

DORE DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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And all that

The Jazz Appreciation Society welcomes new members. We meet at Totley Methodist Church Hall, most Tuesday afternoons in autumn, winter and spring to listen, discuss and learn from a variety of presentations of jazz CDs on a particular topic. There is a small charge to help pay for hiring the premises, but tea, coffee and biscuits are free at the interval. After a summer break we meet again on Tuesday 30 September at 1.30pm. Further information is available from Roger Vernon, roger.vernon@btinternet.com



Zip Wire Teddy Challenge

Is your teddy bear brave enough for a challenge at Christ Church Dore? Give your teddies the adventure of a lifetime by sending them down the zip wire from Christ Church Dore's bell tower.

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Friday, 19 September, 3:15-5pm at Christ Church.

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Opening Times:

Thursday 25: 12pm - 5pm

Thursday 25: 6.30pm Q&A session with Artist Dave Nevard

Friday 26: Closed to the public

Saturday 27: 10am - 4pm

Sunday 28: 10am & 5.30pm services, all welcome

Sunday 28: 2pm - 5pm

Free entry - all welcome

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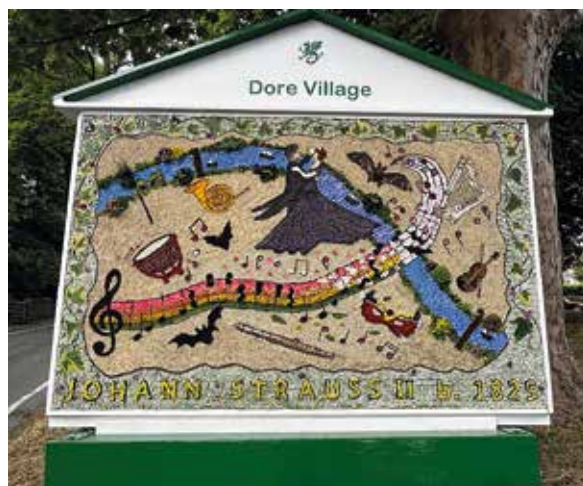
While walking near the bottom of Whitelow Lane on 26th June I was struck by a cyclist coming downhill on a bend, where I received head injuries and concussion.

I want to express my gratitude to Samantha for the first aid and care she gave me on the road. Also thanks to two local young cyclists who I'm told assisted, calling their GP father to the scene.

In the ambulance, the nurse informed me that I'd been very well looked after by some young people in Dore!

Truly grateful, Martin S'

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



Well Dressing Update

The well dressing in Dore is now dismantled and the clay and boards are safely stored away for another year. I think everyone involved has enjoyed having the well dressing back after a break last year. Thank you to all our regular well dressers, all your knowledge and expertise is very much valued, and thank you to all the new folks who have joined in with enthusiasm and great ideas (we are now on Facebook!).

We would like to give a special thank you to the gentlemen from Porter Contractors who every year give up a Saturday morning to lift and transport the finished heavy board to the village green and install it in the frame - it is quite a delicate operation but they always do a perfect job.

Although next year is a long way off, please keep a look out for details nearer the time and if anyone would like to be involved do please contact me.

Ros Kelson and the well dressing team

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Dragon Hunt Report

by our basilisk beholding bloke

This year's Dragon Hunt, a perennial favourite for families with young children, took place on 27th April and was a great success with about 80 people plus infants in pushchairs taking part.

There was the usual display of dragon's eggs carefully guarded by Theodore, our resident dragon (right), although he looked decidedly fatigued by the end of the event. Maybe he'd eaten too many eggs.

The winners were the Kenyon Family (below).

Thank you to the team of organisers who spend many hours planning the event and running it on the day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Keith Shaw



Longshaw sheep dog trials

August 28th, 29th & 30th, Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge.

2025 will be the 127th year of the Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials Association, thought to be the oldest continuous sheep dog trials in England with the exception of two world wars and 2001 because of foot and mouth disease.

We are pleased to announce that the trials will take place again this year by kind permission of the National Trust on 28th, 29th & 30th August on Longshaw Pastures in front of Longshaw Lodge, near Grindleford, starting at approximately 7.30am each morning and members of the public will be most welcome to attend. We are very honoured this year to have Mr. David Richards MBE as our President.

On 28th and 29th there will be open class and brace class sheep dog trials, when many of the "One Man and His Dog" competitors will be taking part, and on Saturday 30th there will be a local class. Following the local class the Longshaw Fell Race will be run. Starting from the trial field at about 10.30am, the race is pre-entry once again. For further information please see the Dark Peak Fell Runners website www.dpfr.org.uk

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

New for 2025

Tickets are now available to purchase in advance at a discounted rate of £7.50 through the website www.longshawsheepdog.com or admission on the day is £10.00 per adult, no charge for children under 12.

There is free parking on the field.

We start at 7.30am, weather permitting, finishing at approximately 5.30pm. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Sheila Humphreys MBE on 01433 651852, e-mail lsdta@talktalk.net or check out the website.

There will be a licensed bar, hot and cold food and drinks, and ice cream available to purchase on the field. There will be craft tables and stalls, and the magnificent array of trophies will be on display, so please come and join us for a day on the moors to see, as J. Wentworth Day described them, some of "The Wisest Dogs in the World".

Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials Association

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Party on the Green



Just a quick reminder that the DVS will be once again hosting the Party on the Green on Sunday 7th September 2025 starting at 1pm.

It will be a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment for the whole family.

The final line up is yet to be confirmed, but the Dore Male Voice Choir will be making a welcome return. There will be the usual collection of food stalls and the children's entertainment will be running through to the end of the event at 5pm.

We had a fantastic turn out last year and hope to see you all again this year.

Caroline Davies, Vice Chair DVS

Totley History Group

We were recently contacted by the Library to say that a letter from New Zealand had arrived, addressed to Totley Historical Group. Inside were a note and nine postcards, mostly of Totley, but also a multi-image one which featured Dore Parish church. Largely taken in the very early part of the 20th century, these had been found in the effects of a family (name unknown at the time of writing) who emigrated in 1948. Maybe some favourite places to keep memories of their former life alive, knowing they would probably never return. Some of the views must have already changed by the time they sailed to the other side of the world. The 1930 estates of Marstone and Laverdene had been developed and it was from a house on Laverdene Drive that the grandparents of the letter writer, Lesley Williams, had emigrated. Our thanks to her for taking the trouble to save the postcards that could so easily have ended in a skip.

Houses and trees have grown up in the intervening years making 'before' and 'after' photographs quite tricky. Two of the postcards are reproduced here, one of Heatherfield before inter and post war housing was developed, and a view from Bradway Bank that overlooks the railway line (opened 1892) and Bushey Wood Rd as it rises towards Dore. Crossing the railway bridge the footpath from Abbeydale Rd South still climbs to Bradway Bank, but now sits largely hidden. The stone cottages have long gone, to be replaced by flats and 1960 housing, and woodland has grown to maturity on the grazed field featuring in the foreground of the postcard.

Future Meetings

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| September 24 | NHS, Cradle to the Grave by Barbara Beard |
| October 22 | The History of Bolsover Castle by Ian Morgan |
| November 26 | Curious Suburbs of Sheffield by David Templeman |

Our September meeting opens a season of monthly talks to take us through winter. Totley Library 7.30pm. All welcome. Members £2, non members £3, Annual membership £5

www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk

Doreways and Dore Festival

Doreways has to start by congratulating all the event organisers of the 2025 Dore Festival for making it such a huge success. Kind weather and your generosity has probably made this year's Festival one of the most memorable of recent years. Once again Anne Elsdon has acted as overall co-ordinator to present a wonderful mixture of events for all age groups and interests.

Doreways' own event was our traditional Strawberry Fayre which was very well attended. There were a lot of cream scones and strawberries consumed on a sunny afternoon at Dore Old School. Our chosen charity for 2025 was Transport 17 whose minibuses are a common sight within the Dore and Totley communities. They were delighted to receive nearly £600 towards maintenance of their minibus fleet. Special thanks went to the 'staff' on the plant and book stalls. The cream scone production team were amazing too.

You will see some of the Doreways team supporting Dore Show and our next 'event' is the Exhibition and provision of refreshments for Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November at Dore Old School.

Dorne Coggins



You know summer's here and the schools have finished when the heavens open and there's a huge downpour! We were out in it today, walking the crazy labrador. To say we got a bit wet would be a huge understatement. We really needed the rain though, our lawn has a definite yellow tinge to it, having been restricted to just watering my tomatoes. I'm hoping there'll be some perfectly ready in time for the Dore Show.

Dragon Hunt

On 27th April almost 30 intrepid dragon hunting teams set out into the wilds of Dore to hunt down the elusive Theodore. I am very pleased to say that they all made it back in one piece and Theo (to his friends) was found sitting on a nest of chocolate eggs which he willingly gave out to the brave knights and their entourage that cracked the clues to discover him.

This lovely family event was organised, as it is every year, by the wonderful Doreways team and I want to thank them very much for putting on another thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

AGM

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 15th June in the newly reopened Christchurch Dore with approximately 40 people in attendance. The accounts were presented and approved and the Chair's report delivered. If you would like to read the minutes of the AGM they can be found on our website www.dorevillage.co.uk. We are still short of committee members, we currently number 10 and there is room for 13. This means that we would ideally like three people to come forward to join us. The committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm until 9pm-ish in the Old School. If you would like any more information about what being a committee member entails, please feel free to drop me an email at jen.donnelly@dorevillage.co.uk or give me a ring.

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At the conclusion of the formal business of the AGM a talk was given by Barry Starmore of Starmore Boss, a local wine merchant on Sharrow Vale Road. He gave a very interesting talk about British wines, and this was followed by a tasting of a red and a sparkling white. They were both very nice and a second glass of the fizz may have been partaken...

The refurbished church is really beautiful with some lovely new features. The bench outside the new door is a great piece of architectural furniture and I particularly liked the addition of a window to the bell ringing room. We were treated to the bell ringers' practice session as people were arriving for the AGM and it was great to be able to see, as well as hear, them in action. I believe the church is open to visitors during the day if you would like to have a look.

New Secretary

We are absolutely delighted that our newest committee member, Andy Challis, has volunteered to become Secretary. This role has been vacant for around four years and Keith, as a co-opted member, has been filling in since then. He is very pleased to be handing over the reins to Andy and you can read Andy's Meet the Team article on page 23.

Dore Festival

Dore Festival went extremely well with some of the village's favourite events back for another year. There was a classic car show, a fabulous well dressing featuring Johann Strauss, the Strawberry Fayre, Dore Male Voice Choir concert and the Scout Gala to mention just a few. I hope you managed to attend one or more of these events.

Upcoming events

Looking forward to September we have two events for you. The first is Dore Show which will be on Saturday 6th September where the very best that the village can produce will be on display. From delicious cakes and home-made wine to beautiful fruits and ginormous vegetables, not forgetting the hard practised talents of crochet, watercolour, and photography, just to name a few. There will be so many things to see and marvel at. Are you going to enter this year? A full list of categories can be found on page 25. Don't forget there's also a children's section so encourage your budding gardener, artist, baker, Lego engineer to get busy!

The second September event will be the DVS Party on the Green which is being held on the following day, Sunday 7th September. It will be an afternoon of music and entertainment. So bring your family, friends and a picnic, and join us on the village green for this free event to celebrate the end of the summer and the first week

back at school.

