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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Project Connie – a plea for help

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Project Connie is a small, informal group of Dore people who take our elderly residents to their medical appointments. We range anywhere from mums or dads with children at school to enthusiastic golfers and retirees, all busy people with just a few hours to spare occasionally. You would probably only be needed once or twice a month and it's very satisfying lending a hand to take someone to the doctor, dentist or hospital who would otherwise struggle with an impersonal taxi.

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If you would be interested then please ring Sue Ross or Pat Yates on 07931 483 693 when we can tell you more.

Sue Ross

Hardy Plant Society Autumn Plant Sale

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DVS Donations

Dore Village Society supports a number of small charitable and voluntary organisations that operate or provide a service within its 'Area of Benefit' (Dore) with donations. We usually (but not exclusively) make donations around Christmas time as several of those we support are local lunch clubs and this enables them to pay for a Christmas celebration lunch.

To apply for a donation please contact the DVS Treasurer (treasurer@dorevillage.co.uk) and briefly say what your organisation is, what you do, why you want a donation, how much and what for.

The criteria we apply when giving donations are: (this is all stuff that we need to show the Charities Commission when they come to mark our homework)

1. The applicant(s) must be either a charity or a voluntary group.
2. The applicant(s) must operate or be providing the service within the Area of Benefit, basically the boundary of Dore.
3. The donation must be for the benefit of residents within the Area of Benefit.
4. The need for funding must be clearly identified.
5. There must be evidence that the applicant organisation is respectable and solvent.
6. The donation should not be for a regular contribution to general funds.
7. Requests for donations must be in writing.

You can find all the above details on our website at dorevillage.co.uk/pages/requests-for-project-funding.

To see where the DVS Area of Benefit is, go to the Dore Neighbourhood Forum page on our website and select item 11 to download a pdf map.

Keith Shaw

Tuesdays 10.30am: Weekly free health walks every Tuesday from Christ Church Community Centre on Townhead Road, postcode S17 3GA. No need to book. Meet from 10.20am in the back room. Parking is available. The long walk takes one hour.

Doreways and Dore Festival

By the time you are receiving Dore to Door through your letter boxes Dore Festival will be just a happy memory. Despite horrendous weather you have been able to visit, see and take part in a wide range of extra special events. The Doreways Group, with our Festival co-ordinator, Anne Elsdon, started Dore Festival with a two day Exhibition – 'Dore Past and Present in Art and Photographs' in Dore Old School showcasing some of the Archive material from the Heritage Collection, and also work by our talented local photographers and artists. Doreways was working in collaboration with not only our Archives Team (DART) but also were supported by the refreshments being provided by the Dore Methodist Ladies Group, who as you know bake sumptuous cakes! Several hundred pounds were raised for 'More in Dore'.

The Exhibition was attended by our new Lord Mayor, Jayne Dunn. The Lord Mayor is a Dore girl and she visited us when her chosen charity for June was Art and Culture. Perfect. The photograph shows her



signing the visitor's book shortly after being presented with a photograph canvas of a scene on Blacka Moor by Sam Williams.

There were some fabulous pieces of art work represented – too many to show – but one more photograph, of David Heslop's work in pen and ink, gives you a flavour of what was on display.



Our major fund raising event to support Transport 17 was the traditional Strawberry Fayre. In the space of just two hours we raised over £500 which was very much appreciated by Transport 17 who provide such a wonderful service for our less mobile Dore residents. One good outcome from all the recent rain was that

the strawberries accompanying the cream scones seemed extra luscious!

The Classic Car Show was really well stocked with vintage and classic cars and motor bikes so that even the rain didn't stop 'petrolhead discussions' going ahead. The Lord Conyers Morris Men were excellent as usual and we believe that them starting with a dance guaranteed to bring good luck must have been the reason for the success of a certain Football match taking place at the same time!

Dore Male Voice Choir performing in their 60th Anniversary year was another special event. That expression 'raising the roof' truly happened during their concert. What talent we have in the village.

The Dore and Totley Scout Gala traditionally rounds off Dore Festival Fortnight and truly marks out the reason Dore is such a special place to live. Roll on 2025!

**Dorne Coggins
on behalf of Doreways and DART**

The Village Greens under new ownership

Kirsty and James Hughes Lawson are very welcome newcomers to Dore. They are the new owners of The Village Greens since April of this year. A little background first; they first met in Walkley when they both worked at the Farm Shop there, some years back. James has done other work and has run his own off licence business. Kirsty has also worked as a chef. They married and always had a dream of running a smaller version of the Walkley Farm Shop. They have researched the tastes of Dore residents and enjoy working to supply high quality foods.

They have a four-year-old girl, Olivia, and they live in Hillsborough.



Why did they choose Dore to set up business? First and foremost, it was the village atmosphere with a variety of shops and businesses which attracted footfall. The premises were available, and they saw they could use their skills from working in a farm shop along with experience of running a small business in this enterprise.

I was interested to find out what a typical day would look like for them. James was quick to reply that he is at his suppliers in the markets off the Sheffield Parkway at 5am Tuesday to Saturday each week. They are crucial to his success. They are helping him learn about the supply and its provenance. They warn him of any shortages which may be happening, such as delays at the channel

ports due to increased post Brexit paperwork. Conversely, they are introducing him to new and seasonal produce. While James is at the markets Kirsty is getting their daughter ready for nursery and she gets to the shop before opening to help set up the display outside and stock inside. They have the shop open 8am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday and 8am to 2pm on Saturdays. There are also deliveries to be made. Of course, there is work to do after closing so it is a long day for them both.

Apart from the fruit and vegetables they are trialling meat from New Close Farm; you may recognise this is the same as Ginger Butchers of Bakewell. Part of their ethos is healthy eating and there is a display of nuts and seeds which is popular. In addition, local firm Cafeology supplies the coffee. Our Cow Molly supplies dairy products and their ice cream. They are testing out a range of organic foods through Sheffield based Lembas. I noticed that Sheffield honey is supplied. James and Kirsty are aware of their impact on the environment and are trying to stock local produce where possible, reducing the food miles. Recycling and reducing waste is key and they have linked up with Too Good to Go. Through this they sell the surplus produce very cheaply rather than wasting it.

What are the Dore favourites? They are noticing patterns which are peculiar to Dore. Mushrooms are a puzzle for instance; slow sales on Tuesday and Wednesday, then each week there is a surge of sales on Thursdays and Fridays, and then it drops again on Saturdays. Any ideas? People around here particularly like cherry tomatoes and small easy peel oranges such as satsumas. They have also noticed that Dore people are straight with you about what they want, but having requested something they follow through and come to buy it. People have been very supportive of the couple.

They have plans for the future. James needs a more suitable van for his transport of produce and deliveries; they are open to, and invite, constructive comments from customers and will be getting a better online presence for ordering deliveries and making comments; they are making relationships with other partners and groups in the village, for example schoolchildren from Dore Primary School came in to find out about all the foods and where the different types of food come from.

My impression is that they are developing a niche in the market here and they are committed to making a success of it.

Interview by Anita Campbell

Totley History Group

The Group has enjoyed their usual variety of meeting topics, as diverse as The Folklore of Yorkshire, the 150 year history of Sheffield's own Henderson's Relish and a guided walk in July to hear the history of Whirlow Brook Park. This was our final meeting prior to the summer break.

The AGM was held in June when the current committee was re-elected and two vacancies to join them were announced. New committee members bring fresh ideas and help to keep the group



Hannah Wild, the first Totley schoolmistress

interesting and relevant to our audience. If you are thinking of volunteering you would be welcomed by a relaxed group of folk who meet just 2-3 times per year to discuss THG business. Contact: secretary@totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

In the coming months you may see our large board display that is helping to highlight this year's centenary for All Saints' Parish Church. It will be in

the church during the November celebrations, but prior to that at Totley Show on September 14th. As well as recording the church's 100 years the display outlines the story of how Totley got its Church School. From the purchasing of land in 1753 with the intention to building a schoolhouse in Monnybrook, to eventually opening the first school in Totley Hall Lane some 70 years later.

Future Meetings

August Summer break

September 25th: (Further) Ancient suburbs of Sheffield: David Templeman

October 23rd: Sheffield Hospitals during WWII: Mary Garside

November 27th: The Life of a GP: Dr Jenny Stephenson

All meetings are held in Totley Library at 7.30pm on 4th Wednesday of the month. £3 for non-members, £2 for members. Membership £5 per annum. All Welcome.

Pauline Burnett

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club



I am sure we all remember the wet and dismal days at the start of April which resulted in a slow start to the season. Luckily, we had good weather for our open days at the end of April and the start of May. As a result of a major publicity effort, we had a good number of visitors on both days and we have gained some new members.

The season is now in full swing and we have completed our first friendly matches against other local clubs as well our first internal competitions. We hope the sun will shine on the rest.

In order to keep our grounds at their best we arrange occasional gardening mornings – our photo this issue shows members relaxing on the balcony with their refreshments after a morning's exertion.

Our winter regular activities – bridge, whist, dominoes, keep fit, rummikub and Mexican train are now on hold until the autumn with exception of a regular rummikub session on Wednesday evenings in our pavilion from 7pm to 9pm – visitors welcome.

We are hoping to arrange a four-day break to the Potters resort in Hopton, Norfolk next March – Potters is the venue for the Indoor Bowling Championships which are shown on national television each January.

Well Dressing at Dore Gala

Many thanks to all the lovely people who stopped by our stall at the Gala, and had a go at well dressing. Below is a photo of the design by the end of the afternoon. We got a lot done and were able to show people all the different techniques involved.



Thank you also to all the people who left their contact details with us, we shall be in touch and certainly hope to see you at well dressing next year.

If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list please contact patriciapitchfork@gmail.com

Dore Well Dressers

We still have space for new members, so if you are interested in seeing what we are about please telephone Mike Sills on 0114 235 6598 and we will be pleased to arrange a visit - both experienced players and beginners are equally welcome. Please note we offer reduced membership to new members joining after 1st July.

Winter Bowls

Our friendly Dore Indoor Bowls Club (no connection with APBC above), having completed twenty years of playing, is welcoming new members for the forthcoming season. We play on two mats in Dore Community Centre Hall from October to March, on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.45am to 12.15pm, and on Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. No previous experience is required because you learn as you play with the help from other players. Bowls equipment is provided, or you

can bring your own. All you require is a pair of flat-soled indoor shoes into which to change.

Do come along and have a try. You can have two sessions without joining as a full member. The fee for this season will be £145 which includes coffee/tea and biscuits, and enables you to come on any one specific day, or more, during the week.

We usually have a fun club competition in December and in March followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 27 August, at 11.00am in the Community Hall.

If you require any further details and a form to complete, please contact Judith Hubbard 01142363457 or 07450778451 or mail hubbard542@aol.com.

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This is my thirteenth article for Dore to Door and while this may be an unlucky number for some, I feel privileged to be the Chair of the Dore Village Society and have a hand, along with our dedicated committee, in what the society has achieved over the last year.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 19th June and was well attended with 40

DVS members or guests. The talk by Professor Ian Rotherham on "Wilder greenspaces and community gardens" was well received and I'm sure gave many of the attendees, myself included, food for thought on what we could do with our own little patch to make it more wildlife friendly.

The Trustees' Report - which outlines what the DVS has been doing - and the accounts - how we spent your membership fees - for the year ending 31 December 2023 were approved and can be found on our website under the tab "Dore Village Society".

During last year we made a number of donations to local charities and voluntary groups as well as to Dore Primary school (£2,990 for the amazing outdoor timeline), Christ Church Dore Community Centre, (£1,000), Transport 17 (£600), and various lunch clubs towards the cost of providing Christmas dinners (£725).

A further £8,168 was spent on our community engagement activities such as the Coronation Party for younger children, the Dragon Hunt, the Party on the Green later in the year, and the Lantern Parade, with lesser amounts for maintenance work on the War Memorial, and a range of smaller projects.

As a result of generous donations from a variety of sources and a substantial contribution from the DVS, More in Dore were able to refurbish part of the playground in the Recreation Ground and purchase and install new equipment at a total cost of £30,479.

Every three years a committee member has to stand for re-election and they can do this four times up to a maximum service of 12 years. Five of our committee stood for re-election this year, these were: Caroline Davies, Cath Fallaize, Christopher Pennell, Colin Robinson and Jen Donnelly (me!). We are also delighted to welcome Andrew Cameron on to the committee. A brief biography of all our committee members is available on our website if you would like to find out a little bit more about us.

We currently have three spaces on the committee for some new blood, so if you're the sort of person who would like to give back to your community then the DVS is a great platform to do this. Please email Jen.Donnelly@dorevillage.com for more information about what being a committee member involves. None of our activities would be possible without your membership so if you have enjoyed

a Dragon Hunt or Party on the Green, a Lantern Parade or Dore Show, and are not a member of the society, please consider it. Membership information can be found on our website dorevillage.co.uk and you can sign up online too. Also don't forget to renew your membership for this year if you haven't done so already.

Other village news

Dore Village has a post office again, hurrah! It is located in the Premier - AJ Dore (where the old post office used to be) on Causeway Head Road.

The car park down at the station has finally been finished and is now fully open for train users.

The Party on the Green is the next activity in the DVS calendar, Sunday 1st September followed by Dore Show on Saturday the 7th. I hope to see you there.

Jen



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Dora

Dora has her eyes on a prize at Dore Show!



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Sing a song of sixty!



The Choir is now part way through the sixtieth year since inauguration and has a full programme of activities throughout the year. An initial concert was held in Chesterfield where the Choir was joined by Dronfield Brass Band at a rousing event.

The Anniversary Concert was held on 22 June at Ranmoor Church, a scintillating event. Our guest musicians for the evening were Stannington Brass Band and also Tom Hutchinson the renowned cornet player of national repute who hails from Dore but now lives and works from Cardiff.

Tom was a pupil of King Ecgbert School where his music teachers were Joan Spencer (the Choir's MD) and Sam Turner. The church was completely full with an audience of over 350 and extra seating needed. There were a number of joint pieces played and sung which contributed to a joyous evening and resounding and successful celebration.

