

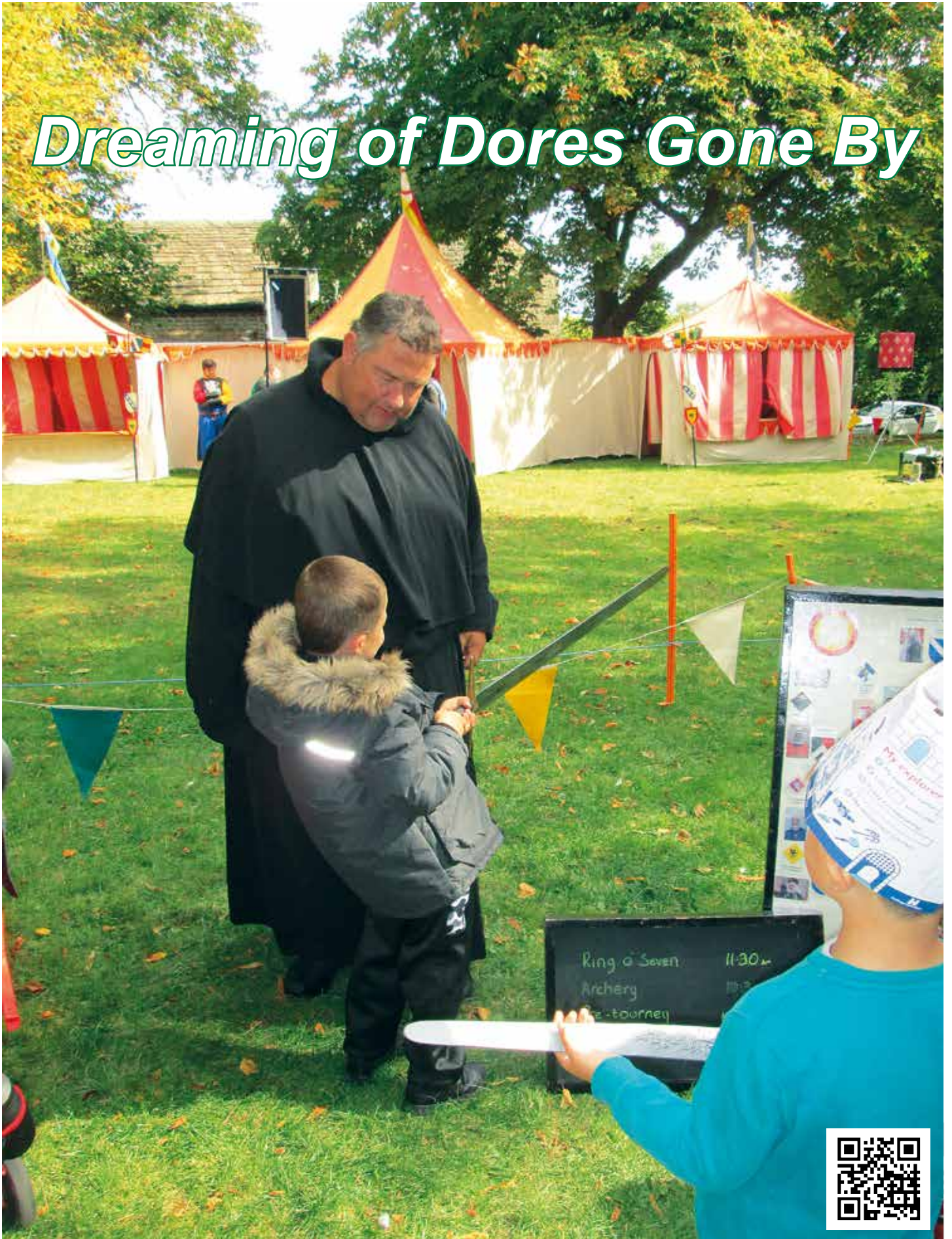
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Dreaming of Dores Gone By



Councillors Update



Your local Councillors have received many complaints about the local bus services, especially the 97/98 bus service. We already reported on our meeting with First in the spring that unfortunately didn't bring about any improvements, despite the assurances given. In fact, we now have a reduced frequency of service on the 97/98 route!

As a consequence of this, a petition was organised by a local bus user and working with us it was presented to a meeting of the full Council on September 4th.

At the meeting other petitions about the poor bus service in other parts of Sheffield were also presented, so we are not alone in suffering. The outcome of this was that it was decided to have cross-party working to produce a more rigorous engagement with the bus companies. The existing Bus Partnership arrangement is clearly not working and what is needed is a much more robust agreement with the bus companies with increased influence for the Council on behalf of the bus-using public.

Since the deregulation of the bus service and loss of local influence there has been a steady decline and we need to reverse this trend.

There are possible changes afoot as to how the City Council is run. There have been concerns that under the present 'Cabinet and leader' model, too much power is concentrated in the hands of a very few Councillors. A petition organised by It's our City reached 21,815 signatures. This passed the threshold needed to trigger a referendum about how the Council is run. This requires the Council to formulate proposals on a new committee system that would include all Councillors being involved in decision making. A referendum on whether to adopt the new system or remain with the present system will be held on the same day as the local elections in May 2020.

The first volunteering day for Friends of Whirlowbrook Park was held in August. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind to us! Nevertheless we still managed to tidy a number of flower beds. More helpers would be greatly appreciated. The working days are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12. If you are interested please contact Karen Lewis at Karen.lewis1@sheffield.gov.uk or turn up at the park and join the friendly band of volunteers.

Expressions of Interest have been received by Parks and Countryside about establishing a cafe in the Park. These proposals are currently being evaluated. Let us hope that there is a viable prospect amongst them that will lead to the return of a cafe in the park.

The decision on the planning application for 22 houses on Long Line has been delayed and now won't be made until November at the earliest.

Colin Ross, Martin Smith and Joe Otten

Heritage Open Day event

"The Brigantes - Daily Life In Iron Age Britain", an excellent and informative exhibition was held in the Dore Old School in mid-September. This event was run by the Time Travellers' Brigantes Group. Displays of the ancient crafts, farming, culture and more were visited by over 150 people. There were demonstrations of Hand Spinning and natural dyeing by Holly Hagg Fleece Club and even parents and kids had a go. There were also information displays about local archaeology, the Time Travellers group, and also the history of Dore Old School itself. A well presented and attended event, so big thanks especially to The Brigantes Group of the Time Travellers. You can find out more about the Time Travellers archaeology group at www.thetimetravellers.org.uk.

John Baker



The Brigantes specialists: From left to right they are Mary Graves, Dorothy Prosser, Geraldine Roberts and Chris Rodger. Photo by Dorne Coggins.

Language courses at St Johns Church Hall

Just a few words to remind you about the Workers' Educational Association's successful language courses at St Johns, Abbeydale Road South, Totley (near Dore Station/end of Twentywell Lane).

We currently have a number of French courses available from Beginner to Advanced levels, Italian Beginner and Intermediate, and a new Spanish Beginners' course. These will all be in their second term by January, but all are welcome to join – and don't worry if you're new to the language – there'll be plenty of opportunity to catch up. In addition, we hope to have a brand new Learn German through Story course in the new year – more on that later.

For information on any of the above, please contact me on 07958 940821 or email sylviamay@gmail.com.

Sylvia May, Tutor, modern languages, WEA

Dore Christmas Choir

Rehearsals have already started for this new community choir, which will sing at the Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons at 5pm on 22nd December at Christ Church, Dore. All who enjoy singing are invited to join. Experience of singing in choirs and reading music is welcome but definitely not essential.

The choir will be singing six pieces (including a world premiere!) together with harmonies for the congregational carols. Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7.45-9pm in Christ Church; please contact condliffe@doctors.org.uk if you are interested in joining. The evening itself should be a great way to enter the Christmas period and everyone is warmly invited to come and listen, sing, reflect and, if they choose, share in some mulled wine!

Robin and Honor Condliffe

Cover: a young visitor discovers that it's not so easy wielding a broadsword like Jon Snow when you're only six. Pictured at our Heritage & Archives event on the Village Green in September. Report on page 17. Photo by John Eastwood.

Church Hall latest

By the time of publication, an invitation to tender for a 25-year lease to manage and develop the church hall will have been advertised, with a deadline for submission of January 31st 2020. We will carefully review submitted applications to ensure that they have robust and sustainable business plans which fulfil the terms of tender. These include the mandate that the hall will be used for community purposes. The Parish Church Council looks forward to working collaboratively with the successful applicant to optimise the long-term future of this community asset. Further information is available via www.markjenkinson.co.uk.

Robin Condliffe, on behalf of Dore Parish Church Council

Dore Christmas Diary

Well, it's that time of year again. Whether you love it or hate it, Christmas is one of those things that it's very difficult to avoid. Even catching a plane and spending the season in a country where Christmas isn't celebrated isn't safe any more, as festive greetings reach you by email and social media no matter how far away you flee.

Anyway, Dore to Door has been around on your behalf looking for things to do around Christmas this year. Whether you're saddled with kids and just desperate for school to start again, or maybe if you're alone and looking for a way to feel Christmassy without friends or family, we hope that there are ideas here which will inspire you to try something different.

Popular events in Dore are covered elsewhere in this issue, either with their own articles or an entry in the main Dore Diary on page 43. An exception to this is the Devonshire Arms, where we've just learned that the Oughtibridge Brass Band (who played at Dore Show this year) will be back in Dore on **19th December** to play at the pub. The music will start at around 7pm and it's free to get in to hear (and maybe sing along to) their selection of festive tunes. And of course, the Dore Male Voice Choir will be back in their usual spot on Boxing Day as they have done for many, many years now. Both events are free admission.

Whirlow Hall Farm's Christmas Fayre is on **23rd & 24th November**, with the lambing and cow barns packed with Christmas treats. Open from 10am-3pm each day, admission is £5 for adults (includes parking) and children under 13 get in free though there is an extra cost if they want to see Santa.

Back in Dore, the Mothers' Union will be having their Christmas Market in the Church Hall on **30th November**, 10am-noon. Go along and find yourself some Christmas bargains including cakes, plants, wrapping paper, books and toys. There's also going to be a raffle for a Christmas hamper. Two quid on the door, but you do get a mince pie and a coffee in with that.

Tapton Hall at Crosspool are having their Christmas Fayre on **1st December** and this is also free to get in. The Fayre (how come fairs are only spelled like this at Christmas?) runs from 11am-3pm.

Fancy a Christmas wreath for the front door this year? Why not make your own this time, instead of buying ready-made? There is a festive wreath making class at The Broadfield on Abbeydale Road on **2nd and 3rd December**, at the end of which you should be able to come away with your own creation. Tickets are limited and £35 each, which might sound expensive but all materials are included so there shouldn't be any more to pay after that. Call 0114 255 0200 to book, or email bookings@thebroadfield.co.uk. A similar event at the same price takes place at the Waggon and Horses, Millhouses on **9th December** - call 0114 303 4243.

Remember 'The Snowman', the 1982 film of the book by Raymond Briggs? No doubt it will turn up on telly again this year at some point, but how about watching it with a full live orchestra? Such a performance will be at Chesterfield's Winding Wheel on **4th December**. This is a touring production which has been seen by over 150,000 people around the country. It's local to us for the one night only, with tickets priced at £13.40 for adults and £9.40

More moolah for MacMillan

Tricia and Anne would like to thank all those who supported their Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September, whether you attended on the day, gave a raffle prize or sent a donation. We would also like to thank our wonderful team who work so hard and are always ready to help. We couldn't do it without them.

Despite the rather disappointing weather, 102 people attended and we raised £1444. Since then we have had a number of donations and our grand total is £1730, which is wonderful. Thank you all again for your continued support and we hope to see you again next year.

Tricia Pitchfork

for children. You can phone the Winding Wheel on 01246 345334.

The **8th December** (noon-4pm) brings the last Sharrow Vale Market of this year. If you've never been before, I can thoroughly recommend it. Sharrowvale Road is closed from Hunters Bar right down at least as far as the Lescar, with stalls set up down both



Sharrowvale market earlier this year. Hunters Bar is down the far end somewhere

sides of the road. In addition, many of the local businesses (mainly food and antique shops) open as well, even though it's Sunday. Music is provided, either live or from a DJ who sits on a roof. It's a great place to go for locally produced food for the Christmas table. The biggest problem with this event is the parking, which is a nightmare. Much easier to get the 81 bus from Dore which goes straight there. I'll be going again!

The King Edward VII School Christmas Market helps support students at King Edward VII School. There will be lots of stalls selling all sorts of Christmas goodies at this year's market on **9th December**. The market runs from 4pm-7pm and it's only a quid to get in.

How about breakfast with Santa? You can do this at The Punch Bowl, Crookes on Saturday **14th December**, 9.30-11.30am. Festive crafts are included, plus the kids can have their photo taken with Santa and even hand over their Christmas lists in person. Tickets are £15 - no reduction for children. Kids eat smaller breakfasts, but they do get a free present. Book online at bit.ly/2mklyQe. You can also get breakfast with Santa at the Waggon and Horses, Millhouses on **22nd December** - contact details as above.

Not an exhaustive list, I admit, but hopefully a few ideas of how to spend your time (and money!) locally rather than online.

John Eastwood

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Progress with DVS committee vacancies

Following my appeal for volunteers to join the DVS committee I am pleased to say that two of the four vacancies have been filled. Brenda Fryer has taken the role of secretary, and it is a considerable relief to have that position filled at last. Tim Ashman, who is chairing a recently formed group (More in Dore) that has been established to raise funds for the refurbishment of the recreation ground play area, has also joined. We still need two more members in order to have a full complement of trustees and to be able to undertake all of our normal activities for the coming year.

