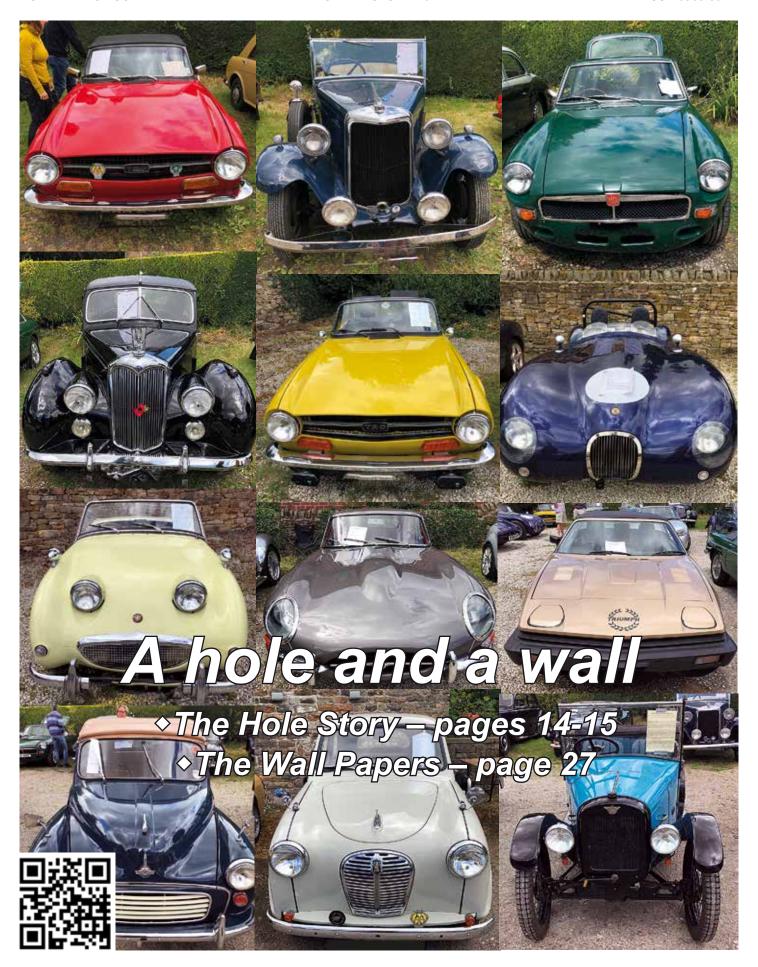


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## Girls' Golfing Initiative takes off at Abbeydale



It is an exciting time for girl golfers in South Yorkshire. Sheffield's Abbeydale Golf Club has been chosen as one of just five in the county to be a "Beginners Young Centre" for the introduction of golf to junior girls up to the age of 14 years.

Taking place between May and August, this initiative will see promising girl golfers have their golfing ability assessed, with the prospect of then moving on to the next level of Yorkshire coaching.

Seven girls have signed up to the Yorkshire "Beginner's Skill Level" coaching scheme, five of whom are already Abbeydale members. They are learning to play the game under the watchful eye of Abbeydale's Head Teaching Professional and ex-European Tour member, Gareth Davies and his colleague Tom Perry, who is the club's Assistant Professional. The scheme is operating with the help and support of the Yorkshire Ladies' County Golf Association.

It is no surprise that Abbeydale has been asked to run a beginners' golf scheme, for over the last few years they have become a centre for girls' golf, with the club's professionals offering a wide range of support and golfing activity.

Abbeydale was a regional centre for the England Golf Organisation's "Girls Golf Rocks" programme, which, over three years, saw thirty girls introduced to the game, many of whom have subsequently become members of the club. At present, Abbeydale has nineteen junior girl golfers as club members, the most they have had for many years.

Currently, the club has weekly girls' coaching sessions on Sundays with playing time also being set aside for Monday evenings, preceded by a tea and homework club that takes place in a junior friendly "19th hole."

The Club has both a junior girls' and a junior boys' Club Captain, and there is an active juniors' committee, which liaises with parents and other junior members.

You would have to say that the prospect for junior girls' golf in South Yorkshire looks rather rosy and Abbeydale is helping to lead the way!

Tim Jackson On behalf of Abbeydale Golf Club

## **Maureen Cope**

It is with the greatest sadness that we have to report the sudden and unexpected death of Maureen on July 11th.

Maureen had a long and happy life in Dore, where she became involved in many community and charitable activities. In recent years she became known as principal organiser of our Festival Fortnight, which takes place over the two weeks before the Scout and Guide Gala in July. In fact, it was the day after the conclusion of this year's Festival that she passed away. She was also involved with the Open Door Lunch Club which meets in Dore Old School.

Maureen was a regular contributor to Dore to Door and was one of the magazine's proofreaders.

Our commiserations to her husband Geoff and the rest of the family. A full obituary will appear in our November issue.

John Eastwood



# Wing Walk? Why Not?

Hi! I'm Chris Clifford. Some of you may know me as Chris Crosser, ex-lollipop lady at the Church, or Chris the Pet Dog Trainer, or more recently Chris the Buttie Basher at Dore Café, or some of you may just know me. For those of you that don't, here is a little story you may find enlightening. I have done some crazy things in my time but this seemed a little out there, quite literally. Why would you sit in an aeroplane when you can stand on the wing while it flies through the air? My family thought I had gone a little mad when I suggested it, but when I said I wanted to do it to raise money for, and create an awareness of, ataxia, a little known condition that affects my 3-year-old Grandson, they said 'Go Nanny! Go Nanny!' So I did.

"What is ataxia?" I hear you ask. Well, ataxia disrupts the communication between the cerebellum and our muscles. It disrupts someone's ability to control their body, to communicate, and to have agency over their lives. We are fortunate in this area to have The Sheffield Ataxia Centre (SAC) at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield. The SAC was established in 1996 by Professor M Hadjivassiliou and was accredited by Ataxia UK as a Centre of Excellence in 2007. It is the first Ataxia UK accredited Ataxia Centre in the North of England. Something else for Sheffield to be proud of.

So, on the 19th June 2022, I was asked to turn up at Church Fenton Airfield, east of Leeds, then asked to climb on to the top wing of a biplane which then proceeded to fly round at about 500ft at a speed of 125mph, crazy. I did it and thanks to the generosity of my friends and family we have managed to raise just over £2,500 for the charity. Lets hope this goes towards finding a cure for the condition, and until that day comes we know that it will be well used to support anyone affected by ataxia.

For more information please go to www.ataxia.org.uk/

**Chris Clifford** 

Cover: A selection of the magnificent old cars on display at Dore Club's Classic Car Show in July. Dore Club article and Car Show winners, page 9. Photos by John Eastwood.

# **Volunteer Ranger Scheme**

Do you love talking to people and have a passion for Blacka Moor nature reserve? Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust are looking for volunteer rangers to help on Blacka Moor.

The role involves spending a couple hours a week walking round Blacka Moor, talking to the visitors, discussing the reserve's species and interesting sights, recording visitors and monitoring the site. Training and support will be given by shadowing the Community Wildlife Rangers before heading out on your own.

If you'd like to apply please contact Volunteer Coordinator Helen Newbound for more information on *helen.newbound@wildsheffield.com*.

## **Volunteer Street Tree Warden**

One year on as your volunteer street tree warden, and frustratingly still many of Dore's street tree problems remain. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me with their street tree queries, all issues have been taken up with the StreetsAhead team. Sadly, despite regular chasing, very little response has been received to date. Having just completed my second walk around Dore's street trees I've identified 14 dead trees, 15 trees with dead sections, two diseased, many trees requiring pruning and epicormic growth removal, plus many new trees requiring their support stakes removed, reduced or refitted. I have queried the size and shape of some of our rather poor specimens too. I have also looked at ash trees in the area and reported Ash Dieback. The worst areas are towards the top of Dore Road, the top of Newfield Lane, by the entrance to Oldhay Brook footpath from Totley Brook Road and at the junction of Overdale Gardens with Drury Lane. The StreetsAhead team assure me they are working through my reports and it would be wonderful to report this time next year that all dead trees have been removed and replaced.

The exceptional hot weather conditions this summer really showed how beneficial mature street trees are in providing cooling and shade to pedestrians, roads, cars and houses alike. If you do have a newly planted street tree near your house, please water it for its first three years during the summer season, especially in times of drought. You can use recycled dishwater or bath water and try to water early morning or evening. The new trees are all planted with a watering pipe so put half the water down the pipe and the other half on the surface.

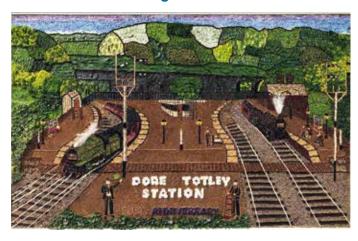
The Dore area is quite large for one volunteer street tree warden alone. Anyone interested in sharing the role or taking on another area (Whirlow doesn't yet have a warden for example) please contact me on *Unwin.sj@gmail.com*.

#### Sue Unwin Dore Volunteer Street Tree Warden



Ash Dieback at the junction of Overdale Gardens and Drury Lane

#### **Our 2022 Well Dressings**



Barbara and Tricia would like to say a massive thank you to all who helped out with this year's well dressing.

A first mention must go to the Scouts who welcomed us back to the Scout Hut with open arms. They gave us free rein of their premises for the time we needed for preparation and making of the pictures.

We welcomed back many of our experienced well dressers and, along with several new people who it has to be said were very good, we soon gelled together as a team. Nothing ever runs smoothly with well dressing as nature dictates what we do, and the fact that after three years we were all a bit rusty, we worked together to overcome a few difficulties and produced two pictures which have attracted many lovely comments.

A special mention goes to Geoff Cope who kindly offered to design and make our new large board and frame. We all thought he did a brilliant job and judging by the number of people who have admired and passed comment on his great skills it has been well received by the village.

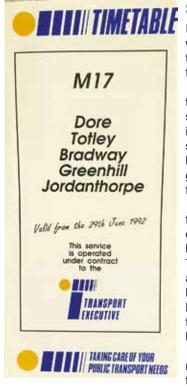
Many thanks also to Porter Contractors for their ongoing support providing transport to get the finished pictures to their locations and in place for all to see. Many others contribute by working behind the scenes to make everything come together.

Well dressing is truly a community event. It brings together a whole host of different people in the community to make it happen for the community, and along the way we raised £400 for our chosen charity - White Knights Blood Bikes (www. whiteknights.org.uk/). Once again many thanks to all who contributed in whatever way to this year's well dressing.

Barbara Jackson and Tricia Pitchfork



Top: This year's main dressing celebrating 150 years since the opening of our railway station. Above: The smaller dressing marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in its new position outside Dore Old School.



#### Still no word on the M17

In the last Dore to Door in May, we said that we would be able to give you an update on the future of the M17 in this issue.

Sadly we're unable to do that as the continuation of the service remains uncertain, and it seems that all public transport services in the city are going to be subject to review as central government withdraws extra funding provided during covid.

The service will be put out to tender in October, but it is doubtful whether anyone is left to bid for it. Stagecoach, TM, and now Hulleys have all operated it in the past and have no interest in taking it back, suffering as they all are from a lack of drivers. I am not hopeful.

I came across this timetable recently (remember when bus timetables looked like this?) showing that the service was

running thirty years ago, which must be round about the time that it first started. In those days it was run by Chesterfield Transport, which I don't believe exists any more. Interestingly the timetable was unchanged from then until the start of covid.

Further comment on this from Olivia Blake and Colin Ross on pages 34 & 35.

John Eastwood



#### Which Dore?

Here's a photo of Dore Railway Station. Not our Dore Station of course, but where was it? The picture was taken in the 1960s and this building no longer exists, though the place where it stood is still called Dore and there's still a railway, if not a station.

Go on, do a bit of internet searching, even have a look at Google Earth or similar. I'll wait.

If you get totally defeated, the location is given on page 28.

# **Wanted - Green Belt Warriors**

- If you care about preserving the precious Green Belt between Dore and the Peak District National Park,
- If you instinctively don't always trust developers to make responsible choices as to where to locate construction sites.
- If you worry that our planning systems can be manipulated to produce inappropriate outcomes,
- If you've heard of Ethel Haythornthwaite and think that she is one of Sheffield's greatest heroines, who we should thank for having established our Green Belt and the Peak District National Park.
- If you are proud that Dore is one of only two areas in Sheffield to have written and secured its own Neighbourhood Plan through an overwhelming 97% YES Referendum but accept that the job isn't finished yet until we strengthen our Green Belt,
- If you want to join other Dore folk in supporting a good cause and fighting a good fight,
- If you believe it is every citizen's duty to play his/her part for the common good and not to leave the effort to all the usual suspects,
- If you are prepared to stand up and be counted in the face of challenge

Then join a band of volunteers to help oppose a proposed planning application for housing development all over and beyond the Dore Garden Centre and join us in hammering out a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Dore.

