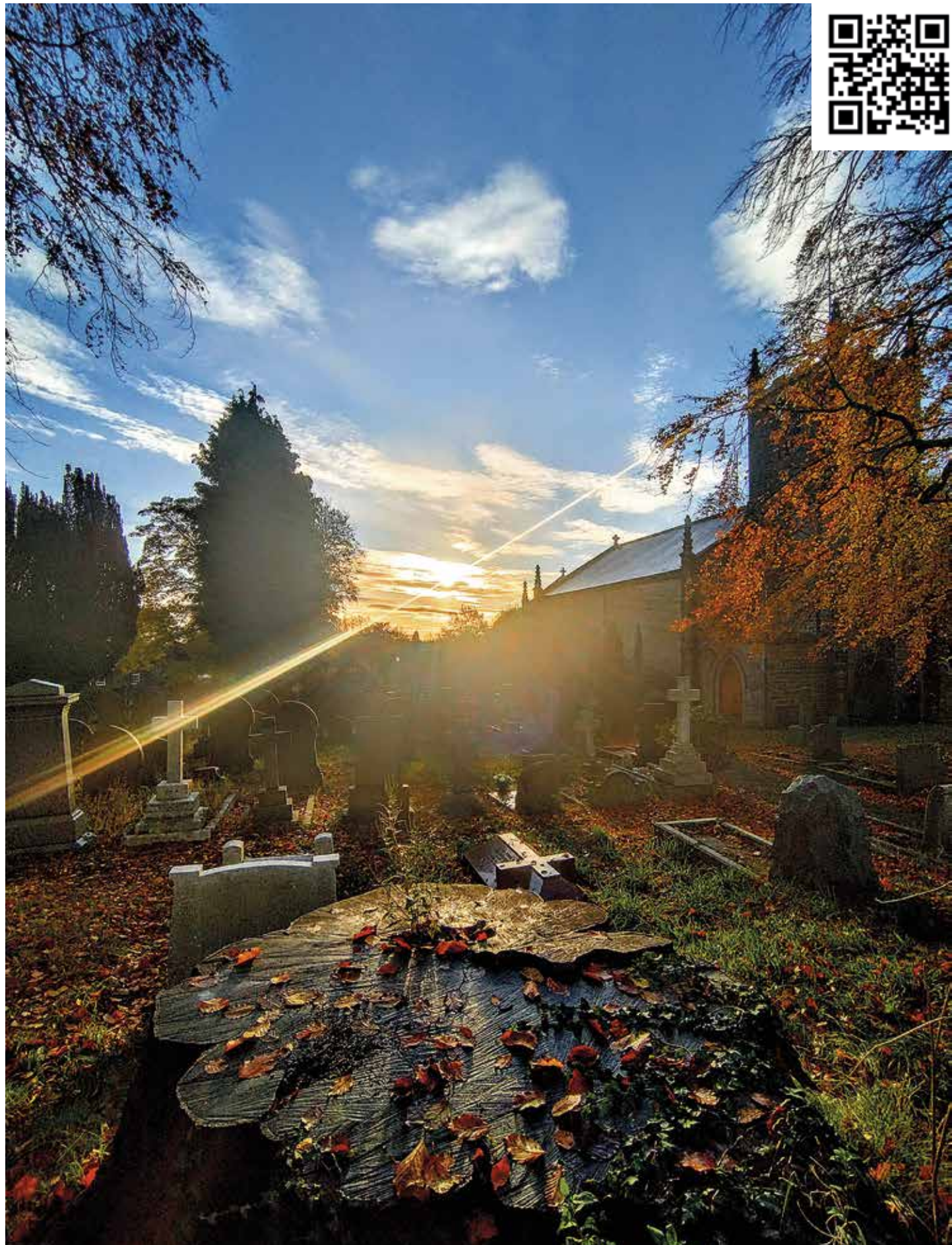


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DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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### Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club was formed shortly after World War II and played originally at a green near the current pavilion. It moved to our present location at the top of Abbeydale Park Sports ground opposite the Badminton Hall in May 1947. We have a display of photographs in our clubhouse taken on opening day showing smart gentlemen in suits enjoying the new green. Yes, it was men only back then, but we have been a mixed club for many years.

We are a social bowling club and do not compete in any leagues, thus the green is available for social bowling sessions at 10.00, 14.00 and 16.00 seven days a week. A number of friendly matches with other clubs and internal competitions are run each year.

Our clubhouse was renovated and significantly extended in 2022 and we now have a large room where we run a range of activities mainly during the off season. These include bridge, whist, dominoes, rummikub and beetle drives which are very popular with our members.

Last November the club organised a holiday to Paphos, Cyprus where we stayed at the Athena Beach hotel which has a number of bowling greens. Bowling in 25 degrees in winter was a novel experience.

We are now looking forward to the new bowling season which opens on Sunday 31st March. If you would like to see what we are about there will be public open days on Saturdays 27th April and 5th May from 10.00. Both experienced players and beginners are equally welcome, just turn up on those dates. Guidance will be available for beginners. If these dates are not convenient, please telephone Mike Sills on 0114 235 6598 and we will be pleased to arrange a private visit to the club. Visits from groups are also welcome, arrange via the same phone number.

There can be few more pleasant ways of spending a summer morning or afternoon than a game of bowls followed by a cuppa and a chat on the sunny clubhouse balcony; all we need is the sunshine. So, if you are newly retired or have recently moved into the area give Abbeydale Park Bowls Club a try.

**Michael Sills**

### Project Connie needs more Volunteers!

We are a small, informal group of Dore people who take our older, vulnerable residents to their medical appointments because they can't drive and have no relatives nearby to help them.

Project Connie has grown a lot over ten years since we set it up and now really needs some more helpers. If you can drive, have a car and a few hours free occasionally then we would love to hear from you. It is very satisfying to lend a hand to someone who would otherwise have to use an impersonal taxi. The recipients are so appreciative that it's a joy to be involved.

Should you feel you can help then please give Sue Ross or Pat Yates a ring on 07931 483693 when we can tell you more.

**Sue Ross**

### The Time Travellers Archaeology Group

For anyone interested in all things archaeological don't forget there is a thriving Archaeological group based in Dore. Post Covid and all the restrictions on meeting or carrying out practical field work we are firmly back in business. Our programme of walks, talks and practical opportunities can be found on The Time Travellers website at [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk). Don't miss out the critical 'the' otherwise you will be directed to Dr Who!

What have we done recently? We have had some fascinating talks – Aethelflaed, Lady of Mercia – a feisty lady indeed: everything you ever wanted to know about Medieval archery from the amazing Knights in Battle medieval re-enactment group, and more talks scheduled for the New Year. All our talks are held at Dore Old School. Our regular monthly coffee mornings can turn up some unexpected information or finds. The most recent one had us scratching our heads over a collection of coins from a 'hoard'. Still working on just how old some of them might be.

Walks and visits will recommence when weather allows. We will have been to Dronfield church by the time of publication. Parish church for Dore and Totley dating back to 1135 it is a must see for its medieval stained glass, brasses and much more. And on our doorstep too.

Do come along to any of the events or get in touch to be put onto our email list, we are a really friendly group with a common passion for history.

**Dorne Coggins**

### New Car Parking Charges in the Peak District

Fees at 13 previously free car parks in the Peak District National Park were introduced by the Peak District National Park Authority in November, along with increased tariffs at existing pay and display car parks.

Those affecting us nearby are at Hooks Carr (just below Stanage Edge), Upper Burbage and Dennis Knoll (again below Stanage Edge).

Others include Minninglow, Thorpe Station, Narlows Lane, Alstonefield, Blore Pastures, Milldale, Friden and Derwent Outlook.

The new parking tariffs (£) are:

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### Peak District National Park Installs Electric Vehicle Chargers

The Peak District National Park is installing electric vehicle charges at three locations: Millers Dale Station, Parsley Hay Bike Hire Centre & Car Park, and the Moorland Visitor Centre at Edale.

Millers Dale Station and Parsley Hay chargers will be available to the public, and those at Edale will serve guests of the Fieldhead Campsite at the Moorland Visitor Centre

These are some of the busiest locations in the National Park, increasing the availability of EV charging options for both local communities and visitors. Each EV charging point can charge two cars simultaneously meaning that more EV drivers can travel with confidence to appreciate the Peak District's picturesque views.

To date, 36 chargers have been installed in National Parks across the UK, with chargers in all 15 of the National Parks set to be installed before the end of the three-year partnership with BMW.

This initiative is funded by BMW UK as part of its Recharge in Nature partnership with National Parks UK.

*Cover: A beautiful photograph of Christ Church at dawn, one December morning last year. Thanks to photographer and local resident Lily Saynor.*

## Haythornthwaite Wood enhancement project 2024



Enabled by generous financial support from the national CPRE Hedgerow Heroes fund and the Dore Village Society, local volunteers from the Dore area supported Sheffield City Council Rangers and CPRE staff, gather to lay the long hedge and carry out woodland maintenance at Haythornthwaite Wood. The Wood, on the edge of Dore (opposite the Dore Moor Inn) was planted in 1994 by CPRE in dedication to their founders, Ethel and Gerald Haythornthwaite who worked tirelessly to protect the greenspaces and beautiful landscapes around Sheffield and campaigned for these.

In total, 34 local people got involved with summer walks from Dore Village to the Wood, as well as the hands-on woodland management task days throughout October and November. This included Lord Mayor (and local councillor) Colin Ross, who visited one of the task days and had a go at the hedge laying work. The result is a superbly laid hedge, which will now grow, thicken and thrive as a strong mixed-species stock-proof barrier and wonderful woodland habitat, providing shelter and food for birds, insects and small animals.

There will be more opportunities to get involved throughout Spring 2024, as CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire celebrates its 100th year! We will hold events to raise awareness of the ecology of the Wood, and there will also be a chance to try your hand at dry stone walling as well as general woodland management tasks – keep an eye on the CPRE Peak District and South Yorkshire website [www.cprepsy.org.uk](http://www.cprepsy.org.uk) for more news as it comes, or email [cassa.townsend@cprepsy.org.uk](mailto:cassa.townsend@cprepsy.org.uk) to find out more.

**Cassa Townsend**

## Dore Christmas Lantern Parade 2023

A recurring Dore Village Society event, the Lantern Parade was led by the Gemini Dancers who added a vibrant, colourful addition to the Dore Christmas festivities. Father Christmas followed on behind, greeting the hundreds of children, parents and grandparents who had waited patiently braving the cold since 6pm. With the parade in full swing, cheering on Father Christmas and the dancers, the crowd made their way to the Christmas tree outside The Village Greens, in the heart of the village.

We were so pleased to have welcomed a rising star (very apt for Christmas) from our village to turn on the Christmas lights. Rowan Campbell-Pilling is a British Karting Champion and has just been signed for Argenti Motorsport, racing in the British F4 Championship in 2024, which is the pathway to Formula 1. He's a shining light for Dore and Sheffield, and an Ambassador for The Children's Hospital Charity, raising thousands of pounds for them this year, all this at the age of just 16!

A traditional street organ and nativity booth kept the children entertained and a new addition this year was the huge video

## Mike Jackson MBE



Local Dore resident and long-term member of Abbeydale Rotary Club, Mike Jackson, was awarded an MBE in the Kings New Year honours list for his services to the community in Sheffield.

He has been a member of Abbeydale Rotary for 45 years, serving as President, Treasurer, Chairman of Environmental Service and Trust Fund Trustee. As a keen walker and hill climber, he was one of the first voluntary Peak District National Park Wardens appointed to safeguard the hard-won public access to the high

moorlands of the Dark Peak, and served for ten years as a member of the Edale Mountain Rescue Team. More recently, he acted for 19 years as a guide and walk leader for visually impaired and blind members of the Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group, which Mike describes as one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.

For over 25 years, as a founder member of the South Yorkshire Outdoor Pursuits Trust he played a leading part in managing the Wilkin Hill Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Low Bradfield as a residential facility for youth groups and children of all ages, disadvantaged children in particular.

Mike is also a very keen gardener and actively encourages wildlife into his garden, and for over 30 years has opened his garden to the public, raising thousands of pounds for local charities.

A keen musician, he has been a playing member of Sheffield Chamber Orchestra for no less than 66 years, for nine years serving as Chairman.

When asked about his lifetime of service Mike quite simply said "This is a great honour, but I didn't do any of it to seek recognition or an award" - and that's exactly why he is so deserving of it.

**Heather Morris – President Abbeydale Rotary**

wall displaying Christmas cartoons and Christmas carol lyrics for the children to sing along to.

We'd like to add our thanks to all the shops who wonderfully support the lantern parade. The Hare & Hounds, The Dore Café, Dore Methodist Church and The Devonshire Arms were all joining in with the festivities providing much needed hot drinks, refreshments and good cheer. Father Christmas continued to entertain the children giving out early Christmas presents at The Devonshire Arms.

It was a great way to start the Christmas festivities and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2024, on Wednesday 4th December from 6pm.

We are always in need of extra support to help manage the event, so if you would like to volunteer or have suggestions for developing the parade or any of the other Dore Village Society events, please contact Caroline Davies at [caroline.davies@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:caroline.davies@dorevillage.co.uk) or via the Dore Village Society website.

Happy New Year!

**David Hayes  
Caroline Davies**



## The Life Cycle of Dore to Door

Dore to Door drops through your letterbox with predictable regularity but have you ever wondered what goes into producing and delivering each issue and who is involved?

As the editor I'm the most visible person but I'm only one in a team of more than 120 people. This includes 35 or so who contribute articles, two technical editors who assemble the content into the magazine you see, a group of proofreaders, an advertising manager, and half a dozen people who take the bulk delivery from the printer and break it down into individual delivery rounds. Then there is another group of 10 or so who take the rounds to the individuals who deliver to your letterbox (about another 65 people). So, quite a logistical exercise but this usually runs very smoothly thanks to everyone undertaking their role so efficiently.

As the editor my job is to ensure that we have sufficient content to populate the various sections and fill the magazine. This starts shortly after an edition is published with talking to people on an opportunistic basis about their reactions to the latest issue, asking what they like or don't like about the magazine and what else they might like to see included, and responding to people who get in touch. Then about two months before the publication of the next edition I'll contact regular contributors to find out if they are going to submit articles and to get a feel for how much more material will be needed and where I might get it from.

## Whither Dore to Door, a Reader Survey

Dore to Door is a publication of the Dore Village Society and is one of the ways that we communicate what is going on in Dore and, more specifically, what the Dore Village Society is doing. Its various sections include information about clubs, societies and interest groups, forthcoming events, what's happening in the local community and surrounding area, as well as announcements, news, and articles of interest.

We often get comments about how much people enjoy reading the magazine and how informative they find it. We also hear occasionally from people who say that they never read it. Between these two extremes there must be a lot of people who browse intermittently or who only read a few sections.

Whichever category you are in we'd like to hear from you. From general comments about what it is that you like or don't like, what you think is missing, and what else you would like to see changed or included. We'd also like to hear from those who never read Dore to Door about why not, although it's difficult to ask them as we don't know who they are they won't be reading this request!

We've already received some suggestions, for example for interviews with Dore residents who have interesting things to talk about, either in their lives or achievements, and these will be included in future issues.

There used to be a "Letters to the Editor" section but this was discontinued some time ago when contributions became very infrequent. It did, for a time, prove a useful way for readers to share information or comments or ask for information. Should we resurrect this?