Tim has an article on page 15 of this issue explaining what the More in Dore group hope to achieve, and we are pleased to welcome them as a sub-committee of the DVS. This gives them access to a number of benefits that follow from being affiliated to a registered charity.

Dore Show

The Dore Show was an outstanding success this year and that is a tribute to the hard work of the Dore Show committee and everyone else who helped with the set up and on the day; thank you to everyone.

Special thanks go to Mary Watson who is leaving after serving on the committee in a variety of roles for over 20 years. Continuity of knowledge and experience is invaluable in ensuring the smooth running of any operation such as the Dore Show and Mary has plenty of both. Her expertise will not be lost however as she will be attending occasional committee meetings to offer wise counsel.

Planning for the next Dore Show will begin in early Spring but the committee, as I mentioned in my last column, is short of members to undertake all the planning and preparatory work that is needed prior to the event. **At least two new members are needed and unless we can recruit these the Show will not go ahead next year.** That's a rather stark message but it is unrealistic to ask the existing committee members to continue without additional support.

So, what is needed? The Dore Show committee meets on five or six occasions

between March and August for about two hours at a time. It decides on any changes to the programme (for example, the exhibit classes), recruits and briefs people who help on the day, recruits and briefs stallholders, solicits donations for the raffle and sponsorship of various types, books entertainers, ensures that appropriate safety measures are in place (such as road closures and first aiders), publicises the event, and more. These tasks are shared between committee members, and guidance and support are given to new members. So, if you can spare a few hours between March and September please let me know (keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk or 07778 422 910).

Lantern Parade

The Lantern Parade will take place on Wednesday 27th November. We will assemble on the pavement outside the shops on Causeway Head Road from 5:45pm and the parade will commence at about 6:20pm (this is dependent on the 6:15pm bus arriving and departing on time). The parade will finish at the area around Hartley's Fruit Cabin for a ceremonial switching on of the Christmas lights and carol singing. Roads will be closed during the parade and a number of marshals will be present to ensure safety. First aiders will also be in attendance.

Several shops and businesses will remain open and join in the celebrations, and Father Christmas will join the parade before retiring to the Devonshire Arms to greet younger children.

We intend to keep the parade small this year and so we will not be publicising it outside the village but, of course, relatives from outside the village are welcome to come along and join in.

By the time you read this more details will have been published on our website and noticeboards. You can also email us at lantern.parade@dorevillage.co.uk if you have any questions.

Membership subscriptions

It's that time of year when we ask you to renew your membership for 2020 (or invite you to join for the first time). There's a membership form inserted in this issue or you can print one from our website (www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/how-to-join-the-society). You can choose your payment method from any of: cash, cheque and standing order, or online at our website (www.dorevillage.co.uk) by direct debit, credit card, debit card or bank transfer (BACS). In the near future you will also be able to complete a membership form online. We are currently speaking to our web developers about this and we hope that in the new year it will be possible to join and pay your membership without getting up from your armchair. You'll see the online membership form appear at the

web location above once it is ready and we will publicise this via our normal channels.

Please note: the subscription for 2020 is £7.00 per member. If you have set up a standing order for the previous subscription of £6.00 can you please amend the amount? (If you pay by direct debit you do not need to do anything.)

Dore Neighbourhood Forum Renewal

The Dore Neighbourhood Development Plan has been a long time in gestation but it has now been finalised and submitted. There is an article on page 21 with more detail. The Dore Neighbourhood Development Plan is a product of the Dore Neighbourhood Forum, of which all DVS members are part. We were designated as a Neighbourhood Forum in 2014 for a five-year period. That expires this year but both of our local authorities (Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park) have agreed to renew our designation for another five years.

Christ Church Hall

The Parochial Church Council has published its long-awaited plans for the future of Dore Church Hall. Details can be found at www.markjenkinson.co.uk/commercial-property/

By the time you read this we will have developed an outline of how we might respond. "We" is the DVS sub-committee that was set up a year ago and includes the chairs and trustees of the DVS and the Old School Trust, people who run their own businesses, a chartered accountant with experience of buying and selling businesses, one of our local Councillors, as well as others who have been in contact to ask how the Church Hall might be retained for community use. We will also be liaising actively with Dore residents to seek their views, to help us formulate a response, and to seek advice and professional services which we will undoubtedly need. We anticipate holding a public meeting as part of this process to ensure that as many people as possible can contribute their views. In the meantime please send any comments to church.hall@dorevillage.co.uk.

Wyvern Walks

Stephen and Fiona Willetts are retiring shortly after several years of organising the DVS Wyvern Walks and our thanks go to them for their tireless efforts and efficiency. The walks will continue in the new year and there will be a new collection of walks appearing on our website in due course. These will also be publicised on our noticeboards and the Dore and Totley community Facebook page as well as by email to those of you who have given us your email addresses.

Chairman's column - from page 5

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Wassail Walk

This well-established tradition will also continue, but without Martin Stranex as the organiser. Like Stephen and Fiona, Martin has organised this event on behalf of the DVS for many years, ensuring that there is always a competent walk leader, that there is a plentiful supply of mince pies and hot punch at the end of the walk, and that the team who get the refreshments ready for our return from the walk is recruited. So, Martin, thank you very much and you can now join us on the walk without having to worry about anything. The new organiser is Jen Donnelly and I'm grateful to her for volunteering for this role. We will be setting off on Friday 27th December at 10am from the Old School car park for our usual five-mile meander around parts of Blacka Moor, giving you an opportunity to burn off some of those calories gained in earlier festivities. Children and dogs are welcome, as is anyone who

can manage five miles, but please ensure that you are properly equipped with adequate footwear and clothing. We go whatever the weather, but the route is determined on the day to take account of this.

Lastly ...

Thank you everyone for your support over the year and please let me know if there's anything that you would like the DVS to do, help with, or organise next year. If it falls within our constitution we will endeavour to assist. I hope you have a pleasant Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our various events and activities next year.

Keith

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Where?



Photo: Jen Henderson

Our village seems to have been promoted according to half a dozen direction stones which have appeared on the new Bellway estate off Furniss Avenue. The one pictured left doesn't even point in the right direction, if it's possible to give wrong directions to somewhere that doesn't exist. Or maybe Bellway are planning to build us a new Town Hall.

It would be a crime to miss it!

Hope Amateur Dramatic Independent Theatre (HADIT) are at Hope Methodist Hall from Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th November with "The Ladykillers". This classic 1950's Ealing comedy has received a new lease of life as a stage play in a hilarious adaptation by the Father Ted creator, Graham Linehan.

Professor Marcus is a genius. His schemes are legendary. His gang of ill-matched, ruthless robbers need a base from which to plan and execute their latest heist. Where better than the dilapidated King's Cross home of sweet little old Mrs Wilberforce and her (hideous) parrot General Gordon, whilst posing as a string quartet? What could possibly go wrong?

Tickets (£9.00) are available from Watson's Farm Shop, Hope. For phone bookings or further information, ring 01433 620665.

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6 - 7pm at Totley Library, Baslow Road

Dore Village Society

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The Society is the designated Neighbourhood Forum for the Dore Area, with responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore. The Society also aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore, to encourage a spirit of community and to record its historic development. Membership of the Society is open to all residents of Dore, those who work in Dore and elected local council members for Dore. Membership is also open to Corporate Members representing societies, associations, educational institutions and businesses in Dore. Current membership rates are £7 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members. Telephone numbers of Committee Members are below; for email, please write to firstname.surname@dorevillage.co.uk, e.g. keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk

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Street Trees

Some replacement trees have been planted in Dore in recent years but unfortunately not all are thriving. Keeping saplings well-watered in the first few years is key to their survival and Streets Ahead have now fixed 'Please water me' signs to some new plantings in the hope that residents will help by watering them when necessary.



Whose route home from the pub is this? If you know who did it, tell Adrian - details on page 37

It's obvious that some residents do that, and a lot more, to look after the street trees nearby and it was therefore very sad to see the damage done to thriving saplings on Furniss Avenue overnight on 21st/ 22nd September (above). Six trees were vandalised to such an extent that they had to be removed completely. This criminal damage was reported to the police (incident no. 14/143590/19) and replacements will be planted by Streets Ahead during the next planting season.

DVS on Twitter

You can now follow Dore Village Society on Twitter too: @DoreVillageSoc.

Margaret Peart

Hedgehog talk and sightings in Dore

Jo Wilkinson from the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Project gave an excellent talk on hedgehogs in September. Jo's project protects and supports hedgehogs on several university campuses. One of the messages coming out of the talk was that hedgehogs, like so many things in nature, prefer less tidy gardens. [Like mine then - Ed.] They need leaves for their nests and will find more food in a less tidy area of a garden. Strimmers can cause grievous injuries so please run your hands through long grass to check for hedgehogs before strimming. I'm sure you would not like to inflict the sort of injuries shown in some of Jo's photographs. Ponds are also a danger if hedgehogs can't escape. They can swim but will drown if the pond is steep sided and they cannot climb out. Consider adding a slope, some netting or even a small ladder.

Thanks to everyone who emailed us with their hedgehog sightings. They prove that we do have a hedgehog population to look after. The population seems reasonably well spread out throughout Dore, but it is a very small sample and not done on a scientific basis. We plan to undertake a more formal hedgehog survey next summer and will provide details in a future edition of Dore to Door. You will be able to become involved if you want

to. In the meantime I note very few sightings in Dore have been entered on the Hedgehog Street map on bighedgehogmap.org/. It would be good if we could improve the showing for Dore. Also, hedgehogs are quite restless and although not territorial, occupy territories larger than one garden so please consider making a hole in your wall or fence for hedgehogs to pass through. It will also help to keep them off the roads where they are obviously in great danger. Your hedgehog holes can also be logged on the Hedgehog Street map and it would be good to see some Dore entries on the map.



Redwing - photo by Andreas Trepte

Winter Thrushes

Redwings and fieldfares are two birds to look out for in our gardens and around Dore this winter. They are a species of thrush which arrive here around October and leave in March or April, migrating to and from Scandinavia and Iceland. They look a little like our resident mistle thrushes and song thrushes but tend to flock, sometimes together. The fieldfare has a smart grey head with a white stripe above its eyes. The redwing has red brown patches beneath its wings and also has a white stripe above its eye. They both have distinctive songs which can be heard on the RSPB website. They will feast on berries in your garden, especially if there is a hard winter. Both have red listed conservation status in the UK which means they rank amongst the birds with the highest conservation concern and risk of extinction in the UK.

Mark Ridler



Fieldfare - photo by Arnstein Rønning

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Back in the night



Well, I've been reporting on Dore news for almost seven years now, and never has one of my articles brought so many positive comments as my piece in the last issue about live music. I was not lamenting alone; it seems that many of you too, regret the decline of live music in our city. We do, of course, have the Greystones not too far away, about which maybe more in a future issue. But for now, it falls to me to review a couple of acts that have appeared more locally in the last quarter.

Both Steve Delaney and Cary & Katie (last issue) have appeared locally since my last report, at the Crown's big music bash on August Bank Holiday Monday. Steve has also done another date at the Hare, sadly on a night that I couldn't get, but I hope that you were able to go along. I always enjoy the bit where he plays the guitar behind his head - a bit flash maybe, but in practice it's not that easy to do. It's the sort of thing that I imagine all guitarists try in private, but you don't see many with the guts to actually play like that on stage.

The first act out of the gate this quarter is five-piece band The Basement, and it seems that I'm a little behind the curve in not seeing them before now. Landlord Dave at the Dev tells me that The Basement have played there maybe a dozen times over the last four or five years. They love coming back to the Dev apparently, and from the way the pub was filling up when I arrived, Dore loves their act.

I think the reason I've never been to see the band before is their poster advertising "classic soul, Motown and northern soul" music. This isn't really to my personal taste and I've stayed away. I was wrong, you can't judge a dish just by reading the menu. Ask Hendo!

I walked into the Dev twenty minutes before the advertised start time, initially a bit disappointed that The Basement were already on stage. But hang on, isn't that a Dr. Feelgood song? Well that's not soul or Motown, that's good old rock 'n' roll! I've been a Feelgood fan since at least 1976, and I'm somewhere in the audience on their album "Stupidity" which was part recorded at Sheffield City Hall in that year.

We were off to a good start then, and I was lucky enough to find myself a good seat as the pub steadily filled up. But after another song the band disappeared. "That was a short first half" I muttered into my pint to no one in particular, but whilst the stage was empty I was joined by Dave who explained that I hadn't missed anything. The two songs were just the sound check, the band preferring to set up to the sound of their music rather than twiddling knobs and dials whilst shouting 'one two, one two' for ten minutes. Much more entertaining for the audience, and another plus point from me.

Before long The Basement were back, now dressed in collared shirts and waistcoats (another plus, hehe), and launched into the

set proper. Sure, there were some soul and Motown songs in there, but it's difficult for me to regard that as being the main focus of the act. Early on we heard a rendition of "The Letter", a hit for the Box Tops in 1967 but more famous in Sheffield for being Joe Cocker's first big US hit in 1970. We were also treated to an excellent rendition of "Unchain My Heart"; a song originally recorded by Ray Charles and later also by Joe Cocker among many others.

Space prohibits me from a full track by track listing, but The Basement are a tight and well-rehearsed act and they cover a much wider range of music than the posters suggest. I'm told that they all have full-time jobs, music being a hobby which they choose to pursue professionally. They're available for hire through their website (thebasement4soul.co.uk) and will even take requests through there if you're booking them. Just give them a couple of weeks to rehearse and they'll add your favourite song to their repertoire.