Oh, and if you haven't heard of Ethel but want to hear a great Sheffield story of true grit and determination, join the volunteers for some major insights. Dore truly is an Inspired Village when it gets its inspiration fired.

Yet again, Dore Village Society is prepared to lead the initiative and has got your back. But it needs volunteers to help as it did when it started the Neighbourhood Plan project. To learn more please contact us on *christopher.pennell@dorevillage.co.uk* or *margaret.peart@dorevillage.co.uk*.

If you read Christopher's article in this edition of Dore to Door entitled Green Belt Threatened Again (page 11) you will appreciate what we are up against.

**Christopher Pennell** 

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It's been a whole year now since I took over the role of Chair of the Dore Village Society and goodness, how time has flown. When I wrote in the last Dore to Door, plans for the Party on the Rec were in full flow and we were looking forward to a great day of music and sunshine. Alas, it was not to be, the heavens opened, and the rain came down. Dave and Cath at The Dev leapt to our rescue and allowed us to use the pub so that we could salvage some of the entertainment that was going to happen. Barney Baloney appeared in the back room to entertain lots of children and in the main bar the music was in full swing. It wasn't quite what we had planned but it was great to see so many people enjoying being together and celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 15th June in the downstairs room of the Old School with approximately 30 people in attendance. Two people stood down from the committee and two were reelected for a further three-year term. The accounts were presented and approved, and the Chair's report delivered. If you would like to read the minutes of the AGM, they can be found on our website www. dorevillage.co.uk. We are still desperately short of committee members: we currently number only eight around the table and there is room for thirteen. This means that we would ideally like another five people to come forward to join us. The committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old School. If you would like any more information about what being a committee member entails, please feel free to drop me an email at jen.donnelly@ dorevillage.co.uk or give me a ring.

At the conclusion of the formal business of the AGM, a talk was given by Tommo Thompson of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). He spoke about the origins of our local green belt, of the Peak District National Park and of a young woman by the name of Ethel Haythornthwaite. Ethel was an environmentalist and a campaigner for the protection of rural England in the

# Parties, parades, plays and planning

early part of the 1900s. She successfully campaigned to protect Longshaw estate from development, and in 1932 she helped acquire 448 acres of threatened land between Whirlow Bridge and Blackamoor. She campaigned tirelessly for five years and, in 1938, this area of land became the first green belt in the whole of England. A small part of this green belt is occupied by Dore Garden Centre, and opposite it stands Hayhornthwaite Wood containing a memorial to Ethel and her husband Gerald, also a passionate campaigner for the protection of the countryside.

"That's very interesting, but why are you telling me this?" I hear you say. Well, we have recently been made aware that a company called Inspired Villages will soon be applying for planning permission to build a 130-residence retirement complex on the site of the garden centre and an adjacent field and woodland, with some of the buildings being three storeys high. Whilst we recognise a need for this type of development, we feel that building on such an historically significant piece of Green Belt should not be allowed and would set a precedent for future developers. Christopher has written a fuller article on this topic on page 11 of this issue.

Festival Fortnight was another great success this year. I hope you got to enjoy some of the many events in the village. From the School Fun Run to the Dore Male Voice Choir concert, there really was something for everyone. I always enjoy Dore Open Gardens, in each one there was something to surprise or delight; I never knew there were so many carp ponds and streams in Dore. Perhaps my favourite part of the festival though

is the Play on the Green performed by The Company. This year was slightly different as they performed scenes from their favourite plays, all on the subject of romance. As always it was excellent, and funny, and just a thoroughly good night out, and it didn't rain!

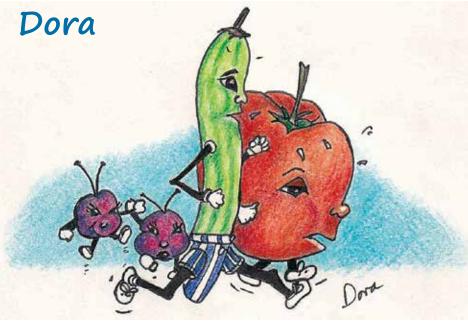
On the last Saturday of the Festival it is always the Scout and Guide Gala - you may have seen me running round the arena like a mad woman trying to corral the brownies and cubs, not to mention the many Dogs of Dore! They had approximately 2200 people through the gate, and it seemed like a good time was had by all. The gala committee are also in desperate need of helpers for next year. If your young person is part of the Scout or Guide movement then please consider joining the Gala Committee, many hands make light work. Andy, the chairman, can be reached at doregala@iCloud.com.

We were very sad to hear of the sudden death of Maureen Cope at the end of Festival Fortnight. Maureen has been organising the festival since its inception and she will be greatly missed.

Every year at this time we invite applications for donations to local charities. Charities we have donated to in the past include local lunch clubs and Transport 17. If you run a charity in the area of benefit of Dore Village Society, you can also apply for a donation. Please see page 7 for details on how to do this.

Dore Show is coming up soon – you'll find full details of how to enter, what to enter and everything else on the centre pages of this magazine. Get polishing those vegetables!

Jen



...is off to Dore Show. See centre pages.

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# This year's first Christmas Column

As you might already know, Dore Village Society is able to support a number of other small voluntary organisations. We usually make donations around Christmas time, as several of those we support are local lunch clubs which benefit from a bit of extra cash around the festive season.

To apply for a donation please contact the DVS Secretary (secretary@dorevillage.co.uk) and say who you are, what you do, why you want a donation, how much and what for. You must be based in our Area of Benefit (basically the boundary of Dore), or be providing a service within the Area, and the donation must be for the benefit of residents within the Area of Benefit.

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**Committee Members:** 

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Now, I know that sounds like a lot of palaver when you first read it, but it's not really complicated and the rules are there to make sure that the DVS constitution is being adhered to, which keeps the Charities Commission happy.

I also know that Christmas seems a long way off just now, but if we leave this until the November Dore to Door, it will be too late for us to get the cheques signed off in time for the holiday season. So, if you represent any kind of voluntary setup in Dore which is for the benefit of Dore residents, now is the time to start thinking about whether you could benefit from a bit of DVS support.

You'll find all the above details on our website at *dorevillage.co.uk/pages/requests-for-project-funding* and if you're still unsure about anything, have a word with a committee member, whose contact details are below.

To see exactly where the DVS Area of Benefit starts and ends, go to the Dore Neighbourhood Forum page on our website and select item 11. The full pdf map will download to your computer.

Oh, and a Merry Christmas!

John Eastwood

# **Councillors' Surgeries**

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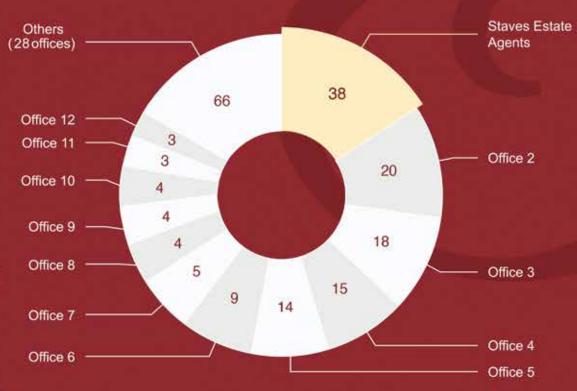
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Many residents of Dore will have no idea that Dore Club exists, let alone where it is or indeed what it is. Dore Club is a private members' club situated on Townhead Road opposite High Trees.

Let's start with the history of the Club. The roots of Dore Club are very much as a British Legion Club, fondly remembered by the laying of a wreath at the Village Monument on Remembrance Sunday. Dore Club has progressed over the years to become an asset to the Village, where like-minded folk can enjoy excellent quality cask beer and convivial conversation.

After the First World War the present building, then a barn, was taken over by a group of local men who formed a British Legion Club. The club was then licensed and operated as a British Legion Club, affiliated to the main body. I believe the year was 1922. The Club premises then belonged to a local shopkeeper, a Mr Thomas Marshall, who gave the British Legion a tenancy and this continued as a local Legion Club until and during the Second World War. After the Second World War the membership, who were predominantly ex-servicemen, decreased and in 1948 the Club ceased to operate as a Legion club for reasons which concerned the British Legion constitution.

On cessation, a few of the members of the old Club decided to form a private Club so as to continue what was considered to be an amenity to the village. They formed the Dore Club which commenced forthwith as the old British Legion ceased to exist. That was the commencement of the present Dore Club in 1950, the amenities of which we now enjoy. The premises were rented from Mrs. Marshall, the widow of the original landlord, until she died around 1952 when the property was sold by executors to the Hope and Anchor Brewery Co. who became the new landlords of the Club.

The original steward of the club was Mr S Taylor, ably assisted by his son E Taylor; they continued together until the death of

Shirley Taylor in the winter of 1952. His son carried on as steward until the summer of 1953. Bill Marshall, who took up the position of Steward for the next three years followed him, and for many years after this he assisted in staffing the bar on regular occasions. The property was sold in 1953 and although the original lease held by the members included an option to purchase, this was not taken up for financial reasons. It was in this Coronation Year that Albert Belk presented a souvenir Coronation Teaspoon to all members' children under the age of 15. Sometime later the Hope and Anchor Brewery Co. Ltd. were taken over by the Bass Charrington Group who subsequently issued a new lease to Dore Club to expire in 1975. It was in 1956 that Chris Fearnehough became the Steward of the Club, being asked by Albert Belk to take on those duties. Chris served as Steward for 43 years, eventually standing down when Mick Naylor took over; following Mick as Steward was John Eastwood.

During 1966, D Milne took over as Chairman of the Club with Albert Belk remaining President until he passed away on 19th December 1975 having given many years' service to Dore Club. D Milne served as Chairman until April 1975 when John Booth was elected as chairman. As many members know, John carried on in this role until April 1998, when after 23 years he chose to retire partly due to ill health. At the AGM of 1998 Allen Bentley took over as Chairman of the Dore Club with John Booth as President. John served in that role until he passed away in 2005. In April 2006 Allen Bentley resigned as chairman to take up the position of President.

Dore Club has a very healthy Membership of 140+, the majority of whom live locally, mainly from Dore. There are, however, some from across the water in Totley. The healthy membership has enabled Dore Club to progress substantially over recent years. Improving the internal facilities has been the priority. Provision of disabled toilets and a second lounge area have also been completed.

The Club has several active groups including a very active Golf Society which visits up to eight golf clubs each year, including a competitive weekend tournament completing the year's annual competition.

There is also a Classic Car and Bike Group, who have organised the annual Dore Classic Car and Bike show as part of the Gala fortnight, now in its sixth year. This year it is hoped to include several runs out to the surrounding countryside for its members.

Each year we aim to have a real ale festival in September, accompanied by a fine selection of gins. Covid has prevented this, along with many other activities for the past two years.

Gala day is another open event for Dore Residents, welcoming all to enjoy freshly made Pizza and hopefully a relaxing drink in the sun.

Allen Bentley President, Dore Club

## Dore Club Classic Car and Bike Show 2 July 2022

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# **Green Belt Threatened Again**

Early in the preparation of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan we tested the views of the residents of Dore on 'our' Green Belt by including a questionnaire in Dore to Door. It established that residents overwhelmingly wanted the Green Belt to remain development-free and that they had a pretty good understanding of the reasons why Green Belt was established in the first place. For a while we were concerned that the City Council might be wavering in its commitment to the Green Belt in the face of ever-increasing demands from the current Government for new higher housing targets for northern cities. However, earlier this year the Council voted to commit itself to Green Belt protection except in limited cases allowed for in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Why then do developers continue to contemplate significant housing development in the Green Belt? In recent times three such proposals have been in the making in Dore Neighbourhood Area Green Belt:

- for 20 houses (with some allegedly affordable) on a single Green Belt site on Long Line;
- for an as yet unspecified Blenheim development on the site of the closed Ash House care home; and
- for an elaborate retirement village on and around the site of the existing Dore Garden Centre at the junction of Newfield Lane and Hathersage Road.

The first was refused at Planning Committee earlier this year and was the subject of powerful closely reasoned objections from the Dore Village Society and from the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group. The second has not yet emerged as a planning application. The third was the subject of a slick public presentation in Dore on 11 July in advance of an intended planning application.

So why do they continue when the odds against success seem so strong? After all, the National Planning Policy Framework has very strong policies against Green Belt development "except in very special circumstances" identified in the document. The Dore Neighbourhood Plan has a strong landscape sensitivity policy which requires development to "respect the setting of the Peak District National Park". Dore residents and our ward councillors have consistently opposed inappropriate Green Belt development. The City Council has reaffirmed its commitment to meeting its future development needs within the City's existing developed borders and without intruding onto the Green Belt, which exists to prevent urban sprawl across the countryside.

