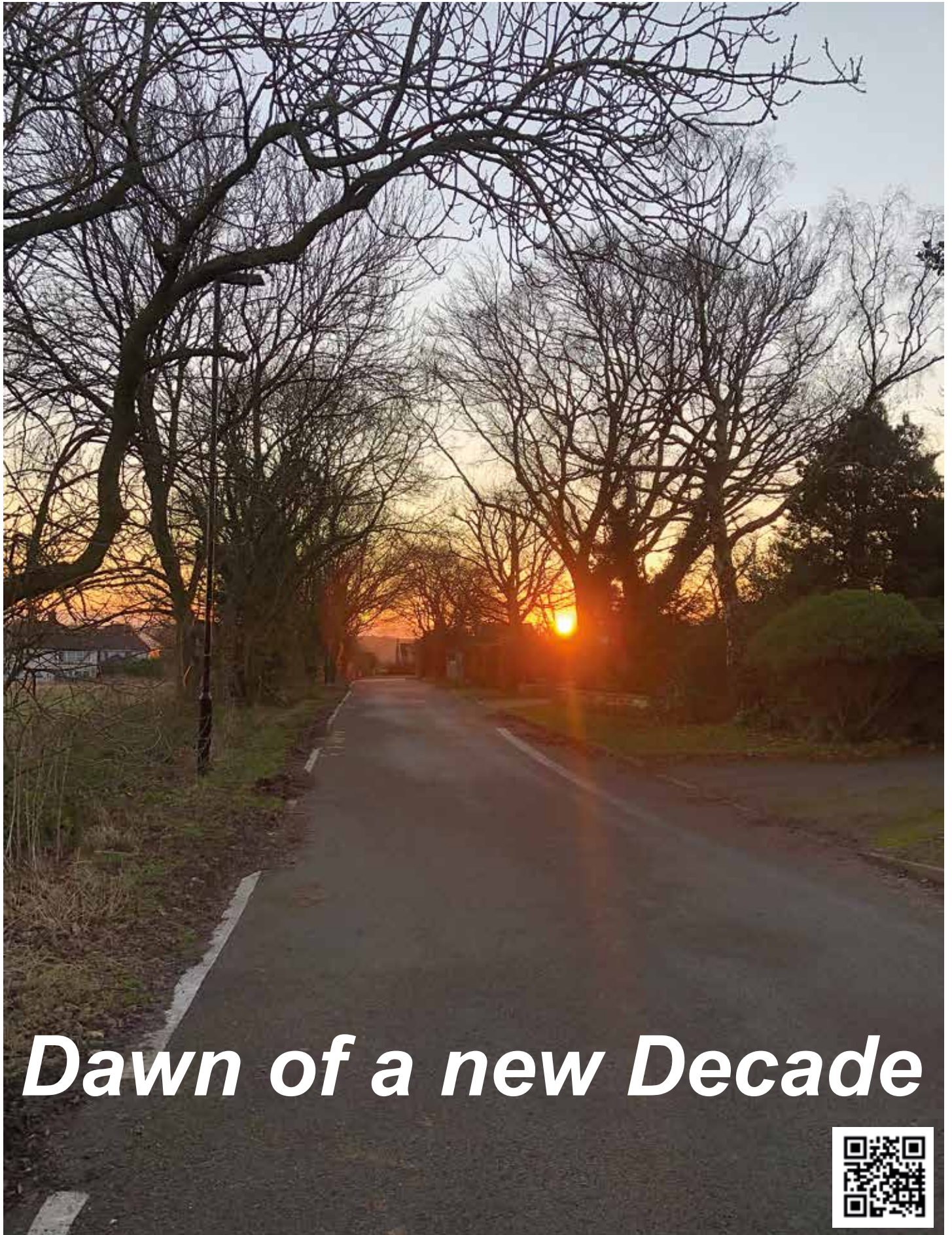


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Dawn of a new Decade



Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

The Club will be holding open mornings on Saturday 18th April and Saturday 25th April between 10am and 12 noon for anyone who would like to try their hand at crown green bowling. Previous experience is not necessary as free instruction will be given and practice sessions organised.

Crown green bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people and forge new friendships.

Our Bowls Club is primarily a social bowling club with informal sessions running each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. Playing groups are made up by members as they arrive.

Friendly Inter-Club Matches are held throughout the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club. Social events are held regularly throughout the year including dinners, a treasure hunt and regular Coffee Mornings during the close season. Members of the Bowling Club are automatically enrolled as members of Abbeydale Sports Club and can enjoy the facilities provided by the Pavilion.

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

Please come and join us at our Open Days, equipped with suitable footwear (flat with no heels), where you will be warmly welcomed. All other equipment can be provided. We have a selection of bowls from which you can choose to borrow for play.

If you require any further information, please contact Doreen or Richard Bertram on 0114 289 1423 or by email to richardsprinta@gmail.com.

Dominique Mountford

More trees come down – this time it's okay

Our colleagues at the Friends of Ecclesall Woods (FEW) tell us that there is no need to worry if you see blokes with chainsaws hacking about in the woods. The work concerns several sweet chestnuts that are severely affected by the Phytophthora fungus. The disease kills the roots of trees and other woody plants, hence the common garden name 'root rot'. This weakens the tree and allows honey fungus to set in. Once it does, trees rapidly decay and become a potential health and safety risk.

Much of the timber will be going to the sawmill for wood fuel or to the Council's Beauchief Nursery to be made into log barriers for various parks and woodlands. Where suitable, felled trees will be left in situ as habitat. This includes leaving some trees as a standing deadwood habitat for the many organisms that inhabit or feed on decaying wood.



Phytophthora on a felled tree. Photo courtesy of Friends of Ecclesall Woods - friendsofecclesallwoods.org.uk

Advertisement for Advertising Manager

We're sad this issue to be saying goodbye to one of our longest-serving people here at Dore to Door. Richard Courcier, who has been the magazine's Advertising Manager for the best part of the last decade, is moving house and unable to continue with the job. He has been a true stalwart of the magazine, ensuring that each issue is filled with the advertising that pays for it all. In fact, the bulk of Dore Village Society's income is derived from Dore to Door - your annual membership subscriptions pay for the day-to-day running costs such as our office space, but it is Dore to Door which brings in all the extra money to pay for things like the Lantern Parade, Party on the Green, Christmas lights and so forth. Valé Richard, I'm sure that everyone else at Dore to Door will join with me in thanking you for your service. We can't say that you haven't done your bit!

This does, of course, leave us with a problem. Who will replace Richard as Advertising Manager? We have no idea as yet, but it is a pivotal role which we need to be filled - and quickly.

The job is not difficult or time consuming and we have a simple recording system set up to deal with the administration. The Advertising Manager doesn't prepare any adverts; if a customer wishes to use our free advert layout service, you take the details and pass them to the Layout Editor who will do this. The Advertising Manager doesn't handle any payments; all the money side is handled by the DVS Treasurer.

The Advertising Manager's main focus is to ensure that enough advertising space is filled for each issue. Much of our advertising is repeat business from local firms and a confirmatory email exchange with each of these will usually suffice. Occasionally one of them will need their advert adjusting for a minor change - again this will be done by the Layout Editor.

The main thing that we're after is reliability. It's not too important if the advertising falls slightly over or under budget in total, but it has to be ready for a fixed date, four times a year.

The job pays a small bursary and your expenses will be covered and a mobile telephone provided, if required. You will also be provided with any necessary computer software that you don't have already. Help will be provided to assist the new person into the role. If you know of someone, or if you fancy having a go yourself, then please contact me as a matter of urgency. We need this job filling quickly. Due to the restrictions imposed by our fixed publication dates, this can be a job share if people want to split it up and do one or two issues a year each.

Oh, and you'll get a free pub dinner four times a year, at an undisclosed location where the editorial team meet for their quarterly conferences. The Editor pays.

John Eastwood

Coming this summer...

Here are some dates for you if you're planning your holidays - whether you're intending to be here or as far away as possible.

Firstly, the Dragon Hunt will be on Sunday 26th April. Just turn up at the Old School that afternoon with children and at least one smartphone between you.

Friday 8th May is the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and a number of events are planned around the village. Dore to Door will publish early - see page 34.

The Party on the Green is back and will be on Sunday 28th June. A highly motivated team are hard at work on this already.

The 2020 Dore Festival will run from the biennial Boundary Walk on 27th June to the Dore Gala on 11th July. The Well Dressing service will be on Sunday 5th July.

All these events will appear on the DVS Website (dorevillage.co.uk) as the dates approach, and in the next Dore to Door.

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust

Would you like to find out more about the management of Blacka Moor Nature Reserve? Join Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust for their next walkabout public meeting. Find out about the management plans for the reserve in the months ahead, as well as events and other ways to get involved. We welcome your views and ideas. Indoor meeting at Totley AC Pavilion, Lane Head Rd, Sheffield S17 3AZ on Saturday 21st March from 10am - noon. It's the cricket pavilion at the top of the field behind the Cricket Inn.

There is also a Blacka Moor Bird Walk on Blacka Moor Nature Reserve, Sunday 10th May 8am - 10.30am. Local bird expert Chris will be leading a morning bird walk through our diverse habitats. We will be looking and listening for resident birds and summer visitors.

It will be suitable for beginners and experienced bird watchers alike. It's a bookable event: £6 per person, including tea / coffee and biscuits. You can book at www.wildsheffield/whats-on.

For more information please contact Hannah Wittram (Community Wildlife Ranger) on nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com.

Councillors' Update

Your Local Councillors have access to Council funds that can be used to help community groups in Dore, Totley, Bradway & Whirlow. This is known as the 'Ward Pot' and although limited in size it has enabled us to support and develop many local initiatives.

This year we have been able to give funds to Transport 17, Totley Health walks, the Bradway Community Hall, and Whinell Quarry Gardens. In previous years we have supported for example Totley Library, Dore recreation ground and local lunch clubs that provide much needed activities for elderly residents.

Funds for this financial year have all been allocated but we encourage community groups to get in contact with us as soon as possible for next year. Applications can be made now for projects in 2020-21. If you need more details of the ward pot and how to contact Colin, Joe or Martin directly, our contact details can be found below and on the DVS website.

After a two-year campaign by Lib Dem Councillors, we were delighted when the Council finally imposed HGV restrictions on Twentywell Lane, Prospect Road, Queen Victoria Road and the surrounding roads.

In 2017 we uncovered the fact that these roads were among the worst 'hot spots' for HGV traffic across the whole city. A local petition soon followed and, as a result of our intervention, traffic surveys were undertaken that showed this area was the highest priority for action in Sheffield.

The Council knew about this issue for years and that these roads are totally unsuitable for heavy trucks. Local residents are glad to see that action has been taken.

Negotiations on getting a permanent café into Whirlowbrook Park are progressing and it is hoped that that work will start in the early spring. The old toilet block will be transformed into the new café and if weather conditions are favourable it is hoped that the café will be open well in time for the summer season.

Colin, Martin and Joe
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Belting 'em out on Boxing Day

On behalf of Dore Male Voice Choir I would like to thank everyone who came to our Christmas carol sing at the Devonshire Arms on Boxing Day. We had a good turnout of singers and a good audience ready to sing along with them.

I would like to thank Gillian Farnsworth for playing the piano and leading us in the singing. My thanks also to David, Catherine and their staff for providing the sandwiches and looking after us all.

Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. See you again next year!

Bob Clark

Dore and Totley Tennis Club



The Dore and Totley Tennis Club at 48 Devonshire Road has just installed a brand-new playing surface and is inviting locals who are interested in playing tennis to come along to an opening event to see the new facilities and obtain details about social play events which are free for the first three visits. The opening event is on Sunday 5th April at 10:30am.

This will be an opportunity for those who might be interested in joining the club to come along and see the facilities. You will also have an opportunity to play on the courts between 10:30 and 11:30 on Sunday 5th, at our first summer season social play event on Monday 6th or Wednesday 8th April at 6pm or any other Monday or Wednesday at that time.

We are a small local club with excellent facilities and offer a good range of social tennis and local league teams. The club is always keen to welcome new members of all ages and abilities, and details of membership and club activities can be found on our website at doretotley.co.uk.

Pete Alcock
Committee Member

Not an incomer! Well, not really



Our local councillor Colin Ross has been doing a little family research and has discovered that part of his family lived in Sheffield over 200 years ago. He writes,

"My great-great-great grandparents (on my maternal side) were married in Ecclesfield parish church in 1809. He was named Robert Harvey Hilliard and he founded a business of cutlery, razors

and surgical instrument makers at 9 Meadow Street in Sheffield. I am unsure how long it continued in business but certainly for many years.

"His son Harvey Hilliard moved to Edinburgh and set up a business of Cutlers and Surgical Instrument makers there. It was clearly a very successful firm as the company held the Royal warrant to Queen Victoria in Scotland. The family business continued in Edinburgh for some time but does not exist now.

"My grandfather, Frederick Hilliard moved to Newcastle and set up business there in surgical instruments. My father worked for him and married the boss's daughter! They moved to Middlesbrough after the war, as my father got a job with a firm there of surgical instruments and suppliers when he returned from active service.

"I came to University in Sheffield in 1971 completing the circle of six generations!"

Colin didn't know of his family connections with Sheffield before he picked out our university nearly 50 years ago. Six degrees of separation or what!

John Eastwood

Use a bus? Why would I?

There's no stop near me. I don't know where they go. They're infrequent. They're slow. They're expensive. They're usually late, the timetable's hard to follow. They're dirty. They're full of germs. They're only for pensioners and those on benefits. So say those who never use buses; like me!

But there are many who don't have access to a car, or don't want to use one. I've just had a few carless days. It's been a salutary but interesting experience. For those living near Baslow Road, Abbeydale Road South and Totley Brook the lifeline into Sheffield is the 97/98. The last time I used them was over twenty years ago and they were so frequent I didn't look at a timetable. In May last year the frequency was reduced to every 30 minutes on each route.

In theory, that should mean a bus every 15 minutes. I caught a First bus. On its side it said, "Up to every 10 minutes* or better" (*Monday to Friday, daytime only), an interesting use of language. A case for the Trades Descriptions Act? Looking more closely, I saw it didn't say Sheffield on the side, but Leeds! Cast off buses!

Unfortunately, I soon discovered that what I thought were useful displays at stops are just as meaningless. If it says there'll be a bus in nine minutes, it may arrive in two. If it says it will come at 2.23 it might, but that 97 may be followed by a 98 right behind that's twenty minutes late. The timetable is an aiming point that nobody using buses seriously expects to happen, and I suspect the drivers largely don't either. Before Christmas users were reporting waits of an hour or more. A bad joke.

So, you chance catching an elusive 97 or 98 into town, but why are they so often late, or cancelled? There must be some good reasons.

Go back 70 years; most folks didn't have cars and houses were near main roads. Since the 1960s almost everyone has tried to get a car, and a house with a garden ever further from bus routes. Our jobs and commitments are further from home. We could walk more but we don't because it would take longer, and time is of the essence.

Buses can carry larger numbers and if they do, they'll remove more cars from our roads. More frequent services will attract more users, but also more costs. More users mean more stops and slower progress making them less attractive as they jerk along. The stops for your bus journey delay mine, and the frequently stopping bus impedes other road traffic. My car is your congestion, yours is mine!

