? If you can name all six before reading the rest of this article then well done. For everyone else, I had a walk round with my camera last month. Sadly, the historic greens are not very green any more (with the same obvious exception), but you have to remember that 100 years ago most would have been in open countryside.



So, let's start with the obvious exception, Dore Village Green. Everybody knows this one, with the Dore Stone (placed by DVS in 1964) in the top corner opposite the war memorial and the Old School. This is the only one of the six still used as a village green, and is home to elements of Dore Show, the Party on the Green each year, and is where you go for the open-air theatre and one or two other things during Festival Fortnight like the well dressing.

You did get that one, didn't you? One point. There, nobody's going to finish with a score of zero.



Walk along Vicarage Lane, past the church to the junction with Church Lane. This is Cat Croft Green, also known as 'Catty Croft Green' or 'Caddy Green'. Its purpose isn't mentioned on the stone (in the church boundary wall), but then it was one of the first of the stones to be placed, back in 2006. If you knew this having noticed

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the stone at some point over the last thirteen years, then that's another point.

Now, carry on along Church Lane until you get to the bottom of Drury Lane and the top of Furniss Avenue. This is the bottom corner of Oxen Green. Plough horses used to be rested here, and it seems to have been quite a large area, all now built on.



Walk up to the top of Drury Lane, and you reach The Cockpit. There is still a grassed area here, now beautifully planted with daffodils. It would have been a little larger when the roads were only dirt tracks and the villagers would come here for the sport of cock fighting - a blood sport made illegal by a royal decree of Queen Victoria (it says here on that internetty thing, right next to where it says that this was in the 17th century).

Turn left up Townhead Road and walk up to the bottom of Knowle Green. This is the site of, er, Knowle Green, part of an old bridleway between Sheffield and Hathersage. Stories exist in the village archives of traveller encampments somewhere around



here, in the grounds of the long-demolished Knowle House. Maybe this was the location?

We have to get back into the village for the next one. Back down Townhead Road, left along Devonshire Terrace Road past the Co-op, and Watering Trough Green is at the far end. Where the watering trough is, though this is no longer supplied with



water except when it rains. It does, however hold the Guides' well dressing each summer and the stone marking it has been there since 2009 so you really should know this one.

That's six, right? Well no, if you've been reading the stones you'll have learned that The Cockpit is not actually an 'official' village green; rather ironic as it is actually one of the greenest areas left. It has its own stone plaque as a public meeting place but it doesn't count towards the total of six historic greens of Dore. So, there's one left.

Go down to the end of Rushley Road and carry on down Dore Road towards the doctor's surgery. The final plaque is in the front wall of number 170, giving the location of Hall Green. Dore Hall, now demolished, was just across the road from the plaque and Dore Road itself was not a through route to Abbeydale Road South until the arrival of the railways and train station.



Thanks to everyone involved, and particularly the property owners who have allowed the village green stones to be placed in their boundary walls. A big thank you is also due to David Heslop, former DVS Chair under whose leadership this started, and Kath Lawrence, who retired from the committee last year but has kept on with this project until its completion.

The entire walk around the six stones takes around half an hour. Why not take a look round?

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Looking for New Trustees

Many of the Trustees involved in the charity responsible for running the library, Totley CRIC, have been involved in this work from the beginning which is over six years ago now! Some of our Trustees will be standing down at the AGM in September due to other commitments, and we are now looking for new people interested in supporting Totley Library in the capacity of Trustee of the registered charity, Totley Community Resource and Information Centre (Totley CRIC). You don't need to be an expert in library matters to be a Trustee!

We're looking for people who have management experience gained in business, the public sector or in a charity. We would be particularly interested in talking to people with management skills that would support the charity such as managing volunteers, health and safety, safeguarding or organizing committees.

If you think this may be of interest please contact Natasha Watkinson, our Chair, for a chat via natashawatkinson@hotmail.co.uk.

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! In January, Julie Dudson won the first prize of £136.60 and Collette Duke won the second prize which was £34.15. In February, Ann Buttrell won the first prize which was £137.40, and Julie Dudson won the second prize of £34.35. Sally Steel won the first prize of £137.4 and Wendy Sawyer second prize of £34.35 in March. Thank you all to all of you who have joined our Lottery as this provides very valuable financial support to the library.

Totley Library Art Show – Sunday 9th June

We are excited to be holding an Art Show between 11am and 4pm on Sunday 9th June, with many local artists displaying and selling their work. Refreshments and cakes will be available, and we hope you will be able to join us at this event. If you are interested in displaying your artwork, please contact Collette Duke at Totley Library.

Book Sales

Our popular monthly Book Sales continue into the Spring, and we have several events over the coming weeks as shown below:

- Saturday morning 1st June – Craft sale and craft books
- Saturday morning 6th July – Children's books and general paperbacks

Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books during the long summer holiday. The Challenge celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

At Totley Library, the Challenge will launch on Saturday 20th July and finish on Saturday 8th September. Children can read whatever they like - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

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The 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books taken by mischievous aliens!

Other Summer holiday events

During school holidays we invite older children (aged 5-11) to join the Wednesday morning sessions. Please look out in the library for details of our Summer programme! Due to high demand, we ask parents to book their children into these events during the school holidays.

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children

Our Story Time for Toddlers and pre-school children which is held weekly from 10.30am on a Wednesday morning continues to be very popular. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story and related activities.

Totley Community Cinema – Summer programme

Children's films:

Sunday 19th May, 3pm - "Smallfoot"

Sunday 23rd June, 3pm - "Mary Poppins Returns"

Films for adults:

Thursday 16th May, 3pm - "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"

Friday 24th May, 7.30pm - "The Children Act"

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Your Neighbourhood Forum meets on 19th June. Will you be there?

I am pleased to announce that the Dore Neighbourhood Forum will get a further and final chance to approve the draft Dore Neighbourhood Plan on Wednesday 19th June.

I hope we can expect a healthy turnout from the paid-up membership of the Dore Village Society to this meeting to be held in the Dore Church Hall on Townhead Road.

You will recall that any neighbourhood plan must comply with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and generally conform with the strategic policies of its Local Planning Authority's Local Plan. We have two LPAs, Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. We have found it easy to satisfy the PDNPA, but more of a struggle to satisfy SCC, who have been engaged in a very protracted process to revise its out of date existing Local Plan. We have found ourselves oscillating between trying to conform with the existing Local Plan, knowing that it will change, and waiting to conform with the new Plan, which keeps being delayed.

We (and by that, I mean the Forum's appointed Steering Group) finally took the decision last year to align with the existing Local Plan because there seemed to be no likelihood of a new Sheffield Plan being launched imminently. We finalised the text of our plan for the major formal public consultation which we are statutorily required to carry out before submitting our plan to our LPAs, but first took it to your Forum for its endorsement, which was received on 21st March last year. We launched the Pre-Submission Consultation on 12th April of that year, and it closed just over six weeks later on 29th May. We received a good deal of supportive and helpful comment but also many critical comments from SCC Planning Department; certainly, enough to require a major re-examination of parts of our text.

We were conscious that the March 2018 Forum meeting had given us the approval to proceed to Submission and the delegated authority to sort out modest changes to the text where it made sense to do so. However, not only were we faced with the potential for more than modest textual change - even though the intent of the plan remained the same - but also in July of 2018 the Government published a significantly revised NPPF which we were obliged to take account of.

We were left in the autumn with a difficult decision - whether to rush the revision of the draft Plan and to get it to our LPAs before SCC published the next stage of its own new Local Plan, or to wait until the latter was made public. At first we decided to delay, particularly to have further advisory meetings with the Council; but as time passed by and our workloads multiplied, we decided that we could no longer afford to be governed by the interminable delays within the City Council in releasing a new draft Local Plan for consultation. We are volunteers and committed to getting this right for Dore, but there is a limit to the extent that we can maintain our enthusiasm, let alone that of our community. At the time of writing, this Steering Group has had well over 40 full meetings (all recorded on the DVS website), not to mention innumerable additional smaller meetings, working group meetings, stakeholder meetings, consultation events and meetings with our LPAs.

So we have now got to the stage where we have considered all the comments received from the Pre-Submission Consultation, we have taken account of subsequent advice from the City Council and we have taken account of changes to the NPPF made in July 2018 and February 2019; thus enabling us to recast our Neighbourhood Plan to be in conformity with the local and national strategic policies which we are obliged to do, but at the same time still fulfilling the Forum's original vision and aims and the aspirations of our community.

We now seek the Forum's updated endorsement of what is in their draft plan for Dore and its community. Just a reminder why this invitation is addressed only to Dore Village Society

members. Most neighbourhood plans are prepared by elected parish or town councils, but Dore has no such council. SCC and the PDNPA accepted the application of Dore Village Society, with its membership constituting towards a third of Dore's adult population, for its membership to be designated as the Forum to prepare a neighbourhood plan for Dore. This probably makes it the largest Forum in the country, but, nonetheless, only its members can take part in the meeting on 19th June. There will, however, be a chance to become a paid-up DVS member on the door.

The Plan contains landscape and access related policies for Dore's part of the National Park, for land between developed Dore and the National Park boundary (that is land which constitutes the natural setting of the National Park and also is designated Green Belt) and in the transition between the Park and developed Dore towards Ecclesall Woods and the Sheffield suburbs beyond. It further has policies about the importance of green infrastructure, the designation of local green spaces, the protection of mature residential gardens and the protection of heritage assets. There are also policies to preserve the vitality of the village centre, to support smaller new homes in Dore and to support sustainable transport.

This is your opportunity as Dore Village Society members to:

- receive an explanation of the changes made to the plan and agree the revised policies and proposals;
- approve the Dore Neighbourhood Plan for submission to our Local Planning Authorities.

