

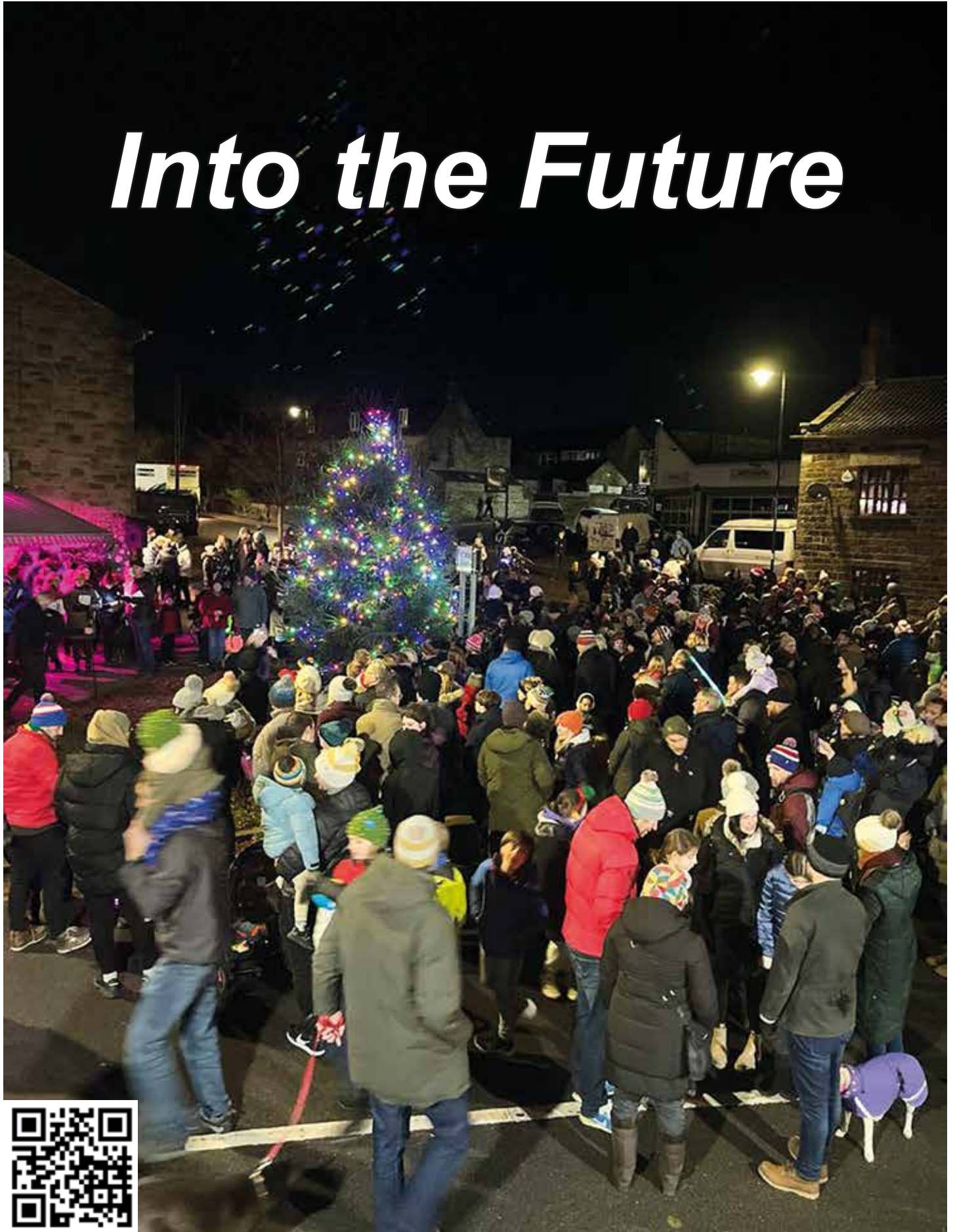
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Into the Future



The Year Just Gone

Well, 2022 will provide plenty of material for school history books, won't it? Two monarchs for the first time in 70 years, three prime ministers for the only time since 1834 (that time it was at least planned), four chancellors - or was it five? I've lost count now.

Dore to Door is not a political magazine, so I'll stick to the local things and people that we've lost over the last year.

Dore Grill has sadly gone, with the restaurant currently behind estate agency boards. Liz and the team had a good go at trying new ideas, a new menu, revised opening hours and an excellent pop-up bakery on occasional Sunday mornings, but they never recovered from the pain of two years of lockdowns. I understand that there will be news about the building soon, but as I write I'm not sure how much I'm allowed to say.

On the subject of restaurants, I've been asked to quell the rumours that Almas is going to be closing down. Keith Shaw has further information - see page 6.

The estate agency which took over the former ELR premises has also disappeared with neither salute nor farewell, much as ELR themselves vacated. Their website is still open.

The Village Greens has reduced their opening to four days a week, as we were warned in the last issue. The shop is now open from Wednesday to Friday, plus Saturday mornings. They are still providing a free home delivery service - just email, phone or call in with your list and they'll see to it for you. It's the last place in Dore where you can get black pudding or decent tomato sausage.

We've also lost a few well-known villagers over the last year, who for one reason or another didn't get a mention or obituary in these pages at the time. This is not an exhaustive list, just the people that I knew and whom I think you might well have known too.

We lost lifelong resident **Max Swift** of Limpits Farm on Rushley Road. You might recall a letter in our last issue from someone who remembered 'Mr Jack Swift of Dore' who farmed land around Topley Brook Road in the 1930s. This was quite likely to have been an ancestor of Max's.

At the time of writing, you can go on Google Earth to Limpits Farm (Rushley Road between the Scout HQ and Dore Road). Select street view and then go one or two pictures towards Dore Road and there is Max, sitting on the wall with his pipe and his dog. I am told that the Google algorithm is supposed to blur the faces of people that are photographed, but Max seems to have escaped. Maybe he had so much beard that the computer didn't recognise him.

We also said goodbye in 2022 to my old friend **David Langton**, whose irrepressible cheerfulness was a trick that I've never been able to manage. In another world he could have been a professional snooker player, such was his natural aptitude for the game and I watched him play many times.

Dave's life touched many who live in Dore as evidenced by the church being packed and standing room only for his funeral.

Finally, a mention of **Christopher 'Kit' Corbett**, resident of The Elms on Church Lane for as long as I can remember. I first met him when he briefly worked as glass collector at the Hare and Hounds in the 1970s. We didn't keep in regular touch but he always said hello and would occasionally pop into one of the pubs. I'm afraid that I don't have a photo of him and maybe you didn't know his name, but you will have seen him walking along Church Lane with a bag of shopping for the other Elms residents.

And what of the year to come? Developers are moving in again, more about which you can read elsewhere in this issue.* I've run out of room.

John Eastwood

* See Christopher Pennell, pages 10-11

CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire

The local branch of the countryside charity, CPRE, urged Sheffield people to make their voices heard as public consultation got underway on the city's planning vision for the next 15 years.

CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire strongly endorsed the vision for the city that the council set out in its draft Sheffield Local Plan.

The draft Plan was approved by the city council in December and was then subject to public comments before it is submitted to the government's Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate will then examine the plan, and consider public representations, before deciding whether to approve the plan or require modifications.

Once adopted, the Sheffield Local Plan will form the city's strategic blueprint for 15 years, shaping how Sheffield will develop, and where new housing and businesses will be built.

Public consultation ran for six weeks, closing on February 20th.

CPRE PDSY backs the city council's vision for a "compact, sustainable city" that meets its development requirements within the current urban area, and largely on brownfield sites. They urged local people and organisations to back the city's vision, and to make sure that the Planning Inspectorate is left in no doubt about the strength of public support.

CPRE PDSY chief executive Tomo Thompson said the council has heeded public demands to protect the city's cherished green space, biodiversity and countryside.

"Sheffield is taking a bold 'brownfield' approach to finding the necessary land to meet the needs for new houses, employment, and services," said Mr Thompson. "In so doing it aims to protect the city's precious countryside, open spaces, and Green Belt, and to focus on compact and more sustainable growth.

"But we know that this approach will be challenged, potentially most strongly by those seeking the allocation of large tranches of easy to develop unsustainable greenfield housing sites. Developers will no doubt argue that the city should give up more of its countryside, even though there is enough development land across the wider City Region to meet the most optimistic growth targets.

"Local communities must not assume that the Plan is a done deal. Now is the time to speak up and make sure that your views are recognised and reinforced!"

CPRE PDSY will work with partner organisations and local communities to support the council through the Planning Inspectorate examination process.

"Our goal is a final adopted Sheffield Plan that protects the city's Green Belt and helps sustainable, compact communities to tackle the climate emergency and become carbon neutral by 2030, while also reversing biodiversity loss.

"That's a vision worth speaking out for. It's an opportunity we need to grasp for the future of the city that we all know and love," said Tomo Thompson.

A date for your diary

This year's Dore Village Society AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th June. Full details of the time and place, agenda and so forth will appear as usual in the May issue of this magazine.

Our AGMs are open to any Dore resident who wishes to attend, but you will only be allowed to vote if you're a member. If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for 2023, membership forms and instructions were included with our last issue. You can also join through our website at dorevillage.co.uk where you can pay online if that's your preference.

Come on, that's seven quid for the year, less than 2p a day. Pay that and enjoy guilt-free enjoyment of all the things that DVS provides like the Party on the Rec, Dore Show, the Christmas decorations and Lantern Parade.

Cover - Our 2022 Lantern Parade, photographed from an angle that most of us don't usually see - upstairs at the Hare & Hounds. Thanks to Jenny Wheelhouse for the pic.

Run for all



The Sheffield Half Marathon will be back through Dore again this year. The date for your diary (whether you're running, spectating or trying to keep out of the way) is Sunday 26th March.

The route is unchanged from previous years, and with a start time of 9.30am runners will start arriving through the village about 10am. Road closures will only be for the duration of the race, but some parking restrictions will begin the previous evening whilst the route is prepared.

If you have any questions, full details can be found at www.runforall.com/events/half-marathon/sheffield-half-marathon where there are also details of how to enter, if you're quick. Entrance fee is £39 this year.

New season at Miniature Railway



The last time I'd been to Abbeydale Miniature Railway was when I took my kids nearly 30 years ago. Last year I was back again with grandchildren, and found that the whole setup has changed beyond recognition since the 1990s.

Despite the large numbers there, we experienced no serious delays (unlike the grownup railway opposite) and even I had a marvellous time (see above).

AMR raises a lot of money, last year posting donations of almost £4000 for the Children's Hospital and £1800 to St. Luke's. They deserve our support and I've already been told that I'll be going back again this year.

2023 open days are below and these are also on the DVS website at dorevillage.co.uk.

John Eastwood

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The Time Travellers Archaeology Group

We are finally back functioning almost as we were pre-Covid, which is really good news for all those activities that have had to be on hold for so long.

Some recent activities and projects have taken place within Dore village itself. Three sites have been investigated through test pits and provided an interesting insight into life in the past. One site on Limb Lane showed clear evidence of coal mining nearby; the second adjacent to Limb Brook provided a piece of possible Roman greyware pottery; and the third, on Townhead Road, was yielding a mix of Victorian domestic and industrial material.

The trip to Tewkesbury and the surrounding area in September proved very popular – so much so that we are already getting bookings for 2023 (Covid permitting) when we will be heading north to the area associated with that famous Specsavers moment! And if you haven't ever visited Tewkesbury and the surrounding area, it is a fascinating place with much to see and do archaeologically.

Our programme of talks and walks has recommenced if these are going to be of interest, so do please get in touch with us and be put on our emailing list. Watch out for our regular coffee mornings which guarantee an opportunity to meet like-minded people with an interest in all things archaeological. The website for details of all our walks, talks and practical opportunities is www.thetimetravellers.org.uk.

You are guaranteed a warm welcome and will be amongst fellow archaeological enthusiasts!

Digging that Brown Sauce!

The first brown sauce is generally considered to be HP Sauce but did you know that David Hoe of Bottesford, Leicestershire created a brown sauce in the 1850s and sold his recipe to Frederick Gibson Gatten of Nottingham in the 1870s.

The main ingredients were tomatoes, vinegar, molasses, dates, cornflour, salt, spices and tamarind. This later became the HP Sauce we know today.

We are always happy to look at artefacts you may have found, and hopefully tell you a little more about what they are and how old they might be. Contact details are on our website (see above).



Glass sauce bottle stoppers labelled both Hoe and Gatten. Found in a garden in Dore during the test pit project carried out by The Time Travellers Archaeology Group.

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Ta for the toys

On behalf of the Tuesday Ladies, we wish to thank you for the wonderful response to the Christmas Toy Collection. With your support and kindness we were able to send two car-loads of toys to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children in Sheffield.

I am sure the children were delighted to receive lovely special gifts on Christmas morning.

Thank you.

June Monks & Janet Clitherow

Warm room 1

Every Tuesday morning, Totley Rise Methodist Church opens its doors to offer a warm space and free drinks.

There's no charge, only a friendly cosy atmosphere, people to talk to, tea, coffee and a good selection of biscuits. There's even the opportunity to charge your mobile phone.

When: Every Tuesday morning.

Time: 10am to 12 noon

If you're trying to cut back on your heating bills, or just fancy a warm drink and a chat, this could be the place to be!

Open to all. No charge and no need to book -- just turn up to Totley Rise Methodist Church, Grove Road, S17 4DJ.

Susan Kirkman

Warm room 2

Do you or someone you know feel socially isolated and would like to meet new people? If so, this is an invitation from Dore Methodist Church (the church on High Street) to come along to our new Welcoming Warm Space on Wednesdays from 10.30am onwards.

If you come you will find:

- A warm and friendly welcome
- An opportunity to chat with others over tea, coffee and biscuits
- A selection of newspapers to read
- Board games to play
- Internet access
- Soup and rolls at lunchtime

This is for anyone – young or old – and all is free! If you are working at home and would like a break why not come along and join us.

For more information please phone (0114) 235 1085.

Financial and practical support for this initiative has been provided by the City Council's Southwest Local Area Committee, the Sheffield Methodist District, and Dore Methodist Church.

John Bailey

Don't lose your vote!

This year's local elections will be held on 4th May. In case you've missed the news about this, you will need to take some photo ID with you when you go to vote this time.

Either a passport or driving licence will be sufficient, but if you don't have either of those then a full list of the documents which are acceptable is available from the Sheffield Council website at sheffield.gov.uk - find your way to Electoral Services.

If you still haven't got a suitable document, you can apply for a voter authority certificate from the same website. You will still need a passport-style photo of yourself. Bear in mind that the certificate will take some time to arrive in the post, so make sure you don't leave it until the last minute.

Personally I don't have a driving licence and my passport expires in April. Just the laws of Murphy and Sod paying a visit to Eastwood Towers again. But I'm blown if I'm giving my vote up!

John Eastwood



Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a pleasant festive break and a good start to 2023. Did you get chance to enjoy one, or more, of our festive events? There were a few to choose from.

Christmas Lights

Although not organised in any way by the Village Society, one of the highlights of this area is being able to walk around the neighbourhood in December and view all the local Christmas lights put up by the residents of Dore. When the dark evenings are starting to be oppressive it can really lift the spirits to see the twinkling fairy lights and the odd inflatable Santa. Even late in January there are a few houses still with lights shining out in the darkness. And when I pass them on my way home from work, they never fail to make me smile. Even so – bring on British Summer Time!

Lantern Parade

The lantern parade was a very well attended community event with several hundred people braving the bitter cold to follow Santa in his pick-up from Causeway Head to the Christmas Tree for carols and festive singing. This year we were very pleased to be joined by Christchurch Christmas choir who led the carol singing; hopefully they will make it an annual thing from now on. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Christmas Tree Team who, on a cold wet November weekend, made Dore look festive.