We are also interested in hearing from anyone who might like to write articles, either regular or occasional, or even one-off. Are you a member of a local interest or hobby group? Would you like to tell us about what you do and how people can become involved? Do you have any news about events or items of interest that you think we should include?

Please send your comments to me at [editor@doretodoor.co.uk](mailto:editor@doretodoor.co.uk)

**Keith Shaw**  
Editor, Dore to Door

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As and when material arrives it's reviewed and then forwarded to John Eastwood who, as technical editor, assembles the magazine using industry standard publishing software. At the same time I liaise with Richard Courcier (our advertising manager) to ensure that we have an appropriate balance between editorial content and advertising.

Once complete the draft edition goes for proofreading, then back to John for any corrections and on to Amyra Treffry for finalisation and despatch to the printer. Once printed and delivered to us the distribution process commences as described above.

Almost everyone in this team is a volunteer and we are immensely grateful to them for their help and commitment, particularly the deliverers who go out whatever the weather. Inevitably we have a continuous need to replace those who drop out and we are always looking for people to join the team in any capacity. So, if there's something you'd like to write about (either regularly or occasionally), carry out interviews, or you could help with any part of the distribution process from breaking down the bulk delivery to do delivering to households please let me know at [editor@doretodoor.co.uk](mailto:editor@doretodoor.co.uk) or Gillian Farnsworth, our delivery team co-ordinator, at [farnsworth.gillian@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:farnsworth.gillian@yahoo.co.uk).

Finally, my thanks to all the unseen members of the team without whose commitment Dore to Door could not be produced.

**Keith Shaw**  
Editor, Dore to Door

## Wassail Walk



The annual Wassail Walk took place on Wednesday 27th December in less than inviting weather. That week was blustery with high winds, and very wet with many days of heavy rain, so I was surprised when 12 hardy souls turned up just before 10am for the walk.

We were fortunate to get a reprieve with the winds dying down for a couple of hours and the rain diminishing to occasional light showers.

Nevertheless, some bits were very challenging. There was a lot of mud (unsurprisingly) and normally seepate streams that had turned in to raging torrents that we had to leade across, or be hauled across in some cases, all adding to the fun.

On our return to the very welcoming dry and warmth of the Devonshire Arms we consumed a lot of mince pies and a modest quantity of mulled wine. Supplies have to be ordered and delivered in advance of the event so estimating how much to purchase is difficult. Having catered for a possible turn out of 60 (quite normal in better weather) we had plenty to go at.

So, an enjoyable time was had by all.

**Keith Shaw**

## Dragon Hunt

The Dragon Hunt is taking place again this year so get ready to join the hunt, win prizes, meet St George, and take a look at Theodore, our resident dragon, sitting on a basket of dragon's eggs.

The event will take place on Sunday 21st April starting at 2pm from Dore Old School. Free entry and prizes! Prize giving takes place promptly at 3.30pm. Refreshments available.



Welcome to 2024! The weather seems to have decided it's finally winter and rather than the constant autumnal downpour the recent heavy frost and blue skies have been a welcome relief to the fields up at Whirlow Hall Farm. We've recently had some new additions to the farm in the form of a little Highland calf and five (at the last count) Boer goat kids. They are the most adorable things with their white bodies and long floppy brown ears. We're also due our first batch of lambs around the end of January so there's lots to see up at the farm.

### Lantern Parade

The lantern parade went off without a hitch again this year and was a very well attended community event. We had the added bonus this year of Santa being preceded by the Gemini Dance troupe with a fantastic mobile display. Well done and thank you to all of them and their dance teacher. The tree lights were turned on by Rowan Campbel-Pilling – Children's Hospital Ambassador and up and coming racing driver.

The organisers and marshals did a fantastic job of closing the roads and keeping everyone safe, and David Hayes was there as he always is, letting everyone know what was going on and leading the singalong. We had a new screen as well so that more people could see the words and join in. The Christmas trees around the village looked great again this year. Our thanks go to the Christmas Tree Team who put them all up on a cold wet November weekend, you are superstars! This team could really use a boost to numbers, they were working with a skeleton crew this year and if they don't get any more helpers they will not be able to put the trees up again in November this year. It would be such a shame if this were to happen as the Christmas trees and the lantern parade are one of the highlights of the year. Please get in touch if you feel you would be able to help and I will pass your details on to the team.

### Wassail Walk

The annual walk unfortunately fell victim to the awful weather we've been having. With the forecast predicting 13mm of rain and strong winds to boot there were just a hardy few that made it out into the wilds of Dore. See Keith's report opposite.

### Dore Methodist Ladies Tuesday Group

For ladies of all ages.

The Group started in September 1963 as the "Young Wives Group" so will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year. We meet on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month (except August) at 2.30pm in Dore Methodist Church Hall. Interesting speakers each month plus a chance to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee. We would love you to come and join us.

Visitors are very welcome at any of the meetings. Charge of £3.

#### Forthcoming Programme for 2024:

**March 12:** "A Funny Thing happened on the way to the Crem". As a vicar's wife, Janet Price sees the humorous side.

**April 9:** "Unmentionable Foundations", Janet Stain will explain what keeps it all in place!

**May 14:** "Climbing in Peru", Ian Webb illustrates some of his spectacular adventures.

More dates are listed on the DVS website.

### DVS Subscription Reminder

If you haven't set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order or renewed your DVS subscription yet could you please do so as soon as possible? We rely on subscriptions to meet our day to day running costs so that all other income can be spent on events for the community and supporting causes such as the recreation playground redevelopment, and there is a significant shortfall at the moment.

### Events to look forward to

After the Easter holidays we will be hosting our annual Dragon Hunt in honour of St George's Day. This will start from the Old School and more information will be posted on the two notice boards in the village closer to the time. See also the note on the opposite page.

Interestingly, St George wasn't English but is believed to have been a Roman soldier born in what is now modern-day Turkey. His famous dragon slaying adventure is a tale that has been passed down through the years and he pops up in many different cultures representing bravery and courage. I remember reading a George and the Dragon book to my children where George was a mouse, there was no slaying here though, they became friends and lived in next door caves happily ever after!

### Dore Festival and Gala

The Gala will be on the 13th of July this year with festival activities in the week beforehand. You can expect the usual activities, well dressing, Dore Male Voice Choir, thanksgiving service amongst other things.

Plans for the Gala and Festival will be more concrete by the May edition but in the meantime, if your young person is part of the Scout or Guide movement or you would like to be involved in the Gala, please consider helping out. You can contact the Chair of the Gala committee via email – [doregala@icloud.com](mailto:doregala@icloud.com)

If you would like to help organise the festival activities the team would be really appreciative. Get in touch with the Village Society and we will pass your details on to the team.

Looking further into the summer there is the Dore Show. This year it will be held on 14th September. The Show Chairman, Andy Pack, has taken the difficult decision to stand down from the Dore Show committee this year. Andy has been involved in village life probably for more years than he cares to remember, as part of the Village Society, and as part of the Dore Show Committee, before he became Show Chairman. I and the whole of the DVS committee would like to extend a massive thankyou to him for his many years of excellent leadership. I hope you can now relax and enjoy your retirement Andy – you certainly deserve it.

Jen

## Dora



Dora is off dragon hunting. See you there. Charrge!





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## Blacka Moor Spring Update

Blacka Moor is a beautiful nature reserve nestled on the doorstep of Dore and Totley, on the edge of the Peak District moors and managed by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. Many readers will be familiar with the network of footpaths and bridleways which wind their way through this precious landscape.

Blacka Moor is characterised by its mosaic of woodland, scrub, heathland, streams, wetlands and grasslands, which together provide a rich wildlife habitat. Every spring Blacka's moorlands provide a home for breeding migrant birds such as wheatear and cuckoo, while the wonderful upland woodlands welcome rare migrants including small numbers of pied flycatcher, redstart and several species of warbler. The sheep will be back on the pasture in the spring and cattle on the heathland in May to October, as part of the conservation grazing scheme, helping to conserve the pastures and heathland by keeping the scrub down.

In recent months, nature reserve management work has focused on reducing the rhododendron in Strawberry Lee Plantation and a few other scattered spots to encourage the growth of native

vegetation. The plantation is regenerating really well, with birch, alder and hazel saplings replacing the rhododendron.

Other work included larch thinning across the reserve and heathland management on Bole Hill.

You might see volunteer rangers out and about too on Blacka Moor helping to keep an eye on the reserve and chatting to people. Please feel free to say hi!

If you're interested in finding out more about Blacka Moor and how it's managed, come along to the next Blacka Moor User Forum walkabout meeting on Saturday 16th March, 10am - 12.30pm. Bookable on [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).

You can also get hands-on and help with the practical conservation work on Blacka Moor Nature Reserve by joining the volunteer workdays on the third Thursday and first Saturday of each month. If you are interested, please book through [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on).

For more information, please visit [www.wildsheffield.com/reserves/blacka-moor/](http://www.wildsheffield.com/reserves/blacka-moor/) or email [nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com](mailto:nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com).

**Hannah Wittram**  
Community Wildlife Ranger

## Dore Village Society

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

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I feel not a treatise, but a riff, coming on... on volunteering. Perhaps because it is at the heart of what makes us a community. The stronger the volunteering, the stronger the community; the weaker the volunteering, well, the less we look like a community. From time to time when we run things in Dore – whether it's a show, a party, a bonfire, a church society, a luncheon club, an archive project, a party-political campaign, a lantern parade, a village society, whatever – we ask ourselves where have the volunteers gone, how can we encourage more, how can we make it more attractive to volunteer? Where are our sources of inspiration – a question many will have asked when we lost both Maureen and Geoff Cope in a single year?

I suppose I should try to pin down what we mean by 'volunteering'. We tend to think that it is all about doing charitable things with no expectation of reward. That would erroneously suggest that there is nothing voluntary about doing something for which one is paid, but there is the phenomenon of the paid person who goes that extra mile out of a true sense of community. Maybe you might have in your own mind someone in Dore working in a shop or a service or hostelry who goes that extra mile in a voluntary manner. Surely, too, charity need not necessarily be involved, certainly not in the sense of making monetary gifts. It is often said of charitable giving, it is morally more praiseworthy if the giving is anonymous... but, of course, then there will be no praise. The truth about much volunteering is that it is often done in public so, whether it is sought or not, it can invite commendation (or very occasionally, criticism), but the value of doing it publicly is that it can inspire interest and new volunteers. I suppose the essential element of volunteering is that it develops in the mind without external constraint or requirement: it describes actions performed of one's own free will (*voluntas* L. free will, choice) in the interests of others. So, I am not openly campaigning for more volunteers, for as most volunteers well know, those who do most are invariably called on to do more.

No, what I would rather explore is the extent of volunteering which is already going on under our noses day after day, month after month. Take this quarterly community magazine, for example. Yes, some modest money changes hands to secure the basic expert functions of editing, layout and print composition and securing advertisers, but far short of the level of commitment voluntarily added to those tasks; not to mention the voluntary commitment of those submitting articles to the editor; nor the bands of volunteers who deliver the magazine to each home in Dore. No-one welcomes the arrival of *Dore to Door* through the letterbox more than the article-writers. We have a chance to glow – yes, some articles are better than this – and that illustrates my point that volunteering can be, but is not always, a high-profile activity. Two of our fellow citizens, Colin and Sue Ross, are Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress this year, which gives them huge opportunities for kudos and glamour, but the year will be one of the most burdensome of their lives with a massive daily programme of engagements and opportunities for acts of kindness - and yes councillors are paid, but only for a fraction of the work and effort they put into their local and city-wide communities.

Lots of volunteering goes on rather more under the radar, such as trying to overcome loneliness and social isolation by organising old peoples' luncheon clubs and providing Transport 17 services to older and vulnerable people; researching and publishing historical information about Dore and maintaining valuable archives; arranging and contributing to the big events in Dore's calendar, such as the Dore Gala, the Well-dressing, the Dore Show, the Scouts' Bonfire, Remembrance Sunday, the Lantern Parade, and the Wassail Walk. Many of these things require considerable volunteering time of the principal organisers, such as Caroline Lazenby and Andy Pack, but each event offers opportunities for on-the-day single temporary acts of volunteering, such as being a marshal to help keep the Lantern

Parade safe; or helping to put up gazebos and display stands for the Dore Show. So, the question is not necessarily whether you have the time and expertise to match the ubiquitous Dore Voice of David Hayes, or to chair the Dore Village Society or to lead the team writing a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Dore, but rather whether you could spare a day or two to make a show or event happen as carefully planned by others?

Many events and activities find themselves relying on the same dwindling band of older people who learnt earlier in life the truth of Audrey Hepburn's adage: *As you grow older, you will discover you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.* Or, as it was more bluntly put by Maya Angelou: *I've learnt that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.*

Let's think about the sheer variety of volunteering which goes on in Dore, much of it arising relatively spontaneously rather than within an organised society, such as:

- Litter-pickers walking our streets, paths, green spaces and woodlands and even plunging in the waterways to clear them of rubbish
- Community gardeners who have transformed the back slopes above the Dore Old School carpark and several water troughs, behaving almost like the famous guerrilla gardeners of Hebden Bridge
- Parents groups who do so much voluntarily for the children's schools and More in Dore which is gradually transforming the playground on the Rec.
- Church and Chapel groups
- Contributing to large-scale one off 'thought' projects like the Neighbourhood Plan and the Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Walks groups organised and led voluntarily for health and excitement
- And even, controversially, protest can amount to community-led volunteering, as it did when a significant number of Dore residents turned out in the freezing cold day after day to protect our street trees from otherwise unrestrained Council felling squads.

The editor has agreed to my proposal that volunteer groups in Dore be invited to write a piece in each quarterly issue describing the valuable work they do, the volunteering tasks they need help with and what both the community and the volunteer gets out of it. Which group will *volunteer* to start? Just send your article to [editor@doretodoor.co.uk](mailto:editor@doretodoor.co.uk).

Before I end, I should just mention a personal story illustrating how volunteering can emerge unbidden but then be widely welcomed. The Dore Village Society has made a donation to CPRE, the Countryside Charity, to help them finance improvements to the memorial Haythornthwaite Wood planted three decades ago at the junction of Brickhouse Lane and the Hathersage Road. The Society explored with CPRE how the works could include an element of community involvement. Out of that emerged two guided autumn public walks up to the wood to consider the works necessary and that developed into four opportunities for volunteer workdays to clear the undergrowth and to expertly re-lay the hedge at the bottom of the wood to supplement the more professional tree-thinning work of skilled rangers. In that way, at an advanced age, I found myself spending two days learning how to lay a hedge until I could successfully proceed relatively free from instruction. Of course, the volunteering was useful to CPRE, to the wood and to our neighbouring countryside, but I got so much out of it myself that I can claim no moral superiority. This was a joy in which to take part, life-enhancing for me as well as for the wood and its supporters.

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## Mysteries beginning to be solved

In the last issue of Dore to Door, DART (Dore Archive Research Team), asked for help in resolving long standing mysteries relating to people, places and events. Thank you to everyone who contributed information, and in some cases, artefacts about Dore in the past.



We are still hoping that we can track down a photograph of Rushley Farm and have made some progress with Dore Hall Farm. See if you can spot the farm in the rather grainy aerial photograph taken in the winter of 1963.

To get your bearings Dore Road is the black line from left to right at the top of the image. The Rushley flats are yet to be built on the large snowy field towards the centre of the photo.

However the best 'mystery' has now been solved thanks to Barbara Braithwaite. For a long time there has been an iconic photograph reproduced many times (above right) for which we have not been able to assign identities to the young ladies shown. Now thanks to Barbara we are able to say not only who is on the photograph but where and what they were doing.