The Forum meeting is at the Church Hall on Townhead Road at 7.45pm on Wednesday 19th June. Copies of the relevant papers for the meeting will soon be available on the DVS website and from Hartley's Fruit Cabin on Church Lane.

Christopher Pennell
On behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Dore Probus Club

Nearly a full house

At our first two meetings of 2019, we had all the chairs out to accommodate the 50+ members who had come to meet socially and to listen to talks on criminal investigation and the Boer War. Since numbers were swollen by former members of the defunct Abbeydale Probus Club, this nearly full house has become the welcome scenario at our meetings. (We now have a membership of 72.)

Throughout 2018 we had the usual enjoyable mornings and stimulating talks, whether the subject was a local historical site, a Yorkshire railway, amateur astronomy, or a journey to Iran with a fleet of lorries. We are looking forward to the new season, which includes talks on light subjects such as Laurel and Hardy, and more serious stuff such as Belgium 1914.

Our visits last year (when we were joined by wives and friends) included lunch at the Silver Plate Restaurant, the Yorkshire Air Museum, Whitby via the Pickering railway, and Jaguar's factory at Castle Bromwich. A few years ago, our visit to the JCB factory occurred one day before the Press announced an order worth several million pounds; unfortunately we were unable to work the same magic when we went to Jaguar last autumn within days of their bad news. We are hoping to avoid the headlines when we go on our cruise to Liverpool on the Mersey Ferry this summer.

If you are a retired man living within reach of Dore and would like to join our Probus Club, or perhaps simply make a visit (without commitment), contact either Nigel Reeves (nigelkreeves@hotmail.co.uk) or George Beeley (tel. 255 2098). Dore Probus Club meets in the hall of Dore Methodist Church, 3 Savage Lane, Dore, on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 10.15am. You will find details of our talks and visits on our website at <https://doreprobus.wordpress.com>

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The first meeting of the DVS Nature Group

One of the aims of the DVS is to enhance the knowledge and enjoyment of nature in Dore, so we wish to set up a nature group, starting off with some talks on subjects relating to nature in Dore, and if there is sufficient interest we would like to undertake some nature recording projects. These could cover recording the numbers of species birds, butterflies, bees, wildflowers, bats, or whatever anyone is interested in. This could be similar to the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. We would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking part, or who has any expertise (however modest) or interest in any or all aspects of nature. The objective would be to monitor any losses or gains of species within Dore over the years and increase an appreciation and understanding of what we have on our doorstep.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th June at 7.45pm at the Old School Dore. We are pleased to say that the speaker at the meeting will be Jim Clarke. Jim is a highly experienced and knowledgeable local ornithologist and has undertaken many bird surveys professionally and who in 2018 organised a bird survey in Sheffield including Dore. Jim will be speaking about the birds that can be found in and around Dore.

Jim is currently involved with a willow tit survey. The willow tit has red listed conservation status because its breeding population has declined by more than 50% in the last 25 years. This bird lives, or at least lived until recently, on the fringes of our area including Totley Brook. Jim has suggested that he may have the results to reveal at the meeting and that he could have some good news. (See the RSPB web site for a picture and more information: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/willow-tit/>)

Other red listed birds that live on the fringes of Dore include tree sparrows and yellowhammers. Equally important and not to be forgotten are common garden birds including robins, blackbirds, house sparrows, dunnocks and wrens. These need also to be recorded because their continued existence within Dore cannot be taken for granted, and if populations decline slowly we might not notice them disappear. House sparrows have red listed conservation status due to population declines.



Female Sparrow. Photo © S Sidgwick

In addition to birds, we also hope to cover many types of fauna and flora. Butterflies are an obvious possibility. Commonly found in Dore gardens in spring and summer are peacocks, red admirals, commas, small tortoiseshells, small whites, large whites, specked woods and sometimes painted ladies. On the fringes of Dore, I also commonly see orange tips, gatekeepers, six spot burnetts (really a day-flying moth), small coppers and skippers. A holly blue was found in our garden last year. The holly blue seems to have had a good year last year whereas tortoiseshell numbers have declined dramatically in recent years. A very good guide to butterflies and moths can be found on the website of the charity butterfly-conservation.org which also has a phone app and runs the Big Butterfly Count in July and August each year which anyone can take part in. Research carried out by Butterfly Conservation and its partners shows a serious and



Holly Blue Butterfly. Photo © Amy Lewis

long term decline in butterfly numbers.

There are, of course, many other kinds of interesting insects such as bees that could be surveyed. Dragonflies are often seen in Dore and must rely on garden ponds as they spend most of their lives in their underwater larval stage. The ponds of Dore will also provide habitat for frogs, newts and several species of snail and pea mussels.

Wildflowers persist in many places, from the red valerian and ivy leaved toadflax that grow out of our stone walls (neither of which are native species) to the bluebells, wood anemones and lesser celandines in the woods, and the nettles. Cow parsley, bird's-foot trefoil and vetches can be found on verges and grassland.

There is a bat population in Dore, which is possibly all pipistrelle bats, but it would be interesting to find out more about the bat population and whether any other species live in Dore.

The State of Nature Report 2016 and other research has highlighted the depleted state of British wildlife. That report includes a Biodiversity Intactness Index, which is designed to assess the loss of nature due to human activities over a period of centuries, and shows that out of 218 ranked countries England was 28th from the bottom. There are many reasons for this including intensification of agriculture and pesticide and herbicide use and habitat loss as a result of increased urbanisation. Modern building techniques and gardening and maintenance practices can also have an effect on the nature that lives around us. All of the creatures that live in Dore rely on some features of the environment in Dore, perhaps in conjunction with other habitats outside Dore. There may be simple things that we can do to help nature if we get a better understanding of what is around us and what is happening to it.

Hopefully meetings in the future will give us an opportunity to get together and talk about what we have found and learned and find ways for us to enjoy the nature that lives around us and help it at the same time.

I hope to see you at the meeting on 11th June.

Mark Ridler



Orange Tip Butterfly

Correction - the article "Nature's Abundance at Blacka Moor" which appeared in our last edition was wrongly attributed. It was in fact written by Nabil Abbas, Living Landscapes Manager at Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust. We are happy to set the record straight.

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The line was a great boon to Hope Valley residents and walkers came in their thousands. It may be no coincidence that the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society was also founded in 1894. The peak time for the railway was before and immediately after the First World War. Very soon motor vehicles were taking much of the passenger custom, but the coal trade remained. After the Second World War cheap army surplus lorries became available and more cars came onto the roads. The steam powered railway required many thousands of men to perform arduous physical tasks. A modernisation plan in the 1950s was followed by the Beeching Report of 1963 recommending the closure of very many lines and stations, including ours!

All the stations from Dore into Sheffield (Heeley, Beauchief, Millhouses & Ecclesall) and smaller stations to Derby, including Dronfield, were closed by the Eastern Region in 1968. Dore and the Hope Valley stations were reprieved by the Midland Region but lost station staff in 1969 when pay trains were introduced. The two mainline platforms were taken out of use and the footbridge to the far side taken down. In 1985 worse was to follow. The central platform was demolished, the single remaining platform reduced in length and the line through the station was singled. Only stopping trains to New Mills called and it needed a change to get to Manchester.

We at Dore & Totley probably have more to celebrate than the other stations because strong campaigns have gained us fast commuter trains to Manchester, the best ever. Sadly, the service to Sheffield is worse than it was 100 years ago.

Co-ordinated by the Hope Valley Rail Users Group (to which FoDaTS is affiliated) and the Friends Groups at Grindleford,



Hathersage, Bamford, Hope and Edale, all the stations will be decorated with Midland Railway coloured maroon and gold bunting from May until September. Well dressings up the valley may have a railway theme. There will be railway history linked talks in the villages. A group of school children from Hathersage will travel with a band to Edale to replicate what happened 125 years ago.

More events are being planned, including a history walk from Dore & Totley to Grindleford on Saturday 29th June starting at 10.30am and returning by train - an over and under walk! There will be more walks from and between the stations.

That canopy – at long last I can say construction has started and should have been completed by the time you read this. There are more seats out along the platform.



Unfortunately, there have been the inevitable snags discovered when dealing with an old building. The drainage wasn't as it was expected to be, going to a clogged-up soakaway that had to be cleaned out. The bricks along the top of the front wall were found to be modern soft bricks used when the building was converted for use as a restaurant and unsuitable to support the structure. In consequence, the canopy has had to be fitted lower than planned.

Our big event as part of the Hope Valley Line 125 celebrations was intended to be the first with a big opening ceremony for our canopy. We still don't know when that will be, but hopefully before September! We know who we want to get, and we know some who may be able to join us, so maybe it can be reported in the next edition.

Our AGM will have been held on 7th May by the time you read this. Melissa Farmer, Rail Development Officer at SYPT, should have brought us up to date on the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme and may have told us some of the problems SYPT are having to consider before the car parking situation can be significantly improved. We should also hear from HS2 and Arriva Northern. There's a lot going on under the surface. One day some may emerge and be of benefit here at Dore & Totley.

In and around the station we've been pleased to see the daffodils planted last year making a colourful display. The cherry blossom opposite Dore Road looks brilliant and we'll be replanting the tubs on the platform in May.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for our FoDaTS Group. It's very active and there's all the latest news about trains and the station.

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Is it time for an Inquiry?

Here's the latest news from Save Dore, Totley and Bradway Trees. It's been a fairly productive three months since our last update, with the main news being the steady progress of the process of Joint Investigations, as explained in our last article here.