Try the bus to Hillsborough or the Northern General, threading its way through narrow streets clogged with cars, and you'll understand the drivers' challenge. If buses were allowed more time, they'd need more buses on the route and that's more costs. Too great a proportion of the route is crawling through gridlocked roads around the centre and choked suburbs. Single file traffic, traffic humps, double parked cars, blocked bus lanes. There are no easy solutions.

Too many cars, too many buses at stops for too long, not least in long lines obstructing each other in High Street and Charter Row. That's where the crews get their vital breaks. It's often overlooked that their driving hours are limited by law, and they're subject to the same calls of nature as we who travel. Too many delays for too long and the bus has to be turned short or cancelled.

First South Yorkshire lost £2 million in the last year, can't afford more expenses, and they want to sell. Negotiations are almost certainly going on as I write. It's not just in Sheffield but nationwide. They've already sold out to Go Ahead and Diamond in Manchester. Reports suggest Diamond are doing even worse than First, although Go Ahead are doing OK. The basic facts are the same whoever operates the deregulated services. Same staff, buses, garages and crowded roads. SYPTTE has less to spend to support unprofitable services so services won't be extended, and fares are very unlikely to fall. Fare rises lose more users – it's a vicious circle.

There's a lifeline for users in S17. TM Travel's 218 remains half hourly this winter and keeps better time by going via Nether Edge

before coming straight back from the Interchange. It's a commercial service and will continue if we use it. Why not try a trip to Bakewell or Baslow for a walk, lunch, tea or a stronger drink? Chatsworth's fully open from 21st March but still a good place for a walk - £2 off entry with your bus ticket. Use it for Banner Cross, Psalter Lane and Sheffield station. It's cheaper than the 97/98 too.

Don't forget the little M17 taking you to St James' Retail Park. Stop off along the way to one of the tea shops or a pub. Next edition, some ideas about other things to find along this route. It's totally supported by SYPTTE so if we don't use it, we'll lose it.

Before anyone asks, yes, it's illogical for buses to be stacking up on High Street when the Pond Street Interchange is usually all but deserted! That's a story for another day - and trains are another article. We need to walk more for health, so let's start by walking to the bus stop.

Transport problems – cars, buses, trains, or shanks's pony

There's strong feeling that we should use cars less and public transport more. Drawing larger numbers to our local station is great, and many walk or cycle, but a lot come by car. By taking traffic out of the city centre we're concentrating more at the bottom of Dore Road. Something must be done!

It will take years, but a start has been made to more fully understand the issue. SYPTTE are conducting a feasibility study for extra parking provision. Friends of Dore & Totley Station have made surveys to get an idea of where people come from, go to, and by what mode of transport. A lot more come from S17 by car than many imagine. By 7.30 each weekday morning, the 129-car capacity free car park is normally full.

A survey was conducted this month to better understand the numbers parking outside the free Park & Ride car park. It counted those parking near the station about 8.45 - 9.15 and believed to be using trains. The total was **117**.

As far as possible, allowance was made for local residents parked outside their homes, trades people, employees of local businesses, and dog walkers in Ecclesall Woods.

Five Trees Ave:	5	Outside Alms Houses:	20
Flats by station:	12	Dore Close:	4
Dore Road:	52	Abbeydale Road South:	24

Users of the two hairdressers and Summer House restaurant by the station take empty spaces if available during the day, but there's reasonable space within 500 metres along Abbeydale Road South after 9am. Evening users of the Summer House and Rajdhani Restaurant find it very useful.

It's impossible to be precise, but a significant number of cars left in both the car park and nearby stay for several days and sometimes for up to three weeks(!) We can't be sure where the users have gone but our best explanation is that a significant number are making business or leisure trips from Manchester Airport. White frost on cars before trains run suggests there may be over thirty such cars at weekends.

That situation is destined to get more pronounced as the station's popularity increases, numbers rising by 11.4% in the last year. Numbers travelling towards Sheffield have risen. Many of these are not being officially recorded because they board without tickets, arriving just before the train departs - thanks to train time apps, and last-minute diversions from the adjacent bus stop! Many regular Manchester passengers travel on season tickets booked from Sheffield so don't appear in Dore figures.

Dore & Totley is the fastest growing station in Sheffield, despite having more late trains than almost any station in Britain. This information gives considerable food for thought!

Chris Morgan



Christ Church Hall

Last October the Dore Parochial Church Council (PCC) invited interested parties to present proposals for taking a 25-year lease to run the Church Hall for community purposes.

The Dore Village Society, in conjunction with Dore Old School Trust and several Dore residents, formed a committee to develop a response and this was submitted to the PCC at the end of January.

An assessment of the current and prospective costs of running and maintaining the hall (including dealing with a backlog of repairs), and projections of future income has been produced. This was presented to a public meeting in January, and shows that there is significant opportunity for the hall to become self-financing within five years. You can read a report of the public meeting on pages 12-13.

The cost of repairs has been estimated at between £40,000 and £50,000, but this can be spread over a number of years. Desirable improvements will cost another £12,000 to £15,000. So, this will be a significant undertaking. To date promises of donations to deal with essential repairs and infrastructure improvements have been made by the DVS and the Dore Old School Trust, as have loans to cover start-up costs and any shortfall in revenue in the early years of operation. Together these amount to £20,000.

The proposal includes the formation of a new legal entity, a Community Interest Company (or CIC) which will be responsible for contracting as the leaseholder, and for the day-to-day operation of the hall and its financial management. The CIC will have a management group comprising representatives of the PCC, the DVS, the Dore Old School Trust and volunteers from the community. One of the early tasks for the CIC will be to plan for fund raising to cover the balance of repair and improvement costs.

A copy of our proposal is on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk and can also be read in the DVS office (open

on Fridays from 10am until midday and on the first Saturday of each month at the same time).

Annual General Meeting

Our 2020 AGM will take place on Tuesday 2 June from 7:30 in the Dore Old School (note the change of venue). An agenda and related papers will be available from early May on our website and in the DVS office.

At the AGM we present the Trustees report of activities and work undertaken and describe our policies for the work that we do and the way we spend members' money. We also submit our annual accounts for scrutiny and elect Trustees to replace those retiring or resigning.

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

After the formal business of the meeting we have a talk on a topic of local interest. Non-members of the Society are welcome to attend the meeting and the talk.

Membership subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership subscriptions for this year. The prompt responses to my request in the November issue has been greatly appreciated and we are just over halfway to our target of 1,000 members.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, or would like to join for the first time, you can pay your DVS subscriptions online by any of the following means: Direct Debit, Credit Card and Debit Card. You can also continue to pay by Standing Order, cheque or cash if this is your preferred method. Details of how to pay by each of these methods can be found on our website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/pages/how-to-join-the-society

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

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

Standing Order forms can be requested via this email address or by phone: 07531 183 438.

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

When renewing your subscription

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

Dragon Hunt

The Doreways group are once again organising a Dragon Hunt, this year it will be on Sunday 26th April. More details are on page 2.

Wassail Walk

This attracted about 60 walkers, aged from eight to about 75, for a five mile walk around Totley Moss and Blacka Moor before retiring to the Church Hall for mince pies and mulled wine. Thanks go to the helpers for organising the refreshments.

Keith Shaw

Dora



Dickie put a cork in the chimney pot to stop the fire smoke that was making Dora cough.

Dora was very relieved.

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Longevity and Probus

Whilst it cannot be claimed that a Probus Club guarantees a long life, it can be demonstrated that being a member gives us a better chance. Researchers at Harvard Medical School list ten criteria in their guidance for living longer. Their first point is that we should avoid smoking; their second is that we should 'enjoy physical and mental activities', and other recommendations are that we should 'challenge the mind', 'keep learning', and 'build a strong social network'. We do not include zumba or pressups at Probus meetings (some members think we may like to mention it to the committee) but there are plenty of mentally challenging talks which means that we keep learning, and we have the opportunity to 'build a strong social network.'

As Probus members join at any time after their retirement, the meetings include men in their fifties and others in their nineties. Last year, one of our members reached the milestone of a hundred years, and another reached ninety-nine. It is worth adding that the centenarian acted as speaker-finder/secretary for eighteen years, but it would probably be best not to conclude that committee activity is in itself a way to live longer.

As usual our talks in 2019 covered a wide range of topics: from 'The Life and

Death of Stars' to 'Woodhead - The Lost Railway'; from 'Places of Worship of the World' to 'The Cutler's Company and the Assay Office'; from 'The Boer Wars' and 'Belgium 1914' to 'Laurel and Hardy'. Travel and speed were recurring themes: 'By Train to Mongolia'; 'Barbados: Bad Times, Good Times'; 'The Isle of Man TT Races'; 'Quicksilver World Water Speed Record'. Scientific and medical topics were presented to us with expertise and often humour: 'Unsung Heroes and Heroines of Science'; 'Women Inventors'; 'The Man and the Hip: The Life of Sir John Charnley'.

Visits and lunches were well attended by members, wives, partners and friends. Not surprisingly, food was a favourite attraction, whether at the Silver Plate Restaurant, the Christmas Dinner, or the lunch cruise on the River Trent. Another cruise - on the Mersey Ferry from Salford Keys to Liverpool - was so popular that we had to arrange two groups on different days.

Our present membership stands at just over seventy, and new members are welcome. If you are a retired man living within reach of Dore and would like to join our Probus Club, or perhaps simply make a visit (without commitment), please contact either the secretary, Nigel Reeves (nigelkreeves@hotmail.co.uk), or George Beeley (tel. 2552098). Dore Probus Club meets in the hall of Dore Methodist Church, 3 Savage

Lane, Dore, on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 10.15am. You will find details of our talks and visits on our website at doreprobus.wordpress.com.

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

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

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Dore Birders: Street Bird Surveys

Dore Village Society is looking for volunteers to take part in a ten-week survey of the birds in Dore over the coming months. By finding out more about the birds in our community and recording the species, behaviour and territories we will gain a better understanding of their numbers and distribution. We know we have colonies of house sparrows in the village; it's a red-listed bird whose numbers have declined by more than 50% in the last 25 years. We also have resident swifts, another bird whose numbers have declined between 25-50% in recent years.



A swift in flight. Photo by Pawel Kuzniar, via Wikimedia Commons

The aim is, over time, to gain useful information about the local bird population. We may also be able to take note of the habitat changes which affect their abundance and therefore how we can contribute to protecting and preserving them. Each group of Dore Birders will meet once a week to walk one of a number of set routes in the village. The route will probably be along one or two

streets and will take about an hour and a half. The aim is to walk slowly, to look, listen and record on a map where the birds have been seen and heard. You will be given maps of the chosen route with instructions about how to record your findings at a meeting before the start of the survey (date to be arranged). Each week's observations are recorded separately and at the end of the survey the information will be collated.

You may be thinking that you don't know much about birds, but this is an ideal way to learn a bit more in the company of others. The survey will start in March, before the leaves are fully out, when it's easy to spot birds in front gardens, trees and green spaces. Over the course of the survey you'll probably spot some nesting behaviour and territorial displays: as the weeks go by you'll notice them collecting food and raising their young. There'll be disputes and alarms and aerial displays; someone is bound to spot a sparrowhawk or buzzard or a heron flying back to the heronry in Ecclesall Woods. Towards the end of the survey we'll be watching out for the return of the swifts to the village, another species whose numbers are in decline. You will learn to look at our ordinary houses, gardens, hedges, shrubs and trees in a different way once you see how important they are to our resident birds.

Are you interested? Email us at dvsnaturegroup@gmail.com.

To start us off, ecologist and ornithologist Jim Clarke will be leading a village bird walk on Sunday, 8th March, meeting at Dore Old School at 9.30am. We are delighted that Jim has also agreed to help us with the survey.

Margaret Peart

Swifts, house martins and wildlife crime in Dore

In Dore we are lucky to have two amazing summer-visiting migratory birds, swifts and house martins, which arrive each summer to nest and raise their young. The screaming sound of sickle-shaped swifts is an iconic sound of summer and I think the chattering of house martin should be too.

Both species have come to rely heavily on our buildings for nesting sites; unfortunately, these have become less available due to modern building methods and repair techniques which close off nesting sites. Swifts need to find spaces within eaves and roofs to nest; house martins need to find a suitable wall, generally under eaves, to build their characteristic cup-shaped mud nests. With care it is possible to retain these nest sites, so please discuss this with your builders if swifts or house martins use your house.

Although they may have similar lifestyles, swifts are more closely related to hummingbirds whereas house martins are more closely related to swallows. Being migratory birds, they have finely honed navigation techniques which tend to bring them back to where they were hatched to nest in the future. This means that if we lose them, they may never be able to re-establish themselves here.

The wealth of available research on swifts has revealed some



Nesting swifts. Photo by Michael Palmer, via Wikimedia Commons

amazing facts. Young swifts migrate almost immediately on fledging. They can sleep on the wing and it is thought that one half of its brain sleeps at a time. They also eat, drink, mate and collect nesting materials on the wing. They can travel long distances to find insects in poor weather and can navigate around weather depressions. When food is scarce the young can enter a state of torpor to slow their development.

As they feed on flying insects, swifts and house martins are not the easiest birds to encourage, although gardening that helps insects will assist. The best we can do is to ensure that they have nesting sites and don't get disturbed. House martins need mud to build nests, so ponds with wet soil will help. Artificial nests can be successful; the DVS has up to five house martin nests that we can make available at our discretion to anyone who wants to put one up. We will be looking for suitable sites preferably near an existing nest. We are unable to put them up for you, so you will need a ladder. Please email us on dvsnaturegroup@gmail.com if you would like one.

Lastly, it has been noted that some house martin nests on houses in Dore have been destroyed in recent nesting seasons. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and it is a criminal offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. The penalties are an unlimited fine, up to six months imprisonment or both.

Mark Ridler

No Art Group show this year

Dore Art Group would love to welcome new members. We meet two afternoons per week and you can join whichever one suits you. The Tuesday sessions run from 2.15 to 4.15pm, and Thursdays are 1.30 to 4.30pm. Sadly, funds do not currently run to us having a tutor, and sorry to say we are not doing an art show this year. The shows may become a biennial event in the future.

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Trees Change Lives

At Dore Primary School outdoor learning through the Forest School approach is a key component of the broad curriculum we are developing in order to best prepare our children for the future. Not only do we recognise the links outdoor learning has to mental health and well-being, but also the crucial role it plays in educating our children about their local and global environment. We currently have three level-three trained Forest School leaders, who between them ensure that every child in school has access to valuable learning experiences where the individual is engaging with nature in wild spaces in an exploratory, sensory and physical way. We believe it's important to create a long-term relationship between the children and their local environment and a sense of how that environment can change over time. Only by developing this respectful relationship for nature and the environment will our children grow up caring for and protecting this most valuable of all resources.

The school is responsible for, and maintains, the land that is locally known as Kings Croft and regularly access this space to support with their learning, especially the small strip of woodland immediately adjacent to the school. Immersion in a woodland environment is an integral aspect of learning through the Forest School approach and essential in understanding the hugely significant role trees play in our ecosystem. With this in mind, we believe that by having an opportunity to plant more trees on this land we can develop the opportunities for current learning and benefit longer term by having access to more woodland. There is also the benefit in terms of well-being for our children who have not only developed their resilience by actually physically planting in some very challenging weather conditions, but there is the added notion of them actually making a positive contribution to climate change.