The first reason is financial greed. It is seen as being cheaper to develop undisturbed greenfield land than already developed land, which may be contaminated or involve awkwardly located sites requiring design compromises; and the resultant developments might attract better sale prices from the ultimate resident purchasers. Why should those who value our Green Belt be ignored in favour of satisfying developer greed?

Some developers may believe that they have well-hidden policy tricks up their sleeve which will admit their development to the otherwise tightly locked Green Belt. Those wanting to unlock the Long Line site believed that the 'offer' of some affordable houses on the site would unlock the NPPF exception for 'limited affordable housing for local community needs'; but they proved wrong. We have yet to see what exception Blenheim might cite for the Ash House Lane site.

Inspired Villages, backed by a venture partnership of Legal and General and the NatWest Group Pension Fund, made light at the 11th July 'consultation event' of their habit of going for Green Belt sites which better suited their financial model. They suggested that they had a good wheeze in hand to secure what we believed would be a tough planning application to pull off. They did not see their confidential Pre-Application advice session with the City planners as a problem.

So, what can we expect them to argue in any future application? Perhaps that:

- There is a strong need for innovative residential homes for older people in Sheffield and, with Dore and Totley Ward with the oldest age profile in the City, the need could be seen as greatest here.
- The proposed site is already partially developed with the Garden Centre and Café so it is only a modest further step to develop it all.
- 3. The site will be attractively screened with mature trees.
- 4. The site has easy access to bus routes, the Dore Village centre and the Dore and Totley railway station.
- The site is bordered by an attractive 'community woodland'.

Would this be enough to persuade a Sheffield Planning Committee to buckle in the face of the potential cost of a developer appeal against a refusal? With enough backbone and community opposition Sheffield should stand firm:

- While there maybe a need for specialised senior housing, it could be met elsewhere and in other ways and in any case that is not enough in itself to override the presumption that development will not be allowed in the Green Belt: it is not itself a permitted exception in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Even the developer admits that the existing site is no more than 40% already developed. Even extending an already partially developed site would have to be shown as having no greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing garden centre use – quite difficult when several three-storey buildings are proposed.
- You cannot completely screen a large site having concentrated buildings, some of considerable height, and in any case it is not true that screening prevents those who travel to the close-by National Park from perceiving that development is now unreasonably creeping towards the wild moorlands.
- The easy access assertions stretch credulity and won't work for old folk plonked at the extreme corner of Dore.
- 5. The neighbouring Community Woodland is a memorial to the lives of Gerald and Ethel Haythornthaite who contributed more to the protection of landscape and the countryside than anyone else in the 20th century. She invented the Green Belt concept and mapped it for Sheffield. She fought pre-War, during the War and immediately after the War to establish the first National Park in England in the Peak District and mapped it and he, Gerald, was its first National Park Officer. She established the first 'branch' of the campaigning national countryside charity, CPRE, which has existed across the country for nearly a century. One of her first victories was to defeat a pre-War plan to build 900 houses between Whirlow Bridge and Dore Moor Inn. What a choice to breach the Green Belt in this hallowed spot!

Do not lose hope that we will lose a well-loved garden centre in favour of a major housing site. The case for such an insensitive intrusion in our highly valued Green Belt is far from made. There is no planning application as yet, but we must be ready for it with strong analysis of the applicant's case and a powerful battery of counter arguments. Please let the Dore Village Society and your local councillors have all the evidence and arguments you can think of. We will not lose if we prepare well.

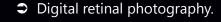
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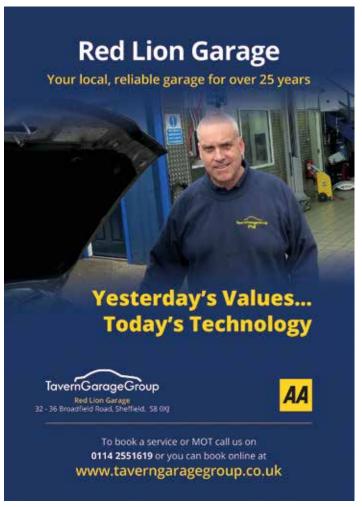






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# Christ Church Dore Community Centre

The Community Centre would like to express sincere thanks to Five Rivers and to the Dore Male Voice Choir for their fantastic fundraising efforts this summer!

Firstly, Five Rivers, a local Sheffield group, put on a fantastic show with a mix of jazz and pop music played to a packed hall. The event was held in order to support the ongoing renovations at the Community Centre as well as the Grace Food Bank. Just over £800 was raised to be shared equally between the two



charities. With the ongoing cost of living crisis, we're delighted that this event has raised funds for the Grace Food Bank too.

The Dore Male Voice Choir followed a week later by kindly putting on a very well received concert at the Christ Church, again performing to a full house. This event was also a real success with £1,115 being raised for the Community Centre.

The renovations at the Community Centre are ongoing. We have recently had new curtains made and fitted in the back two rooms which are smart and will also help to retain warmth

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this winter. Their colours match the colours in our logo. We are going to put the money raised by these two most recent events towards the cost of the curtains for the main hall, but would welcome any further donations as these will be very expensive.

We are hoping to maintain the Community Centre room hire fees at their current level but, like in all our own households, we are having to manage our outgoing costs, especially regarding utilities, very carefully. Sadly, at the time of writing there are no local or central government plans for support for village halls and community centres despite their integral role in communities such as ours.

As ever, thank you to everyone who uses the Community Centre. We do appreciate the support that we receive from all our many users and volunteers!

**Emma Gormley** 

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Dore Male Voice Choir



The 2022 Dore Festival has drawn to its close. Each year Dore Male Voice Choir invites the community to its Thursday evening rehearsal for a free concert.

The choir, along with Molly O'Toole, a young Soprano, and Joseph Banerjee, Tenor, provided an evening of music that was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

Planning for our Tour to Italy in September is well underway – we will be based in Padua which is roughly situated between Verona and Venice with concerts being held in each of the cities. The big attraction for the choir will be singing in the Mass in St. Mark's in Venice.

At last, a note for your diary; the Memorial concert for our late Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire will go ahead on October 8th, 2022, with Lorna James Soprano and Tom Asher Baritone. Lorna and Tom have sung with us many times and toured with us to Prague and Assisi.

The concert venue is All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield S11 7PP. Saturday October 8th, 7.00 pm.

And finally, for any potential chorister see our advert (page 34) for details.

Ray Mellor PRO, Vice Chairman

# The Hole Story

of why the brook at the side of Totley Brook Road isn't Totley Brook



My family has lived on Totley Brook Road for over fifty years now, and for all that time there has been a rather large hole across the road. This is at the end of the long straight stretch of Totley Brook Road, just before it swings right and uphill towards King Ecgbert School. Maybe a hundred feet long and half that wide, the hole is today about six feet deep, though in the bottom is many years' worth of well-matured compost so it may be a couple of feet deeper. Although it appears to be concrete lined, it never fills with water no matter how much precipitation falls. You might well know about the hole if you walk past there regularly, but if you drive by then it's possible not to notice it, as these days it is screened by self-seeded tree cover. An iron fence which once surrounded the hole has largely fallen to bits now, assisted by the occasional car that has gone into it through drivers taking the bend too fast.

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But why is it there? Being concrete-lined it must have had a purpose once, but I've never known what that was. For many years I thought that it might have been associated with some kind of mill workings; the mill at the bottom of Totley Rise is only a short distance away and there were at one time water wheels all over Sheffield's rivers - think Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, though the Totley Brook hole is far smaller and there is no evidence of any associated buildings, far less a place where a water wheel could have been positioned. Maybe something to do with fish farming?

That is as far as my musings went, as I walked past for years without looking any more deeply into it. Then, during the lockdowns of the last couple of years, I decided to find out more. The remainder of this article is with thanks to John Dunstan who has probably forgotten more about Dore than most of us will ever know, and Totley History Group who have a related web page at www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk/life-in-totley/places/grove-road/. There is also a helpful article in this magazine thirty years ago, issue number 26 (available from the DVS website).

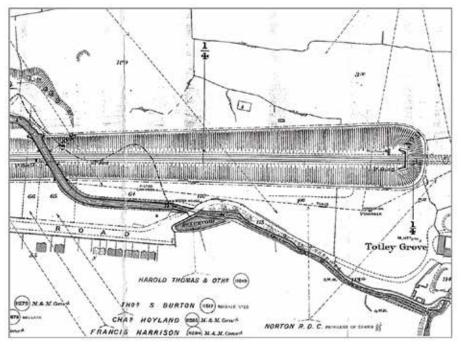
To start at the end, the first thing that I learned about the hole fifty years ago was why it is empty. Up until the 1960s it was full of water, and our neighbours remembered it being a popular place for local kids to swim in good weather. Then, a neighbour decided that it was dangerous for children to be there unsupervised. He went out one morning with a sledgehammer and knocked a hole in it. This didn't make him very popular with the local children at the time, but as today's risk-averse culture has developed it seems likely that this would have had to be done at some point.

Totley Brook Road used to end at this point, and it was the longest cul-de-sac in the city. There was a fence across the road just by the hole, and beyond was farmland until the council built the remaining housing and linked the road to Furniss Avenue in the mid-1970s. To this day, this is known as Totley Brook Estate, but it is not the first Totley Brook Estate. We have to go much further back in time for that.

Freehold Land Societies played an important part in the urban development of 19th Century England. They differed from Building Societies in that they were not dealing with negotiations for single properties, but with the development of estates. In some cases there was a political element to the society in the provision of homes for the 'working man'. In encouraging the population to acquire their own homes, this also made them eligible to vote.

The original Totley Brook Estate is an example of a 19th Century Land Society development. The opening of the Dore and Totley Station in February 1872 made the area ripe for the development of quality housing for business and professional men working in Sheffield. In 1827 the area of land involved had been owned by the Duke of Devonshire, however by June 12th 1873, the land was owned by the Totley Brook Estate Society and the meeting held at the Royal Hotel, Abbeydale Road





Map showing the location of Totley Brook reservoir. North is downwards.

unanimously appointed a committee of nine to manage it. The Chairman was Mr Fairmaner of Cemetery Road, the remainder being manufacturers and businessmen.

The early tasks were to plan out the estate into allotments, to remove a dam and reconstruct this elsewhere and to arrange for the sale of the plots. A tender of £275 was accepted from Mr Reuben Clarke to construct the new dam and Mr Harvey was appointed as auctioneer at a fee of £3-3-0.

The auction of plots took place at the Royal Hotel on September 15th 1873. All 105 plots were sold at prices ranging from 5 shillings to £24. The plots had been laid out to either side of the drive to Grove House (Totley Grove), to the north of Old Hay Brook. The building of the houses was rather slow; an Ordnance Survey map of 1899 shows only 14 houses on the estate, three of which occupied two plots each.

In 1888, the Dore and Chinley Railway Company were requiring land to build their new line. The proposed route cut across much of the site, and the railway company began negotiating the purchase of 58 plots. The same year, the Dore and Chinley Company was in financial difficulties and was absorbed by the Midland Railway Company. So, the original plan of the estate was dramatically changed - the railway cut across the new road, the part nearest Abbeydale Road South becoming (Totley) Grove Road and a new stretch being built to link the estate north of the railway to Abbeydale Road. It is this section which became the straight part of Totley Brook Road as we know it today; named not after the brook which runs alongside it, but the company that built it. The 'Totley Brook Estate road' was soon shortened in common parlance to Totley Brook Road.

The brook (Old Hay Brook) was also rerouted to accommodate the railway. The water now runs over a concrete and brick base between the hole opposite my house and the bottom of Ackley Bank where it rejoins its original course. Between these points it runs over an aqueduct which crosses the railway, though it is no longer possible to walk this and it was never a public footpath.

In 1894, the year that the new railway line opened for passenger traffic, the Trustees of the Totley Brook Estate demanded that they be relieved of their duties by plot owners who were resident on the Estate. Many of the plot owners could not afford to build to the standards required by the Estate. All building was to be of stone, with a minimum value to the property. The frontage of housing was to be 30 feet from the road, with the exception of bay windows, porches and fence walls. The houses were to have rock faced stone fronts and

"not be of less value than £400 for a detached house or £350 for a semi-detached house". Only private dwelling houses with stables and other outbuildings could be erected.

Trees were planted at 15 yard intervals and the general upkeep of the estate including gas lighting, water supply and drainage was continued until the dissolution of the Estate Society in 1923. Financially the estate had made little profit to those involved due to continual levies to meet the expenditure of the Society, with only small returns on money invested: 3.3% in 1884.