The work is moving fairly slowly but generally some excellent results are being seen. Amey are now tending to look at "whole road solutions" which does mean, in some cases, that unthreatened trees are also in the mix! However this is accepted as an attempt to instigate longer term solutions which, moving forward, could hopefully significantly reduce the numbers of removals of healthy mature trees for engineering reasons.

Thanks are due to tree campaigners and supporters who, since the middle of January, have been out and about on the streets, whatever the weather, monitoring and observing this work. There are inevitably a proportion of trees for which immediate solutions can't be implemented and we will have to wait for Sheffield City Council to publish their recommendations and decisions but, overall, the campaign feels things are moving relatively positively! Slowly but surely!

Locally, we are still waiting for three trees to be assessed on Abbeydale Park Rise and, at the time of writing, APR is still not on the timetable for work. However, three trees on Aldam Road in Totley should have been looked at towards the end of April. The Aldam Alder, on Aldam Way, was thoroughly examined by Amey arborists recently and is definitely to be retained although some work may be needed to the surface of the pavement, along with some light pruning of the canopy. The Vernon Oak, already announced as saved, apparently needs Amey's proposed engineering solution approved by SCC before implementation.

But it's worth repeating that, whilst the work now being carried out is so very welcome, there are many conflicting emotions revolving around the numbers of healthy mature trees lost over the life of the StreetsAhead contract. So many trees have been felled unnecessarily and the oft-repeated mantra from SCC/Amey that felling is always the last resort is manifestly misleading!

There has also been much written recently in the press, following a great piece of investigative journalism by the Yorkshire Post, about the relationships between SCC, Amey and South Yorkshire Police. There are clearly some very uncomfortable questions for those in authority to answer and many within the tree campaign firmly believe that the only way forward on this is for an Independent Inquiry to be established, the sooner the better! While ever these issues remain unresolved, campaigners will continue their work.

There are many ways to follow and keep in touch with the continuing campaign.

- Find us on Facebook: Save Dore, Totley and Bradway Trees and STAG Sheffield Tree Action Groups.
- Follow us on Twitter: *VernonOak@savedoretrees*
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There you are, blossom



The blossom on Abbeydale Park Rise was stunning this year. Thanks to the early spell of warm weather, it appeared sooner than some years but residents were primed and ready!

They organised a family celebration on the street and gathered together on the afternoon of Saturday 30 March. There was an art session, courtesy of STARTS, a local community group (Street Tree Art Sheffield) and tea and home made cakes were served. It was a lovely bright afternoon and some wonderful art, prompted by the blossom, the buzzing bees and the beautiful shades of colour, was produced.

Sadly the blossom season is so short-lived but is such a marvellous time, year by year, and loved by all.

And the final news from Abbeydale Park Rise is a real cause for celebration! Following the charity fundraising over the Christmas and New Year period, when, as always, residents staged a fantastic outdoor display of lights, it's been announced that almost £2500 was raised for St Luke's Hospice. Fantastic effort and well done indeed to all those involved.



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The start of the year has already been quite busy for Transport 17 with our AGM, a coffee morning, meeting and working with other local organisations and keeping the buses on the road!

Our AGM was held at the Shepley Spitfire at the end of March. The Management Committee Report (in lieu of the Chairperson's report) referred to the many things that you will have read about in these articles and formally thanked everyone who has contributed in whatever way to the running of Transport 17. Unfortunately, the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2018 recorded that once again our finances are under pressure. This is largely a result of expenses for the buses, particularly the MX05 which is now 14 years old.

Peter Marquis was elected as treasurer, taking over the role from John Savournin. John has been treasurer for 22 of the 24 years that he has been with Transport 17. Thanks were recorded for his service.



Thanks to Felicity Revill for being Chair of the Management Committee for over 20 years

Felicity Revill resigned her post as Chairperson, a role she has held for many years. She has been involved with Transport 17 for more than 20 years and took over as Chairperson when the Barlows left. Sometimes the role has been quite challenging, to keep a small organisation so reliant on volunteers and goodwill going, but we are all grateful that she did. We will keep in touch and hope she will continue to be a part of T17 events in years to come. Thank you, Felicity.

It was also an opportunity to celebrate. Mike Finn has been with T17 for 30 years. He has seen many changes, not least the buses! It has not always been plain sailing, with many challenges along the way but the measure of his success is that Transport 17 is still operating a successful, community-based, accessible transport service that improves so many lives; still funded by the public sector in a time of significant cuts, so Passenger Transport Executive must be happy with the job being done. Thank you, Mike and here's to the next 30!!

We held our coffee morning at the Cross Scythes on the 23rd March, raising £846. Once again there was excellent support for the event and so many people commented on what a good time they had. Thank you so much to everyone for their support. The Chocolate Bonanza Lucky Dip was very popular. It is amazing how many different items are made with chocolate and we had a very full stall at the start of the morning. Everyone seemed thrilled with their prizes; size did not seem to matter! Through Netta Barnes we received a very generous donation from Thornton's Chocolates which included a fantastic Easter egg for the raffle. There were a range of other great prizes for the raffle and thanks go to Netta, and Hazel Brand for sorting them. We very much rely on the support of many local businesses and we can't thank them enough for their generosity. They are all listed on our Facebook page. Our Trolley Photo Quiz had people puzzling and there was much chatter and discussion as they tried to work out the answers. It is always good to have Deb Leonard at our events and she too

had a successful morning which meant we benefitted. Thanks go to her for her continued loyal support. The event also gave us the opportunity to publicly celebrate Mike Finn's 30 years and to say a huge thank you to Felicity Revill for her service as Chair of the Management Committee. A busy morning! Last, but by no means least, thanks go to the Cross Scythes for allowing us to fill their space, for their kindness and generosity, for all their support - they are amazing.

Now we are looking forward to and planning our next Coffee Morning at The Cross Scythes on the 15th June. Scrivens Greengrocer on Trolley Rise has agreed to sponsor the event and huge thanks go to Mark for his support. We have decided to do something a little bit different this time, so we have a number of people who are having stalls. They are Katherine Maughan, Flamingo Paperie, Lynn Munro's Knitwear, Margaret Day's Handicrafts and Tropic Skincare with Deb Leonard. We are busy sorting a suitable prize for our popular raffle of 100 £5 tickets which we are planning to launch at the event. Also, there will be a gorgeous cake to guess the weight of and you can have a go to 'Find Trolley's Treasure'. All the makings of another great morning. Hope you can make it.

Unfortunately, at the start of the year our oldest bus the MX05 failed its MOT test and we were left with a bill of £1800 to get it back on the road which has hit us hard. After the financial report for 2018, this was not the start we needed for 2019. We are pleased to say it has now passed its test, but it reinforces just how important our fundraising events are and how much we appreciate all your support. Recently the aim of our fundraising has been on helping to keep Transport 17 on the road and an unexpected cost such as this makes the need for this focus so important. We have been aiming to replace the MX05 bus by 2020 and the expense of these repairs has highlighted how imperative this is. We have funds of £25,000 already so the pressure is now on to raise the remaining £25,000. Consequently we face quite a challenge for the year to come which is already rattling away. Transport 17 needs you all now more than ever.

Finally, back in the 1980s, Help the Aged (now Age UK) match funded the purchase of our first bus. We are now pleased to report that we have had an initial meeting with Jo Glaves, Steve Chu and Councillor Colin Ross from People Keeping Well in Dore and Trolley, the local organisation coordinated through Age UK, to discuss our possible involvement, thinking about what we do, can facilitate the activities of People Keeping Well. From this we have identified times when we would be able to provide transport for some of the activities. We are delighted to be able to contribute to, and be involved in, this valuable community initiative. The wheels do indeed continue to go round.

Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)



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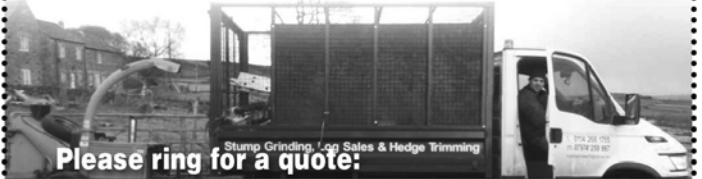
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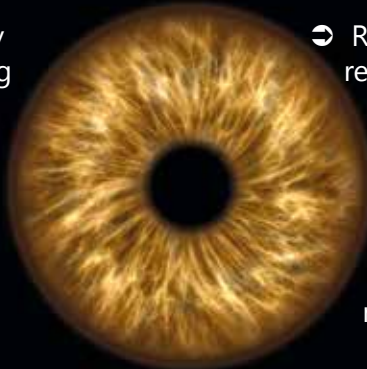
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With the unseasonal warm weather at the beginning of the year, the winter aconites and snowdrops were soon in flower. Snowdrops are native to France and West Germany, but are a sign that spring is on its way and an absolute delight. Like most wild flowers, more spectacular varieties have been cultivated, but somehow, they lack the charm of the true natives and, also, they are not so good for wildlife.

Next to bloom were the pretty lungwort (another introduced plant from western Europe which is popular with early bees and very easy to grow) and also red deadnettle (a native annual I have grown from seed which is spreading around the garden). Then, in March, the daffodils began flowering. Some bulbs were only planted last autumn and are not growing to the normal height, but they will do so in the next year or two.

The later, cooler, weather held up the arrival of the wood anemones but by April they were appearing, and some had seeded in other shady areas, looking really natural. The lesser celandines have spread and are now forming large patches, so they clearly like living here! Both plants will die back completely after flowering, leaving a bare patch, but growing a summer-flowering plant in the same area, such as wood cranesbill, which also dies back after flowering, could be worth a try.

I do not grow crocus as the only native in this country is sand crocus which thrives best on sand dunes or sea cliffs.