More information can be found about both these events on pages 4 and 24. So get feeding those tomatoes and dig out your dancing shoes!

Christmas Donations

Sorry about the C word this early in the year, but we want to give as much notice as possible to alert local charities to our Christmas Donation. Every year at this time we invite local charities to apply for a grant from us to support their activities. The charity must be based or operate within our area of benefit, and it must be for a specific item, not towards ongoing costs. If you would like to apply for this year's round of donations please email secretary@dorevillage.co.uk stating your charity name, number, and address, along with how much you would like and what it is for.

Charities we have donated to in the past include local lunch clubs and Transport 17.

Speaking of Christmas, a date for your diaries - the Lantern Parade this year will be on Wednesday 3rd December.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

Jen

Dora



Dora is getting ready for entries at the Dore Show

Flying High

Our Intrepid Treasurer

Since the end of last year my son, Stephen, has been talking about doing some skydiving; it's on his bucket list and he wants to tick it off. Also, there's a maximum age of 55 for the particular course he wants to do, so he's only got twelve months left. So, about a couple of months ago I went to Langar airfield in Nottinghamshire to watch him do a dive. There were also two ladies who had just completed a tandem skydive; that's where you are strapped to a fully trained instructor, and you come down together. I had a chat to them about their experience, and they said, "you've got to do it". So, this started the germ of an idea in my brain; I wondered if I could do one. It took many weeks of procrastination, shall I, shan't I, dare I? I then thought that I could do it to "celebrate" my 84th birthday, and also I thought that it could be turned into a sponsorship event to

raise money for St Luke's, in memory of my lovely wife Jenny, who passed away on her 78th birthday in 2022. So, I went to see the fundraising team at St Luke's, who reminded me that I needed to complete a medical form, which I knew nothing about, and they told me about the JustGiving website. So, on the Wednesday, the day after my birthday, I decided to do it, and for a variety of reasons, it was on Thursday 3rd July. I'd just missed my birthday by two days as I'd been waiting for the GP to give me medical clearance. I did it because I could and wanted to, in memory of my lovely wife Jenny, to raise money for St Luke's Hospice, who were involved in her care in her last few weeks.

So, there I was at Langar waiting my turn to go up to 14,000 ft and jump out into space. I didn't feel anxious or nervous, more a gently rising feeling of excitement as the clock ticked by. I had my briefing, how to exit the plane, what to do on the way down, and how to pull my legs up for landing. Then off to the plane.

There were eight or nine of us doing a dive, but I was the only one doing a tandem. The instructor tightened up all the straps keeping us together, then we were ready. It's a strange feeling knowing that in only a few seconds from then I would be being launched into fresh air with nothing between me and the ground almost three miles beneath me.

There was no fear or last-minute panic, but as we slid along the bench in the plane to the open doorway I briefly thought "there's no going back now". So, after a brief pause while the instructor checked that I was in the correct launching position, out we dropped. And what a drop it was, an absolutely amazing

and exhilarating experience. It's quite difficult to put into words the actual sensations. The free fall, which lasted about a minute, where I reached a speed of 120 mph, is a unique experience. I didn't have any sensation of speed, (other than the amazing upward push of the air) direction, or whether I was turning round or not. The force of the wind pushing upwards as we were hurtling down took me by surprise. I don't know what I did expect, but I didn't expect the wind noise and pressure. Incredible, even though it was a tad chilly. I had mixed thoughts whizzing through my mind during



the freefall, from "I'll be glad when this is over", to "Why can't it go on for longer?". At 6,000 feet, my instructor pulled the cord for the chute to open. There we were, floating around, without a care in the world, in complete silence. He let me control the chute until the final descent, magical. I could see the curvature of the earth's horizon, tiny villages, and loads of fields. As we got closer to the landing area, I was waving like mad to Stephen, but I couldn't make

him out in the airfield buildings; everything looks different from a few hundred feet up. Then a final glide to earth for a very slow, smooth landing. What a journey!



And as for St Luke's, at the time of writing this I'm on just over £750. I was hoping to raise £1,000, but it doesn't look like this is going to happen.

Will I do another one? Another special occasion? The jury's out!

Colin Robinson
Treasurer, Dore Village Society

Calling Local Ladies...

Dore Ladies' Group has been meeting in the Community Centre on the first Tuesday of every month for over forty years. We are a very friendly group who welcome women of all ages and backgrounds who like to gather for a stimulating talk, demonstration or activity, followed by refreshments. We have a published programme of evening meetings with speakers on topics which cover a wide range of interests from history, travel, gardening, cooking and crafts to local issues and charity work. Membership is open to anyone and visitors, including men, are always welcome at any meeting. If you have recently moved to Dore, coming to the Ladies Group is a good way of getting to know other people and making new friends.



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Cavendish Ladies Probus

In the last edition of Dore to Door you may have seen the article on Dore Probus Club for men which mentioned that there was also a ladies Probus Club called Cavendish Ladies Probus. We'd like to take the opportunity in this edition to tell you a little bit about ourselves and to invite you to come along and meet us. Like Dore Men's Probus we enjoy getting together, hearing a wide variety of and (we hope) interesting speakers, meeting old friends and making new ones.

We are a club for ladies who are 55 and over and who live in the Sheffield postcode area. We meet at Dore Masonic Hall at the bottom of Dore Road on the second Thursday of the month from 10am to 12noon. Coffee and biscuits are available from 10-10.30 and are then followed by a speaker or social get together. This year we have heard talks on various subjects including the Air Ambulance, Sheffield's Precious Metals, Meet the Patients and the British Motor Industry. We also have a Spring Lunch with entertainment each year and an outing in August. This year's destination is the National Arboretum in Staffordshire and in past years we have visited the David Mellor factory, Brodsworth Hall and the Silver Plate Restaurant at Sheffield College.

Our annual subscription fee for 11 sessions is currently £20 but please come and sample a meeting (no charge) and why not bring a friend? We should love the opportunity to greet and welcome you and hopefully add you to our band of members.

If you would like to know more, please contact our Secretary Pam Pilling on 07799 036225 or if you prefer to contact her by email her address is - pilingpam25@gmail.com

Councillors' Surgeries

At Dore Old School on the second Saturday of each month, from 10.30am-12pm.

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

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

Current membership rates are £10 per annum for individuals and £35 for corporate members. Telephone numbers of Committee Members and associates are below; for email, please write to firstname.surname@dorevillage.co.uk, e.g. jen.donnelly@dorevillage.co.uk

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Holiday time at Totley Library!

The sun's out and the kids are at home. How can the Library help? Reading challenges, Make and Create sessions, Art – we have it all here.

Summertime reading for children

The Reading Challenge this year is about "Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors". Running throughout August, children are invited to read their favourite books and complete a record of their achievement in return for stickers, a bookmark and a medal. No wonder our children read more than our adults!

So here are some reading ideas for starters

Star Library user, Zoya (13), recommends...

Straight off, Zoya named Philip Pullman's *Northern Lights* as her top tip for a great read. It's suitable for any age she says, even for adults. She points out that even though it is superficially a fantasy novel, the world-building is excellent, detailed and totally immersive with the potential for every reader to come to their own personal understanding. Some adult fantasy is dry, she explains, so perhaps that's one reason why our adult readers can't keep up with our young readers!

As a follow-up and thinking of secondary-age readers, Holly Jackson's *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* is another of Zoya's favourites. This time it's a whodunnit which actively involves the reader in trying to work out the case and which tricks you into thinking you've got it, only to shock you into realizing you had it wrong all the time.

Then there's *The Reappearance of Rachel Price*, again by Holly Jackson, a tense exciting plot with twists that leave you raging that you missed them and what about Suzanne Collins' *Sunrise on the Reaping*, the latest in the Hunger Games series?! Zoya has a huge playlist of favourite reads – it's hard to narrow her recommendations down to just a few!

And now the boys want their say

Not to be outdone, Library regulars, Kit and Jed, want to tell you about their favourite reads.

The Complete Chi's Sweet Home by Konami Konata is Kit's choice. Translated from the Japanese and ordered in especially for him, it tells of a lovable cat's journey from happy home to getting lost and frightened then lovingly adopted. Nearly run over by a car, barked at by a dog, playing with plastic bags of milk, Chi's adventures are often funny and often sweet and touching. As a cartoon book with short chapters, Kit (9) thinks it is suitable for children aged 6-10 but also maybe adults who love cats... Kit hasn't finished all 12 volumes yet so he can't tell us how it ends – I'm sure it will be happy ever after!

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Jed (6) wants to recommend *The Deadly Cave* by James Noble which is part of a series all about adventures in outer space. Stories range from Nok searching for his missing parents, to Ant and Tiger looking for the Lost Fragment, to the heroes being captured by huge lizards. The deadliness of the cave involves the characters being held in a cage by the Mocksaurians, but fear not, they escape through skillful use of their smart watches. Who knew what Apple watches can do? Jed likes the series because it is adventurous with exciting things happening and because he can read it on his own. No need for big brothers or Mums to get involved!



Make and Create

Over the summer period we are continuing to offer "Make and Create" sessions for children. Interesting boxes, craft materials, pretty paper, colourful cardboard, apparently useless bits and pieces will all be repurposed into imaginative creations which can be taken home and given pride of place on the mantelpiece. Who can come up with the wildest ideas with or without sticky-backed plastic?

And now for the young artists

Artist Charlie Hill will be in the Library on Monday August 4 helping our young artists to explore ways of connecting with nature through use of natural materials in their artwork. (Insta: [charlie.hill.artist](#)) After all this I hope the adults have got something to do!

Fund-raising successes

Not only did the Annual Plant Sale break all records for both quantity and quality of plants and numbers of visitors, it also made a record amount of money for the Library. Over £2,600 was raised to help fund the renovations and other work planned for the future development of the Library.

And not to be outdone, the Porter Valley Concert Band rolled up a week later to perform a selection of swinging music from lots of movie favourites. Several of the pieces were introduced by children from Totley All Saints Primary School who told us all about their

favourite film and why they liked it so much. Totley Brook Road URC was a sell-out with standing room only, raising an amazing £964 for Library funds.

Exciting changes coming to the Library this year

All this and earlier fund-raising efforts mean that we can now make welcome improvements to the Library and develop its role as a space for the community in Dore and Totley. Towards the end of this year, you will see the Library shelving replaced with modern, more user-friendly units that can be moved to create an additional space for events and bookings. The adult library will have a different look and be available for all kinds of community focused activities outside of Library hours. A refurbishment of the children's library is also in the plans plus a complete redecoration of the interior. Further improvements are also under discussion. We are grateful for the continuing support of the local community - you are helping us to make the Library a more modern and comfortable place.

Totley Library Cinema – Autumn season

Well no one can say we don't offer variety at the Library Cinema... This season we have an animated sci-fi film about a robot marooned in outer space, a biopic about Maria Callas, and a nostalgia hit for the over 50s. Book your tickets now!