A couple of weeks later and it was time to head off to the Hare on an October evening to see someone I had never heard of before the posters went up; Alice Banister.

Arriving at 8.20pm I was a little concerned that nothing seemed to be happening. Enquiries at the bar told me that the live music was still on, so I got a pint and sat down. A few minutes later, Alice arrived with guitar, PA and mixing desk. She plugged in, set up, did a quick sound check and we were suddenly off and into the music in what, according to my watch was twelve minutes.

Alice is from Manchester, and in fact plays rhythm guitar with a band called The Verdict. Although from t'other side of the Pennines, both Alice and the group have played in Sheffield before, notably at West Street Live.

The music was a rich variety, some of which I recognised and other songs which I think were not my era, but not to mark them down for that. Alice is a competent guitarist; no playing behind her head but it was more than a strum-along accompaniment to her voice which is pretty good. I was impressed by the fact that she didn't allow herself to be constrained to covering songs by other female artists; she did songs by McFly, Oasis ('Half the World Away', the one used as the theme tune for The Royle Family) and even Elvis Presley. All were acquitted professionally and I enjoyed her sound, especially as she played without any kind of computerised backing track; just her and the guitar.

The only disappointing thing was the audience. There wasn't one. Sure there were a few friends in the bottom bar, but they hadn't realised that there was a turn on until I showed up. That said, they all stayed once the music started, and all agreed that Alice was a quality act. Another few people arrived once Alice had been playing for half an hour, but that was about it.

I left having enjoyed the concert but a little discomfited, embarrassed even, that our village wasn't able to give Alice a better welcome. She is worth more than we gave her. She's only young, at the beginning of what I hope is a long career, and it takes some bottle to stand up in front of total strangers for an hour and a half like that.

And to the staff at the Hare, when there's live music on, TURN THE TELLY OFF! There might have been almost no-one watching Alice, but there was *absolutely* no-one watching the football.

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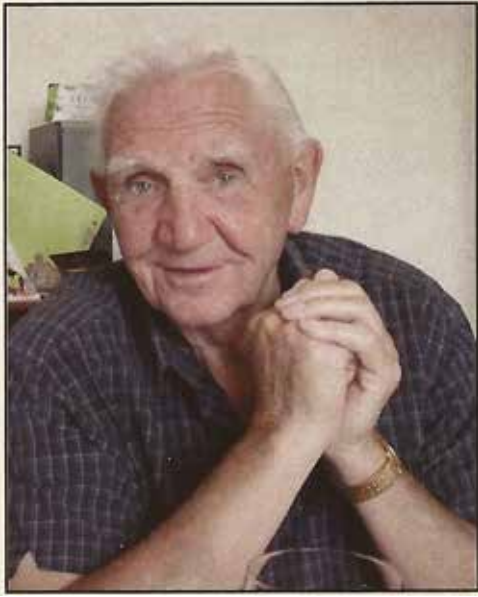
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Ted Needham (1923-2019)



We are saddened to report in this issue the death of one of Dore's oldest residents, Ted Needham, at the age of 95. Ted was kind, generous, and wise. He was a true gentleman. During his 95 years, Ted touched the lives of so many people.

Ted was born in 1923 – four years before the invention of television and the youngest of

ten children. He saw so many changes over the years, but one thing that never changed throughout his life was his belief in the importance of family. For him, family always came first.

His children were brought up in a home full of joy, happiness and music. Every morning, as kids, they would be woken by his amazing singing voice as they were getting ready to go to school. Hymns and old war songs resonated through the house every day.

Ted's first job on leaving school at the age of 14 was making parts for Spitfires and tanks at Laycock's. When war broke out, he was too young to serve in the military and by the time he reached 18 the work was important to the war effort. Ted was in a reserved occupation and exempted from being called up. Instead, he served in the Home Guard.

Later in life, Ted developed his love for music by joining the Dore Male Voice Choir. The weekly Thursday night rehearsals, post-rehearsal sing-alongs in the Dev and Dore Club, the concerts, the travels and the life-long friendships he made through the choir, brought Ted great joy during more than 35 years of active membership.

Fellow Dore Male Voice choristers and friends remember fondly Ted's singing on these post-rehearsal occasions. At the end of each song, most of those present would pause to catch their breath and a drink, but Ted would launch straight into another song and leave everyone else to catch up. He could go for over an hour in this fashion, and his capacity for remembering the words to literally hundreds of songs from across the decades amazed all. Just days before his death in Henleigh Hall nursing home, Ted inadvertently brought one of his care workers to tears by singing the song 'Danny Boy' in its entirety to her.

Ted not only always fed his children with the best advice as they were growing up, but his love for organic gardening, many years before it became fashionable, meant that they were also fed a huge variety and volume of fresh, home-grown vegetables at meal times – whether they liked them or not! Needless to say, broad beans, sprouts and marrow were not particular favourites at that time!

Ted always had a love of the outdoors, not only spending many happy hours in the garden, but also fishing in his youth and hiking in the mountains well into his 80s. His daughter Cathy remembers spending her sixth birthday trying to keep up with Ted as he led the family on a climb up Skiddaw in the Lake District. Around that time, Ted enjoyed playing cricket for the University and he managed the Dore Cubs football team. How wonderful

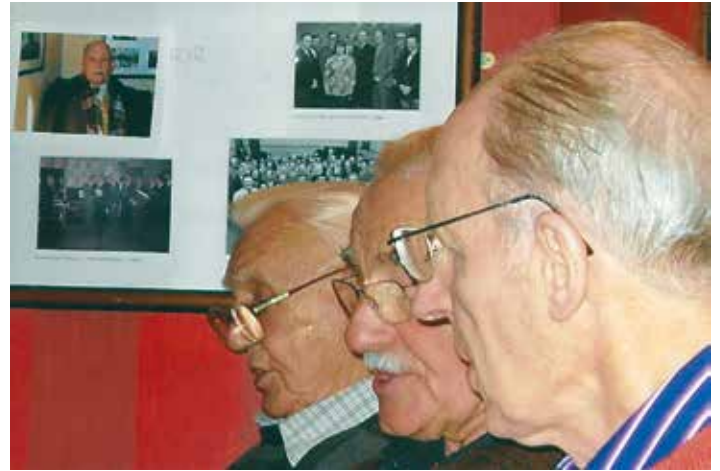
then, in recent months, for him to finally see his favourite team, Sheffield United, return to the Premier League and do so well.

After his children had flown the nest, Ted was able to pursue numerous hobbies to the full, including taking up golf with his wife Sally, and ultimately winning numerous competitions around the UK.

He finally finished his working life in the mid-1980s having spent all of his career in the Sheffield steel and metallurgy industry. Ted and Sally then embarked on 33 happy and healthy years of retirement, reducing their golf handicaps year upon year.

Ted's maxim was 'Always be true to yourself' - follow your own path in life - something that few could argue against.

Ted is survived by his wife Sally, children Mark, Andy and Cathy, and seven grandchildren. Not to mention his many friends around our village.



Ted (left) with fellow choir members Wilf Hukin and Bob Clark, singing in the Devonshire Arms, Christmas 2011.



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Dore Recreation Ground - Playground Project

Winter 1998 and edition 52 of Dore to Door has just been published. The front cover lead story proudly announces that contractors have begun work on installing the first piece of new equipment in the children's playground at Dore Recreation Ground, with further features and fencing to be added the following Spring as additional funds are raised. This was the first stage of an ambitious plan by 'The Playground Action Group' to improve the environment and facilities offered at the Recreation Ground for the benefit of local residents.

Now fast forward over twenty years to the present day. The playground still stands, pretty much unaltered but now in need of some serious TLC. A recent council report deems everything safe to use but notes that a majority of the equipment is at, or is approaching, the end of its lifespan. Sheffield City Council are stretched and currently have little to no funding available to carry out the much-needed maintenance and modernisation of this area. This is hopefully where we will be able to step in and assist. We are 'More in Dore', a new community group created to continue the visions and aims of the original 'Playground Action Group'.

It all started this June as a passing comment between me and another parent at Dore Primary School's Summer Fair whilst we were manning the bike obstacle course. We got on to discussing the playground and the Recreation Ground in general and how this area is crying out for some better facilities for local children and the wider community.

A post on the 'Dore and Totley Community' Facebook page a couple of days after, confirmed that many other residents also agreed with what we had discussed, so a small group of us decided to look into things a bit further.

We talked to people we knew who had attempted this in the past, reached out to other similar community groups and made initial contact with the relevant council departments, pooling as much information and as many contact details as we could. From this, the group 'More in Dore' was formed, our target: using local spaces to promote fitness and well-being within Dore alongside the ongoing funding to maintain this. Our primary objective is the rejuvenation of the playground at the Recreation Ground. So over the last few months we have been brainstorming possible fundraising ideas that we could organise locally, compiled lists of grants we may be eligible for, created a website and social media pages to promote our group and carried on discussions with the council and other local groups as to how we can push this project forward.

As of September, I am pleased to announce we have been accepted as a sub-committee of the Dore Village Society. Now we are an officially recognised group, we have the correct structure in place to allow us to open a not-for-profit charity bank account to accept any funding received. It allows the council to form a dedicated project team to work with us, means that we can start filling in and submitting grant applications, and hopefully begin organising some of the fundraising ideas we have in mind.

Now all this framework is falling in to place, we will be circulating a number of questionnaires in and around Dore so we can get a better picture of what new equipment the community would like in the playground area and also any additional features they think the Recreation Ground would benefit from (this being our secondary objective). The first of these questionnaires is attached to this article. Your assistance in completing these would be much appreciated as it will help us further prove to the Council the demand for better facilities and reinforce any funding applications.

We will also be holding public meetings in the future so you can come along to discuss any ideas you have or help you can offer. Once known, information on this will be posted on the 'Dore and Totley Community' Facebook page and on the notice boards around Dore. In the meantime, if you want to find out a bit more about us or donate in the future, feel free to check us out at www.moreindore.com and if you want to contact us or join the group, please email us at dorerec@gmail.com.

Tim Ashman, Chairperson, More in Dore

Dore Recreation Ground Improvement Questionnaire

We are a group of local volunteers aiming to raise funds to improve the facilities in Dore Recreation Ground. For more information please see our website: www.moreindore.com

Please only complete this questionnaire once. Please tear out, see address below for return.

About the park:

- Which facilities do you currently use in Dore Recreation Ground? (tick all that apply)
 - Playground The green space Basketball court None
- How often do you visit Dore Recreation Ground?
 - Weekly or more Twice a month Monthly Annually Never
- Overall how satisfied are you with Dore Recreation Ground?
 - Very satisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
- Would you visit more often if improvements were made to the Recreation Ground?
 - Yes No Don't know
- Which improvements would make you visit the recreation ground more often? (Maximum 5)
 - Updated play equipment
 - Resurfacing the playground
 - Play equipment for older children
 - A small scooter /skate park area
 - More nets for the concrete court (football/hockey, basketball)
 - More picnic & sitting benches
 - Trim trail /gym equipment
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- Do you have any other suggestions for improvements that haven't been mentioned above in Q5?

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Living history events like this are a great way for adults and children alike to learn about our cultural heritage and social history. Since taking over the helm of the DVS archives section last year I have been keen to expand our heritage activities beyond the archives and out into the wider Dore community. In April this year we ran a WW2 living history day with costumed home front and military reenactors to commemorate 80 years since the start of the second world war. A highlight of the day was an exhibition of interviews gathered from local residents about their wartime recollections. This oral history project was undertaken by our archives and heritage section working in partnership with Sheffield University History department and assisted by one of their MA students. Work on completing the interviews is still ongoing and a printed booklet will be produced early next year. I am now partnering again with the university and will be working with two more Masters students on a new Dore history project – more of that to follow! I am also

working on a heritage event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day and should have more news for you on that by the next issue.

Since spring this year, we have been running a programme of monthly Tuesday evening local history talks which are aimed at a general audience of people who would like to learn more about aspects of local history relating to the wider area around Dore. By understanding a little more about our city and its past we can feel part of a bigger picture and understand how our own little part of Sheffield has many links and common themes with our neighbours further afield. Whether we have lived in Dore a few months, a few years or a lifetime we are all connected by our pride in our community, and understanding our built, natural and cultural heritage can really help that sense of connection to a continuing narrative stretching back over the centuries. If you haven't yet been to one of these talks do come along and give them a try.

So do keep a look out for more new heritage-themed activities; sometimes Dore to Door deadlines mean that events happen between publication dates so keep a look-out on the local noticeboards, the DVS website and our social media: [facebook.com/dorehistoryandheritage](https://www.facebook.com/dorehistoryandheritage) and Twitter [@DoreHeritage](https://twitter.com/DoreHeritage) for the latest news of our DVS history and heritage events. And if you'd like to get involved as a volunteer either doing historical research in the archives or helping out at one of our talks or events please drop me an email at janet.ridler@dorevillage.co.uk

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"That Christmas and the mummies' play?"

"The lovely care home escapee, how we gave him a cuppa and called him a taxi?"

"Can't do without it – most days I'm here."

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Sally Goldsmith



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The beginning of October this year marked the fifth anniversary of Totley CRIC taking over the running of Totley Library. To mark the occasion a celebration event was held in the Library on the afternoon of the 5th October. The event was opened by our local councillor Colin Ross and the festivities began with a song by Julie Gay and her band of litter pickers conducted by Phil the Bin. We were then entertained by the Rock Choir followed by the Seven Hill Quartet. It was a brilliant community event enjoyed by all age groups. One of the highlights was an interactive poetry stall run by Sally Goldsmith which enabled her to write a poem (opposite) using both written and verbal responses from local people.