Wassail Walk

The annual Wassail Walk on the 27th December was another well attended event and it was lovely to see some new faces, and youngsters, braving the drizzle to walk the five miles around Blackamoor. Keith very kindly led the walk again this year, he must know the moor like the back of his hand. In a change from the usual, The Devonshire Arms very kindly hosted the post-walk mulled wine and mince pies for us and it was lovely to be in a cosy atmosphere with a roaring fire (and not have to put the chairs and tables away afterwards!) Our thanks to Dave and Cath for putting up with the muddy boots and paws.

Planning permission sought at Dore Moor Garden Centre

In the middle of December, Inspired Villages submitted their planning application to Sheffield Planning Office. Their plan is to build 120+ residences on the site of the current garden centre and the woodland behind it. Many people have contacted me to discuss the timing of the application and our local councillors were successful in negotiating a two-week extension to the comment deadline. At the time of writing there are over 200 objections to this planning application, and although by the time this issue is published the official deadline will have passed, comments can still be added up to the decision date. According to the planning website, the target date for a decision is Wednesday 15th March 2023. If you'd like to keep up to date with how this application is progressing you can find out here: planningapps.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications and search Dore Moor or use the application number 22/04338/FUL. Please do continue to support the garden centre during this time, they rent the land and will not benefit from this development – in fact they will lose their livelihood if this goes ahead.

Queen's Green Canopy

Back in November we planted a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative from the Platinum Jubilee. The tree is an Indian Horse Chestnut and was planted by a team from the council ably assisted by a group of Y6 pupils from Dore Primary School and Deputy Lord Mayor Colin Ross. The tree has been added to the Queen's Green Canopy interactive map which you can view at queensgreencanopy.org. It also shows the locations of all the other trees that have been planted nationwide as part of this initiative. Now that spring is springing it's the perfect time to get out into the fresh air and go and visit some of them.

Jen

Dore Open Door Lunch Club at Dore Old School

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The lunch club was started in 1977 for elderly and housebound residents, by a group of volunteers. Betty Young and Bessie Colley made sure that the lunch club ran smoothly and, when in 2007 Betty and Bessie retired after 30 years at the helm, Maureen Cope very willingly continued to carry on, helped by Karin Ould and many other volunteers. Maureen's dedication and enthusiasm is sadly missed, but four Team Leaders are now sharing her role, along with helpers who set up the room in the Old School, welcome and serve the elderly members meals made by the cooks and yet more volunteers who wash up. New volunteers are needed both to help welcome the members or cook a main course or pudding for 16 to 18 people on an occasional basis. The lunch club is held every Tuesday, from 11am to 2pm during term time. If you think you are able to volunteer to help in any way, you would be very welcome to come along, have a meal with us and see what is involved. If you need more information or would like to visit one Tuesday please contact Hilary Harrison 07597 337901.



I think most of us will be pleased to see the back of 2022, but we are delighted we finished on a high note, with three sell out Christmas Concerts. So, on behalf of the choir, a big thank you for your support.

It was, of course, a great pleasure to introduce to you our new Music Director Joan Spencer and accompanist Jonathon Lazell and give a big thank you to Francis Wells who has agreed to remain with the team as deputy Music Director. Mackenzie Paget after six years with us has moved on to greater things and we wish him well.

During lockdown we lost a number of members through retirement and, sadly, illness but following an advertising campaign numbers are back up to 73. We are always on the lookout for new members, so if you can hold a tune why not come along and join us. We meet every Thursday evening from 7.15 to 9.30pm. at The Christ Church Dore Community Centre, Townhead Road.

Concerts programmed for this year are well under way with a tour to Tenby scheduled for May, where we will be performing with Tenby Male Voice Choir and at a concert in the beautiful cathedral in St David's.

To keep up to date with us why not visit our website where you can listen to and download some of our music: www.doremalevoicechoir.com.

Ray Mellor

Abbeydale Rotary

Pitchfork Party a success

Abbeydale Rotary was once again able to hold its popular and eagerly anticipated Christmas Pitchfork Party at St John's Church Hall on Wednesday 7th December. Around 50 guests plus carers and volunteers celebrated in style with a Christmas themed meal, raffle, the compulsory rounds of bingo and ending with a good old sing-song with our favourite Christmas carols.

The Pitchfork parties are a bi-annual event set up when former Rotary member Ralph Pitchfork bequeathed money in a trust fund to Abbeydale Rotary to be used for local community initiatives.

From Jane Blockeel of the St Johns Lunch Club: "Our members were still buzzing with excitement at lunch club today. They really enjoyed the Christmas party. Thank you to the Rotary Club for organising it. I'm glad it went well."

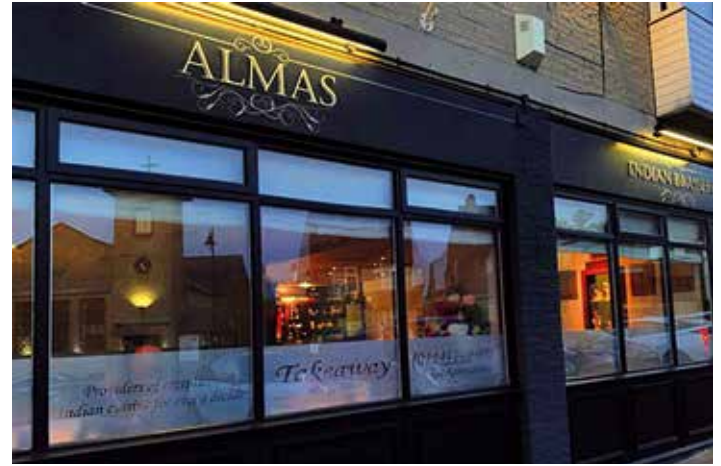
A very kind thank you from one of our regulars Cyril Olsen from the Meadows Care Home: "The Abbeydale Rotary members and volunteers tend to hide their light under a bushel as to their community achievements in Sheffield. They are all dedicated people prepared to give their voluntary time and effort - including fundraising - to enable them to make the lives of young and old more enjoyable - long may that light continue to shine!"

These events only happen thanks to all those volunteers and helpers that give their time and effort to make it a success. In no particular order, thanks must go to the ladies of Inner Wheel for preparing the food and supplying copious quantities of tea; Fiona and her team at Transport 17 for helping collect and safely return guests back home; Patrick and Phil for the excellent carol singing and last but not least the members of Abbeydale and Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Clubs.

If you would like to learn more about Abbeydale Rotary or Inner Wheel and the many community-based activities we engage in please go to our website sheffield-abbeydalerotary.co.uk/.

We will also be arranging an open meeting and social gathering for anyone interested in becoming involved at the end of March or early April, so visit our Facebook page or contact secretary@abbeydalerotaryclub.org.uk.

Rotarian Graham Stevens



Reports of the demise of Almas are greatly exaggerated (with apologies to Mark Twain)

In recent weeks rumours have been circulating that Almas will close later this year when its owner, Richard, retires. Richard wishes it to be known that this is not true. Although he would like to retire sometime this year, he has no intention of closing the restaurant and will ensure that its future is secured before he retires.

That's a relief to many of us who have eaten there over the years, particularly since the closure of the Dore Grill.

Almas is pronounced by most people as Alma's (ie. something belonging to, or associated with, Alma). The correct pronunciation emphasises the s and sounds as if it's spelled Almass.

The name Almas has its origins in Persian and translates as diamond. It was originally used as a name for girls, and later incorporated into Arabic and Hindi. It now occurs in both Muslim and Hindu communities and is also used as a gender-neutral child's name for both girls and boys. Not many people know that.

Keith Shaw

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Dragon quest

Dore's famous Dragon Hunt will be off and running again on Saint George's Day (23rd April).

It's a lovely afternoon for families to have a walk around the village, collecting letters which turn into a special word or phrase. All you have to do is turn up at Dore Old School at 2pm to get your instructions and off you go!

There is absolutely no charge or entry fee to take part and you don't have to book. Last year, the first Dragon Hunt since covid, around 90 people turned up.

Fancy dress (Saint Georges and damsels) is encouraged but not compulsory. Damsels don't need to be in distress.

All that's left to do is hope for some nice weather, and it will be a great day for all involved. Please note - this is not a 'drop-off' event and no childcare is available. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult, but as many adults in your family as want to take part are welcome. See you there!



Dragon TheoDore - identifies as a wyvern

Dore Village Society

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

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

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

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New Year! New Start!



Don't worry if your New Year's resolutions to get out more, meet new people, learn a new hobby or take up physical activity have not yet come to fruition! The Community Centre is privileged to host a wide range of community-led groups which are welcoming ever-increasing numbers of our local residents. When we set out on the first phase of the renovation project almost two years ago, our great wish was to see a

living, breathing building serving the community - and we definitely believe that we are now seeing this wish come true!

Alongside well-supported classes and clubs which have been running for many years, we are excited by the number of new or recently-restarted classes and clubs. The Friday Art Club, which started last year, runs monthly on the first Friday of the month. The club has been very popular and is shortly moving from the back room to the main hall. Dore Literature Group started about 12 months ago and takes place on Wednesdays during term-time. A new 10-week course is starting at the end of January with hopefully more to follow later in the year. The Funk HIIT Ladies' Fitness class will be restarting at the beginning of February. Another activity which is new to the Community Centre, is Pilates for Mums, which runs on Wednesdays during term-time.

The ever popular Toddler Group which takes place on Thursdays during term-time, has seen a welcome increase in numbers. Don't forget that the Toddler Group welcomes all carers. In fact, many grandparents enjoy taking their grandchildren along! Have a look at the noticeboard by the pavement or on communitycentre.dorechurch.org.uk/whats-on for more information about this and the other groups meeting in the CC.

The Community Centre team welcomes support and donations from the local community. We continue to raise funds for new stage curtains, the tanking of the cellar underneath the stage in order to create a large, watertight storage area and to carry out repairs of the flat roof to The Ark, the annex at the side of the main building. Our hope is that The Ark will be increasingly used as a low-cost space for small meetings and groups as it is intentionally furnished in a relaxed and informal style. It has its own access separate from the main building and we hope it will become home to a number of new smaller groups in the months to come.

We are keen to show what the Community Centre and its user groups can offer the wider community and are holding an Open Morning 10:30am-12:30 on 22 April. There will be free refreshments. Please come and take a look and see how we and our user groups can help make your 2023 a healthy and happy year!

Emma Gormley

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Step into the Light- Dore Parish Church Redevelopment

This redevelopment project has taken some years, various iterations of the plans, three vicars, many Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Committee meetings and, as many of you know, we now have permission from the Church of England to go ahead. Ours is a Grade II listed building, at the centre of the village that enhances the beauty of Dore. Using the term "Step into the Light" describes the project and what the building will offer; a beautiful, accessible, adaptable, and light space to be used by the community, reflecting the light of Jesus.

The project is the result of prayer and hard work on the part of church members who have had a vision to make this building more open and welcoming for all, using natural light more, with up-to-date IT and audio-visual equipment and last, but not least, a reduced carbon footprint. The building will be properly insulated, have underfloor heating and have an efficient boiler. With the open floor spaces, it opens up new and exciting possibilities for village use. It will be ideal for concerts, having carefully planned acoustic features. Art will be displayed in sympathetic surroundings. Workshops and meetings can take place in the main part of the building and the meeting room to the right as you enter. There will be meetings, features, facilities and events which draw in young children right through to older people. As before, it can provide a quiet space during the week, when people can walk in and say a prayer or just enjoy a little time in beautiful surroundings. The floor being level and having chairs which are moveable makes this an accessible space, for the first time. Wheelchair access will finally be available. The toilet facilities will also be accessible and more appropriate for larger events and all ages.

Below you will see the 3D plan of the future Christ Church.

The detailed plans will be out to tender early this year and there is much work with professional fundraisers to raise the £500,000 we still need before we can do this. Many members of our church and community have been generous in the past to help us get to this point. Families and individuals can still help us now with pledges and donations.

Sometimes it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the fundraising task and then all the work to be done in the church to bring it up to 21st century standards.

We need the help of the Dore community. Your pledges and donations really matter

We have had many faithful members of Christ Church donate money for the project down the years. By so doing they have supported the initial work and also shown potential donors and the Chancellor of Sheffield and Rotherham Diocese that we are serious about conserving this sacred building for future generations to enjoy, as we have. We have a good balance going forward, but the project will be more expensive due to inflation. We have also simplified aspects of the plans which brings the cost down. We are still talking of the total cost being in the region of £800,000-£850,000.

If you wish to donate, the easiest way is through a bank transfer, referencing the payment as 'CCD Reordering'. Please pay to 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Dore', sort code 40-41-13, account number 62329212. This is a business account if you are asked. You can use the account name 'Dore PCC', but it may say it doesn't recognise that name. If you are confident that you have entered the correct sort code and account number, then you can continue, it saves a lot of typing!

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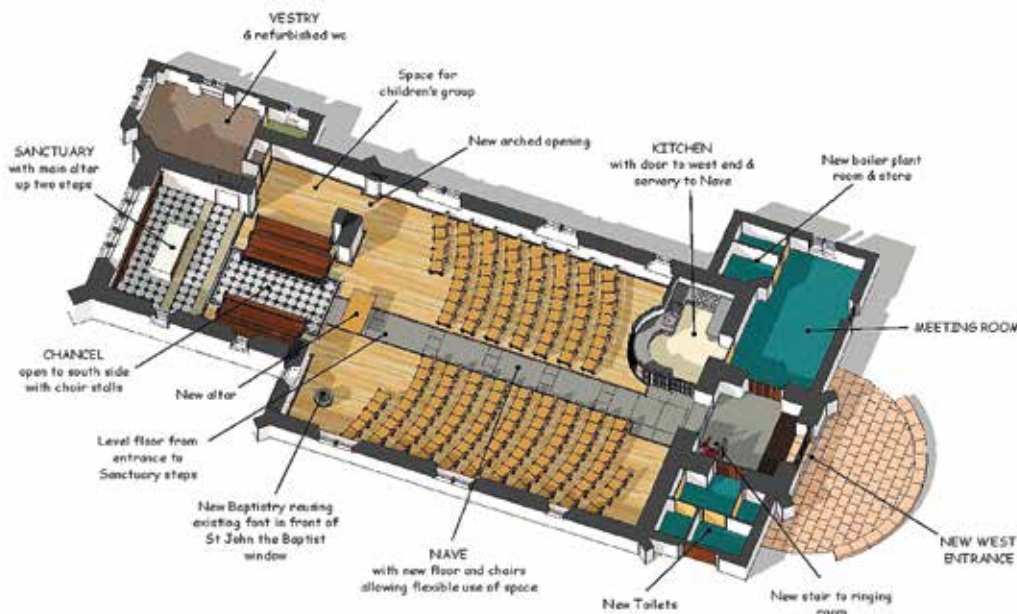
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Our generation's moment to give

The Church we have inherited today is a visible reminder of the passions, perseverance and dedication of those who have gone before us. For the best part of two centuries their faith, hope and charity has ensured that Christ Church remains this beautiful sacred space at the beating heart of the community. With your support, we can continue this legacy and create a vibrant space where everyone can flourish. This is our generation's moment to give and we would love you to be part of this next, defining chapter in our Church's story.

Rev Andy Patrick
Vicar, Christ Church Dore



Development Planning which Respects the Spirit of Place

The Spirit of a Place

In classical Roman religion a *genius loci* was the protective spirit of a place. In more contemporary usage, *genius loci* may reflect the distinctive atmosphere and characteristics of a place. The latter will be a combination of tangible physical aspects of a place, such as land form, soil types and biodiversity, and intangible aspects of a place, such as its history, its cultural associations and its atmosphere. Sometimes the latter can be so strong as to evoke a landscape without considering and analysing the land forms and biodiversity in any detail. For example, Bronte Country or Constable Country immediately evokes landscapes in the mind, such is the power of the cultural association. I shall return later to Haythornthwaite Country and what that means round here.

Such apparently vague concepts may elude a property developer, focussed on turning land into a development made purely for profit, or even a development planner, who may be focussed on applying rules without always appreciating natural beauty.