Wild primroses are also very pretty and grow freely in my garden. This year, one was in bloom on January 6th and, as with many of my native wild flowers, I enjoy passing them on to friends and those who help with jobs that become more difficult as one gets older! Consequently, I was delighted to help the Doreways Gardening Branch with their request in the spring issue of this magazine, for native primroses to be planted along the bank on Newfield Lane, overlooking the valley towards Blacka Moor. Having spent many happy hours over many years, walking, cycling and riding in the area, it is a real pleasure to be able to help in this way.

With the spring garden flowering, now is the best time to think about where more spring flowers might look nice and plan autumn bulb planting accordingly. It may be that some existing bulbs just need moving around. However, leaving them to spread naturally may well give the best result.

Unfortunately, though, it is not good news about my alder trees. A chartered arboriculturist has confirmed that they are suffering from phytophthora, a water-borne bacterial infection which is affecting many alders this year. It is a fatal disease. The problem has probably been caused by the extremely hot weather last summer which has stressed the trees and left them vulnerable.

However, I was assured that it will be quite safe to keep all the wood for use in the garden and so, depending on the thickness of the branches, they can be used to build wood piles or as edging logs; the trunk can be cut across to make step-stones; and the smaller twigs can be chipped for use on the bark paths. There will be a lot of wood but none of it will be wasted and, as it rots, it will support a huge amount of wildlife.

Despite last year's problems with invasive weed, the ponds are now doing quite well, with frogspawn in two of them. There are lots of young newts among the oxygenating curly pond weed and even tinier newts in the mud in the third and sunnier pond.

There were lots of different varieties of birds earlier in the year, but numbers have varied with the variation in temperature. There

are the usual young, cheeky and quite tame robin, the song of a wren and, though some distance away, that of a thrush, too, which is encouraging. We've also enjoyed seeing lots of goldfinches on the sunflower and niger seeds, bullfinches and a very handsome woodpecker. However, nature can be cruel and, attracted by a lot of noise, I witnessed a magpie with a fledgling in its beak being harassed by a blackbird. No doubt the magpie would go back for the rest of the clutch but, hopefully, the blackbird will have learned that the nest needs to be more discreet.

Having sewn several varieties of wild flowers as plug plants in the autumn, which was really too late for them, it was necessary to keep some under cloches until the warmer weather. Despite that, most are doing quite well and are being transplanted into pots to be planted into the sunny border - mainly to increase the numbers

of those varieties already there. Others may be directly planted into the 'morning sunny' bed which has recently been extended into the lawn, or flowers like ragged robin will go by a pond as they like damper conditions.

Ivy (non-variegated) is good for insects and birds. I let it grow along hedge bottoms, up a section of fencing and over the stump of a tree. It is also in a hawthorn tree and, although this will be controlled to some extent, it is giving the smaller birds excellent cover.

It is good to have a shady area in the garden. This could include large and/or small native trees depending on the size of the garden. There are two native

English oaks: *quercus petraea* (sessile oak) and *quercus robur* (oak). They support 284 different invertebrates, some of which are totally dependent on oak. Others include silver birch, hornbeam, hazel, field maple and hawthorn, which is such a lovely smaller tree and also supports large numbers of invertebrates. Now is a good time to be planning a shady area, giving thought to the choice of trees, where best to source locally-produced trees, and what preparation will be required for planting in the autumn. I am advised that planting "whips" is often more successful than older saplings and cheaper too! They can develop quite quickly.

The planting of any native flowers, shrubs and trees in gardens will all help to support our wildlife and lessen the effects of climate change, but recent TV programmes highlighting the state of our oceans cannot have failed to make us all more aware of the poor state of the environment throughout the world. Much research has been done, and in some areas ecosystems have been greatly improved, like an area of the Great Barrier Reef off the east coast of Australia. However, like many marine biology students, my own granddaughter is currently diving off Mauritius collecting information on how well, or otherwise, the corals are coping as the oceans warm up.

Also, on the 26th March, BBC news and other programmes were reporting on the findings of recent research which has shown that the number of pollinators such as bees and hoverflies in UK locations has dropped by a quarter over the last forty years. It was emphasised that we should plant more native wild flowers in our gardens as they provide the best support for these pollinating insects, which don't just support our food production but are the foundation of healthy ecosystems, feeding animals higher up the food chain, maintaining soil health, and countless other things. Sky TV was too busy going on and on and on about Brexit but, as one small boy said when the schoolchildren went 'on strike', "Brexit won't matter - the environment will."



Marsh Marigold starting to flower as the ponds come to life in the warmer weather



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This year we can offer all the firm favourites starting with the popular Open Gardens on Sunday 30th June and the Heritage Trail and Strawberry Fayre on Monday 1st July. On Tuesday 2nd July we welcome back the celebrated local writer, poet and broadcaster Sally Goldsmith who was such a hit two years ago. Throughout the first week the talented well dressing teams will be creating our two pictorial boards which are put in place on Saturday 6th July. On that same day are two very different but

Sunday 30th June: Dore Open Gardens, organised by Jean Stevens & Sue Wilcock, 2-6pm. Tickets (£5) in advance from Valerie of Dore, or from the first garden visited.

From Monday 1st July: Preparation of our village well dressing boards, Scout HQ, Rushley Road. Daily 10am-noon, 2pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm. See also page 2.

Monday 1st July: Dore Heritage Trail, led once again by Dorne Coggins. A walk around some of the most noteworthy places and architecture of our village, accompanied by Dorne's knowledgeable commentary. This is a free event, but places are limited so please call 236 0002 beforehand to book. The trail will start from Dore Old School at 10am.

Monday 1st July: Strawberry Fayre run by Christ Church Mother's Union, Dore Old School (outdoors if weather is good) 2pm-4pm.

Tuesday 2nd July: "Out of the Ordinary" with Sally Goldsmith, local poet, broadcaster and campaigner. Organised by Dore Ladies' Group, Church Hall, Townhead Road 7.45pm. Visitors welcome, £4.

Thursday 4th July: "Trees of Dore", led once again by Tony Heathcote, this walk around some of the more interesting arboreal features of our village. Meet at Dore Old School, 10am. This is a free event, but places are limited so please call 236 0002 beforehand to book.

Saturday 6th July: Wyvern Walk (5 miles) from Wyming Brook. Meet at Dore Old School 9.30am. Families and dogs welcome.

Saturday 6th July: Unveiling of village well dressings, village green and watering trough green, from 10am.

Saturday 6th July: Classic Car Show at Dore Club, Townhead Road from 1pm. A range of classic, restored and vintage vehicles for all you petrol-heads to drool over. Free entry, refreshments available.

Saturday 6th July: Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society Summer Concert, Dore Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets (£8) from 236 2299. See also page 15.

equally enjoyable events, the Classic Car Show and the Gilbert and Sullivan summer concert. An opportunity to learn about the trees of Dore and a five-mile Wyvern walk also feature in the first week.

To mark 25 years of Dore Festival we are putting together a display of photos and memorabilia of past events and activities which can be viewed in Dore Old School on Sunday 7th July. We will also be celebrating 60 years of well dressing in Dore, an event which was started in 1959 by Betty Brown as an attraction at Scout Gala time and has continued ever since. The Scout and Guide parade and well dressing service on the village green, the photos and stories of past well dressings and festivals and the Methodist cream teas all take place on Sunday 7th July. So, a very full weekend of events for the whole family!

Our momentum continues with the great Family Fun Run and Lord Conyer's Morris Men on Monday 8th July. Please note the Run will start and finish at Dore Primary School this year and early bird entry forms are from Hartley's Fruit Cabin. During the second week there will be a DVS heritage talk, the Company on the green, the Dore Male Voice Choir concert, the Health Walk and finally the Scout and Guide Gala and Songs of Praise to round off our special 25th Dore Festival. We look forward to seeing you in the summer during Festival Fortnight.

Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon
Dore Festival Co-ordinators

Sunday 7th July: This year not one but two exhibitions in Dore Old School, 10am-4.30pm celebrating 25 years of Dore Festival and 60 years of well dressing in Dore. Photos and stories. Free admission.

Sunday 7th July: Well dressing dedication service, Dore Village Green, 3pm. Followed by afternoon cream teas available in the Methodist Church Hall until 5pm.

Monday 8th July: Family Fun Run, Dore Primary School. 7.00 pm. For more details, please contact the school: doreparents@gmail.com and see article opposite.

Monday 8th July: Lord Conyers Morris Men, Devonshire Arms from 8pm. Food available.

Tuesday 9th July: "What the Victorians Ate" - a talk by The Bustle Lady, Dore Old School 7.45pm. Admission £4 on the door. A DVS Archives and Heritage event.

Wednesday 10th July: Open air theatre on the village green, presented once again by The Company. This year: "Cyrano and Roxanne", a retelling of Edmund Rostand's play "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Janice Rider. Curtain up 7.30pm, free to attend, bring your own chairs and a picnic if you wish. There will be an interval collection.

Thursday 11th July: Dore Male Voice Choir and David Clover Festival winners, Church Hall, Townhead Road 7.15pm. Free admission; there will be a collection for charity during the performance.

Friday 12th July: Health Walk (2.3 miles) led by Sue Lee. Wheelchair friendly, starts from Dore village green, 10.20am. Refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 13th July: Dore Scout & Guide Gala, Recreation Ground 2pm-6pm. Full details in your Gala programme which will be delivered through your door next month.

Sunday 14th July: Festival Songs of Praise, Christ Church, 6pm. All are very welcome.



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Forthcoming events

I have just come in from the garden on a cold but sunny afternoon, having attended to the many jobs that need doing at this time of year. The lawn has been scarified, mown and edged, climbers cut back, and perennials separated. Spring has definitely sprung; the gardening season is upon us.