New lighting and other improvements

As previously announced, the work to make further improvements to the library; a scheme to replace the lighting in the both the adult and children's sections is now almost completed with new LED lights replacing the older ones. The ceiling of the adult side of the library has been replaced but the work to renew the solar film to the high windows on the adult side of the library to reduce heat and glare was affected by adverse weather and is yet to be done. These improvements will both enhance the appearance and comfort of the library, and also reduce running costs by using more energy efficient lighting.

Our new website

The new website for Totley Library, which we hope will be easier to use and more attractive, has now gone live. Please let us have any feedback on the new website so that we can make it as useful as possible for all our users.

Volunteers needed

One of the continual challenges of running a volunteer library is the need to find new volunteers. Whilst we are always happy to welcome new volunteers wanting to work in the Library we also need volunteers who are happy to work in other areas and we have a pressing need at present to augment our cleaning team. Our aim is to keep the Library clean and tidy at all times and we are looking for people who might have an hour or so to spare who could come and help keep this community space looking lovely! We have also identified a need to give a fresh impetus to our marketing and publicity activities and two of our Trustees are working together to develop a new marketing strategy. They would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in activities such as writing articles and making use of social media, or anyone with a background in marketing and/or publicity.

Tracing your ancestry – Findmypast

Following the replacement of all the public computers at Totley Library we will be purchasing a licence for FindMyPast, an ancestry tracing software, to support users who are interested in researching their family history. We hope to hold a session in the library soon to offer guidance to those interested in researching their ancestors.

New books and chairs!

We continue to buy new books for the library including those for our Orange sticker scheme. Recently a £500 donation from Age UK has enabled us to buy more large print books and audio books which are now available in the library.

We are also purchasing new chairs for the new computers which have recently been installed.

Summer reading challenge

Our 'Space Chase' themed Summer Reading Challenge inspired 138 local children to read lots of books over the summer holidays! At the time of writing 80 children have successfully

completed the challenge to read 6 library books over the summer – congratulations to all our young readers for this fantastic achievement!

Totley library lottery winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners!

July: First Terry Schofield (£139), second Brenda Fryer (£34.75)

August: First Colin White (£137), second Nicola Thompson (24.75)

September: First Sally Steel (136.20), second Arthur Stobbs (£34.05)

People keeping well

A new leaflet on Health and Welfare produced jointly by Totley Library and our partners in the People Keeping Well initiative is now available in the library. This lists a variety of local activities that are now available locally, and also details of new books we have recently purchased on health issues.

Events at the library

Christmas Fair: This will be held on Sunday 24th November, 1pm - 5pm. This will be an opportunity for youngsters to meet Santa and for anyone looking for a special present there will be a number of craft stalls selling unique gifts. Not only that, there will be music and fun for all the family.

Story Time for Toddlers and Pre-school children: This popular session is held weekly from 10.30am to 11.30 am on Wednesday mornings. Each week has a different theme and children can come along with their parents or carers to enjoy a story, songs and related craft activities.

Totley Library Cinema – Winter programme

Children's films:

Sunday 24th November, 2pm: The Secret Life of Pets 2

Sunday 19th January, 2pm: The Grinch

Films for adults:

Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm: Stan and Ollie

Thursday 28th November, 3pm: Green Book

Friday 14th January, 7.30pm: Green Book

Thursday 25th January, 3pm: Red Joan

Tickets available from Totley Library.

**Norman Rolfe
Chair - Totley CRIC**

Community Art Space at Totley Library

Are you a local artist? Would you like to exhibit and sell your artwork while getting involved in a rewarding community initiative? Or perhaps you are looking for that perfect piece of art for your dining room or a unique present for a special occasion. Well look no further; Totley Library can help.

Following the huge success of the debut Art Show in June, Totley Library is proud to launch the Community Art Space 2019. This is an innovative venture showcasing the works of new and established local artists. Artists currently exhibiting include Andrew Jeffrey, Angela Harpham and a selection of work from the ARTfulness group. Artists recently exhibiting include Len Capper, Clare Hill, Carmen Sabatini Al-Dajani and the Lensflair Group.

All art works are exhibited for a period of three months free of charge, and are available for sale at a price set by the artists. Totley Library takes a small commission on each picture sold to support the ongoing running costs of the library.

If you are an enthusiastic local artist, just sit back, relax and leave the display and promotion to us.

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting new venture and who would like to exhibit in January and April 2020. Could you be one of them? To find out, call Totley Library or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

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Dore Neighbourhood Plan: Where Next?

The Dore Neighbourhood Plan has been designed to meet the needs of our community and to ensure that future development in the Dore Neighbourhood Area does not compromise the character of Dore itself nor of the precious landscapes lying within and beyond our Green Belt.

In the last Dore to Door I reported that our Neighbourhood Forum had approved the latest version of the Plan and authorised its Steering Group to consolidate it into a comprehensive package of documents for submission to Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. That submission was made on 20th September. This is a major step forward for the Forum and its appointed Steering Group who over the last four years have consulted widely on ideas for the Plan and laboured in its preparation. Dore now has an approved draft supported by the community.

To see the submitted Plan you will find it highlighted on the home page, and more fully on the Forum and Plan page, of the Dore Village Society website (www.dorevillage.co.uk).

From hereon the future progress of the Plan is largely outside our control. It rests with Sheffield City Council and the Peak Park Authority to steer the Dore Plan through its remaining stages, which are all designed to ensure that the Plan complies with the laid down Basic Conditions, viz. that it conforms with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, that it sets out to achieve sustainable development, that it is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the two Local Planning Authorities in which the Dore Neighbourhood Area lies, and that it does not breach EU obligations.

The City Council will arrange another major consultation with all interested parties (including potentially, developers) and invite an Examiner to scrutinise the draft Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the consultative responses in order to answer the question whether our Plan meets these Basic Conditions. There is the risk that this may lead to recommendations from the Examiner for alterations to the Plan before it can be put to a Referendum of Dore electors. We are awaiting the likely timetable from the Council for moving from the Submission on 20th September to the holding of that Referendum.

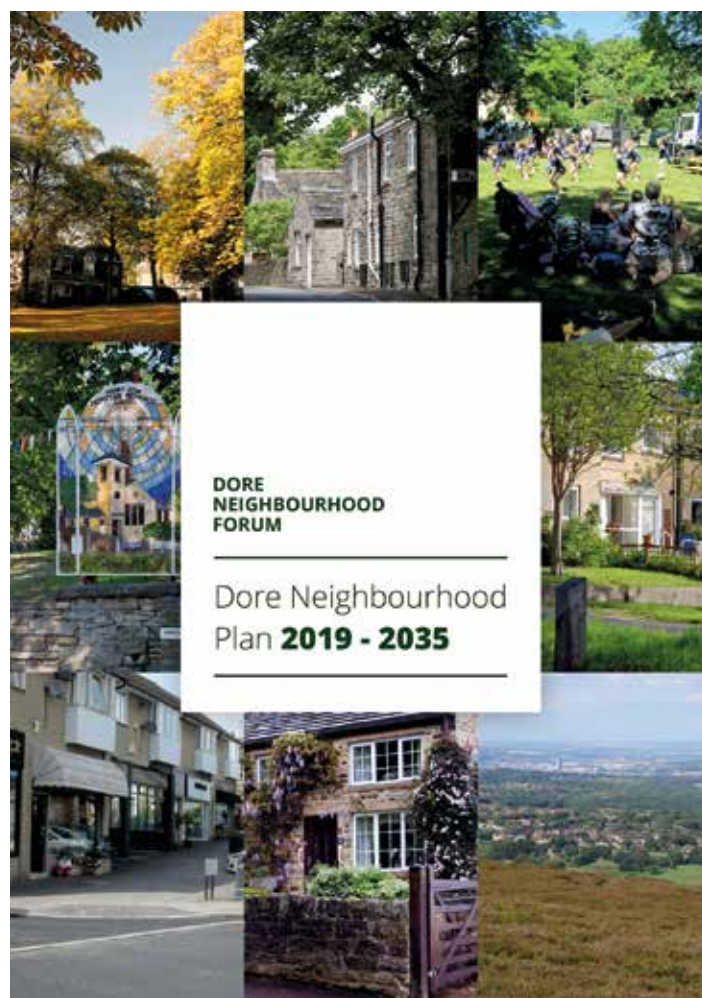
What are the Risks?

The principal risk is that, despite our very best efforts as a community, the huge pressure across the country to increase the rate of house-building after too many years of neglect will persuade those who now have influence on our Plan (viz. the consultation respondents, the Examiner in his/her recommendations and the Local Planning Authorities who decide what goes forward to Referendum) that it needs to be amended to allow housing development at a level which threatens the character of Dore and of its precious surrounding landscapes.

In 2014 the City Council gave landowners, individuals and organisations an opportunity to propose sites for development in its new Local Plan. In 2015 the Council published the following sites which had been suggested in the Dore Green Belt:

- Ryecroft Farm to the north of Dore Road – 32.83ha
- Land on the south west of side of Long Line – 5.78ha
- Land to the west of 28 Dore Road – 0.18ha
- Holt House Farm, Long Line – 1.74ha
- 75 Limb Lane – 0.59ha
- Land adjacent to Holt House Farm, Long Line – 1.66ha
- Land at Newfield Lane, Dore – 5.39ha
- Land to the east of Old Hay Lane, Totley Brook – 3.04ha
- Land to the rear of 51 to 65 Limb Lane – 9.94ha
- Whirlow Playing Field, Limb Lane – 13.71ha

Other suggestions were made close by for Totley and Whirlow; and since 2015 other proposals may have been registered across our local Green Belt. Clearly there are those who are salivating to develop the Green Belt. All such suggestions will be



considered within the Council's current confidential Green Belt Review.

The draft Dore Neighbourhood Plan makes a very cogent case why the modest Green Belt between developed Dore and the National Park boundary should be treated as highly sensitive in landscape terms and should not be developed. The Dore 'suburb' of Sheffield should not creep any closer to the wild Natural Zone of the National Park, which is valued in particular for its minimal signs of obvious human influence.

However, we cannot be complacent because:

- Sheffield's ambitions of five years ago to create large well-designed housing estates in Attercliffe and Shalesmoor might seem less attractive now because of the difficult challenges involved in appropriate land assembly in an under-utilised industrial and commercial area.
- While the Council has boldly authorised the large-scale development of very high-rise living accommodation in the city centre, a good deal of it is being devoted to university students who now constitute over 10% of the City's population and a sixth of them are being attracted from abroad. Higher education is a successful industry in Sheffield and is making it more difficult to adequately house Sheffield's own families.
- The pressure remains enormous from developers to build large profitable houses in greenfields (and Green Belt) in preference to modest houses where people need them, close to the city's heart.

Allowing profitable development in suburbs ever closer to a National Park generates large-scale Community Infrastructure Levies which are attractive to cash-strapped local authorities.

Let us hope that we have made our case well in the Neighbourhood Plan. Let us hope that Sheffield listens and makes the right choices.

Christopher Pennell



Sunshine shows up

We were blessed with sunshine this year along with a wonderful display of items in all of our 65 categories in this years Show.

I am truly very grateful to the committee and 55 plus helpers on the weekend of the Show, without whose help we couldn't manage to put on a show for the village.

We were, as always, entertained by the Oughtibridge Brass Band who told me this was their favourite venue of the year!

While they were resting we were delighted to have the South Sheffield Tuneless Choir. I hadn't realised they were local to us and I actually think they should change their name.

The flowers and vegetables were outstanding this year and our summer seems to have helped our keen gardeners and vegetable growers in the village. We had some new categories in the children's section and we were happy to see that the children of Dore had picked up the challenge and produced some wonderful items.

Apart from the balloon lady letting us down due to a family problem at the last moment, and our lovely First Aid lady Sue Millward needing to put a plaster on a small boy's finger due to a paper cut, our show went without any mishap.

I've enjoyed my time as Chairman of the Show and will continue to work in the committee but this was my last year as Chairman and I hand the baton over to Andy Pack who has done a great job over the past few years he has been on the committee, for the past year as Vice-Chairman.

We also say goodbye to Mary Watson who has served on the Show Committee for over 20 years, but she will return on the 5th September 2020 to help on the day at next year's show. Thank you for your service Mary. You will be missed during committee meetings for your wealth of knowledge, and great contribution.

Christina A Stark
retiring Dore Show Chairman



A selection of 2019 silverware winners: Jane Holbery, Kathryn Short, Liz Walkden, Rachel Walkden and Stephen Balderson

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Reg Skelton Cup	Jane Holbrey
Leisure Garden Cup	Allen Bentley
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Wyvern Rose Bowl	Liz Walkden
Jane Steeples Cup	Jane Holbrey
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The Time Travellers Travelogue

As so often happens when the evenings start to draw in and the weather discourages our outdoor historical activities, The Time Travellers ramp up our programme of talks and presentations and moves indoors. Autumn kicked off with a talk in September about Meersbrook Hall. Time Travellers member, archaeologist and historian Ken Dash spoke to a near capacity audience about the little-known house tucked into a corner of Meersbrook Park. The Hall was built for the prosperous Sheffield merchant and banker Benjamin Roebuck around 1759, probably on the site of earlier buildings, and over the years was extended several times. Meerbrook Park was bought by the Sheffield Corporation in 1886 and between 1890 and 1953 Meersbrook Hall was the very popular home of the Ruskin Collection, attracting large numbers of visitors. Sheffield Council's Parks Department used it as an office base from 1954 until 2016. Thanks to volunteer group Friends of Meersbrook Hall and the Heeley Development Trust, the Hall has become a community and heritage resource and from time to time opens its doors to visitors.