Four of the young ladies are the Marshall sisters of Townhead Road; Norah, the eldest, Barbara, Florence, and their friend Ellen Millicent. We believe the photograph dates from just before the Great War of 1914. Further research involving the Methodist Chapel records suggests that the oldest girls would be going to Sunday School where they would be teachers. For example in 1911 with Harry Pybus and Lily Marsden in charge there were 10 teachers for 75 scholars: 25 in the morning and 28 in the afternoon. Two thirds of the Sunday School students were between 7 and 14, 20 were less than seven and 5 were over 14.



Something made the young ladies turn round at the instant of the photograph. Did the figure lounging against Sammy Thorpe's shop wall call out to them? A wolf whistle perhaps?

And now for the exciting progress DART have made on the blog about Dore's history. The blog site is now active, and we are adding new information all the time. We hope you will look at it and find something that is interesting, unexpected or unknown about the place you live in.

<https://dorewasinderbyshire.blogspot.com/>

As always, we would be delighted to hear from anyone with information about Dore. An anecdote, a photograph, a memory – please do get in touch. We meet most Mondays from 10am to 12 in Dore Village Society rooms or you can contact Dorne Coggins at: [dornecoggins@gmail.com](mailto:dornecoggins@gmail.com) or 0114 3271054.

### Where is this?

A pigeon peeps passively from a dry stone wall, somewhere in Dore. Do you know where this is?

Answer on page 45.





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Readers may be familiar with the Police house in Totley which did service for both Dore and Totley during the nineteenth century. But were you aware that from 1902 Dore had its very own Police station and resident 'bobby'. How this came to light was, as always with historical research, in trying to locate the premises mentioned in an advert from the

1920s... and then getting diverted. This was the advert which got us thinking. Where and what was Marshall's Hut?

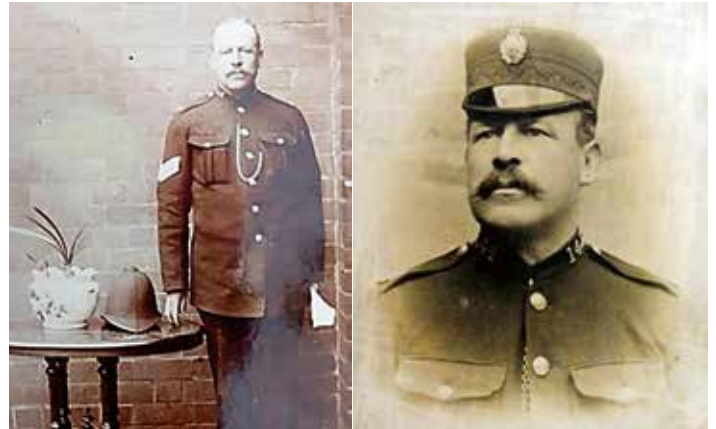


We know that Thomas Marshall who ran the Grocers on Church Lane, now long vanished, lived at Farm Cottage on Townhead Road which was part of a cluster of buildings known broadly as The Farm.

The Farm had associated stabling and barns; indeed Dore Club is in one of the barns. So how do policemen feature in this tale? In trying to work out what Marshall's Hut might have been prior to its use as a Commercial School in the 1920s we came across information about the Police Constables who were based in Dore. John Dunstan, one of our Archive Research team, discovered in the Matlock Archive records (for of course Dore was in Derbyshire until the 1930s) that our first Police Constable based in Dore was a PC James Carberry appointed in April 1902. He was followed in July 1905 by PC John King, and then shortly after, in August 1906, by PC Joseph Wilson. PC Sidney John Morley took over in May 1908 and then the Police Constable that provides us with most information, PC Joseph Wright.

PC Wright was appointed in November 1910 so he is recorded in the 1911 Census. Aged 27 and originally from Ashton Morden in Lancashire, he was boarding with Mrs Ann Elliott. She is the widow of Heber Elliott, Postmaster and newsagent after Elisha Parker who was Dore's first postmaster and who had lived in Farm Cottage. They lived next door to Thomas Marshall. Heber had died in 1901 and like many widows of that era Ann is recorded as a laundress. Of course the biggest clue is that Sarah Ann Marshall, the daughter-in-law of Thomas Marshall and daughter of Heber and Ann Elliott lived at Farm Cottage. Sarah Ann had married Fred Reeve Marshall.

Now the information strands start to come together. By 1916, when Ann is recorded working at the VAD hospital (the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) was a voluntary unit of civilians providing nursing care for military personnel) in what is now Dore and Totley Postal Sorting Office, she gives her address as The Constabulary, Dore. How did she get this role? Meet her nephew... Sarah Ann Marshall's cousin.



*Police Sergeant James Elliott*

James was based at Woodseats Police Station. So it is very likely that if Dore's Police Constable needed lodgings then who better to recommend than Aunt Ann.

Our current supposition is that the Police 'Station' was either in one of the farm outbuildings or... Marshall's hut!

DART would love to hear from you if you can add to this story, correct it if need be, or tell us anything more about any of the other Police Constables who were based in Dore. And incidentally like all good mysteries Sarah Ann Marshall is my husband's great-aunt! Please do get in touch: [dornecoggins@gmail.com](mailto:dornecoggins@gmail.com) or 0114 327 1054.

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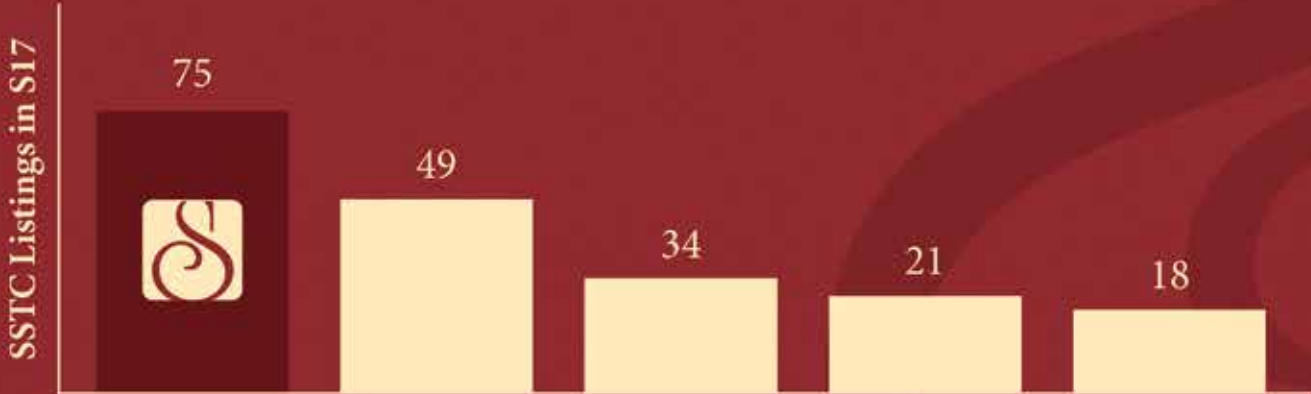
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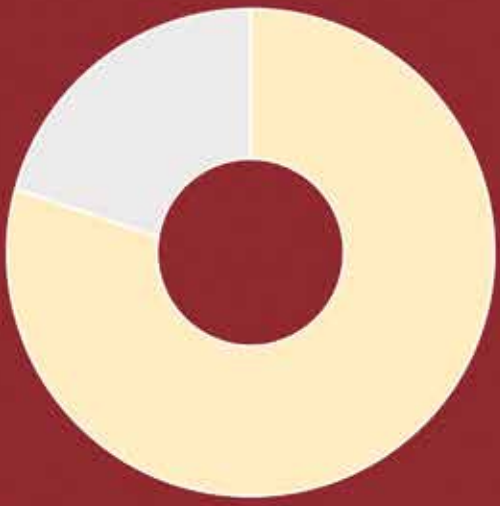


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What a soggy, windy winter it has been. I'm sure, like me, many of you have had casualties, losing shrubs, trees, fences or worse. Spring can't come soon enough for us all. In this feature I will set out details of the next 3 months speakers. The Club is also pleased to provide an overview of the other interesting talks coming up this year with more details in future issues.

We are most grateful to the DVS and the Methodist Church (the latter being the venue

for our meetings) for publicising our activities on their respective websites, also to Dore to Door and the Totley Independent.

Some of our committee members have been custodians of the Club since it was established over 15 years ago and are looking to stand down. If we are to secure a longer-term future for our volunteer-led organisation we need new people to join the committee. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Chair, Carole Whitehead 0114 2621760.

### Speakers' Line Up 2024

The Club is very grateful to Jean Dykes who has once again co-ordinated another excellent programme of speakers for 2024. We hope you are tempted to try some of the interesting presentations, some of which have a distinctly seasonal theme. We start the programme with inspirational stories about what can be achieved by those with a love of gardening and growing.

#### March 20th Mairi Longden: Route to an RHS Gold Medal

Mairi Longden has given regular talks for Dore Garden Club, illustrated with her own beautiful photographs. It has been fantastic to follow the progress Mairi has made in her horticultural career. She has developed from a young nursery holder who established a small nursery on the Tissington Estate, to an exhibitor at RHS Hampton Court and Tatton Park Flower Shows. Last year she won a much-coveted RHS gold medal at Tatton Park. Some exciting news for Mairi is that she has just been accepted as an exhibitor at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. None of this comes easily. Mairi will share with us the rigorous requirements for exhibiting and the exacting standards required to achieve an RHS Gold Medal.



Photo Courtesy of Mairi Longden

#### April 17th Linda Heywood: Echium World

If you're unsure what Echiums are – I'd never heard of them until I started to holiday in the Isles of Scilly where they are prolific and can grow to enormous heights. Linda and Ray Heywood who describe themselves as, "only keen gardeners" are based in Nottinghamshire and established Echium World in 2010 to share their experiences. How do you start to display and share knowledge of magnificent echium plants, magnets for bees and many other pollinators? Their presentation will answer your questions and track their journey from sowing the first packet of

seeds to exhibiting and meeting celebrity gardeners and other stories.

Linda and Ray are holders of the National Plant Collection of Echium which is on display in a dedicated border at Renishaw Hall and Gardens, Derbyshire, from May to September.

#### May 15th Rachel Barrowcliffe: Future-Proof your Garden

Rachel has been a professional gardener for over 30 years, a gardener and adviser at Hodsock Priory and The Tropical Butterfly House Conservation Park and Zoo, Sheffield. The theme of Future Proof your Garden is about what we might do to adapt to enable our gardens to thrive in the light of our changing climate and as we grow older. What plants will thrive best in warmer, dryer summers and warmer, wetter winters? The accompanying photo shows what can be achieved with raised beds.



Photo Courtesy of Rachel Barrowcliffe

#### Speakers for the remainder of 2024 are as follows:

June 19th	Speaker to be confirmed in the next issue.
July 17th	Joe & Hannah: The experience of a Chatsworth Trainee
September 18th	Jeff Bates: Seasonal Jobs in the Garden
October 16th	Camilla Anderson: Unforgettable Gardens of Somerset & Dorset
November 20th	Deirdre Leaman: Exploring the Winter Garden

#### Where and When?

Dore Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall in the village. Doors open at 7.10pm for a 7.30 start. The membership fee (still only £18), which covers eight events, is due in March. Payment by cheque is preferred, made out to Dore Garden Club; we cannot handle contactless payments. Please arrive a little earlier than usual, ideally with your cheque already made out, as we anticipate there will be a queue to pay subscriptions. Visitors are always welcome, and entrance is only £4 payable at the door. Some speakers bring a great selection of plants to sell. In addition, we encourage members and visitors to bring along any unwanted house or other plants to sell on our plant table. The proceeds are split equally between the Club and the donor.

One of the benefits of membership is 10% off all products at Dore Moor Nursery on production of a 2024 membership card. Thank you to the team at Dore Moor for continuing to provide this special discount to us given the continued uncertainty about their future.

Pauline Drissell and Jean Dykes





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At the present time we may be able to offer some transport to and from the Welcoming Space, with a charge of £3. For more details please phone us on 0114 235 1085.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support to this initiative from PKW in S17, the South West Area Committee, Transport17 and the Dore Village Society.

So why not come along one Wednesday Morning - we will be very pleased to meet you.

### Ladies' Tuesday Group

Firstly we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of new toys, books and games for our toy collection on December 2nd. The response to our appeal was amazing.

The Salvation Army, who were distributing the toys, were so pleased as the demand for toys for children who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift for Christmas has risen greatly. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Secondly, we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee at their Christmas event on December 12th. Following a short carol service, festive entertainment was led by Jimmy McWilliams and John Bailey followed by a delicious buffet. This culminated in the cutting of a special cake to mark the occasion.

The Ladies' Tuesday Group began in 1963 as the Young Wives and has gone from strength to strength. In recent years the Tuesday Group and Wives' Fellowship have merged and ladies from other churches and other new members have joined for the afternoon meetings, making a current membership of 41. All ladies are welcomed into the fellowship.

Sixty years of interesting speakers, thousands of pounds raised for local charities but more than that, a place for fellowship, laughter and catching up with friends over a cup of coffee. Long may it remain at the heart of village life in Dore.




*Cutting the cake, long standing members Val Edwards and President Janet Tomlinson*

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In addition to the gratitude of the village, when you adopt a grave DART members will research the family behind your adopted grave. People adopting a grave have found this both interesting and motivating. One of the adopters fed back: "Taking on this work is not such a great responsibility and it was really interesting to find out about the lives of the people buried there from a Dore Archives Research Team member. They have no living relatives and so it is understandable that the grave fell into disrepair and became overgrown. I am not able to tend to my family graves in other parts

## Explore life, faith, meaning: a new you for 2024? – alpha @ s17

The beginning of any year is a natural time for reflection for all of us. By the time you are reading this, you may well have already let slip some of the more traditional New Year resolutions which revolve around the likes of exercising more, drinking less, etc.

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of the country and so it is my way of remembering my family and doing something useful."

As a result of progress so far, patterns of social history are being identified from family stories, and ideas for interesting Graveyard Trails have been generated.

**Graveyard Trails:** the first of these will focus on military history and will be available in Winter 2024, when the graveyard is accessible again. You will know from the plaque on the wall on Church Lane that there are Commonwealth Graves that can be visited. Some military personnel are buried in the graveyard itself, and others are remembered in monumental inscriptions. New facts are emerging about these men and women and the part they played in history. Dore Archives Research Team and Christ Church look forward to sharing this information with you. When complete, there is an opportunity for our local schools to base lessons on this work.

There have been additional ideas for other future Graveyard Trails about social history e.g. the move from agrarian work to industrial working in the early 19th Century. It is also planned to look at causes of death and how they changed through two centuries, including the sad stories of child and infant mortality.

Are you fascinated by our local history? DART's ongoing research into the lives of past Dore residents will, we are sure, discover some interesting stories. We plan to reveal our findings in a series of posts on the new Dore blog. <https://dorewasinderbyshire.blogspot.com/>

DART meetings may also be of interest; new members are always welcome. Contact Dorne Coggins at [dornecoggins@gmail.com](mailto:dornecoggins@gmail.com) or 0114 327 1054.

**Anita Campbell**



the session's topic, if you wish to, and listen to others and discuss in your small group. It's an open and welcoming environment, no matter what your opinion.

As part of a city-wide programme, the S17 churches are hosting Alpha & praying for all those who are curious enough to wish to explore. More details and how to book can be accessed via [tryalphasheffield.org.uk](http://tryalphasheffield.org.uk). It is free – no charge! (Booking a place kindly helps with our planning & catering.)