September

Thu 18, 3 pm -- *Out Of Africa* (1986, PG)

Fri 26, 7 pm -- *Maria* (2025, 12)

Sun 28, 2 pm -- *The Wild Robot* (2025, U)

October

Fri 24, 7 pm -- *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy* (2025, 15)

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- 4 Minibus Driver Assessment (MiDAS) for 4 volunteer drivers, or
- 10 weekly-statutory safety inspections for ALL 3 minibuses for 6 months, or
- Fuel to drive all 3 minibuses for 2 months

Save the Date

Transport 17 will be holding our Christmas Fayre at 10am – 12.30pm, Saturday 29 November, venue to be confirmed. We look forward to welcoming many of you for a festive raffle and refreshments, Christmas crafts, our ever-popular Bottle Bonanza where every ticket wins a prize, and much more. Enjoy a natter with friends whilst picking up a Christmas gift or two, at the same time as raising much needed funds for Transport 17. If you are a local artist or craftsperson and would like to have a stall at the fayre, please get in touch.

Celebrating Volunteers

Volunteers' Week is an annual UK-wide campaign held from the first Monday in June to celebrate and recognise the contributions of volunteers. This year's celebration ran from Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th June 2025, and we thanked our volunteers over this period for all the help and support they give to Transport 17 and the passengers. 14.2 million people in the UK have formally volunteered at least once a month (figures provided by Royal Voluntary Service and NCVO). Volunteering is a vital component of UK society and these statistics highlight the remarkable contributions of volunteers across the UK. Together, we can continue to grow the impact of volunteering and create stronger, more connected communities, just as the Transport 17 volunteers do each day.

Become a Volunteer with Transport 17: It's not just a Minibus

Have you ever wanted to, or had experience of, working with older people? Particularly enabling isolated older members of the community to socialise with others? Do you have a passion for helping others and contributing to the local community? If so, we would love you to help us to help others!

Transport 17 is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team of minibus (a transit van sized vehicle) drivers and passenger assistants. Whether you are an experienced driver of a larger vehicle, or someone looking to give back to the community, this is a great opportunity to help those older and vulnerable members of the community who wouldn't otherwise get out, to socialise with others. This in turn significantly improves their mental health and wellbeing, and that of their family.

Without new volunteers coming forward we will not be able to continue to provide a regular and consistent service to our current passengers, or complete more than 7550 passenger journeys as we did last year. Currently we have two or three of our three buses out each day, taking passengers to and from lunch and social clubs. It would be a shame if we couldn't continue with this, or increase our services, to enable more isolated, older members of our community to get out and socialise.

Why Volunteer with Us?

As a driver or a passenger assistant, you will play a vital role in:

- Reducing Loneliness and Isolation: one third of older people, and half those over 80 say they feel lonely, and half a million older people go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all (Office for National Statistics). As a volunteer with Transport 17 you will be enabling older and vulnerable individuals to get out and socialise within their local community. One passenger told us *'the journey is interesting, company is wonderful, and the food is good too,'* while other passengers said they benefit from being able to *'get out and meet people, have a nice afternoon and lunch.'*
- Making a Difference in the Community: As a volunteer with T17, you will be helping others and creating and maintaining connections between individuals, whilst contributing to the local community.
- Learning and Developing: Being a volunteer with T17 is also an opportunity for you to learn new skills, develop new friendships, be part of a team, and experience the benefit that older people get from being able to get out and socialise with others.

No Experience Needed

Don't worry if you don't have any experience of working with older or vulnerable individuals. Transport 17 provides and funds full training, induction and ongoing support to ensure you feel confident in your role. Whether you are looking to volunteer as a minibus driver or as a passenger assistant, we need new volunteers in both roles. To volunteer as a minibus driver you would need a full UK driving licence that includes the D1 category.

What We're Looking For

- A passion for helping people and a desire to contribute to your local community.
- A commitment to help on a regular basis, such as weekly, fortnightly or monthly.
- A positive attitude and a willingness to work as part of a team

What our volunteers say

Fay J, Volunteer Passenger Assistant

'Really it helps people who don't get out normally because most of the people are over 80, sometimes even in their 90s, so they only get out only one day of the week, and that is when we take them! They love the part of the tour around the area, of getting in the bus and dropping off for their lunch, coffee club or bingo. It's like a good experience for them and they definitely look forward for it.'

How to Get Involved

If you are ready to find out more about helping us, we would love to hear from you. Either contact us on 0114 236 2962, by completing the contact form on our website www.transport17.co.uk or by emailing us at volunteerco@transport17.co.uk to find out more and/or arrange for you to come and visit. Our current volunteers are a friendly bunch and would be more than happy to show you around and tell you more about what we do.

Join us today and together we can make a lasting difference to the lives of those isolated older and vulnerable members of our community, enabling them to get out and connect with others.

Fiona Smith
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It's the summer season of exploration and practical work for our members. We have already 'done' our first test pit in the Carter Knowle area of Sheffield. On former farmland no-one knows quite what will be unearthed. After all the whole of South Yorkshire has been criss-crossed by the footsteps of everyone from prehistoric herders dropping flint hunting tools to the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. William the Conqueror's troops passed by on their way to carry out the infamous 'Harrying of the North'.



So what did we find? As anticipated, there was the usual Victorian midden material of broken pottery and clay pipe stems. The source was the night soil pits of Central Sheffield which farmers used for soil texture lightening and fertiliser. However, excitement broke out at the discovery of a coin. After it was cleaned it was revealed as a 1943 Threepenny piece.

Unfortunately, there were 101,702,400 minted in 1943 and the current value of 'our' coin is approximately £1. Fascinating for some of our younger diggers because it is pre-decimal coinage and the first example of a non-round modern shape. It would buy 0.70p today so during World War Two when it might have been lost that would have been quite a lot.



On to our big event of the summer which has been our contribution to the countrywide Festival of Archaeology. This year we took as our theme 'What can we find?' to allow us to showcase some of the amazing items discovered by us and you. Held at Dore Old School in collaboration with Friends of Ecclesall Woods our scope took us beyond archaeological artefacts into geology and the natural world on our doorsteps. At the same event last year you brought in some very special finds for us to identify which were found locally. So much history to be discovered even in our gardens. Because this article is submitted before the event on Saturday 19 July you will need to wait for the next issue of Dore to Door to see what amazing treasure was brought in. At the very least we hope you enjoyed the Exhibition which was the last event of Dore Festival.

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Dorne Coggins

The weather has held up very nicely I'm pleased to say and we've even had some welcome rain! By the time this piece is with you we will have finished our summer concert with nothing else planned until rehearsals in September for both next year's show and the Christmas Concert.



Sammi Jones entertaining us all with My Favourite Things in the Summer Concert

Despite not using a theatre again it has been a pretty successful year with the Society's coffers benefitting, as well as being able to donate over £1000 to the Alzheimers Association thanks to the generosity of our supporters. This year, the Society has chosen to support Baby Basics, a charity originally set up in Sheffield but now nationwide which supports families in difficulties with children from birth to five years of age. You can find out more about their work online at baby-basics.org.uk

The Summer Concert was more than splendid with an eclectic range of music including, Elvis, Flanders and Swann, ABBA, Jerome Kern, Rodgers & Hammerstein and others, but my favourite was "O Peaceful England" from Merrie England by Edward German. Other notable performances, for me, were from Sally Need who sang a very moving, unaccompanied version of Miss Otis Regrets (by Cole Porter) and Sami Jones's saxophone solo, My Favourite Things from The Sound of Music by Rogers and Hammerstein. Having said that, all the other soloists were of an exceptionally high standard and deserve my thanks.

The date for the Christmas Concert is Saturday 20 December and will be held, as usual, in Dore Methodist Church. The tickets will be on sale shortly and you had better be quick because judging by the response from the Summer Serenade, several of the audience asked if they could book them now!

The Society has chosen to put on The Gondoliers next year keeping much the same format as this last two years.

Unfortunately, we will not be performing at Crookes Social Club as they have no free dates during the time we choose to perform the shows. We will, however, be giving two performances at Whittington Moor Methodist Church, a splendid venue as those of you who attended The Mikado this year will attest (I know - the grammar, you pedants). The performances are to take place on Saturday 11 April 2026 at Dore Community Hall, on Saturday 18 April and Sunday 19 April at Whittington Moor Methodist Church Hall. The Gondoliers is another of Gilbert's unlikely tales where either one of two Gondolieri could be King of Barataria. No-one knows which (it comes out in the end) so they 'sort of' share responsibilities. The music, as always, is wonderful and there is plenty of room for comedy. I'll have more in future editions.

Enjoy the summer and we'll meet again in September.

Derek Habberjam

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Our July meeting was well attended. Members and visitors, keen to find out all about Clematis and other climbing plants, were not disappointed. They were treated to a practical and entertaining event from Jeff Bates.

The Club has been part of village life for nearly 20 years and has a thriving membership drawn from the local area. However, at the end of this year we are losing some long-serving committee members. A

key member we need to be able to continue is a Treasurer. We would like to find someone who has the financial skills, the time and interest to take on this role. If you would like to find out more, please drop me a short email on doregardenclub@google.com and I will be in touch.

The Garden Club takes a break in August and will be back in September for the first in our series of autumn meetings.

Autumn Events

Wednesday 17 September: Small Bulbs & Snowdrops throughout the Year – Michael Myers

At this time of year, thoughts are turning to planting bulbs for spring colour. A self-confessed “plantaholic”, Michael Myers is particularly interested in snowdrops, hepaticas, hellebores, hardy orchids, dwarf bulbs and alpiners.’

Whilst you may not be surprised how many varieties of snowdrops there are (and how many Mike has collected himself) you might be surprised by the length of the snowdrop flowering season.

Mike ran a landscaping business for many years as well as lecturing to garden clubs and organising courses for Harlow Carr before he started teaching at Craven college in North Yorkshire in 2001.

He is also an advisor for the RHS flower shows and a consultant for City and Guild.

Wednesday 15 October: People, Plants & Passion – Don Witton

Don Witton is a perennial favourite of the Garden Club. His talk will be a little different and contains amusing people stories and fabulous plant images classified into interesting themes. Pleasure and passion, being abstract nouns cannot be illustrated as such, but permeate the whole talk. A local man, Don is a retired schoolteacher with a passion for hardy herbaceous perennial plants in general and Euphorbias in particular. He has been a keen gardener for over 40 years and is actively involved in four national garden charities - the Hardy Plant Society, Royal Horticultural Society, Plant Heritage and the National Gardens Scheme. Don has a cheerful and engaging delivery style which is always well received.

Wednesday 19 November: Mount Grace Priory – Chris Beardshaw's Arts & Crafts Style Garden – Dr Michael Klemperer, Senior Gardens Advisor, English Heritage

We are pleased to welcome back Michael for our final talk of the year. Anyone who travels towards the northeast on the A19 may well have seen Mount Grace, just off the south-bound carriageway. I decided to take a break from my journey and visit the gardens this Spring. English Heritage and National Trust cards are both valid there, but you have to pay for parking. I wish I'd known what we are going to hear from Michael before I went! It is a fascinating place, whose gardens have been given a makeover by top garden designer, Chris Beardshaw.

Michael will be talking about Monks, the Carthusian Order (who are hermit monks), how Mount Grace came into being, gardening, later developments with a C.17th moated garden, the Bell Family

and Arts and Crafts. Finally he will cover the reconstruction of both the Monks Cell Garden and the broader Arts and Crafts landscape.

Michael is a horticulturalist, archaeologist and landscape historian. His study and practice have involved the restoration and care of a number of historic garden landscapes from the 14th - 19th centuries. He has worked on landscape restoration at Cusworth Hall, Wentworth Castle, Brodsworth Hall, Stokesay Castle, Kenilworth Castle and Mount Grace Priory (monk's cell) amongst others.