The Inspired Villages Planning Application

As I write Dore is faced with a controversial planning application for a major development – a retirement village - where Brickhouse Lane meets the Hathersage Road, squatting partly on the Dore Moor garden centre site but extending substantially to both sides across greenfield pasture land. Very large numbers of objections have already been registered by locals on Sheffield's planning website. If weight of opinion alone determined planning applications, this application would be dead in the water.

However, planning applications have to be fought within the rules laid down by the planning authorities. This article examines the weight of the cases for and against the proposed development and reminds us not to ignore the spirit of this place as we thrash each other with rules.

What are the rules? They are in descending order of importance:

1. **The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** of 2021, the Government's overarching planning rules with which lower rules must comply. The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs – surely an important consideration when developing a greenfield site which, once developed, cannot be a greenfield again. At the heart of the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which can mean that within an area there will be a presumption that planning applications will be approved if they help to meet objectively assessed needs, for example as to new homes required.
2. **The adopted Local Development Plan** (for Sheffield) which establishes detailed rules for determining applications in this area. The weakness in Sheffield's case is that its existing Local Plan is severely outdated. Happily, the City Council at last got its act together and determined last spring the general outline of its next Local Plan and in early January this year published the first full draft (to run eventually to 2039) for 6 weeks' public consultation. It will not be before the end of 2024 and after examination by a Government Inspector before the new Local Plan will be adopted after any necessary revisions.
3. **The Dore Neighbourhood Plan** which the local community approved decisively at referendum in August last year and subsequently was Adopted by both the City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. It now has status within the Council's Adopted Local Plan.

The developer, *Inspired Villages*, with a batch of profitable retirement villages already established largely in the south, backs its application with nearly 60 substantial documents. Undoubtedly the applicant will have been advised by their aggressive planning

consultants that this application will stand a better chance on appeal than on its first submission to Sheffield Planning. Their chosen site is without a shadow of doubt in the Green Belt and there are very restrictive rules within the NPPF to prevent development in the Green Belt where it reduces the sense of openness and permanence of the Green Belt. Many of the best objections registered so far on the Sheffield Planning website under 22/04338/FUL stress that this application massively reduces the openness of the Green Belt site. The Planning Committee will surely reject an application which is handicapped in this way, even though rejection risks an appeal.

The inevitable appeal will surely try to stress that *Inspired Villages* has identified a forward development need which the local planning authority is currently failing to meet, namely a sufficiency of housing designed for retired people, some of whom have caring needs. They will also stress that Sheffield has an out of date Local Plan which fails to meet the overall housing targets set for the city by Government and, in particular, that it cannot show evidence of a five-year forward housing land supply, in which case the Planning Inspector appointed to handle the appeal should substitute his judgement for Sheffield's decision and determine the application in keeping with the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

All of this is being strongly challenged in objections already made. For example:

- Only 40% of the applicant site has been so far developed, and even then, with relatively low level and arguably temporary buildings and in a way which does not significantly threaten the openness of the overall site. This application, on the other hand, would massively and permanently reduce the openness of the Green Belt by intensively developing 100% of the site and much of it to a considerable height.
- The Government has already publicly signalled its intention to divert from imposing top-down housing targets and has said it will not require local planning authorities to review Green Belts to deliver homes.
- Sheffield has shown in its emergent new Local Plan how its 2039 housing target worked out with the help of expert consultants can be much lower than the Government assumed and still meet the City's developmental needs without going into the Green Belt except perhaps at the old Norton Aerodrome site.
- Even on appeal, an Inspector is surely not empowered to authorise a development which egregiously breaches the NPPF rules on Green Belt.
- Even if the *Inspired Villages* development proposal does meet a need, that does not of itself automatically justify that it is located in the Green Belt. Indeed, there is an obligation on the developer and on the planning authority to try all other potential urban brownfield (and even urban greenfield) sites before contemplating a Green Belt site. Surely if Sheffield can contemplate building 37,500 new homes by 2039 within the boundary formed by the Green Belt, space can be found elsewhere for this retirement village?

Green Infrastructure Strategy for Dore's Green Belt

It is just this kind of inappropriate development which led the Dore community to endorse in its Neighbourhood Plan an aspiration to prepare "a Green Infrastructure Strategy....to take the opportunity to improve access and enhance the landscape." The DVS has established a Green Infrastructure Strategy Team (GIST) consisting of David Crosby, Margaret Peart and myself to prepare that strategy initially for 'our' Green Belt. Instead of viewing the Green Belt as exclusively a device to encourage better inner-city development, we want to value the Green Belt in its own right – in short to ask ourselves what qualities the Dore Green Belt itself exhibits which should be valued, protected and even enhanced.

The Dore Green Belt GI Strategy is likely to be divided into four chapters:

1. describing the land forms, soil types, heritage features and general spirit of the place.
2. pinning down the quality of the Belt's biodiversity, where the natural wildlife corridors are and how both can be enhanced.
3. exploring the access and recreation activities and opportunities in our Green Belt.
4. exploring the historical uses to which the land has been put, including the pattern of enclosures and trends in woodland, pasture and arable uses and also explores the water courses and exciting projects for slowing the flow at times of heavy rain.

The first chapter will in part refer to professionally produced landscape character assessments based on objective facts, but it will go on to explore the strongly held perceptions of local people about how they see and value this Green Belt land. These perceptions at least include:

- The major boundary role played by the Limb Valley over two millennia
- The impact of enclosures on land uses and access
- The impact of new highways and railways and of village growth on previously undeveloped land
- The impact of manufacturing and extractive industries on the land
- The Haythornthwaites and the countryside protection movement hereabouts
- The impact of organised rambling, trespass and the Right to Roam
- Memories of a predominantly farming village.

To the local inhabitants of Dore, these perceptions and their remnants in the landscape and in archives treasured by the DVS are part of how they see and value the Green Belt around them. As you think about the Green Belt and the people of Dore, do not tread upon their histories, memories, perceptions and their rights because you tread upon their dreams. This is where the spirit of this place resides.

Haythornthwaite Country

An important component of Dore's Green Belt's spirit of place is the extent to which this area could be described as *Haythornthwaite Country*. Let me explain.

Ethel Ward was born in 1894, the daughter of Thomas Ward, a wealthy Sheffield industrialist. She sought solace and peace in the local countryside after the death of her husband in the First World War. In 1924 she founded the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Rural Scenery and for 62 years campaigned vigorously for the protection of the countryside around Sheffield and the Peak District. In 1927 her Association became the local branch of the new Council for the Preservation of Rural England (later named the Campaign to Protect Rural England); and campaign it was, at first in her own right and later with her new husband, Gerald, married in 1937. She then became Ethel Haythornthwaite, a name which should be known to anyone in Sheffield and in the nation who cares about natural landscapes. In a sense, our local Green Belt could be seen as Haythornthwaite Country, much as we speak of Bronte or Constable Country.

One of her first great battles came in 1927 when the Duke of Rutland put his Longshaw Lodge shooting estate on the market without restrictions on its future use. Ethel worked hard to raise the required money for 747 acres and the Lodge. Four years later she arranged for the estate to be transferred to The National Trust for its perpetual management and care. Longshaw became the Trust's first countryside property in the Peak District and a favourite with nearby Dore folk.

Even closer to Dore in the same year the Duke of Rutland put another valued piece of countryside up for sale– the 448 acre Blacka Moor estate. It was purchased for speculative housing

development. The Norton District Council (in which both Dore and Blacka Moor then lay) put a block on building but it was feared that the block would not hold for long. In 1933 Ethel begged Alderman Graves, a great Sheffield benefactor, to walk through Blacka Moor woods and he came out declaring that he must have it. He duly bought the property and passed it on to Sheffield Council who in due course handed it over to the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust for long term management and care as a Nature Reserve. It is now a countryside destination to which Dore residents can walk to rival Ecclesall Woods, another Graves benefaction influenced by Ethel.

Perhaps the most 'local' far-reaching campaign conducted by Ethel occurred in 1936 when she reacted to news that a speculative builder had acquired 84 acres on the north side of Hathersage Road between Whirlow Bridge and Long Line and 9 acres on the south side opposite the Dore Moor Inn, and was intending to build 900 houses there. She encouraged local residents to bombard the local press with letters of objection and lobbied members of Sheffield Council. She led a deputation to the Highways Committee which rejected the proposed development and paid £22,000 compensation to the developer. No such development has taken place on these sites to this day, but Ethel would turn in her grave to fight the retirement village proposal we face now.

One impact of the Whirlow Bridge/Dore Moor Inn threat was the spark in Ethel's mind of a big idea to overcome these regular emergency fire-fights to prevent specific developments. In her charity's 1936 annual report it was stated that the time had come to "fix some limit as to where the town should end and the country begin". She began to develop the notion of having a Green Belt cast round Sheffield (particularly to the west in the shadow of the Peak District uplands) to prevent urban sprawl; and so it came to pass after much campaigning and mapping she convinced the City Council to create the nation's first Green Belt in 1938 – or rather a joint first because in that year Herbert Morrison secured an Act of Parliament to give London a Green Belt. Ethel's big idea, the Green Belt, now covers 13% of England, still preventing the sprawl of urban areas into our treasured countryside.

Ethel had one more big idea of immense importance to Dore, to Sheffield and to the whole nation. She so valued the Peak District and wanted to permanently protect its landscapes that she campaigned for England to create National Parks (as the USA had done many years before) and for the Peak District to be the first given its closeness to a ring of surrounding and potentially encroaching towns and cities. She started her campaign before the Second World War and continued it through the War until it achieved great purchase with the post-War Attlee Government, anxious to create a nation fit for heroes. That Government gave us such treasures as the NHS, the Welfare State, a new Education Act, a brand new Development Planning system and National Parks; and the first to be created was the Peak District National Park in April 1951 with Gerald Haythornthwaite as its first National Park Officer. The Park was established much as Ethel and Gerald had mapped it years before.

Ethel Haythornthwaite is a true Sheffield heroine who richly deserves to be better known, not least to those in Dore who owe her so much. While there is a blue plaque to her memory on the site of Endcliffe Vale House, the most appropriate memorial for Ethel and Gerald is the wood which CPRE planted at the tip of the triangle formed by Brickhouse Lane and the Hathersage Road opposite the Dore Moor Inn and ironically alongside the proposed *Inspired Villages* site. When the applicant's money men and clever consultants mapped their intended retirement village they drew attention to a 'community wood', little realising who it commemorated, Ethel Haythornthwaite, perhaps yet their nemesis. For this is – and must remain – unspoilt Haythornthwaite Country.

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As I write the days are getting longer and the first snowdrops are emerging beneath a heavy frost. Spring can't come soon enough for gardeners. For the first time this year I grew an Amaryllis bulb (*Amaryllis gracilis Rapido*). If they're planted in the autumn they'd normally be in flower by Christmas. I'm rather glad I didn't get mine in early enough as it's now flowering in the house and is providing a rather splendid pop of colour.



Our speakers for 2023

Every year it becomes a bit trickier to find new speakers who bring a new theme or something different. Jean Dykes has taken on the role of Programme Co-ordinator from Janet Williams and has risen to the challenge, sourcing many new speakers and a couple of familiar faces for the Garden Club. We hope you are tempted to dip into some, if not all of the varied events which Jean has organised:

March 15 Ken Balkow: Wildflowers of Jersey

An active member of the Sorby Natural History Society and U3A, Ken's expertise is in wildflowers and botany in the UK and overseas. He has self-published several illustrated books about locally found wildflowers including *100 Plants to see Around Sheffield* and most recently, *Wild Plants of the Porter Valley* and *Wild Plants of the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal*.

He has given regular talks for Dore Garden Club which are illustrated with his own beautiful photographs and this spring his talk will be on Wildflowers of Jersey.

April 19 Sally Smith: Myths & Magic of Organic Gardening

Sally has an RHS Diploma in Horticulture and many years' professional experience in gardening and horticulture. She taught at both Derby College and Nottingham Trent University, and she was Head of Information and Training at Ryton Organic Gardens in Coventry for six years. She has been a Researcher for BBC gardening programmes and sourced plants for the 'Alan's Garden Secrets' for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2010. Sally also worked with Alys Fowler making woven willow plant supports in her 'Edible Garden' programme.

Sally is now freelance giving talks and passing on her knowledge to a wide range of groups in her practical workshops. In her talk she will explain the myths and mysteries of organic gardening and the science too. Website: www.sallyorganic.co.uk

May 17 Mike Thewles: Success with Succulents: how to grow and enjoy Cacti and Succulents

Mike is a member of the Sheffield branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society and has a keen and knowledgeable interest in cacti and succulents.

He has a 6 x 8-foot greenhouse crammed with his own collection of plants, with cold frames and containers on the garage roof as overflow, plus the occasional half dozen here and there on windowsills in the house. He is also an active member of FOBS and a garden volunteer at Sheffield Botanical Gardens with an interest in the Himalayan area of the Gardens.

June 21 Rosy Blackmore: Growing Garden Flowers at Knabb Farm

Rosy Blackmore has collaborated with Knabb Farm Shop, an independent business owned by a local family sourcing local produce, to sell her fresh seasonal flowers from her cutting garden in south Sheffield. She describes herself as a micro flower farmer and will talk about how she grows and arranges seasonal flowers to enjoy in your home or give as gifts.

July 19 Mick Brown: Garden News from Chatsworth

Mick Brown is the Production Garden Manager at Chatsworth Gardens. He has been at Chatsworth for 15 years.

With a background in teaching and floristry, Mick went on to study Horticulture at Capel Manor in the early 2000's. He is now part of the garden management team at Chatsworth House, where he leads on training and development and is responsible for the learning experiences of students, apprentices and visiting professionals to the gardens. His team alone comprises around twenty-five gardeners, seventy-five volunteers and a range of trainees.

September 20 Don Witton: Plant Heritage National Collections of Great Britain

Don Witton is a retired schoolteacher and a gardener for over 40 years. Don has been keen on hardy herbaceous perennials for 25 years and holds a Plant Heritage National Collection of hardy Euphorbia on his allotment at Harthill, near Sheffield which was featured twice on BBC 2's Gardeners' World. Don is a past chairman of the South Pennine group of the Hardy Plant Society, chairman of the East Midland group of Plant Heritage, and member of the Royal Horticultural Society, winning many medals for exhibits at the Tatton Park Show for over 10 years, including two Gold. He has written two books on Euphorbias for the Hardy Plant Society and sells a large range of perennials, Euphorbias, and Euphorbia seed from his small nursery. He enjoys travelling to visit and photograph Britain's most interesting gardens and continues to be very active as a popular speaker. www.euphorbias.co.uk/

October 18 Margaret Boulton: A History of Sheffield Allotments

Margaret Boulton is an allotment gardener and author. This illustrated talk will chart the history of allotments in Sheffield from the early industrialisation of the 18th and 19th centuries, through two world wars, the intervening unemployment in the 1930's and the growth of the suburbs, to the present day.

November 15 Hilary Hutson: The Colours of the Garden

Hilary Hutson is a botanist with a passion for gardens, gardening, and unusual plants particularly tropical plants, nurturing some with borderline hardiness in Sheffield. She is a keen photographer, and her talks are always beautifully illustrated.

She has had 30 years' experience in lecturing to clubs and societies in the UK and abroad and at the University of Sheffield

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Division of Continuing Adult Education. Hilary lives in Sheffield and has frequently given talks for Dore Garden Club. She regularly opens her garden during the summer for local charities.

Where and When?

Dore Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall in the village. Doors open at 7.10pm for a 7.30 start. Membership fees (still only £18), which cover 8 events, are due in March. Payment by cheque is preferred, made out to Dore Garden Club. As we are a small organisation run by volunteers, we cannot handle contactless payments. Please arrive a little earlier than usual as we anticipate there will be a queue to pay subscriptions. Visitors are always welcome and entrance is only £4 payable at the door. Whilst we call ourselves a "Club", our evenings are geared towards sharing a love of gardening. Unfortunately, we had to abandon mingling over tea and coffee some years ago as our volunteer numbers dwindled. Therefore, the focus of the evening is on our speaker, rather than on the social dimension.