We are meeting every Wednesday evening at the Community Centre in Dore from 7pm (the last session is on 20 March).

If you, or someone you know, may be curious about exploring faith & the big questions of why we are here; or even rediscovering and deepening faith, Alpha could be the answer to a new you in 2024.

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The walks in this issue are intended for mid to late May and so are best walked before the next issue of Dore to Door is published, hence their inclusion here.

## A Bluebell Walk - Calver Bridge, Bubnell, Bank Wood, Bramley Wood

This is an easy walk that takes in some spectacular bluebell and wild garlic displays so it's good for a mid to late May walk. The best time to walk is difficult to predict but a good indicator is the flowering of bluebells in the higher parts of Dore. The walk is also suitable for any time of the year.

Distance: 5.5m/9km

Time: 3 hours plus time to sit and enjoy the views.

Toilets and refreshments in the pubs and cafés near Calver.

The walk commences at Calver Bridge by the Bridge Inn (Grid Ref SK 2473 7444) where parking is available close by.

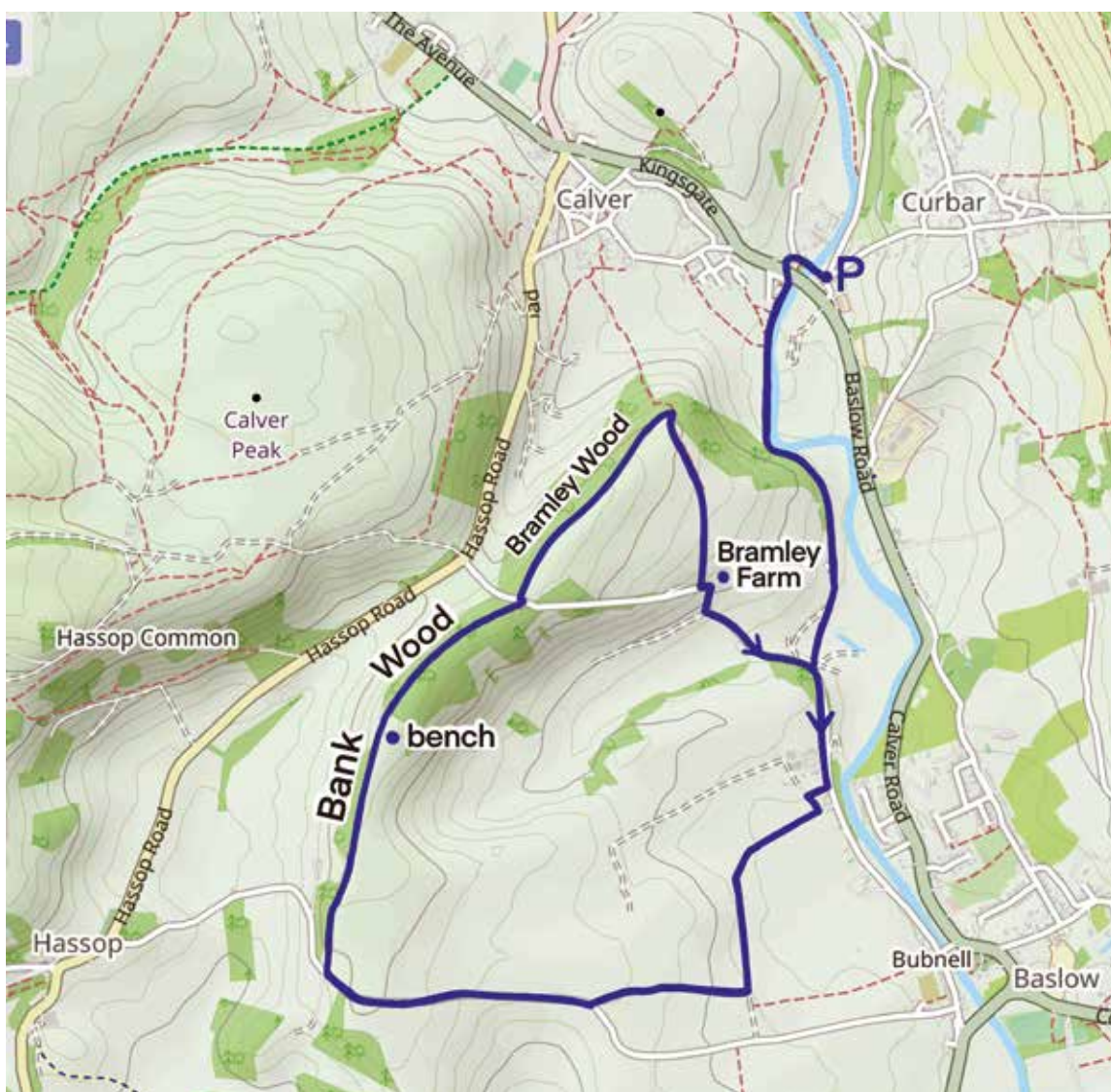
Cross the bridge, then under the main road and follow a footpath running at the back of houses and alongside the river, through a gate, across a field and into a short, wooded section. There's usually an extensive area of wild garlic here with some bluebells as well. Emerge from the wood through a gate and cross another field diagonally to a road. Turn left and walk along the road for about 400 yards or so before taking a lane on the right signposted as a footpath. In a short distance turn left down a track to a farm gate. Go through this, turn right and walk almost parallel to the field boundary to another gate, then half left across the next field and through another gate.

Now follow an obvious path to a field boundary and cross into the next field. Don't go straight on here but turn right and go up this field keeping to the field boundary and then into the next one. If you look to your right along here you will see in the distance on the hillside a rectangular feature in the landscape with the letters E II R (for Elizabeth Regina). The land around here is part of the Chatsworth estate and the 11th Duke of Devonshire planted a tree monument to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The colour of the leaves depicts "E" and "R". Perhaps at some time this might be changed to C III R for Charles Rex.

After the next field boundary the path goes slightly to the left across the field to exit at a gate onto a road (Wheatlands Lane). Sometimes this field is ploughed or growing crops, in which case follow the field boundary up and around to the gate.

Now turn right and walk along the road for about half a mile and, just before a wood, cross over a stile on your right and follow a footpath up and into the wood. The footpath runs along the top of a ridge with Bank Wood on your left and a wall on your right. These woods are usually filled with bluebells. After about another half mile you come to a clearing with a bench and this is often a mass of bluebells. There's also a good view from here over the other side of the valley with Black Dale Quarry a prominent feature. Behind you and over the wall the view extends to Chatsworth House and the fountain when it's switched on. This is a good place for a coffee stop to sit and enjoy the view.

Carry on to a minor road (Bramley Lane) and go slightly left and across to a footpath which leads through the next wood (Bramley wood). At the end of this exit through a gate and after a short distance turn right to a field and cross diagonally, then diagonally through the next field as well to a gate which leads into a small sloping field. This sometimes contains sheep and lambs, and sometimes a ram. Because of the small size of the field care is needed to avoid alarming the sheep. Descend through the field and exit down a short, steep slope to a road by the entrance to Bramley Farm. Now follow the road downhill until you reach the gate where you joined this road earlier and retrace your steps to Carver Bridge.





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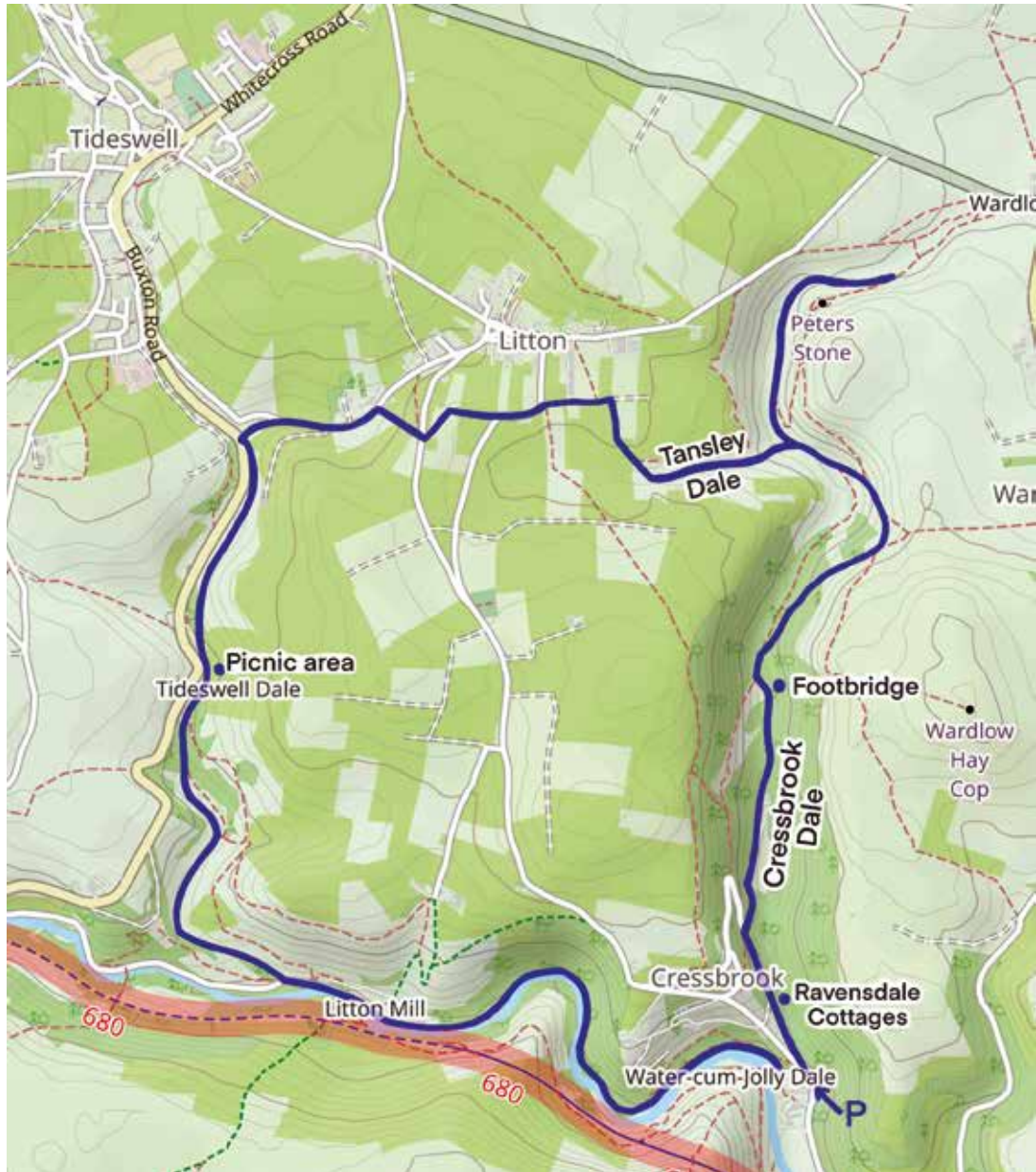
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### An orchid walk up Cressbrook Dale and returning via Tideswell Dale and the River Wye

Cressbrook Dale was once known as Ravensdale because of the ravens that used to inhabit the area, but they are long gone. It was renamed Cressbrook Dale in the eighteenth century after the watercress that was cultivated there.

The best time to see orchids is May and June. Early Purple Orchids are usually present from early May. Other wildflowers that can be found in the dale include lesser stitchwort, lords-and-ladies, wild garlic, lesser celandine, Jacobs ladder, bloody cranesbill, forget-me-not, lily-of-the-valley, water avens, wood anemone, speedwell, wood sedge, cuckoo flower, broad-leaved helleborine, rockrose, dog violets and bird's foot trefoil.

This is a slightly more strenuous walk taking in good views on the way up Cressbrook Dale but it's suitable for any time of the year.

Distance: between 7 and 8 miles/11 and 13km depending on detours.

Time: between 3.5 and 4 hours plus time to look for orchids and to pause and enjoy the views.

Toilets at a picnic area in Tideswell Dale.

There are several options for starting a walk in Cressbrook Dale but this one begins close to Cressbrook Mill (Grid Ref SK 1733 7283) with parking by the side of the road.

Walk towards the mill and take the right fork in the road, following it uphill to a narrow lane signposted to Ravensdale Cottages. Go down the lane and past the cottages and along a footpath alongside the stream. There's a very large area of wild garlic along here. When you get to a footbridge, cross the stream and ascend through woodland, soon coming out into open country. Orchids can be found on grassy banks anywhere from here on. Towards the top of the hill and where the path splits, take the left fork that curves gently to the left to continue along the dale. The path now descends towards the valley bottom and branches again, the left branch going up Tansley Dale. To see more orchids, detour along Cressbrook Dale and past St. Peters stone where there's often a large display of orchids. Then return and go up the path through Tansley Dale to a farm track, along this to a minor road and then along another footpath which shortly crosses a minor road and then emerges onto the road from Litton. Turn left and walk down to a T junction, then left again and after a few yards go through a gate on your left and follow a path that runs parallel to the road. A short way along here is a picnic area with benches and toilets.

Continue down the path until you reach the road and turn left following the river towards Litton Mill. There's a collection here of what used to be mill workers cottages and the mill, which has been converted into apartments. Now follow the river down Millers Dale to Water-cum-Jolly and exit past Cressbrook Mill to the road and where you have parked.



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## Online Divorce the pros and cons

### When is online divorce appropriate?

The online divorce process is worth considering if you have no difficulty completing forms online, and understand the process and questions asked of you on the website. We often advise clients to access the website first to see if they would feel comfortable doing this themselves.

### What value can solicitors add to a divorce?

Solicitors can advise and assist on the divorce process and prepare the application for you. It should be noted that the online divorce process does not include finalising financial or child arrangements. We would advise that obtaining legal advice about these is essential.

A financial remedy order is needed to ensure you have a clean break. You need advice as to what you are entitled to and what would be a fair financial settlement.

If you have children and cannot agree arrangements, you may also need legal advice on that issue. Having a solicitor providing legal advice ensures that you are supported throughout the process which can help to reduce the emotional burden. A solicitor can also ensure that the forms are completed correctly so that there are no delays or increased costs incurred by errors made on the forms.

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## Dore Recreation Ground (Playground)\* Charity Fundraiser

In our last update for Dore to Door we mentioned our plans for a local charity fundraiser to help raise funds within the village. We are delighted to be able to announce more details of our first 2024 event. We hope that this will be a brilliant opportunity for members of our community (as well as friends from further afield) to come together, pick up a bargain, eat some delicious home-made cake and chat to us about our plans for More in Dore in '24 and beyond. We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible on the day. Please see below for details of the event and how you can get involved - by donating, attending, volunteering and spreading the word.

### What is it?

A new and secondhand baby and children's clothing, toy and book 'sale'. Come along and find a bargain to give as a gift for a little one or bring your children or grandchildren and let them have a rummage. There will also be the chance to grab a cup of tea and a piece of cake made by one of our volunteers and space for children to play together too.

The sale will be at Dore Old School on Sunday 3rd March between 1 and 4pm. We'll be taking donations on the day - cash or electronic donations both accepted – with all proceeds going to More in Dore for playground equipment.

### Can I pass along my unwanted children's items?

We are very keen to take donations of new or clean used children's clothing, toys, puzzles, games and baby items. The event is open to all ages so please don't hold back if you have a hoard of older kids' toys to donate. Please get in touch at the email below and we'll organise a collection before the event. Please note, to keep things running smoothly we won't be taking donations of children's items on the day. Any unsold items after the event will be offered to local playgroups and nurseries or passed to other charities.