Back to the hole. In June 1875, the Sheffield Daily Telegraph contained the following announcement:

Totley. To be Sold, two Plots of Land, lying together, forming part of the Totley Brook Estate, running from the newly-formed road to the Brook side. Water pipes have recently been laid down, by which water from the Estate's Reservoir is conveyed to each plot, and a good supply of water will thus be obtained free of cost. - Apply Elias Needham, Accountant,

Norfolk-street.

So the reservoir was built in 1874 and pipes laid in 1875. There were problems at first with it leaking. By 1898 there was disquiet in the press over the fact that sewerage from the houses also discharged into the Brook, and the reservoir became redundant when Sheffield extended their mains after October 1898. In 1902 there was a suggestion to use it as a "bathing tank" but the committee resolved to let it for breeding fish, though I've found no evidence that it was ever actually used for this.

That's why Totley Brook doesn't run alongside Totley Brook Road. It was not (as popular legend has had it all these years) a mistake by some Victorian council officer reading a map wrong. It was quite deliberate, and essentially a marketing ploy by developers. Their target market was the new class of people travelling to Dore and Totley by train and enjoying time in the countryside, where they might be persuaded to build themselves a house. An expensive house too, if they wanted to live on Totley Brook Road. There wouldn't have been the same interest in Old Hay Brook Road, would there? Where in Sheffield is Old Hay?

You could apply the same thinking to Dore Road, also built around the same time as the station. Would it have had the same cachet if it had been just called Station Road? Even the station is named Dore and Totley, despite it not being particularly close to either.

John Eastwood with thanks to Totley History Group and John Dunstan





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# **Doreways goes Platinum**

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Here are a few pictures of the exhibits, many of them household items which used to be in virtually every home but that you don't often see any more. I remember a lot of these things from my own childhood - our bread bin was just like that except in blue and white, and mum's kitchen scales, just like these, are still sitting about in a cupboard somewhere.

Now then children, can you find the Spong? I've still got mine, I even use it from time to time.

John Eastwood















# Dennis Knoll, Stanage Edge and North Lees

This is an easy walk with splendid views that change as you follow the route. Suitable at all times of the year but not in very windy conditions or bad weather.

**Distance:** 14.5km/8 miles with options to shorten the walk.

Time: 4 hours

Toilets and food available in Hathersage.

The walk commences at the Dennis Knoll parking area beneath Stanage Edge (1). Grid Ref SK 227 844.

You may see ravens, buzzards and kestrels on this walk. The ravens can often be seen performing aerobatics.

Park in the free parking area at Dennis Knoll. If this is full there are several off-road alternatives close by.

From the car park walk up the well-defined track towards the edge. This is part of an ancient packhorse route that led from Hathersage to Sheffield and was known as Long Causeway or Long Causey. It was in use from pre-Roman times up until the late 18th century and was used to transport a variety of goods including salt and hogsheads of treacle. Read more at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long\_Causeway.

As the track ascends it curves to the right and the view starts to change so it's worth pausing occasionally to look at this. Shortly before reaching the edge take the path that's a hairpin turn to the left and go over a stile. The path from here runs beneath the edge and is quite well defined. As you progress you will

see a number of features appearing slightly to the left and then also ahead. The first of these is the top of Win Hill, followed by Mam Tor, Lose Hill, the Kinder plateau, Derwent Edge and a small patch of Ladybower reservoir.

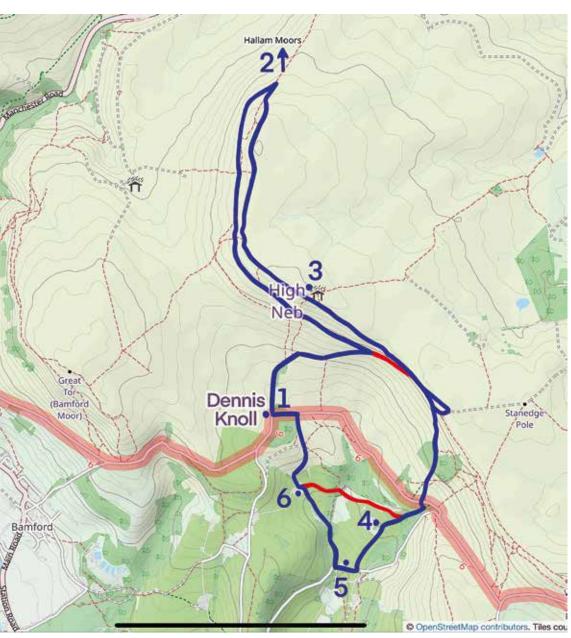
After about 1.5km/1m the path curves to the right and a number of tracks join the main path. Keep to the path that runs increasingly close to the edge. Over the next 2km/1.25m the edge slowly descends until it meets the path. As you approach this point there's a short stretch of drystone wall and you will see the Strines Inn (2) straight ahead across the valley. At this point make a hairpin turn to your right and ascend to the top of the edge. From here it's an easy stroll along the edge back past High Neb (3) with 360-degree views to where Long Causeway crosses the edge on its way to Stanage Pole and Redmires Reservoirs. Along the way take time to pause and look at the views over the valleys. You will also see several numbered shallow bowls with runnels carved into flattish rocks. These were created to collect drinking

water for grouse. See more at derbyshireheritage.co.uk/curiosities/stanage-edge-grouse-drinking-bowls/.

Just before Long Causeway there's a stile followed by an awkward step down. Cross this and continue along the top of the edge for about 500m/300yards until you see a track on your right descending towards the road. Follow this downhill and across the road into a wooded area and continue down, joining a farm track and going through a gate. Keep going downhill, past North Lees Hall (4). Dating from about 1594, it was visited in 1845 by Charlotte Bronte several times while staying in Hathersage. It became the principal inspiration for Thornfield Hall in the novel Jane Eyre. See more at <a href="https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/places-to-visit/stanage-and-north-lees/north-lees-hall">www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/places-to-visit/stanage-and-north-lees/north-lees-hall</a>.

Continue downhill to the road, turn right and go past Bronte Cottage (5). Just before the bridge take the path on your right, follow this across the field and through the wall to a footbridge across the stream. Go across this and follow the path to Green's House Farm (6). Turn left and walk a short distance through the farmyard before taking a footpath on your right that ascends the hill, curving right and then left before following a wall to a gate. Go through this and turn left along the road to Dennis Knoll.

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# Grouse Inn, Grindleford, Froggatt, Froggatt Edge

This is mostly an easy short walk, but with a strenuous ascent from Froggatt village up to Froggatt Edge, with fine views from the edge. Suitable at any time of year in fine weather and good visibility.

Distance: 8km/5m.

Time: 3 hours.

Toilets and food available at the Grouse Inn.

The walk commences in a layby (1) just below the Grouse Inn (2) on the A625 on the way to Calver (Grid Ref SK 25799 77875) or, if that is full, in the National Trust car park (3) further down the road. Grid Ref SK 25555 77755.

From the layby, walk a few yards up the road and cross into the field on your left via a stile. Walk diagonally across this field and go through a gate to enter Hay Wood.

From the National Trust car park follow a footpath through woodland along a wall, keeping this and fields on your right, until you reach the gate above.

From the gate follow a footpath steeply downhill, ignoring any paths that cross your route, until you reach a farm track. Turn right here and follow the track as it turns left almost immediately down to the main road at Grindleford. Turn left and walk along the footway for a few yards then enter the field on your left through a gap in the wall. Follow an obvious path though fields until you enter woodland and then carry on along the path. Shortly you will come to a post with a footpath sign (4) pointing left up the hill. You can either continue straight on here, which takes you through fields where

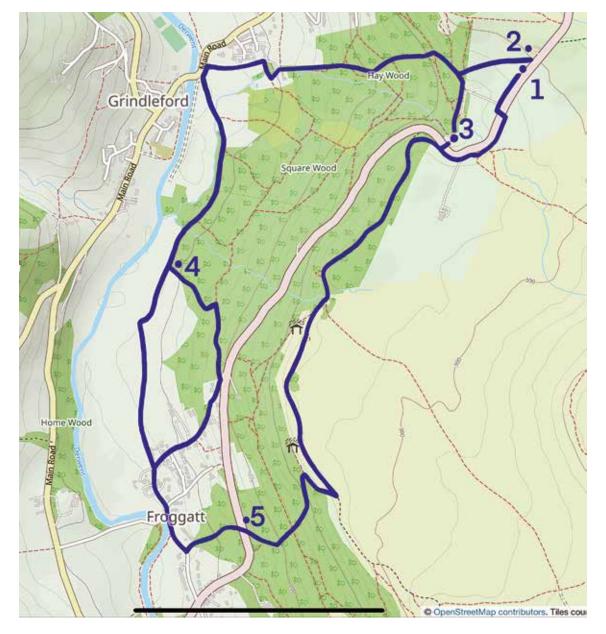
there are often cows or bullocks, or take the slightly longer route up the hill to avoid these.

If you carry straight on you will shortly exit the woods into fields. Carry straight on across the fields until you come to a paved causeway, Spooner Lane, which leads into Froggatt village at its junction with Moorlands Lane.

If you take the path up the hill this brings you to a T junction. Turn right here and follow a path, parts of which are also paved with slabs. At the end of the path exit onto Moorlands Lane and descend to Spooner Lane.

In either case walk along Hollow Gate to Froggatt Bridge and then along the road on the left of the river. After a short distance, at a slight right-hand bend, take the signposted path up the hill. This becomes quite steep and emerges onto the A625 just below the Chequers Inn (5). Cross the road and continue up the hill. This is the strenuous bit; it's steep and rocky underfoot. At the top you emerge onto level ground with the cliffs of Froggatt Edge towering over you in an impressive manner. Turn right and follow the path under the cliffs until you reach the top of the edge. Now turn left and, pausing to take in the views, follow the path back to the road. If you are in the National Trust car park carefully cross the road at a safe and convenient point, go through a gate on the left, down a dip, across a stream, up again, and through the woods to the car park which will be on your right. Otherwise continue up the road to the layby.

Whichever car park you are in, cars travel at speed along this stretch so take care when crossing or walking alongside the road.



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# **How To Enter**

- Bring your entries to Dore Old School/ Methodist Church Hall between 8.45 and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
- 2. Classes 1-50 Old School
- Classes 51-65 Methodist Church Hall
- Entry forms can be obtained on the day or in advance from the 'The Village Greens' shop in the village or the DVS website dorevillage.co.uk.

# **Show Rules**

# Please read - details can save you a headache!

- Except where otherwise stated entries are open to all providing entrants abide by these rules.
- 2. The Show Committee and its agents will not be liable for any loss or damage to any exhibit or other property brought into the Show by an exhibitor.
- The Show Committee will not be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any entrant or visitor.
- 4. All exhibits must be registered in the show area between 8.45am and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
- There is an entry charge of 50p per exhibit, including all junior classes.
- Exhibitors may make up to two entries per class.
- No judges may make any entries in any section which they are judging.
- No entry should have previously won a prize in an earlier Dore Show.

- 9. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit and in the event of such a refusal will not be required to give a reason or explanation.
- Plates and vases will be available if required for the staging of exhibits.
- 11. Cakes and other baked goods should be entered on disposable plates and covered in cling film.
- 12. The Show Committee may decline or return entries in the event of there being insufficient space.
- 13. The Judges' awards as to the relative merits of the exhibits will be final.
- Cash prizes for each class will be 1st. £5, 2nd - £3 and 3rd - £1.
- 15. The Judges may withhold or modify any prize in a class if insufficient entries are received, or the entries are considered undeserving of prizes.
- All cash prizes can be collected between 5pm and 5.45pm from the Old School.
- Exhibits may be collected at 4.45pm from Methodist Hall and 5pm from the Old School.
- 18. The Committee welcomes the donation of exhibits to the Auction, proceeds from which will go towards the costs of staging the Show.
- 19. Any exhibits or prize money left behind at 6pm will become the property of the Show committee.



# **Junior Section**

- 42. base no bigger than A4 paper. Age 4 - 8, Original Lego construction - solid include a title for the model
- 43. Original Lego construction - solid base no bigger than A4 paper. Age 9 - 12, include a title for the model
- 44. A fruit and/or vegetable animal. Age 4 – 8
- Platinum Jubilee. Age 4 8 Decorated card to celebrate the Queen's
- 46. Platinum Jubilee. Age 9 - 12 Decorated card to celebrate the Queen's
- 47. Decorated hard-boiled egg. Age 4 - 8
- 48 4 slices of Rocky Road, judged on taste
- 49. decoration only. Age 4-8 4 decorated biscuits - judged on
- 4 home-made butterfly buns judged on taste. Age 9-14.

50.