The children at Dore Primary were excited to be part of the 'Big Plant' during December and every child had the opportunity to plant their own tree and contribute to a bigger legacy. Many of our

younger children buddied up with older children and used the pit planting approach to get their young trees into the ground. The children chose their trees from a variety of native species including oak, silver birch, alder and rowan amongst many others. We also focused on putting in an indigenous hedgerow section which included planting varieties including hawthorn, holly and blackthorn to improve habitat opportunities for our smaller mammals such as hedgehogs and mice.

The week of tree planting was preceded by consultation with the Sheffield Parks and Ranger Service who advised on placement of trees, and also recognised the potential benefits of managing this space for the willow tit which is the UK's most threatened resident bird. The willow tit population has reduced by 94% since the 1970s and they are now missing from most of their habitats in the south of England. Willow tits have been identified in this locality and do prefer nesting where habitats can offer a combination of thick bramble and juvenile trees. The Parks and Ranger Service also supported this project by supplying additional whips (young trees), the spades, and by helping us plant on one of the days.

In terms of future management and development of Kings Croft, we still have a number of trees left which we'd like to plant towards the bottom of the field where we witnessed significant flooding last year along the paths joining Bushey Wood and Furniss Avenue. We would also like to develop a longer-term plan which could include the introduction of woodland walkways, bird boxes, encouragement of natural and wild meadow space and the reduction of non-native species.

Kings Croft is a community space and has been used by the public for many years. We wish for this to continue and encourage members of the community to support the school with its endeavours in protecting what we have and ensuring that the children of our children have the opportunity to play and learn in this special place for years to come.

Jason Fletcher (deputyhead@dore.sheffield.sch.uk)

Blacka Moor Devastation

Dear John,

The destruction of trees by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) on Blacka Moor continues. Across the woodland are many stumps of trees that had recently been mature, healthy and include a variety of species, including native trees. The justification they want us to accept for this destruction is that it apparently 'improves conditions for some bird species including Pied Flycatcher and Redstart'. However, it seems to me that we can increase the amount of dead wood on the ground without deliberately felling valuable mature trees on Blacka Moor and incredible at a time when we most need them. We are in a climate emergency and so we are all a vulnerable species now! Trees help to combat climate change and we need a lot more of them, not less. Destroying mature healthy trees in this woodland to promote a particular couple of bird species will become insignificant compared to the loss of species caused by climate change. We are facing a mass extinction and SRWT are chopping down trees at an alarming rate.

Trees are not only vital for their carbon capture, but they also help prevent the water run off that adds to flooding problems that have already taken place, endangering the lives of both the wildlife and people of Sheffield and are set to get much worse in the coming years. Ironically in an earlier edition of Dore to Door we had an article explaining the measures we need to take to try to retain water on our uplands. Yet the same organisation has just carried out this brutal devastation of healthy trees on Blacka Moor and included many of the trees on the path that leads from the stepping stones across the stream and follows the stream up the steep valley. The trees on this bank, besides helping to prevent water running off into the stream, headed for Sheffield, also help to stabilise the bank and keep it safe.

It has been proven time and time again on Blacka Moor that one

interference generally leads to the 'need' for another interference. I am predicting that in a few years or less, we will have an SRWT appeal for more public money to be urgently donated to them for another interference: to fence this lovely valley to make it safe, shore up the bank and prevent water run-off. The real and biggest threat to Blacka Moor and to us are the land-managers and their need for continual new projects. It's a shame DVS was persuaded to generously contribute to this destruction.

For anyone not aware, Blacka Moor was purchased by Alderman Graves in order to protect it from development and was donated to us via Sheffield City Council, secured with a covenant, to be held in perpetuity for the recreation of the public. It is regarded as a very special piece of land and a much-valued local escape from urbanisation and city life for many residents of Dore. These feelings were strongly expressed by local residents when Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust first took over managing the land. A shared vision for Blacka Moor was created that, above all else, valued its unique wild feel and variety of habitats. We were promised therefore to have only minimal management by SRWT. But it soon became apparent that this was not the case, starting with the installation of the barbed wire fencing dividing the land. We were then assured that we would see some visible change in the first few years to get the land in order and then there would be little more management required. Yet since this time the interference on Blacka Moor has been of large scale and unrelenting and Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust have excelled themselves again this time.

Dawn Biram

[Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust will be invited to respond to the points raised above in the next edition of Dore to Door. There is a wider perspective than the one presented above and the DVS will explain in the next edition why it made a donation to SRWT - Ed]

No longer for sale - but still a great deal to be done



When I went along to the public meeting about the future of Dore's Church Hall last month I wasn't really expecting much, but our community is still capable of surprising me.

First of all, the hall was packed. By the time the meeting began at 8pm, the last few to arrive had to stand at the back as there were no chairs left. Around 150 of us braved a January evening to hear the plans for keeping the Church Hall as a community resource.

Then, we have the committee; the people who have come together to find a way forward for the Church Hall. An impressive range of expertise here, involving people that many of you will already know. They comprise Keith Shaw, Chairman of Dore Village Society (DVS) who also has the experience of running his own company and transacting with government departments; Ruth Darrall, Chair of Dore Old School Trust (DOST); local businessman and President of Dore Club Allen Bentley; former Scout leader, former chair of Dore Gala and accountant Chris Jones; local councillor Colin Ross; civil engineer Martin Stranex who has been looking at the fabric of the building; Guide leader Pam Butterworth, whose Guide Troop have been using the Church Hall for almost 70 years and representing all the hall's users; and Julie Poyntz, a trustee of Dore Old School for nine years and secretary for four years.

An impressive range of knowledge and experience there, so what have they been doing? Well, in October last year, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) invited interested parties to submit proposals to run the Church Hall on their behalf. Under their confidentiality rules, we don't know how many other interested parties there are, or whether all of them submitted proposals by the deadline of January 31st. But the threat of the building being sold for development has receded.

The community proposal assembled by our village worthies was divided into five parts:

1. Ensuring that there *can* be a future for the Church Hall. There's little point in going any further if it's beyond the wit of man to construct a business plan that will sustain the building in future years;
2. Assessing repairs and other improvements that are needed in the short term, and other start-up costs;
3. Funding these repairs;
4. Deciding the legal entity that will contract with the PCC; and finally
5. The offer that will be made to the PCC.

Financial viability was, I thought, going to be the most difficult problem. We all know that the Hall is more than a little run down, with the church having been unable to fully fund what needs doing for many years.

Figures show that there is currently an annual deficit of around £3000 on an income of £17,700, and a substantial backlog of repairs. Some repairs need to be done more or less immediately, whilst others can be scheduled for the future in order of importance and necessity.

The big thing is utilisation. Keith revealed that the Hall is used for less than 20% of the time that it is available. From 9am to 11pm most days, the Hall is open for less than three hours. Worse, not all those three hours are income generating.

An answer, therefore, is to use the Hall more, not just to put the prices up which may lead users to seek an alternative venue. By means of some graphs, Keith showed that an increase in usage of less than 5% would be enough to move into the black with the remainder of our proposal. If utilisation could be brought up to 40%, then it starts to look like a bit of a money-spinner. Bear in mind though, that making money isn't a prime issue. The Hall needs only enough income to cover costs, repairs and improvements, there are no shareholders to pay or investors waiting for returns.

So, the existing income of the Hall is around £18,000. Research has already identified new and returning users of the Hall which would increase this by around £3,000. In fact, every extra two hours per week that the Hall could be rented would bring in between £1400 and £1900 a year more. If the present paid labour for minor maintenance was replaced by volunteers, another £3000 a year could be saved. All this was starting to look like a going concern and the audience listened intently.

Let's move onto repairs and improvements. The backlog on the repairs list, Martin has estimated at costing between £40,000 and £50,000 over the first five years. Upgrading various facilities to modern standards is likely to be another £12,000 over the first two or three years. Not insignificant sums, but not impossible to achieve.

The roof needs attention, not only on the main hall but also the Ark, an old WW2 air raid shelter to the rear which could be improved to give more rental space. There is a problem with water under the stage and the rainwater guttering and downpipes need attention. The external brickwork needs repointing, and some attention should be given to access as the external surfaces are not in great condition. But as I said, not everything has to be done straight away.

Improvements on Martin's list included refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets, redecoration and insulation of the back rooms and improvements to seating and lighting.

How will all this be paid for? Well, £20,000 has been secured already. DVS and DOST have each agreed to donate £5000, with a further £5000 each in the form of an interest-free loan towards start-up costs. This will enable things to start immediately once a lease has been signed. It also gives some breathing space until other funding can be arranged through grants, sponsorship and increasing revenue as outlined above.

So, how will the Hall be run? The proposal is to set up a Community Interest Company (CIC) to be the leaseholder and to manage the running of the hall. A CIC is an asset locked company, similar to a charity, but easier to operate than a charity and less demanding on volunteers. The CIC will have a Director and a management group comprising representatives of the PCC (as freeholders), the DVS, the DOST and volunteers from the community. It will, however, be independent of all three organisations. The CIC will negotiate the lease and some members of the committee have volunteered to join the CIC. Other volunteers will be needed, but not yet.

The offer to the PCC therefore will be to set up the CIC, with £20k to cover immediate repairs and start-up costs. The lease

we're after will be for 25 years, with break clauses every five years. An agreed rental income will be paid to the PCC out of any surplus, but *only once the loans have been repaid*. The PCC won't be getting a rental initially, but the proposal will still be of benefit to them as all the worry and expense of repairs will come off their balance sheet.

What else is needed? Well, there's quite a way to go yet. Volunteers from the community will be required for all sorts of things, not just for money. The committee would particularly like to hear from anyone who could help with marketing, building works, IT, fundraising or administration, but all volunteers will be welcome. If you'd like to be considered for the CIC Management Group, you should be prepared to commit to a 12-month tenure.

That's it; once DVS and DOST ratified the offer at their monthly meetings, the proposal went to the PCC by the deadline date of January 31st. Full details of the offer are on the DVS website. After that, we wait to see if the proposals are accepted, and negotiate any fine details needed to achieve this. If this community bid is accepted (and nobody knows how long this will take), the CIC will be formed and we're off and running.

After a few questions from the audience, the meeting broke up around 9.30pm without a single voice of dissent from



anyone. We are where we are, and just have to get on with it. There was support for these proposals, and the thanks of the community are due to those who have come together to make it happen. Members of the PCC were in the audience. The next big decision in the process is theirs.

If you have any comments, wish to volunteer, or even wish to donate money, then you can contact the management group by email at chp@dorevillage.co.uk. This email address copies out to each member of the group, rather than them having to pass and forward messages between each other. If this proposal is selected to go further, then more formal arrangements will be made for funding. You will no doubt be reading about this in a future edition of Dore to Door.

John Eastwood

Church news

2019 was quite a year in the life of Christ Church, Dore. In January we entered a period of 'interregnum' which means that we have no parish priest after Rev. Katie Tupling took on her new post as Disability Adviser and Chaplain for the Deaf with the Oxford Diocese. This can leave a church in quite a precarious place but with the strength of our Church community, the preparation we have been given and by the grace of God, we at Christ Church are growing and thriving. While we have this interregnum life at Christ Church still goes on; there is worship in different styles on Sundays and Thursday mornings, our involvement in festivals and village life and of course there are still Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals (which are presided over by visiting vicars). If you would like to know more about these services please visit our website at www.dorechurch.org.uk or call the Church Office on 235 3336 Mon-Fri 9am-3pm in term time.

I know so many from the village enjoyed being part of the wonderful community choir that performed as part of the Carol Service on the 22nd December. It was a huge success, with a 40 strong choir made up of a mixture of church and community members and an audience of over 300 in a very warm, candlelit Christ Church. The singing was amazing and the whole evening was helped by around 30 younger people taking advantage of the craft activities in the children's area while their parents could enjoy the service and round it off with mulled wine and mince pies. If you would like to hear the choir again, search YouTube for 'Dore Community Choir' and you'll find it.

We are not resting on our laurels however, and have more fun community events to come including a band night on 14th March in the Church Hall featuring Five Rivers (the lead

singer of which was the community choir leader) supported by The Fickle Birds (the lead singer was the soloist in the community choir). The event starts at 7.30 and the ticket price (£10) includes a hotdog. Bring your own drinks. Please call the Church Office for tickets. Both bands are fabulous and this should be a great evening of dancing and fun.

Since June last year members of Christ Church have formed a walking group which is open to anyone who would like to join us. They are a mix of Thursday, Friday and Saturdays and a variety of difficulty too so all should find a walk to suit their abilities and needs. It's a warm and friendly group and a great way to meet new people. Details on all the walks are on our website, Facebook page and in our service sheets. A walk around Ladybower is scheduled for 28th February, meet at church for a 10am departure.

At Christ Church, we have all been moved by the life and influence of our good friend Neil Marchant and are determined that his philosophy of love and fellowship is one we should keep alive. We think he would be pleased to see this increase in community events and hope you will all enjoy coming along.

The church building is open for quiet prayer during daylight hours and if you have anything you would like a prayer for, we have a prayer box in the inner porch. It looks like a lockable post box someone would have outside their home so you can be sure your issues will be prayed for in confidence by Rev Di Williams who is a retired vicar. Also our latest plans for the church refurbishment are on display in the main church building. Please feel free to come and have a look and look out for our fundraising events coming soon to make our Church a more usable and welcoming space to serve and to worship.

Emma Archer



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Recreation Ground Rejuvenation Project

Further to our article in the Winter edition of Dore to Door, it looks like we have been given a regular spot! So, I've got a bit of space to fill and what better way than to keep you all informed on what we have been up to and some of things we are planning in 2020.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our first questionnaire. We had a great response from you all and the results have helped to form the requirements and visions of our primary objective, the rejuvenation of the playground at Dore Recreation Ground. It also identified a want for further facilities to be improved or installed. The information received will also be used to back up any funding applications we may apply for, speaking of which...

Further to discussions with the council, we have taken its advice and decided to carry out a 'rolling replacement' of the playground equipment as and when funds become available. During these talks they passed on some information regarding a possible source of funding called Pocket Parks. This is a scheme run by central government that grants money to help communities transform unloved, neglected or derelict areas into new green spaces.

Despite a tight deadline to gather all the required information from council departments, equipment manufacturers and other sources, More in Dore members Anna and Claire managed to submit our Pocket Parks application before the December submission date. We have applied for the full amount available to us and if our application is one of the successful ones picked in February, we will be able to replace equipment (and surfacing) that the council would soon have to remove as it is at the end of its lifespan and therefore deemed unsafe. With this funding we would be able to replace the wooden climbing frame and slide with a more modern piece that would also be suitable for older children. The wooden 'A' frame climber would be replaced by a more toddler friendly climber and slide. Utilising one of the grassy ends of the playground area, we propose to also add two new items to form the start of an agility course that can be expanded as funding allows. Additional picnic benches could also be added to the other end allowing more families to enjoy this space during the warmer months.

Throughout 2020 we hope to be able to offer you a number of fun events to attend or participate in.

We currently have two fund-raising events in the pipeline that we hope you will enjoy. The first of these is proposed to take place on Sunday 7th June, a road cycling event being organised by More in Dore members Phil and Tony. Here's a small piece Phil wrote about it for you:

Grasp life by the handlebars

Starting and finishing in Dore, the ride will involve up to five laps of a 33.8 km (21 miles) loop. You decide how many laps to ride. One lap will be no easy feat, as inevitably, it involves a few hills. You will, however, be able to take your time, and you can choose to carry on or finish at the end of each lap. Experienced cyclists may want to prove their athletic pedigree by riding all five laps, a total of 169 km (105 miles).