Our short AGM will precede the guest speaker.



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From our Local Councillors

The issue that has been taking up most of our time in recent weeks both in the council and with casework has been the Local Plan. Before Christmas there was a direct demand from Government to re-draw the green belt in our Local Plan in Sheffield to allow for more house building. Unfortunately, the proposed new Local Plan for Sheffield includes significant green belt release and therefore disincentivises developers from remediating brownfield land, leaving areas that are in desperate need of re-development abandoned for much longer. The proposed green belt release includes a site around Cross Lane in Dore, which acts as a buffer between Dore Village and the Peak District national park. We voted against release of the greenbelt in the spring, however there was an overall majority in the council and it was therefore approved. At the time of writing, the Local Plan public consultation has ended and public comments will now be considered by the Planning Inspectorate. In the autumn, individuals will be selected to deliver their comments in person at public hearings before a final decision is made about which green belt sites will be allocated for development. We will keep residents updated about this issue as final decisions are made over the coming months.

Recently, Rebecca and Joe attended the launch of the thermal imaging camera at Totley Library. We bought this camera from the Local Area Committee funding pot, where we have more say about how we allocate funds locally. The library is kindly hosting the camera for us and it can be hired by local residents to identify where heat is being lost in the home. Hiring the camera is completely free, and you

can even get free advice from a charity called Green Doctor, who will come to your property to advise on the most appropriate and cost-effective methods to reduce heat loss. The thermal imaging cameras will work the vast majority of the year, as long as there is a heat differential between outside and inside the home, so do pop to the library to put your name on the waiting list. There will also shortly be a camera to hire from Ecclesall library, and we hope to buy more cameras if they are as popular as we expect them to be. Dore residents may be aware that a new 20mph zone has been approved for Bradway, the latest in a long slow rollout process. We have been supporting a zone in Dore village for many years and we understand it is 'on the list' but there are still no indications of progress. The proposed Bradway scheme originally proposed to omit the lower, busy end of Queen Victoria Road, but we understand this is now included after pressure from councillors and the public.

Also, just a quick reminder that ward pot and LAC funding is open for grant applications from constituted local groups. 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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From our Member of Parliament

Thank you for taking the time to read this update on my recent work in Parliament and across our constituency. Alongside my work on the Environmental Audit Committee, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration, my office handles over 1,000 casework and policy emails each month. These contacts reflect the broad and pressing concerns of constituents, and I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who reaches out. Your voices shape much of the work I do.

I'm pleased to share that, after sustained campaigning, the Government has announced that parents who experience a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy will now be entitled to bereavement leave. This is a compassionate and necessary step, and one that recognises the profound loss of miscarriage, regardless of when it occurs. I want to thank everyone who shared their stories and helped drive this important change. It's a clear example of how determined campaigning can lead to meaningful policy that supports people in their most difficult moments.

In Parliament, I recently voted against the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill at both its second and third readings. This Government has inherited a broken welfare system, and I recognise the need for reform. But reform must not come at the expense of dignity or security for disabled people. Until the Timms Review is complete and we have the evidence needed to make informed decisions, we should not be pushing through legislation that risks deepening poverty for some of the most vulnerable in our society. I have received large amounts of correspondence from disabled constituents highlighting the impact this Bill will have on them, and I spoke in Parliament with this in mind.

I also spoke in a debate on banning driven grouse shooting. This is not a harmless countryside tradition but a highly commercialised industry that damages our uplands and harms wildlife. To maintain artificially high populations of red grouse, landowners often engage in environmentally destructive practices such as burning heather moorland and draining peatlands. There is also widespread and illegal persecution of birds of prey, including protected species like hen harriers, golden eagles, buzzards, and peregrine falcons. This is unacceptable, and we must act to protect our ecosystems.

I had the pleasure of visiting the National Trust's Longshaw Estate as part of this year's BBC Springwatch. It was great to see



first-hand how the crew use their expertise to reveal insights into our wildlife.

Finally, I welcome the Government's announcement of £1.5 billion in funding for South Yorkshire's public transport. This investment will bring new electric buses, upgraded trams and tram stops, integrated ticketing, and the potential for tram network expansion in the future. These improvements will benefit communities across our region, including those using Dore and Totley station, and help lay the foundations for a cleaner, more connected transport system.

Thank you again for your continued engagement and support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch on olivia.blake.mp@parliament.uk



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Millers Dale, Chee Dale and the Monsal Trail

This walk follows the River Wye from the old Millers Dale railway station to Blackwell Mill at the end of the Monsal trail, and then back along the Monsal Trail to return to Millers Dale station.

The walk includes two sets of stepping stones and is only suitable when river levels are low. In addition, parts can be muddy after wet weather. There are also some short sections on the riverside path that require a bit of scrambling. Along the river you will walk under three viaducts some of which are used for abseiling.

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Time: 2 to 2.5 hours.

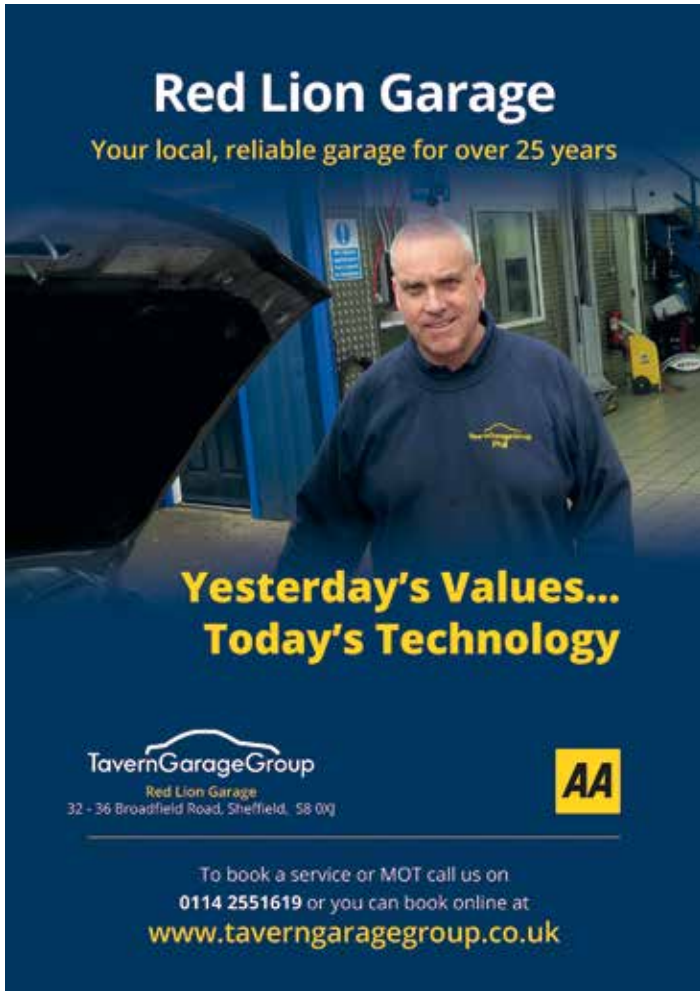
Refreshments and toilets at Millers Dale station and the Blackwell Mill Cycle Hire.

Car parking is at Millers Dale Station (grid ref SK 138 732).

From the south-east corner of the car park descend to the road and after about 100 yards take a path on the right and follow this along the river through a steep sided gorge for about 2.5 miles/4km until the dale widens out. Along the way you will pass beneath some towering limestone cliffs where you will need to use the stepping stones. These are wide and stable and should not present any difficulty.

Where the dale widens take a path to the left (grid ref SK 112 727) that leads across the river and up to Blackwell Mill Cycle Hire. From here continue uphill for a short distance until you get to the Monsal Trail. Turn left and follow this back to the car park. On this stretch there are magnificent views of limestone cliffs that are popular with climbers, several tunnels and disused lime kilns.





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Furniss Avenue – the before and after

Have you ever wondered what where you live used to look like? Let's take just one street within the central area of Dore to see how it has changed. Lying just outside the main core of Dore based around the church, Townhead Road and the High Street lies Furniss Avenue – a long road dropping down from Church Lane towards the main Abbeydale Road. Even Abbeydale Road has not always been as it seems!

For hundreds of years Dore was a sleepy, rather poor and remote area to the west of the hustle and bustle of the newly emerging industrial Sheffield. Indeed, very early maps only show a small collection of houses within surrounding farm fields in the rather incongruously named 'Township of Dore'. There was industry aside from farming in the shape of coal and ganister mines, lead mills and scythe manufacture.

We must wait until the late 1920s and early 1930s for 'our' street to start to emerge. Its construction paralleled the beginning of what was called 'the Garden City' movement. The aim was to create a semi-rural environment away from the centre of cities, and as the Sheffield Tribune described, plans for Furniss Avenue were for 'a more pleasant place to live'.

So here, courtesy of Picture Sheffield and Sheffield City Engineer's Department, is the start of Furniss Avenue, with King Egbert Road in the background. This aerial photograph was taken in 1935 looking down from the centre of Dore.



But the road had already had a formal opening on the 9th November 1929. The following extract appeared in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on Monday 11th November. Even though there were few houses, even by 1935 naming a road enabled deliveries of materials and helped the planning authorities monitor progress and compliance with planning regulations.

A new first-class road, which will provide a connecting link between the neighbourhood of Dore and the South of Sheffield was opened on Saturday by Miss B.M. Denton. The road has been named Furniss Avenue and runs through the Dore Estate. It is 50 feet wide and 900 yards long.

Mr J. H. Harrison, secretary of the Sheffield Land and Mortgage Corporation Ltd, explained that the estate, comprising 55 acres was purchased in 1921 by the Corporation. It is estimated that there will be room for 500 houses, and in the erection of these they would always try to preserve the amenities of the neighbourhood. The scheme also included a shopping area, and they were hoping that the Ministry of Health would grant them facilities in this direction. Although a first-class transport road, he said abnormal heavy traffic, which would damage the surface, would not be allowed on it.

Miss Denton was presented with the scissors she used to cut the ribbon after the ceremony.



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The lower aerial photograph, again from 1935, would seem to be a better view of where the ceremony, below, was taking place – probably adjacent to the triangle of land at the end of Drury Lane in the middle left, with Church Lane running from background to foreground, and the new Furniss Avenue from centre to right hand side. It looks a little different now!

Now back to the little girl in the extreme left of the photograph – Muriel Pattinson nee Greaves of Sycamore Farm, which is at the top of Drury Lane and Townhead Road. Because it was her birthday, in later years, she remembered being at the ceremony which she described as follows:

The opening was a Saturday – my birthday. They said, "Oh you must go down to see the opening of Furniss Avenue". So, I said, "Yes". Well, naturally I would because we knew the fields as 'Frith's Fields' and they ran parallel with our fields. In hay making time we'd be shouting from one field to the other. Friths there, us here – all enjoying ourselves but getting on with the work at the same time.



In the photograph were all the notables of Dore. I can't remember all their names now, but we all knew each other. There were the Hollingsworths of Townhead Road and their daughter Freda; the Blackwells who kept their horse in our stable. I used to play at the Blackwells' big house with their children. He owned the rolling mills at Oughtibridge. There was Rosemary who was my age, Irene, Jack and Neville.



There are some puzzles which readers might be able to resolve. Why was Miss Beatrice Margaret Denton cutting the ribbon? As far as we know she had no connection with Dore other than that her father, John Denton, was a mining engineer and in 1930 she was to marry Mr Frank Newton who was a Chartered Architect. Was there a family link to the road construction or the design and building of the first houses?