# **Textile and Hand Craft Section**

- 51. An item of fabric clothing
- 52. A hand-made knitted item
- 53. Any soft toy
- 54. A quilted cushion
- 56. A crocheted item
- stitched item using a kit or chart A tapestry or embroidered or cross



# **Visual Arts Section**

- 57. A watercolour painting - 'My favourite flower(s)'
- 58. An oil painting - 'Industrial Sheffield'

59.

A painting in any other medium or

mixed media

60. A monochrome drawing - any medium



# 61. **Photography Section**

- A black and white photograph 'Sport
- 62. A colour photograph - 'Sunrise or sunset
- A colour photograph 'Transport'

63.

- \$ 64 A colour photograph - 'Geometric shapes'
- 65. A colour photograph - 'A familiar object from an unusual angle'

# Homegrown Vegetable and Fruit

- 6 pods of runner beans
- The longest runner bean
- 3 onions 200g each or less
- 4 1 vegetable marrow
- 4 potatoes one variety
- 4 beetroot
- 1 curviest cucumber
- 5 tomatoes one variety
- 9 8 cherry tomatoes
- Any other vegetable name unusual HOW vegetables
- 4 dessert apples
- 12 4 cooking apples
- 3 A plate of soft fruit
- A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
- A pumpkin or squash
- 6 3 courgettes
- 17. A tray of mixed vegetables/salad name unusual vegetables



# your own container) **Homegrown Flower Section (supply**

- 18. A vase of heathers - any variety
- 19 A vase of 5 dahlias - arranged to effect
- 20. 5 cut home grown flowers - same variety
- 21. A miniature arrangement in a teacup
- 22. 5 single roses (no buds)
- 23. A foliage plant in a pot
- 24 A vase of mixed flowers
- A vase of sweet peas
- 25.
- A floral arrangement of home-grown flowers

# **Domestic Section (Home-made)** T PRI7

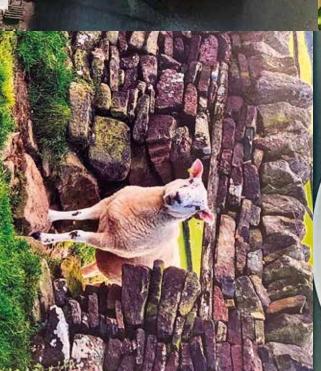
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- pastry Apple pie with home-made
- A carrot cake any recipe
- 28. A Victoria Sandwich to this recipe:
- 3 eggs; 150g each of butter, caster sugar & white self-raising flour; raspberry jam filling, sprinkled with caster sugar on top
- A lemon drizzle cake
- A chocolate cake
- 32. 6 slices of flapjack - any recipe
- 34. 33. 4 fruit scones
- 6 biscuits
- 35. A loaf of home-made bread
- 36. A pizza - home-made base, any toppings
- 37. A jar of chutney
- 38. A jar of lemon curd

A jar of fruit jam

# Wine Section

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



disrupted all our daily lives in such a big way. 2022 should see us return to what became a 'normal' format before Covid If things have gone according to plan over the last few weeks, Dore Show

changed forever because of loss in some way or another. suffering each of us had to endure, but all of us have found our lives have There was inevitably a huge disparity in just how much inconvenience and

to us. The fabric of society has been shaken - what we took for granted is no longer as stable - but there will always be positivity emerging from the cracks In such times we discover so much about ourselves and what really matters

cancellation of the 2020 Show, then the response to last year's tentative return to the calendar. has been encouraged by the reaction of Dore residents to, initially, the The enforced break hit home just what is valuable to us and the committee

before and on the day itself, and especially to our entrants and visitors who thanks to the committee and volunteers who pushed it through in the months putting together because people needed it and looked forward to it. Many It was a good day in every way and justified our optimism that it was worth

what the Dore Show should be, what it should offer, to whom and how. of the village's essential fabric. The committee and I discuss every year just So, we feel we have been mandated to re-establish the Show again as part

we'll keep doing our best. you enjoy taking part in the tradition that is either exhibiting or viewing, so There isn't a right answer, of course, but what is clear is the fact many of

appropriate before conducting the entertaining auction in his own inimitable day go with a swing, whilst David Hayes will provide other sounds when Oughtibridge Brass Band returns as a reassuring presence that helps the

we are working on bringing in two or three stalls to offer you the chance to are helping us out by staging some child friendly activities. At the moment painter on the village green where we will also welcome More in Dore who browse and buy as well. Youngsters can take advantage of the services of a brilliant, young face-

I look forward to seeing you all on the day!

Chairman, Dore Show **Andy Pack** 

# **Dore Show Timetable**

Registration of entries commences: Old School & Methodist Hall

10.30am Registration of entries closes

1.45pm

2pm 2.45pm **Oughtibridge Brass Band** Prizegiving of Cups/Shields at the Old School Hall

3.15pm Raffle drawn **Oughtibridge Brass Band** 

4pm

4.15pm Auction of produce - Old School yard

4.45pm Exhibits to be collected from the Methodist Hall

Exhibits to be collected from the Old School

5pm - 5.45pm All prize money collected from the Old School Hall

Dore Show 2022 closes



# **Ways to Live More Eco-friendly**

With the extreme weather that we have recently been experiencing in the UK, many of us are becoming more acutely aware of the way that our lifestyles may be having an impact on the earth. As such, so many of us are now on a journey to becoming more eco-friendly.

More than ever, we are more eco-conscious as we all actively educate ourselves and take action to help do what we can to reduce climate change. Living more eco-friendly is about living day to day as consciously as possible. It's about making everyday choices that will quite literally help to determine our success or failure as a species.

We can be more conscious about reducing pollution, protecting wildlife, conserving natural resources and we can take certain actions that can help slow the rate of climate change. Each of us can actively make a difference, individually and as a collective. Changing our habits and making smart environmental choices can become the norm in our lives and in turn our eco actions can even begin influencing others into taking similar actions.

Doing the right thing for the future of life on Earth can even have immediate personal benefits. It can tap into our creativity, it can get you more engaged with your community and the world and may even contribute to a healthier lifestyle for you too.

Starting your eco journey doesn't need to cost you the Earth. You can make changes in your home right away by doing things such as reducing food waste by shopping more sustainably. Buying just what you need by ensuring that you stick to your shopping lists, even buying yellow sticker foods that are reduced in price and can be frozen and used as required will help you to save money and help your food retailers to reduce food waste too.

Other ways include ideas like washing your clothes on lower temperatures like 30 degrees, using your dryer less and trying to dry laundry on something like a clothes horse instead, or even hanging your clothes up to dry in the great outdoors, weather depending of course.

You can walk short journeys when possible, to reduce using your car

whenever you can. You can remember to switch off lights and sockets in your home when they're not in use. Shopping in places like charity shops for bits and bobs and even using your local social media marketplaces to find useful second-hand items and to sell items that you want to offload can also help you on your journey to becoming more eco-friendly. The key is to do what you can, dependent on your own abilities and means.

I'm personally a big advocate of living as eco-friendly as possible. I truly believe that even the smallest of changes can make huge differences.

As well as the ideas I've outlined above about ways to living more eco-friendly, I have some other ideas to help you to take the leap to make changes for the better.

- Swap buying bottles of shampoos and conditioners and instead possibly buying shampoo and conditioner bars. Shampoo and conditioner bars are a great way to help you to reduce plastic waste in your bathroom.
- Using soap bars for body washing instead of shower gels. There are some beautiful soap bars around with gorgeous

- scents. These are perfect for bathing, hand washing and even washing your dishes (There are particular washing up soap bars for this.) Again, this assists in reducing your plastic waste.
- 3. When it comes to dental care, changing to bamboo toothbrushes for brushing your teeth, or if you prefer electric toothbrushes, then using recyclable electric toothbrush heads instead. Every plastic toothbrush that you have ever had and will ever have will more than likely be around longer than you're alive. Following on from this, swapping your plastic-based mouth washes for mouth wash tablets, toothpaste tubes for toothpaste tablets and plastic based dental floss for compostable and eco-friendly floss instead.
- 4. Using a reusable water bottle that can be refilled over and over again means that you don't have to buy single use plastic bottles of water. On the go, using reusable lunch boxes, wooden cutlery, paper sandwich bags and even compostable cling film can also be helpful too.
  - 5. Shaving razors are made out of plastic and their packaging can find their way into landfill (and often oceans). Plastic razors can take hundreds of years to decompose. Changing to a safety razor means less plastic waste as you only need to dispose of the used double edge blades which are recyclable and 100% plastic free.
  - 6. The beauty industry is one of the biggest contributors to plastic waste. Much of this industry continues to grow because of our consumption. Swapping beauty items to ecofriendly ones can be of great help. Alternatives like bamboo cotton buds, reusable make-up remover wipes, wooden instead of plastic make-up brushes and even items such as refillable eye shadows, refillable mascaras and refillable blushers are also available.
  - 7. When it comes to your home and cleaning, using natural cleaning products can also be helpful. Ecocleaning pods are a phenomenal plastic free alternative that means that you don't have to keep buying

new plastic bottles of cleaning products. You can also get hold of plastic-free dishwasher tablets, laundry powder sheets and so much more.

As a whole, the best solution for us and the earth is to use less plastic so that we recycle less. Recycling helps but it's not the only answer. Where possible, re-using your plastic bottles and containers is essential and eliminating single use plastic that comes in a myriad of forms.

Much of what we now need to do is an unlearning of ways of how we have been living. With our fast-paced lifestyles, we need to reeducate ourselves to think more simply, resourcefully and to show more compassion for our environment at every point.

It is important that we remember how lucky we are to have what we have and that we appreciate and are grateful for our environment. We are now at a time when we all need to learn about the importance of looking after what we've got and making the right decisions based on our world and what our world needs.

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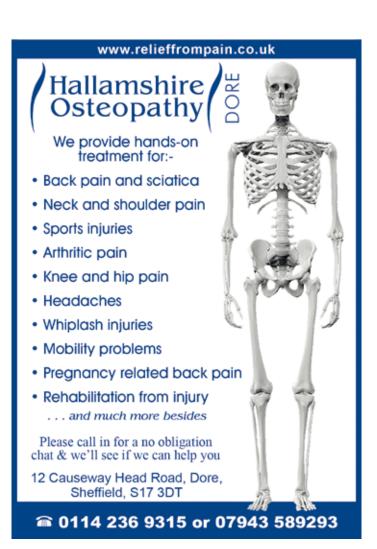
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Dore History Policing

# The Wall Papers



Okay, there isn't much in the way of papers here, but you know me, I couldn't resist a good headline!

The above embroidery sampler was brought to me by Paul Bradley, grandson of the late Peter, who has taken over his grandad's cottage on Townhead Road. It was discovered in the cottage back in the 1980s when the building was undergoing renovation. When first discovered it wasn't as you see it here, but was crumpled up and stuffed into a crack as though to stop a draught. It has suffered a little from damp over the years, but the verse at the top can still be read:

"See the little day star moving
Life and time are worth improving
Seize the moments while you may
Seize and use them
Lest you lose them
And so regret the wasted day"



The verse is signed 'Harriet Wall work, aged 12 years 1834'. Harriet and her husband Thomas Reeve farmed at Owlet Farm, Dore Moor, and we even have a photograph of them. The picture here was taken in 1864 when they were both 43 years old. They married in 1839 at the age of eighteen, and Harriet had nine children. She died in 1870 at the age of only 49. They are both verified ancestors of the Bradleys, and it was Peter who had the embroidery renovated and framed.



July already, this year is shooting by! As the holiday season approaches, worth remembering simple steps you can take to protect your home, many of which I have mentioned before but always worth repeating. Burglaries in our area have been very low recently, but offenders will always be looking for easy opportunities to fill their pockets with other people's

hard earned goods. Ensure access to the rear of your property is as secure as it can be. Don't be tempted to leave your bins out as these can be used as a climbing aid to get over gates and fences. Check your locks, particularly if you have a rear patio door; breaking the old style eurolock on these is still the most common method of entry. Alarms and CCTV, whilst a useful deterrent to some will not protect your property on their own. If your house looks occupied 9 times out of 10, offenders will not look twice at it so staggered timer lights and TV simulators can help with this.

Whilst burglaries have been low, vehicle crime has been on the increase. Please leave nothing of value on display in your car, even if leaving it unattended for a short amount of time. Fords and Land/Range Rovers have been the main target for thieves recently. Protect your vehicle from being taken by investing in a steering lock, even if offenders manage to enter your vehicle this would stop them getting very far!

Locally, we have second and third hand reports of incidents happening in Green Oak Park, however very few incidents have been reported directly to us. I realise this is in Totley but as some of the reports are from King Ecgbert staff I thought it worth mentioning here too. As with other public sector organisations at the moment, demand for our services is exceeding supply so patrols will only be targeted to an area if reports warrant it. If your child is telling you something has happened, please report it to 101 or online, this helps to build an intelligence picture for us to formulate a response. If we don't know about it we can't do anything about it!