The route includes some main roads and therefore for safety reasons, entry is restricted to riders of 16 years old or over (16 to 18 year-olds will need parental or guardian consent).

The entry fee will be £15.00 and if you wish, you can also raise money by getting sponsorship.

In addition to the health benefits of cycling, think of the feeling of achievement when you walk imperiously through the Rec, knowing you played an important part in its rejuvenation.

Please register interest either on our website or by emailing us your details.

The second event is being headed by More in Dore's fitness guru, Adam. He is organising a 12 km fell race which, subject to confirmation, will be held on Sunday 12th July.

The Dore Dozen will start and finish at the recreation ground and include racing across local areas such as Totley Moor and

Blacka Moor, so expect over 1,100 ft of elevation gain over the course before being spat back down Devil's Elbow into Dore. Registration will be '£12 for 12K' and proceeds will go towards the recreation ground project. In tandem with this we are looking into the possibility of holding a 2.5 km family run around the recreation ground '£2.50 for 2.5K'

Details for all events are listed on our website. If you fancy participating in or attending any, please register your interest so it will give us an idea of numbers and so we can contact you with updates.

We are also looking into other ways we may be able to improve the recreation ground. This may include activities such as regular organised litter picks, woodland project (similar to that carried out on Kings Croft by Dore Primary School), or shrub and bulb planting. Discussions have started with Dore Primary School, as it is interested in involving the Y6 students in these kind of projects on an annual basis to form part of its John Muir award. The award centres around engagement with wild-land and encourages people to connect with green spaces and help the environment.

Finally, in order to carry out all these events and projects we require a little extra help. In particular, we need assistance with our social media feeds and website as I'm running out of hours in the day to keep things up to date myself! If this isn't your thing, other ways you could help including volunteering to marshal, manning a stall, baking cakes or serving refreshments at an event. If you want to become a member, help organise a future event or volunteer for anything mentioned above, please get in contact with us:

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Fingers crossed on the Pocket Park application and I'll no doubt see you in the Summer edition with more updates.

Tim Ashman, Chairperson, More in Dore

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Greening up

It made me laugh when I saw it. The Village Greens? What a great name for Dore's greengrocery! The only thing that could have made it better is if the name of the new people running it was Green, but it isn't. They are Craig and Anna Smith, and they've lived in Dore for fifteen years now. Anna worked at the shop with Mark & Cheryl, and now she's co-owner.

Many villagers will have met them already, as they took over on the day of the Lantern Parade and have now been the Village Greens for two months. I had a chat with them to see how things are going.

"We took over in December, then there was the run up to Christmas - it's all gone so quickly" Craig tells me. "I envisaged having more time!" Anna chips in, to the general laughter of us all.

"I think what was good though," Craig continues, "is that it wasn't chaos. Well, it was kind of controlled chaos. The staff have been immense at guiding us through, and the knowledge we picked up from Mark has been invaluable. The learning curve has been made very easy."

They are both working already. Craig is a dentist, and has worked for the NHS in Sheffield for 20 years now, at two practices over that time. In summer 2018 he sold his practice and now works as a consultant for Health Education England with newly-qualified dentists in approved training practices. This work takes him all over Yorkshire, and he is currently working with 13 dentists in and around Sheffield, and 28 across the whole county. "Newly qualified dentists have never worked in primary care, and those from overseas need support in their early days of working within the NHS."

It isn't a full time role, it's about three days a week but they aren't set days so Craig is relatively flexible. Anna is a supply teacher and has been working for an agency for the last couple of years. Again this isn't full time, and they split the new shared job of getting up at silly o'clock in the morning to head for the Parkway Markets and stock up.

"When I sold my practice I thought it was time to find another project. Anna had been working for Mark and Cheryl, and they had been trying to persuade Anna and me to buy the shop for a while. I knew they had interest from some people outside Dore, but on talking to Mark it seemed that these were not aiming to provide the same sort of shop which has been there all these years. We are Dore residents and we knew that we wanted to keep the local fresh produce shop tradition going. So we went for it."

"We've got some ideas to use, and what we've got is a great platform to work from; more local deliveries, more fruit and veg boxes for people. We're looking at developing and expanding the meat range, and working with more local farmers, in fact using more local suppliers where we can and supporting local farmers and local businesses. I don't think there's that much that comes from too far out, we've just started stocking Hallamshire Honey, for instance. The bees that make it are as close as Lowedges, Woodseats, Greenhill, that sort of area.

"We're also trying to drive away from plastics. We've made a massive effort to remove plastic bags from behind the counter and are now offering strong, reusable paper bags as an alternative. As to things like the bags of herbs, we're looking at having these in big glass jars so that people can buy as much or as little as they need, rather than the set amount decided by the supplier.

"Historically the shop has been very good for the older generation in Dore, and of course we don't want to change that. They're our bread and butter, and many of them depend on our free local delivery service to get their regular fresh produce. We also have a lot of younger professionals who work hard and don't necessarily have the time to shop. In time we'd like to introduce online ordering that we can then deliver to people at home. We already take orders by email.

"What we're trying to encourage people to do is to let us know if there's something that they want, let us know the day before. We'll



Craig and Anna, left, celebrate the ceremonial 'passing of the leek' from Cheryl and Mark before Christmas.

be able to get it from the market or our wholesalers which we do first thing in the morning. Meats that we've been getting delivered on a Wednesday, if customers let us know what they need on a Tuesday then we can add it to the order."

If you can't get in to the shop to ask personally, they will take your order by phone or email. The number and email address are on the new big sign above the window.

The name of the shop was Craig's idea. "I've been following the history of the greens of Dore", he says. "It was in Dore to Door and we've walked the dogs around and seen the plaques. We regularly walked past The Cockpit which I never knew existed before."

Apart from Craig and Anna there are seven part time staff, most of whom were there before Mark and Cheryl handed over. Craig and Anna's two teenage children have also been drafted in to help, when schoolwork permits. It's very much a family thing, this greengrocery business.

"We're going to continue with the bedding plants in the spring, apart from anything else they bring colour to the front of the shop. I'm not too sure whether we're going to be doing the garden furniture again because of issues with the council. We are looking at the possibility of applying for a street licence so we can use part of the pavement outside. We want to do things right and not upset people.

"There is a trend for people to come back and start supporting local businesses. You see in the press some of the bitterness against the big supermarkets and how they're driving everything. Take the egg situation, also milk - they're selling these things in the shops for less than they're paying the supplier whilst they try to drive the cost of everything down. It makes things very difficult for the smaller farms who aren't dealing with these big companies, so we like to support them and people are coming back for that. They understand now that the produce is better, tastes nicer and is fresher. Also they're not getting all the single-use plastic packaging which is becoming a concern for many.

"I think it's a full cycle actually. I wasn't around in the fifties and sixties, but from what my parents and relatives have told me, the village shop was the place that everyone went to and I think that slowly, that cycle is coming back round."

The soup basket is going very well. Anything that's getting to the end of its shelf life goes in to a basket by the till. Customers pick out their own mixture depending on what they're making; soup, stock, smoothies or something else. 50p a kilogram, no matter what it is. And plenty of people are helping out, making sure that very little goes to waste in the end. A customer came in the other day and was making banana bread so she actually wanted all the brown, sleepy bananas that were past being sold at full price. And overaged carrots taste exactly the same in soup even if they've gone a bit bendy.

The Smiths are very easy to get on with, and as they both have public-facing jobs they're used to dealing with people. I think they'll do just fine in Dore, and my order for globe artichokes is already in, soon as the British season starts.

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Could you spare a few hours a week to help run Totley Library?

We rely entirely on volunteers to run Totley Library. There are no paid staff – everything is done on a voluntary basis. There is always lots to do and we are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

We are looking for people to help us in many different roles. First impressions count, so keeping the library clean and tidy is a really important role; we are coming up to the busiest time of the year for the gardening team who would welcome more help; our cinema club needs people to help with setting up and operating our projection equipment; we want more people to join us doing library duties, especially people who might, in time, be prepared to take on a bit of responsibility for running the library; and we need more people willing to act as trustees, helping to run Totley Library as a whole.

All these jobs are important. None need take more than a few hours a week. If you think you might be able to help, please ask for more information at the library, or call 0114 236 3971.

Totley Library Lottery Winners

Congratulations to recent Library Lottery winners! The first-prize winner in the November draw was Amanda Hardwick, and the second-prize winner was Eva Ellis. In the December draw, the first prize was won by Wendy Sawyer, and the second prize was won by Alison Dollimore.

Sheffield Year of Reading

It is the Sheffield Year of Reading! There is information about this, with details of the various events, on Sheffield City Council's website and there are leaflets available in the library. We are hoping to hold some events with local authors – watch out for details later!

'Findmypast' and 'British Newspaper Archive'

We are offering both these services on the public computers in the library. Both services can be accessed from any of the new public computers. Only one instance at a time can be active but both are independent – this means that if someone is accessing FMP on one machine, another user can access BNA on another computer at the same time. Users can register their accounts and by doing so, they will also gain access to the My Research area which will enable them to keep track of their searches and bookmark their viewed items into folders and use the family tree program to build their family tree.

Children's Events at the Library

Our Babytime sessions are held every Tuesday (except school holidays) between 1pm and 1.45pm, with singing, action rhymes, musical instruments etc for babies - and parents/carers can stay as long as they like afterwards for a drink and chat.

We have a new music session on Fridays called Music with Mummy. The times are 10.30 to 11.00am for ages 14 months to 3 years, and Jolly Babies for ages 0 - 14 months from 11.15 to 11.45am. Email beccamwm@gmail.com for more details and prices.

Totley Library Cinema – Spring Programme

Children's Films:

Sunday 23rd February, 2pm: Toy Story 4
Sunday 22nd March, 2 pm: Ralph Breaks the Internet
Sun 19th April, 2pm: Frozen 2

Films for adults:

Friday 20th March, 7.30pm: Red Joan
Thursday 26th March, 3 pm: Gone With The Wind
Thursday 16th April, 3 pm: Once upon a time in Hollywood
Friday 24th April, 7.30 pm: Downton Abbey

Cinema Entry: £4.00 for adults and £2.50 for children, which includes a raffle ticket for a prize draw and can be bought in advance from the library or at the door. Refreshments are available. You

must be a library member in order to watch a film, so please bring your library card with you on the day, or you can sign up on arrival. Thursday afternoon shows are free for the over 65s, and transport to these shows is available for a small charge for anyone unable to get to the library themselves. Please call the library for further information.

On the library website you'll find all the films until May. If you want to become involved in choosing film titles for future showings, you can take part in our survey via the website or you can just scan the QR code here with the QR scanner app on your phone or tablet!



March Book Sale

There will be a Saturday book sale on 7th March from 10am to 12noon. The theme will be Spring, walking, gardening and nature books. Refreshments will be available, with cakes. We are going to invite members of Friends of Gillfield Wood to be there, together with information about the Library garden volunteers and the Wednesday Health Walk from the library.

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.

Totley Library Community Art Space is an innovative venture showcasing the works of new and established local artists. Artists currently exhibiting include Gina Hodges, Anne Smith, Ian Hastings and Keith Oaks and the ARTfulness 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.

The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting new venture and who would like to exhibit from April and July 2020. For further information, please call in at Totley Library and take a look at the Art Space or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

Library Gardening

2019 was a really successful year for the library gardeners. We welcomed three new volunteers to the team who added a huge amount in terms of gardening experience, hours contributed, humour and friendship. Alongside other library volunteers, we organised and ran a very successful plant sale in May, raising over £1500 for the library funds. Following this, we joined the library's 5th birthday celebrations in October, running several outdoor, Autumn-themed activities. These were enjoyed by people of all ages, so we plan to hold an Autumn fundraiser for the library this year incorporating some similar outdoor activities - we hope to see you there.

Throughout 2019, individual volunteers worked hard to clear, replant, and maintain significantly large areas of the grounds including the flower bed at the bottom of the car park, the large planted area by the front door, and the grassy areas. Thank you to all those who supported the gardening team and the events through the year. It has been very much appreciated and significantly contributes to the successful development and maintenance of the library grounds.

Our plant sale this year is going to be held on Saturday 2nd May. A slight change of the usual date because the date of the May bank holiday has been altered. Please keep us in mind as you tidy your gardens, divide perennials, and plant seeds in the next few months. We welcome all plant donations, the quality of which significantly contributes to the success and popularity of the sale.

Our first meeting this year is on Thursday 6th February. If you would like to join us and/or are able to help with donations for the plant sale, please contact Fiona Smith at fionaksmith@gmail.com.

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Your Editor expects me to keep you updated on the progress of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan; but he is also keen to see your magazine cover green issues more thoroughly, because, without green improvements, we have no future. Let's try to satisfy him on both scores.

The Neighbourhood Plan

I last reported that your Neighbourhood Forum submitted its Draft Plan and a suite of supporting documents to Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority on 20 September 2019. It rests with the Council to 'validate' the package so it can pass to the next stage in its progress towards a local Referendum. The validation process (determining whether we sent in all that was legally required of us) has been painfully slow, reflecting the reduced Planning and Legal resources available to Sheffield; but, as I write in mid-January, SCC have told me that their lawyers say that no further changes are required to our documents to achieve validation.

We are not yet home and dry. In due course SCC will conduct its own public consultation on the Draft Plan followed by a formal Examination by an externally appointed Examiner to establish whether the plan meets the national Basic Conditions for Neighbourhood Planning. Realistically we cannot expect a Referendum on the Plan for several months, but we are steadily moving forward.

Our Draft Plan included a very conscious intention to protect the character of Dore and the green credentials of its gardens, its open spaces, the Green Belt which surrounds it and the setting of our magnificent National Park. Even when our Plan is eventually adopted, there will be more work to be done to meet its aspirations, such as developing a comprehensive Green Infrastructure Strategy in line with Policy 3 and developing Management Plans for Open Spaces in line with Policy 7. In so doing we need to be aware of the growing climate change agenda, the desperate loss of national and local biodiversity and the implications of major political changes as a result of leaving the EU. Let us turn factually and non-politically to these bigger issues.

Post-EU Dilemmas

A very large element of the EU budget has been the support given to the agriculture sector. In the early days this support was largely given to subsidise food production, particularly in areas where farming units were small and farming methods antiquated. That was the era when Europe produced butter mountains and wine and milk lakes. As agricultural efficiency improved on the continent, the subsidy systems began to shift towards rewarding those who farmed with greater regard for the environment and for biodiversity, but, even so, it remained the contention of environmentalists (like your own local Wildlife Trust, which I currently chair) that too much of the subsidies given related to the amount of land which a farmer claimed against, with the result that the larger landowners were getting too big a share.

When the UK no longer makes payments into the EU budget, UK farmers will not be able to claim against the EU financed agricultural subsidy system to the tune of 4 billion euros a year. It will be of huge importance to the future of our farmers, the countryside and its biodiversity – including that which surrounds us in Dore - what new support regime the UK Government will establish for farmers.

The good guys have argued that UK public money should only be spent on public goods, that is to say on benefits to be enjoyed by the public at large, such as farming more environmentally, protecting against loss of biodiversity, protecting soils to store carbon, improving access to the countryside, helping to reduce downstream flooding and the like. We should not subsidise

the private gain earned by farmers when they sell the food they produce. Our initial reaction is to be encouraged by the Government's recent publication of its draft Agriculture Bill which has clearly been widely influenced by the representations made by Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust, the RSPB and other conservation bodies. How good the final outcome will be will depend on further campaigning pressure and scrutiny in Parliament. Meanwhile we must do what we can locally to ensure that the land around us is managed for public as well as private profit and is not just seen as a potential site to further extend Sheffield's suburbs towards our National Park.