It was a pleasure for the Choir to perform at the Dore Festival again this year, with a concert at the Community Hall in July. On that occasion it was good to have Fran Wells our Deputy Music Director performing with his fine voice as our soloist, joined for one piece by Chris Elliott, one of the Choir's tenors.

The Choir are next in Dore when performing at the Sheffield Tigers Rugby Beer Festival on 25th August at the Dore Moor club ground. Then again the Choir will attend another open air event when singing as guests at the Dore Village Society party on the Village Green on 1st September.

The Choir's Annual Gala Concert will be held, as usual, at Ecclesall Church on 5th October. It is always a great occasion, and another full house is surely expected.

For the Christmas Concerts, because of the building work at the Dore Parish Church, the Choir will again be at St John's Church on Abbeydale Road South.

The concerts there last year were great festive events and we were made so welcome at this admirable venue. The dates to look forward to for these concerts are 12th, 13th and 14th December.

The Choir are certainly celebrating this sixtieth year in Dore with so many events to come. We will, as always, be pleased to see you at least on one of these occasions.

David Heslop (Chairman)



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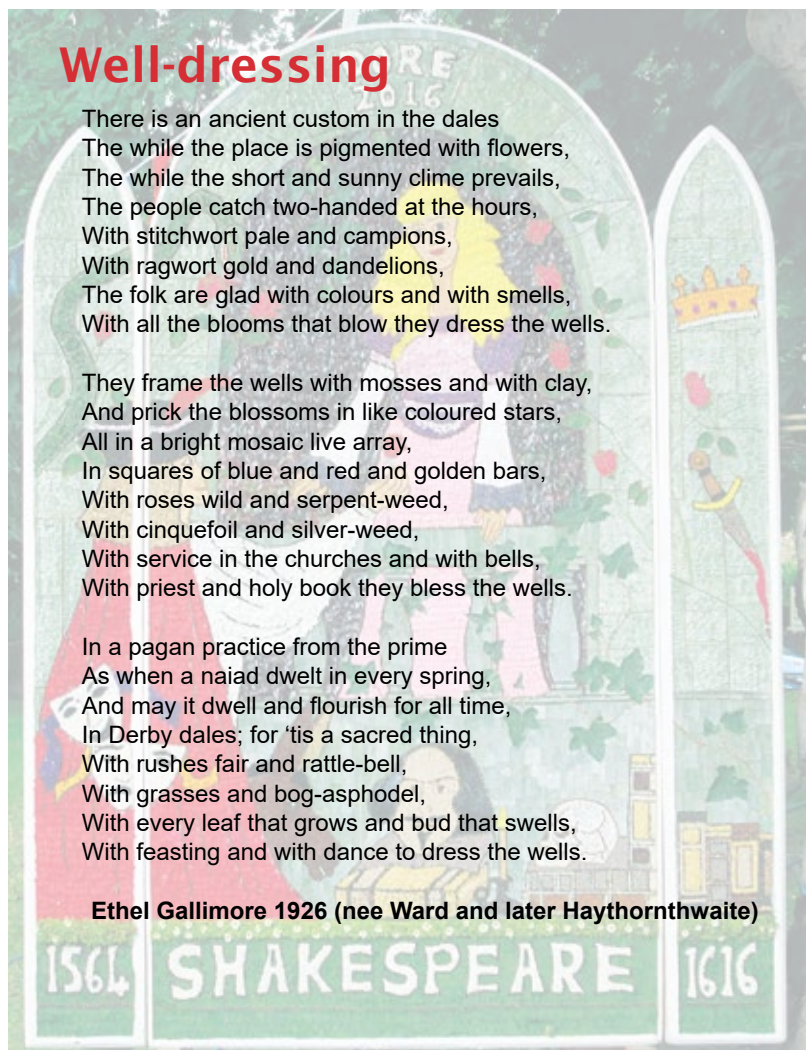
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 And prick the blossoms in like coloured stars,
 All in a bright mosaic live array,
 In squares of blue and red and golden bars,
 With roses wild and serpent-weed,
 With cinquefoil and silver-weed,
 With service in the churches and with bells,
 With priest and holy book they bless the wells.

In a pagan practice from the prime
 As when a naiad dwelt in every spring,
 And may it dwell and flourish for all time,
 In Derby dales; for 'tis a sacred thing,
 With rushes fair and rattle-bell,
 With grasses and bog-asphodel,
 With every leaf that grows and bud that swells,
 With feasting and with dance to dress the wells.

Ethel Gallimore 1926 (nee Ward and later Haythornthwaite)

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The surgeries at Tootley Library are on the second Monday of the month, from 6pm-7pm.

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Current membership rates are £7 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members. Telephone numbers of Committee Members and associates are below; for email, please write to firstname.surname@dorevillage.co.uk, e.g. jen.donnelly@dorevillage.co.uk

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From our Member of Parliament

Since my last update, I've spent the summer campaigning in the General Election, joined by hundreds of people tirelessly knocking on doors, delivering leaflets, and volunteering in countless ways. I'm delighted – and it's a real privilege – to have been re-elected as the Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam.

To everyone who cast their vote for me – thank you. I also know that many people in Dore will have put their mark in a different box. However you voted, I'm determined to be an MP for all our community because the issues we face affect all of us – the cost of living, the state of our public services, our health service, the economy, the climate and nature emergency. All are enormous challenges. In the debate on how we meet them I'm determined – and optimistic – that the voice of people in Sheffield Hallam will be heard.

This week, the new Government set out its legislative agenda in the King's Speech. During the campaign I heard from countless residents, deeply worried about the escalating impacts of climate change. In the debate on the speech it's the reason I underlined that tackling the climate and nature emergency must be a top priority. I'm pleased that the speech committed the UK to becoming a clean energy superpower by 2030. By investing in clean energy infrastructure and innovation, we can reduce our carbon footprint significantly while creating new job opportunities and driving economic growth.

I was also glad to hear of tougher rules on sewage dumping. While campaigning, I heard firsthand from concerned residents about the impact of sewage on our waterways and local ecosystems. In May I joined local councillors on a visit to Rivelin Valley and enjoyed speaking to volunteers about how they carry out regular monitoring of the river to assess the levels of pollution and diversity of river insects. It's unacceptable that untreated sewage continues to flow into our rivers, endangering wildlife and compromising water quality, so it's right that we have seen an early commitment from the Government to crack down on those who pollute our rivers and waterways.

In the debate on the speech I also spoke about the importance of public transport. Britain's railways are in crisis, with passengers facing late, overcrowded, and cancelled services. For many communities the buses are no better – my inbox is regularly filled with reports of buses that have been cancelled, or the terrible impact of route closures.

It was therefore good to hear plans to take train operating companies back into public ownership, alongside new powers for local authorities to take back control of buses. Both will put decision-making back where it belongs – not with private companies, but the public our transport system should serve.

Finally, I closed my contribution to the debate on the Government's legislative agenda with a plea related to care for those who have undergone miscarriages. In the last parliament, I campaigned successfully to improve miscarriage support, bringing it into line with the guidance from the Lancet, the oldest and most rigorous peer-reviewed medical journal. We must continue to ensure there are proper provisions for women's health, and that everyone gets the support they need.

Throughout the campaign, it was inspiring to see so many people actively engaged in discussions about these critical issues and more. I will continue to listen to your concerns and work to support you where I can. As always, thank you for reading my update. Please do get in touch if there is an issue you are facing, or a campaign you would like me to join.

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In a recent article, Christopher Pennell wrote about the significant impact that volunteering can have on communities and individuals. As a follow up, the following is the first in an occasional series about people who volunteer their time and skills for the benefit of others.

“We do it because we love it;” insights into the workings of Edale Mountain Rescue Team from Dr Steve Rowe

I have heard many local graduates say that they came to Sheffield as a student and never left. Dr Steve Rowe, Medical Officer of Edale Mountain Team (EMRT) gave me a further perspective on this. He chose Sheffield University because of his previous trips to the area for outdoor activity in the Peak District. London to Sheffield is only a two hour journey and you could get a 6-8 hour day of walking or climbing from a day trip. Steve's love of the outdoors meant that he would never move away. He graduated in medicine and is now a Consultant Anaesthetist at the Northern General Hospital and a resident of Dore. The skills he has developed as a consultant he has transferred to working as a team member and duty leader of EMRT. However he joined EMRT as a medical student, trained with the team and now has over 20 years of experience.

His role as team member he describes as taking tasks on from stretcher bearing to administering drugs and stabilising a casualty or situation. As duty leader he is the first point of contact for the Police or Ambulance service. The team is kept busy with 140 incidents a year. It is one of the busiest in England and Wales. For reasons of the geography of the Peak District it can be faced with casualties who would not have survived in more mountainous terrains. There are 7 teams covering the Peak District and their area is bounded by the A57 in the north down to Chatsworth in the south, with the western limit being Tideswell. The teams are not precious about borders and cooperate. There are 50 members of the team and sometimes that can feel a bit too tight, especially in summer when the rest of the country travels here.

I was wondering how he fitted all this in and balanced the rest of his life. Mountain rescue is all done in his own free time. Days off are precious with a young family.

The team understands that you may have times in your life when you can contribute more and conversely sometimes when family will be your first consideration. Some of the members are self-employed and work around calls, others have employers who will give them time off as necessary as a way of supporting the employee and the community. An organisation solely based on volunteers and altruism is run in a different way from those which work through performance management. He spoke of an open and honest culture where people report and share adverse incidents, learn from them and support each other. There is also a need to keep up to date and practise skills. There are training modules and an aspirant has to do 75% of these each year until they have passed a qualifying exam. As a member of the team they have to do 25% but in effect will do more. He is also involved at a national level writing protocols for the introduction of new drugs. The safety of members of the team is everyone's responsibility but Steve brought to mind a colleague in another part of the country who had a serious neck injury after a fall on a callout. They are thinking of insurance and regulation is likely to be discussed in the next few years.

I wanted to understand what happened on a typical callout. Apparently, the casualty is most likely to be female, between the

ages of 30 and 50, injured near Mam Tor and to have sprained their left ankle (why left ankle in preference to right?). The Ambulance service cannot go off road and the EMRT covers the green spaces for casualties who cannot walk. In this case they have a stretcher with a drop down wheel. This makes it easier for the stretcher bearers. A stretcher carry needs a group of 8 people, rotating to ease the load of this activity on an individual. Once such a casualty reaches the road then they could be taken to minor injuries by taxi or relative's car. If the casualty is more seriously injured, say with a fracture of the leg, it would be more appropriate to consider the use of an ambulance because they will likely have had morphine and could have some blood loss.

A particularly memorable callout was for a family with two children lost on Kinder Scout. It was autumn and the weather was not good. Their phones were not a help to locate them in this instance. The risks of hypothermia rise and, especially for two small children, are high. The Kinder Plan swung into action; four of the Peak District teams worked together to search. There were over 100 people and their wonderful air scenting search dogs. Steve was coordinating this off site and the message came that all sectors had been searched and no-one found. Then one of the dogs found a scent and traced the family to the very northern edge of Kinder. The dogs



are Bolt, Ebbw, Hope, Flo, Dotty and Tarn. They are specially trained and kept as pets by members of the team. They have been out on callouts to Wales and the Lake District. How were the family; they were cold and shaken but no injuries and it is amazing to see the effects on children of the drug “Moralibo”- a special treat of Haribo raises the blood sugar nicely.

I was also wondering about the role of the Air Ambulance. Steve works for this service as well and knows their team. This helps for the more serious casualties in inaccessible areas. They can be speedily transferred to the major trauma centre at the Northern General Hospital. The team keep in mind where the person is from and whether it would be sensible to fly to the nearest hospital to where they live so long as the travel time does not jeopardise their recovery. The mountain rescue team look after relatives, give them information, maps, look after mountain bikes, and do everything they can to reassure them.

Steve will follow up those patients in the Northern General and on occasion has anaesthetised them for their operation the following day.

This type of service costs £100,000 per year. They are not funded by the NHS, but the local health community gives of their time freely to support training to keep costs down. You will see EMRT fundraising going on locally. There is also a member of the team who is adept at applying for grants. They raise sufficient funds and prefer it to be local and community based rather than the national model used by the RNLI.

What can you do to help yourself when out and about in the Peak District? If you are injured, ring 999 and ask for the Police, then Mountain Rescue rather than Ambulance. There is a site Adventure Smart which gives three tips: be confident you have the skills and knowledge required for your adventure: what is the weather forecast? Have you got the right gear? The right gear does not have to be expensive. Any trainer or boot with thick tread and ankle support is fine. Similarly, fleeces do not have to be the best brand. Take a battery pack for your mobile phone with you. Finally, Steve explains why he and the team continue year after year. “We do it because we love it.” Had you thought it could be for you? For more information please visit their website. <https://edalemrt.co.uk>

Interview by Anita Campbell



We want to start by congratulating Rebecca Atkinson on her election to the City Council in May. Bex (as she is known) will be a fantastic Councillor for Dore & Totley ward and has already got stuck into casework, helping residents who are having problems with local services. At the same time as we welcome Bex, we also recognise the outstanding support that our long-time friend and colleague Colin Ross has given to the local community. Colin has been a Councillor for 26 years and recently served as the 126th Lord Mayor of Sheffield. He did not seek re-election this year and is looking forward to a well-earned break. We wish him well in whatever he decides to do next.

The recent local and national elections have had a significant impact on decision making in the City Council, as there are strict legal restrictions on what local politicians can and cannot do in the run up to a vote. With both elections happening so close to each other, this has created a significant backlog in activity that is now beginning to clear. One of the most immediate actions has been the reopening of the Ward Pot scheme, which provides small grants of up to £750 to local voluntary and community groups. In the past we have used ward funds to support things like wildflowering projects, park equipment and part funding a defibrillator. Details of the Ward Pot scheme can be found on the Council's website. Please get in touch if you think your organisation might be eligible.