And then – why was Furniss Avenue so called? The easy answer is that it was named after Richard Furniss or Furness depending

on spelling, the first schoolmaster of Dore Old School, as we know it today. Richard is famous as 'The Poet of the Peak', amongst his many achievements so a most likely contender for the street name, until some years ago it was suggested that that was pure coincidence. As indeed it is! And it all hinges round sewers.

But first, thanks to the diligent research carried out by John Dunstan, we know that after the First World War building and construction work was slow to resume in Dore, possibly as a result of postwar economic problems. There was a hiatus in completing Devonshire Road, but on Dore Road and Bushey Wood Road, house building was steady throughout the 1920s and onwards. So now back to Furniss Avenue and the reasoning behind its naming. Meet Henry Sanderson Furniss, 1st Baron Sanderson of Hunmanby, (1868 -1939)

Henry was the son of Thomas Sanderson Furniss who owned property and land in Dore. Thomas Sanderson Furniss initiated the development of the new roads of Dore starting with King Ecgbert Road. The first housing consent was given to W. Bagshaw in 1911 to build a house on the corner of Totley Brook Road. This started the flurry of building delayed by the want of a sewage system to keep surface and household waste water separated. But what of Henry? Born blind, he nevertheless had an illustrious personal career becoming Principal of Ruskin College, Oxford. He lived and worked in Oxford so presumably had little interest in retaining land in Dore. In 1921 Thomas bequeathed his Dore property portfolio, which at one time had included Church Lane Farm and Gilleyfield Farm, to Henry. Henry then sold it to the Sheffield Land & Mortgage Corporation who promptly obtained permission for their 'new road off King Ecgbert Road'. Planning consent for Furniss Avenue followed only on 6th November 1929.

And to complete the story for now, we have the memories of someone who has lived in their house on Furniss Avenue since it was a new build in 1934. Judith Hubbard remembers:

that there were a number of older houses scattered up Furniss Avenue when I was a child, with gaps between. The housing put up before and after the Second World War was built by Henry Elliot, a Totley builder. He and his daughter had a house slightly up from us on the opposite side of the road. All our metal drain covers have his name on them, and all the house bricks came from the Twentywell Quarry Brick Works (Bradway) stamped with 20Well on each one.

Judith has correspondence relating to her father's house purchase. Ernest Elliott, father of Henry Elliott, suggested that the house could be ready by April 1934. All the semi-detached houses, of which Judith's is one, from 2 to 12 are different in design. When the Hubbard family moved in to their brand-new house in July 1934 it had cost just over £500 which in today's money is over £500,000!

**Dorne Coggins, John Dunstan
with information from Judith Hubbard**



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Caroline Davies, Vice Chair

I left the family home in Mirfield just before my 18th birthday to start my Registered General Nursing training in Halifax, and what a wonderful three years that was!

Once qualified, I moved to Sheffield, working as a Staff Nurse on the regional head injury unit at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. I stayed there until the end of 1995, when a work placement for my husband forced us down to London. I took on a Research Nurse role in a Migraine clinic in Charterhouse Square and we enjoyed the London life before heading back to Sheffield in late 1997.

On my return I continued my career in Clinical Research and joined Innovex as a trainee Clinical Research Associate (CRA). Then in 2001 I joined Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals and had 18 successful years there before being made redundant in 2018. During that time we became proud parents to two beautiful daughters, who are now 17 and 19.

A short stint as CRA manager at Medtronic followed, before joining Worldwide Clinical Trials where I currently manage a large team of CRA's. I remarried in 2019, and recently moved home again, taking on a full house renovation which will keep us busy for a few years to come!

Having lived in Dore for over 24 years, I feel fortunate to be able to contribute to creating the wonderful community feel that we have. In addition to my role as Vice Chair, I am also responsible for the upkeep of the village noticeboards and organising both the Lantern Parade and the Party on the Green. I have also overseen organising the tea tent at the Dore Gala for the last two years. It's great to be involved in events which bring the whole community together and gives me the opportunity to continue to champion the DVS and all the wonderful things we do to support our community.



Andy Challis, our new Secretary

I have lived in Sheffield all my life, growing up in Broomhill, before living in Crookes, Crosspool and moving to Dore with my wife Martha in 2016.

I started my career in hospitality, including a stint running the bar and restaurant at the much-missed Hanrahans on Glossop Road. While I was working there I got my degree in Philosophy through the Open University which was intense but very rewarding. I've kept learning alongside my career since then too, gaining additional post-graduate qualifications in international development and management.

I left hospitality to move into education and training in 2005, working for a series of training providers and government bodies in this area. Over this period, I did a lot of work overseas, with projects across the Middle East, North Africa and the Far East. This travelling really opened my eyes to the ways that education can make a difference to people from vastly different backgrounds to mine and resulted in my current job with City & Guilds, the vocational education exam board and charity.

I continue to be very passionate about education and supporting people to find their own ways through the system, learning the skills they need to support themselves wherever they have come from.

Our twins were born prematurely in Jessops in 2020, just as Covid lockdowns started. The sense of community in Dore was hugely appreciated by us all as we navigated that incredibly hard time. We have been made very welcome in the village since moving here – by our direct neighbours, the people who work in local businesses and the wider community. I love the village and its setting, I feel incredibly lucky to live here and appreciate its unique placement between the city and the Peak District, able to have the best of both worlds on the doorstep.

I have joined the DVS as a way of giving something back – I am looking forward to playing my part in ensuring Dore remains a great place to live for all of its residents in the future. I'll be taking on the role of secretary for the committee in the near future, and I am looking forward to meeting many of you in due course.

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Chairman's Message

Preparations for this year's Dore Show on Saturday 6th September are complete and we are looking forward to seeing you at the event.

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

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

We are pleased to welcome a newcomer to the events in the Old School yard; Dronfield Brass Band, winners of numerous awards for their performances, as well as the usual mix of stalls. This will include presentation of prizes and certificates to the winners of the More in Dore "Fresh

From Dore" recipe competition for pupils of Dore Primary School.

At the DVS stand you can join the DVS or renew your membership.

There will be a presentation of trophies at 2:45 in the Old School, please check your exhibits to see if you are a trophy winner and come along to collect your prize. And, of course, there will be refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall, the raffle with lots of wonderful prizes, and the unmissable auction with our inimitable resident auctioneer, David Hayes. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm and the results will be displayed on a white board outside the Old School with information on where you can collect your prize.

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

Keith Shaw
Chairman, Dore Show committee

Dore Show Timetable

8.45am	Registration of entries commences: Old School & Methodist Hall
10.30am	Registration of entries closes
1.45pm	Show opens
2pm	Dronfield Brass Band
2.45pm	Presentation of prizes in the Old School Hall
3.15pm	Dronfield Brass Band
4pm	Raffle drawn
4.15pm	Auction of produce in the Old School yard
4.45pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Methodist Hall
5pm	Exhibits to be collected from the Old School Hall
5pm - 5.45pm	All prize money collected from the Old School Hall
5.45pm	Dore Show 2025 closes

How to Enter

Bring your entries to the Dore Old School or the Methodist Church Hall between 8.45am and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.

Classes 1 - 46 at the Old School.

Classes 47 - 60 at the Methodist Church Hall.

Entry forms can be obtained:

- on the day
- in advance at The Village Greens' shop in the village
- or from the DVS website:

www.dorevillage.co.uk/doreshow

Show Rules 2025

1. Except where otherwise stated entries are open to all, providing entrants abide by these rules.
2. The Show Committee and its agents will not be liable for any loss or damage to any exhibit or other property brought into the show by an exhibitor.
3. The Show Committee will not be

liable for any loss or injury sustained by any entrant or visitor.

4. All exhibits must be registered in the show area between 8.45 and 10.30am on the morning of the Show.
5. There is an entry charge of 50p per exhibit including all Junior Classes.
6. Exhibitors may make up to two entries per class.
7. No judges may make any entries in any section which they are judging.
8. No entry should have previously won a prize in an earlier Dore Show.
9. The Show committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit and in the event of such a refusal will not be required to give a reason or explanation.
10. Plates and vases will be available if required for the staging of exhibits.
11. Cakes and other baked goods should be entered on disposable plates and covered in cling film.

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

Homegrown Vegetable and Fruit Section

1. 6 pods of runner beans
2. The longest runner bean
3. 3 onions - each 200g or less
4. 1 vegetable marrow
5. 4 potatoes - one variety
6. 4 beetroot
7. 1 cucumber
8. 5 tomatoes - one variety (not cherry tomatoes)
9. 8 cherry tomatoes
10. Plate of mixed fruit and/or veg, max 12"/30cm
11. 4 dessert apples
12. 4 cooking apples
13. A plate of soft fruit, 1 variety
14. A pumpkin or squash
15. 3 courgettes

Homegrown Flower Section

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

Domestic Section (Homemade)

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

Wine Section

38. A bottle of homemade wine
39. A bottle of homebrewed beer

Junior Section

40. Original Lego construction –solid base maximum 32 x 32cm - include a title for the model
41. A Fruit and/or vegetable animal
42. Decorated plant pot, no bigger than 4"/10cm
43. A picture A4 size - any medium
44. A decorated hardboiled egg
45. 4 homemade Chocolate Krispies
46. 4 home made decorated cupcakes

Textile and Hand Craft Section

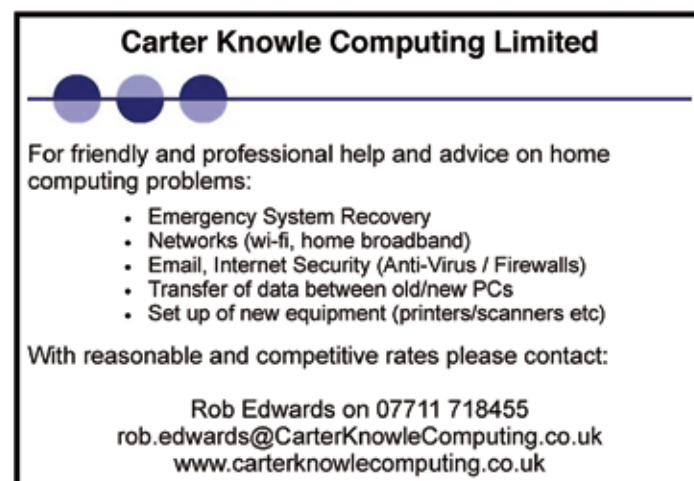
47. An item of fabric clothing
48. A handmade knitted item
49. Any greetings card
50. A Quilted item
51. A crocheted item
52. A tapestry or embroidered or cross stitched item using a kit or chart

Visual Arts Section

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

Photography Section

57. A black and white photograph
58. A colour photograph - 'Animals'
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The Threat to Our Green Belt

A year ago at the General Election both the Tories and Labour promised to complete at least 1.5m new homes during the current Parliament. This would require on average at least 300,000 new homes being built each year; and yet only twice in the last 15 years has the nation come even close to constructing 250,000 homes in a year (2019 and 2020), and in other years the figures were significantly worse. It is one of the reasons why the UK has on average the oldest housing stock in Europe.