Another full house at the Dore Old School in September heard an amusing and informative description from Time Travellers member and Chairman of Friends of Dore & Totley Station, Chris Morgan about the development of the railways locally and in particular, the Totley Tunnel. This talk was followed up a few weeks later by Chris leading a walk along the route of the Tunnel between Dore and Grindleford. At the end of this walk we were given a special look inside Padley Chapel near Grindleford. This small but beautiful 15th century former gatehouse of Padley Manor, also known as Martyrs Chapel, has a fascinating history and is well worth a visit.

The Time Travellers have a number of special interest groups and this year our Brigantes Group organised an excellent exhibition in the Dore Old School as part of the annual Heritage Open Day in September. The theme was 'The Brigantes – daily life in Iron Age Britain' and displayed ancient crafts, such as hand spinning and natural dyeing, to almost 150 visitors.

Every year since our formation in 2011, The Time Travellers have embarked on an excursion to an interesting part of the country. In the past we have visited Hadrian's Wall, Stonehenge and Chester and this time it was the turn of historic Norfolk to come under our scrutiny. There are some iconic sites that just had to be seen such as the Bronze Age site of Flag Fen with its wooden causeway to its 'island' and boats hewn from tree trunks. It was a busy few days with lots to see including the Neolithic flint mines of Grimes Graves, tours of Norwich, Roman Colchester and Kings Lynn, the

recently reopened visitor centre at Sutton Hoo and the castle and abbey at Castle Acre.

More than 20 of our more enthusiastic 'diggers' and a few people getting their first experience of real archaeology braved the wet weather during a week-long dig at Whirlow Hall Farm in early October. This number was bolstered on one day by a dozen youngsters aged between nine and 15 from the Sheffield Young Archaeologists Group. Last year an excavation at this site discovered charcoal in a test pit. This was the same location where a Bronze Age flint arrowhead had previously been found and thought to be of archaeological significance. Samples from the pit had been dated to 5,500 BC, the late Mesolithic period when people were hunter gatherers. Our dig reopened last year's trench and extended the area of excavation to reveal a large oval hearth and a second hearth of later date. Samples were taken from this second hearth for radio carbon dating. A large number of angular stones in a linear band were also revealed, the exact purpose of which is still to be decided. Despite the mixed weather the dig was thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part and we hope to return next year to learn even more from this important site.

Robert Allcroft has led another group on his ever popular archaeological walk to the Froggatt white coal kiln and lead smelting site. This allowed more members to see one of the best-preserved examples of a 17th century white coal kiln, all set in our gorgeous Peak woodland. Our monthly coffee mornings continue to be popular with members, providing an informal and friendly environment to 'chew the fat' about all things archaeological and historical.

As well as more coffee mornings we have lots of events lined up, including a report from Tom Parker, the site Project Officer for ARS Ltd, about recent excavations at the site of the Roman Fort at Navio (you might know this better as Brough, on the road to Castleton). Then, in November we have a historical talk by Carl Clayton about William Humfrey's part in the development of lead smelting in Derbyshire. Finally, to mark the winter solstice, The Time Travellers will be holding our annual celebration, looking back at another very busy year for amateur archaeologists and historians in and around Bradway.

If you are interested in finding out more about the programme of activities that The Time Travellers have lined up for the next few months, log on to our website at www.thetimetravellers.org.uk.

Glynn Burgin
The Time Travellers

The Distinction of Dore

I know there are those of you who have nothing to do with social media, but most of us are now aware of, if not necessarily fans of, the interminable lists of things that swamp such sites.

Of course, proper research and accuracy elevates these lists above mere 'click bait', and we're grateful to a Dore to Door reader who tells us that our village has once again been elevated to world-famous status on www.atlasobscura.com, an American site dedicated to obscure and unusual places around the world.

Earlier this year, the site published a list of '15 easily overlooked plaques you'll be glad you stopped to read', by Eric Grundhauser. And yes, we're on it! Well, the King Ecgbert stone on the village green is.








A picture of the stone is captioned, "In a quiet suburb of Sheffield called Dore,



there is a plaque that shows it is the place where the country England was first established. I am a teacher in Dore and we are going to discuss whether our little village should be a much better-known tourist site!"

The caption is signed, 'Richard', though we've no idea which Richard, or indeed which school. But as AtlasObscura has featured us, we are quite happy to feature them by way of reciprocation. I suppose this means that we can look forward to more tourist buses next season. And the drivers will soon see how quiet Dore is once they start trying to park!

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Summer is now a distant memory, and everyone is back in action after their breaks, including Transport 17. Usually August is a quiet time with the office shut down for two weeks and the clubs we serve on holiday. However, 2019 has been an exception. With work on the buses, sale of the property, John Savournin retiring, and planning for a number of events in September, we have been kept really busy. More of this to follow.

Firstly, the buses. If you happened to be passing the office during the shutdown you won't have failed to notice their presence outside. Mike Finn was giving them a spruce up and spring clean following a course he did during the summer. Now all three of them are gleaming and looking like new. It has been hard work but worthwhile - well done Mike.

As well as getting shiny new buses it has also helped to raise our profile as several people stopped to chat to Mike. They included Tajinder Singh from Totley Pharmacy. The MX05, as mentioned before, is ready for replacement and costing money which we can ill afford. When Tajinder discovered the power steering was not working he generously offered to pay for the repair. The Management Committee are hugely grateful to him for this, but our volunteer drivers will be even more so as their job will be so much easier. Thank you Tajinder from us all.

Both drivers and passenger assistants are back in full swing now. It was great to welcome Neil and Malcolm Lockwood back on board again, they have been missed hugely.

Joanna Graves, from People Keeping Well, advertised through the network for volunteer drivers for us. We had two applications but unfortunately it turned out the role wasn't what they had wanted. However, we did manage to recruit someone at Totley Show and our search continues.

Mike Finn and I recently attended a partnership meeting for People Keeping Well. It was good to meet up with the other partners and get a feel for the things that are happening. The Management Committee are going to be looking at the ways in which the buses are utilised and we are keen to support our partners in delivering their activities where we can.

2019 has certainly been a challenging year for Transport 17. We have faced uncertainties, changes and challenges but as we are working through these we are pleased to report that a sense of optimism is emerging as we look forward to a new era for Transport 17.

Progress to date - we now have a new landlord, Andrew Morton, who we are in touch with regarding our lease. Although he lives abroad, he has a close connection with the Greenhill and Totley areas. He is keen to keep us as a tenant and admires the work we do as a charitable organisation in the community.

We had a good response to our advert for an admin assistant and have appointed a lady called Kerry Machon. So, a very warm welcome to Kerry who is settling into the role and huge thanks to John Savournin who finished at the end of September. John was with Transport 17 for 24 years. After a career as a chartered civil engineer working for Sheffield City Council, he joined us in 1995 as (in his words) a sort of admin assistant/bookkeeper. He was elected as Treasurer at the AGM in 1997 and he became a paid, part-time member of staff in in September 1999. He and Mike Finn have worked together over this time, sometimes having to take a lead themselves when there wasn't an effective Management Committee. We would like to thank John for all he has done over that time and wish him a long and happy retirement.

There have been three events for us in September. The first was Totley Show. Jenny Nuttall and her daughter created a Totley Quiz which Hamnett Wealth Management sponsored. Once again it was a real success, raising about £60. The bus was also there helping to raise our profile. We are proud once again to benefit from the support we receive from this event. Thank you.

On 28th September we held a Pea and Pie Supper, with entertainment from Totley's own Jimmy McWilliams, at St John's Church on Abbeydale Road South. This was a revival of what

used to be a very successful event, and clearly continues to be so, judging by the comments and thanks we have received. It was a really good 'do', the hall was packed and there was a great atmosphere with so much catching up being done. Liberty Foods provided excellent pies. Various volunteers from Transport 17 had spent a lot of time setting the hall up, which provided a lovely backdrop for the event. Jimmy was in fine voice and a delight to listen to. In a true music hall style he got everyone involved with some of the songs. Huge thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the whole event tick along so smoothly and provide a lovely social evening. Plus we raised over £700 which was a fantastic result. Particular thanks must go to both Jimmy and Mike Finn for working so hard to make the event a success along with Netta Barnes, Hazel Brand and Diane Ellis. Liz Thompson, who organises the Lunch Club at St John's, has also been hugely supportive of the event and we would like to thank her for her commitment to it. Biggest thanks though go to Jimmy for providing such excellent entertainment. Well done all.

On Monday 30th September we held our Pairs Duplicate Bridge Drive at Abbeydale Golf Club. We weren't able to run the event last year, so it was good to have it back in our programme this year. Libby Ireland did a sterling job in dealing with all the organisational issues, helped by Ruth Kerr. Our thanks go to Stan Heywood who runs the day for us, helped by Graham Jessop. The golf club made an excellent venue and it was a beautiful day, so several people had their lunch on the balcony in the sunshine admiring the view. Many thanks to all the staff there. We didn't have quite as many tables this time but hopefully everyone enjoyed their day and will pass the word onto their friends for next year. We made over £600 which was a very satisfactory result, so thanks to all who supported us by coming along.

It's not long now until the Annual Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes on Saturday 16th November 10am - noon. We are planning to have our Bottle Bonanza Stall, Strictly Christmas Stall, a Cake Stall, and the ever-popular raffle which will have a festive theme. If you have any contributions for the stalls could you drop them off at the office. As always, we are very grateful for your generous support. Deb Leonard will be there and no Christmas Fayre is complete without Cross Scythes mince pies to go with your tea or coffee. So, pop the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, we have received two donations. One was in memory of Bill Glossop which was bequeathed to us in his will; we are very appreciative of his generosity and support. The other was from Activ Physio who kindly made a donation following a daily step challenge they set themselves. Their Totley and Bradway Clinics set up a competition to see who could reach the most steps and Clare from the Bradway Clinic was the winner! They kindly translated this into a donation of £127.51 which they recently presented to Transport 17. Thank you!

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The butterflies are back - now for a swift hotel

We cannot complain that there has not been enough rain so far this year, but it would have been nice to have had more warmer, sunny days, and less strong winds at times. While plant growth took off, some of the taller plants struggled to withstand the wind and heaviest downpours but most of them recovered. Sadly, the worst damage was done in two areas where local cats had hidden among taller plants below or near bird-feeders in the hope of catching birds. I do wish, while caring for their cats, many of which will no doubt be from rescue centres, people would take more responsibility for the serious damage they do to our wildlife. I have now moved the feeders so that they hang over lower-growing plants, which has helped.

Trees are very important for pollinators early in the year, when their blossom provides both pollen and nectar. They also support many varieties of caterpillars. They have grown strongly this year, especially the three largest hawthorns which have been well-used by birds for cover and also gave young birds confidence to move safely round the garden.

Having sought some advice from a local ornithologist, I took the opportunity when guttering was being replaced to have four swift boxes fixed below the gutters on the side of the house. Ideally, they need to be in colonies and not facing due south. I am told that in the late summer the young ones will be looking for new nesting sites, although they may not use the boxes for a year or so. There are colonies in our area - not far away - so we are hopeful that they will find our boxes to their taste and take up residence! The roofers happily did this job and have agreed to come back, when necessary, to clean up any mess on the walls.

The rain kept the two water-butts full for most of the summer. Rainwater contains no added chemicals and is, therefore, much better than tap water for cleaning and filling water dishes, which I do every day.

During the summer, as more varieties of flowers bloomed, the number of pollinators increased and, apart from on very wet days, the flowers were keeping them busy from morning until dusk. Along with the established betony, field scabious and marjoram, popular long-lasting flowers included greater knapweed, chicory, ox-eye daisies, purple loosestrife, red clover, birdsfoot trefoil and self-heal, along with the shade-loving nettle-leaved bellflowers and wood cranesbill. Meadow cranesbill is popular too.

One plant I thought would not be worth planting is the annual herb robert, but it is easy to grow, looked lovely under trees, and, when the pink flowers died off, new ones replaced them and flowering went on for months - from April to September.

I have been particularly pleased about the butterflies. In previous years, they tended to visit briefly and move on, but this year there were more, and they have stayed in the garden for most of the day. Varieties seen were orange-tip; large, small and green-veined whites; gatekeeper; small tortoiseshell; and meadow brown.

There are also a lot more spiders around (at least four species - I hope to identify more of the wildlife in my garden when time allows!) - and from large to very tiny. Clearly, they are finding the garden to be a haven and many invertebrates find the crevices in the dry-stone walling around my patios a good place to be. Some of the spiders come into the house where they are not so welcome and are carefully put outside again. And probably again and again!!

There are also more insects of varying sorts generally, some flying around under the hawthorn trees and, so far this summer, one earwig, which I haven't seen here for a long time. When the light was right (particularly on some summer evenings), it was possible to see blooms of tiny insects filling much of the garden.

The situation with Canadian pondweed is certainly better now, and the October "pond maintenance" will hopefully be a chance to remove

any that is getting a hold again. Similarly, green slimy weed is reducing, as I have been trying to keep that under control more regularly using a pond net to carefully remove it without upsetting any wildlife.

I saw one green dragonfly fly from the pond to the side of the garden, but it disappeared among the plants. I was disturbed to read that, if they fly into another garden, they might succumb to any chemicals used there. In fact, after twenty years of chemical-free gardening, I may not be able to officially call it organic if chemicals are used nearby - which is very disappointing. Red damselflies tended to stay in the garden and were seen on the field scabious and greater knapweed.