On Wednesday 19th June, Rachel Barracliffe will be giving a talk about growing flowers and vegetables in pots and containers. Come along and learn the trade secrets about how to arrange plants in containers for maximum visual impact. What gives a pot the wow factor? You don't need a vegetable plot to grow your own - hear and see Rachel's ideas for growing fruit and vegetables in containers. Visitors are welcome at our events and pay only £3 at the door.

Every year the Club arranges one or more visits to interesting gardens, parks or historic houses with gardens. On Wednesday 26th June there will be a combined coach trip to the Derby Arboretum and Felley Priory. We had a speaker from the Derby Arboretum last year which prompted us to go there for a guided tour. The Arboretum will be our first port of call and is the oldest in England. It is also one of the few places where you can see trees planted in raised mounds, as was customary in Victorian days. RHS Felley Priory is situated in north Nottinghamshire. The tranquil garden is full of rare and unusual plants and the house and its 2½ acre garden are nestled in beautiful rolling countryside. The garden has been carefully planted so that there are plants of interest all year round. There is a plant nursery stocking many of the plants you see in the garden, and a tea room.

You don't have to be a member to come along. There is always spare capacity on the coach we hire, so if you would like to attend please get in touch with Janet Hewitt on 2350434 to reserve a place. The cost is £20 per person which includes coach travel and entrance fees. RHS members get a reduction on presentation of their membership card. The coach leaves the village newsagents at 9.30am, returning around 5.30pm.



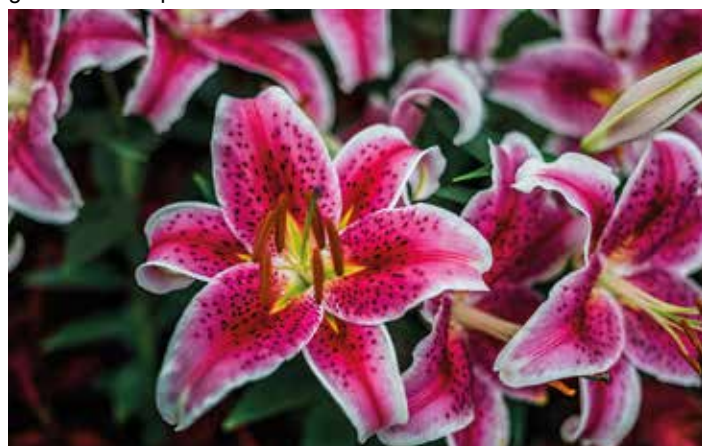
Felley Priory and part of the gardens

The fabulous events you missed

The Garden Club year got off to a tremendous start with a line-up of well attended events. January's attendance was one of the highest recorded for the double act by Dorne Coggins and Nigel Daykin from the Time Travellers. They gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the use of land in Whirlow over the last 10,000 years. The archaeological work which has gone on there around Whirlow Hall Farm has attracted national interest and lottery funding in the last ten years. Artefacts over 20,000 years old have been uncovered, including old flint tools used by hunter-gatherers after the end of the ice age and a bronze age arrow head. There is evidence of a Roman signal station in the locality, which it is thought marks the boundary between the Roman Empire and Brigantes tribe. It is possible to tell from carbon dating of remnants of occupation that this marks the earliest phase of the Romans' advance north – all on our doorstep. Members even got the chance to handle some ancient

finds, including a number of clay pipes dating from the eighteenth century which came from middens in Central Sheffield and were brought to the farm to fertilize the soil.

There was another bumper turnout for the eminent and eminently entertaining speaker Patrick Harding, who provided a humorous and illuminating talk on the medicinal use of plants. Patrick told us that sorcerers, witch doctors and herbalists passed their potions down the generations, but it was the Minoans in Crete who appear to have had the biggest impact on medicine. Of the 45,000 flowering species of plants, over 10% have been used in mainstream medicine, common examples being Vick's vapour rub and the senna in Senokot. It is a well-known fact that dogs often eat grass as an emetic, cats get a "high" from catnip whilst humans get theirs from hemp (cannabis) and poppies (opium) - all plant-based materials. At the end of the Second World War, medicinal plants were no longer effective in treating bacterial infections which generated the introduction of antibiotics. Yet, still today so many treatments have started with a plant such as yew clippings which are synthesized into a treatment for cancer. In the main, we certainly have to be grateful to our plants for a lot.



Pink lilies in bloom. Photo courtesy of Shopify Partners

We had another double act in March when Peter and Trish Kohn returned to the Club. Trish got the ball rolling with her talk about lilies – such a colourful and versatile addition to the summer garden. In the wild lilies only grow in the northern hemisphere and are found across Europe, China, SE Asia, western and central N America and Canada. Trish provided lots of growing tips and it seems good drainage is the key in the clay soil we have here in Dore. Adding grit and leaf mould and planting the bulbs really deeply in pots or open ground are the key if you want a colourful display. If you have a go at propagating your own lilies you can even cut out the small "bulbils" which grow in the leaf axels. In the last edition of this magazine I described the beautiful blue Meconopsis as one of the more challenging plants to grow. Peter described the very particular likes and dislikes of the Meconopsis (it looks like a blue poppy) which tend to grow in the Himalayas. He bought some very healthy-looking plants to sell, which were eagerly swooped upon by Club members.

Coming up

The Garden Club is planning to be at two popular village events this summer. We are having a plant stall again at this year's Dore Open Gardens on Saturday 29th June. We will also be at the Dore Show on Sunday 8 September.

Club speakers

We are always on the lookout for new speakers who can give an informative talk on a gardening or natural history subject. We are currently planning for speakers for our 2020 programme and beyond. We pay a fee and travel expenses. If you would like to present to the Club or know someone who might be interested please get in touch with our programme organiser, Janet Williams on 2356308.

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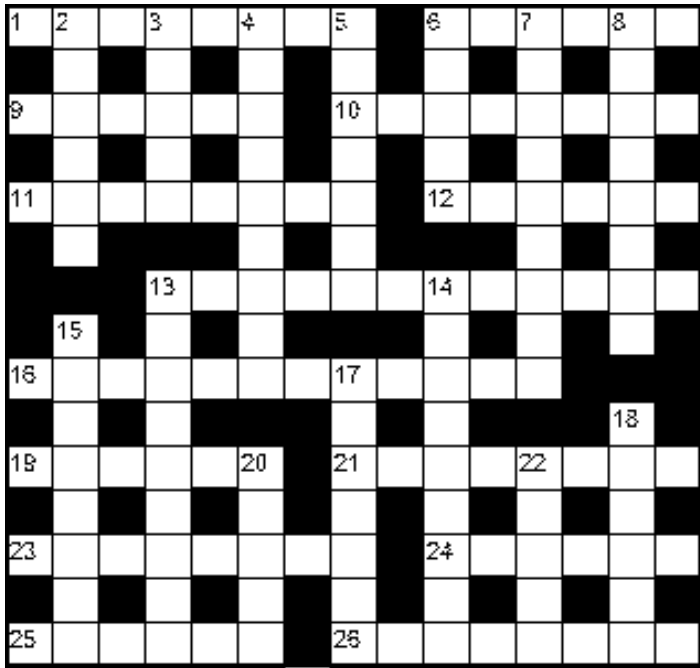
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Across

- 1. Move on, keeping left to get to the club (8)
- 6. Retrieves farmland (6)
- 9. Bring in meaning (6)
- 10. Mineral found by listening to the foolish girl (8)
- 11. Scoffed following a charge to turn off (8)
- 12. Determine the position of the familiar London club (6)
- 13. Brokers domain a convenience (6,6)
- 16. No Union in the building but I cause a blockage (12)
- 19. A follower has connections which can produce some temporary loss of vision (6)
- 21. A vehicle in a heavenly body, that takes the biscuit! (8)
- 23. Stately home to charge locally (8)
- 24. Agreement to have child after University is cut short (6)
- 25. Book about trees soaking up the sun (6)
- 26. Row about imprint makes one more grouchy (8)

Down

- 2. Politician wears flower in a weak sort of way (6)
- 3. Run in over sound (5)
- 4. More about rubbish getting back to the drawer (9)
- 5. A trail following new beginning (7)
- 6. Leaves the first of February on legitimate international opportunity (5)
- 7. Large audience assembled to see this kind of geometry (9)
- 8. Set off to provide hand out around the middle of ghetto (8)
- 13. German city where wagging tail is needed (9)
- 14. Battle to get a drink at a place for squash (9)
- 15. Mixed doubles, right - rocks! (8)
- 17. Showed up with something for sale which was musical (7)
- 18. It's further round, so got up depressed (6)
- 20. Having cavity it's wrong to go to the America (5)
- 22. English within prosperous German city (5)

It's global cooling, surely?

We're told the world is warming up, but it must be cooling down.

When I was a lad, we only needed the coal fire on from about four in the afternoon until about 10.30. Today, we have to have central heating on morning and night. It must be getting colder.

When my grandfather got his first car it had no side windows. My first Morris Minor had no heater. My car today has air conditioning to maintain a constant temperature. It must be getting colder.

My aunt kept a book to show when she first turned her night storage heaters on and off each year. They weren't on for many months. I remember my mum lugging coke in daily from the outside store to feed the fire, which was a good incentive to just put a jumper on if it was a bit nippy. Our central heating is on much longer. It must be getting colder.

When we went into the garage workshop, it was open and the men worked without any heat. I take my car for service today and it's enclosed and heated. It must be getting colder.

My old school had open corridors between classrooms around the very open quadrangle. We wore shorts. Today, schools have centrally heated corridors and all pupils are in long trousers. It must be getting colder.