### How can I get involved?

We are looking for volunteers to help us with setting up and running the fundraiser and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved. We also need spaces to store toy and clothing donations before the event, so if you have an unused dry and safe space, please get in touch with us at the email below.

If you can help with donations, storage solutions, or would like to find out more about getting involved please email Martha at [megreengrass@gmail.com](mailto:megreengrass@gmail.com).

### More in Dore Update

We have been amazed by the increase in donations, thank you. The Give As You Live Slide Appeal website total has added 13% of the 10k target. Recent cheque donations and cash raised at 2023 fundraisers mean we are at the halfway point.

### Why does it cost 10k for a slide?

Someone asked me recently "Why does it cost 10k for a slide when the online cost is a fraction of this?" A good question. The answer relates to health and safety regulations and installation costs. We wish it was as simple as buying a garden slide, we really do.

### The technical bit

Since 2018 More in Dore's treasurer, Claire Goring, has liaised with the Parks Team at Sheffield City Council to cover health and safety requirements, expectations, costs and timescales. Claire, a Doctor and mum to two boys, keeps us updated. As with the Quest climbing frame (installed in 2023), the Council requires a steel slide, which costs more than plastic but will be harder wearing. Most good quality steel slides with steps appropriate for a wide range of children cost around £4000-6000, the installation costs being similar.

As with all new playground equipment the slide has to be sourced through Sheffield City Council approved suppliers. It has to meet current health and safety regulations relevant to recreational play for children. Anyone who works with children may be familiar with the high bar this sets.

Sheffield City Council retains responsibility for insurance, maintenance and liability of the playground and equipment; therefore, it contracts approved installers who quote for the work. More in Dore is advised of the cost.

The installation costs are phenomenal. This is because groundwork is required before a regulation safe surface is added. The depth of the groundwork depends on the height of the equipment. Buy a higher slide and a greater depth of ground preparation and shock absorbency is required. Height is relevant to fall ('the Fall'). Not a nice concept but this is how the ground preparation is gauged/calculated. The higher the Fall the more protection/ground preparation required. This equates to higher costs.

### Good news

The good news is we now have sufficient funds to buy the 1.8m high slide but not to install it. We must keep fundraising!

### Martha's initiative

Thanks to Martha's initiative (above) we have the charity fundraiser on Sunday 3 March 1-4pm, however, it won't raise a penny without your help. Please bring along the kids or grandchildren to The Old School, Savage Lane to make a donation and take home a toy. Please put the date in your diary and give what you can. Every donation counts no matter how small. This is a fun and easy way to be part of making Dore's playground a safe and happy place.

### Donate

For those who wish to donate online please visit [donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/slide-for-the-dore-recreation-ground](https://giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/slide-for-the-dore-recreation-ground)

Alternatively, please take a moment to send a cheque made payable to 'More in Dore' to The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore S17 3GW. Please add your address on the reverse for a personal thank you.

### Thank you to

- Ruth Darrall (The Old School) for hosting the charity fundraiser on Sunday 3 March;
- Dore Ladies Tuesday Group who nominated More in Dore as the chosen charity for the year. A fundraising pack is on its way; and
- Papermoon - the first local business to support the 2024/25 agility trail. (Please buy locally wherever possible and support our shops).

### Local groups

Please contact [Julia.w@live.com](mailto:Julia.w@live.com) if you are part of a local group or bunch of friends interested in fundraising for the playground. We can provide a fundraising pack.

### Next Edition

In the next edition of Dore to Door we bring news of More in Dore's environmental initiatives.

We look forward to your continued support. Thank you.

**Julia Watkinson**

*\*The wooden play equipment installed in 1998 has reached the end of its life. Public funding for new playground equipment has been unavailable for over 20 years. New playground equipment relies entirely on community fundraising.*





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## Meet Andrew Phillips; taking pride in Dore's built heritage



It was a dreary winter day in Dore when I interviewed Andrew. The work was just starting on Dore Parish Church with the removal of artefacts for safe storage. Andrew Phillips, managing director, and his company, T&C Williams (Builders) Ltd will be a feature of local life over the next nine months. Therefore, I wanted to find out a bit more about him, the company, the people who will be working in Dore and the church renovation project.

Andrew joined the family-owned company in 2001 when the founders, brothers Thomas and Colin Williams, owned it. The company was established in 1962 in Bramall Lane, at first working on small renovations. He has worked his way up to be at its head. He remembers when minor work was done on Dore church in 2011 and the company also worked on the church in 1997. The company has grown in the intervening years, but he describes it proudly as a Sheffield company that gives local employment and cares for the Sheffield heritage and built environment. The present office is to be found in Woodseats. They directly employ 20 people many of whom have been with the company for some years. There are office staff, four site managers, stone masons and labourers. In addition, they have tried and tested local subcontractors who will be working on site. The site manager in Dore will be Dean Robinson and his contact details will be publicised on a board outside church in case of any queries local people may have.

I asked Andrew what attracted him to tender for this project? He mentioned that the company is pleased to be part of the history of this beautiful building again. He understands and loves the area and some members of his family have lived in Dore. He is proud to work on interesting local projects which enrich the lives

of Sheffields. He has experience of working on similar buildings and completed the re-ordering of Christ Church Fulwood recently. Dore is ten minutes away from base and a pleasant working environment for his employees. His staff enjoy working on heritage buildings and he mentions another local project they completed. Many readers will have been to the National Trust's Longshaw Estate and seen the stone built enhanced café facilities. This has won a RIBA regional award.

Whilst the company has worked on schools and NHS buildings, it was clear to me that he enjoys working on heritage projects such as ours.

He is also realistic about the challenges of the work ahead in Dore. The restricted access and no on-site parking will be a challenge for the team and supply chain. They are planning to use the churchyard path for skips and initial deposition of some supplies. Deliveries will be carefully timed, avoiding Dore Primary School drop off and pick up times completely. The closure of the churchyard is unavoidable, but he is clear that families who wish to visit the graves of their loved ones can contact the site manager for a safely guided visit. Andrew speaks of all his employees understanding well how to behave with respect, when working on church projects. The site is surrounded by businesses and homes and Dean, site manager, will be available to inform neighbours about what is happening, along with navigating and resolving any issues if they arise.

The other challenge he faces is that there are some significant structural alterations required, so planning and execution of these works to the highest structural and safety standards is of paramount importance.

Looking at the immediate benefits for the village however, T&C Williams employees and subcontractors will support local businesses wherever possible and will likely add to the micro-economic area by patronising the many shops and cafés.

As an A Rocha UK Eco Church silver award holder, Dore church is interested in the environmental impact of this work. The company has a waste minimisation policy with effective re-use and recycling of waste. They choose local suppliers; for example, the timber is from local specialists, using responsibly sourced supplies. The stone will be supplied from Birchover quarry to match the stone in situ. Car sharing is encouraged and they are in the process of transferring to electric vehicles. Andrew notes that the architect has specified insulation in the roof and below the floor and other energy saving features.

Dore is a thriving community and it deserves a thriving, accessible church for everyone. After talking with Andrew I left thinking that, after 20 years in the planning, it is becoming a reality.

For more information on how the church will look in Autumn please visit the website [www.dorechurch.org.uk](http://www.dorechurch.org.uk).

**Anita Campbell**

**Secretary to Christ Church Dore Parochial Church Council**

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### CCD Community Centre sees further improvements and new groups

It's been a very busy end to 2023 at the CCD Community Centre on Townhead Road with further improvements made to the existing great facilities and new groups beginning.

Over the summer holidays the under-stage storage area was stripped bare and the whole area professionally tanked to ensure that it wouldn't get flooded again. Many thanks to the contractors, LABS Building Services, and the volunteers Nigel Parsons and Richard Clarke who went all out to finish the job in record time and to a great standard. A number of user groups will benefit from this for many years to come.



In September we announced that the Community Centre would like to dedicate the area between the two main buildings into a memorial for Geoff and Maureen Cope and create the Cope Memorial Gardens. Both Geoff and Maureen had contributed so much to the community here in Dore so it was fitting that they should be remembered in this place at the heart of the Community Centre. An appeal went out to help raise the £9000 required to cover the costs of new ground surface, excellent quality outside picnic tables and benches and large tubs to be filled with suitable shrubs. So far about a third of the money needed has been donated so further donations would be appreciated and these can be made using the QR code or BACS details below.



In November, the main hall got a major uplift with the replacement of the old dark green stage curtains with much brighter and attractive

new gold-coloured ones. This gave the hall a more modern and contemporary feel and will make it a more pleasant space to hold more formal events. Our thanks go to the local community member who donated the full cost of these replacement curtains. The old stage curtains went to a good home at a community arts charity in Rivelin who then in turn kindly donated money to the ongoing CC development fund. Fitting example of 'kindness begetting kindness' for the benefit of many!

In the latter months of 2023 it was great to see the 'Tea Dance' group begin and attract so many to what has turned out to be a great success which is continuing monthly in 2024. Another ladies' exercise group began on Wednesday evenings, plus there were many 'one off' events and parties which meant that many hundreds of those living in our local community are using the Community Centre each week.

As we turn into 2024 it is exciting to see Christ Church Dore moving to use the CC on Sunday afternoons for its services whilst the main church is being renovated and improved. A weekly 'Alpha' group exploring faith is kicking off also along with the extension of the Blokes group meeting regularly each Wednesday evening and Friday morning.

So, it's been an exciting end to 2023 and there is a great deal to look forward to in the Community Centre as we race through 2024 and all that it brings to hopefully sustain and build our wonderful community in Dore.



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Despite the new year being well established by the time you read this, Transport 17 would like to wish all our supporters, and Dore to Door readers, the very best wishes for 2024. We are looking forward to the year ahead; a year when we celebrate 40yrs of Transport 17 buses being on the road, enabling older and vulnerable people to get out and socialise with others in their local community thereby reducing isolation and having a positive impact on their mental wellbeing.

But first, a quick look back at the end of 2023 and some thank yous to the local community. As many of you will be aware, T17 was selected to be one of Co-op's Local Causes for 12 months between October 2022 and October 2023. This meant that anyone who was a Co-op member and had selected T17 as their local cause raised funds for us when they shopped at Dore Co-op, and bought Co-op products and services. Your contributions through this scheme make a significant difference and, as a result, we received £4272.40 from the Co-op Local Community Fund – thank you all.



Fiona Smith, T17 operations Manager, receiving the cheque from Dan, Totley Co-op store manager, and Stephanie Huang, Co-op Community Liaison

### Rotary Club of Abbeydale – Pitchfork Party, December 2023

Transport 17 once again supported the local Rotary and Inner Wheel Pitchfork Party held at the start of December, 2023, transporting two full buses of passengers to the event. Providing this transport enabled those older, isolated members of the community to attend, allowing them to benefit from the social contact, and the pleasure of eating a meal with others. Back in the mid 1960's a Dore resident Mr Ralph Pitchfork was a leading Rotarian in South Yorkshire. He owned a confectionery business in the City with his colleague Mr Dickson, and was a member of the relatively new Rotary Club of Abbeydale. On their deaths the Dickson/Pitchfork Trust was set up and each year donations are made to local Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs. For over 30 years the Rotary Club of Abbeydale has

used its grant to entertain older and vulnerable people to both a summer and a winter afternoon tea party. A meal is served and entertainment provided with most of the attendees coming from the Dore, Totley, Ecclesall, and Millhouses area.

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those who helped to make the T17 Christmas Fayre such a success - the individuals and businesses for their generous donations, and the fantastic volunteers who lent a helping hand. Over £1,200 was raised for the organisation. We may not have had the chance to personally thank everyone or say a proper hello on the day but every contribution and effort put in didn't go unnoticed. A big thank you to the new management team at the Cross Scythes for hosting the event, and providing the refreshments.

### 2024 – A Year of Celebration

This year sees the 40th anniversary of the start of Alan Jockel's vision becoming a reality, with a local charitable organisation using accessible minibuses to enable older and vulnerable members of the community to get out and socialise with others. Being able to get out, chat with people, and eat a meal in the company of others has a hugely positive impact on an individual's health and emotional well-being. With the ongoing support of local individuals and community organisations, we are privileged to still be running the service 40 years later.

We are planning a celebratory event on Saturday, 23rd March, venue to be confirmed, and would like to invite you all to attend. Plans are progressing and we can confirm that music will be provided by the Seven Hills Jazz band, and the Lord Mayor will be opening proceedings and celebrating with us. We would like to put together a display illustrating the history of Transport 17. Please get in touch if you have any photos, memories, or general information about the organisation, the buses, or the building where the office is based on Baslow Road, that you would be happy for us to include. We look forward to finding out more about the history of T17 in the process, and thank you in advance. We can be contacted on 0114 236 2962, by email at [admin@transport17.co.uk](mailto:admin@transport17.co.uk), or via our Facebook page – Transport17Ltd.

### We need your help please!

We are currently reviewing the governance of Transport 17. Part of this is the plan to move from a Co-operative and Community Benefit Society structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation structure, thereby changing its legal status. A formal meeting to agree and implement this change will be held in March this year. The management committee are anxious to trace as many original shareholders as is possible, particularly those who may have lost contact with T17 over the years. Perhaps you know of friends, colleagues, or elderly relatives who may have been an original shareholder in the 1980's. If so, please can you ask them to contact T17 either by email or telephone [details below] so we can update our records and obtain their views on our proposals. If you know of an original shareholder who is unable to contact us for whatever reason, please help us to update our records by contacting us yourself. You can call the office on 0114 236 2962, email us at [admin@transport17.co.uk](mailto:admin@transport17.co.uk), or contact us via our Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/Transport17Ltd](https://www.facebook.com/Transport17Ltd).

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## Approaching the end of a long saga

We can't see the end yet, but we can see significant and real tangible progress towards it, a little more each day. The footbridge lift shafts are in place and by the time you read this the covered footbridge itself will be in position. A picture may even be available for a stop press item. That should highlight the still unresolved difficulty with the conifer and old brick shelter.

Fitting out the two platforms comes next. First by making the surfaces level and adding coping stones at the edges with tactile paving for the visually impaired. Lighting is already going in on the new platform to be followed by two new shelters. Details of the old platform's restoration are currently unconfirmed and a big concern, but all parties are well aware that this has to be resolved sooner or later.

There's a lot of frantic catching up to do after such a wet ending to 2023. It's not for nothing that the main civil engineering work was planned for over the drier Spring and Summer months with completion by August. The last few months illustrate why!

Unfortunately, when the soil nailing work got underway, they discovered that the hillside wasn't soil over rock as expected. When the Midland Railway built the line they amended the river Sheaf and built an embankment on the west side to screen Ebenezer Hall's Abbeydale Hall from the smoke and noise of trains. (He'd asked for it to go in a cut and cover tunnel like the Duke of Rutland had arranged behind Haddon Hall.) For reasons not now known a line of relatively unstable broken bricks was dumped on the east side of the railway below Poynton Wood. Maybe it was rubble left over from the lining of Totley Tunnel? Whatever, a new solution had to be designed, costed, and signed off before new sub-contractors could be engaged to build new retaining walls.

It doesn't take much observation to see that this part of the work is running a lot behind the original plan timescale. West View Lane flats residents have had a lot to put up with. We have been assured it will all be ready for the track for the new loop be laid on schedule on 11th February. We'll see.

This work is now critical. Residents were originally told this work would be completed in August with woodland restoration starting in October.