A slim moon-shape of grass has been allowed to grow longer at one side of the largest pond and wildflower meadow plants are being introduced, along with some that like a damper area. Poppies were sown there last year and bloomed well and some of the seeds have grown in this meadow area again and, also, further afield, giving a very natural and random look to the garden.

The lawn has been green and healthy, even during very hot periods. Clearly, the worms and micro-organisms in the soil below have been recycling any debris and there has been no need to scarify at all. The lawn is never mown too frequently, even during the wet spells we have had, or treated in any way, as chemicals will destroy the living organisms in the soil which not only recycle any debris but are vital to the many processes involved in maintaining a healthy, nutrient-rich soil.

Very disturbing was a report on a recent BBC Countryfile programme concerning green bin collections. The contents are composted and various companies prepare and package it to sell on to garden centres. I have recently mentioned that some are labelled "organic", but there can be no guarantee of that as many gardeners still use chemicals despite the damage they do to the soil and to wildlife. Even worse is to hear of the discovery that considerable amounts of plastic

have been found in these composts and, as well as being used in gardens, it is also used on farmland where our food is grown and animals are fed. On a farm shown on the Countryfile report, pieces of plastic were quite obvious, but many of them were extremely small and not easily seen. Organic farmers use various methods to compost the waste - both animal and vegetable - that they produce on the farm, and crop rotation, even growing a crop to then dig in to add nutrients, are techniques being increasingly employed in an overall effort to ensure a sustainable and truly organic approach to fertilising their land.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is a well-known charity which endeavours to maintain animals and plants around the World. The reasons why species become rare are many, but, currently, climate change is having a huge impact. In this year's summer issue of the WWF magazine, there is an article by Kate Bradbury about the loss of bees and how vital they are to us. She said, "We cannot live without bees, but, in the UK, they are being pushed to the brink. So, this summer, let's make every garden an oasis for pollinators." Well, it's a bit late for this year, but, hopefully, more people will start to include our many native wildflowers in their gardens. These really offer our insects the very best chance to survive and there are wild flower growers who can supply them, but we also need to badger our garden centres to emphasise how they should be championing our natives - both plants and seeds - not only to help our pollinators, but also to reduce the enormous environmental damage done producing all the cultivated plants they sell.

At the recent UN Climate Change Conference in New York, the young environmentalist, Greta Thunberg, gave a short speech which said so much. I cannot forget the look on her face and the repeated phrase: "HOW DARE YOU". What a brave young lady.

Marian Tiddy



A Gatekeeper among the grasses - a frequent and delightful visitor

Tickets, Please!

As I wrestled with the new “too clever by half” ticket machine at Dore and Totley railway station, I got to thinking about my days on the railways when things were so much simpler. The new technology takes a long time to operate and seems to defeat a lot of people who stab at the machine’s touchscreen to no avail while the queue builds up behind them. In my day - and yes, I do remember the 1960s - issuing railway tickets quickly and correctly and giving timely information was a matter of pride for us. Rush-hour queues were very rare even around the London area where I worked: five or six cash customers per minute was the norm. At my last station, tickets of 5½ million passengers a year were checked

as they entered and left the platforms. Nowadays, despite the threat of penalty fares, some people do appear to board trains without having a ticket. Most train managers will do their best to get through their trains to sell tickets to any people who are travelling without them. But as Dore and Totley station is so near to Sheffield where many of our trains terminate, staff are already packing their bags ready to get off and get to their next job or a cup of tea.

Revenue protection is as much of an issue now as it was in my days on the railway.

Apart from guards on the trains, we had travelling ticket collectors known to us as “the snappers”. They wore plain overcoats and boarded trains before producing and donning their impressive Ticket Inspector’s peaked cap covered in “scrambled egg” gold braid out of a cloth bag. Thus equipped, they asked to see the tickets of every passenger and the colour of their money if they didn’t have the correct ticket. Miscreants had their names and addresses taken and sometimes cases ended up in court. And so it was in 1878, although this time the unfortunate miscreant was the stationmaster at Dore and Totley. His case, summarised below, was fully covered in the pages of the “Sheffield Independent” newspaper.

In November 1878 Mr Francis Wood, who had recently been stationmaster at Dore and Totley station was charged with embezzling several sums of money belonging to the Midland Railway. Wood had already been dismissed by the railway company. A Midland Railway detective in August 1878 had travelled from Derby to Dore & Totley but he had deliberately produced a ticket valid only as far as Dronfield. On alighting at Dore & Totley he gave Wood the extra 2½d fare from Dronfield. Several other inspectors of the Midland Railway made similar journeys with incorrect tickets and again paid the excess fares due to Mr Wood at Dore & Totley station as he was the only man on the platform. However, when the Midland Railway auditors came to check the excess fares paid in, they found no trace in the records of the excess fares paid to the Dore & Totley stationmaster by the inspectors.

Francis Wood first appeared at Eckington Petty Sessions where he was bailed for £50 and two sureties of £25 each. Several hundred local people had signed a character reference for him. The case was referred to the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions to be heard in January 1879. He was charged with embezzling 2½d and various other sums of money amounting to 11d which was the property of the Midland Railway company. At the Quarter Sessions, the Midland Railway inspector from the accountant’s department produced the Dore & Totley station’s excess fare book which had to be entered up daily. It was noted that none of the test excess fares that had been paid in were visible in the entries made. In



evidence, the defendant said that Dore was a pretty place and that in the summer he had to deal with a lot of excursionists. About 14 passenger trains stopped in a day along with additional “luggage trains”. Mr Kennedy, for the Midland Railway, said that one of the excess fares paid in, 1½d from Ecclesall to Dore & Totley, was in October, which was not a busy month. Solicitor Mr Weightman, defending Francis Wood, said that the man had raised himself from the position of porter to become a stationmaster. He contended that the omissions were accidental and certainly not deliberate. Mr Kennedy then gave evidence of two further instances of missing excess fares for which the defendant was responsible. The jury retired and returned with a verdict of “not guilty” in each instance. This decision was received with applause in the court.

Clearly, the Midland Railway went to a lot of trouble to protect their revenue, even trying to catch out those members of their staff who were cheating the system or simply doing things wrongly. Mr Wood never worked for the railway again and he was replaced by Mr Mark Millard who served at our station for the next 34 years, including the time when the Hope Valley line and two more platforms were added to his responsibilities. When Mr Millard retired in 1913, he was presented with the proceeds of a cash collection for “his unflinching courtesy and attention”. If only the correct

tickets were quicker and easier to buy nowadays, and that current train operators were as keen on revenue protection. It’s a forlorn hope, but if the much-delayed improvements at Dore and Totley station lead to even greater increases in passenger numbers, we may well qualify for part-time staffing. How much nicer to be getting tickets and help from a human being such as Mr Millard!

Mike Peart

New local trains book

Ted Hancock is pleased and relieved to announce that he has finally completed the first part of his three volume work. The book has 304 pages and 376 illustrations, including 72 in colour and is an A4 size hardback. The price is £30 with free post and packing.

It is the first ever book which covers the Hope Valley line exclusively and includes a large amount of original research which has not been seen before. The book is different from most railway books in that it is designed to please the railway enthusiast but also those interested in the impact of the railway on the local communities. It also has biographical information on the main personalities.

It covers the canals and railways never built; how the railway reached Dore & Totley and Chinley stations; the building of the line including the troublesome Totley tunnel; the period from the opening in 1894 to the end of the LMS in 1947; passenger, freight and excursion traffic from the working timetables and motive power.

Volume Two which is planned for release around June 2020 will cover the tunnels, stations and bridges and branches for the Derwent, Howden and Ladybower reservoir constructions and the new Earle’s Cement branch.

Volume Three will cover the British Railways period from 1948 to Privatization in 1993 including the Beeching report and the miracle of the line’s survival at the expense of all its rivals, the end of the steam era and the demise of staffed stations and the closure of the goods yards.

The book can be purchased from Totley and Greenhill Libraries, or email tedhancock30@gmail.com or tel 0114 2377395.

Extinction of Class 142 Pacers

This article was to have featured a tribute to the Pacer trains that were introduced 35 years ago and were to have been withdrawn and scrapped before the end of 2019. They may be getting a 3-6 month stay of execution but in the meantime we've asked if we could have two of them at busy times to ease the crush. In the mid-1980s they were expected to last 20-25 years but have been patched up to soldier on. That story should be coming in the next edition, or maybe the one after that! We're seeing some double units so passengers' feedback is being noticed.

What's new? The second platform

At long last things are starting to happen. Back in August FoDaTS committee members met Network Rail's project sponsor for the Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme. That will provide a second track and platform at Dore & Totley. We were very unhappy to discover that the project had slipped back another year with completion not expected before December 2023. A representative from SYPTe was present at our meeting and fed back to Sheffield City Region and Mayor Dan Jarvis. After his visit to open our canopy a few months ago he was not at all pleased to hear this news.

At the time of writing we can't reveal every detail we know but it's fair to say Dan is now rattling cages and with some success. An air of urgency is starting to blow through. Unfortunately, we don't think Network will have the new station fully operational before late 2023, much as Dan may try to get it ready earlier. There's too much civil engineering requiring track access and diversions. However, when we spoke to Network Rail 2024 was mentioned as a possibility. We are all determined it will not slip back that far.

Sheffield City Region are in active negotiations with Transport for the North and have spoken to Network Rail at both the highest national and northern levels. FoDaTS have been writing and talking to as many as we can reach. Further meetings with Network Rail will be taking place. A feasibility study into extra parking is imminent, but is unlikely to bring more formal spaces before 2024/5 at best.

Services from Dore & Totley

It has been confirmed that TransPennine Express will soon be operating a few more 6 coach trains on the Manchester Airport – Cleethorpes services. By the time you read this our 8.14 should be one of them.

From 16th December TPE will be stopping a train for Manchester at 5.15 arriving at Piccadilly at 6.03 and at the Airport at 6.27. We'll be interested to see how many use it. As all their trains currently average at least 2 minutes late we're unlikely to get agreement to more stops until better punctuality is achieved - in 2023/4?

Northern are also being pressed to add more stops, particularly out of Sheffield. Ideally we'd like a half hourly services into and out of Sheffield, but Northern have the same problem with the single track as TPE. We're continuing to press for the big gaps to be filled but know it isn't easy.

From 16th December the 15.45 from Sheffield will be stopping at 15.53 instead of skipping by. That still leaves a 90-minute gap, but it's a step in the right direction.

What might happen, eventually

Some signalling improvements are part of the Capacity Scheme, however we understand they may be extended to include most of the line. Timescales for that work are being sought but when completed it should help more trains to run to time.

HS2 seems to be less and less likely to come through Sheffield, certainly not by 2033 as planned. The Extinction Rebellion movement is but one of many bodies wanting to see

more electric railways.

Transport for the North is pushing for electrification of the mainline through Leicester, Nottingham and Derby. It might even happen, and the early 2030s may be a realistic target.

The Hope Valley line has been looked at before and the report concluded that with all the tunnels it wasn't viable for electrification. In the present ecological climate that will be looked at again with a possibility of using bi-mode trains. 'Looked at' and 'possible' in railway parlance has meant decades of battles to achieve little or nothing, but one day, perhaps. We'll be encouraging it to be looked at more closely and sooner rather than later.

The canopy and ticket machine

The canopy has been greatly appreciated and the ticket machine works, although a few practice sessions when it's quiet may help the unwary. There are knacks that need getting used to. Five popular fares appear on the opening screen and five more should be added 'shortly'. Increasing numbers are now using electronic ticketing and 50% of fares nationally are now paid that way with no paper tickets, although our numbers are probably nearer 25% at best. (I've mastered it and have a Northern identity card to go with a season ticket that can be bought from the machine.)

Amazon locker Peak and defibrillator

Amazon locker Peak is proving popular for deliveries and some collections. By Christmas it might be almost full on some days.

We're in discussions with Northern, TPE and SYPTe to install a defibrillator at the station. FoDaTS has received a donation to be put towards this worthwhile project. It seems we only need Network Rail's permission so installation may be this year.

Hope Valley Line 125, Bradway Tunnel 150

We held a second walk to Grindleford in conjunction with the Time Travellers for the 125 celebrations, including a visit to Padley Chapel. An evening talk about the tunnel was given to the Time Travellers to go with the walk.

Next year we'll be celebrating 150 years of Bradway Tunnel and that will feature walks to and from Dronfield in conjunction with Friends of Dronfield Station. Dore & Totley wasn't opened until 1872 so we have time to think how to celebrate that.

Planters and volunteers

Watch this space. In addition to planting lots more bulbs we hope you'll see some improvements around the station by the spring, if not before. Our volunteers have recently appeared in a promotional video for Northern, Dore being one of about 10 of their 478 stations included to show diversity, Dronfield and Darnall being two others.

To the future

In December the passenger numbers for 2018/19 will be out. We had almost six months of Saturday strikes to contend with in that period so the steady 5% increase sustained for over ten years must have been impacted. Nevertheless, we'd expect the trend to have continued upwards.

Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year,

Chris Morgan,
Chairman

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Dozy parker of the season



Many thanks to everyone who sent in their photos for this issue; it just shows how fed up we are with the way cars are littered about the village.

Above, we're looking up Devonshire Terrace Road from across Townhead Road. The yellow car is parked, but that's not what concerns us. It's the black car in the lovely position on the corner. The driver, we can just make out, is standing by his car and appears to be texting. Cars coming down Townhead and intending to turn left wouldn't see him until they cleared the wall on that corner, and it doesn't look as though there's much room on that narrow footpath for pedestrians either.