I walked or cycled to school, only adding a pair of gloves and a pullover in winter. I was warm enough. My friends and I played in derelict prefabs on Aldam Road on the way home; I remember snowball fights but not being cold. I wore a duffle coat when it snowed, but was still in shorts. I rarely took a bus, but it would have had no heater and an open door. Now, buses have doors and heaters. It must be getting colder.

Surely, we wouldn't need all this extra heat if the world was getting warmer?

Come to that the world must be getting darker.

Back then we had one 100-watt bulb in the lounge and that was really bright. The gas lights on our road were OK and the lamp lighter came round once a week to wind the clock and check the mantle. We walked around just fine, even us kids. Grandfather said driving in the blackout had been more difficult, but he'd coped.

But it's not getting darker. Thanks to all our wonderful street lighting, boosted by security lights and the headlights of many vehicles, the world is brighter than ever.

It's also warmer than accurate records show. Is all this extra heat not part of the problem too? All the hot vehicle exhausts must be adding another twist to the impact of greenhouse gases. So, too, must the heat given out by all our warmer houses. And those space heaters outside pubs and restaurants.

I'll get another (wet?) blanket. It's a chilly business trying to be enviro-friendly.

CJM

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At the time of writing this article, a number of teams are still completing their fixtures.

However, it is pleasing that very few postponements have taken place throughout the season, and our pitches have held up extremely well in view of the usage.

On The Pitch

A number of teams have completed their season and I am very proud to share with you the following successes so far.

Under 11s have won both divisions placed in this season and won the Cup, finishing runners up in the Dearne Cup, and going 18 games unbeaten whilst enjoying learning the game the right way.

Under 14s have had a fantastic season to date, League Cup finalists and already promoted to Division A with 2 games remaining. They are currently favourites to be runners up in Division B with many of the players coming from local schools and have played together for many years. Great camaraderie and friendship together has proved a major ingredient in the team's three back to back promotions in successive years!

Under 15s Red were crowned runners up in Division A and are the first Brunsmeer team in a number of years to maintain Division A status throughout their junior football. It is also pleasing to note that half of the squad originate from the Brunsmeer Academy when they were 5 and 6 years of age!

Under 18s (second season) are coming to the end of their Under 18s League, and it is fantastic to see that three of the players have

represented the county at Under 18s (Aman Aslam, Aaron Reddin and Max Greaves). Max has also captained the county at Under 18s which is a very proud achievement for our lads.

Another player, Ryan Collins, has won a US College Soccer scholarship. He is going to St Thomas Equinas College in New York and will be playing in the NCAA East Conference next season.

Brunsmeer Awareness

Earlier this year Brunsmeer Awareness collected another award 'Sheffield Health & Social Care Trust, Recognition and Achievement' and some of the management team and players were at the presentation evening. Congratulations to all.

Fundraising at Beautiful Downtown Bramall Lane

On a beautiful March afternoon, 250 players, parents and grandparents attended the Bristol City game at Bramall Lane. Apart from the result, our Under 7s had an enjoyable time doing the guard of honour and our Under 8s the centre circle flag waving pre match, and then the whole teams in attendance did a half-time pitch walk.

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- Sat 18 and Sun 19 Spring Plant Sale: The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society, Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Thompson Road entrance), 11.00-2.30 Saturday, 10.00-1.30 Sunday. A wide selection of well-loved and rarer hardy plants are for sale, with advice from knowledgeable members. Free admission, refreshments available, all welcome. For further information about the group please see our website: www.southpenninehps.btkc.co.uk
- Thu 23 Friends of Gillfield Wood Wildflower Meadow Walk. A look at another of our meadows close to Gillfield Wood with Rebekah Newman. This is a late spring evening stroll with the delight of seeing meadow flowers and learning about the need to protect these habitats. Start 6:30pm and taking around 2 hours.
- Sun 26 Friends of Gillfield Wood: Practical Conservation Morning. Practical conservation mornings are run with the help of the Sheffield Council Ranger Service. We meet at 10am on one Sunday in the month either at the Baslow Road bus terminus or the end of Totley Hall Lane. The actual venue will be emailed prior to each Sunday so make sure you are on the email list by contacting the secretary at fogwsecretary@gmail.com.

JUNE

- Sat 1 Totley Library Book Sale of craft books, also craft sale. See article on page 19 for details.
- Mon 3 Wyvern Walkers: An easy/moderate walk starting from the Barrel Inn at Bretton enjoying delightful views over the unspoilt wooded valley of Bretton Clough, where allegedly the last true Britons lived! Lunch opportunities at the Barrel, but prior booking advised. Walkers meet at Dore Old School, 9.30am. Further details from Godfrey Wilkinson : 0114 236 6319 / 07785 280385.
- Tue 4 "The English Longbow" by Pete Lawton, a Dore Village Society History and Heritage Talk. Ever wanted to know more about the history of Sheffield - and beyond? A new series of history and heritage talks will introduce you to a range of fascinating subjects by some of the area's best speakers. For more information: email: dore.archives@mail.com, www.dorevillage.co.uk, [facebook.com/dorearchivesandheritage](https://www.facebook.com/dorearchivesandheritage). All talks begin at 7.45 pm in the Old School, Savage Lane. Tickets £4 on the door - limited places available.
- Tue 4 Dore Ladies' Group: 'The Work of the Modern Fire Service' by a local female fire fighter. 7.45pm Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road
- Sat 8 Dore Primary School Wild Outdoors Family Fun Day. See page 19.
- Sun 9 Art Show at Totley Library, many local artists displaying and selling their work. Refreshments and cakes will be available. See page 19.
- Tue 11 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 10am. Talk: "Trust Me, I'm Your Plague Doctor". Talk by David Bell.
- Tue 11 Dore Methodist Church Ladies' Tuesday Group. 'Yorkshire Seaside Heritage', Mike Higginbottom gives his illustrated talk. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.
- Tue 11 Inaugural Meeting of the DVS Nature Group, Dore Old School 7.45pm. See article on page 23 for full details.
- Wed 12 Dore Village Society Annual General Meeting, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. See article on page 3.
- Fri 14 St Luke's Golf Day, Abbeydale Golf Club. For full details including how to enter, see article page 2.
- Sat 15 Transport 17 Coffee Morning, Cross Scythes, Totley. See page 29 for details.
- Sat 15 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden Working Day - general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens (next to Whirlowbrook Park) at 9.30am.
- Wed 19 Dore Garden Club: Speaker Rachel Barracliffe - "Growing Vegetables in Containers". Meet Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.
- Wed 19 Dore Neighbourhood Forum meeting, Church Hall, Townhead Road, 7.45pm. All DVS members are invited to attend this meeting to approve our Neighbourhood Plan. See page 21 for full details.

- Fri 21 Wyvern Walkers: From old Bakewell Railway Station we follow the old railway line and the River Wye to Haddon Hall. Over to Haddon Fields, to Conksbury, Lathkill Dale and Over Haddon, the road to Burton Moor and down fields to Bakewell. Further details from Chris Cave: 0114 2364648. 6.5 miles. Walkers meet at Dore Old School, 9.30am.
- Sat 22 Friends of Gillfield Wood: Lichen Survey in Gillfield Wood. Sorby Natural History Group's Steve Price will be helping us survey these intriguing algae/fungi combinations called lichens. We also have a few other Sorby people looking at invertebrates if this is your preference. Meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 10am.
- Sun 23 Friends of Gillfield Wood: Practical Conservation Morning. See May 26 for details.
- Tue 25 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 10am. Coffee morning and fashion accessories.
- Sat 29 History Walk from Dore & Totley Station to Grindleford (returning by train). Organised by Friends of Dore & Totley Station. See article on page 25 for details.
- Sun 30 to 14 July inclusive - Dore Festival 2019 in its 25th year. See page 33 for full timetable of events.

JULY

- Mon 1 to Fri 5 inclusive Preparation of village well dressing boards, Scout HQ, Rushley Road. Three sessions daily. Come along and observe or lend a hand. See article on page 2
- Sat 6 Wyvern Walkers - Dore Festival Walk. A walk full of interest and fine views. Starting at Wyming Brook Car Park, we head to Ash cabin and the conduit which fed the Sheffield Reservoirs in the late 19th century. We pick up the line of the tunnel which carries water from Ladybower to Rivelin Dam and return via Wyming Brook. Great for families, children and dogs. Further details from Stephen Willetts: 0114 236 2821: 5 miles. Walkers meet at Dore Old School, 9.30am.
- Sat 6 Unveiling of village well dressings. See Festival timetable, page 33.
- Sat 6 Totley Library Book Sale of children's books and general paperbacks. See article on page 19 for details.
- Sun 7 This year not one but two exhibitions in Dore Old School, 10am-4.30pm celebrating 25 years of Dore Festival and 60 years of well dressing in Dore. Photos and stories. Free admission.
- Sun 7 Well dressing Dedication Service, village green 3pm. See Festival timetable, page 33.
- Tue 9 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 10am. "Slides of Autumn Colours", talk by Steve Drinkall.
- Sat 13 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Garden Working Day - general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gate to the gardens (next to Whirlowbrook Park) at 9.30am.
- Sat 13 Dore Scout and Guide Annual Gala, Recreation Ground 2pm-6pm. See Festival timetable, page 33. Your Gala programme should be delivered free next month.
- Thu 18 Dore Garden Club - Local garden visit TBC (evening). Meet Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.
- Sun 21 Friends of Gillfield Wood: Practical Conservation Morning. See May 26 for details.
- Tue 23 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 10am. Talk "Lace Making" by Kerry Brooksbank.
- Sun 28 Wyvern Walkers: Starting at Longshaw Car Park (NT Pay and Display) we walk down Burbage Brook and up the sunken track to the Hathersage Road. Over to Mothercap, then walk along Millstone Edge to Surprise View. Then down to Padley Gorge and back through Longshaw Estate via the pond to toilets and refreshments! Further details from Keith Shaw : 0114 236 3598: 5 miles. Walkers meet at Dore Old School, 9.30am.
- Sun 28 Doreways Group Litter Pick - to participate, meet in the Dore Old School car park at 11am. Litter picking continues until 1pm. You may pick litter either in the centre of the village, around your own home or the organisers will suggest an area which 'needs attention'. Please wear suitable old clothing and footwear, plus gardening or similar gloves if you have them. Some of the litter can be quite icky! All other equipment can be provided. Children are welcome to help but must be accompanied.