## Upcoming line closures

- Saturday 16th March - Monday 25th March 2024

Please check [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for information on changes to journeys and for details of the bus replacement service.

Assuming all work at the station and on the new loop line is completed as now planned the station should reopen with two operational platforms on the morning of Monday 25th March.

## CAR PARKING!

In the last issue I hinted at car parking difficulties for five months. I wasn't far out. Unfortunately, the latest communication from Network Rail includes the following:

*We are now required to keep the car park closed until Friday 31st May.*

*This is to allow us to facilitate work safely for the remainder of the scheme, and to complete any remedial work required so that the car park is in a fit condition to hand back to the public.*

This is rather a shame as we'd hoped to be fully up and running in early April! However, it's clear that there's still a lot to do and the car park has taken a hammering. The community doesn't like it, I don't like it, but it's the most sensible thing to do as long as the job is finished on time and the car park is fully restored. Wide Abbeydale Road South towards Beauchief Gardens is the best and safest place until then.



Friends have as good as given up maintaining planters for now. Some of our daffodils will defy adversity and pop up here and there to brighten the Spring days. The cherry blossom surely won't fail us.

## Services and strikes!

As I write, more ASLEF strike days have just been announced. In fairness to the drivers they haven't had a pay rise for some time. However, that is not the sticking point. It gets too complicated to explain here but shifts and rosters are at the bottom of it all and a settlement won't come without that being resolved. Currently the package gives a below inflation pay offer that might be accepted if the working conditions were improved. Until it is ASLEF appear determined to give the statutory two weeks' notice for one day strikes and bans on overtime until it is. Possibly once a month.

Apart from that, and the blockades for our engineering work, services have been running more reliably. But (there's always a but on the railway) there's another cloud on the horizon - major work going on between Manchester and Leeds, the TransPennine Route Upgrade and Electrification project. It's taking many years. Some trains will be diverted along our line, most notably so for wood pellets from Canada via Liverpool to Drax, and that will add congestion. Positively it may give different loco spotting opportunities!

## We need more stopping trains

Details of the top 10 passenger destinations from Dore for the 2021-2 year have been obtained.

These figures are still very depressed after Covid but will have improved considerably in the 2022-3 and 2023-4 years and will do even more in 2024-5 when everything's fully operational. Nearly twice as many go to Manchester as to Sheffield. Almost as many travel to the Hope Valley stations as into Sheffield. We face away from our own city centre.

Manchester	26,752
Sheffield	14,963
Hathersage	2,977
Grindleford	2,838
Leeds	2,825
Edale	1,755
Hope	1,137
Meadowhall	1,040
Bamford	879
London	830

The reasons are obvious to those using our station. Those with cars probably drive to Chesterfield to take a train for London, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Bristol, etc. We need more trains into Sheffield to pick up more connections and that's what we're pressing for. It could be by stopping the fast East Midlands service that passes about the right time each hour. It would give us an effective half hourly service. Clearly it would also give us a better Manchester service. Those wanting quicker long-distance services will resist the extra 3 minutes that would be added to their journey time. We face understandable opposition.

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## Olive House

In line with editorial direction, as a new restaurant opens, it is incumbent on me to review it for the readers of Dore to Door. The latest is called The Olive House, and it is located on the corner of Millhouses crossroads, where La Scala used to be. A group of eleven of us reserved a table on a Saturday night and we were seated in the downstairs area, which was a bit of a relief as the ground floor was very brightly lit and with the light wood tables and chairs, it did seem a little clinical. Downstairs was more subdued and better for it. The place was almost full, which was a positive sign, and it remained so throughout our meal.

The restaurant advertises itself as Turkish and Mediterranean, and the menu reflected that. Although more Mediterranean than Turkish, there were enough Turkish dishes on the menu to justify the title, but the burgers were out of place.

Rather than reviewing the dishes all of us chose (which would take much more than my allotted 800 words), I will restrict myself to my own choices, and whatever I stole from my neighbours. There are a range of cold and hot starters, and I chose the Spicy Sausage, which is a sautéed spicy sausage with onions, pepper and homemade tomato sauce served with yoghurt (£9). The presentation certainly left something to be desired, which was a recurring theme, but the sausage was very tasty. It was indeed spicy, and the addition of the yoghurt was a welcome relief as the heat built up. Taking a break in the conversation I stole a meatball from the plate to my left (Beef meatballs in tomato sauce – also £9). The sauce was rich and full of flavour, and the meatballs themselves were very well seasoned and tender although it was a very basic dish.

The wine choices were successful – I shared a bottle of Australian Shiraz (£28) and others chose the Gavi (which I recall being a similar price), and both were very good. The Gavi in particular was excellent, very crisp and with floral and peachy notes. The red was also very good but would have been better if it had been served at room temperature rather than chilled.

That is sort of where the positives of the first course end. One of our party had to send his scallops back because they were cold, and two were left waiting for a garlic mushroom and prawn dish. When these arrived one was just garlic mushrooms, no prawns, but after the wait the recipient chose to eat it anyway. That being said, the staff were very polite and friendly, although I got the impression that eleven people on one table was a bit much for them to deal with.



For main courses, from the comments of my co-diners, the lamb chops (£22.50) and the chicken shish kebab (£18) were pretty good, and that was the overall view around the table. i.e. the food was pretty good, but nothing exceptional. In a departure from norm, I chose a fish dish - Fillet of Sea Bass (£19.50), freshly prepared and served with puréed potatoes and mixed vegetables. The two fillets were way too big and didn't look particularly appetising. The skin had been left on and wasn't crispy, but actually quite soggy. The fish itself was tasty up until I found the un-cooked bit, and it was obviously cooked on an oven tray rather than pan-fried as it should have been. The puréed potatoes weren't! They were mashed and not especially smooth, overly salty with not enough butter, and again far too large a portion. On the plus side the vegetables were perfect!

I chose not to have a dessert, but for the purposes of the article I reached unceremoniously across the table to take a spoonful of Tiramisu. It was very good, in fact the best thing I ate that night!

If you haven't already got the gist, the overall experience was quite underwhelming. Thinking about it, it could be put down to early days in a new restaurant. The dishes certainly need some improvement, and the presentation definitely needs refinement. The bill was averaged out to £50 per head which represents reasonable value for money, but for a 20% improvement in the food I would have happily paid an extra £10.

In addition to dinner, the restaurant also opens for breakfast and lunch, with a range of cooked breakfast options from £7.50 to £12 including a Mediterranean Breakfast of poached egg, olives, feta cheese, Turkish sausage, rocket salad, tomato, cucumber, honey, yoghurt and toasted bread; and a Turkish Breakfast of poached eggs served over yoghurt, seasoned with a spicy olive oil sauce and red pepper flakes with toasted bread; and a lunch menu with a variety of paninis, wraps, pastas and burgers between £7.50 and £13.

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I want to wish you a happy new year, and I hope you had a restful and restorative Christmas break.

I've previously conducted surveys to help shape my priorities for the year, and to know what my constituents would like me to campaign on. Many of these issues are ongoing, such as: the climate and ecological emergency, and the Government's refusal to act; better pay and conditions for working people; properly funding our NHS and other public services; and seeking a ban on heather burning on peatlands. I'll therefore continue to prioritise and raise a voice for them in my Parliamentary work.

Given recent events in the constituency, I wanted to update you on the work I've been doing to tackle the last of these issues - heather burning on the moors - as I know it's an issue that many care about locally. As you may remember, back in October the city was blanketed in smoke from burning on our moorlands. Constituents from Ecclesall to Crosspool, as well as residents in the city centre, contacted me to raise concerns about the environmental and health impacts of the burning.

Gamekeepers burn the heather to create habitats for breeding grouse for shoots. But the practice is dangerous and destructive, damaging the precious peatland habitats that would otherwise exist without the burns while also creating the air pollution we saw in October.

The UK holds 13% of the Earth's blanket peat bog, the largest proportion in any one country in the world. We should be proud that a significant percentage of that comes within the boundaries of the Peak District National Park. Unfortunately, the vast proportion of our peatlands are in a degraded state, either due to the burning or because they have been used for horticulture.

Not only does that cause damage to an ecosystem which otherwise supports an abundance of wildlife, it's also bad for the climate. In a natural or rewetted state, peatlands can store CO<sub>2</sub> on a large scale and would be a vital asset in decarbonising our country.

But when they are degraded, they do the opposite: nationally, our degraded peatlands emit the equivalent amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to 140,000 cars per year. The burns themselves release 260,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

The burning that routinely takes place within our city's borders increases air pollution, damages the environment, and undermines action to tackle the climate crisis. That's why, since being elected, I've been campaigning to see a full ban on peatland burning, and for our peatlands to be restored.

In January 2021, we won a concession from the Government that Parliament would legislate to prevent burning on peat of a certain depth. This was a big win for campaigners but doesn't go far enough.

Since October, I've been working closely with the Council and Oliver Cppard, South Yorkshire's Mayor, to coordinate efforts to ban the burns. Together we are collectively looking at what powers are currently in place to prevent the city from being routinely subsumed in smoke, and what changes we need from central Government.

Oliver has recently written to the Duke of Rutland, who owns the 6,000-acre Moscar shooting estate where many of the burns took place, to try to work with him to prevent further burns. I hope through this we can work to see more grounds used to support carbon sequestration and mitigate flood-risk.

In South Yorkshire we have an opportunity to lead the way, ending peatland burning and protecting our environment for people and planet. I will continue to campaign to end burns and restore our peatlands through all available means.

Thank you for reading my update. As ever, if there is an issue you would like me to raise or project you would like me to visit, please do get in touch: [olivia.blake.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:olivia.blake.mp@parliament.uk).

**Olivia**

## From our Local Councillors

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As we have all seen, this winter the country experienced a sequence of major storms and record-breaking amounts of rain. Sheffield was not spared and at the time of writing we are just recovering from storm Henk. Contractors are checking the condition of drains and gullies and clearing any major obstructions; however ground water levels are extremely high and surface water run-off has been an issue in many places. One of the worst affected areas was Totley Brook Road where several houses were flooded and without power. Colin attended the scene with the Fire Brigade who sent two engines. Council officers also attended to conduct welfare checks and support residents. Abbeydale Road is usually another hot spot for flooding but appears to have seen the benefit of earlier jobs to clear gullies and investigate slow running drains with CCTV. In light of this, Martin will be requesting a review of drain & gully maintenance work once the winter storm season is over.

Another storm-related incident was a significant landslip on a section of banking along Ecclesall Road South, near the junction with Whinfell Court, causing a risk to the integrity of both the adjacent footpath and carriageway. One lane of the road was closed with temporary traffic lights to allow geotechnical engineers to investigate the problem in more detail. At the time of writing those restrictions were still in place and could be there for some time.

On a more positive note, Colin was very busy with Lord Mayor duties in the run up to Christmas. He attended several carol services and Christmas parties around the city including St. Luke's Festival of Light, a degree ceremony at Sheffield Hallam University and the Snow Flake switch on at the Children's Hospital. More locally, Colin also attended festive events at the Knit and Natter Group at Totley Rise Methodist Church and at Totley Library. He says it's a real privilege and pleasure to support all these different

groups... and a lot of mince pies were consumed as well!

Despite the recent festive cheer, we remain acutely aware that social isolation and loneliness remain significant issues within some parts of our community. As part of the city's response to this we have awarded new grants towards the cost of tea dances and chair-based exercise classes in Dore & Bradway, in addition to our ongoing support for activities provided by Age UK across the Ward.

Highways concerns about parking and road safety remain a significant part of our casework. It is therefore a source of enormous frustration that the introduction of safety measures to improve visibility around some road junctions in Totley has been delayed by several months due to problems with the introduction of a new IT system, and also linked to a change in national legislation. Martin raised this at a meeting of the Full Council in December and was told that a Traffic Regulation Order would be raised in early 2024.

And finally... Discussions on the City's budget are well under way. You may have seen stories in the media about some Councils declaring bankruptcy. Sheffield is not at that stage yet but, due to some poor decisions in the past and non-delivery of savings in some critical areas, financial reserves are at a very low level. Some difficult choices will have to be made and your local Councillors will be scrutinising these very carefully.

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 at 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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The last twelve months has been a year of change for Dore MVC. Recovery from the effects of Covid has taken time. As with all choirs, and indeed as with most group activities, the number of members in the choir went down during the

pandemic, primarily through retirement or health conditions. At the same time normal recruitment was at a halt. The Choir, however, have been most fortunate with a recent increase in our numbers to now over seventy, only a little short of pre-pandemic strength.

In the same period the Choir has taken on a new Music Director, Joan Spencer, a highly qualified musician who recently retired as head of music at High Storrs School. We also have a new Accompanist in Jonathan Lazell, well known as a pianist and chorister in the area. Our team is completed with Fran Wells who, as our Deputy Music Director, has been a good friend of the Choir for some time.

Of the concerts and events of the year the Gala Concert at Ecclesall Church was a great success, with our usual full house. The three Christmas Concerts were also joyful events. This Christmas, with the Dore Parish Church facing major refurbishment, we moved our concerts to St. John's Church on Abbeydale Road South where we were able to keep within the Dore boundary for the event. Even with atrocious weather and difficulties in parking we had full houses each evening. The Choir is always grateful for its loyal and supportive audience. The church suited our requirements for the concert admirably, and we were well looked after by the church authorities.



This year, 2024, is the 60th Anniversary of Dore MVC and we are just concluding the assembly of a good programme to celebrate the event. Our concerts include a major performance at Ranmoor Church on 22nd June. There, we will have Stannington Brass Band with us as guests, together with our special guest Tom Hutchinson, the internationally known trumpeter who originally hailed from Dore. Locally, we are also in concert in Chesterfield with Dronfield Band on 16th March, Winter Gardens on 25th May, Dore Festival on 11th July, and Ecclesall Church on 5th October for our Gala Concert. The Dore Christmas Concerts will be on 12th, 13th and 14th December this year.

With a full programme and many new pieces to learn we have a busy year ahead. We are always looking for new members and suggest that if you would like to come to a rehearsal evening on any Thursday at the Church Hall, Townhead Road at 7.15pm you will be made most welcome. Alternatively, you could give me a call on 0114 236 5043 to see what it is all about. With no commitment it is well worth a try.

**David Heslop (Chairman)**

I was looking forward to showing off by telling you how well I performed as Cinderella in the Christmas Concert, but pride has fallen with a catastrophic bump. I didn't play Cinderella, I didn't play anything. I didn't sing anything. I wasn't there! I diligently attended all the rehearsals and then went down with a very nasty bronchial infection the night before the concert, so I spent the weekend in bed feeling sorry for myself. Like a dutiful husband I passed it on to the wife who is suffering a day or so behind me, but Ann did get to the concert and said that it went well. My understudy was excellent. It seems that I was not alone in missing out. At least three of the audience who had intended to be there never made it due to illness and two more of the singers left early not feeling well.