Many of the environmental protections we have enjoyed over the last few decades have come from EU initiatives – with Directives on Birds, Habitats, Marine Strategy, Water Quality, Air Quality, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Impact Assessment, Floods, Landfill, Animal Welfare, Packaging, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. Without these measures the UK will be a poorer place in which to live. We must retain these protections in our own legislation and not succumb to the counter-pressures for a bonfire of the regulations, least of all to secure trade deals with the USA.

The EU was better than the National Governments at taking care of the regions within each member state. The EU's budgetary system was based on trying to level up the performance of the weakest regions to those of the strongest: its grant procedures like Objective 1 and its Regional Development Fund provided substantial funding into areas like South Yorkshire, Wales and Cornwall with the aim of greater economic convergence between regions in member states. The UK Government proved more neglectful. Why else, despite the best efforts of the EU, was Gross Value Added per head in London £50,547 in 2018 and £22,559 in Yorkshire and Humberside? Why else was planned transport spending per capita at 2017/18 prices £3,636 in London and £511 in Yorkshire and Humberside?

Now that the Tories have a large Commons majority thanks to Labour seats falling in the northern constituencies' Red Wall, can we expect Government to take a belated interest in addressing these disparities by investing in northern skills and infrastructure, including transport connectivity? Can we expect cash-strapped northern city councils like our own, which have been hit harder than south-eastern councils, to be better funded to plan their futures; indeed, in our own case, to have the Planning and Legal Departments better staffed with first rate planners, urban designers, conservation experts, landscape architects and creative lawyers who can produce a radically better place-enhancing strategic development plan than the grossly outdated current development plan which Sheffield has struggled to replace? For the moment we can only gasp at fresh leaks in our local press about further thinning of the expertise needed for this work which is so vital if our city is to develop in harmony with the precious green mantle which surrounds it and the vital green spaces within it.

Our own Sheffield University has only recently completed a major research study called IWUN (Improving Wellbeing through Urban Nature) which demonstrates the convincing linkages between the wellbeing of natural environments and the improved wellbeing of those citizens who make use of them. We depend on Nature for more than our food, building materials and medicines: we depend on Nature for our personal wellbeing too. Planning needs to recognise that important truth, as we believe, our Neighbourhood Plan does.

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“Disorder and chaos are not natural phenomena. Left to herself, nature always produces order. It is man who causes chaos by his persistent attempt to resist or ignore natural laws, an attempt doomed to failure from the start.”

The magazine is now called “Living Earth”, but many areas are not “living”. The fires in south-east Australia are killing wildlife and the land will take many years to recover. Other countries are suffering from drought, the ice caps are melting, the oceans are warming, and, in this small country, the seasons are not as predictable or as pleasant as they were relatively recently. It’s not looking good.

As individuals, there are many ways that we can make a difference, although one’s economic situation may affect what you can achieve. Travel less by air, if at all - it causes huge amounts of carbon emissions, and cruising causes damage to the seabed and the wildlife that depends on it. Britain may not always be sunny, but it is a beautiful country with varied landscape, much to do and see, and lovely places to stay. Caravanning can be cheaper, but the sites are a real blot on the very landscape you want to enjoy.

Home insulation is important and using sheep wool in the loft is better for the environment than cheaper, unnatural alternatives. Solar panels, and storage batteries if possible, are worthwhile and, where appropriate, wind turbines and ground/air source heating. While expensive initially, all these are very good for household budgets and the climate.

Buy an electric or hybrid car and a home charger, which can be used when convenient and, if you have solar panels, when the sun is shining! Some models can actually be synchronised with solar panels. Whichever car you have, drive it as smoothly and economically as possible (much more relaxing for passengers, and safer too!).

Think before you buy - do you really need it? Look for more environmentally-friendly cleaning products and personal necessities. Buy organic cotton clothing, bedding and towels where available. The manufacture of organic cotton uses far less water than non-organic cotton and no chemicals.

Buy organic food as availability and finances allow. It is generally produced without chemical fertilisers, herbicides or pesticides. An article in a recent issue of “Living Earth” reports on evidence exposed by the Soil Association and the Pesticide Action Network (PAN) on mixtures of pesticides in our food, water, rivers and soil, and government testing data for 2018 showed residues of 157 different pesticides in food. Sixty-three are known as possible or probable carcinogens and 43 are suspected endocrine disruptors. Forty-three percent of bumble bees had detectable levels of two or more pesticides, with up to seven found in one bumble bee.

We are being encouraged to eat less meat, as cows produce methane which contributes to global warming. Eating less, but organic, meat would be healthier for us all, support the environment and support organic farmers who are producing meat in the most sustainable way.

Outside space is important too. Have as little hard-standing area as possible at the front and back of property. The earth below will be lifeless. I currently have flagstones as step-stones for a path up most of my back garden, but it is now being replaced by a bark path edged with logs produced from the alder trees which recently had to be cut down. It will be much better for wildlife, drain easily, be pleasant and safer to walk on, and look

more natural and attractive. While some upkeep will be necessary at times, it will be worth it. I am also considering reducing my patio. Too much decking, if any, will also have an adverse effect.

A small shed may be necessary to store garden equipment and chairs etc. if the garage cannot accommodate them, but the trend for rarely-used hot tubs and summerhouses (lovely though some of them are) does not help the situation.

The garden should be as natural as possible with native trees, shrubs and wildflowers which support our native, and struggling, wildlife. Every cultivated or foreign plant will be taking up space that could be filled with our wildlife-friendly native plants. Unfortunately, many foreign plants do attract bees, but their pollen and nectar is not as beneficial as the native ones.

Lawns should not be mown too regularly or cropped too short. If it’s very dry, allow some of the cuttings to cover the lawn as they will help retain moisture and support the lawn and wildlife beneath naturally.

Never use chemicals. Even if the lawn dries out, it will recover when rain returns, so no need to water the lawn!

A pond, or even a shallow boggy area, is very good for a huge variety of wildlife. I am hoping that all the frogs, newts and insects which were around last year will appear again in the early Spring.

I am awaiting the delivery of four trees to plant among others at the top of the garden. With some professional help, I have decided on two alder buckthorn, one downy birch and one goat’s willow. These are different from anything I already have and will be good for all sorts of wildlife as well as helping to take up excess water which tends to collect in that area.

The reliance of horticultural industries on peat has meant that huge deposits, which have taken millions of years to form, have been and are being torn up with the resultant release of massive amounts of carbon into the atmosphere. Scientists have commented recently that the large peatlands in this country are on a par with the Amazon Rainforest in terms of carbon storage. This is a serious matter, so please check when you are buying plants or compost from any suppliers that no peat has been used.

There are many very hard-working organic farmers who are producing top-quality food. Intensive farming needs to change to improve the soil, the quality of our food and animal welfare. It is not all the farmers’ fault, however. We have demanded cheap food. The Government’s new draft Agricultural Bill is a step in the right direction as it aims to put the soil at the centre of future policy.

The Soil Association has worked for years, lobbying governments to improve our soil, food quality and animal welfare. They have done so much on our behalf and would be grateful for any support.

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Marian Tiddy



The bark path is on its way, with a short spur to the water butts



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Time Travellers Travelogue

Welcome to your first update of the new decade from The Time Travellers, your local history and archaeology group. We saw 2019 out in traditional fashion with our ever-popular Winter Solstice social event. This gave us a chance to meet up and review what the group had been involved in during the last year, whilst enjoying a pie and peas supper, a challenging quiz and a look at the photographs that our Secretary, Dorne Coggins had accumulated over the last twelve months.

Last autumn saw two excellent presentations, firstly a report from Tom Parker, site Project Officer for ARS Ltd. Tom talked us through an excellent set of photographs detailing progress and discoveries made at the latest excavation at the site of the civilian settlement associated with the Roman Fort at Navio. You might know this site better as Brough, on the road to Castleton. The second event was a historical talk by Carl Clayton about William Humfrey's part in the development of lead smelting in Derbyshire and water powered smelting at Beauchief Abbey. We did our 'usual bit' for community archaeology by attending the Heritage Exhibition at the Sheffield Millennium Gallery in January. Plans are also progressing for the next annual Time Travellers excursion in September when we are going to Tewkesbury, an area rich in historical and archaeological sites.

The informal monthly coffee mornings held on Fridays at the Dore Old School were a great addition to our programme last year. These tend to focus on specific historical topics such as archaeological finds that members have made, or photographs and maps that we have taken and are worth discussing. As well as more coffee mornings, we have lots of events lined up including a talk on Mesolithic and Neolithic flints by the eminent archaeologist Dr Clive Waddington. Clive will also have a look at any flints that members have collected and help identify their type and age. Also coming up is an update on recent discoveries at Bishop's House and a talk about the history and archaeology of Troy.

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

Glynn Burgin

Tried treading the boards?

Hello everyone! Here I am again with the latest TOADS' update!

Our last play, "Biddies' War", was written and directed by Alan Wade, and was set on a farm on the eve of the D-Day landings. It was a lovely play to appear in and was very well received by our audiences. Thank you to our back-stage ladies who decorated the entrance hall and auditorium with memorabilia, bunting, war-time posters, etc., which served to set the atmosphere for the play.

But onwards and upwards! We are now rehearsing for our May 2020 production! This time my John is directing, the play of choice being a comedy written by Simon Brett, entitled "Murder in Play". Doesn't sound very funny, does it, but it is! It is a very difficult play to stage, but John is well up to the task, having been acting with TOADS for over 35 years!

The dates for your diary are Wednesday 13th May to Friday 15th May at 7.30pm, and Saturday 16th May at 2.30pm. The venue is as usual St John's Hall, Abbeydale Road South. Please call 01142 351206 to reserve your ticket, or contact any TOADS member. Ticket price is £6 / £5 for concessions.

Please save the dates, and come along and support us, your very own Am-Dram Society. It will be lovely to see you.

Anne Bettridge

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DMVC Christmas Concert, Dore Parish Church

On behalf of the choir, our best wishes for the New Year and many thanks for your fantastic support; the three concerts were a sell out within a month or so of the tickets going on sale and we sincerely hope you enjoyed the evenings' performances.

A big thank you goes to Fran Wells, our deputy conductor, for all the hard work he has put in with us last year due to our Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire's illness. It was wonderful that she was able to conduct the final piece on the Saturday performance.

Planning is well under way for this year's concerts, details are available on our website at www.doremalevoicechoir.com along with 19 songs you are able to listen to. Our number one priority is a three-concert tour to Tenby in early summer followed by a big concert with three other choirs at the prestigious Rugby School, and planning will commence later in the year for our biennial overseas concert tour.

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Transport in the Twenties

January 2020 - a new year, a new decade and as I write this article the dates on the calendar are already flying away. Hopefully you will have had a lovely festive season but I guess that for most of us it's now just a distant memory.

2019 ended on a real high for Transport 17. Back in deepest November we held our Christmas Fayre, which was a huge success, raising £1097 and building on the £1000 raised last year. Faces both old and new attended. There was a fantastic atmosphere as people enjoyed the social occasion and the usual amazing refreshments provided by the Cross Scythes - cakes as well as mince pies this year - scrummy. As always, huge thanks go to Ben and Scott; without their generosity we would really struggle. Once again, they allowed us to take over their space and fill it with stalls, provided staff to support the event and helped in so many ways that all contribute to what we are able to achieve.



Volunteers and customers share a joke and some sweets over the Christmas Fayre's bottle stall

Bottles disappeared at a rate of knots as people tried to win something more attractive than a bottle of water on the Bottle Bonanza Lucky Dip! There was a wonderful range of raffle prizes on offer, the Strictly Christmas stall got everyone into the festive spirit and the Cake Stall had lots to tempt us with. Deb Leonard had a successful morning too which is great as she is so good at supporting us. This time she posted a live video clip of the event to promote the Fayre on the day - the wonders of modern technology!



The Strictly Christmas stall, run by Dot Firth, Barbara O'Connor and Pauline Perkinon




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Transport 17 are so lucky to have a great team of volunteers who give their time and effort to fund raise for us. They are right up there with the volunteers on the buses as being the heart of Transport 17. There are too many of them to mention individually, but each and every one of them put their strengths to the fore whether it be securing raffle prizes, helping to collect items for the stalls, pricing up and preparing for the event, running a stall on the day, promoting the event or just pestering and badgering people to part with their hard earned pennies! They are a brilliant team to have on board and as Chair of the Fundraising Events Subcommittee I cannot thank them enough for their time, effort and commitment. It couldn't happen without them. I also know that Mike Finn and the Management Committee would reinforce all I have said.

The other aspect that makes our fundraising events so successful is the support we get from the local community, not only from businesses but also individuals which of course includes you! Thank you.

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Colin Ross and Laura Gordon, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Hallam, who popped in to support the event. Both of them have been very supportive of Transport 17 and its role in the community. Visits like this help us to further promote the role of Transport 17 further afield and demonstrate the way in which we work with the community and they with us to keep this very small and local charitable organisation operating. We look forward to their continued support.

Les Firth presented us with a cheque for £250 from the proceeds of Totley Show. Thank you once again to the Show Committee for their continued support.



Transport 17 volunteers receive their Local Community Fund cheque from Dore Co-op manager Kath Ruddiforth (centre)

At the end of November, it was an honour to go to the Co-op in Dore and collect a cheque for £4,664.95 from the Local Community Fund that we were a part of last year. What a fantastic amount and a direct result of your support at the Co-op. We can't thank you all enough. The money is going directly into the bus fund. We understand we can apply to be a part of the scheme again but sadly missed the last round of bidding; however, we fully intend to apply in the next one.

We have also received donations from Mr & Mrs Cotterill,

Mr K Belbin, Saint Marks Church £500, Totley Open Gardens £950, Provincial Grand Charity £100, Totley Independent £250, Rotary Raffle £300, Bradway Discussion Group £100, Cavendish Ladies Probus Club £170, and cash donations of £48.50. Dore Methodist Tuesday Group have selected us as their chosen charity for this year and have given us £250 as a part of this. Once again, we have also received a very generous donation of £2,000 from the Facey Family Foundation. Huge thanks go to all of them for their support.

However, the icing on the cake, a true Christmas present, was the extremely generous donation from the Jockel family. As you will probably be aware Alan Jockel, Stella's husband, set up Transport 17 and Stella has continued his work providing donations and in the past, helping with the fundraising. The donation this time has given the bus fund a substantial boost so replacing the MX05 in 2020 is looking like a reality and has given us a real focus for fundraising events as we push for the total of around £52,000. What a great start to the new decade.

Planning is already afoot for events this year. The first one is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th March 10.00 - 12.00 at the Cross Scythes. The committee will be meeting shortly to finalise arrangements for this. There will definitely be a Chocolate Bonanza Lucky Dip and a raffle to look forward to. So, pop the date in the diary and we will all look forward to seeing you there.

Our involvement with People Keeping Well continues, and it is good to be able to help facilitate some of the activities associated with it. Each week we take people to the Dementia Café they have set up. We were also able to take the Sporting Memories group to visit the Football Museum in Manchester.