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My stropmy ancestor from Dore

Although both my parents were born on the other side of Sheffield, he in Crookes, she in Walkley, unbeknown to them they each had forbears who came from Dore.



Margaret Stubbs (nee Hague) 1916 - 2000

Both families can be traced back to the 17th century. On my mother's side, it was her direct paternal ancestors, the Hagues, who lived at Dore from at least 1650 to around 1820. At that time Dore was part of the parish of Dronfield, and it is intriguing to think that many generations of the Hague family, living and dead, would have passed where I now live at Bradway en route to Dronfield church to receive some appropriate form of blessing.

Indeed, on 29th March 1829, one Millicent Hague, aged 75, achieved some sort of fame by being the last person from Dore who was obliged to be buried at Dronfield, this being shortly before the burial ground opened at Dore church. Despite being described as "the wife of Peter Hague", I suspect this Millicent was actually my 4x great grandmother (see below). She was more or less the correct age, and I can find no other burials of a Millicent Hague around that time, nor any other references to a Peter Hague.

My father's connection was through his paternal grandmother Jane Lambert Greaves. During the late 17th and early 18th centuries, the Greaves family lived at Barberfields, on the right-hand side of Long Line as you head up towards Sheephill Road, but later generations moved to Woodthorpe, between Totley and Dronfield Woodhouse.

During the first half of the 19th century both families moved into Sheffield to take up employment in the steel and cutlery trades.

One day back in September, the Dore Village Society participated in the Heritage Open Days programme by opening up their archives to the public. I went along to see what I could find.

Unfortunately, it wasn't really possible to get involved in detailed research on the day; it was more an opportunity to see the range of material available. However, an innocuous looking leaflet I picked up contained an interesting reference.

The leaflet was the one produced by the Dore Village Society giving details of the Dore Heritage Trail. Looking through it with mild interest, I suddenly focussed on entry number 35, The Bod on Limb Lane. The description stated that this was famous because one Samuel Hague took squatter's rights there and refused to move on inclosure of the neighbouring land.

Now, my 4x great grandfather Hague was called Samuel (the husband of Millicent), so I wondered if it could have been he

who was the famous squatter. It would certainly be in keeping with general family stropmy, as the photograph (left) of my mother shortly after her 74th birthday will apparently testify, although in fairness I'm pretty sure she thought she was giving a 'V for Victory' sign!

The Inclosure Act for Dore was passed in 1809, but the ensuing Award was not made until 1822. As my Samuel died in 1820 aged 68, I initially dismissed the idea that he could have been the squatter. It couldn't have been his son Samuel either, born in 1790, for he sadly died when he was just 3 years old.

However, references in Roy Bullen's "The Old Days in Dore", published in 1988, an edited version of an original manuscript by J Hancock written in 1896, reveal that The Bod (a pair of earlier dwellings replaced by the present one on the same site during the early years of the 20th century) was at one time owned by "Robert Thorpe [...] a descendant of Samuel Hague, the original squatter".

There were two Robert Thorpes, father and son. The wife of Robert Thorpe senior was Martha, the daughter of Samuel Hague. They married at Sheffield parish church (now the Cathedral) on 29th May 1814. Martha was also the sister of Hannah Hague, my 3x great grandmother, so it seems that Sam the Squatter was indeed my 4x great grandfather after all!

Presumably the squatting incident occurred not long after the Inclosure Act was passed, and I was delighted to learn that it was resolved in Samuel's favour when the apparent owner, the Duke of Devonshire, was unable to prove that rent had ever been paid to occupy it. It's not often that the little man defeats the landed gentry. Power to the People!

I am indebted to Dorne Coggins of the Dore Village Society for her help and encouragement in compiling this article.

Peter Stubbs

Sheffield Half Marathon 2019



The run came through Dore once again on the morning of 14th April, on a day which was almost perfect for running, if a little chilly for the large and appreciative crowds of spectators who came along. Our cafes were both open and doing brisk business.

First home was Jamie Hall of Huntingdonshire AC, who completed the course in 1 hour 11 minutes. The first local bloke was Liam Walker of Steel City Striders who was fifth overall and only 3½ minutes off the lead. First lady to finish was Phillipa Williams who completed in 1 hour 17 minutes.

Congratulations to all the 6,037 runners who took part this year, and thanks to all the residents who turned out to watch.

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The Med on the Moor



A stone-built pub, traditionally popular with walkers seems an incongruous location for a Mediterranean restaurant, but that is what The Dore Moor now is. After a recent refurbishment, Ego at The Dore Moor Inn has opened its doors advertising “freshly cooked Mediterranean food, wine & cocktails, alongside cask ales in the beautifully refurbished and dog friendly The Dore Moor Inn, on the edge of Sheffield’s Peak District.”

My first visit wasn’t conducive to a review as it was with a group of over twenty on a Sunday lunchtime. I will report however, that the Sunday roast I chose, although not the best I ever had was perfectly reasonable and good value for money.

My second visit on a weekday lunchtime found the restaurant as busy as it was on that Sunday, but we were seated promptly and looked after very well by the attentive and friendly staff. There are three choices of menus at lunchtime – the regular à la carte, the prix fixe and the lunchtime menu. The lunchtime menu boasts all starters at £4.50, all mains at £8.95, light bites at £6.95 and desserts all at £4.50. The à la carte menu is extensive and contains pizza and pasta dishes, hanging kebabs and steaks as well as some more interesting Mediterranean offerings such as Moroccan lamb and pork saltimbocca.

We mainly decided to go for choices from the lunch menu and started with calamari and salmon and dill fishcake. The latter is on the à la carte as well – as a starter with soft poached egg and hollandaise, and it is this version of the dish that I wanted. What I got was the version from the light bites section of the lunch menu – with fries and lemon mayo. In hindsight this was totally my fault for only reading the title of the dish. It was, however a really good fishcake, with a crispy coating and plenty of very tasty salmon and the just the right amount of dill to add to the dish but not overpower the fish. The potato was just the right consistency and was in the right proportion for a salmon fishcake rather than a potato cake with a bit of salmon. The calamari ordered by both the other two diners were cooked



really well, with no rubberiness at all. The batter could have been slightly crispier, but that is a minor point.

On to mains. We ordered a steak in ale pie, a rump steak, and a lemon chicken Milanese, the last from the light bites section. The pie was a really good size and topped with shortcrust pastry, which in my mind is only bettered by a suet pastry crust. At this point let me digress into the definition of “pie”. This was actually a stew with a lid, not a pie. For me, a pie should be totally encased in the pastry, a point with which the OED agrees, even if Wikipedia has a different opinion (I know which one I trust!)

Back to the food – the “pie” came accompanied by hand-cut chips, which were chunky and well cooked, and the mangetout and carrots were cooked really well. There is however, one criticism (apart from the lack of pastry on the bottom) – no gravy! The pie filling was just as I like it – packed with plenty of succulent meat in a thick gravy, with a great flavour, well-seasoned and really tasty. However, additional gravy was needed to avoid the whole dish being too dry – a small jug of gravy on the side would have improved the experience no end.

The 6oz rump steak was served with skin on fries rather than the chunky chips that accompanied the pie, tomato and a peppercorn sauce on the side. It was requested as medium-rare but came rather more medium. I personally would have asked for it to be changed, but the diner in question was comfortable with it being slightly more cooked than they expected. Having said that, it was a good, tender steak and the sauce was perfectly acceptable. I am not sure where the current trend for “skin-on” fries and chips has come from. If I was going to be cynical, I would think about the cost-saving in not having to peel the potatoes. I may be wrong and it may be a push for additional fibre and hence an improved diet, but I am sticking with my cynical side, even though I do quite like them!

The let-down of the lunch was my lemon chicken Milanese. The chicken was overcooked and hence quite tough, the breadcrumb coating demonstrated this by being almost burnt around the edges. I couldn’t taste even a hint of lemon, possibly because of the over-use of salt. The garnish of rocket, sun-blush tomatoes and Gran Padano was served underneath the chicken, which made the rocket go soggy and the cheese melt. The lemon caper chilli dressing was sharp and tasty but wasn’t capable of elevating the dish from its low start.

My fellow two diners went for desserts – one chocolate brownie ice cream sundae (£6.95 from the à la carte), which was huge, with brownies, toffee sponge, chocolate sauce, ice cream and cream with chocolate popping candy. Way too much cream for me, but the brownies and toffee sponge were very good, and the popping candy added something a bit different.

The sticky toffee pudding was a good example of this dessert. Plenty of toffee-ness in a good moist sponge, and the toffee sauce was very good. Not the most difficult dessert to create, but very well executed.

Overall, Ego at The Dore Moor Inn is well worth a try. It is not fine dining, and I wouldn’t even class it as a gastro-pub, but there is enough variety on the menu to elevate it well above pub-grub. Its value for money is a big tick and means that it doesn’t require an event as an excuse to eat there.

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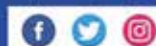


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Congratulations, Bob!

Dore to Door's best wishes to Bob Clark, who recently celebrated a half century of singing with Dore Male Voice Choir. To mark the occasion, his colleagues presented him with a tankard as he's now getting on a bit and needs to ensure that his tonsils remain properly lubricated.