We were also very pleased to hear that the Lunch Club at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road celebrated its 50th anniversary in July. That's a fantastic achievement! The event brings together so many people in the local area and former councillor Colin Ross was able to attend on our behalf.

Many Dore residents will be familiar with road safety concerns on Mickley Lane in Totley. We received reports of several incidents

linked to poor visibility due to inappropriate parking and followed this up with the Highways team. As a result, the Council are now recommending small-scale parking restrictions at several junctions on Mickley Lane. At the time of writing the consultation process was still active, but if approved the changes would involve double yellow lines for a few metres either side of the junctions to increase visibility and improve road safety. This would reinforce the existing guidance contained in the Highway Code which states that drivers should not park close to a junction. We are also aware of complaints about the condition of the road surface further along Mickley Lane (towards Dronfield). The worst areas are on the Derbyshire side of the border and have been reported on numerous occasions. Joe has followed this up again with the County Council, but regrettably a decision on those repairs is not within our remit.

Housing remains a significant part of our casework, particularly housing repairs. The local authority has a duty of care to ensure that the people it houses have decent living conditions, with any remedial work carried out as soon as possible. We were dismayed that a recent report by the Regulator of Social Housing shows that the City Council has failed to meet their new consumer standards and "does not have an accurate record of the condition of tenants' homes". This is simply not good enough and we continue to press the Housing Department for improvement. At the time of writing there were nearly 300 repairs listed in the S17 area. Do get in touch if you are experiencing significant delays with any of these and we will contact the housing department on your behalf.

The new government has made a series of pledges on house building and the potential release of sites in the Green Belt. The Council has spent a lot of time developing and consulting on a new housing strategy for the city, also known as the 'Local Plan'. After a huge amount of work this document was passed by a vote in the Town Hall and is now with the Planning Inspectorate for review and (hopefully) approval. While any initiative that delivers more new homes in the right areas is to be welcomed, we are concerned that yet another government scheme could delay things. We are monitoring the situation closely and will report back should things change.

And finally, Martin, Joe & Rebecca were able to visit the Dore Gala again this year. It was great to meet up with friends and see so many people enjoying this fantastic event. Several community groups also had stalls that helped them explain the amazing work they do for the local area.

As ever, please feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback about Council Services or come and meet us at one of our regular surgeries. These are held on the second Monday of the month at 6pm in Totley Library, and the second Saturday of the month at 10.30am in Dore Old School.

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Dore and the Royal Mail – Part 1



The re-opening of Dore's post office in June, bucking the nationwide trend, surely calls to be commemorated and indeed celebrated. Let's celebrate it by visiting the shop. Premier is a 'symbol group' of stores locally owned by independent retailers. Here we have joint proprietors - Ahilan, our new postmaster, and Jayachandran - which gives the key to the signage A J Dore on the shopfront. The manager's name is Pirashanthan and he has colleagues to assist him. The official welcome leaflet of the PO branch announces seven-day opening from 6am to 10pm and also offers banking, travel money, online returns and more. Its latest collection times are 5.20pm Monday to Friday and 12.15pm Saturday.

How it all began

Now we'll commemorate the event by exploring our post office's history. Going to extremes, we could date its origins back to 1512 when Henry VIII's chancellor Cardinal Wolsey appointed one Brian Tuke to organize the King's Posts. This referred to stages on a route set up for state purposes. Elizabeth I allowed private letters to be conveyed too. In 1635 Charles I established a public service and from 1784 mounted letter carriers between towns were gradually replaced and vastly outpaced by several Royal Mail coach services. Dore's closest coach stop and post office was at Dronfield. Farmer Joseph Hancock of Rushley recalled that in his youth prior to 1840 the carrier brought the mail to Dore only on Sundays. For each letter he charged a minimum of 4d (four old pence) plus 1d for himself. This wasn't cheap – in modern terms (RPI) £2.25 at least.

The catalyst of 1840 was Rowland Hill's Penny Post. In came the Penny Black stamp, soon turning into the Penny Red, for now it was the sender who had to pay. Mail for Dore arrived at Sheffield post office in the Market Place, to be taken to the Cutlers Arms in Church Street from where Dore people collected it. This arrangement lasted for a decade. Then, on 20 April 1850 the Postmaster General ordered that a 'foot post' be set up to serve Ecclesall Chapel and Dore from Sheffield and on 16 May a small circular postmark bearing just the name DORE was issued to cancel the stamps by hand. This dates the founding of Dore's original post office, very likely at Farm Cottage in Townhead Road; it was certainly there ten years later. Pay rates seem to have been linked to the number of letters. A week's sample of 519 to Ecclesall and Dore suggested 14s per week for the 'messenger' (postman) and £3 per year for the 'receivers' (sub-postmasters). The latter, postmasters for short, would typically tack the job on to shopkeeping.

And who was our original postmaster? His identity lies in the Royal Mail Archives at Mount Pleasant in London. An appointment book entry for 18 October 1851 – also available on Ancestry – records 'Frances Swift (widow of late Postm)' as the new receiver at Dore. The parish register tells us that Samuel

Swift, the Dore shoemaker whom she had married at Baslow in 1806, was buried on 8 September 1851. So, Samuel must have served a brief term as Dore's first postmaster shortly before his death. The census taken on 30 March 1851 had shown him, aged 63, as head of a household of six. Frances was 62.

The era of Elisha

But they had 'lodgers' who are intriguing: Alick Parker, 29, saw grinder, born in Fulwood, and Martha, his wife, 27, born in Dore. The 1861 census makes the set-up crystal clear. The household head was now Elisha Parker, 39, grinder and farmer, married to Martha, 38, and Frances Swift was his 73-year-old mother-in-law. As a young man, I suspect, he had disliked and avoided his baptismal name Elisha, but in the meantime he had become a local celebrity through resisting trade union pressures at great personal cost. You may well know the story. In 1853 his horse had been maimed and had to be put down, in 1854 an attempt was made to blow up his house – Farm Cottage is remembered for that to this day – and a few weeks later he was shot and disabled for life. The resulting publicity, renewed thirteen years later in the Sheffield Outrages Inquiry, must have turned his forename into a personal badge of courage.

When giving evidence Elisha stated he had been postmaster at Dore for 16 years, implying an 1851 start. This was stretching the truth. The 1857 directory says that Dore's post office is at Elisha Parker's but Frances Swift is the postmistress. According to the Royal Mail Archives he wasn't formally appointed sub-postmaster until February 1873, several weeks after his mother-in-law's death.

Now what about Dore's postmen? The earliest directory mention for Dore or Totley is William Millward at Totley in 1852. The little else we read about him at Mount Pleasant features his job description as 'the messenger from Sheffield to Dore' and his fate: in January 1855 he was sacked, with no reason recorded. Postmen were originally called letter carriers in towns and rural post messengers, shortened as here to messengers, in country areas where they not only delivered letters but also collected them and sold stamps. Elisha Parker succeeded Millward as Dore's messenger in 1855; perhaps he preferred to call himself postmaster as it sounded a more prestigious occupation. In fact, he brought letters from Sheffield at 11am and took the post back at 4pm. This seems not to have lasted long as farmer Samuel Godber won the contract to convey the mail in 1862, possibly on horseback as it arrived at 7am and left at 6.30pm.

Dore's local postmen began to appear in censuses from 1871. That year it was John Flint, 66, who lived near the Hare. Ten years later none was recorded but uniquely in 1891 two were listed, Alexander Bingham, 60, also a small farmer, and Heber Elliott, 55, a former filecutter turned newsagent who lived next door to the Parkers. Was one succeeding the other or working outside Dore?

We'll end the first half of this article with a nice story from Dorne Coggins about Heber, an ancestor of her husband. 'One day an official came to measure the length of Heber's delivery round to calculate his pay. Heber dutifully took the official on his round, all of the scattered farms in Dore township. Heber went up and down every farm driveway and track to their front doors, exhausting the official in the process. What the weary official never found out was that Heber had a much more direct route, involving hopping over walls and cutting across fields to get to the various farmsteads and a welcome cup of tea'.

(to be concluded)

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The Time Travellers Archaeology Group

Hopefully you came along to the Festival of Archaeology Event at the Woodland Discovery Centre in Ecclesall Woods on July 14th. Along with Friends of Ecclesall Woods (FEW) we were on hand to show you what lies beneath our feet and the story it can tell. There were three strands – the Geology of the Woods, the Archaeology of the Woods and then just what rubbish should NOT be in the Woods. There was a display of archaeological rubbish, best equated to the discard of cigarette butts, in the form of clay pipe fragments. To be fair they not only have a social history story to tell but also give archaeologists good dating evidence. Since they are found in large numbers you will find them commonly once you know about them. Not bad – two hundred plus years of history in a fragment of clay!

The story of the Woods goes back to the Carboniferous era when coal was being formed and no humans had appeared. From that point on we were able to show the impact of humans on this fragile landscape and riverscape.

There were practical tests to try a bit of detective work on some of the materials on display.



This beautiful Neolithic flint tool was donated to us. It was found in a garden in Totley and would have been used as a scraper, its edge still being as sharp as the day it was first made!

We were also presented with a curious iron implement that has us baffled as to its use. The nearest possibility is that it is something a Roman would use in the bath house – a strigil. Much as we might rub ourselves down with a facecloth or sponge, a Roman used a strigil to

scrape off sweat, oils and grime. A Google search came up with the image on the left and our 'strigil' is beside it. Add a wooden handle (long gone) and just maybe! How plausible could this find be? Romans were in residence at Whirlow Hall Farm. Could it have slipped out of a soldier's backpack? It's a good story even if one of our readers says they recognise it as something very different!

Now that Summer is here (the



rain has to stop soon, surely!) The Time Travellers start their practical exploration with a number of Test pit locations round Dore. This year we have three sites already booked in where houses have been built.

Firstly, park land belonging to Abbeydale Hall; then, two further sites where the houses lie on farmland once belonging to the estate of the Duke of Devonshire. To whet your appetite for what we might unearth, one site is close to where an ancient sword was found, and we certainly expect evidence of the contents of Victorian midden spoil – pottery and clay pipe fragments.

So, trowels at the ready – to find out when and where we are digging, please look at the programme on our website. Digging yourself is not compulsory. We welcome interested viewers. www.thetimetravellers.org.uk.

Dorne Coggins

Longshaw Sheepdog Trials

2024 will be the 126th year of the Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the two World Wars and 2001 (because of foot and mouth) being the only years when no trials were held.

We are pleased to announce that the trials will take place again this year on 29th, 30th and 31st August on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindelford, starting at approximately 7.30am each morning and members of the public will be most welcome to attend. We are very honoured this year to have His Grace The Duke of Rutland as our President.

On 29th and 30th there will be open class and brace class sheep dog trials when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part. We are very pleased to have Mr. George Bonsall from Slinden to judge the open classes and championship for us once again, Mr. Stuart Wilkinson from Thurgoland, to judge the brace class, Mr. Nick Denniff from Holmesfield to judge the beginners class and Mr. Malcolm Sowerby from Bradwell, Hope Valley to judge the local class on Saturday 31st.

Following the local class sheep dog trial on Saturday 31st, the Longshaw Fell Race is to be run. Starting from the trial field at approx. 10.30am, the race is to pre-entry once again. For further information please see the Dark Peak Fell Runners website www.dpfr.org.uk.

Starting at approximately 12.30 on Saturday 31st the trials culminate in a double gather championship, which consists of the 8 highest pointed runs from both Thursday and Friday, when the winner will take home and keep the prestigious Longshaw Championship silver tea pot kindly sponsored by Grayson's Solicitors.

Entrance charges are just £5.00 per adult each day, no charge for children, and there is free parking on the field. We start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys MBE on 01433 651852, e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net or check out the website www.longshawsheepdog.co.uk.

There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drinks, and ice cream available. The magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for "A day on the moors" to see some of the wisest dogs in the world.




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In June a packed coach of members and friends left Dore for an enjoyable annual coach trip which took in the Palm House in Sefton Park and Speke Hall gardens, both in South Liverpool. This and many others have been organised by committee and founder member, Janet Hewitt. Over the years Janet has initiated and arranged numerous outings to places ranging from Brodsworth House, Taylor's Clematis Nursery, Felley Priory, Bolsover Castle, Breezy Knees

and the National Arboretum, to name but a few. We would very much like to thank Janet for all her hard work in creating some memorable days out for us. Next year Lindsay Fox is taking over from Janet and has offered to organise a club coach trip to RHS Wentworth Woodhouse, the local successor to RHS Tatton Park.

Wednesday 18 September – Seasonal Jobs in the Garden by Jeff Bates

Jeff has over 40 years professional gardening experience, offering talks on a wide range of topics. His career in horticulture began as an apprentice gardener in the Royal Gardens at Windsor Castle. He trained at the Berkshire College of Agriculture and Askham Bryan College in Yorkshire, then worked in landscape design and construction, finally becoming a senior lecturer in Horticulture in Derbyshire. For 20 years he has also been a judge for East Midlands in Bloom. In this talk, we will hear about what needs to be done towards the end of the gardening season to extend the season and to prepare the garden for Winter, whilst ensuring the best start next Spring.



Photo Courtesy of Geoff Bates

Wednesday 16 October – Unforgettable Gardens of Dorset & Somerset by Camilla Anderson

Derbyshire-based Camilla Anderson has a life-long interest in historic gardens. With an MA in Garden History from the University of Bristol, she gives illustrated lectures on Garden History. She also launched and edits Visit Gardens, a website for garden visitors looking for historic gardens at www.visitgardens.co.uk/ The website is well worth a look. Her talk on the gardens of Dorset & Somerset will no doubt encompass the distinct historic styles of

the particular gardens she will introduce. Not to be missed if you are planning to be in the southwest.