*Mike playing Colonel Calverley dressed as an Aesthetic poet to try and win the maidens over in "Patience"*

We do have some very sad, if not totally surprising, news in that Mike Tolson, our Chairman and long-time member has died after a fairly long illness at the age of 88. Mike was one of many thousands of UK military personnel who witnessed the UK's nuclear tests in Kiritimati and Australia. He told me that all they had to do was turn away and cover their eyes with their hand. He said that when the flash went off he could see every detail of every bone in his fingers. One of his favourite hobbies was building model aeroplanes (lots of Spitfires, obviously) and he was meticulous in the detail. He was a well-known storyteller and, until the last 10 years or so, went round schools acting and singing stories. He often played Father Christmas, but he was probably best known for his love of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas where he played all the patter roles such as Major General Stanley in *The Pirates of Penzance*, The Lord Chancellor in *Iolanthe* or Sir Joseph Porter KGB in *HMS Pinafore*. He has been a member of Dore G & S Society since 1973; not quite a founder member, but almost. One role he wished he had played but never did was King Gama in *Princess Ida*, alas it's too late now. Most of his family were involved in the Society in one way or another; Beryl, his late wife with front of house, his son Adrian as a lead tenor and Syl, his daughter in law as an exceptional costume designer and maker who has since worked for many professional organisations including The Crucible Theatre. Mike was president from 2017 and will be sadly missed.

As I have mentioned before, The Montgomery Theatre is now closed and we have not found a suitable alternative. Sheffield is woefully short of amateur theatre venues, so this year we are performing a semi-staged concert version of *Iolanthe*. The venues we have confirmed dates for are Crookes Social Club at 2pm on Sunday 7th April, Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road on Saturday 13th April at 2:30pm and at Whittington Moor Methodist Church on Saturday 20th April at 2pm.

Tickets will be available from about the time this edition is published by phone on 07565 805405 or via the web at <https://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html> so don't miss out on one of the very best of the G&S operettas.

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## Longshaw woodland preservation project

As part of a decade long Woodland Pasture Restoration Project funded by Natural England, Longshaw rangers are managing a programme of woodland work opening up some glades, felling many Scots pines in the pine plantation, thinning out other trees and planting native species to help create better habitats for insects and birds. The trees which remain in the woodland will also have more light, water and nutrients, as well as more space, to grow. This work will also help the woodland be better equipped to deal with climate change.

Similar work that the team has carried out around the plantation is already seeing the benefit for wildlife, with birds such as kestrels and redstarts being spotted. More wildflowers than ever before are growing around where the plantation used to be.

Woodlands are facing huge challenges of climate change, disease, and habitat destruction, and in response a new tree nursery has been built at Longshaw to help with looking after trees and woodlands. Rangers took on the task of raising beds of saplings, from acorns and other seeds, into trees big enough to plant out in the harsh landscapes across the Peak District. The native tree nursery produces locally grown trees to replant, making woodlands more resilient and better for wildlife.

## About the National Trust in the Peak District

The National Trust looks after nearly 13% of the Peak District National Park; from the vast panoramas of Mam Tor and Kinder Scout in the High Peak, to the limestone gorges of Dovedale and Ilam Park in the White Peak and the well-known heather clad moors and woodlands around Longshaw, Burbage and the Eastern Moors.

The land the charity looks after contains spectacular upland landscapes including dramatic scenery, relative wilderness and wildlife habitats. It contains about a third of all the Sites of Special Scientific Interest in the National Park and 48 Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Kinder and Dovedale are also both National Nature Reserves.

The National Trust manages the land for nature, climate and people. Moorland and woodland conservation and restoration projects are helping to look after the land for future generations. They are designed to store carbon, create habitats for wildlife, improve water quality and reduce flooding risk.

One third of the population of the UK are within an hour's travel of the National Trust land in the Peak District. It is an important place for people to come to find inspiration, adventure and tranquillity, in contrast to the pressures of modern life. Visitors are welcomed to enjoy the miles of countryside footpaths across the vast estate, the café and tea-rooms and visitor hubs of Ilam Park and Longshaw.

The National Trust is an independent conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people: Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley, who saw the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Today, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, it continues to look after places so people and nature can thrive.

The Trust cares for more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline, a collection of over one million items and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves. In 2022/23 the Trust received 24 million visitors.

## The Ethels

There's the Munros in Scotland and the Wainwrights in the Lake District but there's a rather more accessible collection of hills nearby for anyone interested in "bagging" Britain's wildest summits: the Peak District Ethels. They're named the "Ethels" in tribute to the pioneering Sheffield environmentalist Ethel Haythornthwaite.

The Ethels are all the Peak District hilltops over 400m above sea level, plus some significant lower prominent hills that stand out.

## The Longshaw Estate

The name Longshaw is thought to be derived from the long wood in Padley Gorge, being derived from an Anglo-Saxon name, lang sceaga (lang meaning long and sceaga, but pronounced similar to shaw, meaning copse). As a person's name, Longshaw would originally mean a dweller by a copse. Such topographical surnames were among the earliest created, since both natural and man-made features in the landscape were useful in providing distinguishing names in the small communities of the Middle Ages.

There's evidence of Bronze Age and Medieval settlements in the area and millstones were made from the gritstone at Yarncliffe Quarry at least from as early as the 15th century.

Longshaw was acquired in the 1820s by the Duke of Rutland who then built Longshaw Lodge in 1827 for his guests who were visiting for grouse shooting.

In 1927 the estate was sold to Sheffield Corporation. In 1928 the estate was threatened with development and Ethel Haythornthwaite\* organised an appeal to the public to help the Peak District and South Yorkshire CPRE buy the estate. Not long afterwards, in 1931, it was given to the National Trust and the estate is now part of the larger National Trust Peak District Estate.

Longshaw is now a popular destination for visitors and includes a recently refurbished café with Ordnance Survey maps printed onto the surfaces of the tabletops. There's also a learning facility called the Moorland Discovery Centre, which is a joint venture between the National Trust and the Peak District National Park. Staff and volunteers run many events throughout the year relating to wildlife, the estate itself and many other topics.

The Longshaw Sheepdog Trials, which take place in September, have been held every year since 1898, except for during the first and second World Wars, and are thought to be the oldest continuous trials in the country.

*\*Ethel Haythornthwaite was also responsible for the establishment of the Peak District National Park, the first national park in the UK which was designated as such in April 1951.*



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## Japanese Knotweed in Dore



Japanese knotweed (not in Dore)

Japanese knotweed is an invasive plant that spreads rapidly and smothers other plants by towering over them and blocking their light, it can grow to seven feet high and more. It can cause structural damage to buildings and, because it has no natural predators, it is difficult to eradicate. It can grow through asphalt and push up between stone slabs and through mortar joints. If it gets into the foundations of your home, you have problems.

There are at least eight known sites in Dore where it's growing, the biggest patch being on the former playing field on Cross Lane. There's a map available at [horticulture.co.uk/japanese-knotweed/](http://horticulture.co.uk/japanese-knotweed/) that allows you to find where it's been reported. Type in your postcode to see where.

It's not illegal to grow Japanese knotweed but it is illegal to allow it to spread beyond your property, and eradicating it is difficult and time consuming.

## Sheffield's first 'net zero in operation' Council homes lifted into position – News from Sheffield City Council

In August, Sheffield's first 'net zero in operation' council homes were lifted into position in Woodseats, with three more due later.

The homes were designed and built in a UK factory by ZEDPODS, a modular home builder, using a light gauge steel frame and then transported to the site. This reduces the construction time by up to 50% compared to a traditional construction project. It also reduces the impact and disruption of construction related activity in the local community.

With a high specification of insulation and air tightness, the homes are all electric, fitted with heat pumps and rooftop mounted solar photovoltaic panels. This ensures that 100% of their carbon emissions are offset, making the homes 'Net Zero Operational Carbon'. This significantly reduces running costs for residents and contributes to the council's ambition to reduce its carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. In addition, a whole life cycle carbon assessment is being undertaken to identify all environmental impacts of the scheme over its lifetime.

The homes are part of the Council's "move-on homes" initiative and will be managed by the Council, providing access to both an affordable home and individual support for people who have previously experienced homelessness. This support will help people to successfully move to a permanent home within two to three years.

Cutting back or digging up isn't a practical solution for most people because roots will regrow and even the smallest of fragments will regenerate. It can even regenerate from amongst ash carried away by a bonfire, so burning it isn't an option and the authorities will have something to say if they catch you doing that. Clippings as small as a thumbnail will grow. If burying, it must be buried to a depth of at least 5 metres and then covered with a root barrier membrane. A depth of 2 metres is acceptable if the remains are wrapped completely in the membrane layer.

It can be treated by spraying with herbicide but even then, strict guidelines must be followed and it can take up to three years with repeated spraying for this to work. **It's also illegal to dispose of Japanese knotweed other than by using a waste carrier registered for the purpose**, and definitely don't put it in any of your waste bins. You can be fined up to £5,000 for allowing contaminated soil or plant material to spread.

So, it's best to get assistance from an accredited specialist firm. If you decide to sell your home, the presence of this plant will affect the value.

**Keith Shaw**

## Dore around the world



### Dore the Bounty Hunter

I found this matchbook cover for sale online recently. You're possibly familiar with the justice system in the USA which allows anyone to get bail provided they can raise enough money. So you go to a bail bondsman who fronts you the cash against surety that you'll turn up for your court appearance. If you don't show, they send the bounty hunters after you. It's been on telly.

I don't know whether Dore here is a place, someone's name, or just the name of the business. The numbers don't appear to be quite right for either phone numbers or zip codes (American postcodes) but Trickypedia tells me that "DU" is quite possibly Denver University, which is in Colorado. The chap I bought the matchbook from is also in Colorado, so that may be it.

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## Irruption of Waxwings



Waxwings (*Bohemian Waxwing, Bombyilla garrulus*) are beautiful winter visitors to the UK from their breeding grounds in northern Europe. Some years, when conditions in Scandinavia result in a shortage of their favourite food - berries - they arrive in large numbers to feast on our berried trees; this sudden increase in numbers is called an 'irruption'. The first birds this winter were spotted in Shetland in late October 2023 but by early November they had arrived in Scarborough and then were seen in Sheffield very soon after. It wasn't long before a flock had settled in Crosspool on Manchester Road and was being observed by an admiring group of bird watchers and photographers.

Waxwings are about the size of a starling and the British Trust for Ornithology describes them as 'pinky-buff and crested' with other markings of black, white and yellow. Colourful, acrobatic and 'confiding', they are striking and exceptionally photogenic – the Kate Moss of birds. Why 'Waxwing'? Some of their wing feathers have bright red ends which in days gone by would have been thought to resemble dabs of sealing wax (younger readers may have to do an internet search at this point).

Small numbers have been spotted passing through Dore so it's worth keeping your eyes peeled for these welcome seasonal visitors, particularly if you or your neighbours have

Rowan or other berried trees nearby. They eat about twice their own weight in berries each day, perhaps 800-1000 berries and if you are thinking about planting a small tree in your garden, one that produces berries will be popular with a range of birds. Even if you are not lucky enough to be visited by Waxwings our resident birds and the regular winter visitors like Redwings and Fieldfares will appreciate them. Don't forget that ivy is a very useful berried shrub once it reaches maturity; I saw my first flock of Waxwings many years ago on an ivy-clad tree on the Bushey Wood footpath. As the berry stocks deplete, the flocks move south, and you can track the sightings of Waxwings by following @WaxwingsUK on X (Twitter). At the time of writing they've been spotted in Sussex but a flock of Waxwings still remains locally at Hassop Station and there are even a few stragglers on Manchester Road.



Although they are a beautiful sight, it's worth noting that the late Bill Foggitt, the famous Yorkshire amateur weather forecaster, thought an irruption of Waxwings was an indication of a harsh winter to follow. On Boxing Day in 1946 he and his father had spotted a flock of Waxwings on holly berries and his father predicted a harsh winter: he was right, the winter of 1947 was very severe with snow falling somewhere in the UK every day for 55 days from late January. There was also a Waxwing irruption in 2010 followed by a harsh winter with the temperature near Thirsk (Bill Foggitt's home town) dropping to -19°C. I've got my boots and grippers ready, just in case.

### Blacka Moor

There have been reports of off-road motorcycles on Blacka Moor, a nature reserve created for the protection of its rich wildlife and the peaceful enjoyment of visitors. It's important that the police are informed of any sightings. If you do encounter any off-roaders, please record the location and as much detail about the bikes as you can, then telephone South Yorkshire Police on 101 and ask for the information to be passed on to the off-road bike team. Sometimes these encounters can be intimidating so only take photographs if you feel it's completely safe to do so, please don't put yourself at risk. Although bicycles are welcome on the bridle paths (but not footpaths) through the reserve, motorcycles are not. Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust is doing its best to maintain and improve the habitat for all users and heavy use by off-road bikes damages the terrain and footpaths, disturbs wildlife and spoils the enjoyment of others. Although it's helpful to keep SRWT informed of sightings by emailing [nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com](mailto:nature.reserves@wildsheffield.com) it's important that you report directly to the police in the first instance.

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## How To Do Your Bit By Living More Eco-Friendly

With much of the extreme weather that we've recently been seeing in and around the world, many of us are becoming more aware of just how our lifestyle choices can contribute to how our environment can be affected by climate change. With this in mind, many of us are now on a journey to become more eco-friendly in order to ameliorate the drastic climate changes happening around us.

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

When we are more conscious about reducing pollution, protecting wildlife and conserving natural resources, we can take steps that can help to slow the rate of climate change. Each of us can actively make a difference individually and as a collective. Changing our habits and making smart environmental choices can become part of our everyday lives and in turn our eco-friendly actions can even begin influencing others into taking similar actions. As Gandhi said, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world.' In short, we can lead by example.

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

Starting your eco journey doesn't need to cost a lot of money. We can all make changes in our homes right away by doing what we can, such as reducing food waste by shopping more sustainably. Only buy what you need, when you need it. Stick to using good old-fashioned shopping lists so you don't buy more than you need. Other ways include things like washing your clothes on temperatures as low as 30 degrees. Limiting the use of your dryer when possible by drying your clothes outside in nice weather and/or using a clothes horse instead if needs be.

Walk short journeys when possible to reduce using your car whenever you can. Remember to switch off lights and sockets in your home when they're not in use. Shopping in places like charity shops, social media marketplaces and online apps such as Olio and Vinted for secondhand clothing, furniture, books and other bits and bobs helps to reduce the purchase of new products that can easily be sourced second-hand. You can also use many of these platforms to sell items that you want to offload and, in turn, fewer items are likely to end up in landfill.

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

As well as the ideas that I have outlined above about ways to live more eco-friendly, I wanted to share some other ideas that I believe can help you to take the leap to make changes for the better.

1. Swap buying bottles of shampoo plus conditioners and instead try buying shampoo and conditioner bars instead. Shampoo and conditioner bars are a great way to help you to reduce plastic waste in your bathroom. Keep your old bottles and refill them using a refill shop.
2. Try using soap bars for body washing instead of bottled shower gels. There are some beautiful soap bars around with gorgeous scents. These are perfect for bathing, hand washing and even washing your dishes. Alternatively, you can also refill your shower gel bottles in your local refill shops.
3. When it comes to dental care, changing to bamboo toothbrushes for brushing your teeth or, if you prefer electric toothbrushes, then using recyclable electric toothbrush heads instead. Every plastic toothbrush that you have ever had and will ever have will more than likely be around longer than you're alive for. Following on from this, swapping your plastic bottle-based mouthwashes for mouth wash tablets,

toothpaste tubes for toothpaste tablets and plastic based dental floss for compostable and eco-friendly floss instead.