The reason most often cited for poor house-building performance is the restrictive nature of our planning rules: it's often said that it is all too easy for Nimbys to defeat or slow the pace of getting planning approval. This has two effects:

- It becomes easy to overlook other genuine reasons why houses are not built fast enough, such as a chronic shortage of skilled house-building craftsmen, a shortage of experienced planners in cash-strapped local planning authorities undermining their ability to deal with planning applications promptly, and deliberate land-banking and delay by developers with permissions already given.
- It is all too easy to assume that all the effort to improve house-building performance needs to be concentrated on freeing up the planning rules.

Hence the early decisions of the new Labour Government that the National Planning Policy Framework needs to be updated and particularly to water down its Green Belt restrictions. Suddenly a new term is created – *Grey Belt land* – to identify certain land within an existing Green Belt which makes only a limited contribution to the Green Belt's defined purposes; for example, it might have been previously developed or is currently dominated by predominantly urban uses, or is of very poor ecological value. *Grey Belt* could easily describe the old Norton Aerodrome site which our Council had already and quite rightly earmarked for de-classification from Green Belt status; but never in anyone's wildest imagination could the *Grey Belt* term be applied to Green Belt site SWS19 (off Cross Lane) in Dore.

The Dore Neighbourhood Forum and the Dore Village Society had applauded the City Council for last year submitting a draft new Local Plan which strained its sinews to confine building new homes within the brownfield areas of the city plus in the one Green Belt exception, the Norton Aerodrome site. This then constituted a far-sighted sustainable plan for building new homes centrally nearer to public services and jobs, minimising traffic struggling in from the burgeoning suburbs in ever greater numbers. What did the Council gain from its worthy efforts – a ticking off by national Inspectors to the effect that it had failed to provide enough new homes over the next Plan period and needed to find places for 3,539 additional homes on top of those in its draft Plan, and, by its own admission, the Council had accepted that no more homes could be provided unless the Green Belt provided them.

Hence it became clear in March this year that the Council was putting together a portfolio of Green Belt sites across the City to provide the additional 3,539 homes. It made its choices without any direct consultation with the communities concerned, not even with the Dore Neighbourhood Forum, one of only two community planning bodies to have already produced a Neighbourhood Plan. It also limited its candidate sites to ones where the Council had already had expressions of interest from owners/developers. This is a reminder that development planning is largely focussed on initiatives taken by owners and developers – in this case arising from past Calls for Sites made by the Council. This by definition means that the sites chosen for inclusion in the parcel to be sent to the Inspectors are not necessarily the best and least harmful sites to choose, but instead the 'best' pick out of sites where there is already proven developer interest. The choice of Green Belt sites to release was made at a Council meeting on 14 May backed by a Labour/Green majority (which itself frayed where councillors' own patches were affected).

Everyone faced with living with a new housing site will protest about the loss of local green spaces and valued views. I shared the public gallery at the Council meeting with community representatives where several hundred houses were to be built and protests were made about the 'special treatment' adopted for the 'privileged' south-west (for which read Dore which is expected to accommodate only 82 homes on Green Belt site SWS19).

Against this background what did we quickly do over this Spring:

- We followed up a swift leafleting initiative by our 3 local councillors to make Dore residents aware of their opportunity to formally comment on the proposal to declassify our Green Belt site by ourselves circulating a leaflet from the DVS (kindly delivered by Dore Scouts with their Gala programme) which summarised the key points which residents could make if they so chose.
- We attended a Council public explanatory event at Bents Green about the opportunities to register views on the Green Belt releases before 11 July.
- We supported individuals who sought DVS views on how to object effectively
- Formally as the Dore representative bodies, the DVS Committee and Dore Neighbourhood Forum, both submitted substantial and fully reasoned objections in the first few days of July. I wrote the DVS objection and David Crosby the Neighbourhood Forum objection. We were both able to take full account of the evidence amassed in the DVS's recently published Green Infrastructure Appraisal of Dore's Green Belt as well as in our Dore Neighbourhood Plan.

It is important to understand that all representations made by communities and individuals by the due date will be passed to the national Inspectors together with the Council's proposed amendments to their previously submitted draft Local Plan, including, of course, their proposed list of Green Belt releases for future housing. It will be for the Inspectors to determine whether all the proposed releases make good planning sense and they have both the power to reject specific sites and the capacity to do so in that the Council has proposed releasing sites to achieve about 10% more homes than the Inspectors asked for. Which brings us back to the question of 'special treatment'. Yes, special treatment, but not for the people of Dore – we have no higher personal claim than the people of Handsworth or elsewhere – but instead for the immensely precious and unique Green Belt land squeezed between the edge of developed Dore and the nearby wild moors of a National Park.

The uncomfortable truth for a Council which included site SWS19 in this sacrificial offering to the Government Inspectors is that the land here is particularly valued and calls for 'special treatment' because:

- It is within an Eastern Moors landscape type – *Enclosed Gritstone Uplands* - which occurs within the National Park and flows over the boundary and across our Green Belt.
- It lies within the natural setting of the UK's first National Park where Ethel Haythornthwaite fought to establish where the city ended and the countryside began.
- If developed as intensively as intended it will detract from the experience of visitors leaving the developed city at Whirlow Bridge to climb upwards through protected Green Belt towards the closely beckoning moorland edges.
- The site sits astride, and will therefore damage, a significant wildlife corridor running between ancient Ecclesall Woods and the National Park.
- Building houses on this site would create a illogical and less defensible Green Belt boundary with a housing wedge thrust out from the current defensible boundary with Green Belt on three sides.
- The land is of a high natural value (ecologically and in natural capital terms) for the carbon sequestered in it, its role in holding water and avoiding downstream flooding, its contribution to local climate regulation. This is the kind of

land which the South Yorkshire Mayor should be protecting in the Nature Recovery Plan for the county he is charged with preparing.

- The release of this land for housing would be counter to the Peak Park's land management advice for *Enclosed Gritstone Uplands*; also to the obligations on the LPA under the NPPF ; also to the Council's draft Local Plan Policy BG1 on Blue and Green Infrastructure; also to Sheffield's draft Local Plan Policy GS3 on Landscape Character?

I suspect one of the problems for the Inspectors and for the Council is that the latter's draft Local Plan is straining to get as many houses out of major regeneration projects in inner city areas, like Neepsend, as possible. Unfortunately these major complex projects will involve land assembly challenges, some compulsory purchase where necessary, contamination clearance and significant planning and building challenges. Indeed Sheffield is asking for and probably getting Homes England support for this task. Nonetheless, Sheffield's housing growth is probably significantly back-ended over the Plan period when Government wants to demonstrate early gains in this Parliament. No wonder Inspectors – ultimately responsible to Angela Raynor – are pushing Sheffield for some early 'wins'. What better for them that some Green Belt sites can fall in their laps for relatively easy early development!

Christopher Pennell



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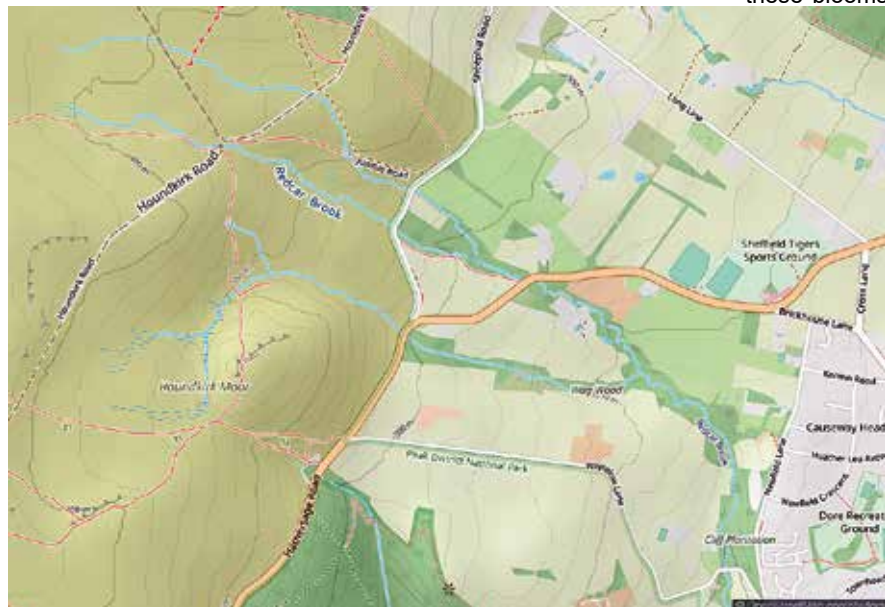
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Fly Tipping at Redcar Brook

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at the edge of Peak District National Park. Cannabis growers and unlicensed waste carriers had been dumping debris into Redcar Brook where it crosses below Sheephill Road.

Volunteers from the group began work on the site in late February, clearing around 60 bags of cannabis paraphernalia and other household waste. They reported that the decomposing smell was pungent and seemed to permeate their clothes, even lingering in their cars for a while (that could have been difficult to explain if stopped by the police).

When they returned to continue clearing it away a couple of days later they were incensed to find even more waste had been deposited over the wall at the site. It soon emerged that such rubbish had been dumped at this location over several years and a huge quantity of waste had washed downstream nearly 400 yards, including heat lamps, fertiliser containers, cannabis compost and roots in bags, cannabis plants in cardboard boxes and plastic waste. This was obviously too big a problem for them to deal with on their own and so they got in touch with Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust (SPRT), local councillors and Dore Village Society, among others, for some help.

One of the worries was that chemicals in the fly-tipped compost could get into the watercourses, particularly as Redcar Brook flows



Photo: Andy Buck, The Sheaf and Porter Rivers Trust

into Old Hay Brook and then the River Sheaf, and finally the Don. That could have endangered fish, amphibians and invertebrates, and other river inhabitants as well as water-based plants that live in these rivers. In particular, the fertilisers contain nitrates and phosphates which stimulate excessive growth of algae and other aquatic plants, forming harmful algal blooms. The subsequent decomposition of these blooms by bacteria consumes dissolved oxygen, leading to the suffocation of aquatic life. The rapid growth of algae can also form dense mats on the water surface, blocking sunlight from reaching other aquatic plants below. The consequence is disruption of the natural balance of aquatic ecosystems and of biodiversity.

An early step in dealing with this problem was the erection by the Council of a 1.8 metre high fence on Sheephill Road above the brook to deter future fly tipping over the wall into the stream below. In the meantime a team of over 50 people was assembled to clear the brook. This included Sheaf River Rangers and volunteers recruited by SPRT, Sheffield Litter Pickers, Sheffield University Conservation Volunteers and local residents, safely supervised by staff from the River Stewardship Company. They began work one glorious May morning and by early afternoon they had collected 650 sacks of waste, three dustbins, 30 planks and sheets of wood, one washing machine drum, three gas canisters, a shopping trolley, three cuddly toys and a kitchen sink, in total weighing about 4.7 tonnes, which was taken away later for disposal by the council.

An amazing effort, thanks and well done to everyone involved. Let's hope the fence deters further fly tipping.

Keith Shaw

with contributions from Martin Stranex and Julie Gay



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2025 – The Age of the Plane!

Users of the station today must have noticed the numbers of fellow travellers dragging large items of luggage behind them. Since Covid we aren't seeing as many commuters to Manchester, but those missing numbers are increasingly being made up by leisure users.

Of course, the majority are going towards the Hope Valley and Manchester for walking, concerts or sporting events. However, I recently overheard a comment that our station was now their preference for Manchester Airport – their Sheffield International!