Where possible we're looking forward to dropping in on any local events that fall within our shift pattern so hopefully we'll be meeting some of you there. Do drop me a line if you have upcoming events with plenty of notice if possible and we'll try and get there.

As usual, please feel free to contact me on *adrian.tolson@ southyorks.pnn.police.uk* or leave a message on my work mobile 07787 881945. As ever, please use 101, online reporting or 999 if you have an actual incident to report that needs our attention quickly, the phone I use stays at work and is not monitored 24/7.

Thanks for reading and enjoy your summer.

Adrian

Embroideries like this are not uncommon; you may have noticed that they turn up on Antiques Roadshow and similar programmes from time to time. They were considered a suitable occupation for young ladies, and this one is too early to be Victorian, Wlliam IV being on the throne when it was created.

It will always remain a mystery who stuck the embroidery into the wall, but it may have been Harriet herself, as her own work might not have had any value to her and stopping the draught would have been more important in the days before double glazing and central heating. It still has little value in monetary terms, but it is worth far more to Paul as a treasured family heirloom.

Harriet was buried in Dore churchyard where she is named on one of the Bradley family tombstones.

Thank you Paul, for this little insight into village life of almost 200 years ago.

John Eastwood



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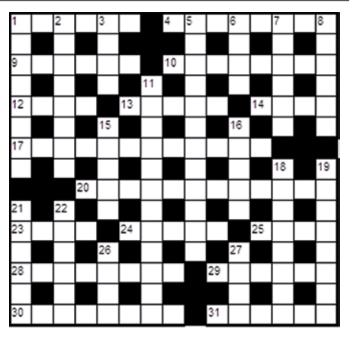
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#### **Across**

- 1. Spikes drinks, there's nothing in them (6)
- 4. Against work modelling (8)
- 9. Chap in an overturned state (6)
- 10. Teams on edge go off course (8)
- 12. Register pitch (4)
- 13. Surmount working bird (5)
- 14. A refusal from Paris is coming soon (4)
- 17. Sweet things gain energy having parts (12)
- 20. Oceanographic consideration (4,9)
- 23. Don't start to follow framework (4)
- 24. Signal makes gift on the radio (5)
- 25. New flavour (4)
- 28. Important churchman (8)
- 29. Go when exercise gets back into run (6)
- 30. Expectation of hanging (8)
- 31. Be there to pay heed (6)

#### Down

- 1. Write to get away to marry the girl (8)
- 2. Offensive article with vision is phony (8)
- 3. One hears it's connected to flow (4)
- 5. Those doing 20 need man to work with horses in a fashion (12)
- 6. Females don't start to sign (4)
- 7. Man, say is put down (6)
- 8. Good copying something cavernous (6)
- 11. Provide food and supports for those crawling (12)
- 15. Schoolmaster has outside extension for warning (5)
- 16. Dignified, but not say, listed (5)
- 18. American University with one entrance is moderate (8)
- 19. A soldier from America gives thanks to the boy who is upset (8)
- 21. Rents jokes (6)
- 22. Chills come from marks about energy (6)
- 26. Look at the fish (4)
- 27. Perceived material (4)

Crossword compiled by Mavis

Answers will be published in the November issue. Solution to our Summer crossword:





Frederic (Pete Geary) being more than feted by the maidens in April's "Pirates of Penzance"

It's a pity about my closing remarks in the last article (Here's hoping that the Covid virus peters out soon and please get your booster vaccinations to help it on its way, (Ann and I have had ours).) Guess who went down with it on the day following our summer concert? Yup, both me and the good lady. I wouldn't care but I did a test just before the concert because I was a little sniffly and it was negative so I put it down to hayfever as my eyes were gritty and I had not lost any sense of taste or smell. Each year at about this time there is one pollen which has a go at me so I thought no more about it. The day after the concert I was worse and shivery so I did another test – positive this time so I let all I could know and we both hunkered down for a few days.

Thankfully the vaccine inoculations had done their work and we suffered no more than feeling rough for about 3 days then improved rapidly.

Enough of that. The concert was a success and the full audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. I hope I did not do any damage (I didn't mingle because of the sniffles) so fingers crossed. It was a programme with more chorus work than we have ever done before and took some hard work but it was worth the effort and had something for everyone, with songs from Elton John, ABBA, Rodgers and Hammerstein the Swing era, My Fair Lady, Flanders and Swann and not forgetting the comic monologues.

We have our 50th Anniversary Dinner coming up in late July, then a break until it all starts again in September. I must say thank you to Alan Wade and the Committee for their efforts over the year to make it the success that it has been. They are worth their weight in gold.

Have a good summer. Watch out for the invisible menace by being cautious and sensible and look out for news of future concerts and shows in forthcoming editions.

Derek Habberjam



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## **Diamond Jubilee Steam Special**

Apart from being a place to catch trains, our current single platform is a popular spot for train watchers of all ages, from small children in pushchairs to great-grandparents. When the Rev Awdry first published his Thomas the Tank Engine books, he wouldn't have imagined how much they would still be inspiring train lovers over 70 years later.

When our Queen came to the throne back in 1952 young train spotters would wait on the bridge across to Platforms 2, 3 and 4, or gather on the railway triangle recording engine numbers in their lan Allan notebooks. Older enthusiasts kept records of journeys, timing the trains and recording where each locomotive may have come from. Time has moved on. Today young enthusiasts take photos and videos to go on their YouTube channels.

Word spread that on 4th June the Jubilee Buxton Spa Express hauled by former LMS Jubilee Class 45596 Bahamas would be passing through the station and along the Hope Valley. Our platform became quite crowded and vantage points were eagerly sought on bridges along the route.

The train did not disappoint as it stormed up the gradient towards the assembled spectators and their lenses. It returned in the evening avoiding the station by running though Dore Tunnel to go south. It made a fine sight for those almost looking down its funnel as it pulled away across Dore South Junction into Bradway Tunnel.

## **Industrial relations**

Sadly, we are entering a potentially long period of industrial strife. A variety of pent-up grievances are emerging, exacerbated by the



highest levels of inflation seen for decades. In order to run smoothly the railway industry relies on many employers and several unions. Within individual train operating companies (TOCs) some staff doing identical roles may be on different terms to others, e.g. Northern crews in the North West and the East. It's an absolute nightmare of trip wires across the industry.

We're already experiencing regular knock on effects following the expiry of a rest day working agreement at Transpennine Express. That has led to few of their trains operating on Sundays and cancellations on other days. Delays in training by all operators due to Covid period restrictions mean there are insufficient trained personnel to cover absences when things go wrong.

Our line is very susceptible to disruption due to old signalling. Both Totley Tunnel East and Grindleford are to be replaced over the next 18 months, but other old boxes remain to the west. The mainline is controlled by a big signalling centre in York that can be kept operational more easily.

No doubt all will be resolved but in the meantime it's disappointing that services are being impacted just when people are returning to the railway.

#### The next 15 months at the station

By the time you read this the car park should have reopened after total closure for most of July. That was disappointing, not only for rail users but also the owners and patrons of the local businesses and residents in the Ladies Spring flats, along Abbeydale Road South and up Dore Road. FoDaTS first drew attention to this potential issue at the time of the 2016 public inquiry and is not surprised that few use the alternative parking offered at the top of Abbeydale Sports Club's car park.

This phase of the work required total closure of all lines during all weekends in July. It has seen reconstruction of Dore Station Junction with two new tracks through the station. The gap between the train and platform edge on existing Platform 1 has been slightly reduced.

The next major work here begins in October and will continue into the New Year, assuming all goes to plan. It starts with foundations for the new footbridge towers, then the bridge, fitting of the lifts and construction of the new platform. The existing platform will be extended back to the signal seen looking towards Sheffield – where the old platform stopped until 1985!

In April next year, if all goes to plan here at the station, with the extended loop below Poynton Wood, and the new loop at Bamford, it should all be connected up with operational new points and signalling from Bamford into Sheffield. All lines will be closed for about 9 days. There's contingency time built in for some slippage. Tidying up will go on until 2024.

We still have no confirmation of the size, design and position of the shelter on the new Platform 2!

# Interactive touch screen display unit

Contractors Volker/Story held a drop in event on 20th July so anyone could ask questions about the project. They've installed an interactive touch screen display unit on the current platform to enable all to find details of the scheme. One of the options leads to FoDaTS website.

# Dore Well dressing - 150 years

It was good to see the very carefully prepared display featuring the station's 150th birthday – also 150 years since the Duke of Devonshire built Dore Road. Well done to those who had the patience to mount all the tiny little pieces.

Chris Morgan, Chairman

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# In a Turkish Blue Dream

We were reliably informed by one of the owners that Mavi Rüya translates from Turkish as Blue Dream, as it was the dream of the family to establish an authentic Turkish restaurant in Sheffield. After significant investment in terms of money and effort (18 supermarket trolleys were retrieved during a clean-up of the River Sheaf which runs next to the outdoor terrace!), the restaurant opened its doors in April this year in what used to be a Morrisons supermarket – hence the trolleys, I guess.

The huge interior has lofty ceilings, with fixtures and fittings imported from Turkey and a very lively atmosphere even for a Monday night. As it was a warm evening and because we don't often get the opportunity, we chose to eat on the terrace, which emphasised a strange feeling of being on holiday, even though we knew we were on Abbeydale Road!

To continue the faux-holiday feeling, I choose an ice-cold bottle of Efes (£4.80 for 500ml) while perusing the menu. My partner chose a glass of house white, which was a Vermentino Grenache at £4.50 for 175ml. The wine list as a whole had a good selection, very well priced and there was also a good choice of cocktails. The third member of our party chose a Red Kiss (Pink gin, pomegranate, simple syrup, lime juice, grenadine topped up with sparkling water – £10.50). Another holiday-esque characteristic of the evening was the service, which was attentive and friendly, although not the quickest – I think I will decide to call it "Mediterranean-relaxed", which actually wasn't an issue at all.

Regular readers will, by now, know that I have a tendency to take a while poring over a menu – much to my partner's irritation – although I am certain she checks out the websites prior to our visits so she can appear to make quick choices! In this case, however, I could have closed my eyes and stuck a pin in the menu and I am sure I wouldn't have been disappointed. That might have been the way forwards as the menu was so extensive that I would have been some time. The menu was split into Meze and Starters, Charcoal Grills, House Specials and Sharing Platters, with all the usual Turkish/Eastern Mediterranean fayre – too numerous to mention, but all sounding mouth-watering for someone who loves grilled meat, including nine specials in the Grill section and another eight on the Specials list.

The only way forward when unable to choose is go for a mixed sharing starter. We chose the Hot Mixed Meze (£16.50) accompanied with a portion of pitta and dips between the three of us. The platter contained Calamari, Grilled Halloumi, Sucuk (pan-fried Turkish beef sausage), Falafels and Sigara Böreği (rolled pastry filled with feta), with humus and cacik. Halloumi and Calamari can both end up rubbery if not cooked properly – these weren't. In fact, both were some of the best I have had. The Falafel were obviously homemade – balls of chickpeas and broad beans, deep fried and perfectly accompanied by additional hummus. The

two elements new to me were also delicious. The Sigara Böreği looked like spring rolls, with a similar crunch to the pastry, but filled with a gorgeous, creamy, salty feta; and the Sucuk was a tender full flavoured beef sausage, rich and well-seasoned.

Continuing the sharing theme, we chose a Full Sharing Platter (£55) for main course. This was a decision based not on our inability to choose, rather on the conclusion (that we had already reached) that we would be returning to sample more of the menu at a later date. The Full Platter was one of five sharing options and was somewhat misnamed as "full" because I couldn't imagine what its big brother the "jumbo" looked like! A platter arrived that was piled high with grilled meats, with two generous portions of mixed rice and bulgar to accompany it. The platter included lamb shish, chicken shish, Adana kebab, lamb ribs and chicken wings, and was almost the length of our table, which was set for four! Taking our time to work our way through this hearty selection required another round of drinks and plenty of pauses (which aided the conversation!) Even then the doggy bag we took home gave us all another meal. The meat itself was fantastic, all of it was obviously good quality and full of flavour. The cooking was of the highest order, maintaining the tender juiciness of the meats while getting an excellent char-grilled flavour which in no way overpowered the herbs and spices. I am not one who normally raves about rice, but in this case it is definitely worth a mention. I couldn't put my finger on the variety of rice - definitely not basmati! It was slightly nutty in flavour, like wild rice, but was much paler, and the addition of the bulgar wheat gave it an extra flavour and texture that I am definitely going to try at home.