Photo Courtesy of Camilla Anderson

Wednesday 20 November – Exploring the Winter Garden by Deidre Leaman

Deidre and husband Carl grow their own. Millthorpe is a small, friendly nursery rather than the traditional garden centre, tucked away behind the Royal Oak pub at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane. They grow and stock hardy and annual plants on site, including some unusual varieties of shrubs and bulbs. During the long winter months many of us would like to look out of our windows and be cheered by something more colourful and interesting in the garden. Deidre will show us how we can achieve this aim and encourage more wildlife into our gardens. Our very short AGM will be held before Deidre's presentation.

Pauline Drissell



An advertisement for 'Apple Landscapes and Paving'. The background is a photograph of a paved area with a brick wall. The text is overlaid on the image. The company name 'Apple Landscapes and Paving' is written in a green, stylized font at the top. Below it, in white text, are the services: 'Driveways, block paving, natural stone and porcelain patios, walls and full garden renovations.' Further down, it says 'Established over 16 years. Fully insured.' and provides contact information: 'Call Darren on: 07782167540 or 01246 237505.' At the bottom, it says 'Find us on Facebook, under Apple Landscapes.' and provides the website 'www.applelandscapes.com'.

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Abbeydale Squash and Fitness Club is named England Squash 'Club of the Year'



Mark Tasker (Squash Professional), Paddy Orange (Club Manager), Jo Wallis (Volunteer Coach), Patrick Rooney (England Squash), Tim Eldridge (Chair)

Abbeydale Squash and Fitness Club was named Club of the Year at the recent 2023-24 England Squash Awards. The award was presented by representatives of England Squash at the club's annual Club Championships Finals in May.

The award was in recognition of a number of initiatives the Club has been involved with to increase and diversify participation in the sport, which is due to become an Olympic event at the 2028 Games to be held in Los Angeles.

The club set itself targets to improve female participation and launched a number of initiatives to improve inclusivity, leading to the club having a fifty-fifty gender split on their committee and within the club's beginner sessions. The club has fielded women's teams in local leagues – one of which won the Sheffield and District League - and also hosted a 'Squash Blast' event to celebrate International Women's Day.

To further widen participation, the club also introduced 'Squash from the Mosque' sessions twice a week, the England Squash programme designed to take the game into the heart of communities and support cultural shifts within the sport. This has seen 36 attendees at the all-women's class with several going on to join the club as members.

Other initiatives include 'Squash Girls Can' and 'Squash Stars' which are aimed at getting more youngsters involved and Mixed Ability Squash which gets people with disabilities playing.

Club Chair, Tim Eldridge, was delighted to see the club recognised for their work, he said:

"We're very pleased to get it, mainly because it recognises the work of a committee of volunteers. It reflects the work across a lot of different activities that have come together to make the place what it is."

The Club is thrilled with the improved inclusivity and general participation across the club. Tim Eldridge explained:

"What we're aiming for is parity of esteem between all players. It's not just a men's club and we want more women joining, but that doesn't mean we want fewer men."

"We've also got squash families because of the hundred kids participating; some of those are beginning to bring their parents along to give it a go. In fact, on one of our women's teams we've got a mum and daughter, and on one of the mixed teams we've got a mum and son playing."

Founded in 1934, Abbeydale is one of the most prestigious clubs in the country, boasting six squash courts including one all-glass court which has frequently hosted major tournaments.

To bring the facilities even more up to date, the club recently installed an Interactive Squash court, as reported in the last edition of Dore to Door, which apart from involving people of all abilities in squash and racketball, is also available for children's 'Ball Blast' parties.

Tim Eldridge concluded:

"We've got a lot of people at all levels who are very involved in getting things going. In addition to squash and racketball the club also has a well-equipped gym, and new members are always welcome – come along to see what we have - it's a very welcoming, inclusive, and friendly place."

Tim Eldridge



A selection of Club members celebrating the Award at the annual Club Championships in May.

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Edale, Jaggers Clough, Edale End



This is another relatively easy walk along hillsides and the valley with good views of the Vale of Edale and the Mam Tor/Lose Hill ridge along the way. There's a viewpoint at the halfway mark where you can sit and take a break for refreshments. The terrain is generally good underfoot but there is a ford which will be difficult to cross after periods of heavy rain, and one short stretch of road along Edale Road.

Start at the pay and display car park in Edale (SK 12418 85344)

Distance: 7.5m / 12km

Time: 4.5 hours including time for a refreshment stop

Toilets and refreshments in Edale

Exit from the pay and display car park in Edale and walk up the road and under the railway bridge. After about 400 yards take a footpath on your right towards Ollerbrook Farm and Rowland Cote Youth Hostel. Follow this for just over half a mile and, just after a gate, turn left up a grass field. This turning is easy to miss because the footpath isn't obvious, and the signpost is leaning at an angle and not immediately obvious. If you miss the signpost and get to a farm track that leads left to Woodhouse Farm with a warning sign on the gate about a dog you've gone too far by about 200 yards.

Continue up the field and follow what becomes an obvious footpath along the contours of the hill past the Youth Hostel, across a stream and, still following the contours, to Jagger's Clough. Go through a gate here and cross the ford then follow the stony track to an upright post marked Public Footpath by the side of a wire fence. This is the viewpoint with views up the Vale of Edale and down towards Hope.

The route now descends, initially alongside the fence and over a stile, to Upper Fulwood Farm. Do not turn left down the road but go straight ahead towards another farm. Just before the farm buildings go through a gate on the left with a yellow footpath sign on it and follow the signs as the path skirts around the buildings.

Almost immediately after rejoining the farm track there's a small gate on your left leading into a field. Go through here and follow a path that runs alongside the river until you arrive at a large shed at Carr House Farm. Be careful here to keep to the grassy path and do not walk alongside the shed but follow the path to a stone wall that separates you from the farm. Keep going straight ahead, through a gate, past Carr House and along the drive and onto Edale Road.

Walk along the road for just over half a mile, taking great care because there's no footway and there will be traffic on this road, to Nether Booth. Leave the road here and follow a well marked footpath on the right back to Edale via Ollerbrook Farm. When you get to the farm the footpath splits and goes right, to the top of the village and The Old Nag's Head, and left to take you back to the car park, passing The Rambler Inn on the way. The split occurs at a large barn-like structure.



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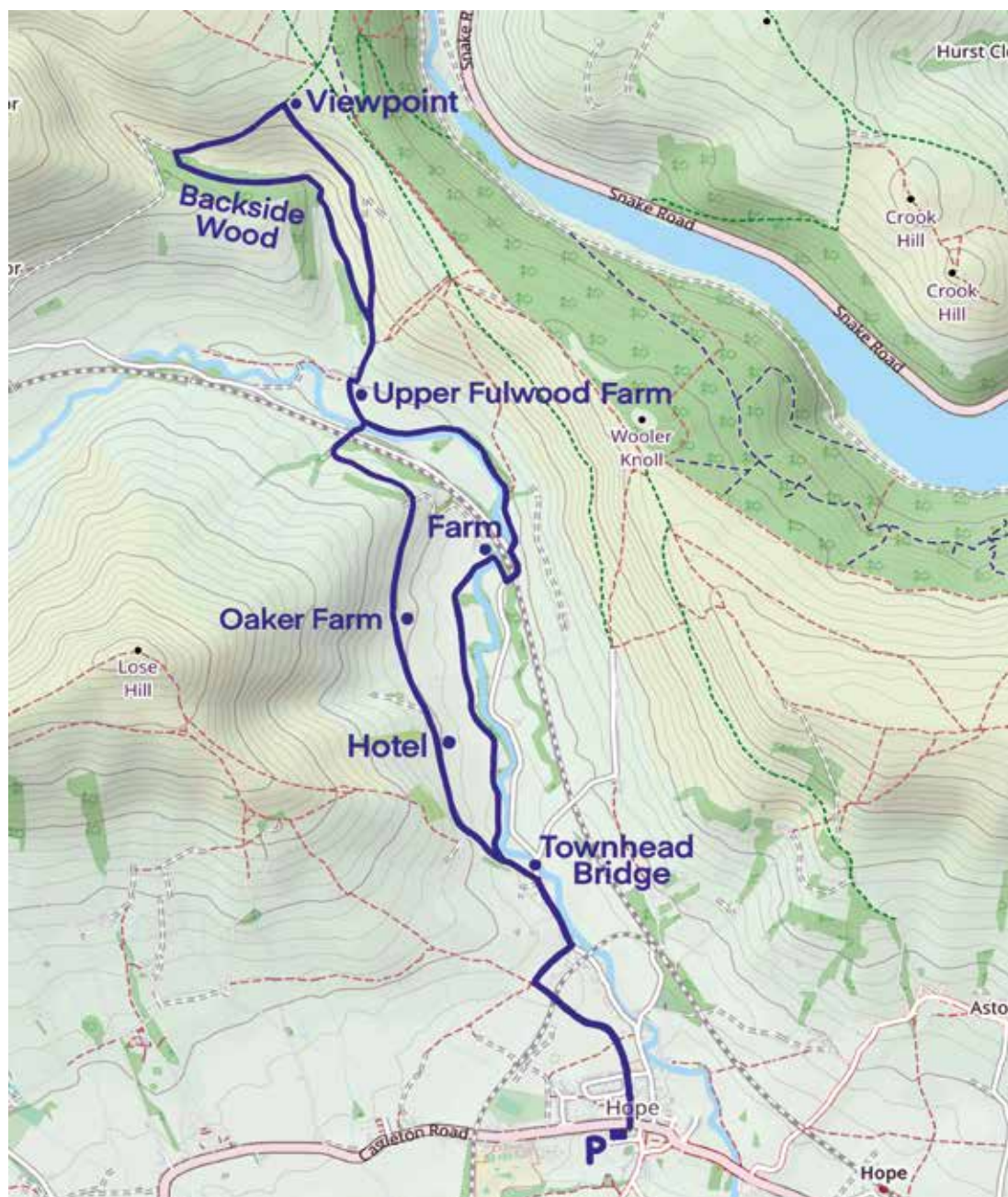
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Hope, Edale End, Jagers Clough



This is a relatively easy walk through woodland, over moorland and alongside streams with good views of the Vale of Edale and the Mam Tor/Lose Hill ridge along the way. There's a viewpoint at the halfway mark where you can sit and take a break for refreshments. The terrain is generally good underfoot but with several muddy patches. There's also a ford on this walk which will be difficult to cross after periods of heavy rain.

Start at the pay and display car park in Hope (SK 17128 83494)

Distance: 7m/11km

Time: 4 hours including time for a refreshment stop.

Toilets and other refreshments in Hope.

Starting from the pay and display car park in Hope walk up a path that starts between shops on the opposite side of the road and runs between houses towards Lose Hill before crossing farmland and the single track railway to the Hope Quarry. A few yards after the bridge over the railway at a junction with another path turn right and descend to Edale Road. Walk up the road for a short distance and, just before Townhead Bridge, turn left and walk up a tarmac road to a fork and go right, passing a hotel and then leaving the road for a footpath that runs past Oaker Farm. This is narrow, wooded and muddy in places but soon emerges into

open fields. Follow this until it turns right down an uneven lane, under the Sheffield to Manchester rail line and onto Edale Road. Turn right and walk along the road for a few yards to a gate on the opposite side of the road. Talk care here as the road is narrow. Go through the gate, descend to bridge over a river, walk up past Upper Fulwood Farm (now the High Peak Estate Office of the National Trust), turn right immediately after the farm buildings and then left to walk up a gently ascending path to a marker stone at a fork in the path just after a field boundary. Take the left fork to walk up Jagers Clough, crossing over the stream on a footbridge into Backside Wood. Follow the path to the end of the wood and over a stile to a rough track. Turn right and cross the ford over the stream and ascend the track to an upright post marked Public Footpath by the side of a wire fence. This is the viewpoint with views up the Vale of Edale and down towards Hope.

The route now descends, initially alongside the fence and over a stile, to Upper Fulwood Farm. At the farm turn left down the road towards the bridge over the river but, just before the bridge, go through a gate on your left into a grassy field. There's no obvious path at this point, just traces where the grass is

slightly flattened by walkers. The route now follows the river and enters woodland where the path is obvious along the riverbank. Follow the path until it arrives at Edale Road. There are muddy sections at several points along this stretch and walking poles are helpful for balance.

At the road turn left (again, the road here is narrow), walk under the railway bridge and then immediately after the bridge take a road on the right. At first this appears to be a private road to a farm with an electrically operated gate but it's also a public footpath so climb over the stile by the side of the gate. Just before the farm there's a bridge over the river. At this point the footpath diverges from the road. Do not continue towards the farm but take the path on the left (marked with a yellow footpath sign). This is narrow but follow it until you reach open farmland. The path now goes in a more-or-less straight line along the route of the river until it emerges onto a road that you walked up previously. Go down to the Edale Road and walk down to the footpath on your right that you came down earlier. Go up here and at the junction with the path down to Hope, turn left and retrace your steps to the car park.