Parking, drop off, pick up

In 2019 we surveyed commuters, finding most lived locally but some had come from a much wider area. Anecdotal surveys today confirm that a big majority of station users still come from, or are visiting, the S17, S11 and S8 area. However, residents from as far as Fulwood, Crosspool, Gleadless, Halfway, Chesterfield, Matlock, Baslow and even Nottingham have been encountered. Why? Parking is obviously part of it, free here but possibly £20 or more a day in Sheffield. Easier to get to here as well. Traffic in central Sheffield means the station drop off area gets very congested and it's further from car to train than here at D&T.

Since Covid drop offs and pickups have increased and use of apps to summon Uber or Veezu taxis has grown massively – not least because they normally come quite quickly. YMCA's 2019 parking feasibility study under-allowed for those being dropped off and picked up. For Manchester journeys seven minutes on the train can be saved by travelling from Dore. That's before the time taken to get into the city and park.

When leisure users park their cars the number of rail passengers is usually greater than one. Most cars parked by commuters are driver only. These factors will flavour any new study for extra parking provision for which, as yet, there's no money or easily usable space.

Summer is here and it's very dry

The car park is only ten years old, but the trees and shrubs had grown very well, particularly alongside the platform. Unfortunately, the recent work couldn't have been done without removing all of them. The project team were supposed to provide replacement planting in October/November. We'd hoped there'd be sufficient soil to grow such plants but there's very little over the compacted rubble left behind. Why the environment restoration contractors started planting in the driest May is anyone's guess. Station volunteers are doing what we can to water what has been provided. Over time we'll be adding more, a major consideration being that once established minimal watering will be needed. Ten years from now it will have mellowed considerably from what we see today.

Construction work

There remain a few minor issues to be resolved, like extra soil is still required behind the kerbs at the entrance. However, the station is now complete and fully operational. The railway triangle site has been cleared but new planting is struggling to survive. Enough will grow to turn it all green in ten years time. A few oaks may survive, but for 100 years?

Restoration work below West View Lane seemed to be dragging on and on but may also be complete, subject to that need for rain.

Walks – the Steel Cotton Rail Trail

The High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership's Steel Cotton Rail Trail from Sheffield to Manchester Piccadilly has been way marked from Dore to Edale and from Chinley to New Mills. Try the section from here to Grindleford or the more gentle sections from there to Hathersage, Bamford or Hope. Search for the four words in the trail title and download the leaflets describing each section. Take a train to and from the stations to start and finish.

We'd like to encourage more walkers to come here, the little station in the woods, Ladies Spring, Ecclesall and Poynton Woods - what a fantastic setting.

Sunday services

The only Sunday morning Northern stopping trains to Manchester and the Hope Valley now run from Dore at 9.21 and 11.23. East Midlands run a six-carriage train to Manchester and Liverpool that stops here at 10.48 (but not in August). It's usually very well filled.

We aren't happy about any of that, but it may not change before December, if then.

HELP!

Our committee and volunteers are getting older. We need younger blood, new ideas, occasional practical help, like repairing the two benches that got battered during the recent improvement work.

Could you help to relaunch our website? Our current webmaster did a superb job but created a far too complicated site that we can no longer update on systems that are themselves now outdated.

If you're a Facebook user, you can find and join us by searching for FoDaTS. It's an active group with 1000 members and is updated frequently with topical information and comments.

Alternatively look for our website at www.fodats.net. We hold bi-monthly committee meetings at Totley Library and are always happy to hear new ideas. Ask for details and maybe come along, usually the last Tuesday in the odd months. Our open AGM will be on Wednesday 8 October, 7.00 for 7.30.

If you're not on Facebook and would like more information please send an email to our Secretary, njbarnes@outlook.com or to myself; chrismorgan4@btinternet.com.

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In a radical departure from the recent establishments I have reviewed and at the suggestion of my editor, this article is a review of the café at the Dore Moor Garden Centre – known as The Cosy Tea Room. I will admit, it takes a lot to get me to a garden centre, never mind the neighbouring café, but variety is the spice of life, and I was willing to give it a go.

As my nineteen-year-old son and I entered, the average age immediately plunged! Looking round, the café was pretty full inside, mostly with ladies of a certain age in groups, enjoying a mid-week lunch. A couple of outside tables (under cover) were also occupied, but due to a persistent drizzle the uncovered tables weren't in service. The décor was a totally in keeping with the whole 'cosy-café' vibe and the serving ladies were friendly and efficient.

The laminated menus gave us a wide range of options from breakfasts, various egg dishes (including eggs benedict and eggs royal) to sandwiches with a choice of 20 fillings, jacket potatoes (with seven), nine salads, soup, and home-made sausage rolls and quiches.

My son ordered scrambled eggs on toast with smoked salmon (£11.50) and a cappuccino, and I went for a ploughman's (£10). We were immediately warned that there may be a wait as the café was busy, but the drinks were brought promptly and the wait was actually nothing that I would have complained about.

The scrambled egg was pretty good, if ever so slightly over-cooked for my taste, but exactly as my son likes, and the salmon was tasty and there was plenty of it. Unfortunately, my literary skills don't extend to a greater explanation – it was scrambled egg and smoked salmon on toast! Perfectly adequate but not inspiring me to Shakespearean eloquence.

My ploughman's came on a platter that was loaded with so many different elements I had to spend some time counting them. There was a mixed salad with cucumber, radish, peppers, celery and lettuce; coleslaw; beetroot; pickled onions; four different cheeses (Wensleydale with cranberries, red Leicester, Cheshire and Stilton); Branston (I assume); potato salad and pasta salad with a slice of bread and butter! Now, if I had read the menu more

carefully I would have noticed that there was no meat listed on the ploughman's, so when it arrived I asked for the addition of a home-made sausage roll (£3.25). There was very little to fault this meal, except if I was being hyper-critical, the size of it!! The elements in the salad were fresh and crisp, and the (I believe) home-made pasta salad was very tasty. The sausage roll was very good, with a significant meat to pastry ratio, well-seasoned filling and a crispy flaky crust.

Although I was brought up to not leave food on the plate, there is no way I could have finished this meal. I probably shouldn't have ordered the sausage roll, but there you go! So, when the waitress offered us cake it was with regret that I had to decline. The homemade cakes did look particularly good though and I am sure I will leave room for one if I return.

Overall, the Cosy Tearoom does exactly what it says on the tin. Decent, simple food like one would expect in this sort of establishment with friendly staff and a homely feel. At £34.50 for the lunch we had, it felt like it was a bit pricey, but I will leave that to your judgement as I have limited experience to draw on to reach that conclusion.

Hendo Nagasaki

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Rooted in Nature: Simple Steps to Better Wellbeing



Getting outdoors is one of the easiest and most effective ways to support your wellbeing. Whether it's the rustle of leaves, a glimpse of a robin, or the feel of the breeze on your face, time in nature can calm the mind, lift the mood and ease stress.

In Sheffield and Rotherham, more people are reconnecting with nature through green social prescribing. This growing movement sees GPs, health workers and community groups encouraging nature-based experiences to support people's wellbeing. Whether it's for loneliness, low mood, anxiety or long-term health conditions, time outdoors is making a difference. From walks and gardening to conservation or simply sitting in green space, people are feeling more connected – to nature and to each other.

At Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust, we've been championing the wellbeing benefits of nature for years. Our long-running project *Wild at Heart* brings people together through creative, seasonal activities outdoors. We've seen time and time again how a short walk, a bit of planting or a shared cuppa in the garden can make a real difference.

The wild at heart approach

Wild at Heart has been running for over a decade, working with people across Sheffield and Rotherham. From springtime walks to nature-inspired crafts, the sessions offer gentle, meaningful ways to spend time outdoors and meet others.

Jenny King, Senior Project Officer for *Wild at Heart*, explains:

"People come along for a cuppa and a catch-up, and we ease into nature together. It could be a stroll in the park, making art with leaves or cooking something seasonal. The routine is simple, but the impact is real."

Last year *Wild at Heart* engaged nearly 1,400 people in community parks and gardens across the region. One local community worker described it as a "lifeline" for isolated residents, giving them confidence, friendship and a renewed sense of purpose.

The Research

Research led by Professor Andrea Machelli found that spaces rich in plants and wildlife have a stronger positive effect on mental wellbeing than less diverse areas. People tend to be more active and social in these places, which supports better mental health.

A national report from The Wildlife Trusts in 2023 suggested that projects like *Wild at Heart* could save the NHS around £100 million annually if delivered at scale, by supporting people with mild to moderate mental health needs in more natural ways.

Nature Is For Everyone

You don't need fancy kit or faraway forests to benefit from nature. A local park, community garden or patch of woodland can be

more than enough. What matters is making time to notice it. And the more we value nature as part of our health and wellbeing, the more likely it is that funding and support will continue to grow.

Four Easy Ways To Reconnect With Nature

Paul Hodges, the Trust's Fundraising and Corporate Relations Officer, shares four gentle ways to make your time outdoors more meaningful:

1. Learn a couple of things

Pick two or three natural things to focus on – maybe a birdsong, wildflower or tree. You don't need to know everything. Spotting something familiar like a dog rose or chiffchaff brings a real sense of joy.

2. Use all your senses

Try noticing the texture of moss, the scent of grass or the sound of birdsong. It helps you tune in and feel more grounded. Nature isn't just something to look at – it's something to feel, smell and hear too.

3. Stop!

If you suddenly realise you've walked a mile and barely looked up, pause and take stock. Look up into the trees, listen for movement. On a recent walk, I stopped and focused. I was rewarded with a tree creeper (right) which I wouldn't have spotted otherwise!

4. Use your phone (wisely)

Phones can be helpful when used with intention. Try apps like Merlin (birdsong ID) or Pl@ntNet (plant ID). They're great tools for deepening your curiosity. A little bit of tech can make your walk feel like a treasure hunt.



How You Can Help

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Community Information Hub

In the last edition reference was made to the establishment of a Community Information Hub with information available on a range of cost-of-living advice, details of Council services, help provided by AgeUKSheffield etc. We are delighted that with financial support from the South-West Local Area Committee of the City Council we have been able to implement this new initiative. As you will see from the picture, we now have a display board with posters and leaflets providing help on a range of issues.



We are also building up a library of other leaflets in addition to those on display, working towards being able to provide information on a wider range of services in the future. We are hoping to have an official "opening" of this initiative in the coming weeks. Look out for further details very shortly.

In the meantime, we invite anyone to drop into our hall on Wednesday Mornings between 10.30am and 1pm to browse our display and take leaflets that may be of interest to you. At the same time, we will be running our "Welcoming Space" so there will also be the opportunity to sit and chat to old friends or make new ones over a cup of coffee (or tea) and biscuits. Or you might like to have a game of dominoes or browse a selection of the day's newspapers. You can also stay for a light lunch, if you have time. All this is free – but we do welcome any financial donations!

We are lucky to have the use of a Transport17 minibus, and we have some empty seats on the bus which we are anxious to fill to enable folk to get out and socialise. If you, or you know of someone who would like to join us on a Wednesday morning, and needs transport, please phone Jackie on 0114 2351085 to discuss how we may be able to help. We do have to make a charge (currently £4 per trip) for transport.

Tuesday Ladies Group

What a wonderful response we had to our Coffee & Cake afternoon which we held on Sunday 6 July in conjunction with the Dore Village Well Dressing. Lots of delicious cakes, a really good response and we raised over £300 for our chosen charity of St. Luke's Hospice. Thank you for your support.