One of the perks of membership is 10% off all products at Dore Moor Nursery on production of a 2023 membership card. We very much hope the popular village nursery will be able to continue, currently being under threat from developers. We are very grateful to the team at Dore Moor for continuing to provide this special discount to members given the prevailing uncertainty.

Review of 2022

Last year was our first full year of operating since the pandemic and in a new format running from March to November. The year started out with a fascinating illustrated talk on garden design by a new speaker, Carl Leaman from Millthorpe Nursery. Last year Carl had a bad accident and ended up in hospital with a number of fractures. We all send him and Deidre our best wishes and hope Carl is on course for a full recovery.

Other new speakers included Nick Tovey talking about Suiseki, Japanese stones, and Jeff Bates on water features. Jeff went into the siting, styles, construction, maintenance and planting of garden ponds (and caused me to rethink building one!) Michael Klemperer is English Heritage's Senior Gardens Advisor for the North and Midlands. Michael gave an excellent illustrated talk on the recent restoration of the gardens of Brodsworth Hall, south of Doncaster. Much of the work was undertaken during the pandemic when the house and gardens were closed to the public. The talk had particular resonance for Club members as we had visited Brodsworth a few years previously. It is a delightful Italianate-style property with extensive grounds, beautiful rose gardens and some quirky features – as well as a café, well worth a trip.



English Heritage's Brodsworth Hall, © English Heritage

Trish and Peter Kohn who have presented regularly to the Club talked about the origins of plants. Apparently, there are 76,000 plants in the RHS Plant Finder (www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/publications/plant-finder). A lively speaker, Trish traced the discovery of groups of plants from all over the world throughout the ages. We learned the most recent discovery of a new specimen anywhere in the world was in 1994 in N Wales: the *Wollemia Nobilis* Pine. We are fortunate to have one such specimen in Sheffield Botanical Gardens.



Wollemia Nobilis Pine, Photo courtesy Alison Hunter

The year 2022 was not without its challenges for our Programme Co-Ordinator, Janet Williams. Our July speaker had to cancel due to hospitalisation and we were unable to find someone to come at short notice. Our November speaker went down with Covid. This time we struck lucky to discover a new speaker, Sue Smith, who stepped in and provided a well-attended audience with a delightful demonstration of autumnal and Christmas arrangements. Using only garden foliage, she showed how eminently do-able her designs were for non-floral artists. Five lucky members and visitors took home beautiful displays which were raffled at the end of the evening.

This year we were able to reinstate our annual summer coach trip, organised by Janet Hewitt. We, a sizeable group of members and friends, visited two venues on a warm sunny day. Norwell Nursery near Newark was our first port of call. Andrew Ward, the owner who has been a popular speaker at the Club, gave us a guided tour of his nursery. Fortunately, it specialises in unusual perennials which thrive in clay soil, which many a Sheffield gardener struggles with. Our coach left somewhat heavier, weighed down with all our purchases. A ten-minute drive away in Sutton in Ashfield was our second stop, a large private garden open to the public under the Yellow Book, National Gardens Scheme. To be admitted to the Yellow Book, gardens have to offer something special and this garden had it all. Tea and cake served in this delightful place was the perfect way to round off a lovely day.

Pauline Drissell and Jean Dykes



Sadly, I have little to report on the photographs which appeared in the last issue. I wasn't seriously expecting anything in respect of the two group pictures (Army and Scouts) because the local links were so tenuous, but I was disappointed in hearing nothing about Harry Parsons. I expect it was just too long ago and I have no knowledge of any of his family still living in the area.

The one picture which did excite a response was the front cover with the three girls in front of the Police box. I spoke to one long-standing villager who thought that Auntie Barbara might have been one of the young ladies involved, but no further information. Another correspondent speculated that the girls may have been surnamed Marsden, being the name of the shopkeepers at the shop which used to exist on the corner of High Street and Dore

Road in the 1950s.

I've also heard on the village grapevine that there is at least one villager who can identify the girls - two sisters with a family friend or relative who was visiting at the time. That person hasn't been in touch so I can't tell you any more, but my appeal to contact me if you have more information remains open.

This issue, we have more to show you with thanks to Paul Bradley, who is still slowly going through his grandad's estate. The Bradleys are related to the Marshalls, who once ran the little shop pictured above. This was one of the small shops and cottages which used to stand at the corner of Church Lane and Townhead Road. The shops were demolished in 1970 and the Village Greens stands on that corner now. In the photograph on the right, you can



see down to the junction and Jester's Cottage which still has the shop part attached, as it was until around 1985.

In the picture on the left are Thomas Marshall, the proprietor, with Sarah Anne Marshall and Fred Reeves Marshall who were Peter Bradley's grandparents. Peter Bradley is the small boy in the photos with his friend Rita Warns or Warnes. He was Paul's grandad.

The shop was a general grocery and we can see from the display that they sold bread, meat (pork pies and sausages), and cigarettes. The pictures were taken in March 1934.

Finally for this issue, we have a school photograph. There is no date on this one, but a handy note on the back says that the boy fifth from right on the front row (in the cap) is the same Thomas Marshall who later ran the shop pictured. Doing some quick mental arithmetic with the dates and looking at the Union Jack hanging prominently, it seems that this picture might well have been something to do with the Armistice at the end of the First World War.

If that is correct, then the man in the black coat at the back left corner will be Frederick Bone, Dore School's headmaster from 1901 to 1925. The remaining adults at the back will have been parents, families and possibly other members of school staff.

On the right of the picture the building is unmistakably the corner shop (now Jester's Cottage) and we are looking through to the end of Devonshire Terrace Road. Dore Garage hasn't been built yet because nobody has a car. The picture has been set up right in the middle of the junction with no fear of traffic.

Unfortunately the photo has become rather battered, so several of the faces aren't clear. All the same, if you can identify anyone else in the picture you are welcome to get in touch.

I have also received the lovely letter on the right from Judith Hubbard, who has more memories stimulated by the pictures in the last issue of Dore to Door.

John Eastwood

Dore's Police box

The cover picture took me back to my childhood around Dore. I remember these little boxes at some other situations quite well. Toley Brook road had two. One was next to the telephone box at the Bushey Wood Road end and the other at the opposite end, on the opposite side of the road by the cricket ground entrance, where the road finished near The Hole (issue 147). I also remember this as a swimming place for locals, but I was younger than Angela Kingdon and never went in. A third box was up at Fox House near the junction and pub. I think there was another one at the top of Twentywell Road junction and I vaguely remember one at the Roundhouse junction in Ringinglow village.

My semi-detached neighbours at number 4, Furniss Avenue, were the Sellex family. P.C. George Sellex was our local policeman and he monitored our area on his bicycle, cycling to report his movements as he worked around his beat. No easy gears in those days. It was a good old fashioned 'sit up and beg' bike. Mrs. Mary Sellex worked on the switchboard at either Sheffield or Woodseats police station. There wasn't much going on in the area that they didn't know about. They had a son, Anthony, younger than me.

George Sellex was known by us as the laughing policemen because we could hear him through our semi walls. At that time, he was the only person in the area with a house phone, because he was a policeman. They were kind neighbours and allowed us to use their phone when necessary; otherwise we had to walk down to the telephone box. How things have changed. Anthony died suddenly playing cricket and Mrs Sellex lived to a good age as a widow. We were neighbours for over 60 years.

The other feature, on the same picture, is the gas lamp. These featured in the district in the thirties and before the war. We had one near our gate and I remember a man would come on his bicycle to light the gas before dark and tend the lamp.

Mr Speight of Dore School

I remember Mr Speight very well as I proceeded through my primary education. In response to the (page 44) author's first paragraph statement regarding Mr. Speight's 'little friend' from his top right hand drawer, "I cannot remember but I do not think the girls met the same punishment", I can tell you they did, even after his time. I remember being sent through the two classrooms when I was in the top class with Miss Davis, for the cane and the book. I have no recollection what as a group we had done. I remember one whack. I think the boys had two.

I had another whack from a ruler at the beginning of my primary education, this time from Miss Dobbs. It was only a week or two after my fifth birthday. I was sitting next to Heather Hamlet; we had some little coloured sticks to make into a picture. Suddenly she grabbed some of my pile, naturally I tried to grab back but got caught. The first thing I was to learn in my educational journey was not to get caught. However, I loved Miss Dobbs and her classroom which I remember vividly and I admired Miss Davis and her nature walks to distant places around Dore which started me on my love of nature and countryside.

Luckily, I managed to miss further chastisement in the years in between.

Judith Hubbard

Parents Support Group



We are a friendly Parent/Carer Support Group which meets once a month for a coffee morning at Toley Rise Methodist Church. All of the parents who attend the group have a child or children with additional needs or are awaiting a diagnosis. It is a safe space for you to come along and talk about the journey you are on . a journey which can be difficult. Our parents have a wealth of knowledge .understanding and experience between them, that helps support and navigate your way through a system that doesn't make it easy to obtain the help your child or children deserve.

Our dates for 2023 are:

11th January	110am-12pm	12th July
8th February		9th August
8th March		13th September
12th April		11th October
10th May		8th November
14th June		13th December



Emphasis is on peer support and many have found this invaluable.

Do you have any memories of old Dore in days gone by? Have you read anything in Dore to Door and thought, "Ooh yes, I know a bit about that!"

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Monsal Trail, Cressbrook Mill, Litton Mill



The next batch of Wyvern Walks covering late January to early May can be found on our website at dorevillage.co.uk/pages/wyvern-walkers-programme-of-walks and on our noticeboards. If you can't access these sources, contact me (keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk or 07778 422 910) and I'll post the list to you.

Monsal Trail, Cressbrook Mill, Litton Mill

This is an easy walk, suitable for all times of the year and for families with younger children. It can be muddy in places and there are a couple of uneven sections where care is needed.

Distance: 5m/8km

Time: 2.5 hours

There are numerous information boards along this route (some with audio commentary) explaining the history and ecology of the area, including the former railway line that's now the trail.

Toilets and food at Monsal Head.

The walk commences at the short stay car park in front of the Monsal Head hotel (1) (grid ref SK 18511 71536). There's a longer stay pay and display car park (2) to the rear of the hotel.

The Monsal Trail follows the track bed of a former rail line built in 1863 by the Midland Railway to link Derby and Manchester via Matlock and Buxton. The line closed in 1968 as a result of the Beeching Axe and remained unused until the track bed was bought by the Peak District National Park in 1980. It was then opened to walkers, cyclists and horse riders as the Monsal Trail, running just over eight miles from Coombs Viaduct (1m/1.6 km south-east of Bakewell) to Topley Pike junction in Wye Dale (3m/4.8km east of Buxton).

One of the more dramatic features of the trail is the Headstone viaduct that carried the railway across the river Wye at Monsal Head. The viaduct is about 300 feet (91 m) long and 70 feet (21 m) high at the centre.

To start the walk go through the wall at Monsal Head and take a track on the right which descends parallel to the road. After a short while this takes a hairpin bend to the left and descends to the trail at one end of the viaduct.

Cross the viaduct and continue along the trail for about

1m/1.5km to where a path leaves the trail (3) and descends diagonally across the hillside towards the river and Cressbrook Mill, originally a water-powered textile mill built in 1779 by Sir Richard Arkwright. There's an information board at this point describing the history of the Mill.

Go down the path. Towards the bottom it turns sharply to the right and descends to a footbridge over the river where it's dammed at Water-cum-jolly. The path now follows the mill pond round to the left and runs under some impressive limestone cliffs that are popular with climbers. After heavy rain the river can overflow onto the path and you can't see where the edges of the path and the river are so don't continue if this is the case but retrace your steps and follow the alternative route (marked in red). This takes you alongside the mill (now apartments) and out onto a road. Turn left, walk a short distance up the hill and take a footpath on the left (4). This takes you on a high level route above the river and rejoins the main route beyond where if floods. This path is narrow in places with a steep drop to the left so care is needed along here. At the end of this diversion there's a short scramble to get down onto the main path.

Continue walking upriver until you get to Litton Mill (and another information board), another water powered textile mill. There's more about this (and Cressbrook Mill) on Wikipedia at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Litton_Mill. Both mills were notorious in their day for the exploitation of their workers.

Just above the mill turn left and cross a footbridge over the river (5). Trout can often be seen in the water at this point, both brown and rainbow trout.

The path now ascends back to the Monsal Trail. Turn left and follow the trail back to Monsal Head passing through two tunnels on the way and pausing at appropriate points to take in the views down into the dale.

Map Legend:

- Main route
- Alternative route



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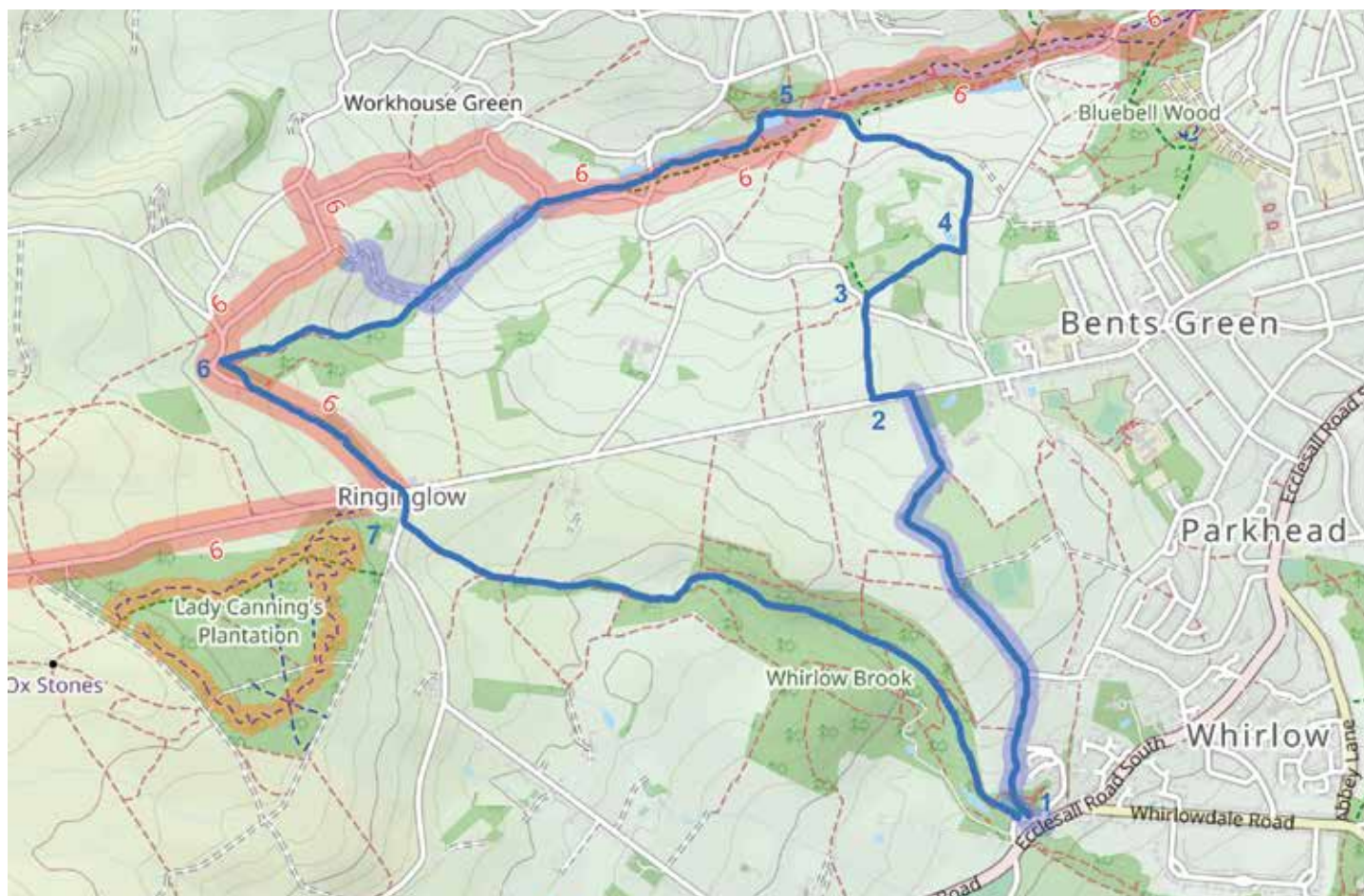
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Whirlow Bridge, Forge Dam, Ringinglow Village



Whirlow Bridge, Forge Dam, Ringinglow Village

This is an easy local walk, again suitable for all times of the year and for families with younger children. It will be muddy in places after rain.