4. Simple actions like using a refillable water bottle that can be used over and over again means that you don't keep buying single-use plastic bottles of water. On the go, using reusable lunch boxes, wooden cutlery, paper sandwich bags and even compostable cling film or beeswax wraps can also be helpful too.
5. Shaving razors are made out of plastic and their packaging can find their way into landfill (and often oceans). Plastic razors can take hundreds of years to decompose. Changing to a safety razor means less plastic waste as you only need to dispose of the used double edge blades which are recyclable and 100% plastic free.
6. The beauty industry is one of the biggest contributors to plastic waste. Much of this industry continues to grow because of our consumption. Swapping beauty items to eco-friendly ones can be of great help. Alternatives like bamboo cotton buds, reusable make-up remover wipes, wooden instead of plastic make-up brushes and even items such as refillable eye shadows, mascaras and blushers are also available.
7. When it comes to your home and cleaning, using natural green cleaning products such as bicarbonate of soda, citric acid and green bleach can also be helpful. Eco-cleaning pods are a phenomenal plastic free alternative that means that you don't have to keep buying new plastic bottles of cleaning products. You can also get hold of plastic free dishwasher tablets, laundry powder sheets and so much more.

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

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### Deductions From Bidding and Play

As declarer It's important to try and work out what's in the opponents' hands and consider how that will affect the play of the contract. The extent to which this is possible obviously depends on the deductions that you can make from their bidding and play. For example, in a suit contract an opening lead of A implies the K, K implies Q, while Q implies J, in other words leading from a sequence. The lead of a low card therefore implies the absence of an honour sequence in the leader's hand.

Depending on partnership agreement an opening lead of a small card can imply like and a high card dislike (high for hate and low for like) and thus guide partner when on lead.

Other deductions can be made from what opponents don't lead as much as what they do lead.

Here's an example with dealer south, neither vulnerable.

**North**  
 ♠ A 8 3  
 ♥ K 10 9 7  
 ♦ Q 3  
 ♣ K 10 6 4

**South**  
 ♠ J 9 6  
 ♥ A J 8 5 4  
 ♦ 10 6  
 ♣ A J 3

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♥**	All pass	

\*sitting in the protective seat

\*\* a bit optimistic

Opening lead: 5♣.

Declarer can count seven probable tricks and no options for ruffing in the short hand, but there are opportunities to finesse in either direction in hearts and clubs. At the moment each finesse is a guess with each having a 50% chance of success. However, the odds of both being successful are only 25%. So, how can this be improved?

West has led a low from his bid suit, implying that he doesn't have the ♠K & ♠Q. He also hasn't led the ♦A so doesn't have the ♦A & ♦K. East can't have more than five points otherwise he would have responded to west's opening bid. So that places east with the ♠Q and the ♦K at the most.

That leaves west with K♠, Q♥, A♦ and Q♣

The heart finesse is now marked so that's eight tricks and so is the club finesse, which brings the total to 10 if declarer can make four club tricks. This depends on west having less than four clubs to the Q 9 x x.

To get more information win the first trick with ♠A, east playing the four, and draw trumps. East shows out on the second round and declarer is in dummy.

West is now known to have five spades and three hearts (with four spades he would have a balanced hand with no five card suit and would have opened 1NT) and east started with two spades and one heart. For west to have four clubs east would have two clubs and thus eight diamonds. With eight diamonds and five points east might have bid 3♦ (and probably would do if the partnership is playing weak jump shifts). So west has fewer than four clubs.

So, the play from here is to lead a club to the ace and the ♠3 back to the 10 to take the finesse. When the queen falls the ace wins, then play low to the jack and a low heart back to dummy to cash ♠10. With the last trump to come that's 10 tricks and contract made.

Here's the full deal:

	<b>North</b>		
	♠ A 8 3		
	♥ K 10 9 7		
	♦ Q 3		
	♣ K 10 6 4		
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ K 10 7 5 2		♠ J 9 6	♠ Q 4
♥ Q 6 3		♥ A J 8 5 4	♥ 2
♦ A J 9		♦ 10 6	♦ K 8 7 5 4 2
♣ Q 8		♣ A J 3	♣ 9 6 4 2

Keith Shaw

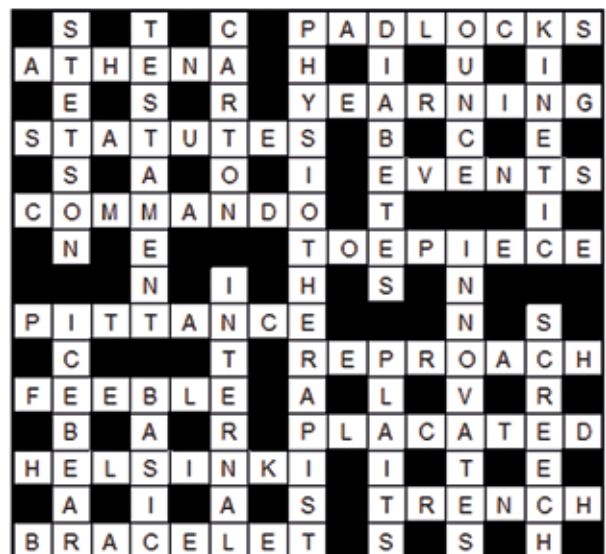
### Dore to Door Crossword

Sadly, this issue we have to announce the end of crosswords in this magazine. Mavis, our crossword compiler over the last twelve years or so, has decided to retire and pursue other interests.

As the editor of this magazine for most of that time, I'd like to record my sincere thanks to Mavis for all his hard work – compiling of cryptic crosswords is by no means a simple task, yet we have been treated to puzzles which I have always said were of the standard of those in the *Daily Telegraph*.

The puzzle space in the magazine is now to be taken up by Keith's new bridge column, which you can find on the left here. One final task; below is the solution to Mavis' last puzzle which appeared in the November issue. Mavis, the cruciverbalists of Dore thank you for the years of head-scratching and we wish you well.

John Eastwood



### Where is this? (p11)

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## FEBRUARY

- Wed 21 Wyvern Walk. Leaders Sue Proctor and Rosemary Newton. This is a six-mile walk at Linacre reservoirs with some inclines (nothing too steep). The first part of the walk is around the reservoirs, the second part explores the area south of Old Brampton. There are toilets at beginning and the end of the walk at the bottom of the slope beyond the car parks. Bring a flask and a biscuit or something to keep you going as we won't be stopping to picnic. We will car share from Dore. There is a charge for parking at Linacre of £3.50 for the day.
- Wed 28 Totley history Group - Victorian Pioneers - Sheffield's First Public Libraries Part 2 - talk by Val Hewson. Totley Library 7.30pm, non-members welcome.

## MARCH

- Mon 4 Wyvern Walk. Leader - Peter Bower 07748 086 793. Car share to Longshaw NT car park. Walk to White Edge, The Grouse and Tumbling Hill, where we can enjoy panoramic views. Return via Yarncliff Woods and Padley Gorge. Toilets and cafe at Longshaw. 5 miles.
- Tue 12 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group - "A Funny Thing happened on the way to the Crem". As a vicar's wife, Janet Price sees the humorous side. See also article on page 5.
- Sat 16 Blacka Moor User Forum walkabout meeting on Saturday 16th March, 10am - 12.30pm. Bookable on [www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on](http://www.wildsheffield.com/whats-on)
- Sat 16 Dore Male Voice Choir 60th Anniversary Tour, Concert in Chesterfield with Dronfield Band. See article on page 37.
- Wed 20 Dore Garden Club: Route to an RHS Gold Medal, hosted by Mairi Longden, Tissington Nursery. Membership is open to all and costs only £18 for 9 meetings. A warm welcome is also extended to visitors who pay £4 per event on the door. Dore Methodist Church 7.15pm.
- Wed 27 Totley History Group: Sheffield's Gang Wars - talk by Martin Rowley. Totley Library 7.30pm, non-members welcome.

## APRIL

- Tue 9 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group - "Unmentionable Foundations". Janet Stain will explain what keeps it all in place! See also article on page 5.

- Sat 13 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society concert performance of Iolanthe 2.30pm. Dore Church Hall, Townhead Road. Tickets: £12 by phone on 07565 805405 or via the website at [doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html](http://doregass.weebly.com/tickets.html)
- Wed 17 Dore Garden Club - Echium World. Dore Methodist Church Hall, 7.15pm. Hosted by Linda Heywood, National Collection Holder. Membership is open to all and costs only £18 for 9 meetings. A warm welcome is also extended to visitors who pay £4 per event on the door.
- Sun 21 Wyvern Walk. 9:30am from Dore Old School Car Park, led by Chris Cave - 07908 364 925. Car sharing will be organised on the day if we are not starting the walk in Dore. Starting from Foolow we walk via Silly Dale to Stanley House and then across Stanley Moor to Great Hucklow and Grindlow before returning to Foolow. Here we will stop on the village green by the pond for coffee and any sandwiches we've brought. At this point anyone who wants a shorter walk (about 4 miles to here) can leave us. Refreshed we will then pass Brosterfield Farm and Stanley House (again) before returning to Foolow over Little Moor. The full walk is 6 miles, about 3 hours. Add about an hour for travelling and a refreshment break and we should be back in Dore about 2.00pm so sandwiches are advisable.
- Sun 21 Dore Dragon Hunt starting from Dore Old School, 2pm. to join the hunt, win prizes, meet St George, and take a look at Theodore, our resident dragon, sitting on a basket of dragon's eggs. Free entry and prizes! Prize giving takes place promptly at 3.30pm. Refreshments available.
- Wed 24 Totley History Group: Sheffield Home of Football - talk by John Wilson. Totley Library 7.30pm, new members welcome.
- Sat 27 Abbedale Park Bowls Club public open day, from 10am. Experienced players and beginners welcome, please see article on page 2 of this issue.

## MAY

- Sat 5 Abbedale Park Bowls Club public open day, from 10am. Experienced players and beginners welcome, please see article on page 2 of this issue.
- Tue 14 Dore Methodist Ladies' Tuesday Group - "Climbing in Peru" - Ian Webb illustrates some of his spectacular adventures. See also article on page 5.
- Wed 15 Dore Garden Club - Future-Proof your Garden. Dore Methodist Church 7:15pm. Hosted by Rachel Barrowcliffe, Garden Advisor. Membership is open to all and costs only £18 for 9 meetings. A warm welcome is also extended to visitors who pay £4 per event on the door.
- Sat 18 The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society: Spring plant sale at Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Thompson Road entrance) on Saturday from 11.00 to 15.00 and on Sunday from 11.00-14.00.
- Wed 22 Totley History Group: Yorkshire Folklore - talk by Catherine Warr. Totley Library 7.30pm, new members welcome.
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## Life in Dore, Derbyshire approx 1919-1925

I wrote these notes at the suggestion of my nephew Richard Farnsworth of Ryecroft Farm, for inclusion in that excellent publication Dore to Door, and hope they will be of interest.

My family moved in about 1919 from Chesterfield Road, Woodseats to a lovely stone house then called Throstle Nest which stood between Ryecroft Nurseries (long defunct) and Ryecroft Glen - about half way up Dore New Road and very much in the country - just what I wanted as an eleven year old lad.

The Glen and Ecclesall Woods belonged to Wilsons of Beauchief - famous Snuff Makers and great sportsmen, and were strictly preserved. There were two gamekeepers - one named Stratford (a great character) who lived in the Glen, and the other also lived in the wood, just opposite what is now known as Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

I often saw a dozen pheasants in our relatively small garden, and two dozen in a potato patch between the house and the wood. Stratford had the art of suddenly materialising like a ghost if one were misguided enough to stray from the footpath.

The Nurseries belonged to a Mr. Wright - a fine chap and evidently a first class gardener, because after I left the district he sold up and became head gardener to Dr. Temple, Archbishop of York; Temple duly became Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr. Wright went with him, and the last time I saw Wright he and his wife were living in a nice house in the grounds of Lambeth Palace, London. In his greenhouse at Dore, Mr. Wright had a vine which bore the most sumptuous Muscatel grapes!

Our house was on the edge of Ryecroft Farm, and every night winter and summer for years I walked across the fields to collect our evening supply of milk after watching the cows being hand milked. Once or twice a week, I also walked through the glen to the house of the Dixon family. Mr. Dixon had been chauffeur to a branch of the Wilson family living at the Moss, and later working in the little ganister mine at the top of The Glen. Mr. Dixon's fowls laid the largest eggs in the district - all double yolks, and they were the object of my journey. I believe Winnie Dixon that was, the daughter, still lives there.

I became very friendly with the youngest of the three Farnsworth sons, ie Harold Riding, known as Dick, who eventually married my younger sister Sylvia who still lives in the village.

A Sheffield architect named Whitaker who lived opposite Dore Station was a great naturalist and in particular ornithologist and was given free run of the woods by the Wilsons. He had probably the finest collection of British birds eggs in existence, all housed in beautifully made cabinets, and left this collection to Sheffield. When I last tried to see it I was told it was inaccessible - packed away in some remote cellar:

One thing sticks in my mind - there were Corncrakes in every field at Dore in those days - none at all now due to changes in farming methods. What a pity.

On August 12th each year I made my way to a suitable station near Butts on the ancient road which crosses Houndkirk Moor to Fox House and watched the grouse coming over by the hundred at high speed, not very many escaping the guns. Sir Charles Markham and party generally had the shoot.

During all my years at Dore I attended Dronfield Grammar School as a day boy and will always associate the two places. If one caught the 8.30am train at Dore one could be present at morning prayer at 9am. The Headmaster was Charles C. Baggaley, a fine teacher and a fine man. Fellow pupils included Jim Unwin and Vera Wilkins from Dore and Peggy Peat who lived near Fox House. Many others came from Topley, eg Allen Moorhouse, Herbert Crowther, Walter and Frank Jackson, and we all walked to Dore station together. In the railway strike we enjoyed walking there and back to Dronfield following the route of Dronfield tunnel.

I was a member of Christ Church choir under Arthur Farnsworth for about four years, along with my great friends Arthur Robinson, Herbert Frith, Edwin Parkin and others. The men included Ted Thorpe and Dick Farnsworth, tenors and Jack Stone, the Blacksmith. Hubert Frith before he got polio was athletic and active and always bright and cheery.

All this idyll ended for me when my father decided to send me to Cologne in 1923 to serve a three year Engineering Apprenticeship, and all the family left Dore about 1925. I still love Dore village and think that over the years those responsible have maintained high standards. People living there should consider themselves most fortunate. What a wonderful centre it is for walking the incomparable moors, hills and dales - something old age now prevents me from doing.

**Vincent Lawton, Crewkerne, Somerset**

## Dore Show in Danger

There is a significant possibility that the Dore Show will not take place this year, or in future years. The reason is simple: insufficient volunteers to help on the day of the Show, and on the planning committee.

The number of volunteers has been dwindling for some time now due to age, infirmity, moving out of the area etc., and it's proved difficult to replace them. In addition some long serving members of the Show committee are leaving or scaling back their involvement.

The Show is one of the highlights of the village year and enjoyed by a large number of people. It might even be said that events like this help define us as a community. So what is needed to keep it going?

We need three or four people to join the planning committee. This meets half a dozen or so times a year for a couple of hours in an evening to plan the event.

We also need people to help on the day, from setting up the day before and on the morning of the Show to erecting gazebos and receiving exhibition entries and laying them out. These activities take between one and two hours.



Then we need helpers for various activities in the afternoon, some of which last half an hour (collecting entrance money on the door for example) and some last for the duration of the Show from about 2pm to 5pm.

Lastly, we need a breakdown team from 4:30 pm until about 6:30 pm.

So, not a great deal of time is needed from the majority of helpers.

The Dore Show is like a well-oiled machine that runs smoothly because of the long experience of holding the event and the time and effort of people who understand and perform their roles so efficiently. If you can help us maintain this much valued event please get in touch

with any of the following.

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