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Dore Show

Saturday 7 September 2023

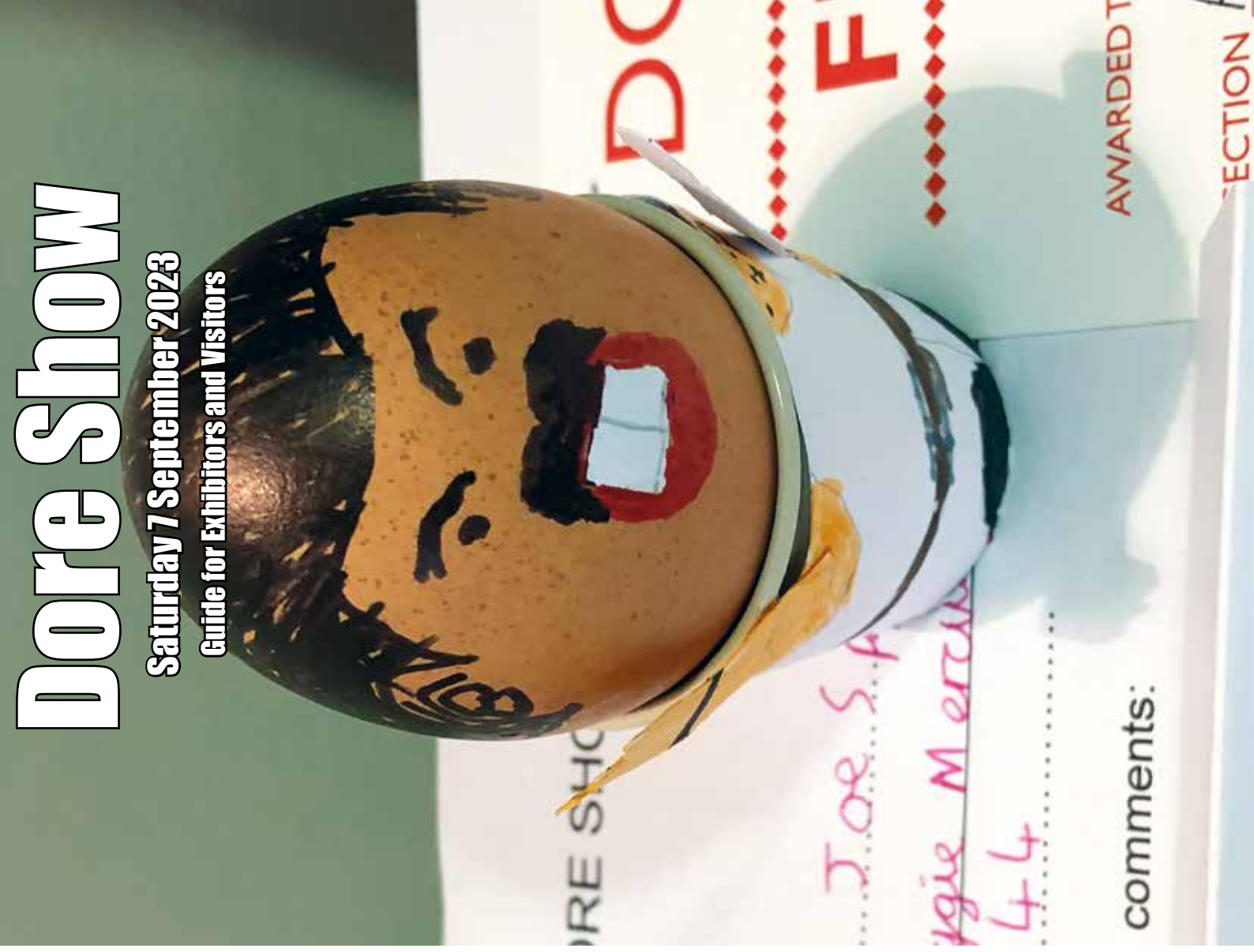
Guide for Exhibitors and Visitors

11. Cakes and other baked goods should be entered on disposable plates and covered in cling film.
12. The Show Committee may decline or return entries in the event of there being insufficient space.
13. The Judges' awards as to the relative merits of exhibits will be final and on all other matters the decision of the Show Committee will be final.
14. Cash prizes for each class will be 1st - £5, 2nd- £3 and 3rd- £1.
15. All cash prizes can be collected between 5.00pm and 5.45pm from Old School.
16. Exhibits may be collected as follows :
4.45pm from Methodist Hall. 5.00pm from the Old School.
17. The Committee welcomes the donation of exhibits to the Auction, proceeds from which will go towards the costs of staging the Show.
18. Any exhibits or Prize Money left behind at 6.00pm will become the property of the Show Committee.

- ### How to Enter
1. Bring your entries to Dore Old School/ Methodist Church Hall between 8.45am and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
 2. Classes 1 -46 at the Old School.
 3. Classes 47 - 61 at the Methodist Church Hall.
 4. Entry forms can be obtained ... 1) on the day or, 2) at 'The Village Greens' shop in the village, or 3) in advance from the DVS website at www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow

Show Rules 2024

1. Except where otherwise stated entries are open to all, providing entrants abide by these rules.
2. The Show Committee and its agents will not be liable for any loss or damage to any exhibit or other property brought into the show by an exhibitor.
3. The Show Committee will not be liable for any loss or injury sustained by any entrant or visitor.
4. All exhibits must be registered in the show area between 8.45 and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
5. There is an entry charge of 50p per exhibit including all Junior Classes.
6. Exhibitors may make up to two entries per class.
7. No judges may make any entries in any section which they are judging.
8. No entry should have previously won a prize in an earlier Dore Show.
9. The Show committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit and in the event of such a refusal will not be required to give a reason or explanation.
10. Plates and vases will be available if required for the staging of exhibits.



Junior Section Age 4-10 years

39. Original Lego construction - solid base no bigger than A4 paper- include a title for the model
40. A Fruit and/or vegetable animal
41. An animal mask
42. A picture A4 size - any medium
43. A collection of items (natural and unnatural) to fill a cardboard cup (max 6cm high)
44. A decorated hard boiled egg
45. 4 homemade Chocolate Krispies
46. 4 home made decorated cupcakes



- ### Textile and Handicraft Section
47. An item of fabric clothing
 48. A handmade Knitted item
 49. Any greetings card
 50. A Quilted item
 51. A crocheted item
 52. A tapestry or embroidered or cross stitched item using a kit or chart



Visual Arts Section

53. A water colour painting
54. An acrylic or oil painting
55. A painting in any other medium or mixed media
56. A monochrome drawing - any medium



Photography Section

57. A black and white photograph
58. A colour photograph- 'Flowers'
59. A colour photograph- 'Sunrise/sunset'
60. A colour photograph- 'Of local interest'



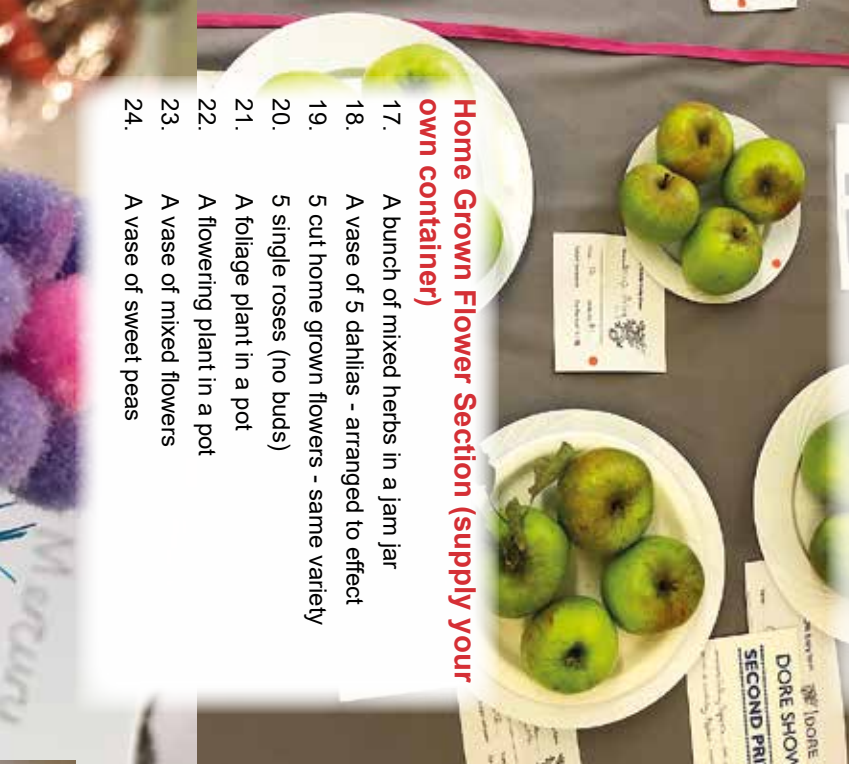
Home Grown Vegetable and Fruit Section

1. 6 pods of runner beans
2. The longest runner bean
3. 3 onions - each 200g or less
4. 1 vegetable marrow
5. 4 potatoes - one variety
6. 4 beetroot
7. 1 cucumber
8. 5 tomatoes- one variety (not cherry tomatoes)
9. 8 cherry tomatoes
10. 3 leeks
11. 4 dessert apples
12. 4 cooking apples
13. A plate of soft fruit
14. A pumpkin or squash
15. 1 husk of sweetcorn
16. 3 sticks of rhubarb



Home Grown Flower Section (supply your own container)

17. A bunch of mixed herbs in a jam jar
18. A vase of 5 dahlias - arranged to effect
19. 5 cut home grown flowers - same variety
20. 5 single roses (no buds)
21. A foliage plant in a pot
22. A flowering plant in a pot
23. A vase of mixed flowers
24. A vase of sweet peas



DORE SHOW
SECOND PRIZE

Domestic Section (Home-made)

25. carrot cake - any recipe
26. A Victoria Sandwich - strawberry jam or lemon curd filling
27. A lemon drizzle cake
28. A chocolate cake
29. 6 slices flapjack - any recipe
30. 4 scones
31. Parkin
32. 4 chocolate brownies
33. 1 pizza - homemade base, any topping
34. A jar of chutney
35. A jar of lemon curd
36. A jar of fruit jam



DORE SHOW
FIRST PRIZE



DORE SHOW
SECOND PRIZE
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SHOW ENTRY

Wine Section

37. A bottle of home made wine
38. A bottle of home brewed beer



The Chairman's Message

Preparation for this year's Dore Show on Saturday 7th September is almost complete and we are looking forward to seeing you at the event.

The Show commences at 8:45am when you can arrive and enter your exhibits. The class list is on the previous pages, and entries for classes 1 to 46 should be brought to the Old School, with classes 47 to 60 to the Methodist Church Hall.

For anyone new to Dore the Show is a typical traditional village show where residents (and sometimes a few from further afield) of all ages take the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and creativity, submit exhibits and win prizes.

We are pleased to welcome back our longstanding favourite performers, Oughtibridge Brass Band, in the Old School yard, as well as the usual mix of stalls and some new participants. These include Christ Church Dore, where you can find out how the renovation work is getting on, and the Longshaw Masons Lodge which has done a great deal of work that often goes unnoticed in raising funds and making donations to a lot of organisations and worthwhile causes.

There will be a presentation of trophies at 2:45 in the Old School, please check your exhibits to see if you are a trophy winner and come along to collect your prize. And, of course, there will be refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall, the raffle with lots of wonderful prizes, and the unmissable auction with our inimitable resident auctioneer, David Hayes.

The raffle will be drawn at 4pm and the results will be displayed on a white board outside the Old School with information on where you can collect your prize.

Each year, if we make a surplus, we donate to charities and other worthwhile causes in Dore. This year the charity is More in Dore.

Please note that we are a cash only event except for the DVS stand, where you can join or renew your membership, and the More in Dore stand, where you can donate to the renovation of the recreation playground, and pay by card.

Keith Shaw
Chairman, Dore Show committee

Dore Show Timetable

8.45am	Registration of entries commences: Old School & Methodist Hall
10.30am	Registration of entries closes
1.45pm	Show opens
2pm	Oughtibridge Brass Band
2.45pm	Presentation of prizes in the Old School Hall
3.15pm	Oughtibridge Brass Band
4pm	Raffle drawn
4.15pm	Auction of produce in the Old School yard
4.45pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Methodist Hall
5pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Old School Hall
5pm - 5.45pm	All prize money collected from the Old School Hall
5.45pm	Dore Show 2023 closes





Well, we are more than half way through 2024, the year that Transport 17 is celebrating 40yrs of serving the community, and enabling older and isolated individuals to get out and socialise with others within their local area.

Firstly, a big thank you to Ruth Darrall and the Doreways group who hosted a Strawberry Fayre again this year, with proceeds raised coming to T17. Thank you to all those who gave their time and energy to plan and hold the event at Dore Old School, and all those who attended. An amazing £570 was raised. This £570 could fund:

- 3 MiDAS training courses for our volunteer minibus drivers, or
- 8 new tyres for our minibuses, or
- Fuel to drive all 3 minibuses for just under 2mths, OR
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New Minibus

Some of you who are familiar with our buses at T17 will be aware that they are an aging bunch, with one at 19 years old, one at 14 years old, and the spring chicken of the bunch at 8 years old. We are increasingly finding that we are spending larger amounts on repairs on a much more frequent basis, and the reliability of one of them is questionable. In fact, in the last 3 months from April to June, we have had to cancel 10% of our journeys as a result of one or more buses being out of service. The time has come for us to replace at least one bus and, after much research, we have decided to purchase a second-hand bus. There are several reasons for this, the two main ones being (a) the lead time for new minibuses can be 9–12 months and, even then, organisations often wait a lot longer due to delays in manufacturing, and (b) the cost.

Back in 1983/1984, when Rev. Alan Jockel launched the fundraising drive to raise £5,000 (50% of the initial capital cost of a minibus), they reckoned the cost to be less than 30p per head for everyone living in the area. Today, with an estimated 15,000 adults living within the S17 postcode, we reckon if every adult contributed £2.50, we would be within touching distance of the £40,000 needed to purchase a 5yr old second-hand minibus, with a low mileage, and fully converted to make it accessible (for example, with a tail lift). So look out for our fundraising initiatives over the next few months as we aim to raise the funds to purchase a replacement minibus. If you would like to hold an event to support our fundraising efforts, we would love to hear from you.

Purchasing a replacement minibus will enable us to continue to provide a service to those older and vulnerable members of our community; a more reliable and consistent service as we see the demand for our service increase. In 2023 we had to decline four requests for accessible group transport. In 2024, in the first six months alone, we have had to decline nine requests from new groups needing accessible transport to enable their members to attend. Please help us to help them, and a small proportion of those ½ million older people who go at least 5 or 6 days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all.

As always, we can be contacted on 0114 236 2962, by email at admin@transport17.co.uk, or via our Facebook page – [Transport17Ltd](https://www.facebook.com/Transport17Ltd)

The library is very busy this year celebrating ten years since volunteers took over running the library and fifty years since the library was built .