In December 2018 we reinstated the social get together for our volunteers which was a great success. It is an excellent opportunity for Transport 17 to say thank you to all the volunteers so it was never in doubt that it would be repeated, we just ran out of time to do it in 2019. On 22nd January we all met up at the Shepley Spitfire. Tracey and her staff were brilliant, and thanks go to them all. There was a good buzz of conversation and once again we had a really good social occasion.

Since I last wrote we have welcomed two new members to the Management Committee, Karen Goldthorpe and Rosie Fry. They both have a wealth of experience which will be invaluable to Transport 17. We hope that they will enjoy helping to keep our wheels turning. They are both helping out with fundraising events and you may well have met them at the Christmas Fayre.

After such a positive end to the year it is disappointing to report that we have not got off to the best of starts in 2020. Our treasurer, Peter Marquis, resigned from the Management Committee and we need to find a replacement for him as soon as we can. If you or someone you know has experience in finances and ICT and feel that utilising those skills to contribute to the efficient and effective running of a small local charitable organisation would be of interest, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at transport17ltd@gmail.com. We would like to thank Peter for taking on the role and are really pleased he is continuing to help us as a passenger assistant.

Sadly, our administrative assistant, Kerry Machon, left us on the 17th of January. Commitments with another job she has have meant she is unable to fulfil the role at Transport 17. Kerry's short time with us has, however, provided an opportunity for us to evaluate the administrative assistant role and whilst there is going to be short-term pressure in the first instance we hope for long-lasting benefits. Nose to the grind once more!

Finally, may we all at Transport 17 wish you the very best for 2020.

Sandra Longley (on behalf of the Management Committee)



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Police deal with parking issues that cover double white lines, obstruction, bends and brows of hills.

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Abandoned Vehicles

An abandoned vehicle is a vehicle which appears to have been given up. In South Yorkshire, your local Council is responsible for arranging the removal of abandoned vehicles on public land. Please see above for contact details.

Noise

Noise should only be reported to the police if it is linked to a crime (ie. domestic abuse or antisocial behaviour). If it is, you should call 101 or 999 if it is an emergency. If you're having a problem with noise like loud music, noisy pubs, rowdy parties or barking dogs in your neighbourhood, your council can help you.

Flytipping

If the rubbish is on private land then it is the landowners responsibility to have it removed. If the rubbish is on council land then you should contact your local authority to come and remove the rubbish. If you see someone flytipping a large amount of waste, you should call the police on 101.

Boundary disputes and property ownership

Call 101 if there are aggravating criminal factors which may be classed as antisocial behaviour or harassment. Disagreements over property ownership between separated couples, friends or family where the ownership of property is in dispute are civil matters and you should contact a solicitor. For further advice, please contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111444.

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Dogs

You should contact the police to report a dangerous dog, if you've been bitten by a dog, if you've hit a dog with a vehicle or if you suspect someone has a banned breed of dog, for example, a pit bull terrier. To report any of the above issues

please contact us on 101. Your local council is responsible for dealing with stray dogs.

Road traffic collisions

If you're involved in a minor collision, no injury is caused to anyone involved in the collision, and all parties have exchanged details, then there is no requirement to report this to the police. Your insurance company will deal with this under Civil Law. If, as a driver of a vehicle (including car, motorcycle or bus), you are involved in an accident in which a person is injured, damage has been caused to another vehicle or to someone else's property – including street lamps, signs, bollards etc or an animal, other than one in your own vehicle/trailer, has been killed or injured then you must report it at a local police station within 24 hours.

Lost Property

It has been nationally agreed that with the exception of the items mentioned later that police forces in England and Wales will no longer take reports of lost property. You can visit www.missingx.com, or reportmyloss.com to report your loss and receive a reference number, which can be provided to insurance companies. South Yorkshire Police operates a principle of not accepting or retaining any items of found property unless there is a legal or operational requirement to do so, for example we accept items you believe may be linked to a crime that could be used as evidence, for instance firearms, weapons and ammunition, chemicals and explosives, non-UK passports, drugs, pornography, mobile phones and electronic devices which may hold personal data, items where the owner is identifiable and unidentifiable cash. There is a requirement that finders of found property take reasonable steps to trace the owner of the property. If an item was lost or found in public premises or private property (such as in a shop or a restaurant, school or university) or on public transport then you should contact the relevant company in order to register the loss or hand in the property.

As ever, if you wish to discuss any of the above or any other issues you may be unsure about please contact me on adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk or on 07787 881945. Please do not use this number to report incidents that are taking place at the time of your call. This is a work phone and only operates when I'm on duty, messages can be left but may not be picked up for a couple of days.

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Dore village well dressing needs you!

The Dore village well dressing will be going ahead this year, as normal, but we have reached the stage where we need new people to come forward to help out with various jobs, otherwise this will be the last village well dressing to take place. It would be a great shame to lose a village tradition which dates back to the 1950s. There will be a meeting in the Old School on Friday 21st February at 7pm to discuss this year's well dressing. We would be delighted to see anyone who is interested in helping.

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2010/11	92,828
2011/12	106,220
2012/13	122,764
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Passenger numbers from the Office of Rail & Road, estimates of station usage

Not all are commuting. The new service at 5.15 to Manchester Airport on 16th December was used by eight who went all the way. That's useful for those with early flights and may make it possible for business users to spend a full day in a European centre and get back on an evening train to Dore.

Difficulties with 97/98 buses are encouraging more to use trains. For a single journey into town it's actually cheaper by train than bus, and trains take only seven minutes, non-stop. Trains are scheduled to leave Dore & Totley for Sheffield at 7.57, 8.04, 8.24 and 8.28 each morning, and over 150 travellers make use of them. In recent months the balance is moving away from Manchester and more towards Sheffield.

We still have, and will continue to have until 2023, a lack of trains back to Dore from Sheffield at many times of the day.

Latest official passenger number statistics estimates based on ticket sales have just been released for 2018/19. They show 198,948 used the station compared with 178,580 in 2017/18, an increase of 11.4%. For six months of that period Northern provided no Saturday services due to strike action, Saturday being the busiest day for leisure users. With a full seven-day service now restored we should see a further increase for 2019/20.

What's new?

At long last, Northern's Class 142 Pacers have gone? No, not quite, not yet. Most are now lined up in sidings at scrapyards awaiting recycling. A small number are going to heritage railways to provide cheap rides during quieter periods and some are going to museums. However, about 20 have been kept back in Manchester until May. They can only be used if attached to a better unit that's compliant with modern standards. That means we may see them in the dark, attached to evening commuter trains out of Manchester. Very soon no trains will have toilets that discharge onto the tracks!

We are now getting the longer Class 150, 156 and 158 trains. They're 30+ years old but are being refurbished for another ten years. Let's not get too carried away, but it's possible that by May we'll have an occasional brand-new Class 195, the type now being used on the Nottingham – Leeds route that stops at Dronfield.

TransPennine Express have three new classes of Nova trains being used on most of their routes, but not ours! They've had

major teething problems and the intended cascade of their older Class 185 trains that should have come to us months ago has been delayed. By the time you read this most of the busiest trains stopping at Dore should have 6 coaches. That will make an immense difference for those catching the 7.14 and 8.14 for Manchester.

Defibrillator

This installation has been delayed, not for lack of money, but because the various parties involved with anything rail related can't sort out who needs to give permission to who, who will fix it, and confirm longer term financial responsibility for maintenance. FoDaTS have agreed to monitor on a regular basis. Maybe it will soon appear. A cynic might marvel at how quickly the Amazon box appeared when income was involved!

Zozzy's Coffee

Zoe Kent and her partner Lee started operating their early morning coffee facility out of a Smart car and trailer at 6am on 7th January. They intend to trade Monday to Friday from 6.00 until about 9.30. Their 3-month trial licence from Northern allows them to trade for longer but this seems to be the busiest period. The more we use them, the longer they'll stay open. Zoe has a full-time job, so we'll probably see more of Lee. They're learning how cold it can be at those early hours!

Planters and a bench

A few snowdrops are already in flower and the crocuses and daffodils are starting to show. Abbeydale Rotary Club have kindly agreed to provide a bench and two planters to go beneath the large conifer at the entrance, providing somewhere to sit while waiting to be picked up by family or taxis. Installation by Easter is envisaged.

Looking ahead

The car parking situation is currently being considered in a feasibility study for SYPT, part funded by TransPennine Express.

The Liverpool - Norwich route may see changes in December, possibly moving to TPE – although that decision might get deferred again to 2021. There's more to write about for the next edition.

Happy New Year,

Chris Morgan
 Chairman, FoDaTS

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A Pacer train in its twilight days. Most of its siblings are in the sidings to be scrapped. This one has a reprieve until May



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The rain which cast a blight on the summer has continued unabated through this early part of the winter, leaving many of us with heavy, water-logged clay. This is good news for some birds – the thrushes, robins and blackbirds which have been able to pull up worms and grubs easily. It was also helpful for the Amelanchier tree I planted last year, which has had a good start. It's a lovely small tree offering colour and interest each season. After so much rain and so many grey days it's nice to see the snowdrops and bright yellow winter aconites emerging from the sodden soil. It really is amazing just how resilient our plants can be.

What's On...

We have a fabulous programme of speakers lined up for the Spring. Both our February and March speakers are returning by popular request:

On 19 February we hear from Ken Belkow about Plants on the Tinsley Canal. Ken will be giving us a guided illustrated "walk" along the Tinsley Canal from the centre of Sheffield, looking at plants along the way and commenting on the changes caused by recent development along this once industrial waterway. No more red, orange or yellow water or thick black oil; plants and wildlife have returned.

Kevin Pratt first came to the club two years ago and returns on 18th March on the theme of Pictorial Garden Plants. Kevin is the owner of a small nursery in Hazel Grove and specialises in growing unusual hardy plants which you're unlikely to find in the larger garden centres. He will be bringing plants and bulbs to sell, and I can vouch for the quality.

No garden can be truly wildlife-friendly without a pond or water feature, no matter how small. On 15th April Jeff Bates will be talking on the subject of Water Gardens and Features. Jeff is a horticultural lecturer, horticulturalist and garden designer and holds the distinction of holding the designation RHS Master of Horticulture.

With the RHS Chatsworth Show in June, a new speaker to the Club, Barrie Gilthorpe, will give us a timely glimpse behind the scenes with his talk on 20th May entitled 'Around the Shows'. Barrie worked for the RHS and has exhibited at many shows, completing his judging exams twelve years ago. His talk will include a look at the shows in our area and advice on how to exhibit.

Recent Events...

There was a large turnout, including four new members, at our January meeting to hear Renishaw Hall's Head Gardener, David Kesteven, talk about The New Middle Border at Renishaw Hall. David has been the Hall's Head Gardener since 1997. He is an extremely knowledgeable, passionate, gardener and an enthusiastic, entertaining, speaker. The middle border at Renishaw is in fact four extremely large borders, facing east and west in the middle of the garden so this was no small undertaking. After Renishaw won the Garden of the Year award in 2015, rather than rest on its laurels, the owners, the Sitwell family, decided to build on their success by commissioning the talented, international garden designer, Arne Maynard, famous for the Laurent Perrier garden at Chelsea. The brief was to design the new border and produce a planting plan which would not only be stunning and capture the sense of place at Renishaw but also extend the flowering season. The planting scheme Arne Maynard designed was based on "the new traditional style", which David explained was based on random, rhythmic repeating of individual plants or small clumps of 2-3 plants – but without any large drifts. The scheme was ambitious and consisted of 2313 plants covering 77 varieties.

Over to David whose task it was to make the plan a reality. Only two of the original plants in the existing border were retained and David and his team set about acquiring the specified plants. Of the 2313 required, some of them unusual, a third were taken

or propagated from existing stock elsewhere in the gardens, another third were grown from seed and the remainder from specialist nurseries using the Plant-finder website at www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/publications/plant-finder. In addition, 2800 bulbs were specified including three varieties of tulip. They are dug up after flowering and replanted at the end of the year. In order to plant in the way the designer had detailed, the gardening team had to mark 1m grids all along the four borders – a labour of love. The photograph below shows one section of the new border and you can see the results are magnificent. The Hall and garden reopen for the new season on 28th March. The gardens are open Wednesday to Sunday and the Hall on Fridays.



The new middle border at Renishaw Hall in early July (courtesy David Kesteven)

Following the short AGM in November, we welcomed back Hilary Hutson on the theme of Using Native Plants in the Garden. Hilary talked about long established plants in Britain and at each opportunity, she offered interesting content and beautifully presented images that made the evening enjoyable, captivating and memorable. Hilary is a botanist with a passion for gardens and gardening. She has 30 years' experience in lecturing to clubs and societies, both in the UK and abroad. That she is a keen photographer was evident from her beautiful slides.

When setting the scene, Hilary began with some history. She described how in 1600BC ice sheets covered the Doggerlands, when the UK was physically connected to the Netherlands and how a Tsunami then carved a division from the mainland to form the island we are today. Why native plants? They are easier to grow and are already adapted to our soil and climate, although that may be changing, as we hear on a daily basis. They don't need extra chemical fertilizers and pesticides to grow and thrive so are more wildlife friendly. Hilary introduced a range of familiar native plants of interest under headings such as variations in colour, double flowers, colours and variegated effects, hybrids & crossed species, aliens and invaders that are not native.

We gained a fascinating insight into familiar plants such as *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* (our English Bluebell) and *Persicaria bistorta* 'Superba' (Bistort) and how native plants are used to make Easter-ledge pudding, or dock pudding, a traditional Cumberland, Lake District and Yorkshire dish served at Easter and during Lent. Other plants were described such as *Myosotis arvensis* var. *sylvestris* (Forget me not), *Gentiana verna*, (Spring Gentian), *Geranium sanguineum* and *Fritillaria meleagris*. *Daphne mezereum*, a very common plant which few people realise is poisonous and was used as a rouge cosmetic until the damage caused by the rosy glow it produced was better understood.

Pauline Drissell

Early next time

The next edition of Dore to Door in May will publish a couple of weeks early on May 1st. The May Day bank holiday has been moved, and to avoid Dore to Door coming out at a time when it was both too late to give advance notice of VE Day anniversary events, and too early to report on what happened. So now we'll be publishing early enough to let you know everything that's planned for the holiday weekend.

If you're a Dore to Door distributor, check your calendar and

let Gillian know if this will give you any problems. If you're a contributor, make a note of the copy deadlines on page 7. Regular contributors will still get their regular email from me about a month before the copy deadline.

If you or your organisation are planning a VE Day commemoration, please let me know and it will appear in the next Dore to Door.