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2020 vision

As part of putting the garden to bed before the winter sets in, the hedge cutters have moved in for the afternoon to do the annual hedge trim. There has been so much rain this summer and autumn that the growth has been unusually strong. Although the garden looks a bit unkempt, the birds and insects will be grateful that I've left them the decaying vegetation and seed heads which they need to get through the winter.

Looking ahead...

At our short AGM and final meeting (Using Native Plants in the Garden by Hilary Hutson) on 20 November, the Garden Club will reflect on a successful 2019 with some memorable speakers, two garden visits, stalls at the Open Gardens and the Dore Show.

Here is a glimpse of what you can look forward to in 2020. Once again, the committee, a small group of enthusiasts, have planned another varied programme of speakers and events. Our speakers for January, February, March and November are all returning by popular request:

- 15 January: The New Border at Renishaw Hall by Head Gardener, David Kesteven
- 19 February: Plants on the Tinsley Canal, Ken Belkow
- 18 March: Pictorial Garden Plants, Kevin Pratt
- 15 April : Water Gardens and Features, Jeff Bates
- 20 May: Around the Shows, Barrie Gilthorpe
- 17 June: Rescue hedgehogs and Attracting Wildlife, June Lesley
- 16 September: A Labour of Love at Potterton's Nursery, Rob Potterton
- 21 October: Houseplants and Wellbeing, Debbie at Moonko of Sheffield
- 18 November: The Botanical Garden Year, Peter and Trish Kohn

Visitors are always very welcome and pay only £3 at the door. Alternatively, you can join as a member by coming along to any event at Dore Methodist Church Hall. The annual subscription, which will still be under £20, represents excellent value for nine expert speakers. As an added incentive to join, Garden Club members are entitled to a discount at Dore Moor Garden Centre.

Recent events

The autumn programme got off to a flying start when we welcomed back Dr Andrew Ward from Norwell Nurseries in September. Andrew spoke to a large audience about 'Ringing the Changes with Bellflowers'. His talk was pure indulgence for plant lovers, an extravaganza of stunning slides showing a wide range of popular and less common types of flowers which have in common a bell-shaped flower. They included bulbs such as fritillaria, some alpinas, perennials such as penstemons, campanulas and foxgloves and even some clematis. He gave a comprehensive overview covering size, growing conditions, type of soil and the position in the border. There was a lively question and answer session at the end, and such was the interest in the talk that the Club have decided to organise the annual coach trip to Norwell Nurseries next June.

In October there was the largest turnout of members and visitors this year to hear from Christopher Margrave, who recently retired after nearly fifteen years as Head Gardener at the National Trust's Clumber Park Walled Garden. In a fascinating illustrated talk, Christopher traced the development of walled gardens, of which there are several around the region but with particular emphasis on Clumber Park in Nottinghamshire. Walled gardens tended to be sited skewed south east to north west to maximise the benefit of the sun on all parts of the garden. Everything about Clumber's walled garden is on a grand scale; it covers four acres and is part of a much larger Grade 1 listed estate, has a 450ft original glass house and in its heyday had an army of between 25 and 30 full time gardeners. The 12-foot brick wall mitigates the

effects of weather. Clumber is also on a slope to direct cold air down and out of the garden through imposing wrought iron gates. Christopher talked about walled gardens being a food superstore, providing flowers and elite food for elite families. As a rule of thumb at least three gardeners per acre were deemed necessary to produce enough food for one year for the epicurean residents, the Dukes of Newcastle. Grapes, figs, peaches and artichokes were commonplace, with the latter thought to increase the likelihood of producing a male heir for the estate. Continuity of cropping and succession were key to a successful garden and led to some surprising growing techniques to increase production. Today, Clumber houses national collections of apples (over 80 regional varieties) and rhubarb. Christopher's fascinating talk left those in the audience who had never visited keen to go and there is still time to see some wonderful autumn colour.

Pauline Drissell



The apple orchard at Clumber Park

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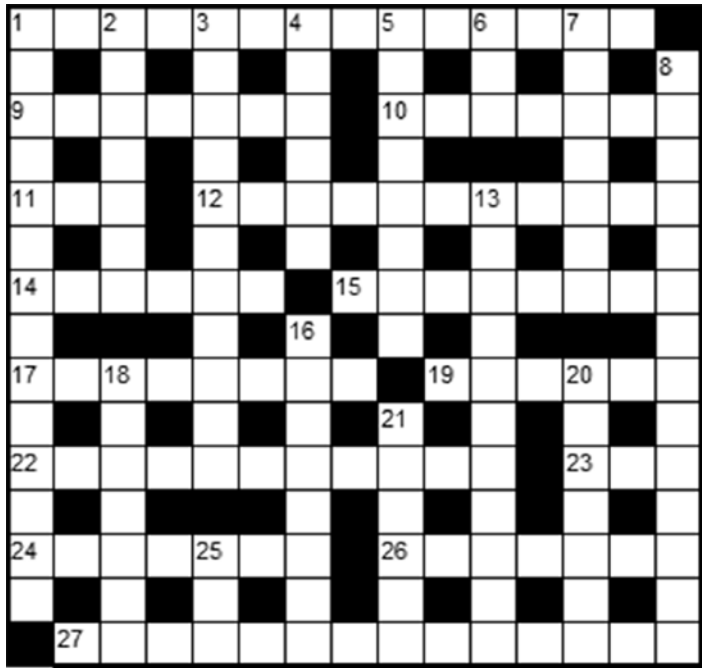
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9. Stop working policeman taking fur (7)
10. Development of chained anteater (7)
11. Not as many missing border sheep (3)
12. A new beautiful number (11)
14. Great changes at last Kent quarry (6)
15. What to give after disengagement in two cases (4,4)
17. Miss Moore gets involved in long story which could go viral (8)
19. Statesman's ready to be worthless (3-3)
22. Suspiciously caught in infected band together (11)
23. Ask for the reason when listening to the river (3)
24. Town judge about, for instance, to put one inside (7)
26. Low church took on journalist who wandered aimlessly (7)
27. Having concentration about tricks is off and on (14)

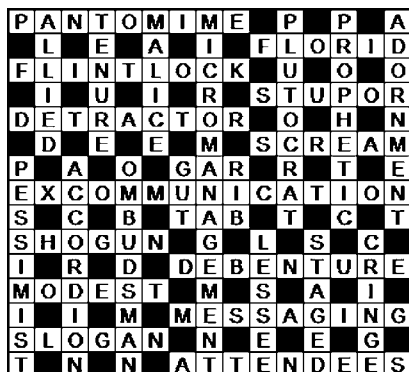
Down

1. Is sceptre a sure thing to discover the Holy Grail, perhaps (6,8)
2. Rubber currency shortly follows religious rite (7)
3. Clutching fashionable amber mortar (11)
4. Domains to include new grounds (6)
5. Animal cover will need risk managed (8)
6. Hector retreats even to Scotsman's surprise (3)
7. Plant contributes to strange diet in Indian state (7)
8. Celebration before fast start (7,7)
13. From day which ego was shattered, travel advice required (7,4)
16. They cast tar on even metres (8)
18. Western European popular around Stalin's spymaster (7)
20. Bends piping for the length of the flight (7)
21. Charges invalid when surrounded by total rubbish (6)
25. Before pudding not having starter (3)

**Crossword
compiled by Mavis**

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

**Solution to
our Autumn
crossword:**



So, apparently this is the festive issue already! It seems strange sitting here on a cold wet October day trying to summon up some festive spirit. The Editor (he who must be obeyed) has asked me to focus on current issues in our area and the possible crime enhancing opportunities that the festive season brings. I

went on at length last issue about the precautions you can take when going away and a lot of that advice carries into the darker nights and winter months. It is easy to forget when leaving in the morning that it will probably be dark when you get home, so the measures I mentioned about making your house look occupied need taking in a morning, so the house comes alive after dark. Also be aware when you've bought all those lovely gifts for everyone not to leave them in view if you do go out during the unending wrapping sessions.

Our main issue at the moment is not burglaries (crosses fingers and hopes this doesn't change between now and publication) but vehicle crime is still an up and coming issue. It seems as technology innovates, so does the criminal fraternity, developing products to take advantage of such modernities as keyless entry. We recently published advice on vehicle crime through our SYP alerts system but I felt an abridged version might be useful to you if you have not had this. Here are a few tips:

- Make sure your vehicle is locked. Even though you press the locking button on the key, check the doors. There are devices which will block the locking signal and leave your car insecure
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- Check your car's manual or ask a dealership to see if you can disable the key signal when not required

If you are not signed up to SYP alerts and would like to be, email your name, house number, postcode and email address to me at the address at the bottom of this article and I will get you registered. It helps to keep you informed of what is actually happening in your neighbourhood rather than relying on hearsay and speculation! You can also keep in touch with local issues by joining your local neighbourhood watch. If you are not aware whether there is one in your area send me a message and I'll find out for you.

If you are organising a festive event or group meeting and would like us to attend, also let me know and if available we'll be there, Especially if there is tea and cake!

As usual, if you do have any issues or concerns but you're not sure if it's worth reporting, please call me on 07787 881945 leaving your name and number if you reach voicemail or drop me a line at adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Adrian

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TigerDome! - so do please come and visit to see a game or have a drink and socialise.

We are delighted to advise that two of our players have reached the 200 games played mark and we congratulate Peter Swatkins and Liam Wallace on this amazing achievement. To put it in context, if a player could play 30 games a season then it means them doing that every year for the last seven years! Wow!

Our Minis (Under 7s through to Under 11s) and Juniors (Under 12s to Under 14s) are growing in numbers every Sunday and we have enjoyed visits from Dinnington, Scunthorpe and Macclesfield, all of whom have stayed in the Clubhouse and enjoyed the Rugby World Cup action. If your child would like to play, please visit the Club on Sunday from about 9am to meet our very friendly organisers and make new friends. (You can stay indoors in a warm Clubhouse, enjoy breakfast and watch your child through the window away from the rain!)

Off the field we continue to take more bookings for Clubhouse party hire and this is obviously a major source of income for us. We would welcome your enquiry for any planned event, for which we can also provide catering to suit your pocket.

We have recently refurbished our kitchen and appointed a chef, Elliott Taylor who lives in Dore, who is providing quality food which is receiving plaudits from all! On a Sunday, full breakfast is available - or try eggs Benedict - absolutely delicious!

Moving on into the darker autumn and winter nights we look forward to our Children's Christmas Party on December 22nd and on this day we also hope to break a Guinness World Record which will be supported by the whole of the Club - Minis, Juniors, mums & dads, members, supporters and committee - it's a whole Club effort on behalf of Tigers, 'The Family Friendly Club'. Watch this space!

Finally, doing our bit for the environment we are delighted to have lots of resident wildlife which we actively encourage. You may have seen our residents; kestrel, buzzards, jays and many others including toads!

We continue to investigate some simple development opportunities for the pitch behind the houses at the bottom of Long Line, affectionately known by us as 'The Eiger' due to its elevation - it's hardly a flat rugby pitch! - but these simple plans are only to level out the pitches into perhaps three or four smaller level pitches that our expanding Minis and Juniors section can use for training and the odd smaller game, so this will stay as a green field site. I mention this as we have received enquiries from several residents querying our intention, so I hope that puts some minds at rest. There are no firm plans yet and this is due to the cost of effecting extensive groundworks - in effect shifting and flattening lots of earth.

After Christmas we shall be providing a tree shredding service and using the mulched trees around our extensive grounds. We will charge £5 to get rid of a tree - delivered to site or we can collect from your home for £10 per tree and save you all a fuel polluting trip to the city recycling centre.

I hope you have enjoyed this article. If you would like to comment or ask for any further details I would be delighted to hear from you on the Clubhouse landline number which is 0114 236 0075.

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2018 and 2019 have been eventful years for the choir. Our Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire is recovering from a serious illness, and in her absence we have been in the very capable hands of Francis Wells who for many years was the Music Director of Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir. Under Fran we prepared for our overseas concert tour to Sicily.

I am pleased to report that Elizabeth had sufficiently recovered to share with Fran the responsibility of conducting the choir during our trip.

The tour commenced with a concert in the cathedral in Syracuse (Siracusa) which was built by bishop Zosimo in the 7th century over the Temple of Athena (5th century BC) whose Doric columns still can be seen incorporated in the walls of the current church. Concerts followed in Catania, Taormina and the final concert in Taormina Cathedral which was the highlight of the tour where we were obliged to sing several encores.

Our Gala concert on the 5th October (see above photograph) was a sell-out; our guest artist on this occasion was Birkdale School Big Band - they were terrific, such talent for such a young age.

The choir's thanks go to all our advertisers for their support that enables us to represent the village.

And finally a note for your diary, our Christmas Concerts at Christ Church, Church Lane, Dore are on 12, 13 and 14 December. Tickets £10 including light refreshments and programme from R. Vaughan 0143 362 3999, any Choir Member or enquiries@doremalevoicechoir.com. We are usually sold out on all three nights so do not wait too long before purchasing your ticket.

Best wishes to you all

Ray Mellor
Vice Chairman and PRO

30 years ago...

From Dore to Door #16, Winter 1989

Reminiscences

Mr Sam Thorpe of Dore Road has been kind enough to record some of his reminiscences of Dore for this issue of Dore to Door.

His early memories are of a life of hard work and long hours. When he was about nine years old, Sam and his sister had to be at Dore Station at 6.30am to collect the morning papers. Then, after spending the morning at school, where he recalls being caned by Mr C. Bone, he often had to take sandwiches and cold tea to his father, who worked at the Ganister Pit in Shorts Lane, where the bungalow now stands.