We have events every month which are on the website, for example we have a folk night coming up 20th September and all are welcome. The cinema in August will show ‘The Peoples’ Choice’. This is your chance to vote for your favourite film of the last ten years. Give us your recommendation on the last page of our online film survey. Alternatively, drop your film choice recommendation into our suggestion box in the library. Our cinema programme is available for booking in person or by calling 0114 236 3971. Refreshments will be served at all films. Raffle tickets: £3 per person for Friday films. Thursday matinee films are FREE for Over 65s.

The reading challenge is always very popular and we always have significant numbers of children who are new to the library joining in which is very pleasing. We are launching this year on Saturday 13th July. The challenge runs for 8 weeks and finishes on Saturday 7th September. It’s free and open to children up to 11 years old. Children need to read six Library books and will then get a certificate, medal and a free book. There is a display in the Children’s Library that explains everything and lots of new books as well.

School holiday activities

‘Make and Create’ Family Sessions: each Wednesday and Friday morning during the summer holidays there will be free craft materials available for children to use to make and create. Please note that during these sessions we will have small construction items out for the older children. Babies/younger children will need to be closely supervised.

Sheffield Children’s University ‘Festival: on Monday 12th August from 10am to midday the library will host a session, provided by Noodle Performance Arts. More details of the session will be shared as we receive them.

Totley library community art space, a free space for local artists to display work. This was established to showcase the work of new and established local artists. All art works are exhibited for a period of three to six months, free of charge, and are available for sale at a price set by the artists. Totley Library takes a small commission on each picture sold to support the ongoing running costs of the library. The library is now looking for local artists who would like to join this exciting community initiative and who would like to exhibit on October 24th and January 25th. For further information please call in at Totley Library and take a look at the Art Space or email carolynjallcroft@gmail.com.

LEGO sessions: we are planning to run LEGO sessions in the school holidays for older children – can you help, or If you have any spare LEGO you would be happy to donate, please email Judy, jubythompson@gmail.com, or drop off at the library during opening hours.

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More houses, but where?

I wrote this article before the General Election for publication long after the results would be known. It therefore avoids any sensitive political pleading.

What we knew before the Election was that the Conservative Government had been driving to increase housebuilding by pushing Councils to meet tough targets for new homes, particularly where Councils had failed to keep their own local development plans up to date. They had been rebuffed by some planning authorities in the South where there was strong public opposition to extending the scope of existing suburbs into the countryside (and sometimes into Green Belt), but they continued to press for and even increase the housing growth expected of northern authorities. Meanwhile, the Labour opposition was increasingly putting building more homes at the front of its policy agenda and signalling that it intended to simplify the planning rules to stimulate higher levels of housebuilding; and first hints of criticisms of Green Belt restrictions began to trickle out.

What are the facts on housebuilding? From 2001/02 to 2007/8 the trend in net additional dwellings in England was upwards from just less than 150,000 a year to around 225,000 a year; it then declined steeply to just over 130,000 in 2012/13, rising thereafter to just short of 250,000 in both 2018/19 and 2019/20. It then stuck at around 230,000 a year to date.

In their election manifestos the Tories and Labour promised 1.6m and 1.5m new-builds over the next 5-year Parliament, both promising at least 300,000 additional dwellings a year, a figure which had eluded all Governments this century. So how is a new Government – and you, the reader, now know who they are – going to meet such a challenging target and what could be lost in the process?

First, if they are not going to gut the planning system in the rush to build, they need to recognise some existing but not always openly recognised issues:

1. It is not appropriate to rush to build 300,000 homes a year without seriously analysing exactly what types and sizes of homes are required – perhaps fewer smart executive homes to be sold at a handsome profit and more affordable homes for new, less affluent buyers and for sensible down-sizers. The initiative to determine what should be built in a planning area needs to be shifted more from financially ambitious housebuilders to regional and local development planners. Indeed, it is arguable that planning authorities should almost 'commission' new well-designed attractive estates – even 'neighbourhoods' - of modest homes built to strong eco standards and closer to urban centres, rather than always being the reluctant recipient of whatever housebuilders' proposals contain for examination and judgement.
2. It is appalling that the council house tenant's right to



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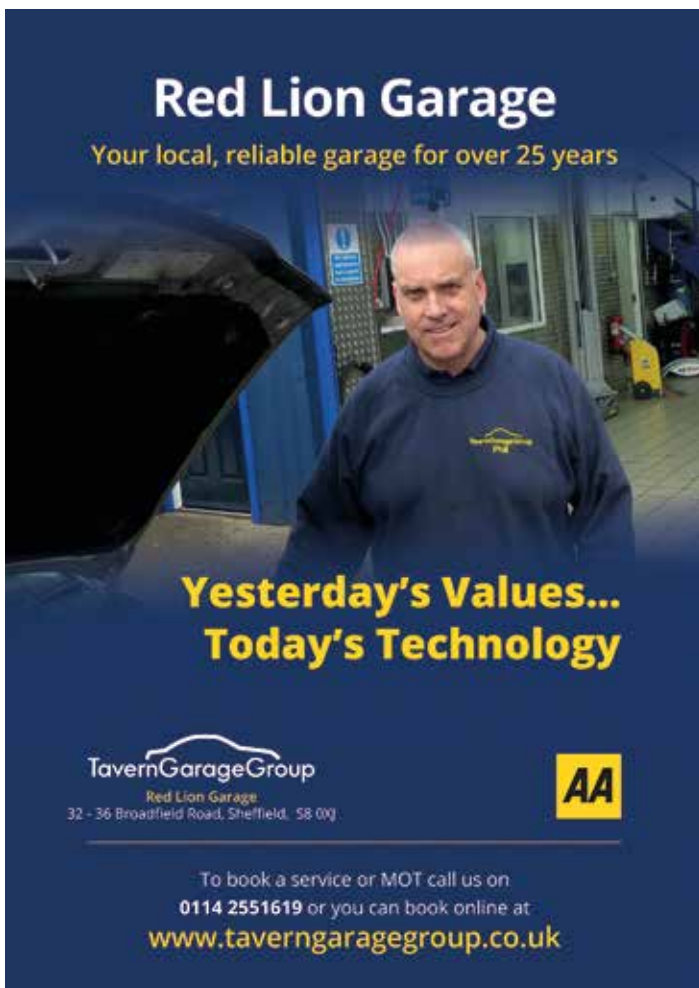
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buy (gifted by Mrs Thatcher) has reduced the number of council-owned homes from 6.5m to 2m., creating a dog-eat-dog private house rental market, imposing misery on thousands of renters paying through the nose for way below standard rented homes. It is vital that the council and tenant association sector is given the power and the investment to build large numbers of well-designed and insulated social homes to rent without losing them hand over fist to right to buy.

3. Housebuilders must not be allowed to sit on planning permitted sites without actively building, knowing that the site values are rising even though nothing is happening. Sites should be forfeit if building does not proceed in a timely fashion.
4. Huge effort needs to be put into overcoming the continuing post-Brexit shortage of skilled construction industry labour. Without doing so the prospect of reaching higher housing targets is bleak indeed.
5. Local Council planning offices have diminished in the relentless austerity imposed on public services over recent years. They will need to be re-strengthened to cope with the drive to build more homes and any changes in the rules for assessing planning applications.

What we do know is that, while late, Sheffield Council submitted a draft new local development plan for the city to the Government early this year. That plan will be examined by Government Inspectors in November. By what criteria will the city's plans be tested? Will the new Government have changed them by then? This is important because the city's draft plan is generally a good one. In two principal respects we can support it because:

- (a) It has had expert up to date external advice on how many new homes are required in the city to address, over the forward planning period, precisely how much population growth and housing demand there will be. It has led the Council to conclude that the housing growth it has provided for can be achieved without going into the city's Green Belt with the single exception of the old Norton aerodrome site.
- (b) The city has made a virtue of the intention to produce sustainable housing growth within its bounds by concentrating the growth in homes where the jobs and services are centrally provided and the levels of travel to work journeys will be minimised.

The alternative could have easily been a huge pressure to spread the city further out with distant suburbs being created on open fields at great cost to the environment and the climate and increased purchase costs to the hard-pressed buyers.

In their manifestos the Conservatives said they would fast-track planning for housing on brownfield sites and Green Belt protections would remain in place, while Labour said they would force planning authorities to update their Local Plans (and luckily Sheffield has just done that), prioritise the fast-tracking

of brownfield site development and low-quality Green Belt land would be re-designated as 'grey belt' for building on. The latter states that "Labour will not be afraid to make full use of intervention powers to build the houses we need."

There's the rub. What may a new Government have in store for our existing planning processes, and let's assume a Labour Government as the polls overwhelmingly predict? Its manifesto has talked of immediately 'updating' the National Planning Policy Framework, strengthening local Planning Offices, requiring local authorities to have up to date Local Development Plans, introducing new cross-boundary strategic planning for housing growth under Combined Authority Mayors (another task for Oliver Coppard) and reforming compulsory purchase rules for essential land acquisition. Ominously they additionally say: "Without changing its purpose or general extent, Labour will take a more strategic approach to Green Belt land designation and release to build more homes in the right places. The release of lower quality 'grey belt' land will be prioritised, and we will introduce 'golden rules' to ensure development benefits communities and nature."

Much of this makes sense but there are risks. Our City Council has, in effect, already identified the Norton aerodrome site as a 'grey' site within the Green Belt and no-one would disagree with that, but will it be seen as enough even though the latest Sheffield plan is bang up to date? Hence the increasing importance of Dore folk making the points that:

In no way can any part of our existing Green Belt between developed Dore and the National Park boundary be deemed 'grey'.

The Green Belt land stretched between Sheffield's outer western suburbs and the National Park must be regarded as the 'setting of our National Park' and be protected as such.

Any new suburbs created this far out from the city centre will offend the City's welcome care in preparing a plan which strengthens the centre as a place in which to work and to live and avoids increasing the lengths of journeys to and from the centre at considerable climate change costs.

Any detailed examination of 'our' Green Belt shows that it not only strongly fulfils the laid down purposes for creating Green Belt, but it also has specific landscape characteristics which demonstrate its huge contribution to natural beauty, to biodiversity, to flood retention and to recreation and wellbeing.

The beauty of the timing of our current advanced preparation of a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Dore's Green Belt is that it makes just these points in great evidential detail. Again, Dore will be ahead of the pack.

Christopher Pennell



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Start Of A New Era?

Maybe - last time I outlined some of the trials and tribulations we've had over the last 25 years so it's no surprise that they continue. I advised that the car park would be fully open by 1st June. It wasn't.

However, after re-laying the half alongside the station, 100 parking spaces were opened on 16th July. The rest should follow by the end of September. Four EV (electric vehicle) charging points should become available - sometime later this year. In the meantime, we have lots of room to shelter bikes.

Restoration of the green areas around the car park should follow, although at the time of writing plants alongside the platform would have very little soil in which to grow.

We'd hoped for a community opening event, but the gradual completion of the work has made arranging that impossible. Maybe in the autumn?

Restoring the railway triangle, the hillside below Poynton Wood and the area in front of the West View Lane flats should happen this year, but probably not entirely until Spring 2025?

Pile driving

At midnight on Sunday 19th May, residents from West View Lane all the way up to Dore village and as far as the Green Oak area were awakened by the sound of pile driving. It was remorseless and continued almost non-stop until 6.30am.

Letters had been sent to nearby residents. 'Nearby' seems to have been taken as an arbitrary distance from the railway rather than from where the work was being done. Noise doesn't limit itself to such criteria. In this case, Bradway Bank behind the work acted as a great reflector, projecting sound waves out across the valley. On a lovely clear and still morning, following a nice warm sunny day, most residents had their windows open. The contractors received over 150 complaints. Local Facebook groups went wild with many more. In theory this was supposed to continue for six more Sundays, however the contractors and Network Rail called a halt for a rethink. The pile driving can only be done when trains aren't running. Early Sunday mornings are the only times it's possible to get long enough between scheduled trains. It takes over six months to arrange a scheduled blockade to allow daytime working. After a pause of five weeks with almost total inactivity, work resumed on 8th July.

We understand there'll be further early Sunday morning work, potentially until the end of August. They say they'll use a quieter method for most of it although there'll likely be a loud finale to drive the piles in the last few metres. Roll on September.

Train services, industrial action, and politics!

Currently our principal operator, Northern, is unable to provide a full hourly service on Sundays. Crew terms and conditions are based on a railway that ran far fewer trains on Sundays than currently scheduled. It's complicated. Unions are fighting hard for better deals to resolve the issues. Without voluntary overtime only 30% of trains can reliably run. To negotiate new contracts needs more money. That's mostly to come from government subsidies of, on average, 42p for every mile every passenger travels on Northern. (Even the best routes may require 10p a mile, the worst possibly over £1.25!) The old government's wish was to reduce that to nearer 41p. The new regime won't want to increase it significantly.

In the meantime, we may lose at least 1 in 3 of our Sunday trains.

This is rather a shame as leisure use is growing fast. It seems an emergency reduced timetable may be in place. If using Northern services on Sundays take great care to check both on the day before and on the day to see if your trains are running.

Our own MP, Olivia Blake, knows the station and Louise Haigh, the new Transport Minister, has Ladies Spring Wood in her constituency. We must hope they can find ways to break the current impasse - and find a magic way to do so with minimal extra subsidy.

A comparative digression

Sheffield-Manchester is about 42 miles by rail. The fastest trains take about 50 minutes averaging about 50 mph.

When former Rail Minister Huw Merriman visited in April he suggested (not a promise) that electrification of our line was in the pipeline of projects following cancellation of HS2. He implied such work could reduce travel times between the 2 cities to 30 minutes - wow! 45 minutes relatively easily, 40 minutes getting hard, 35 minutes very challenging. The final miles into Manchester and Sheffield, plus 3 long Victorian tunnels and unstable Peak District geology would make the cost enormous. Do we need such speed?

My wife and I have just returned from Norway using the Oslo-Bergen line. That's about 308 miles with the fastest trains taking under 7 hours averaging about 45 mph.