Unsurprisingly, we were too full for dessert, although that is another menu item we will return to. There is a selection of Turkish desserts, Baklava (£6.20) for example, and more British ones (Sticky Toffee Pudding - £5.80), which should please most people, and if the rest of the meal was anything to go by, probably worth sharing one!

Overall, a great experience, obviously improved by the opportunity to dine al fresco, but that in no way diminishes the atmosphere, quality of the food or the services. It was also excellent value for money, with the total bill for three coming to £106 including drinks. At those prices it doesn't need to be a big-event destination and I can see us becoming regulars.

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I hope everyone in Dore is enjoying the summer, staying safe in the heat and able to have some time off. At the time of writing Parliament has just closed and I am really looking forward to spending more time in Sheffield over the next month. If there is a constituency event you would like me to attend over the summer, please don't hesitate to get in touch, I'd love to be there!

Over the past few months, I have been working hard in Sheffield and in Parliament to campaign on the climate emergency, hold the Government to account over their response to the cost-of-living crisis and fight the Home Office's plans to deport refugees and asylum seekers to Rwanda. My team and I have also been doing our best to help people who haven't received their passports in time to travel, due to Home Office delays and errors. If this is something you are experiencing, get in touch and we will do everything we can to help.

I am outraged at the Government's decision to cut South Yorkshire's bus network. The Government promised to deliver a London-style bus network across the country. Instead, they're sitting by as our bus network is dismantled bit-by-bit. In the middle of both a climate and cost of living crisis, more cuts to our bus services are truly unconscionable. I will be working with Labour MPs and the South Yorkshire Mayor to fight these cuts.

I also wrote to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive about the M17 bus route, to request a meeting to discuss the cut to this service, the lack of notice given to residents, and the need to restore services that are a lifeline to residents of our city. I will continue to work with the South Yorkshire Mayor to reverse this cut and fight for the better transport system our city deserves and desperately needs.

This month I have been holding surgeries with Ukrainians who have arrived in Sheffield Hallam and their sponsors, helping provide links to services and information in the hope that they will feel more settled. If you are hosting a Ukrainian refugee and would like to attend one of these surgeries, please get in touch with my office. It was also a privilege to join Sheffield's Ukrainian Society's open day and see their fantastic work. I know Sheffield stands in solidarity and friendship with our Ukrainian friends new to the city.

I have also been visiting schools in Sheffield Hallam to meet students, hear about the projects they are undergoing and answer their questions about politics and the climate emergency. I am really looking forward to meeting more students during the next academic year. I want to thank everyone I have spoken to for their insightful and inspiring questions.

I am also proud to have been re-elected Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Earlier in the month we met with Will Quince, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Education to discuss the state of SEND provision across the country and the much awaited SEND review.

As always, if there is an issue you would like me to raise, or a campaign you would like me to support please do get in touch! If you would like to hear from me more regularly, you can sign up to my monthly email update on my website: https://www.oliviablake.org.uk/

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Following the recent local Elections there have been some major changes in the Town Hall. The new committee system has come into operation and the executive cabinet has been replaced by several decision-making committees. These are politically proportional, which means that all Councillors will have a say in how the Council is run rather than just the ten members of a Cabinet. It will be interesting to see how this works out in practice but there are some positive signs already.

Martin was re-elected to serve our ward with a majority of over 2,000 and the highest individual vote for any candidate of any party in the city.

The recent elections left the Council under no overall control with Labour the largest party and the Liberal Democrats as the second largest. At the AGM of the Council the Labour Leader was elected as Leader of the Council, as the Green Party did not support either the Lib Dem or Labour candidates.

In addition to our primary roles as Ward Councillors, all three of us now have extra responsibilities. Martin is Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Joe chairs Waste & Street Scene and Colin has been elected Deputy Lord Mayor of Sheffield and will become Lord Mayor next year.



Colin shows off his big gong.

Sheffield, along with much of the country is facing some heavy cuts to bus services. The money put in to support services during the covid pandemic is due to be withdrawn later this year and passenger numbers have recovered to precovid levels. This is likely to impact the M17 service serving Bradway, Totley and Dore in particular as the frequency of this service has already been reduced.

Bus services are the responsibility of the

South Yorkshire Mayor who has attempted to tender to maintain some services, but in some cases bus companies have declined to bid, facing driver shortages. The M17 current tender runs to October and so it is due to be retendered in the coming months. Your local councillors have been calling for some years for a system of bus franchising to be introduced to allow the mayor to take more control of what services are operated. The legal process for this has at last begun but we are some way behind other areas. The council is facing a very tough budget situation, projecting an overspend of £19m in 2022/23 on top of £15m of reserves having been drawn down. Additional cost pressures in 2023/24 mean that very significant cost savings will have to be found. The main cause of the overspend has been extra demands for both adults' and children's social care. In particular many elderly people were given more expensive care packages at home during the pandemic, rather than being sent to a care home.

We have been working hard to uncover the reasons why the previous budget seemingly ignored the obvious cost pressures, making use of opportunities under the new governance structure to access detailed information, and we have called for an emergency budget to get this year's spending under control. We are now a decade in to the Streets Ahead contract with Amey for maintenance of our roads. We are seeing in a number of places many of the road surfaces delivered early in the contract period begin to break up. The contract requires roads to be maintained to a standard and so these roads need to be restored. This should not

bring any additional costs to the council as the price we have paid for the contract requires that this should happen. One example is a section of Prospect Road near Woodland Place and Prospect Place; it is coming apart very badly despite having been resurfaced twice, and has just been patched again. This appears to be due to a combination of poor engineering and water damage to the surface. Your councillors are pressing for a more effective solution to be found in line with the standards we should expect under the contract. Dore and Totley ward is receiving two new vehicle activated speed warning signs to warn drivers who are exceeding the speed limit to slow down. They will also collect data which the police will use to determine whether to conduct speed camera operations in the area. The first has been installed on Long Line and both will rotate round a number of locations around the ward including Baslow Road, Bradway Road, Dore Road, Twentywell Lane, Rushley Road and Abbeydale Road South.

The wildflower patch on the Dore Rec has flowered. The exceptionally dry weather meant that it took a while before it bloomed, but thanks to the efforts of Francesca Gray we can now all appreciate the splash of colour that also enhances the biodiversity of the area. Thank you to all involved in this worthwhile project.

There is a vacancy for the school crossing patrol position at Dore Primary School. These wardens play a vital role in keeping our children safe. If you would be interested in filling the position, we know the school would be very grateful.

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

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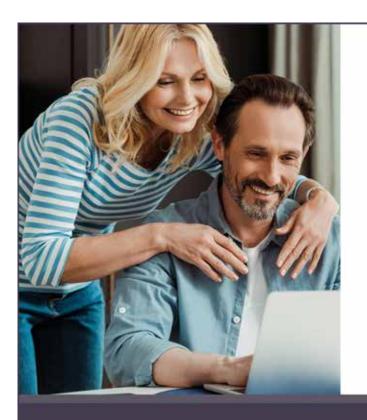
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Few clubs can afford to pay for expensive training facilities during the pre-season, so there is something of a scramble for space in parks and free-to-access playing fields. There's also the question of where to play those all-important friendlies. Grass pitches are generally unavailable throughout the summer as essential maintenance work is carried out – as is the case with our own ground at the Meadway. Even then, the best laid plans of

managers and coaches can be undone by the unfortunate alignment of a few family holidays. It's a wonder that any team is ready for the start of the season in the first week of September, but we all seem to get there somehow.

#### We're All Brunsmeer Aren't We

As we look forward, the new season is one that will see changes at Brunsmeer from top to bottom. I am sad to report that Jed Kenyon, our chairman, has stepped down from his role for family reasons. Jed's period at the helm will be remembered for many reasons, but most importantly for the number of positive changes he made to the running of the club. My fellow directors and I enjoyed working with Jed enormously. He'll certainly be missed, not least for his great sense of humour.

2022-23 will also be the final season for Brunsmeer stalwart Sean Hibberd, our long-standing club secretary, who is standing down after seventeen years with the club... but more about Sean in a future column.

The great news is that we can also announce that our club has a new chairman and a new club secretary. Adam White is stepping up to the role of chairman. Adam has been involved with the club for many years. He is currently manager of our under-13s and has spent the past year as a director. Adam has some great ideas to take Brunsmeer forwards and is looking to get more managers and parents involved with the running of their club. We're sure Adam's performance will be as impressive as his team's execution of the high press.

Following an exhaustive 12-month search for Sean's replacement, I can't tell you how delighted we are to announce that Liz Priest will be the new club secretary. Liz's son has played for Brunsmeer for "a good few years", and we can think of no-one better qualified to get us all organised (our under-23s back four could certainly learn a thing or two).

Liz will be working alongside Sean for the forthcoming season to ensure a smooth handover.

#### **Senior Section - Brunsmeer Men**

One of the biggest changes at the club over the past few seasons has been the growth of our senior section. Five years ago our aim was to create a pathway for players into open-age football. We now have five senior teams: an open-age first team, an under-23s development team, two sides at under-18s and an Awareness team.

The most pleasing aspect of this initiative is that we are now starting to see players coming through the ranks to join the first team.

Brunsmeer men play in Division 1 of the Sheffield & District Fairplay League. Last season Ryan Thew, Sam Johnson, Finn Gold and Hayden Pitcher all progressed to the senior squad from the under-21s and all featured in a highly successful season. Brunsmeer finished a creditable fourth in the league, but capped the season off with an heroic 3-1 victory against Sheffield Wanderers in the Cup Final at The Home of Football in Dronfield.

Coming from a goal down, a Brunsmeer victory was sealed by a superb effort from Hayden Pitcher, who curled a 25-yard shot

into the top corner. It was a goal worthy of winning any cup final. Congratulations to all the players involved and to coaches Chris Rosimus and Nick Cheetham. It was a great reward for everyone's hard work.

#### **Brunsmeer Women**

I write this a few days before England Women take on Sweden at Bramall Lane in the semi-final of the Women's European Championship. For the past twenty years, women's football has been the fastest growing sport in the country. The quality of the football on display at the Euros – and the performances of the Lionesses in particular – has been testament to just how far the game has developed in quality as much as quantity.



Brunsmeer's New women's team: League Winners and Cup Runners up

Our aim is that Brunsmeer's women's section will one day be as big as the men's, so to that end, I am delighted to announce the launch of a brand new Brunsmeer Women's team for the 2022-23 season.

Managed by Trevor Fox, a veteran of the women's game with national league experience, our 'New' team spent last season playing as Rotherham United Development. They decided to relocate from their old club and after much negotiation, have chosen Brunsmeer as their new home. The side enjoyed a hugely successful first season last year, winning Division 3 of the Sheffield and Hallamshire League with a maximum point total and conceding only a single goal. They also finished runners-up in the League Cup.

Their reward has been a double promotion and they will start their first season in the famous red and black playing in Division 1 of the Sheffield and Hallamshire County League.

We are sure they will be a great addition to the club and look forward, along with all of us at Brunsmeer, to another successful season.

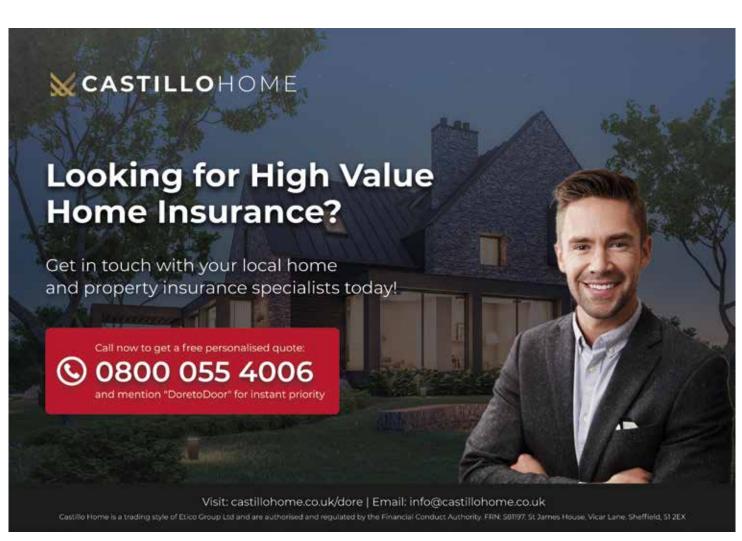
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## **Queen's Green Canopy**

It started with a suggestion from a Dore resident that Dore Village Society should mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. Oliver Mills, Y6 teacher at Dore Primary School and the Y6 pupils took on the challenge of writing to local residents to ask for their opinions and ideas. Some very interesting and thoughtful responses were received - many thanks to everyone who took the trouble to respond. A meeting with local councillor Colin Ross, SCC's Community Forestry Manager, Catherine Nuttgens and Dr Toby Pillatt, Community Forestry Project Development Officer helped us to clarify the options. We wanted a site which would allow a tree enough space to mature and one where the school could continue to be involved. With the school's agreement it was decided that King's Croft would be an ideal place: there's also a nice link over the centuries from those past Kings (Ecgbert and Eanred) to the present Queen (Elizabeth). We asked Toby to recommend some suitable trees which would do well in the situation, and with climate change in mind. Some native species are now becoming stressed and threatened by disease so a broader diversity within the tree stock may protect us from future losses. From Toby's suggestions we picked a Chinese Bee Tree. Tolerant of a range of climates, it is a native of China and the Korean Peninsula. It is an attractive large tree which flowers in late summer with clusters of fragrant white flowers. The flowers are a boost to pollinating insects late in the year and the reddishpurple seed pods split to reveal black seeds in autumn for birds to enjoy. All being well, it will be planted at the end of the year during the next tree-planting season.