Distance: 6.25m/10km

Time: 3 hours

Toilets and food at Forge Dam and the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow.

The walk commences at Whirlow Bridge, just off Hathersage Road at the end of Limb Lane. (1) (grid ref SK 31066 82664). Park at the roadside.

There are two paths close together to the right of Whirlow Bridge. Take the second on the right (signed Public Bridleway) and walk up a well-defined track, passing the Whirlow Court development, and later sports fields, on your right. After about half a mile this track turns right and joins a road that leads down to Ringinglow Road. At the road junction cross over the road, turn left and after about 100 yards (100m) take the signposted footpath on your right (2). This comes out on Cottage Lane (3). Cross over, turn left and almost immediately right along a footpath that brings you out on Common Lane. Turn left here and continue down Ivy Cottage Lane at the point where Common Lane turns right (4). Follow this down to Forge Dam (5).

In the 1700s, with Sheffield industry heavily involved in the manufacture of cutlery, Porter Brook was dammed to provide water for powering several grinding mills. Later, in 1885, the surrounding land was purchased by Sheffield Corporation to provide an area for recreation with gravel paths and flower beds. In 1938 the JG Graves Charitable Trust purchased more land and created Forge Dam Park. More recently there has been significant restoration work to remove silt and vegetation to improve water flow and habitat, and this work is continuing.

Forge Dam café was originally Walkley Methodist Church. The

church was dismantled in the 1930s and brought to its current site and opened as a café. Since then it has been family run and has recently been extensively improved, closing only on Christmas Day.

From Forge Dam take the footpath that follows the stream (Porter Brook) upriver for just over a mile (1.5km), crossing two roads along the way. Near the head of the stream cross over a footbridge and ascend to a car park (6). Exit the car park and turn left along the road until you get to Ringinglow Village, turn left at the road junction, then right by the Norfolk Arms along Sheephill Road. After a about 100 yards (100m) take a path on your left (7), over a wall, and walk down the Limb Valley following the Limb Brook until you get back to Whirlow Bridge.

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continued support we receive.

Many of you may have watched the Princess of Wales' Carol Service that was broadcast on Christmas Eve by ITV. The service was supported by the Royal Foundation, a charity founded and run by the Prince and Princess of Wales. 2000 or so people who have made a difference to their community were invited to the service at Westminster Abbey, by the Princess of Wales. The purpose of the service was to pay tribute to the late Queen and the values she demonstrated throughout her life as well as to highlight the selflessness of individuals and communities across the UK and the remarkable impact that coming together to support others can have for us all.

Two of our longer-standing volunteers were invited to attend the service. The recommendation for attendance officially came from the Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire, Dame Hilary Chapman, DBE. She was asked by Kensington Palace to nominate a very small number of potential attendees who, in the past year, had:

- Made a positive difference to the lives of others
- Gone above and beyond to help those around them and provide support to those in need
- Contributed to making their community a kinder and more nurturing place



David and Sandra Longley (above) were nominated to attend representing Transport 17, a huge accolade for a small organisation like ourselves. The citation that went to the Palace was:

“Mr David Longley, who will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Sandra Longley. David Longley, who is 79 years old, has been a volunteer minibus driver for the Charity Transport 17 for around 18 years. Mrs Longley has also given great support to the charity over a number of years, supporting the governance, fundraising and admin activities as a volunteer.”

David and Sandra have told us how proud they were to have represented all the volunteers who have given so much of their time so willingly in such a dedicated way since Transport 17's inception. Sandra went on to say "to be in Westminster Abbey for a service is a very rare opportunity and to experience all that that involves was just awe inspiring. Being in the presence of the Royal Family in such a way was amazing and to be the member of a huge congregation who all have the same aim was quite something. The whole experience is a memory we will treasure forever."

Other News

Spring Fundraiser – Saturday 25th March

Some of you will recall Transport 17 held regular Spring events pre-Covid. We are really pleased to be holding one again this year. It will be from 10am–12pm at the Cross Scythes pub on Baslow Rd, and will include some familiar stalls as well as being supported by the Seven Hills Quintet, a local jazz band. Look out for our posters in local businesses, which will include further details, nearer the time.

Volunteer Drivers Desperately Needed

Transport 17 is desperately seeking new volunteer minibus drivers. The recent retirement and unexpected ill health of some of our regular drivers has sadly meant that we have been unable to provide transport to some of the local lunch and social clubs during January this year. The journeys in February will also be affected. This has led to the cancellation of some journeys which sadly impacts hugely on our passengers, many of whom only have this one opportunity each week to get out of the house and socialise within the local community. If you think you might be able to help out and/or are interested in finding out more about volunteering with us, please contact us on 0114 236 2962, or by email at admin@transport17.co.uk

Look out for our DIY SOS in the next issue

We have recently had some long-awaited damp proofing completed at the back of the building, leaving the toilet and kitchen areas in need of renovation and redecoration. We will be putting a call out to any local tradespeople (builders, plumbers, electricians, decorators) who might be willing to donate a small amount of time and their skills to making this area of our offices on Baslow Road habitable again.

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King George V had been on the throne since 1910 and David Lloyd George was in his final year as the country's last Liberal Prime Minister. A pound (£1) in 1921 would be worth around £49 now. During the year, the second ever female Member of Parliament entered Parliament. It was decided in Parliament that car tax discs should be introduced. Before the Great War, there had been 132,000 private cars in Britain. 1921 started with 243,000 cars and a further 72,000 were added in the following 12 months. In 1914 there had been 82,000 goods vehicles on the road, and this had grown to 228,000 in 1921 which was an increase fuelled by the availability to road hauliers of ex-army vehicles and drivers who had learned to drive them in wartime. Following the Great War, the British Legion organisation was founded to help with the aftermath of a dreadful war. While the Prime Minister was promising "a *land fit for heroes*", unemployment rose to 2½ million as a lot of men demobbed from the forces found it hard to get work.

In 1921, Dore and Totley were still in Derbyshire. Dore's population was 1,796, up by 140 since the 1911 census. The census which took place every 10 years was due to take place as usual in 1921, but the fieldwork was postponed for two months because of cases of industrial unrest, including a miners' strike. In May, because of the coal emergency, Sheffield City Council and Norton Rural District Council were urging the public to exercise the utmost economy in their use of fuel and lighting, and some local transport was curtailed. When the census was completed, the UK population was found to be 44,027,000, 52% of whom were women. It's now 67,886,011 with an estimated 50.6% being women.



Following the Great War, local committees were established, and fundraising was taking place to provide fitting memorials for those who had sacrificed their lives in war. The Totley War Memorial had just been dedicated on 27th November 1920. Fundraising for it had started in 1918 with various local events and collections. The Totley project had been delayed because of the difficulty of finding a suitable site for the memorial, but the Rev Gibson, Vicar of Dore, had stepped in and had offered the land on Baslow Road for the granite cross and its plaque with the names of the fallen. Next to come was the Grindleford War Memorial to 16 men which was unveiled on 26th March 1921. Then in June at the Dore and Totley Union Church a memorial tablet and permanent roll of honour to all the men of Dore and Totley who fell in the war was unveiled. Finally, the Dore war memorial was dedicated by the Rev Gibson on 10th December 1921 with the Vicar of Abbeydale, the Rev Kerfoot, and representatives of all local denominations present. Another memorial, the Grade 2 listed lych gate of Dore Church was erected in 1921 and had been dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield in April along with a memorial tablet in the church itself.

Fundraising for Totley's new church which would eventually open in 1924 had been going on for some time. A grand summer fair in a field opposite Totley Grange raised funds to add to monies already raised by parishioners and the legacy of £4,000 left by Mr Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Park. It featured music from the Dore brass band, maypole dancing by the girls of Dore Church School and country dancing by Hammerton Street Council School girls. Another summer event was the annual route march and sports day for the Boys' Brigade which took place at Ashfurlong Farm, Dore. Two hundred boys and 20 officers had assembled at Woodseats tram terminus and had then marched via Beauchief and Dore to the ground where games and races took place before tea.

The Vicar of Dore, Rev Gibson, was vocal about Dore and Totley along with other parishes near to Sheffield being in the Diocese of Southwell with its minster about 40 miles away. He and others felt that the local parishes in the Deanery of Eyam should move instead to the Diocese of Sheffield. Despite the local feeling that Totley and Dore were "part and parcel of the city", they still weren't in the obvious diocese. The new parish of Totley was due to be created from the parish of Dore. Until 1844, Dore and Totley had formerly been in the parish of Dronfield. The Rev Gibson had been in post for 26 years as Vicar of Dore and made his mark on Dore church with a new chancel, new windows, organ, eight bells, heating apparatus and a clock tower. Over £6,000 had been spent on the church structure and furniture since his arrival in 1895.

In August, Norton Rural District Council gave permission for a new street off King Ecgbert Road to be built, and this was later to be called Furniss Avenue. The council also invited tenders for the building of 24 cottages on the Rushley Road site. Leyfield Road on its south side was also approved for development, and the Midland Railway was offering nine building plots for sale on Totley Brook Road, described as "the most eligible building estate in the vicinity" and "a few minutes' walk from Dore and Totley station" where the Midland Railway might benefit doubly from the residents' ticket purchases.

Dore Moor Inn was a regular venue for cattle sales as was the Fleur-de-Lys at Totley. Dore was outraged in March when a large hayrick at Dore Moor was deliberately set on fire by, it was believed, mysterious individuals sympathetic to Sinn Fein and the cause of Irish independence. The Dronfield Fire Brigade attended but was unable to save the rick which was the property of the licensee, Mr Elijah Green.



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Similar incidents had taken place across the north of England and on railway property around London. Petrol was being used regularly to start such fires and firearms were being used in extreme cases. The island of Ireland had just been split between the Irish Free State and Ulster giving us what we now know as Northern Ireland, although the matter was still causing unrest. On a more positive note, Farmer Hancock of Dore was writing to the newspapers warning against factory farming systems to produce food at any price regardless of the welfare of animals and men. Working with Mother Nature, applying acquired knowledge, using careful and skilled men who were paid decent wages and the latest implements was, in his view, the only answer.

In June, the Mistress Cutler came to Topley Orphanage to present prizes at the annual speech day. The president of the orphanage spoke of the poor state of the finances despite large legacies. Commitments meant that they been forced to stop educating the children themselves and send them instead to Topley school where the children had been praised for their conduct and work. The children entertained the visitors with songs and recitations. At a different educational establishment, Dore and Topley High School and Kindergarten was advertising with vacancies for boarders.

It seems that Sheffield's department stores were doing their best to endanger wildlife. The Cole Brothers' January Sale was offering the most unappealingly-sounding "Skunk Muffs" at half price of between 10 and 20 guineas (roughly £500 to £1,000 now). Meanwhile, Walsh's was offering "Becoming Neckwear" in the form of stoles and collarettes in marabou stork or ostrich feathers and White fox or Indian fox fur. At the time, a whole menagerie of animals was being used for fur; sable, mink, beaver, seal, opossum, raccoon and squirrel to name but a few. Mole and dyed rabbit were also available and cheaper. Cole's had relented by the spring when "seaside blazers in a large range of striped flannel" were offered for 69/6d or 73/6d (£170 to £180 at today's values). A good quality men's suit in wool was 5 guineas and a winter overcoat was 70/-. More fragrantly, the Chanel No 5 perfume was introduced this year by Rolls Royce-driving Coco Chanel.

In 1921, a Sheffield holidaymaker on a budget was offered numerous opportunities at resorts such as Bridlington, Harrogate, Blackpool, Southport, Scarborough, Llandudno, Whitby, Morecambe, Mablethorpe and Skegness. Some enlightened

B & Bs offered "separate tables" and even "free use of bath". Or if you weren't very adventurous there was always the Grand Hotel at what was described as "Bracing Baslow". Those who couldn't afford to travel might simply have taken the tram to Sheffield's range of picture houses, theatres and sports venues.

For the motorist, Sheffield's Ford dealership was advertising "TRANSPORTATION IS CIVILISATION. IT IS KILLING FASHION AND IS DOING MORE FOR HEALTH THAN ANY NUMBER OF PRINTED RULES OR NASTY MEDICINES". The Ford tourer was £220 or there was a van for £205 and a tractor for £225. Other pricier

makes were available for up to £1,650 for a Daimler, although the newly-appointed Rolls Royce dealership didn't let on about their prices: it was probably considered vulgar to say! For those without transport, Sheffield omnibuses and trams along with the rail services into Sheffield and beyond and the Hope Valley railway line were obvious choices for work and leisure. A workman's weekly ticket from Dore and Topley to Sheffield was 3/3d (16p) and the one-month season ticket for any time and any train was 10/10d (54p), or 29/3d (£1.46p) for three months. For leisure, private companies offered charabanc services from Topley to Baslow, Chesterfield, Froggatt Edge and Calver. Walking was clearly popular and one local newspaper stressed its importance for women. "An erect carriage and elastic step mean more in a girl's general appearance than anything else. There is only one place to find perfect health and that is out of doors. A girl who takes long walks daily (in the morning for preference) never has a white face or a listless appearance. The morning air with its youth giving qualities is a gift which should not be refused by anyone."

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Gramophones of the day ranged from £7.10s to £125. While Marconi had made the first successful wireless broadcast in 1920, it wasn't until 1922 when radio broadcasts from the 2MT and 2LO (later BBC) radio stations could be heard on crystal sets. Meanwhile, fish and chips were always on the menu and the fish eaters of Sheffield and area were assured that on the Wednesday before Good Friday 1921, no fewer than 77 trawlers had landed their catches at Grimsby, to say nothing of what was also coming in at Hull and Fleetwood. The railways were able to transport the fish inland quickly, and anyone in the vicinity of a railway station would have known by the scented trail when the fish train had passed through or stopped. Depending on what you wanted to put on your chips, a large bottle of Tomato Ketchup was 2/- or there was always HP Sauce for 11½d.

If you thought that using dogs to advertise toilet roll was a relatively new idea, you would be mistaken. In 1921 Chas Marsden & Sons Ltd of Holly Street, Sheffield were advertising their "Tyke" brand all British-manufactured perforated sanitary medicated toilet roll which was guaranteed chemical free for 5/6d per dozen or 30/- for six dozen if you were a hoarder or anticipating a pandemic. A picture of the Airedale Terrier "Tyke" appeared in the adverts. And if you thought that the phenomenon of global warming was relatively recent, there was a report of a four-inch long cicada, an insect normally seen and heard in warmer climes, being found in a garden near Bakewell. It might, though, have travelled here in a box of bananas it was thought, but it had been an unusually hot summer.