That line crosses mountains up to 4,058 feet high within the six-mile Finse tunnel (Ben Nevis is 4,413 ft) designed for 110mph trains. The full line has been electrified since the early 1960s. There are many tunnels plus special snow sheds to protect it in winter. The scenery is spectacular.

Norway has a \$1.6 trillion sovereign wealth fund for when the oil and gas revenue runs out. It could cover their needs for hundreds of years. They also have lots of hydro-electricity. Their rocks are hard and most tunnels need very little lining. Our tunnels tend to run through more difficult and softer geology and usually need to be lined. They're more difficult to construct and maintain. We don't have a sovereign wealth fund. Norway lives well.

We were impressed with the fast train service from the airport into Oslo, the Oslo-Bergen line, the very scenic Flam railway and the not so fast light rail link from the centre of Bergen to their airport. We love Norway and would recommend a visit both on and away from the fjords and big cities.

The future

We now have two long, modern platforms that can accommodate six-carriage trains. Users are getting used to them and trainspotters, young and old, are loving it. With lots of persistent lobbying and patience we may get more eventually.

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Delhi in Minutes



With the recent closure of Almas, a stalwart of the Sheffield curry scene for 25 years, the village waited nervously to see what would replace it. Then along came Delhi in Minutes. Opened by husband-and-wife team, Roop and Sweetie, this new Indian restaurant obviously had a lot to live up to. The interior has been completely refurbished in vibrant colours, and although the marble effect tabletops leave a little to be desired, the overall effect is contemporary.

I will say upfront that if you go to this restaurant expecting a traditional British curry house with the same old menu contents, then you will be pleasantly surprised. Although there is a mix of recognisable dishes and sundries, there are quite a few that are based on the cuisine of Uttarakhand, (Himalayan region of North India), where Roop, the head chef was brought up. For reasons beyond explanation, it was necessary to go for an early dinner on a Monday night and, as expected, the restaurant wasn't busy, with only two or three other tables occupied.

We were seated by a friendly and polite waiter who gave us a few moments before taking our drinks order – a pint of draft Cobra (£5.50) and a medium Sauvignon Blanc (£5.50). We had (very traditional) poppadoms (£1 each) and a pickle tray (£2.50) while we perused the menu. When he returned, our waiter explained that all the dishes were medium on the heat scale, and asked if we wanted our dishes milder or spicier, which I thought was a nice touch.



I chose a Chicken Malai Tikka with Avocado Chutney (£10) as a starter and my partner went for the Tandoori Prawn with Garlic & Tomato Chutney (£13.50). My chicken was outstanding. The chicken itself was perfectly cooked, succulent and juicy, with great flavours and nice charring. The chutney and lime wedge made an excellent accompaniment and overall, the dish was both very different and really good. Obviously, tandoori prawns are more common on an Indian menu, and although not at the level of the chicken, they were tasty, very well cooked and the chutneys were quite special.

The menu in the restaurant pushes the Biryani dishes as "A must try!!", so I did! I had a Lamb Dum Biryani served with Mirchi Ka Salan (£17) with a Tandoori Roti (£3.50) on the side. Mirchi Ka Salan is a chilli and peanut based sauce, and although I asked for mine more spicy than medium, it was still reasonably tame (for me). Despite that it was delicious and a great side to the biryani. I don't normally order biryani, preferring sauce-based dishes but this one may have converted me. The dish was significant and as much as I enjoyed it, I only managed to eat about half. On the plus side, I was able to take the other half home and repeat the experience in front of the TV a day later! The lamb in the dish was very succulent and the rice perfectly cooked. Overall, the spices were well balanced, and the addition of fresh coriander and mint took it to the next level.



On the recommendation of a friend who had eaten there before, my dining partner chose Nalli Nihari (£17) and a Garlic Naan (£3.50). The dish consisted of slow cooked lamb shank and marrow, in a spiced sauce. The lamb was served in chunks rather than one large shank as expected, and as a result was a bit fiddly. However, the slow cooked meat pretty much fell off the bone and the sauce was nothing like I have ever tasted before – in a good way. It was really smooth, with layers of flavour and although not spicy enough for me, my partner was more than happy with it.

Prior to our visit there were a few people who were critical about the newly opened restaurant. After eating there, I can only put any poor experience down to teething problems. The menu was interesting and different, the food was well cooked, well spiced, and although I will ask for it to be hotter next time, there will be a next time. At over £90 for two with only two drinks each, it isn't the cheapest curry in the world, but it has made a good first impression in the village.

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Facts about More in Dore and the Playground

More in Dore is a sub-committee of Dore Village Society and has charity status (Charities Commission Registration No. 1017051).

The playground only exists because of local community donations and fundraising, it is not publicly funded.

Since 2019 the group has raised over £50,000 to add a toddler climbing frame and the Quest. Thank you to those who have already donated.

In 2023/2024 the Dore and Totley community raised £10k for a new slide to replace the previous slide/wooden play equipment which had become rotten and unsafe. The new slide will be installed by the Parks Team at Sheffield City Council but please be patient as the team covers an extensive area across Sheffield with each installation subject to staffing ratios and the British weather!

More in Dore is run by a small group of parents who are always looking for new ideas and volunteers with a 'no pressure' philosophy in terms of time commitment. Ideas don't take up any time at all so please send them to dorerec@gmail.com.

What else can you do to help?

Please shop locally. By supporting Dore Village shops you help to support the playground. Please look out for our collection boxes and QR codes. Every little helps.

More in Dore teams up with The Village Greens

With a weekly 'Green Box' account at The Village Greens a percentage of your weekly spend will be donated by new owners James and Kirsty to fund new playground equipment. How good is that! For more information, please contact James or Kirsty Hughes-Lawson at The Village Greens, 20 Church Lane, Dore S17 3GS (0114 236 6281) orders@thevillagegreens.co.uk or www.thevillagegreens.co.uk.

'Green Box' accounts over £20 qualify for free S17 delivery. Set up a weekly 'Green Box' account for £40 or more and receive a sustainable tote bag with your first order (limited time only).

The 'Green Box' idea stemmed from an email from local mum Katrina who contacted More in Dore. Here she is now:

"More in Dore and The Village Greens are also planning future projects for 'community and sustainability', and our first 'nod' to these plans is the sale of kitchen eco-compost bins which are available from the shop at £8 with 100% of the profit dedicated to More in Dore".

Katrina also introduced the concept of the sustainable tote bag which can be purchased from The Village Greens @ £5 (100% profit going to More in Dore).

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Environment

Dore Bird Blitz 2025

The series of three bird walks with Jim Clarke was very successful. Walks in April, May and June gave us the opportunity to spot resident birds, summer visitors and nocturnal species. We finished the last walk, a crepuscular walk on Blacka Moor, watching roding Woodcock emerging from the plantation to feed as it became dark. Woodcock are largely nocturnal and spend the day lying low in woodland and then emerge at dusk to feed in nearby damp areas. As its plumage gives it excellent camouflage, you would be unlikely to spot them in the daytime but at dusk they emerge and can be seen in characteristic flight, 'roding' as it is called. It was even worth braving the biting insects for the sight. Part of the fun is listening to Jim's commentary and his aide-memoire tips: roding woodcock make 'frog/mouse' sounds, soft calls and mousy squeaks.

Jim has now suggested that we plan for a dawn to dusk Dore Bird Blitzing event next year, probably at the end of May, throughout Dore and see how many species we can record. He thinks it could be up to 70. If you would like to take part in this event please email me at dvsenvironment@gmail.com.

Queen's Green Canopy tree

You may remember that Dore Village Society sponsored the planting of a tree, an Indian Horse Chestnut, for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. The tree was planted on King's Croft in November 2022 by SCC'S Community Forestry team with some active help from Dore Primary School pupils. This species of tree was chosen with advice from Dr Toby Pillatt, Community Forestry Project Development Officer, bearing in mind climate change and how native species are showing signs of stress and are succumbing to disease. It is thought that widening the tree stock may help to protect us from future losses. It's well worth taking a walk along the path from Savage Lane down to King's Croft; the tree is on the right just as you reach the open space. It was planted in an ideal position to show off its form and colour as in the distance behind stands a mature Copper Beech tree.

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Celebrating Three Years Of Change!



This summer sees three years since the Committee and project volunteers at the Community Centre started work on an ambitious programme of change. A number of those involved dedicated many hours to ensure a speedy project delivery. Over the course of Summer 2021 the Centre was entirely redecorated and many areas were overhauled. We would like to share some

before and after shots to celebrate three years of change.

The Main Hall was redecorated in keeping with the Centre's Art Deco origins. The floor was re-sanded and varnished. A modern audio-visual system was installed. Subsequent funding for new window and stage curtains completed the look.

Last summer we were able to tank the understage area which was prone to bad flooding. Users can now make full use of the storage in confidence that it will remain dry.

The area between the main building and the annexe (The Ark) was unused. A key vision was using the space for the community to create the 'Cope Memorial Garden' in memory of our well-loved and deeply missed Geoff and Maureen Cope whose commitment and service to village life over many, many years we wanted to acknowledge.

So far only around £3,000 of the total £9,200 spent creating this pleasant outdoor seating area has been received, with generous donations from the DVS and a number of residents. Before this

project can be completed it would be lovely to see further financial support coming through to close this gap in funding, from other organisations and old friends of theirs in the village, to whom Geoff and Maureen gave up so much of their time.

Any further donations towards the Cope Memorial Garden would be much appreciated. Please see our website for details.

More recently, new entrances from the outdoor seating areas have been installed into the Ark and church office to improve access for groups using these rooms.

The biggest success story however is the growth in the number of groups that use the Community Centre to the benefit of all the local residents here in Dore and neighbouring areas. We now have a great variety of groups using the facilities, from those involved with Christian ministry, to music, exercise, dance, and social and literary activities. As community centre usage has expanded, we've continued to improve the facilities in many small and larger ways and at the same time have managed to hold all the hire charges at their original level despite spiralling utility and other costs.

At a time when many community centres are struggling to exist, widespread community engagement is keeping the Community Centre at the heart of village life. We are grateful for your continued support.

If you would like further information about the many clubs and activities at the Community Centre, please see *communitycentre.dorechurch.org.uk/whats-on*. Most of our regular groups also place details in the noticeboard outside the front of the Community Centre.

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We would also like to focus on what the building will be used for in 2025 and beyond and this is your chance to influence the future. The original vision was for it to be a beautiful and special/ spiritual space for the whole community to enjoy and for people to come in and find the peace, love and joy of Jesus. The church family in Dore invites you to become part of the exciting journey we are on.

We are told by the contractors T&C Williams that we are six to nine weeks behind schedule. This increases our costs slightly, but we are now very confident that we have all the money we need to complete the project. This however does not include the chairs, so ongoing fundraising efforts will help you to have somewhere to sit when we open again. We give thanks to God for all the money raised so far and we trust in Him to provide the money for the chairs.

We are behind schedule because of a few surprises. Old buildings, and Christ Church is regency period, built in 1828, only give up these secrets when you start the building work and take apart the old fabric. The first surprise was that the asbestos was a little more extensive than the original survey had shown extending under the floor. Readers will understand this substance has to be treated with great respect to protect the contractors and all our health. Asbestos specialists were used to complete this removal safely. The beams supporting the floor were rotten and needed to be replaced. Other surprises were that we had even more leaks of water than we thought. It was known that the West wall was not watertight and needed remedial work. The roofs of the vestries had been replaced in 2023 and needed further adjustment. It was disappointing to find further leaks in the Bell Tower, which has led to some rot and woodworm. Another leak was found in the old porch. The very heavy rain we had in winter and spring revealed these and, in a way, did us a favour so that we can work on these problems as well.

Talking of rain, we had so much that it led to the churchyard being much more overgrown than usual. As we write this Sheffield City Council, who has responsibility for its upkeep, agreed to help us cut it back in June. We hope that the Autumn will see it a little more ordered ready for our re-opening in winter.

We have confidence that these are minor setbacks, and that Jesus is at the heart of this project. He is always there watching over us. Hebrews chapter 13 verse 8 says, "Jesus is the same

yesterday, today and forever." A lovely surprise and blessing was finding a beautiful Victorian stone arch which had been hidden by the old pipe organ. This leads from the chancel into a new space which we will possibly utilise for children's work, exhibitions and music.

It has felt odd seeing the photographs of the interior, some of which you see with this article, with everything pulled apart. Thankfully the next phase will involve building back.

Some of the details of the work are changing as we realise what is most practical. For example, the original plans had a small semi-circular wall framing the paved area by the new entrance door. This has been changed to semi-circular seating which will no doubt be utilised as people spill out of the building, or conversely, gather before an event.

We are planning a tour (or tours depending on interest) of the building in September, followed by refreshments, along with the architect and contractors, who can answer questions you may have. Details of this will be advertised in the village and on the church website in August: www.dorechurch.org.uk

Ephesians chapter 2 verses 19 and 20 describes our place; "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." The cornerstone is the rock upon which the weight of the entire structure rests.

So what would you like to see this precious building used for? It will be used as a place of worship and a place to come closer to God; a place to hear how Jesus can help you in your life. Have you thought that you would like to use it for an event? We want to hear from you to ensure that our ideas are in tune with yours. This building will be open 365 days a year and we need to use it. Please send your ideas, questions and comments to secretary@dorechurch.org.uk

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Churches in S17 'Joy' Family Fun Day

What a joy and a blessing! To be part of such a fantastic community yearly event; hundreds of children and adults alike enjoying the fresh air, sun, community spirit, wonderful cakes and amusements without any queues. All freely given in love by God's grace and all the Christian churches of S17. This was the Joy-Family Fun Day on Saturday 22nd June.

Families from Totley to Essex had heard about this free event and the grounds of Totley Primary School were full of fun and laughter. A wide variety of activities was available for a range of different age



groups. To name a few: face painting, balloon modelling, a tennis lesson, Gemini Dance Group performance, three bouncy castles and an inflatable slide, story time and books given away; there was hook a duck, kids and then adults tug of war, various crafts, prayer tent and prayer wall, and much more.