# **Verges**

Looking around Dore in May and June there are different 'styles' apparent both wild and tamed. I enjoy the wilder verges but I know that those who maintain them find long grass masks rubbish and worse when it comes to mowing time. Others really appreciate a looked-after verge, with the grass neatly mown and flowers



planted in the tree pits. Plantlife's 'No Mow May' campaign has been very successful in encouraging us to let our garden lawns grow and flower during May: how about following it with 'Let it Bloom in June'? And how about extending this to the verges in Dore? As the conservation organisation for invertebrates, Buglife, points out – apart from benefiting pollinators lots of other insects thrive in the structure of long grass. A Buglife Citizen Science study in 2021 suggested a 58.5% reduction in flying insects over a period of 17 years up to 2021. One small thing we all could do is to manage habitats, like our gardens and verges, to support insects better.

Local councillor Joe Otten, (Chair of Waste and Street Scene Committee) reports that the council is currently piloting a verge rewilding programme, with a decision for roll out due to come in September. The plan will be for a section of verge to be adopted by a resident or community group and sowed with yellow rattle to suppress grass growth, creating a better environment for wild flowers, and the mowing programme altered accordingly.

#### **Swifts**

We are very lucky to have swifts nesting in Dore: there are colonies around the Chatsworth Road area and the centre of the village as well as elsewhere. The sight of them scything through a blue sky above or screaming as they zip through gaps between houses is definitely one of the best summer scenes. Sadly, the swift is in decline and one of the problems is that their traditional nesting sites are being upgraded (or at least that's what the humans think) as roofs are renovated and their old nesting sites are being blocked up. Fortunately, in neighbouring Totley there is a flourishing and very active swift group and as Chris Measures from the Totley Swift Group writes below, they are beginning to think of themselves as more of an S17 group.

Chris writes:

"Our next day for fitting more swift nest boxes is planned for late autumn. Visits to houses are being made now to discuss the best site for a box and the most suitable box to purchase. And if the resident wishes to purchase a nest box through "Peak Boxes" of the Hope Valley then we can help by providing a discount code and we can arrange collection as well as fitting.

"So, if you are interested in having a swift nest box erected on your property or you want to send in records of your sightings or get involved in surveying these wonderful creatures that zip through our skies, just contact <code>swiftsoftotley@outlook.com</code> and help us try to halt the decline of swifts.

"Please write to that email address if you just want to be added to the Totley Swift Group mailing list for the occasional (and I do mean occasional) newsletter; membership of the group is free. And if you have time, do have a look at the Totley Swift Group page that appears on the Friends of Gillfield Wood website."

**Margaret Peart** 



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## **SEPTEMBER**

Wed 14 Totley History Group Guided Walk - The Working History of Totley. A walk of approximately 2 miles, through areas of the old village where industry sustained the life of Totley and its inhabitants over many centuries. Meet at The Cross Scythes 2.30pm. Dogs welcome on leads. The walk covers uneven and hilly ground, please wear appropriate shoes etc.

Sat 17 Autumn Plant Sale, The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society, Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Thompson Road entrance). From 11am. Come and see our wide selection of well-loved and rarer hardy plants as well as some half-hardy, shrubs, annuals and vegetable plants for sale at very reasonable prices, with advice from knowledgeable and friendly members. Free admission, all welcome. For further information about the Group please see our website: southpenninehps.webador. co.uk. To help us reduce the use of plastics, please bring your own bags to take plants home. Jute bags will be available at a low cost. We now accept card and cash payments.

Sat 24 Blacka Moor User Forum Meeting, 10am. 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 and find out more about plans for the reserve in the months ahead, as well as events and other ways to get involved. It's a great way to explore the reserve. Bookable event: Please book on www.wildsheffield.

Wed 28 Totley History Group: The Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield part 2. Totley Library, 7:30pm. Talk by David Templeman.

#### **OCTOBER**

Sat 8 Dore Male Voice Choir Memorial Concert All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield S11 7PP. Saturday, 7.00 pm. Memorial concert for our late Music Director Elizabeth Hampshire, with Lorna James (Soprano) and Tom Asher (Baritone). Lorna and Tom have sung with us many times and toured with us to Prague and Assisi.

Wed 12 Wyvern walk - Longshaw. Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. Drive to the Grouse Inn at Longshaw, park in spaces along road. Walk across the road and up to and along White Edge, hoping to see deer rutting along the route so bring your binoculars. Return via Curbar and Froggatt edges returning to the Grouse. c10km / 6.5m. Short climbs but generally easy walking and if clear excellent views. There will be a break for coffee and light snack. Those who want can remain at the Grouse after the walk. Car sharing will be available for those willing and comfortable doing so, subject to who is stopping at the Grouse for refreshment (open till 15.00). Further details from John Proctor 07960 791879 or Chris Goldie 07443 944401.

Wed 19 Dore Garden Club: Revitalising the gardens at Brodsworth House. Talk by Michael Klemperer. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.

Wed 26 Totley History Group: The History of Sheffield's Hospitals. Talk by Mary Garside. Our meetings take place in Totley Library at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

# Anne Veronica Slater 1938-2022



Anne, who sadly passed away at the end of May, was well known in Dore but she hadn't always lived here. From her later childhood her family lived in Hathersage where her father was Vicar. Her bedroom was the one that Charlotte Bronte used when visiting her friend Ellen Nussey!

Anne's love of literature took her to Sheffield University

where she and Peter met. Their marriage superseded a degree qualification (which was rectified later in her life) and they settled happily on Old Hay Close, bringing up their four children (and later with some of their ten grandchildren visiting).

A long time member of Dore Literature Group and Dore Church where she was secretary to the PCC, Anne was also a committed member of Dore Village Society, joining the committee in 1995 and becoming secretary a little later. Her historical knowledge and tenacity were useful in the establishment of the Dore Collection (now known as our Archives). Following Stella Wood's group, who were gathering material, Anne took the role of properly cataloguing and locating what had been given, so we could create correct long time storage in the new room above the Old School rooms. Maps, documents and photos hitherto held by committee members would then be available for public access as now – a small reference library.

Her involvement in well dressings began earlier, from 1974, learning from Hilbre Marriot - the Dore designer who lived nearby on Old Hay Gardens. She wrote of the fascination "I enjoyed the intricate detail, finding the right pieces to fit or cutting to shape, preferring it to petalling" and often working on the side panels till a few years ago.

Her designs started with the 1997 St. Columba, with another four over subsequent years before Barbara Jackson took over. But always guiding others patiently too.

Anne was laid to rest at St. Michael and All Angels Hathersage and reunited with daughter Debbie. Everyone at Dore Village Society sends sincere condolences to Peter and the remainder of the family at the loss of a valued and long-standing member.

Gillian Farnsworth

# **NOVEMBER**

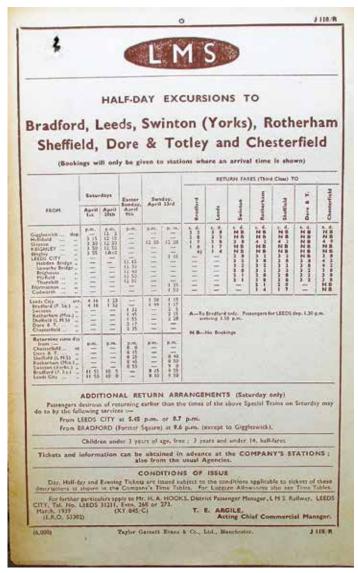
Wyvern walk - Hay Wood to Grindleford and Sun 6 then Froggatt. Meet Dore Old School, 9.30am. A walk from the Grouse Inn through Hay Wood to Grindleford and then Froggatt and then up to Froggatt Edge and back to the Grouse Inn. We park in a layby just below the Grouse Inn or, if that is full, in the National Trust car park further down the road. Crossing the field below the inn we descend to Grindleford and walk along the river before ascending to a higher level path that leads to Froggatt. Then along the road by the river and up to Froggatt Edge and back to the inn. 8km / 5m. This is a short walk but with a strenuous ascent from Froggatt village up to Froggatt Edge. It will take about three hours including a stop for coffee. Toilets and refreshments at the Grouse Inn.

Wed 16 Dore Garden Cub: gardening in troughs and sinks. Talk by Hilary Hutson. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £3 is appreciated.



# Six Hours In Dore

Your editor kindly drew my attention to this Easter 1939 railway handbill with local interest. Printed by the London Midland and Scottish Railway, it advertised a half-day excursion from Hebden Bridge to Chesterfield. For one day, 9th April 1939 which was Easter Sunday, the 12.15pm from Hebden Bridge stopped at the penultimate stop, Dore and Totley station at 2.17pm. For a third class return fare of 3/8d (18p), the good people of Hebden Bridge and Sowerby Bridge could be brought to Dore and Totley for six hours. Had they travelled today, it would be £17.30p for a journey each way of over two hours with two changes. Back in 1939, for another sixpence they could have gone to the final stop at Chesterfield. The same train also stopped to pick up at Brighouse, Mirfield and Thornhill for those who had invested 3/2d (16p) for their tickets to Dore and Totley, or half fare for children between 3 and 14. The return journey departed from Dore and Totley station at 8.15 p.m.



There must have been a call for such an excursion. From railway tickets issued and collected which were closely monitored for audit purposes, Dore and Totley might have shown up as a popular weekend day-trip destination for those around the West Riding. There were already the attractions of Ecclesall Woods, Millhouses Park, Beauchief Abbey, local rambles, golf and trout fishing in the River Sheaf. The hostelries of Dore and Totley were presumably also a draw. We have Thomas Cook to thank for starting the trend in 1841 with his first railway excursion from Leicester to Loughborough for those attending a temperance meeting. The railway companies of the mid-19th century onwards derived massive amounts of revenue from excursion traffic. As speeds increased, the distances covered by excursions became more ambitious. Specific excursions started to be run for bicyclists, ramblers, rail/river excursions, seaside resorts, factory and film studio visits. Royal events, shows, theatres, circuses, exhibitions and sporting events also gave railway companies the chance to use virtually every coach they possessed to add to the shareholders' profits. In my time on British Railways in the 1960s, we added the "Mystery Tour" to the day excursion offerings. They were very popular, too. The trusting passengers didn't have a clue where they were heading. Very often it would be a seaside resort, but cathedral cities were also on the menu.

About ten years ago I was asked to interview a former engine driver in his nineties, Tom, from the railway depot at Royston, north of Barnsley. He was a fascinating man who had worked for the railway before and after World War Two and, during the war, had been a trainer for army engine drivers, a paratrooper and prisoner-of-war working in a lead mine. He mentioned that one of the perks of his job was driving weekend ramblers' excursions from the Barnsley area along the Hope Valley to Edale. For him, the worst part of the journey was having to go through Totley Tunnel four times in a day - out to Edale, back to sidings in Sheffield with the empty coaches, back to Edale again with empties and back again with a full load. In the days of steam, apart from being dark in the tunnel, it could be an unpleasantly smoky business. If it was really smoky, the driver and fireman might need to get low down on the cab floor and lift the heavy metal plate between the engine and tender to get fresher air. Tom also drove heavy freight trains through Totley tunnel to and from the Manchester area. Totley tunnel was always wet, and still is. This made "metal on metal" adhesion to the rails difficult at times, and dry sand was dropped on the rails by the wheels to improve the grip. If the sand got wet or ran out, you might be in trouble with a heavy load. With the engine's driving wheels slipping in the pitch-black tunnel, drivers weren't always sure if they were going forwards or running backwards. The test was to put a shovel or handbrush against the tunnel wall to see which way it was being dragged. Granted that the tunnel has ventilation shafts, but smoke wasn't always cleared quickly enough when steam engines were working hard. At least nowadays all you might get is a faint whiff of diesel. One of these fine days, for your excursions and commuting the line through Totley tunnel might be electrified - but don't hold your breath!

Mike Peart

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