Whilst not the oldest DMVC member (he's a sprightly eighty-*cough*), Bob is the longest-serving singer with the Choir and looks fit to be carrying on for a good while yet.

From Dore to Door #14, Summer 1989

Kings Croft

Kings Croft House and its surrounding grounds have been declared surplus to requirements by Sheffield Education Department and are likely to be offered for sale later this year. The society has expressed its concern over the proposed land disposal to the Education and Land & Planning Departments and will be closely monitoring subsequent events. We understand the building is likely to be listed on the grounds of the site's historical associations, which coupled with its location in the conservation area should make excessive development unlikely.

However, as those who have seen the steady infill development over recent years will know, it is vital that we watch the fate of this key site particularly carefully.

Dore Show Categories 2019

September 7th might be a way off, but for all you growers, brewers, sewers and artists with an eye on entering the Dore Show this year, below you'll find a brief listing of this year's categories. The full list with class numbers, rules and instructions on how to enter will, of course appear in our next issue in August, but the below will give you an idea what you should plant and paint over the summer.

Pay attention to your gardens and greenhouses, and if you're going anywhere nice this summer, don't forget your sketchbook! We'll see you in September.

Get creative!

A new stall at this year's Show will give an opportunity for some of you talented individuals to show off an example of your craft work and put it up for sale. We are not thinking 'jumble sale' here but a chance to put a piece of your handiwork up for sale. Nothing too large, of course, but something that you are proud of creating and that someone may want to purchase. We will ask for a charge of £1 for your entry. Just put a price tag on it and bring it along on the morning of the Show to be registered with all our usual exhibits. If your piece doesn't sell it can be collected at the end or you can donate it - tell us when you register.

Vegetable and Fruit Section

- 6 pods of runner beans
- 6 pods of garden peas
- The longest runner bean
- 3 onions - 200g or less
- 1 vegetable marrow
- 4 potatoes - one variety
- 4 beetroot
- 1 cucumber
- 5 tomatoes- one variety
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- Any other vegetable
- 4 dessert apples
- 4 cooking apples
- A tray of mixed vegetables including salad
- Any other fruit - 5 items of the same fruit
- A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
- A pumpkin or squash
- 3 courgettes
- 5 carrots - with tops and tails

Flower Section

- A vase of 5 dahlias - arranged to effect
- 3 cut home grown flowers
- A miniature arrangement in a teacup
- 3 roses - any container

- A foliage plant in a pot
- A vase of mixed flowers
- A vase of sweet peas
- A floral arrangement of home grown flowers

Domestic Section

- 12 cheese straws
- A ginger cake - any recipe
- A Victoria Sandwich - to prescribed recipe
- A lemon drizzle cake
- A chocolate cake
- A Swiss Roll
- 4 Scones
- 4 decorated cupcakes - judged on decoration only
- A loaf of homemade bread
- Savoury flan
- A jar of chutney
- A jar of lemon curd
- A jar of fruit jam

Wine Section

- A bottle of homemade wine
- A bottle of home brewed beer

Junior Section

- An original Lego construction - base no bigger than A4 paper
- A vegetable animal (Y6 and under)

- Garden on a paper plate (Y3-Y6)
- Art on a plate (Rec- Y2)
- Painting on a pebble
- Design a book cover (Y2-Y6)
- A sock puppet (Y6 and under)
- 4 decorated biscuits - judged on decoration only

Textile and Handicraft Section

- An item made using paper craft
- An item of fabric clothing
- A handmade knitted item
- Any soft toy
- Open handicraft any medium
- A crocheted item
- A quilted item

Visual Arts Section

- A watercolour portrait: animal or human
- A watercolour painting 'My Holiday'
- A painting in any other medium or mixed media
- A monochrome drawing - any medium

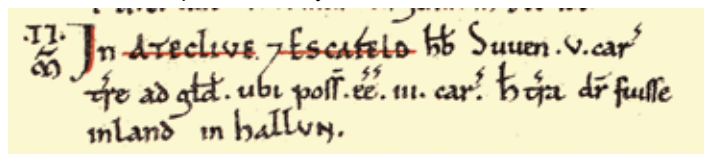
Photography Section

- A black and white photograph - any subject
- A colour photograph- 'A single flower'
- A colour photograph- 'Dore Village'
- A colour photograph - 'Texture!'

Weavers, woollens, weird words and what you never knew about Dore

Currently the archive team are looking at some of the occupations carried out in Dore in the past. You might not believe that Dore, historically, was a poor place where life was harsh except for the few. Farming and coal mining were the main primary industries, with small tool manufacture, especially of scythes, concentrated in the Townhead area. What might surprise you are some of the other activities carried out in the village, some of which made for much wealth.

Back when the Domesday Book of 1086 was being written, Dore had two named landowners – Edwin and Lewin – both of whom worked two bovates of land to the geld. A bovate was a way of measuring land and assessing the tax payable to the Crown, and roughly equalled 10 to 18 acres. It was the amount of land an ox could plough in a year. Geld was the tax paid to the Crown prior to William the Conqueror's tax system.



Domesday entry relating to Sheffield, or Escafeld

The occupation that has thrown up lots of surprises is that of weaving. Prior to the Industrial Revolution, spinning and weaving were cottage industries with yarn being outsourced to workers in their own homes. We already know that in Roman times, at nearby Whirlow Hall, the Roman colonists of that area were weaving, because loom weights have been found on site during the recent excavations by The Time Travellers Archaeology group.

There is much evidence that spinning and weaving on a large scale continued in the Whirlow Hall area into Tudor times with the Bright family. To this day, one of the fields making up the land of Whirlow Hall Farm is still referred to as Tenter Field, or in older documents 'Tenter Meadows'. You will be familiar with the expression 'On tenterhooks'. This refers to the practice of hooking out woven cloth to be stretched and bleached; hence being on edge and taut!

South Yorkshire was making woollen cloth all through the 16th and 17th Centuries. Linen weaving was also being carried out in our area, and this leads us to one of those long-forgotten words – harden cloth. This was a very coarse linen cloth used mainly for bed linen (Not too comfortable!) and hard-wearing aprons. Flax, the source of the linen fibre, needs cool and damp conditions to grow, with the actual fibre being retrieved after soaking. Dore, with its numerous springs and water courses would have been well suited to flax cultivation.

Dronfield was the centre of spinning and wool weaving as well as of linen production. Dore has always had a very close link to Dronfield from the time when the main Church serving Dore was St John the Baptist in Dronfield. In 1666, to support the home woollen industry from foreign competition an Act of Parliament said that all burial shrouds must be woollen on pain of a hefty fine! So, the corpses being taken down the coffin way [*Water Lane* – see *Dore to Door* 132 or '*On Your Dorestep*' for details, both available from the DVS website. Ed.] to Dronfield in this period would most certainly be

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wrapped in wool woven either in Dore or Dronfield.

The first real evidence of weaving in Dore came when we started to look through some of the wills and inventories of Dore residents that were not used in David Hey's amazing book 'Syke in bodie but sound in mind'. The research and deciphering of old documents by David and his study group are fascinating and relate to a period from the 1500s to the mid-1700s.

We focused on six men described as 'Weavers' and what they left to relatives on their deaths.

This inventory was transcribed by Julia Bramhill for Edward Stone of Dore who died in 1625, and if you look closely you will see reference to his 'loomes gaires and other uternsels belonging to the weavers trade'. The value placed upon them was 30 shillings, which at the time was a substantial amount; in fact of the same value as Edward's 'three brasse candlesticks and thirtie seaven pieces of pewter'. He was a wealthy man.

The earliest weaver seems to be Robert Offertone, whose will and inventory date from 1558. In his will he asks that his brother Richard gets his 'violet jacket and second best doublet', with his older brother Thomas getting his 'best doublet'. He had in his Inventory '3 lomme with all the geyres pertaining to the wyvers occupacione' valued at 26 shillings – another large sum of money for the times, though not valued as much as his 3 panns, 2 kettels and a skillet at 30 shillings!

Then, in 1617 there is an earlier Edward Stone, Thomas Stone in 1632, Richard Dungworth in 1714 who is described as a clothworker, and finally Thomas Cooper in 1786. Thomas Cooper's will and inventory are intriguing because he leaves legacies to the Chantry family whose most famous member is Sir Francis Chantry – sculptor and artist – who lived at the family home at Jordanthorpe. (1781–1841).

What has been more difficult to pin down is whereabouts in Dore the weaving was being carried out. The only clue so far lies in the earliest Will of Robert Offertone who writes about having land tenancies for 'Little Lyme field, Brode Lyme field and Long Greve'. Looking at later maps of the village these names seem to refer to fields close to the present Abbeydale Road/Dore Road area. In 1686 a Richard Offerton is recorded as building a new house at Thrift House, just off Ringinglow Road, with the old house being used as a barn.

And finally some more of those weird words. Kimnell – a wooden tub; a Kitt – a wooden barrel, sometimes with a lid and used to store milk, butter etc and also for washing clothes; a Noggin – a small drinking vessel, mug or cup. All of these were possessions described in the inventories of our weavers. Every single possession was duly recorded and valued at the time of death and therefore we have an invaluable picture of daily life.

Then, not quite weaving, but did you know that Dore also had a rope making industry? Hemp ropes were a necessary part of farming requirements, being widely used to hold down tarpaulins on haystacks.



Haystack being constructed at Limpits Farm. Not sure where you are? You are looking up present day Causeway Head Road away to the left, from the end of High Street. Ropes were stretched out on the straight walkways through from Causeway Head Road to Rushley Road, which are still in place today.

Dorne Coggins