After afternoon school, Sam then had to work on his father's allotment, although he would have preferred to join his friends playing football.

Sam was one of six children, and they, their parents and grandmother, lived in a two-bedroomed house in Barker's Yard, opposite the Post-Office. [*then on Townhead Road - Ed.*] There was no gas or electricity and four outside lavatories were shared by eight families, with a total of thirty-four children.

Dore was a rural area and life was hard for many of the residents. Sam recalls quietly following a farmer's cart up Townhead Road, and taking a turnip for dinner, unseen by the farmer leading the horse.

Several of the village men worked as scythe makers at Little London Works, now Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Others had to walk long distances to and from work each day.

A visit to Sheffield was an annual event for Sam - he used to travel to Banner Cross in Mr Dungworth's lorry, which had a wooden seat down each side for passengers, and then catch a tram into Sheffield. The lorry was later replaced by a bus.

Shrove Tuesday was the highlight of the year - all the schoolchildren were given a treat and had the afternoon off school. At night there was a concert, the acts being the same every year. The choir-boys entertained with songs, Sam's sister Evaline sang the Gypsy's Warning, Mr and Mrs Close of Church Lane played a piano duet and Henry Taylor gave his impression of Harry Lauder.

As a young man Sam had various duties at the Church, where his father was a vergier and sexton. He was helping his father dig a grave one day and struck something with his pick. Coloured water which smelt terrible began to pour into the hole. The stench was so awful that the Vicar, Mr Gibson, told Sam and his father to go to the Hare and Hounds for a brandy.

Another church duty was to carry three or four tons of coke from where it was left at the church gate to the boiler room. This took the best part of a day.

The coming of electricity to the village made life easier and Sam remembers what a boon it was to switch on a light instead of having to fill and trim a paraffin lamp - a safety hazard where children lived.

For many years Sam was a chimney-sweep except on Fridays when he had a gardening job, but as smokeless fuel replaced coal, he was glad to do less sweeping and more gardening. At most of the large houses a gardener was employed and there were many allotments.

Dore Show provided an opportunity for the gardeners to show off their skills, and Sam's father regularly took the prize for peas.

Sam's daughter, Anne, when she was at college in the Sixties, wrote an interesting study of Dore which includes some fascinating old photographs.

Sam's reminiscences have been recorded on tape and will become part of Dore Collection.



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Juke and Loe

A few weeks ago, I took my partner to Donostia San Sebastian (to give its fully politically correct name) for her birthday – chivalry dictates that I am not going to say which birthday! For those of you who don't know this wonderful city, it is in the Basque region of Spain and boasts 18 Michelin stars within a 20 km radius of the town centre. There are obvious financial limitations to eating in Michelin starred restaurants (upwards of €350 per head for a nine-course tasting menu with wine), but as she pointed out, the other restaurants in the city must be pretty good to stay in business. The relevance of this experience will become apparent, if you bear in mind that one evening we ate at a restaurant recommended by a chef friend, and I ordered beef cheeks. Frankly, it was one of the best dishes I have ever had the pleasure of tasting, and you could have eaten it without teeth it was so tender!!

Fast forward four weeks, and for the purposes of this review we booked a table at Juke and Loe on Ecclesall Road. This restaurant has been open for about two years and was awarded an AA Rosette for culinary excellence within a year of opening. The reviews on the website were uniformly positive so it seemed like a good option. We booked for dinner on a Tuesday evening, and my partner's suspicions were first aroused by the fact that we were the only people in the place. Being ever optimistic I put that down to the fact that it was a Tuesday – how wrong could one be?

The waitress who greeted us was extremely friendly and attentive (easy when you are the only customers!), and we perused an extremely eclectic menu with some very interesting combinations. As we were considering our options, we were served with focaccia accompanied by one plain and one herb butter. My doubts about the lack of clientele were forgotten as the bread and herb butter melted in my mouth, and I looked forward to a wonderful, if quiet, dinner. Not long after, we were presented with an amuse bouche of mushroom arancini, which was nothing short of amazing.

Putting all our previous doubts to one side, my partner ordered a beetroot and goat's cheese salad with apple, almond brittle



and watercress (£9), and I went for the salad of cured salmon, fennel, black olive, apricot, mustard, tarragon and chives (£9.50). I asked for it to be easy on the black olives, as I personally thought they would overpower the dish, and that is how it arrived.

The combination of cured salmon and apricot kind of worked and the fennel cut through the other flavours to give the dish an interesting if not totally convincing whole. In my opinion there was no need for the olives at all, but that may just be me! The other dish, however, was a totally different story! My partner prides herself on liking pretty much everything, but she was unable to finish her starter. Beetroot and goat's cheese are a classic combination, with the saltiness and crumbliness of the cheese offsetting the flavour of the beetroot. The contrast of textures in this dish are half of the appeal, so when the goat's cheese came as some kind of puree the appeal was lost. Not only the lack of texture, but the puree itself lacked the punch of actual goat's cheese, and although the beetroot was fine, the whole dish suffered hugely.

We remained cautiously optimistic as the main course arrived. I had chosen braised beef cheek, creamed mushrooms, cavolo



nero, anchovy, hand cut chips with parmesan & truffle mayonnaise (£21), and now you get the reference to our trip to Spain! I couldn't tell you exactly how long beef cheeks should be braised for, but I do know that it wasn't enough in this case. The meat itself was stringy and on the tough side, and after battling through half of the dish, I gave up with lumps of fat on the side of my plate that would have shamed any home cook. To add insult to injury, the mushrooms had more salt in them than the Dead Sea and there is no need to add extra salt to chips that are covered in parmesan – although to be fair, they were very well cooked and crispy.

Across the table, the plaice, argentinian red shrimp, curry, mango and poppadum (£25) was going down no better. The fish was overcooked and the flavour was overpowered by the curry, which although not hot, was far too much for the delicate plaice.

I would like to tell you much more, but at this point we decided to cut our losses and get the bill. With re-corked wine in hand, I paid the bill and called for a taxi. Whether our experience was a one off or whether the B Team was working as it was a Tuesday, I don't know. What I do know that at over £30 a head for two courses without wine, Juke & Loe definitely didn't tick the value for money box. We did, however tip the waitress, who was excellent and by far the best part of the experience.

Hendo Nagasaki

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NOVEMBER

- Sat 16 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 16 Transport 17 Annual Christmas Fayre at the Cross Scythes 10am - noon. Bottle Bonanza Stall, Strictly Christmas Stall, a Cake Stall and the ever-popular raffle which will have a festive theme. If you have any contributions for the stalls could you drop them off at the T17 office. As always, we are very grateful for your generous support. Deb Leonard will be there and no Christmas Fayre is complete without Cross Scythes mince pies to go with your tea or coffee. So, pop the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there. See also article, page 29
- Wed 20 Dore Garden Club 7:30pm. Speaker Hilary Hutson, "Going Native: Using native Plants in the Garden". Meet Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.
- Sun 24 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. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required, and guidance given. 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.
- Sun 24 Totley Library Christmas Fair. See article page 19 for full details.
- Wed 27 Dore Village Lantern Parade, from 5.45pm. See article, page 5 for full details.
- Wed 27– Sat 30 Hope Amateur Dramatic Independent Theatre (HADIT) are at Hope Methodist Hall from Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th November with "The Ladykillers". See page 7 for information and how to book.
- Sat 30 Mothers Union Christmas Market in the Church Hall 10am –12 noon. Entry £2 includes a mince pie and Coffee or juice. Bring a friend and get some Christmas bargains - cakes, new gifts, cyclamen and other plants, Christmas wrapping, books and toys, raffle for a Christmas hamper. All in aid of Mothers Union, supporting families worldwide.

DECEMBER

- Tue 3 'Dickens in Sheffield' by Valerie Bayliss. Dore Village Society History and Heritage Talks. 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 3 Dore Ladies' Group. Meet 7.45pm Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome. Christmas Social. Bring and share supper with Christmas craft activity led by Jill Hoath.

- Thu 12– Sat 14 Dore Male Voice Choir Christmas Concerts, Christ Church, Dore. See article page 43 for full details and how to book.
- Sun 22 10:00am. 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. Refreshments, tools, etc. provided. Please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing. All levels of help required, and guidance given. 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.
- Sun 22 Festival of Nine Carols and Lessons, 5pm at Christ Church, Dore. See page 2 for details of how to join this community choir.
- Fri 27 Dore Wassail Walk, meet 10am at Dore Old School. See page 6 for further details.

JANUARY

- Tue 7 Dore Ladies Group: The Art of Origami - Talk and demonstration by Nick Robinson. Meet 7.45pm Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome.
- Tue 14 Dore Methodist Church Ladies Tuesday Group. Our Charity – Transport 17, a talk about our local community bus and the services it provides. Meeting will be held commencing at 7.30pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome: £3 including refreshments.
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club: The New Border at Renishaw Hall by Head Gardener, David Kesteven. Meet Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.

FEBRUARY

- Wed 5 Dore Ladies Group: Annual Dinner 7:00pm. Dore Grill 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- Tue 11 Dore Methodist Church Ladies Tuesday Group. 'Life in the Fire Service', Mike Hodgkins. First-hand experience of a retired fireman. Meeting will be held commencing at 7.30pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome: £3 including refreshments.



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What's in a name?

The Archive team are frequently asked to help with family history research relating to Dore families. Recently, David Fearnough approached us to help him confirm certain details from our records. David and his wife, Sue, had travelled from Duffield in Derbyshire to share his findings with us and look for evidence of past Fearnoughs in Dore.

Fearnough is a family name with a long Dore tradition. Some of you will remember Chris Fearnough who was Steward at Dore Club for many years. David had a namesake in another David Fearnough who attended Silverdale School in the 1960s and lived in the village.

David was intrigued by the Fearnoughs, recorded as living in the old row of houses known then as 'The Barracks' or 'Fearnough's Row' (pictured), which lies on Townhead Road



next to Cromwell Cottage. In 1851 Thomas Fearnough and his wife Ann were living in one of the houses along with their seven children. Thomas was at that time a scythe maker. Their children were named Clarasa [sic] who was born in 1840, then Clemant [sic], Christina, Casandra, Clarinda, Christopher and finally Thomas, born in 1856. Perhaps due to pressure on space, by 1861 Thomas was noted in the census as being farmer and innkeeper of the Devonshire Arms. Clarisa was a barmaid, and Clement had taken over the making of scythes.

As we walked past Drury Lane it is another example of how names shift over time. Named after Mrs Ann Drewry, a besom broom maker, it leads away from Sycamore Farm which once was called Cockpit Farm, lying as it does opposite Cockpit Green where cock fighting took place.



Other road names have changed over time. What would the current residents make of past names for Devonshire Terrace Road? In itself, the name is unusual by having two road type names in one.

In the past Devonshire Terrace Road has been known variously as Springfield Road, Springfield Terrace, Brookfield Road and Brookfield Terrace. At least these are easier to live with than when



it was known as 'The Jennel', 'Gin Alley' or worst of all - Gin Hole!'

Other parts of the village can be just as confusing. Savage Lane was once Wilson Hill. The Savage family lived at Swing Farm (now demolished) which lay below Nab Farm and the Wilson family bought the site of the old Chapel of Ease which is now the Hare and Hounds car park. Savage Lane has also been called School Green Lane, and Cobbler's Row at its top end from the time when it was home and workshops to shoemakers. More recently, schoolchildren at the old School used to call the lower end of Savage Lane Bushey Wood Road, even though it was nothing more than a muddy farm track.

Then one of the most confusing roads has to be Vicarage Lane. In the fascinating book 'The A to W of Dore, the story of the village's road names,' published by Dore Village Society, it is recorded that it has been variously Green Lane, Church Lane and Holmesfield Lane as well as Vicarage Lane in part. Thus, Church Lane Farm now lies on Vicarage Lane!

A puzzle question: Where in Dore is the only public road with no name? Not an unclaimed or private road it has proper road markings.

Answer: Look closely at the short road leading between Savage Lane and Vicarage Lane beside the village green, beside Sycamore Cottage.

David would be delighted if any remaining village Fearnoughs want to get in touch with him so that he can share the family history material he has already discovered. The Archives team will be happy to put you in contact with him. Incidentally, David has written a book 'Derbyshire Extremes' about all the record making facts about Derbyshire which makes for more fascinating reading.

Dorne Coggins

'Derbyshire Extremes' by David Fearnough, published by Amberley Publishing, ISBN 978-1445600826. Available from Amazon (where there is also a Kindle edition) and through all good bookshops.

'The A to W of Dore' by John Dunstan and Roger Millican, available from the DVS Office when open, or via our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/publications.

Are these your memories?

The rag and bone man coming round with his horse and cart to collect old clothes in return for a goldfish or wooden pegs. *Taking glass pop bottles back to the shop for a few pennies each.* A Penny Tray at the sweet shop on the way back from school, an assortment of lollipops, toffee chews and different sweets all for a penny each. *Going to school on a tram.* Green Shield Stamps to collect. *The only 'take-away' for food was the Fish and Chip shop.* A tin bath used once a week, usually on a Sunday night. Filled with buckets of water heated on the top of the gas oven. One person after another used it without the water being changed. *Queuing at the Doctors - no appointment system.* 'Snowfire' put on your toes for chilblains. *Cutting up squares of newspaper for toilet paper, followed by shiny Izal toilet paper on a roll.* Dad making a sledge out of old wood and putting metal runners on it. *My dad having to use a metal starting handle when the car wouldn't start.*