Judging by the number of column inches devoted to it, golf at the Dore & Totley Club for men and women seems to have been the favoured and fashionable local sport. The club had 325 men, 120 ladies and 15 junior members. They reported that the condition of the greens in 1921 had been helped by the hot summer which had kept the grass short and grazing by sheep. In February, a member achieved a "hole in one" at the 160-yard 16th hole. In October, two club members with the lowest handicaps and familiar with the terrain played a match by moonlight using forecaddies in the vicinity of the holes to listen for the drop. Caddies were allowed to use torches only when balls went into the rough. The two players finished at 11pm after playing for three hours and both men lost just one ball each. Miraculously, one valiant forecaddie was hit by a ball only once and wasn't apparently harmed! Abbeydale Park hosted rugby union, football, cricket and hockey, while target shooting and lawn tennis took place in the area. League football, racing and local sports were reported at length in the Saturday "Green 'Un" sports special. Another pastime, the growing of flowers and vegetables and the keeping of poultry, rabbits and other animals was encouraged by the Totley Allotment and Horticultural Society. Their fourth annual show in Totley saw prizes being awarded for

flowers and produce as well as the best rabbit, best guinea pig, best local hen and best White Leghorn laying chicken.

Readers' letters to the papers at the time spoke of Sheffield "creeping out" towards Millhouses and Totley. Local feelings were running very high at a possible threat to Ecclesall Woods which at the time were owned by Earl Fitzwilliam. The area of ancient woodlands was believed to be hiding reserves of coal, ganister and fireclay, all of which were used by local industries and which had been mined previously. Mercifully, strong feelings led to the woods being bought by Sheffield Corporation six years later. Another reader wrote in to add to an earlier

report of someone's sighting of a kingfisher, "*We have seen one several times by a brook near Dore and Totley station during October and November*". "Motorist" wrote in to point out that Abbey Lane and Abbeydale Road as far as the Beauchief were 100 feet wide, so why wasn't the road with its dangerous bends at Totley Rise and Mickley Lane also as wide as far as the Cross Scythes?

Crime didn't pay in the area. The year started badly for a drunk and disorderly scythe grinder on the Totley omnibus who used obscene language and assaulted the bus conductor at Totley. The case came to court at Eckington and £6 in fines were imposed. In June, PC Banham was on duty in Totley when he stopped a powerful car which he thought was being driven to the danger of the public. Both men in the car were from London. The passenger offered PC Banham a £1 note to say nothing about the matter: this was bluntly refused and the case came to Renishaw Police Court where the chairman of the magistrates said this was the worst case they had had to deal with. Fines and costs imposed on both men amounted to nearly £40 (around £1,950 at today's values). Then a raid on a Totley milk seller resulted in three farmers from Holmesfield facing charges at Renishaw Police Court for adulterating their milk. One was found to have added 20% of water getting him a fine of £1 with £3 costs. Two others claimed that the reason why their samples were lacking a third of the cream and fat was simply due to the milk being poured from one vessel into another. The court didn't wear this excuse and the fine was £5 with £3 costs. In November, PC Breed of Totley supported by Sergeant Hall and a gamekeeper arrested two men who were found poaching at midnight at Longshaw. One of the men had been sentenced before for the same offence and he was sent to prison for one month with hard labour, while the other was fined £1. At the end of the year, the illustrious PC Banham was in court at Dronfield to give evidence against a Sheffield labourer who he had seen trying window catches and doors of three houses in Totley Brook Road. The man ran away when he saw PC Banham but he was overhauled and arrested. He complained that if he walked down the street he was taken to the lock-up. He told the court, "*I may as well go to bed for the rest of my life and then I shall be safe.*" Safety in this case was three months in prison!

And what of the future for Dore from the end of 1921? Some things nationally returned to normal but we were still in the doldrums with the after-effects of war and pandemic. The employment situation improved slightly but unrest continued up to the 1926 General Strike. This brought about another recession, the effects of which lasted beyond the end of the decade. Now, 100 years on, there's talk of the worst economic decline in 300 years. Dore's been there before, so noses to the grindstone again!

Mike Peart

(This article was written in 2020 - Ed)

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- Sheffield departures for Dore at xx.18 – usually Platform 7
- Dore & Totley going west at xx.21
- Manchester Piccadilly coming east at xx.18
- Dore & Totley for Sheffield at xx.58

Unfortunately for some Sheffield commuters, the former 08.28 has been re-timed to 08.58 to keep the hourly pattern, and the new 08.21 for Manchester is the later re-timed departure that previously flew from Dore to Edale without stopping.

TransPennine Express and East Midlands both now run through to Liverpool from Sheffield every hour, or should! They may offer a refreshment service on some trains for parts of their routes.

East Midlands try to run 4 carriages stopping here at 06.25 and 07.36 for Manchester and Liverpool.

Returning they offer Manchester Piccadilly departures at 07.43 (our 08.28 into Sheffield), 16.43, 17.43 and 22.30 all stopping at Dore, for Nottingham and some to Norwich.

TransPennine Express should be operating 6 carriages on most of their trains, the only ones that offer first class travel on our route taking about 50 minutes.

Going west to Manchester and Liverpool in the morning they're timed to stop here at 05.15, 06.15, 07.14 and 08.15.

Trains stopping at Dore are timed to leave Piccadilly at 07.12 (our 08.04 into Sheffield), 17.13, 18.13, 19.13, 20.13 and 21.13, all bound for Cleethorpes.

Rail services and industrial relations

Whilst the foregoing timetabling is as good as we've had for well over 50 years the reliability of our trains has been – to put it bluntly – diabolical!

Over the last 6 months Dore & Totley has had the unhappy distinction of appearing at 2523rd out of 2628 UK stations for punctuality of trains (according to OnTime Trains data at 16.1.2023). That's actually a slight improvement, we've appeared in the bottom 25 at times in the last year.

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Train Operating Companies (TOCs) and vital sections of Network Rail. This situation has been gradually building up over years but has been exacerbated by a backlog of training during the Covid lockdown period. The railway has relied on a lot of voluntary overtime and rest day working to cover things like Sundays (traditionally not in the standard working week), sickness, holiday absences, when trains are delayed - and training. In normal times this all works fairly well. When morale breaks down it doesn't. Employers want to introduce changed conditions and working practices in return for salary increases. As the government



subsidises railways very heavily, they won't fund more expenditure without reductions in costs. The unions won't call off bans on overtime, the working of rest days or further strikes without more money than the government will currently sanction.

Currently TPE are being hit a lot harder than Northern or East Midlands and they are having to cancel a lot of trains, often at less than 24 hours' notice. Our 7.14 and 8.15 suffer as badly as any. Northern have greatest difficulty manning the trains on Sundays. When Network Rail signallers strike nothing runs along the Hope Valley, although the mainlines are usually covered during the middle of the day, but not early mornings and evenings.

We can only hope sanity soon prevails, but in the meantime more drivers and skilled staff are taking jobs elsewhere or retiring. Even optimistically it probably won't be fully resolved for months.

The Improvement Work

As I write, the latest construction work is well under way and by the time you'll be reading this, that phase will be almost over. That's good. There will be further major disruption in the next 6-9 months as the second platform and footbridge are constructed, as well

as completion of the track work and signalling to operate it. By December the work should be almost over and we'll be seeing operational tracks to help improve punctuality. The tidying up should be under way by next Spring.

In the meantime, we have the pain, not least the removal, of all the trees pictured on Page 31 of the last edition of Dore to Door! Bricks without straw, omelettes without eggs, no gain without pain - and much gnashing of teeth! Those trees were only planted 10 years ago when the car park was opened. We're assured there will be replacement planting there and elsewhere from early 2024. We'll be ensuring there is.

Car parking is proving difficult on three counts.

1. Residents on West View Lane have temporarily lost over half their car parking and access to their garages. That's to allow excavation and soil nailing below Poynton Wood to create more level ground to take a third track for freight trains waiting to move between the two main lines. This process means the sides of the resulting cutting can be steeper without risking landslides and preserving the natural woodland.
2. Loss of the station car park is causing people to park along Abbeydale Road South almost as far as the Industrial Hamlet and well up Dore Road. The alternative car parking at the top of the Abbeydale Sports Club car park is not popular. No surprise there, we told the public inquiry in 2016 that would be the case.
3. Contractors' vehicles at weekends totally fill the station car park and are parking on the central reservation of the Abbeydale Road South dual carriageway where it crosses the railway. There isn't a better nearby place for them without parking outside domestic properties, or perhaps a little further away at that car park noted above! That issue won't last very long but in the meantime the contractors have been asked to clear up their litter.

By the next edition we should be able to see real progress with both the works and more reliable rail services. We can but hope.

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Holt who goes there

Once in a while the stars align and my deadline occurs just after the opening of a new restaurant, and just in time for me to write a review. In this case, Holt is the latest addition to the blossoming food and drink scene of Banner Cross. Situated in what was the Haybrook Estate Agents office, this modern British (with a Mediterranean twist) restaurant is co-owned by Chris Holt (hence the name) and head-chef Dariusz Jaskowski (ex-sous chef at Thyme Café). With the Banner Cross Hotel across the road, and The Itchy Pig and The Dark Horse just up the road, there is a choice of venues for pre-dinner drinks. We had a booking for 7:30pm on the Friday a week after opening and as we sat outside the Dark Horse, I was pleasantly surprised to see the number of people entering Holt. When we arrived, the downstairs seating area was pretty full, although the upstairs area, next to the open kitchen, wasn't open.



Unsurprisingly, the décor differed significantly from the previous occupant, with contemporary light wood-clad walls, huge circular mirrors, more wood for the flooring and an impressive bar. We were seated promptly by front of house manager, Charlotte and were left to peruse the drinks menu. Rather than go for one of the good selection of cocktails (£9 or £9.50), we chose a bottle of Bushranger Shiraz from Australia (£19), which was excellent value. The menu delivered the promised British/Mediterranean fare, with some interesting choices for both starters and mains. My partner was in two minds – between the Cod Scotch Egg, Picante Chorizo and Red Pepper Sauce (£10) and the Smoked Duck Pastrami, Plum and Vanilla Infused Endive (£8.50). She went for the duck, which was amazing. The meat itself was melt in the mouth tender, and the herbs and spices from the curing process showed through without drowning the flavour of the duck. The addition of the plum gave the dish a pleasant counterpoint of sweetness, and the subtle vanilla in the endive was different, but it worked.

There was only one choice of starter for me – Braised Ox Cheeks with Cauliflower and Carrots Two Ways (£11.50). Although I do really enjoy ox cheeks, it was also ordered as a bit of a test, because if they aren't cooked very low and very slow they will be pretty tough. I shouldn't have worried! The cheek was arguably even more tender than the duck, and the flavour was lovely and rich. The carrots (pureed and roast) were well cooked and well-seasoned, but it was the cauliflower that gave the dish a wow-factor. They were cooked al-dente with the right amount of crunch, and glazed with a flavour that I couldn't quite place (although in hindsight, I should have asked for the purposes of this review!), but had a sharpness with a hint of sweet, and it took the vegetable to a previously unheard of height.



In a reverse from her uncertainty in choosing a starter, my partner immediately chose the Salmon, Kale and Pea Tagliatelle with Lemon Prawns (£19). Again, another outstanding dish! Perfectly cooked pasta combined with a beautiful piece of salmon which was succulent and flaky, and tender king prawns with a subtle lemon undertone.

I had a bit more trouble choosing a main course and ended up with the Sous Vide Lamb Rump, Burnt Aubergine and Jerusalem Artichoke Puree, Lamb Croquettes, Beetroot Fondant, Roscoff Onion and Spinach (£22), over the Sirloin Steak, Rosemary Pave, Caramelised Shallots and Blue Cheese Hollandaise (£24). I also added a side of Crushed New Potatoes with Sage Butter (£4.50). This is the point where things went a bit wrong. The puree was smooth and tasty, although arguably there was a bit too much, the croquette, beetroot and vegetables were all excellent. However, when I cut into the middle of the lamb, rather than the expected pink, the meat was uncooked. I asked Charlotte if she could take it back and ask the chef's opinion. Dariusz came to the table to apologise and offered to cook any other dish from the menu as they were out of the lamb. I suggested he just pan fried my lamb and he gained respect from me when he looked horrified at the idea and refused. As I had been picking at my potatoes and noticing my partner had almost finished her main, I decided we should just progress to the dessert. As an aside, I went upstairs to see Dariusz in the kitchen after our meal and the sous-chef who had prepared my lamb was very apologetic and upset with himself. I strongly suspect he won't make that mistake again, although I did (a little cruelly) point out that it wouldn't have got him to the next round of Masterchef!

The cheeseboard was recommended for dessert, although I couldn't tell you how much it cost because we weren't charged for it. It had good sized portions of four different cheeses served with the correct biscuit to cheese ratio (a bug-bear of mine if you have read previous reviews), and a very good red onion chutney.

In situations like this, one has to acknowledge that mistakes can be made. To me, it is all about how the restaurant reacts. In this case, I can't criticise their reaction at all – they fronted up to the problem, apologised and offered to rectify it in any way they could, then removed the dessert and two bottles of wine from our bill!

In summary, lamb notwithstanding, the food was excellent with enough twists to give the restaurant an identity of its own. It was excellent value for money at what would have been just over £100 for two including two bottles of wine. We will definitely be returning, possibly to try the lunch menu which has a wide range of interesting dishes between £8.50 and £14 or the Sunday lunch (£19 for one course, £25 for two or £30 for three), or indeed just for coffee and a pastry – served from 10am.

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Firstly, I would like to wish everyone in Dore a very Happy New Year. I hope you were all able to have some rest over the holidays, spend time with family and enjoy the festivities.

As we head into 2023, I want to know what issues people in Dore would like me to focus on over the next year, whether it is campaigning for a Green New Deal for our city, standing up for our NHS and public services or something else entirely. So, I am asking everyone across our constituency to please take my short survey, to help inform which issues I should focus on in the new year. You can share your ideas on my website here: www.oliviablake.org.uk/2023/01/12/campaigns2023. Thank you.

As many of you will know, there was a major incident declared in Stannington in the weeks leading up to Christmas involving a burst water main, and the subsequent flooding of a gas main. I was in the constituency throughout this major incident alongside my staff and a fantastic team of volunteers – delivering leaflets, helping answer questions and assisting with welfare checks and broader door-knocking. I will be pushing for a public inquiry so no other community in Sheffield or across the country has to go through something like this again.

I have objected to the proposed development on the site of the Dore Moor Garden Centre (see right). The Dore Neighbourhood Plan was created to protect our precious Green Belt and to safeguard the setting and landscape character of the Peak District National Park. I do not believe this application achieves this.

I'm also deeply concerned by the nature of the proposals. There is a need for more housing for older residents in Sheffield, but it needs to be genuinely affordable. Proposing building 125 luxury care homes shows more concern for maximising profit than adequately addressing the housing needs of our city.

I have raised the issue of inadequate consultation time for these proposals with the council and understand that the formal period for comments has now been extended. If you have thoughts on the proposal, please do send these to the Planning department.

In Parliament, I have been campaigning for important reforms to green the financial system. Since the Paris agreement, the world's 60 largest banks financed \$3.8 trillion worth of fossil fuel projects. The vast wealth in the financial system must be used to tackle the emergencies we face - not fuel them. I convened a Westminster Hall debate on the urgent need to reform the financial system. I also tabled and supported a number of amendments to Government legislation to enshrine climate protection and harness the power of the city to act as a force for people and planet. Sadly, the Government voted down these amendments.

As Co-Chair of the All Party group on Migration I have been working with unions and front-line organisations campaigning for safe and legal passages for asylum seekers trying to reach safety in the UK. On the anniversary of the night 32 people died in the Channel I called on the Prime Minister to speed up investigations to ensure the families of those who died receive answers, and lessons are learnt to make sure tragedies like this never happen again. Since my question to the Prime Minister, the government has published an

interim report into the tragedy. I will continue campaigning for justice for the families and safe and legal routes for all asylum seekers.

I am proud to support RCN nurses in Sheffield who have voted to take strike action for the first time in the College's history. Since 2010 nurses have seen their real terms pay cut by 20%. As a result, 83% said there aren't enough nursing staff to meet all patient needs safely. I will be doing everything I can to support striking nurses over the coming months.

Two in five of the now four million children living in poverty are not eligible for free school meals. I signed a Parliamentary Motion calling on the Government to introduce Free School Meals and raised this with officials from the Department for Education during a Public Accounts Committee Session.