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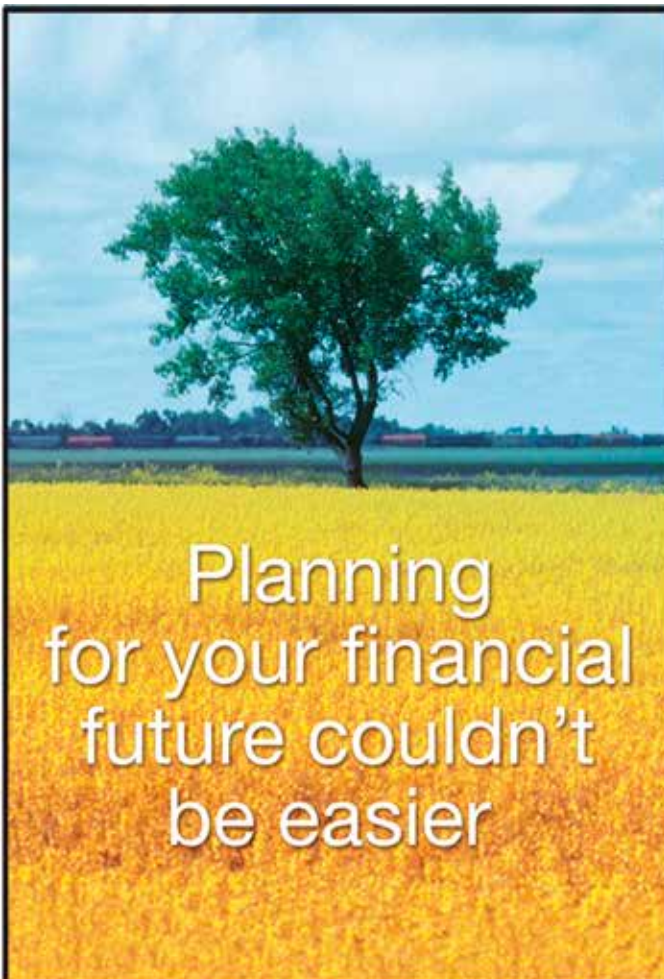
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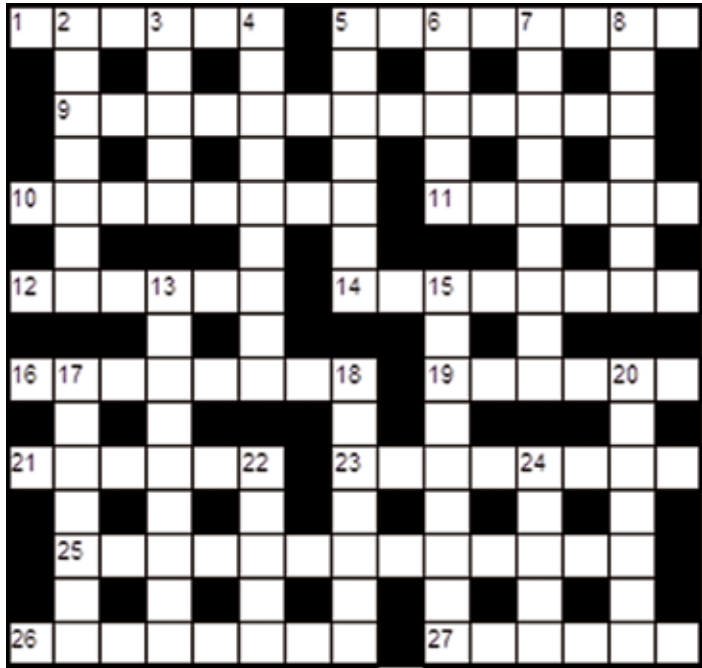
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- 5. Moor space (4,4)
- 9. Chances for second rate skills (13)
- 10. It makes smell with daughter fuming (8)
- 11. Meal is repeated hit (6)
- 12. Make fun of extremely diverse journey (6)
- 14. One corresponds about carrier (8)
- 16. It prevents unravelling the sound of part of greengrocery (8)
- 19. Position one that one doesn't want to give away (6)
- 21. Bends down second also takes afterthought (6)
- 23. Chaos is a couple of runs in a period of time (8)
- 25. Explorers follow waves (5,8)
- 26. Snake has European value with short rough hairs (8)
- 27. W.C. say found in the country (6)

Down

- 2. Large area budget having a substitute for energy (7)
- 3. Express feeling when far away with no resistance (5)
- 4. Beat time and run climb around noon (9)
- 5. A very good performance which could stop you watching (7)
- 6. Scale caught branch (5)
- 7. Strengthen check on Navy for instance (9)
- 8. Indecent past pupil has tantrum (7)
- 13. Pure native missing one new instrument inside (9)
- 15. Fish employees can be very plain (9)
- 17. Eastern America produces what's left by us all (7)
- 18. Back finish on Yorkshire nag (7)
- 20. Passed when energy ran out (7)
- 22. Saucy dance (5)
- 24. Some more, everything for the old magistrate (5)

**Crossword
compiled by Mavis**

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

**Solution to our
Winter crossword:**



The dark nights have as usual produced an outbreak of burglaries and other crimes that have plagued our local areas every year. Despite numerous alerts and warnings about taking simple precautions, many of these incidents could have been prevented. Whilst alarms and CCTV are ideal as preventative measures, there are many simple and inexpensive ways to make your property less attractive to the rogues. Putting table/standard lamps (at least two in different rooms) on timers from about 4pm until you get home from work is a simple, effective way of giving the impression the property is occupied. There are very inexpensive TV screen simulators that make it look as if a TV is on in the room, or even having a radio come on. These will help make your property that much safer and less likely to be targeted by the criminals.



One of the simplest ideas we promote is having a neighbour as a keyholder for your property, not just when you go away on holiday but all the time. One of our members unfortunately lost his house keys whilst travelling back to Sheffield on a train. Fortunately, he had left a spare key with a neighbour so he could gain access to his home without having to resort to more costly remedies. More often the spare key comes in useful should your property get broken into whilst you are away. This will allow the responding Police Officers to gain access to the property where necessary. On no account should a keyholder enter the property if the alarm goes off, you don't know who may be in there. Call the Police on 999 and wait for them to attend, they should respond promptly and not mind if it is a false alarm.

This leads to the issue of which number to call the Police on, we have all heard the stories about the response time if using the 101 number and in all honesty, there is some truth in what you have heard. However, the advice from SYP is as follows.

If you see a crime taking place, or something life-threatening then call 999 immediately, no quibbles the sooner they know the better and the more likely the chances are of catching the criminals in the property or nearby.

If you come home and find your house has been broken into and the rogues have gone, then use the 101 number. It will not be an emergency however disturbing it may be to you. You can also report this type of incident online at the link below and not have the wait time likely on the phone.

<https://www.reportingcrime.uk/>

There have been several comments recently about cold callers from various companies, legitimate or otherwise. Last week a colleague had a meeting with Trading Standards and was given some good news about what can now be done. If you have an official "No Cold Calling" sticker clearly visible on your front door or window then any company or their representative ringing your bell or knocking on the door without an appointment, can now be prosecuted for harassment. This requires you to take any leaflet or card (to identify the company) and then asking them to leave. Then report the incident to Trading Standards for them to take action.

If, after reading this article you would like to receive weekly incident reports, then why not join your local Neighbourhood Watch Group. It is free and requires only the completion of a simple form. Contact me at the email address below and I will send you a membership form.

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Grave Tales of Dore

Many of you will know that there is a footpath which leads from Savage Lane down towards Abbeydale Road South, separating the gardens of houses along Busheywood Road and Devonshire Road. It's probably less a well-known fact that this footpath, meandering through what remains of the ancient Bushey Wood, was once a 'coffin path' down which the deceased of Dore made their final journey, en route to burial in the graveyard of the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Dronfield.

Dore's Christ Church was built in 1829 as a chapel of ease for Dronfield church, and Dore became a separate parish in 1844. Before that time our deceased Dore ancestors had to be transported to Dronfield for burial via what became known as 'coffin paths' – imagine how difficult such a journey would have been!

The DVS Archives team are currently working in partnership with the University of Sheffield to research this fascinating aspect of our local heritage and we hope to uncover the stories of the people who would have travelled this route, and also find out more about the social history of the time - to bring the coffin path 'back to life' (so to speak!). We're working with History Masters students Rachel Keeling and Lyle Probert (pictured) to discover the people who would have travelled along this path centuries ago, those who lived near it and those whose associated trades and livelihoods would have been sustained by those who took their final journey along this ancient route.

Rachel and Lyle are enjoying researching this fascinating topic and are relishing the opportunity to work with the Dore Village Society on a practical piece of research which takes them out of

the university campus and into an area of Sheffield which they had not been familiar with previously. We're looking forward to supervising their research over the coming months and when complete the story of the Busheywood Coffin Path will be available for you to read on the DVS website.

If you're interested in local history maybe you'd like to get involved with the DVS archives group? if you like researching the past or if you would enjoy helping with the history-themed events and heritage open days we put on in Dore, please drop me an email at janet.ridler@dorevillage.co.uk.

And finally - do remember to regularly check out the DVS notice board next to the Dore Co-op, our Facebook page at [facebook.com/DoreArchivesandHeritage](https://www.facebook.com/DoreArchivesandHeritage) and our Twitter feed @DoreHeritage for full details of our history talks which take place on Tuesday evenings throughout the year at Dore Old School. We have some great speakers lined up for you for our 2020 programme – our talks are open to all and cost just £4, it's a great way to learn more about our local history and heritage from some of the best speakers on the circuit.

Janet Ridler



30 years ago...

From Dore to Door #17, Spring 1990

Memories of Dore

Mrs Mary Beardow, who now lives at Norton with her daughter, has been kind enough to record some of her memories of Dore.

Mrs Beardow, then Mary Eliza Taylor, was born in Savage Lane in 1893. Her sister, Mrs Margaret Jane (Maggie) Wallace, who was also born there, lived in the cottage until her death nine years ago.

They attended Dore School, at the same time as Miss Nellie Flint, when Mr. C. Bone, headmaster, lived at the schoolhouse, and another teacher, Miss Emma Marsden, at Limpits Cottage.

Life was hard in those days for many villagers and while Mary was still attending school she occasionally looked after children in the evenings and remembers cleaning the cellar steps for the Schofield family who lived in Devonshire Terrace Road.

She once ran, crying with tooth-ache to Dr Thorn who lived at the bottom of Dore Rd and who pulled teeth for one shilling. She had no money, but Dr Thorn pulled her tooth out because he "couldn't send her back, crying with tooth-ache".

Happier memories of childhood recall the Tingalary man, who each Thursday, pushed his Tingalary, with a monkey on top, round the village, collecting coppers. He then went on to Totley, where he slept under a hedge. The local children enjoyed his music, but were a bit afraid of him.

At Christmas, Mary remembers receiving an apple, an orange, a spice-pig and a new penny. Dore Band, also known as Taylor's Band, would play around the village at Christmas and would be given beer and pork pies at one of the pubs.

As a Sunday school scholar Mary enjoyed the annual outing to Derbyshire. Aunty Hettie, from Swift's farm, brought the horses and dray down to the village and took the children into Derbyshire. They came back to a good tea in the Chapel and were then taken to Moorside Farm, where they were given bags of nuts.

After leaving school at 13, Mary went to work and then live at Thorpe's grocery shop. She left when Jarvis Thorpe married as he needed her room. Jarvis later lived in Brickhouse Lane before

moving to a farm at Whitelow. Leonard and Harold Thorpe ran the farm and supplied the shop with milk and other goods.

During Longshaw Sheepdog Trials, Sam and Jessie Thorpe together with Mary went out to Longshaw with a horse and dray and sold food and drinks, calling at the Dore Moor Inn on the way home.

Marshall's Bakehouse, opposite the Hare and Hounds, was where Mary was next employed, mixing bread while Mrs Marshall made scones and Bakewell tarts. Marshalls also supplied greased tins for housewives to fill with their own dough, and then charged one penny a loaf to bake them.

Occasionally Mary would help out at the Devonshire Arms, where another Mr Thorpe was the landlord and she also did 'day work', cleaning all the silver for the Coopers on Dore Road.

Mrs Taylor, who was widowed when she was quite young, worked hard to care for her family, cleaning the Chapel, getting in the coke from where it was delivered at the gate and doing chapel teas. She also did papering for 3 shillings a day and sometimes took in washing, using an old 'set-pot' and a heavy mangle, charging "a shilling a dozen."

Mary's father was a scythe-maker and her brother, who followed the same trade, worked at what is now Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. As a child Mary had to run down to the hamlet in her lunchtime with his dinner in a basin wrapped in a cloth. Her Uncle, Fairwell Taylor, was a monumental mason, working from Gilleyfield Farm, then a "tumbledown old place". Bert Wallace, her brother-in-law, was a grave-digger. He had a great shock one night when a large owl alighted on the pole which supported a light over a grave he was digging.

Billy Bingham of Causeway Head Road was the lamplighter and also the 'knocker-upper'.

One of Mary's happy memories is of the 'Girls Friendly' which used to meet weekly at Dore School for dancing. Young men had an athletics club which met at a gymnasium on Townhead Rd.

Mary left Dore when she married and moved to Heeley. Her memories will form part of the Dore Collection.

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Taking a pen to The Teller

The standing remit given to me by the editor when I began writing these articles was somewhere new, or under new ownership, within easy reach of the village, and/or with some local angle. Well this recently opened restaurant ticks all those boxes. With local Dore boy Andy Mastin as co-owner and General Manager,



this recently opened contemporary British restaurant on the corner of Abbeydale Road and Sheldon Road is a great addition to the Sheffield culinary scene. The name obviously comes from the fact that the building is an old bank (HSBC, or the Midland if you're old enough).

With a table booked for 7:30 on a Saturday night, my partner and I took the short taxi ride from Dore village with a high degree of anticipation. Me, because I had already checked out the menu online and she, because she never does that and waits until getting to the venue to find out what the choices are.

The Teller is a modern, light and lively restaurant with the slightly industrial feel of the polished concrete floor tempered with plenty of wood. There is a relaxed atmosphere at the bar, with plenty of people just in there for one of the craft beers or cocktails rather than to eat – poor them! The whole décor meant that the hubbub and music was louder than most restaurants, but for me this just added to the whole atmosphere and we never had to raise our voices to converse.

Down to the important stuff. The menu consists of some bread-based snacks with sixteen small plates with prices between £6.50 and £8.50 each and seven desserts at either £6 or £6.50. We started with a simple sourdough with whipped butter, and on first taste we both realised that if the rest of the food was of a similar quality we were in for a treat.

Our waiter recommended three or four small plates each depending on whether we were planning on dessert or not, and advised that the dishes would be served as they were ready. Well, we were planning on dessert, so three plates each it was. We were advised that the crab arrancini was off and was replaced by what was called a crab salad, but when it turned up appeared to be a somewhat deconstructed salad – beautifully sweet white crabmeat on a redcurrant jelly disc, with a delicate dressing, salad and what I believe was a squid ink and sesame crisp. Unfortunately, the scallop cannelloni was also off, but neither of these menu changes were to the detriment of the meal. The replacement to the scallops was described as “posh ham and egg”, which was a second understated description of the dish that arrived. This was a ham ballotine, with small apple cubes and crispy potato threads and topped with a quail's egg. The simplicity of the dish belied the quality of the ingredients and the ability of Head Chef, Sam Armitage to combine them with such expertise.

Fortunately, our other choices were all still available and all quite stunning. The buttermilk-fried chicken wings crayfish prawn cocktail sounds like a strange combination, but it worked

so well. The seasoning on the chicken was subtle enough not to overpower the crayfish, and the crayfish and dressing were sweet and complemented the chicken perfectly. At the same time, the locally shot pheasant Kiev was delivered to the table. This was served with creamed corn and tarragon sauce and we were fighting over who got the last morsels when the osso bucco arrived to distract us both. This dish, served traditionally with risotto Milanese and bone marrow gremolata, was truly brilliant. The meat was meltingly tender, the risotto as creamy as could be and the overall dish was as good a plate of food as I have had in a long time.