Cakes galore and lots of cold drinks and ice pops on such a hot day went down very well. There was a chance to hear about the power of prayer and listen to Bible stories. The event was attended by the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Jayne Dunn and the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire (the King's representative), John Baddeley. Jayne Dunn expressed her delight at being back on home turf as she was from this area and attended King Ecgbert School. John also lives in Totley.

The ministers and families of the S17 churches were seen having fun with everyone. I spoke to the new minister for Dore Methodist Church who will start in September, Rev Jonathan Haigh. The Rev Andy Patrick of Christ Church Dore was also there with his wife and young children.

Totley Primary School and staff deserve our thanks for opening up to the whole S17 community; they are fantastic. My impression was that this was a really well organised event with First Aid post, many volunteers in purple 'Joy' T shirts who could help answer questions, and there were appropriate refreshments for the hot sunny day. The day was summed up by one parent when she said about the Family Fun Day, "It takes all the stress out of being a parent." People could not believe that everything was free!

It truly was a 'Joyful' day.

Why not check out further information about Christianity right here in Dore:

Dore Methodist Church, High Street Dore <https://www.doremethodist.org.uk>

Christ Church Dore, Church Lane Dore <https://www.dorechurch.org.uk>

Dore and Totley Christian Fellowship, Christ Church Community Centre, Townhead Road Dore <https://www.facebook.com/p/Dore-Totley-Christian-Fellowship-100025625630192/>

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Goodbye and Hello

At our service on Sunday 30th June, we said “good-bye” to our Minister Rev Mike Jones. Mike was appointed (or “Stationed” – to use the correct Methodist terminology) to the Sheffield Methodist Circuit in September 2022. The Circuit then put him in pastoral charge of three churches, two of which were Dore and Totley Rise. Sadly, just as he was appointed, he suffered a heart attack and was unable to take up his duties for a number of months. For personal reasons he felt unable to continue with his appointment in Sheffield after this summer and from September will be taking up Methodist duties in the Glossop area. We are sorry to lose him but fully understand the reasons for his decision and wish him well in his new appointment.

We are delighted that Rev Jonathan Haigh will take on responsibility for our church from September. Jonathan has been in Sheffield for some years and is the Minister in charge at Greenhill Methodist Church and the Victoria Hall in the City Centre. We welcome him to Dore and are looking forward to working with him. His first service with us will be at 10-30 a.m. on Sunday 8th September.

Harvest Celebrations

Although we are still in summertime(!) we are planning for the autumn, and the first of the special events will be our Harvest Celebrations. Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am and our service will be led by Rev Jonathan Haigh. As usual we will be donating food to the Grace Food Bank, and this special collection is additional to the fortnightly gifts we receive from our church members for the food bank throughout the year.

Ladies' Tuesday Group

Our Ladies' Tuesday Group has arranged an interesting programme for the year starting in September.

- On Tuesday 10th September the group will be holding its Annual General Meeting.
- On Tuesday 8th October Stephen Gay will present an illustrated talk on “Railways in a Cornish Landscape – part 2 – Newquay to Penzance.”
- On November 12th Andy Foster from South Yorkshire Police will talk about “Fraud Protection”
- On December 10th the group will hold Christmas Celebrations with “Penny Bun”.

All our meetings are held in our Church Hall and start at 2-30pm Visitors are always welcome - £4 charge.

Welcoming Space

Are you at a bit of a loose end on Wednesday Mornings? If so, why not pop in to our Welcoming Space between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Here you will find a warm and friendly atmosphere, with an opportunity to meet and chat to others over cups of tea or coffee. Also, we have table games that some like to play – dominoes and “Qwirkle” are very popular! Other people like to read newspapers, and later everyone enjoys a light lunch. All this is free – but, of course, we welcome any donations towards our running costs. If you think this is for you but you would struggle to get to us – no problem. We have the use of a Transport17 minibus and currently have some empty seats that we would love to fill. So, if you live locally and would like to come along, please phone 0114 235 1085 and we will see what we can arrange. We do need to make a charge of £3 for transport.

Occasionally we also host a “Pop-up” information session, organised by the Local Area Committee's Community Development Worker, where there is lots of information available on Council Services and Cost

of Living Support. Our next information session will be on 11th September.

Rosemary Memory Café

On the first and third Tuesday afternoon of each month AgeUK Sheffield hold a memory café in our hall. This is an opportunity to socialise and enjoy spending time with your loved ones who have dementia. Together with Christ Church we support this initiative by providing volunteers to help. Contact AgeUK Sheffield on 0114 250 2850 for more information before attending.

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Please – when is summer going to arrive? I put a vest back on this month. Four or five degrees below the average! Luckily, Ann and I picked a fairly good week in early June for a week in north Norfolk. I think we've had 2 really warm days since then. There, that's one moan over.

I thought that I'd heard mention that the Merlin Theatre may become available again but it seems to have come to nothing. The Montgomery Theatre refurbishment is behind schedule but I understand that the fees to use it will double which probably puts it out of reach without making the ticket prices almost on a par with the professional theatres. (Not that we are not good enough - he says). However, it was revealed at the AGM that the Iolanthe performances were so successful that it was thought that the format was worth repeating. So next year the Society intends to undertake The Mikado, one of the most popular operettas as a staged concert version in the same mould as Iolanthe earlier this year with costumes but with restricted movements. We are fortunate that Graham Weston, our producer for several years before Covid struck has expressed an interest in directing it so it will be a dream team of Graham and Martin Yates leading the Society for next year's show. The shows will all be matinee performances on Sunday 6th April at Crookes Social Club, on Saturday 12th April in Dore Community Hall on Townhead Road and on Saturday 26th April at Whittington Moor Methodist Church. If anyone is interested in

joining us, especially young people, rehearsals will begin in early September at Millhouses Methodist Church Hall on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

More recently, we held our Summer Concert in Dore to a very appreciative audience, smaller than we had hoped for because unfortunately it clashed with the England quarter final, Wimbledon and Baslow Choir's concert. Still, it was reasonably well attended and an extremely enjoyable evening with music from a wide range of shows such as Les Misérables, Fiddler on the Roof, Jekyll and Hyde, The Sound of Music, as well as popular G&S pieces. For me, the highlight was Mike Tipler, Alex Hayward-Brown and Steve Andrews rendition of O Solo Mio (or Just One Cornetto as it ended up), it was brilliant. This concert is being repeated at Wentworth Music Festival in the church on 27th September and at Bolsover Assembly Rooms on October 12th. The quality of the entertainment is always excellent and at prices way below their southern equivalents.

Our next outing in Dore will be the Christmas concert which will be in Dore Methodist Church Hall at 2:30pm on Saturday 21st December, but more of that in future editions.

Finally, if modesty permits, I was voted in as President of the Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society after some 35 years of service. It is very humbling and gratifying to be honoured thus in such a high quality musical organisation, and while it involves little effort on my part, I will keep blowing their trumpet. They deserve it. Please support us whenever you can.

Derek Habberjam



The author above, in his role as President and, above left, playing the sousaphone in 1966.



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Dealer: North

Vulnerability: neither

North

♠ K J 9 8 6 4
♥ Q 7 2
♦ K 9
♣ 10 3

West

♠ 3
♥ A 3
♦ A 10 6 5 4 3
♣ A J 8 5

East

♠ A 10 2
♥ 8 6 5 4
♦ Q J 8 2
♣ Q 7

South

♠ Q 7 5
♥ K J 10 9
♦ 7
♣ K 9 6 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2S ¹	Pass	3S ²	All pass

1. Weak two: 5 to 10 points and a six card spade suit.
 2. Bidding to the level of the fit, made more powerful by being spades.
- This shut West out and prevented East-West from finding a diamond fit.

East led Q♦ and when dummy was revealed it was obvious that there were several unavoidable losers. West rose with the ace and played A♥ followed by 3♥. South won and played a spade which lost to the ace but then also had to lose two clubs later on.

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However, if North doesn't bid East-West will bid diamonds, perhaps to the five level and game. If North then leads 10♣ West makes an easy 11 tricks. On any other lead West will win and test diamonds by running the Q♦ to North, finding that the contract relies on the club finesse and will take that, making game for +400. So North's weak two opener gave North-South a good result.

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SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 Dore's Party on the Green, a Dore Village Society event, 1-5pm. Live music, food available to purchase or bring a picnic. A huge afternoon of entertainment for all the family. See panel on page 4.

Sat 7 Dore Show 2024. Traditional village show, see centre page pull-out section of this issue for full details.

Sun 15 Wyvern walk led by Chris Cave 07908 364 925. Starting in Pilsley we walk through Birchell Bank Wood and Home Farm to Hassop returning by way of Dog Kennel Wood, Wheatlands Lane and Bubnell Cliff. Full details at dorevillage.co.uk/pages/wyvern-walkers-programme-of-walks.

Wed 18 Dore Garden Club – Seasonal Jobs in the Garden by Jeff Bates. See page 15 for full details.

Sun 22 11am - 3pm Autumn Plant Sale: The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society, Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Thompson Road entrance). Free admission, all welcome. A wide and interesting selection of well-loved and rarer hardy and other plants on sale at very reasonable prices.

Wed 25 Trolley History Group: Ancient suburbs of Sheffield: David Templeman. Trolley Library 7.30pm. See page 3.

Sat 28 Table Top Sale, Dore & Trolley United Reformed Church, Trolley Brook Road. 10am-noon. New & Used items for sale, refreshments. See also page 41.

OCTOBER

Sat 5 Dore Male Voice Choir annual Gala Concert, Ecclesall Church. See article, page 6 of this issue.

Wed 16 Dore Garden Club - Unforgettable Gardens of Dorset & Somerset by Camilla Anderson. See page 15 for full details.

Wed 23 Trolley History Group: Sheffield Hospitals during WWII: Mary Garside. Trolley Library 7.30pm. See page3.



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This article first appeared in *Dore to Door* issue number 34 of Summer 1994, the second in a series of articles:

William, Second Earl of Devonshire, 1590 - 1628

William Cavendish, oldest surviving son and namesake of the First Earl of Devonshire, was cast in a very different mould to his cautious and frugal father. But the younger William was also the first-born grandson of Bess of Hardwick and therein lay a clue to his self-willed, even self-indulgent, character.

The Cavendish matriarch was closely concerned with the upbringing of this future heir to her estates and was a figure of undoubted influence during her remaining lifetime, the first eighteen years of William's life.

Yet, just as Bess had found her authority challenged by her oldest son, Henry, so her second son William - to whom the estates eventually passed - met with a similar problem. It was on the question of marriage that young William, almost out of his teens now, rebelled. With his inheritance, gilded by a knighthood received two years earlier, he could not have expected a love match nor even much of a say in his choice of bride. Certainly the regularisation of his liaison with a lady of his grandmother's household, some years his senior, was out of the question.

The tender years of his prospective bride gave the youth extra cause to stand up to his father, for Christian Bruce was only twelve years old. William even held his ground when King James I strongly backed this wealthy match as a returned favour to the girl's father, Lord Kinloss. The king personally contributed to her £10,000 dowry. Eventually young Sir William capitulated: it was essential for an aspiring courtier to retain royal favour. Furthermore a blind eye towards his mistress was promised whilst his child bride grew up. In practice the groom was free to pursue the pleasures of Court to the full. Historian John Pearson in 'Stags and Serpents' describes him as 'the contemporary ideal of a presentable young aristocrat', equipped with all the social graces acquired through an expensive education, coupled with a chivalrous, dashing air and an eye for fashion.

Aimless as this lifestyle was - and Cavendish, furthermore, lived in reckless extravagance - it did have the singular advantage of introducing him to far wider schools of thought than he would have encountered outside the capital. He had the good fortune to make a close friend for life of Thomas Hobbes. An Oxford graduate and classics scholar, Hobbes was only a couple of years the elder yet found in Cavendish a keen pupil in philosophical matters. In 1610 the two young men toured France, Germany and Italy, an invaluable experience for them both.

The dandy came home an accomplished linguist and the scholar returned to prepare to make his mark as a philosopher.

In 1618 when his father was created Earl of Devonshire, the younger William became Lord Cavendish. The following year, jointly with his father, he served as Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, having already completed his first spell as MP for the county. His first son, another William, had been born in 1617, to be followed three years later by a brother, Charles.

By now Governor of the Bermudas Company, Cavendish enjoyed a large income. He was assisted in financial matters by his friend Hobbes in the role of secretary. In 1623 differing interests within the Company brought two factions into dispute: Cavendish stood at the head of one, the Earl of Warwick at the other. A heated argument between the two men took them to the brink of a duel and resulted in Cavendish being reprimanded for issuing intense personal insults against the Earl.

Lord Cavendish lived in splendid style, with expense no object, in Bishopsgate. He continued to be a leading figure at Court after Charles I came to the throne and was a guest at the king's marriage to Henrietta Maria in 1625. Upon the death of the First Earl of Devonshire the following year, Cavendish inherited the title and a seat in the House of Lords.

For some years he had maintained a lavish lifestyle only by borrowing against his future inheritance. With this wealth released



into his profligate hands, it was too soon apparent that he had severely drained even the ample Cavendish resources. In the year after his father's death the new Earl was forced to introduce a bill in the House of Lords to enable him to sell land from his entailed estates.

More personal damage was beyond redemption; in June of the following year, 1628, the Second Earl of Devonshire died at Bishopsgate 'of excessive indulgence in good living'. His body was brought back to Derby All Saints Church, now the Cathedral, for burial.

The widowed Countess Christian was left with enormous debts and nearly thirty lawsuits. Yet, demonstrating a Scottish shrewdness and a gift for financial budgeting, she devoted herself to protecting her children's inheritance - the Third Earl was aged only eleven when his father died.

Severe economies pruned the servants, disposed of some land and ended all social spending. Even Thomas Hobbes was suspended. When finances permitted he was reinstated as tutor to the young Earl, who at the age of twenty-one took over Chatsworth House and the wealth once so closely threatened by his late father.

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