If you would like to hear more about what I have been getting up to, you can sign up to my monthly newsletter on my website. And once again, Happy New Year!

Olivia Blake - MP for Sheffield Hallam
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Olivia Blake's objection to the Dore Moor Nursery planning application

I write to raise an objection to the proposed construction of an integrated Retirement Community of up to 125 extra care units on the site of the Dore Moor Garden Centre.

I am concerned firstly by the housing model being pursued through this development.

I have serious concerns about the idea of building a luxury 'retirement village', which does not adequately address our city's housing needs. There is a need for new homes for older residents in Sheffield, but these need to be genuinely affordable for all residents in this city.

Similar existing luxury retirement villages across the country regularly have large amounts of vacancies because this model of housing is not as popular in the UK as it is in other comparable countries. I know that many people find it difficult to sell-on these properties, and they often sit empty for that reason, while at the same time racking up thousands in service charges for relatives. The idea of building new housing that is unlikely to all be filled - and likely to cause resale difficulties - while our city faces an acute need for housing, is untenable.

As a constituent that emailed me wrote, "this application does not assist the housing crisis and will have no social housing at all. The only reason this site has been chosen is to maximise profits."

I have concerns about the large 'service' charges requested through similar developments, which are often extortionate and make such properties even less affordable for prospective residents. I ask the Planning Committee to take the issue of service charge levels into account when deciding on this application.

Secondly, this development would infringe upon the Green Belt.

As you know, there is a Dore Neighbourhood Plan which sets out both land use policies and aspirations for the neighbourhood plan

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The Spring is an extremely busy time in the Council as we finalise the budget and spending plans for the next year. This budget will be even more challenging than usual given the financial constraints that are facing us all at the moment. Another major development is that at long last the Sheffield Local Plan has gone out to consultation. Once approved this will be a vitally important document that sets the framework for housing and commercial development in Sheffield for the next twenty years. It's well known that we have a severe housing shortage in Sheffield but building needs to take place in areas that have the backing of the local community.

The biggest local topic in Dore at the moment is the proposal to build a retirement village on the site of the Garden Centre. The proposal is for 125 properties, some 3 stories high, to be built in the green belt close to the Peak Park boundary. The application went in just before Christmas and the consultation period would have ended in early January. However, representation from us as local councillors managed to get this extended as we were concerned that many people would have missed the application over the holiday period. We also distributed nearly 2,000 leaflets to alert residents. At the time of writing there are well over 250 objections to the proposal and as Local Councillors we will also be objecting to the proposal as it would set a dangerous precedent as an incursion to the green belt. The new long overdue Sheffield Local Plan is very strong on protecting the green belt. The existing local plan as well as the Dore Neighbourhood Plan are also very robust on preserving the green belt and limiting urban sprawl. This is a particularly sensitive location as it was one of the first areas in the country to be designated as green belt and consequently there are many grounds on which to object to this proposal.

On a more positive front you may have noticed that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have been appearing in a number of places around the ward. This equipment records all vehicle speeds but only lights up when a vehicle exceeds the speed



Car versus cafe - something must be done

limit. The signs are being rotated around several locations and at the time of writing we now have valuable data from Totley Brook Road, Long Line, Dore Road, Twentywell Lane and Abbeydale Road South near the Beauchief Gardens. Some other locations will be surveyed in the very near future. We are aware that speeding traffic is a concern to many residents, and we will be using this information to decide where and what measures can be undertaken to help alleviate the problem.

There was a serious incident at Totley Rise shops recently. A car went through the window of the café and caused considerable damage. Fortunately, nobody was injured but this was the third incident of this type at the shops and the second time a car has gone into the café. All three Councillors are pressing the Highways department for a solution to the problem of cars either rolling or being driven over the pavement in front of the shops. Engineers are actively looking at options such as bollards, pedestrian barriers or changes to the parking layout and Councillors are investigating possible funding sources.

And finally ... Please feel free to contact any of us about any issues that are concerning you. Our regular surgeries are held from 6 to 7pm on the second Monday of each month at Totley Library, and 10.30–12.00 on the second Saturday of each month at Dore Old School. Alternatively, contact any one of us with an email.

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area, and which has been agreed by the Council. This Plan was created to protect the Green Belt in Dore to:

- safeguard the setting of the Peak District National Park and its landscape character;
- protect the Green Belt, valued natural assets and Local Green Spaces;
- help Dore and Sheffield fulfil our roles as responsible neighbours to the beautiful National Park

I have concerns that the application as proposed, in developing the site at such scale, will undoubtedly upset the setting of the National Park and the character of the area.

The Dore Neighbourhood Plan sets out that developments must ensure the flow of landscape character and continuity of landscape is experienced. This site is rural in character - situated at the footstep of the National Park - and the redevelopment of this site with this many properties would fundamentally alter the character and tone of the area.

This application essentially seeks to build a new neighbourhood over the Green Belt, and further extend the reaches of the city closer towards the National Park. I believe this is contrary to the aims and aspirations set out in the Dore Neighbourhood Plan, as well as Sheffield City Council's climate and nature aspirations. This site is replete with biodiversity, acting as a haven for local wildlife. The Dore Neighbourhood Plan sets ambitions for the 'protection of the environmentally sensitive character of the countryside' and the 'enhancement of its green infrastructure for recreation, ecology and wildlife', ambitions which accepting this proposal would fundamentally undermine.

The change of use for this site from garden centre to housing is a significant change that, considering it is not reflected in the Dore Neighbourhood Plan or the draft citywide Local Plan, should be subject for far greater community consideration and consultation.

Finally, I believe this site to be completely unsuitable for a development of this scale, and that this application would undermine our city's nature and climate ambitions; would - in overriding the Neighbourhood Plan - undermine the ambitions of local people and local democracy; and would not address Sheffield's housing needs.

I therefore ask the Planning Committee to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely, Olivia Blake MP

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Here we go with the start of another year. Let's hope it is considerably better than the last few, but with the unrest in the public sector when everyone is in the same boat unless you are extremely well off makes you wonder. Still, we had a very nice Christmas Concert which played to a full house. There was plenty of humour with a programme of mainly Christmas music; the "pantomime" Cinderella went down exceedingly well and even my usual Flanders and Swann contribution got a good reception even though many said that they had not heard it before but really enjoyed it. It is always nice when the audience tell us how much they enjoyed things.

Now to the next important dates on our calendar, the next show. This is to be *The Pirates of Penzance*, that wonderful spoof on class snobbery using the Navy as its hook (or should I say anchor). It tells the story of Josephine, daughter of Captain Corcoran who is trying to marry her off to Sir Joseph Porter (KCB), the First Lord of The Admiralty but who is really in love with 'a common sailor', Ralph Rackstraw. There are some well known songs such as Sir Joseph Porter's song telling how he became First Lord by not knowing anything of the Navy and never having gone to sea but by polishing up the handle of the big front door, an evil character in *Dick Deadeye* and *Little Buttercup*, who is not usually little at all but is at the centre of the tale. There are plenty of comic moments and as always it is a great piece of entertainment. If you've not seen any of the G & S operettas it is a good one to cut your teeth on. Go on, give it go. It will be performed at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street Sheffield, S1 2LG on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 26-28 April at 7:30pm and on Saturday 29 April at 2:30pm. Tickets (£16 and £8) are available by phone on 07565 805405 or via email at dore_bookings@mail.com or via the web at doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html or even by post (please include a SAE) from Mr T Bates, 8 Canalside, Renishaw, S21 3UY. Please note that they cannot be purchased from the theatre.

As usual, if you want more information, please feel free to ring me on 0114 236 2299. Please try and come and see it. These days societies like ours need all the support we can get and you will have a very enjoyable evening (or afternoon) out.

See you there and A Happy New Year to you all.

Derek Habberjam



First off, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and here's wishing you all the best for 2023. For those of you who haven't already heard, More in Dore has finally ordered the next bit of replacement playground equipment for Dore recreation ground.

The equipment will be installed during Spring/Summer 2023 and is replacing the current wooden towers unit. As mentioned previously it will be more suited for slightly older children (7-14 years old). We had originally wanted to incorporate a slide into the equipment, but funding and equipment footprint didn't allow this. As such, we will be buying a standalone slide as soon as funding allows (it's about £4k to buy a 2.1mtr high slide, plus installation and resurfacing costs on top). This will be followed by improvements to the swings and other apparatus in the future.

For those who may not have read my previous articles, I started a new job early last year, that combined with family commitments means I haven't had the time to dedicate to More in Dore that I have had in previous years. Due to this I stepped down as Chairperson of More in Dore at the start of this year. I will continue to help out whenever I can, but the role of Chairperson will now be passed on to the more than capable More in Dore member, Julia, who has kindly stepped forward to take over from me. She will introduce herself in the May edition.

I'd like to say a massive thanks to the Dore Village Society for their generous donations and guidance, our More in Dore Treasurer (Claire) for all her help since the start, the other members of the group that have helped out in any way, Sheffield City Council Parks Department, and all the other people and companies that have assisted us since I set up More in Dore back in 2019.

So as this is possibly my last Dore to Door article, I'll bid you farewell and pass you over to Julia.

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Queen's Green Canopy in Dore

The DVS sponsored tree - an Indian Horse Chestnut - was planted on Kings Croft in November 2022 during National Tree Week. It was a damp, foggy morning on the day but the team assembled, which included Dore Primary School pupils with DPS Deputy Head, Jason Fletcher, made a good job of digging, planting and staking the tree. They were supervised by the Community Forestry development officer, Toby Pillatt, who involved the pupils at every stage, making it a worthwhile and rewarding experience for the DPS pupils. We were lucky to be joined by Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Colin Ross, and Cllr Richard Williams, Chair of SCC Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee. Ruby, Colin's dog, was pleased with herself because she managed to clear Kings Croft of all squirrels by some energetic patrolling. She was also very good at making friends and providing four-legged fun.

Flower Insect Timed (FIT) count

If you watch any of the BBC's *Springwatch* series, you'll know that it finishes with a 'mindful moment' when we are treated to a view of the natural world free of any commentary save for our own thoughts - it's wonderfully calming. During the summer I discovered the FIT count and apart from it being a 10-15 minute 'mindful moment' it also has a very serious purpose which is the monitoring of pollinators by 'citizen scientists' in the UK. Organised by the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme POMS (ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts) participants are asked to watch a patch of flowers 50cm by 50 cm square (a quadrat) for 10 minutes and count the insects landing on the flowers. You may find, as I did, that you can't identify everything - the count very helpfully has an 'other insects' category but no doubt you will want to satisfy your curiosity by trying to find out more about the insects that visit. As the count is repeated throughout the season a picture is built up which adds value to your survey. There are some videos on the FIT count website (above) which will show you what to do. What could be simpler on a warm, sunny day? If you add the *FITcount* app to your phone you can photograph your patch of flowers and download your results straight away. The 2023 survey starts on April 1st and lasts until 30th September.

Spring programme of events

It was depressing at the start of the New Year to read the headline, '*Global pollinator losses causing 500,000 early deaths a year - study*' (Guardian, 9th January 2023). Yet again we are being warned about the global decline of insect populations and the impact that this is having on food supplies and human health. The article quotes the researchers who say, '*We estimated that the world is currently losing 4.7% of total production of fruit, 3.2% of vegetables, and 4.7% nuts.*' We could all start by looking at our own gardens - just because your garden is small it doesn't mean that it can't be pollinator-friendly. Researchers at Bristol University (*Turnover in floral composition explains species diversity and temporal stability in the nectar supply of urban residential gardens*, Tew et al., 2022) found that residential gardens are a valuable habitat and pollinator friendly management is more important than the size of your garden.

Preserving Our Pollinators

The art of beekeeping and the importance of forage - a talk by Master Beekeepers Bronwen White and Philip Khorassandjian from the Sheffield Association of Beekeepers. Thursday, March 30th 2023, Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.30-9.00 pm

In the first half of the meeting, Philip will talk about beekeeping and afterwards Bronwen will explain what substances plants provide for pollinators and which plants are most useful.

Surveying the swifts in Dore

A meeting for those interested in doing some practical swift surveying in Dore this year. April/May, details to be confirmed

We'll be joined by some friends from the Totley Swift group who will share their experiences of surveying swifts in Totley. This meeting is meant for those who think they might be interested in the practical task of surveying the local swift population in Dore and who would like to try it out for themselves this year. We will be meeting others interested in doing swift surveys and forming very local groups so that areas with swift colonies can be observed and mapped easily by those living nearby.



Get involved and plant more trees

An appeal from Peter Gilbert

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Spring Clean the Eco-friendly Way

With spring right around the corner, it's nearly time to start sowing those seeds for your alyssum plants, seeds for your broccoli, sweet peas and veggies, and time to start preparing gorgeous salads with in-season kale, spring onions and much more.

Whilst I like the winter with its colder nights meaning times for getting cosy under a blanket watching a myriad of boxsets and movies, I have to say that I adore spring even more. I love seeing the first daffodils popping out, hearing the birds sing on my early morning walks, and what I'm most grateful for at this time is the warmer, longer and lighter days.

As well as this being the time for some of these lovely foods, flowers and plants, we all know that it's also historically the season for some good spring cleaning in our home.

I always find spring cleaning satisfying for my home and for the mind. I prefer to green clean as I don't like using chemical-based products that I know aren't great for the environment.

Here are some great ideas on how you can do some simple spring cleaning without overspending on products and instead using very simple items that you already have at home. Starting in your kitchen, you're likely to have some of the essential green cleaning goodies already in your kitchen cupboard or fridge. You can also make your own green cleaning supplies as mentioned in my last article. Homemade green cleaners are fun and easy to make and if you don't have some of the products, you can grab them at the local refill store or green grocers. You can use these great homemade eco cleaning products in a range of ways.

Cleaning your home

- You can revive your pots and saucepans, bringing them back to a shine by slicing a lemon in half and dipping it in bicarbonate of soda and then lightly rubbing your copper pans and pots using the cut side of the lemon. Watch this natural scourer bring your saucepans back to life.
- Easily remove stains from plastic containers by using the other half of the lemon with bicarbonate of soda to make a simple, environmentally friendly paste. Use it to rub out stubborn stains such as that dreaded tomato line that always seems to linger on your Tupperware. Rub and leave for some time and then simply rinse or wash as normal.
- Lemons are also the perfect fruit to use to sanitise your chopping boards. Simply slice a lemon and rub it on your chopping board to sanitise. You can also add bicarbonate of soda if you want to help to clean up wooden chopping boards.
- You can make a great all-purpose cleaning solution by marinating lemon peel with rosemary in white vinegar for a couple of days, and then use the mixture in a spray bottle as an eco-cleaning solution. This solution can be used to clean the stove tops, your microwave, and other small appliances. If you want to reduce the vinegar smell, simply add the essential oil of your choice. I like using lemon, grapefruit or lavender essential oils.
- Use the remaining lemon peels to freshen the air in your kitchen and home. Simmer the peels in water on your stove top for a fragrant, natural air freshener.
- For those who want to go beyond the kitchen with the lemon, you can use the lemon peel as a seedling starter. Using the peel as a cup, you can poke holes for drainage and put soil in it. You can then bury the seeds. Once winter ends, you can move the lemon cup itself to the garden and plant your seedling.

Declutter your home

What's in fashion comes and goes. Living as low waste as possible is a great way to help the environment, aid charities and to reduce the money out of your pocket. Our clothing can be some of the most wasteful items that we have in the home. Having young kids

means that they constantly grow out of clothes. We love a good wardrobe declutter where we go through clothes that the kids have outgrown. We like to give some away to family and friends that can still be worn and the rest we give away to clothing charities. For items that you can't give away because they are too old or damaged, here are a few ideas of how you can use them instead.