It was almost as if the chef was ramping up the quality with each successive dish and challenging my ability to come up with more superlatives! Hot on the heels of the osso bucco came the halibut bourgignon. As we had learned by now, the description of the dishes, although accurate were not necessarily as we would imagine. The halibut dish was not a stew like traditional beef bourgignon, but still had silverskin onions and pearl mushrooms, and beautiful rich red wine sauce, all served on the creamiest of pommes puree. The halibut itself was cooked to perfection and this dish was in competition with the osso bucco as the star of the meal. As this discussion continued, the pheasant, chicken, ham, and crab dishes all came back into contention and we decided to shelve that particular thread of conversation and turned to the desserts.

It took all of three milliseconds for my partner to choose the dessert, which we had already chosen to share, but which I obviously wasn't getting a say in. Apparently, her mother used to cook the best queen of puddings in the world, and she wanted to test The Teller's offering against her childhood memory. The Granny's queen of puddings was obviously up to scratch as I saw the dilemma etched on my partner's face – could she actually admit that Mum had met her match? Needless to say, this was a triumph of a dessert, the sharpness of the fruit and the sweetness were perfectly balanced, and the only issue was why we only ordered one to share!

Overall, one of the best restaurants I have eaten in, not only in Sheffield, but anywhere. Fantastic food, a really good lively atmosphere, and great value for money. We had the bread as a nibble, six small plates, which was more than sufficient, a shared dessert and a decent bottle of McPherson Shiraz, all for £85! We will definitely be returning, possibly for a Sunday Lunch, which if the menu is anything to go by will be well worth the effort.

Hendo Nagasaki

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Hello from Sheffield Tigers RUFC, who are riding high in our league and currently in sixth place (having been fourth earlier in the season) which at the time was the highest position we have held before in this league at this time of year !

As always there has been lots going on at our 'Family Friendly Club'. Two of our senior players have reached new highs for the club with

Mark 'Ice Cold' Ireland having scored over 1,000 points and Lee 'Orty' Orton having reached 100 appearances. He first played in October 2014! What a fantastic commitment to Tigers from both of these players - we are lucky to have them in our family.

Our Second team recently lost! This isn't something that usually happens as they have been League winners for the last two seasons but, ravaged by injuries, it was inevitable it would happen sometime! But the spirit of the players is unabashed and they strive to return to winning ways.

Our Minis and Juniors continue to thrive and we welcome new members, it seems on a weekly basis, who are registering on a Sunday morning (at 9.30am) for training and playing from Under 7's through to Under 14's with both boys and girls playing.

Training continues for our Senior players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with the Minis and Juniors joining them on Thursday evening to brush up their skills too.

New members at all levels of the club are welcome; there is no particular skill required, just enthusiasm to join in - be it as a player, volunteer or spectator!

Dore Sport - Brunsmeer

Residents around the Meadway may have noticed fewer footballs flying into in their back gardens than normal. Indeed, it was an uncharacteristically quiet first half of the season at Brunsmeer but sadly for all the wrong reasons.

Like all grassroots clubs we rely on the efforts of unpaid (and it has to be said largely unnoticed) volunteers to provide a safe and pleasant environment for around 350 junior players and their supporters to enjoy their weekly game of football. It's generally a labour of love, but there are occasions when it can feel like a full-time job.

We pride ourselves on having some of the best pitches in the league. We close the ground during the summer to allow preparations for the forthcoming season. It's usually a straightforward process. This year, it wasn't.

In June, a delivery of topsoil to the Meadway proved not only unfit for purpose but also unsafe. The upshot was that an army of volunteers – made up of players, parents and coaches – spent several weeks removing thousands of small stones from the field of play. While their efforts ultimately proved successful, dozens of games had to be postponed or rescheduled. The cost incurred was significant. Thanks largely to the Herculean efforts of Sean Hibberd and Andy Matthews, normal service was finally resumed in November. I'm sure we'll look back on this one day and laugh - but maybe not for quite some time.

Steve Beeby's under-9s have adapted well to the demands of their first season in 7-a-side. Results are never the most important thing, but the boys have won all their league games and also lifted the Porter Cup (beating three teams from higher divisions in the process). This success has led to a well-earned promotion.

Steve's team were also invited to interview Brunsmeer old boy Harry Maguire. A Q&A session was filmed at Carrington (Manchester United's training ground) with the results broadcast on the Be-In Sports TV channel and also across social media.

Going well too are Andy Campbell's under-13s. In the closed

It is with great regret that we have had our longest standing President, Ian Wragg, stand down due to other commitments both from family and work. Ian has vowed to continue to offer as much support as possible to the Club as we are already planning our 2020-21 season, so all of the Club thanks Ian for his efforts.

We are also pleased to welcome the Sheffield Vulcans to Dore Moor! Vulcans are an inclusive club and have been playing on the other side of the city, but having had a few games at Tigers they have now decided to play at Dore Moor in future. We are delighted they have chosen to base themselves here. Hopefully in the next Dore to Door edition they might have their own section for you to read.

I am writing this article prior to what we expect to be a hectic and unpredictable Six Nations campaign for all the countries involved. If the flags are flying at Dore Moor, then the games are on our big screen in the Clubhouse so please visit us, a proper rugby club (rather than going to a boring pub?), meet some new friends and enjoy a drink. (Beer or coffee?).

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So, hopefully that helps bring you upto date a wee bit on what's going on at your local rugby club. Hopefully this last statement will give you a wee idea who I am supporting in the 6 Nations. But I shall be with friends from ALL of the 6 Nations involved at the 'Family Friendly Club' !

I look forward to seeing YOU at Sheffield Tigers.

Stuart the Steward

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season, no fewer than eight new players arrived together with two new coaches, Jason Brannan and Joe Hill. Andy's team is a great example of Brunsmeer's inclusive ethos, bringing players from across the city together with local boys and girls.

Successfully integrating so many new recruits was a challenge, but every player has developed throughout the season and contributed to the team getting to the top of their division. They have also reached the semi-finals of their league cup and are in the last 16 of the County Cup. A fantastic achievement for what is effectively a new team.

And finally, the under-18 boys – managed by Ross Napier and myself – took part in an historic match just before Christmas when they were invited to play a friendly against Sheffield United Women's team. The match at the Blades' Academy demonstrated the growing strength of the women's game. Brunsmeer had the edge in terms of pace and power, but the possession stats were testament to United's technical ability.

Steve McKevitt



Brunsmeer under-9s celebrate their cup victory

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MARCH

Tue 3 Dore Ladies Group: Japan, its Culture and PeopleTalk by Catherine Brown. Meet 7.45pm. Dore Church Hall. Visitors welcome.

Sat 7 Totley Library Book Sale 10am to 12noon. The theme will be Spring, walking, gardening and nature books. Refreshments will be available, with cakes. We are going to invite members of Friends of Gillfield Wood to be there, together with information about the Library garden volunteers and the Wednesday Health Walk from the library.

Sun 8 Dore Birders: Village Bird Walk. Ecologist and ornithologist Jim Clarke will be leading a village bird walk on Sunday, 8th March, meeting at Dore Old School at 9.30am.

Mon 9 Wyvern Walkers - Highlow Hall, Stoke Ford, Abney, Shatton Moor. Starting at Highlow Hall we walk via Highlow Brook to Stoke Ford, up Abney Clough to Abney, across Shatton Moor to Offerton Hall and back to Highlow Hall past Robin Hood's Stoop. 5.5 miles. All walks start at the Old School in Dore at 9.30am unless otherwise shown. For those walks which involve a car journey to the start of the walk we will organise car sharing on the day.

Tue 10 Dore Methodist Church Ladies Tuesday Group 'Great Yorkshire Gardens', Don Witton. An illustrated talk by an excellent speaker. Meeting will be held commencing at 7.30pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Visitors welcome: £3 including refreshments.

Wed 11 S17 Neighbourhood Watch Association Open meeting for members and non-members at 7.00pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall.

Wed 18 Dore Garden Club: Pictorial Garden Plants, Kevin Pratt Meet Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.

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APRIL

Fri 3 Wyvern Walkers - Lady Cannings Plantation, Ox Stones, Porter Clough, Forge Dam, Whiteley Woods. Drive to Lady Cannings plantation car park, walk to Ox Stones and on to Porter Clough, Forge Dam Cafe, Whiteley Woods and return via Limb Valley. 4.5 miles approx. All walks start at the Old School in Dore at 9.30am unless otherwise shown. For those walks which involve a car journey to the start of the walk we will organise car sharing on the day.

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Top Hats and all the trimmings – the well-dressed in Dore

We are never short of intriguing facts in the Archives collection. Following a recent article about weavers and the woollen industry in Dore, local historian John Dunstan passed over some fascinating material relating to historical deeds for the Hare and Hounds site. In these deeds, dating from 1751 to about 1874, are references to weavers' cottages, two weavers' shops, and messuages (houses and their lands) opposite the present site of the public house. The recurring names are those of Mathew Millington and Thomas Torr, both described as weavers; although later records also describe Thomas Torr as a baker. The other buildings in the same area included a bakehouse, stables, cottages and a blacksmith's shop.

Then, close inspection of the Fairbanks map of Dore dating from 1807 (right) shows a field referred to as 'Tenter Croft'.

Painstaking field naming on the Fairbanks map was carried out by local researchers under Vanessa Doe in the 1970s.

Tenter Croft lies between Townhead Farm and Sycamore Farm, both of which are on or close to Townhead Road. Earlier evidence of weaving in the village seemed to place it nearer the Ashfurlong area, but now there is clear evidence that woollen cloth was stretched out to dry in the sun in this part of the village too. At the time of this map the field was tenanted from Joseph Fearnhough by John Bishop for a rent of one pound, two shillings and one pence per year. Was John Bishop a weaver too?

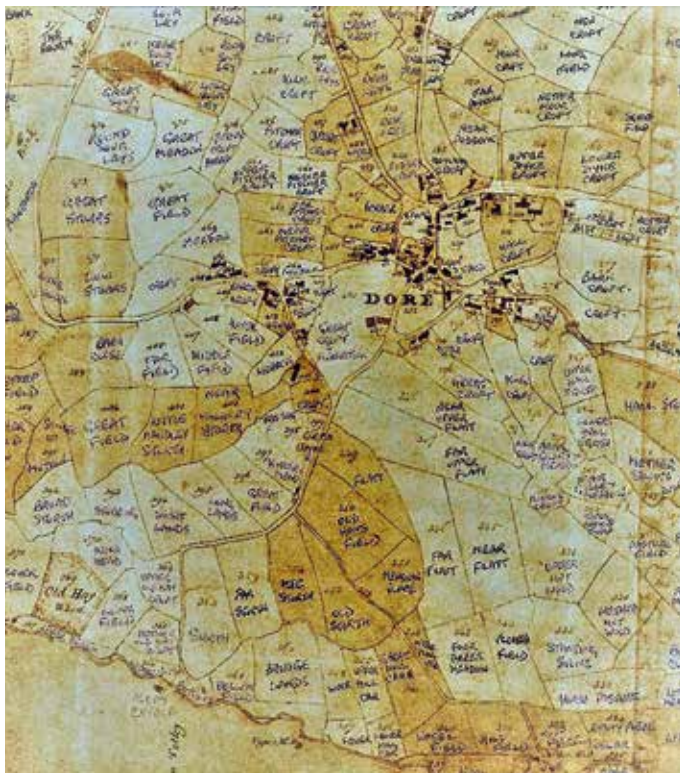
To return to the Millington family. In 1765, Mathew married Mary Greaves of Dore in the Parish Church in Dronfield, there being only a Chapel of Ease in Dore at that time. They had three children - Elizabeth, Thomas and Timothy - and it is Timothy who catches our attention now. Timothy started to trade in Sheffield as a victualler, or purveyor of food and drink, before becoming a hatter, or hat manufacturer in Blind Lane - Holly Street as it later became known. Timothy had married Sarah Sampson whose family would later donate Bushey Wood to the people of Dore for their use and enjoyment. Their son John would also become a hat manufacturer on Pinstone Street, specialising in silk top hats for the dapper man about town.

Timothy wasn't the first hatter in Dore. John Bamforth's will and inventory of 1637 describe him as having 'a bow and nine blocks for hat making.' The bow was shaped like a violin bow but was about six or seven feet long. It enabled wool or beaver, rabbit or hare fur to be worked so that fibres lay smooth and flat through vibration. The material was then smoothed over blocks into a hat shape.

But what of the ladies of Dore? In 1864 the Reverend Aldred wrote 'A Concise History of Dore, from its earliest times.' In less than an A4 sheet he managed to condense all of Dore's prior history down to a few choice statements. Here is what he said about the Dore lifestyle as had been described to him:

"The climax of luxury at Dore feast in those days (80 years prior to 1864) being a meal pudding with plums in, boiled in a stocking. However, if they stinted the stomach, they must have been very great spendthrifts in dress, for a well authenticated

tradition relates that Dore and Totley, 80 years ago, employed 18 tailors, chiefly to make the ladies of fashion their quilted petticoats and stays."



Certainly, there are records of tailors in Dore. In 1598 James Waddy, and in 1706 John Barber of Hallfield are both described as tailors.

By the census of 1851 there are no longer any tailors in Dore, but now there are dressmakers and seamstresses. The difference between the two is that a dressmaker makes custom clothing for women, whilst a seamstress earned her living through the putting-out system. An agent would bring items for hand sewing to the seamstress who worked in her own home. This was a common way to combine other jobs and chores, especially in a farming community. She would be paid a 'piece rate' per piece of work completed.

At one end of the spectrum in 1851 there were two dressmakers in residence at The Parsonage - Jane Cappiter, a visitor and Elizabeth Ryding, a servant. Jane Wood and her daughter, also

Jane, worked from central Dore.

By 1871 two Elizabeths, Elizabeth Peat of Stoney Ridge (the Toll house and where the rest of the family were besom brush makers), and a second Elizabeth Peat (linked to the aforementioned Peats) of Wardleys Row on Vicarage Lane were dressmakers. A third Elizabeth, Elizabeth Godber of Barkers Row (opposite the chemist), was recorded as a draper, presumably using the downstairs room as her retail outlet. A draper at this time sold cloth for others to sew and this also lent itself to stocking haberdashery; thread, buttons etc.

By 1881, Bernard Buxton aged 16 of The School House is recorded as a Draper's Apprentice and probably dealt in wholesale and retail cloth sales. At the same time at Thornfield House on Totley Brook Road Thomas Burton is recorded as both a tailor and draper. No – not that Burtons!

And so it goes on into 1891 where Elizabeth Holmes of Rose Cottage, Clara Thorpe of The Bod, and Edith Fox of Fearnhough's Row are all dressmakers; Sarah Peat of Piper Houses is a seamstress; and Elizabeth Wiseman and Thomas Frost are Draper's Assistants, Thomas being specifically a woollen draper's assistant. But here is the long arm of coincidence. There is a William Fretwell of Frecheville House, Dore New Road. He too is a Draper's Assistant. Back in the 1830s my own great great grandfather was a Draper in Sheffield on Button Lane. He sold out to a Mrs Fretwell. Would it be merely coincidence to think that the two Fretwells were connected?

In 1901, Paul Wainwright, who in adverts of the time is described as The Cash Draper, lived at Rycroft Bank, Dore New Road and employed his two sons, George and Frank as Draper's Assistants.

And what about any Dore milliners? In 1911, two young ladies who were boarders on Ashfurlong seem to have worked in one of the new Department stores of Sheffield. Marian Jones was a milliner and Elizabeth Bruce was in the Mantle Department of such a Drapers. It would be ironic if that Department store were to be Roberts who started on Button Lane as Drapers.

If you recognise any of these names or can add to our information we would be delighted to hear from you.

Doane Coggins