- For clothing that has some life in it, bring out your needle and thread and fix small holes.
- Make rags out of unwanted or old clothes. Repurpose your old clothes by cutting them into squares and rectangles to make cloth rags that you can then use to dust and wipe down during your spring cleaning.
- My old leggings are great when cut up to make cleaning cloths which means I don't need to spend money on expensive cleaning cloths.
- You can also make use of old clothes by making a unique welcome rug out of them. Or if you need, you can also stuff them into cushions and pillows after shredding them down. This gives those cushions and pillows some extra much needed bounce.

Brighten your home

With spring comes bright coloured flowers, green grass and trees, new growth and fresh clean air. You can utilise some of nature's freshness to keep your house clean as well as to improve air quality in your home in the months ahead.

Plants are a great way to increase oxygen levels in your home, helping to improve your overall mood.

Try any combination of gorgeous air-cleaning houseplants such as the beautiful Kentia palm, Snake plants, Peace Lilies or the gorgeous Philodendron plants. All would be beautiful in any home.

If you want to add some extra colour, you can add in some orchids, anthuriums or chrysanthemums, as these flowers and flowering plants can also help eliminate certain types of toxins in the air.

Refresh garden furniture

Like me, you've probably stored your garden furniture away over the winter time. With brighter days, it's time to bring them out and to restore them for use in the coming months.

Dust down your garden furniture with a natural bristle brush and give them a good wash down with some simple eco percarbonate of soda (oxygen bleach), a dash of washing up liquid and some warm water in a simple bucket or bowl. You'll see your garden furniture naturally brighten up.

For wooden furniture, you could also save old tea bags and add them to water and use them as a natural stainer for your garden furniture.

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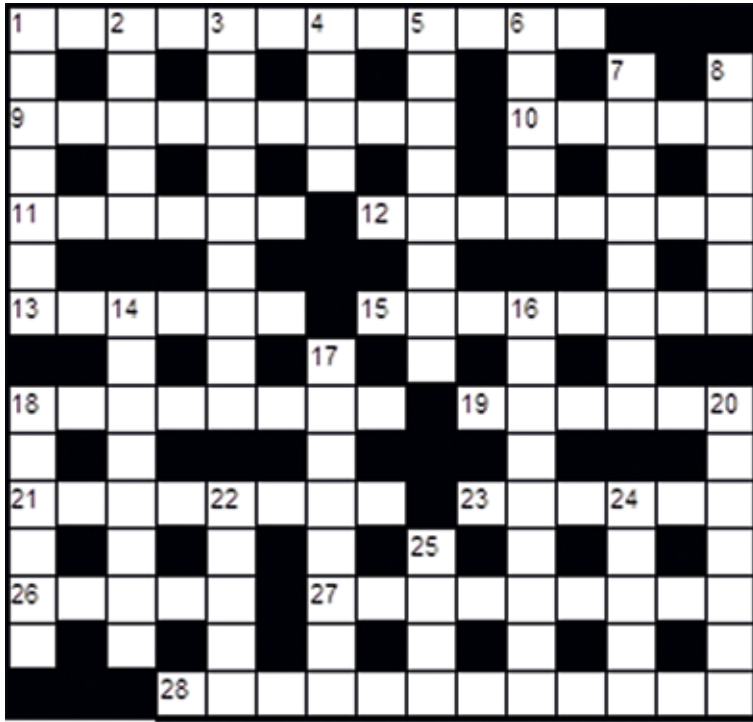
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Down

1. Works out depths (7)
2. Representative time with books (5)
3. One taking is wrong kind to get paper edited (9)
4. Nothing holds a collar (4)
5. Covers with constant replacement by large curves (8)
6. Control bull (5)
7. Encouragement to be more savage and throw (8)
8. Here and hear (6)
14. Takes back right to scatter around (8)
16. European Union takes blend of cannabis and is mostly initially put in a nice way (9)
17. Potter creator follows quietly when moving stealthily (8)
18. Throw the French piece on board (6)
20. Discontented, say about vessel, but that's vague (7)
22.and something inside another vessel (5)
24. Good thing to be like group (5)
25. Stagger and be demented on the up (4)

Across

1. Direct anger towards Holy gift (12)
9. Warble about badly made grind (9)
10. One living abroad with quiet energy exchanged for leave of absence (5)
11. Not in tune. What's the cost? (6)
12. Brief to contain a value (8)
13. Take off English band (6)
15. Counted on putting first and last into action (8)
18. Those providing terraces that are built (8)
19. Football team, including new rejects (6)
21. Takes in birds (8)
23. Stage to present European representative (6)
26. US city can bring romantic talk (5)
27. Doubly popular about case of trainer, nearly all poorly fundamental (9)
28. Go around motoring with energy transforming relationship between sides (12)

Crossword compiled by Mavis
Answers will be published in the May issue.
Solution to our Winter crossword:



Dore Festival 2023

Following the hugely successful Festival organised by Maureen Cope last year and with support from the Doreways Group it is hoped that many of the popular events will again be planned for the week leading up to the Dore Scout Gala on Saturday 8th July. The Classic Car Show, Dore G&S Concert, Lord Conyers Morris Men, Strawberry Fayre and the DMVC Concert are always very well supported. Look out for the full programme in the next edition.

For over 60 years there has been a village well dressing, and while there are still many volunteers willing to help and new people will be very welcome, someone prepared to design and produce this years dressing is urgently needed if we are to keep this village tradition alive. For more information about Festival and particularly well dressing please contact Anne Elsdon 07505 121907.

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FEBRUARY

- Wed 22 Totley History Group: A Man, a Knife and a Project - The history of Portland works. Talk by Anna de Lange. All meetings are held in Totley Library at 7.30pm on 4th Wed of the month, unless stated otherwise.
- Mon 27 Wyvern Walk - Hassop, Monsal Trail, Bakewell. We always meet at the Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, ready for departure at 9:30. Car sharing will be organised on the day if we are not starting the walk in Dore. Leader Keith Shaw 07778 422 910. Park at Hassop Station pay and display car park. We then walk east to the end of the Monsal Trail, descend and cross Coombs Road and continue along a track before descending through a field to the river. We then walk back along the river to Bakewell and take a track that leads past Holme Hall before branching left through fields and Cracknowl Wood then descend to the Monsal Trail and return to Hassop Station. About 6.25 miles, easy going. Toilets and refreshments at Hassop Station cafe.

MARCH

- Sun 5 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). We're on your right driving out of Sheffield, 1/3rd mile past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge by our entrance gate. Trains run 1pm until 5pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. sheffieldmodelengineers.com
- Sat 11 Totley Library Book Sale. 2:00pm - 4:00pm.
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club: Wild Flowers of Jersey. Talk by Ken Balkow, Botanist and Author Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £4 is appreciated.
- Sun 19 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). We're on your right driving out of Sheffield, 1/3rd mile past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge by our entrance gate. Trains run 1pm until 5pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. sheffieldmodelengineers.com
- Wed 22 A Brief History of Crime. Talk by Dr. David Mosley. All meetings are held in Totley Library at 7.30pm on 4th Wed of the month, unless stated otherwise.
- Sat 25 Transport 17 Spring Fundraiser. Some of you will recall that Transport 17 held regular Spring events pre-Covid. We are really pleased to be holding one again this year. It will be from 10am-12pm at the Cross Scythes pub on Baslow Rd, and will include some familiar stalls as well as being supported by the Seven Hills Quintet, a local jazz band. Look out for our posters in local businesses, which will include further details, nearer the time.
- Sun 26 Wyvern Walk - Bradwell, Great Hucklow, Abney Moor. We always meet at the Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, ready for departure at 9:30. Car sharing will be organised on the day if we are not starting the walk in Dore. Leader Chris Cave - 07908 364 925. Starting from Bradwell Church we walk over Bradwell Hills to Hazelbadge Hall and then up a steady incline to Great Hucklow from where we go via a couple of awkward stiles and a short steep incline to Hucklow Edge. Here we will stop for coffee and, having refreshed ourselves, will then cross fields and Abney Moor before descending on a steep path back to Bradwell. A 5.5 mile walk from which we can expect to be back in Dore by 2.00pm so maybe bring a bite to eat as well as coffee.
- Thu 30 Totley Library - Volunteer Recruitment Fair 5:30pm. Come and join with us at Totley Library Volunteer Recruitment Fair. An opportunity for new and current volunteers to find out about the many roles we have available. Refreshments available. www.totleycric.org.uk
- Thu 30 Preserving Our Pollinators 7:30pm. The art of beekeeping and the importance of forage - a talk by Master Beekeepers Bronwen White and Philip Khorassandjian from the Sheffield Association of Beekeepers. In the first half of the meeting, Philip will talk about beekeeping and afterwards Bronwen will explain what substances plants provide for pollinators and which plants are most useful

APRIL

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- Fri 14 Wyvern Walk - Stanage, Hathersage, North Lees. We always meet at the Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, ready for departure at 9:30. Car sharing will be organised on the day if we are not starting the walk in Dore. Leader Peter Bower 07748 086 793. We will car share to the Car park below the eastern end of Stanage Edge. From there, we will walk South over Carrhead Rocks past the historic house at Moorseats descending to the church at Hathersage. We then cross the valley of Hood Brook, returning by the old tower house at North Lees to walk along Carrhead Rocks to the car park. Good views of Hope Valley and Stanage Edge at many points of the walk. 5 miles, hilly in parts. Expect to be back in Dore before 2pm.
- Sun 16 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). We're on your right driving out of Sheffield, 1/3rd mile past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge by our entrance gate. Trains run 1pm until 5pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. sheffieldmodelengineers.com
- Wed 19 Dore Garden Club: Myths and Magic of Organic Gardening. Talk by Sally Smith Professional Gardener. Former Head of Information in the Advisory Department at Garden Organic. Dore Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome. A donation of £4 is appreciated.
- Sat 22 Open Day, Christ Church Community Centre. We are keen to show what the Community Centre and its user groups can offer the wider community and are holding an Open Morning 10:30am-12:30 on 22 April. There will be free refreshments. Please come and take a look and see how we and our user groups can help make your 2023 a healthy and happy year!
- Sun 23 Dore Dragon Hunt 2:00pm. Dore's famous Dragon Hunt will be off and running again on Saint George's Day. It's a lovely afternoon for families to have a walk around the village, collecting letters which turn into a special word or phrase. All you have to do is turn up at Dore Old School at 2pm to get your instructions and off you go! There is absolutely no charge or entry fee to take part and you don't have to book. Last year, the first Dragon Hunt since covid, around 90 people turned up. Fancy dress (Saint Georges and damsels) is encouraged but not compulsory. Damsels don't need to be in distress. All that's left to do is hope for some nice weather, and it will be a great day for all involved.
- Wed 26-
Sat 29 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society - The Pirates of Penzance, that wonderful spoof on class snobbery using the Navy as its hook (or should I say anchor). It will be performed at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street Sheffield, S1 2LG on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 26-28 April at 7:30pm and on Saturday 29 April at 2:30pm. Tickets (£16 and £8) are available by phone on 07565 805405 or via email at dore_bookings@mail.com or via the web at doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html or even by post (please include a SAE) from Mr T Bates, 8 Canalside, Renishaw, S21 3UY. Please note that they cannot be purchased from the theatre.
- Sun 30 Abbeydale Miniature Railway Open Day. Entrance opposite 283 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LB (On A621). We're on your right driving out of Sheffield, 1/3rd mile past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. Look for the yellow notice board on the grass verge by our entrance gate. Trains run 1pm until 5pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and ice creams usually on sale. sheffieldmodelengineers.com

MAY

- Sat 6 Wyvern Walk - Ladybower, Cutthroat Bridge, Bamford Edge. We always meet at the Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, ready for departure at 9:30. Car sharing will be organised on the day if we are not starting the walk in Dore. Please note that everyone joins walks at their own risk as the group does not have its own insurance. Please be sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring any refreshments and drinks that you will want to consume. Leader Keith Shaw 07778 422 910. We will car share to Heatherdene car park (pay and display) by Ladybower reservoir (just below the junction of the A6013 and the A57). From there we walk over the bridge, past the Ladybower Inn and take a track on the left through woods and moorland to Cutthroat Bridge. Crossing the road and going through a gate the route continues for a short distance along a forestry track before we divert uphill to an ancient stone circle. Then making our way to Bamford Edge for coffee and to enjoy the view before descending to the car park. About 5 miles. Back in Dore by 2ish.

The below article first appeared in Dore to Door issue number 29, of Spring 1993.

Dore Moor Inn

Dore Moor Inn was built as a coaching inn around the time that the Dore Turnpike Road was opened in 1816. The original plan was to build the inn near the bottom of Long Line, but building it on its present site meant that travellers from the Peak District to Dore would also use it.

Originally there was extensive stabling to the west of the inn and it was used by travellers rather than local people. It was also used by the men building the turnpike road.



Dore Moor Inn in the late 19th Century, evidenced by the name of Samuel Howard being above the door.

There is tale of a 'real Peak District man' who had obtained work on the new road breaking stones, sitting in the inn with his mate and saying "Mo (Moses) pull that bell, an' we'll ha' anuther cartle." The price for breaking a cartload (cartle) of road stone was the price of a quart of ale.

The first trustees meeting, for an Act of Parliament of 1825, was held at 'James Wagstaff's house ~ the Devonshire Arms on Dore Moor', but by 1827 the proprietor was Catherine Wagstaff and the name had been changed to Dore Moor Inn. Was Catherine the widow of James?

William Sterland is shown as proprietor in 1845, but from 1849 to 1852 it was Charlotte Wagstaff. The 1851 Census shows her, aged 41, as head of the family, innkeeper and farmer, and lists Catherine Harrison, age 72, her mother. Could it be that Catherine had remarried?

Census returns for 1851, 1871 and 1891 show each innkeeper as publican and farmer and list farm labourers as well as family members and house or general servants.

On a map of 1827 Catherine Wagstaff is shown as owning land around the inn totalling approximately 24 acres and renting a further 18 acres from D'Ewes Coke, including field 523 "Lower Allotment", the triangular field still existing in front of the inn. She had the assistance of two farm servants and one house servant.

George Green is shown as farmer and innkeeper, with 27 acres in 1861, and he was still there in 1871 with his wife Elizabeth aged 69 and one un-married son, Vincent. They kept one farm labourer and a domestic servant.

Dore Moor Inn was a favourite Sunday outing for people from Sheffield by the 1850s. It was also used by carters, coaches and horse-buses travelling to and from the Peak

District. Later, when the railways were opened, people would travel from Sheffield to Millhouses, Beauchief or Dore and Totley Station and walk up the hill to the inn.

The Innkeeper and his wife from 1881 to 1890 were Samuel and Eleanor Howard. Samuel had been a coachman to George Wostenholm the Sheffield cutlery manufacturer who built Kenwood Park. Samuel died in 1890 and is buried in Baslow churchyard.

Eleanor continued to run the inn until 1905 and the 1891 census shows her, age 45, as publican and farmer. Her sons, Alfred, age 22, and Walter, age 19, both born at Kenwood Park, are listed as Assistant in Public House and saddler respectively. This census also lists a niece, Adelaide Howard, from Chesterfield, two general servants, one farm servant and a lodger.

Intemperance may have been a problem locally, because in 1897 Rev. F.P. Downman, Organising Secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, visited the village to give a lantern lecture on work in the diocese of Southwell, "showing the result of their work on education, commerce and religion."

Innkeepers since 1905 have included M. Hutchinson, a Mr Beamer, Norman Trimnell, and Mary Latham. Mr and Mrs Jack Jones ran the inn from 1975 until Ken Cooney took over in 1987 after 18 years at the Big Gun in the Wicker.

In 1974 the Sheffield Telegraph printed an article indicating that the brewery, Bass Charrington, was planning to build a sports complex in the field bounding the inn. In accordance with statutory requirements a notice board was placed near the inn listing the planned facilities:

- club house buildings with bars
- restaurant
- indoor squash and badminton courts
- sauna baths
- swimming pool
- tennis courts and golf driving range.

There was opposition from the CPRE and some local residents.

If the present landlord moves out in 1993 what plans might the brewery have for Dore Moor Inn, we wonder?



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