After our summer break, we resume our activities on September 9 with our annual general meeting.

On October 14 we will be entertained with an illustrated talk by Patrick McLaughlin. Entitled "Myths and legends of Britain", it sounds quite intriguing!

November 11 should be a must for anyone interested in garden wildlife. We shall be "Learning more about your Garden Birds" in an illustrated talk by John Kirkman. John is both very knowledgeable and amusing.

December 9 will be an afternoon of Christmas Celebrations led by "The Bus Pass Buskers" and accompanied by a festive buffet.

If any ladies would like to join us, we are a warm and welcoming group. Our meetings take place in our Church Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 2.30pm. All our meetings end with refreshments and chat.

Looking forward to meeting you.

"Made with Love"

In the last edition we also included a feature on our sewing and knitting group, which makes items for distribution to local charities, re-using and re-cycling textiles. An example of this is "Daphne's Dress" pictured below, before and after.



"Some years ago, we were invited to see the work of the Methodist Church in Kenya and attended their conference in Nairobi. Some of the places we visited included the Methodist hospital at Maua, and rural Ribe where the minister there showed us the graves of some of the first Christian missionaries. An unforgettable visit was to a Masai village in the jungle. The extreme poverty of many of the people was clear to see. My small contribution to help was to buy a tie-dye dress. I have worn it a few times at overseas events but for the majority of its life it has sat on a shelf in the wardrobe. So, I passed it onto 'Made with Love' to see if it could be of any use."

Harvest Celebrations

We will hold our Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 28 September and our service that day will be led by Rev David Willie. As usual our Harvest Gifts will be donated to the Grace Food Bank.

Volunteers needed

We have a marvellous team of volunteers who help at our Welcoming Space and we greatly appreciate all that they do. We are looking for others to join the team. The role includes:

- Helping to set up the venue before the session
- Welcoming and making members feel comfortable in the centre
- Joining in the activities with members
- Preparing and serving simple refreshments
- Helping to clear up at the end of the session.
- To work as a member of a team to help develop the Welcoming Space to meet the needs of those who attend.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information, please phone Jackie on (0114) 235 1085.



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Step into the Light - now a reality

The recent refurbishment and development at Christ Church is now complete and do you think it has achieved its aims and made a difference?



A service in Christ Church

The whole project was called "Step into the Light" for the following reasons:

- the previous version of the church building was quite dark and therefore not very inviting for newcomers.
- it was relatively inaccessible for those with any impairment of their mobility and there were trip hazards. Stepping around the building could prove difficult. It was not inclusive.
- light is very important to Christians and those of other faiths and none.
- the name reminds the church congregation that they should be out and about in the light of the village rather than sheltering inside a building or not engaging with people.



The Decalogue Plaque featured in the History Tour

The building is certainly very light inside the entrance, as well as the main part of the church. A particular feature which improves its beauty is the up-lighting of the Victorian and Edwardian stained-glass windows. Even in the middle of winter during the evenings these will shine out with their vibrant colours.

The project was not all about light and beauty, it was about making the church much more part of village life. It is open each day of the year in daylight hours and is a place where you are encouraged to go in and feel the difference of being in a healing, sacred space where generations before you have come to worship. The stunning new door, the cost of which was supported by a generous donation from Dore Village Society, is left partly open to signify that the church is open. The building should now be accessible to all, easy to move around and see everything, including the altar and the large East Window with all its incredible detail. There is a hope that people who may have never been into a church, or Christ Church will feel encouraged to come in. The project has been planned to ensure that those with disabilities and neurodiverse individuals will feel comfortable in this space. Children's needs are an important consideration and they are finding a welcoming safe place.

There have been some delays in bringing all the facilities up to speed whilst ensuring all health and safety issues are considered.



History Tour and Open Day

Members of the church are now able to invite local organisations in to hire the space for events and very soon hope to have a booking system similar to that of Christ Church Community Centre. There has already been a successful fundraising concert from Dore Male Voice Choir on May 10th. There has been an Open Day with history tours on 28th June where people could come and go, have a cuppa and cake, enjoy the company and find out about what is on offer by being a member of the church community.

Concerts, exhibitions, workshops and lessons are particularly suited to this space. There are plans to work in partnership with our local schools offering resources for lessons in history, religious education, art and natural history. The church has been working with Dore Archives Research Team of Dore Village Society to increase the understanding of the history of the church and its role in village life down the centuries. An art exhibition with a difference is coming in September.

The redevelopment has brought change, which can be difficult for some. The church in Dore has been constantly changing. The population of Dore has grown from a small village of mainly agricultural workers through the industrial revolution and advent of the railways to become much larger and more diverse. There will always be change but it is helpful to remember that you grow through change. Christ Church invites you to become part of this growth, and in that way the effort of this generation to preserve a nearly 200-year-old building will have been worth it. Will you come and take a look for yourself? You may have ideas about how you would like to see Christ Church used in future. Please get in touch with the Parish Office on 0114 236 3335 or email fabric@dorechurch.org.uk

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Brunsmeer AAFC Back in Play

I am very proud to have returned for my second stint as Chairman of Brunsmeer AAFC and I am delighted to be able to provide you with the following Club update. On and off the pitch Brunsmeer had an amazing 2024/2025 Season and the history books were changed.

Under the Management of Trevor Fox, our Brunsmeer Women's side were promoted to the fifth tier of the footballing pyramid. No other team has ever progressed so far.



Brunsmeer Athletic Women

In the Junior section, the Under 13's Boys Black managed by Shaun Bowler and Paul Spooner were undefeated in Division A and became both League and County Cup Champions, doing the treble for the first time by a Brunsmeer Team.

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12's Boys Red –	Division A Runners Up
13's Girls –	Promoted to Division C
14's Girls –	Division 3 Champions
15's Boys –	Cup Runners Up
16's Boys Red –	Cup Winners



The Under-13s team

Everyone is now enjoying Summer Tournaments and preparing for next season which will be our 58th year participating in the local leagues. I am proud that we will have 25 teams representing the club from Under 7's through to adults with further growth taking place in the girls' game.

Away from the football we have received some amazing external support in making some much needed ground improvements.

Car Park

We are ever mindful of our neighbours on the Meadway and how busy it can get on a weekend and therefore the car park was extended to allow for more cars on match days.

Away Changing Room

We were very fortunate to successfully receive the support of The Mears Foundation who kindly provided funds for a replacement container. This will allow our visitors to change as well as match officials who have their own room.

Toilet Block

The Mears Foundation also provided expertise and new sanitary ware in refreshing the toilet facilities which look fantastic.

Pitches

Upon successfully applying for a Pitch Maintenance grant we have now been able to put in place a six-year programme of works. The aim of this is to allow as many players as possible to enjoy our amazing facilities and minimise postponements.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer.

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The new concert season is under way commencing with the reopening of the Parish church, raising funds towards the church restoration fund. We sang to a full house and it was a most enjoyable evening. The refurbishing provides more open space and makes for a more comfortable experience and a return for our 3 Christmas concerts on the 11th, 12th and 13th December.

We then moved onto two concerts with Dronfield Rotary Club with Sindelfingen String Quartet. Sindelfingen is a town in Germany that Dronfield are twinned with. The first concert was in Bakewell where everyone was truly baked, the temperature being unbearable. The second was in the delightful Greenhill Methodist Church; both concerts to a full house and we raised a few bob for "Lost Chord" the dementia charity of which our President Lesley Garrett is a Patron. Our German friends emailed a write-up of the concerts in their local paper together with photographs, pity we couldn't understand it!

The Dore Festival concert is always a pleasant evening, this year with a return of King Ecgbert Jazz band - some very talented youngsters particularly the soloists.

So, what next?

- **August 24th 2pm:** 7 Hills Beer festival at The Sheffield Tigers RUFC, Hathersage Road, Sheffield S17 3AB
- **September 7th Afternoon:** Party on the Green (Dore Village)
- **October 4th 7pm:** Gala Concert with Tenby Male Voice Choir, All Saints Church, Ringinglow Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield S11 7PP.
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Ray Mellor
PRO and Vice Chairman



As I am sure you are aware we have enjoyed the hottest and driest spring on record. As a result, we have enjoyed virtually uninterrupted bowling this year although the heat waves dampen the enthusiasm of some members. Two internal competitions have been held, and our internal tournaments are in full swing.

At the start of June we hosted the annual Rosebowl trophy. This is a one-day competition between four local clubs (ourselves, Hallam Grange, Fulwood and Nether Edge) and this year was our turn to host it. We were fortunate with the weather and the event was very successful apart from the result, we came third. Our photo this time is our team looking smart in their club colours standing behind the rosebowl.

In my previous articles I have extolled the benefits of membership. I thought, however, that I ought to include other members' views. The following is from one of our newer members:-

"The APBC is held in an oasis of peaceful competitive endeavour. The green is surrounded by trees, has well maintained flower beds together with benches that have been carefully placed for spectator viewing, listening to the click of bowls and listening for the random applause for a winning shot."

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 except when we are holding internal tournaments or friendly matches with other local clubs.

So, if you are on the lookout for a something new, give Abbeydale Park Bowls Club a try, contact Mike Sills on 0114 235 6598.

A Glorious Gala

This year's gala was another great success, with an impressive number and variety of stalls manned by Scouts and volunteers, and benefiting from the glorious weather.

The bar was very much appreciated, serving excellent beer and a good range of other drinks, as were the gazebos for spectators, allowing them to sit in shade while enjoying the performances in the arena. This was a very welcome addition to the event and, as a bonus, will be available for future years in the event of hot weather or (we hope not) a rainy day.

Some old favourites were reintroduced such as the donkey rides, tin can alley and the brass band. The Scout catering stalls were extremely busy and went down well. New additions this year included a treasure trail, a ninja obstacle course, soft axe throwing, frisbee golf, a fire engine (which proved to be a star attraction for younger children) and Where's Gala Bear?

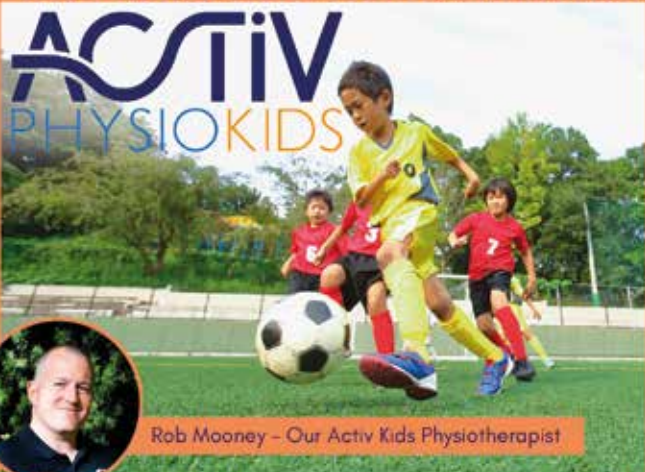

Congratulations and thanks to the team and everyone involved, it was a splendid day.

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Handling Difficult Trump Contracts

Trump contracts are usually easier to play than No Trumps because of the opportunity to ruff and prevent opponents taking tricks, and a general principal is to play trumps early to remove the chance of opponents ruffing. However, this is not always the case and, even when it is, the sequence and timing of trump play can be important. How would you play trumps in the following hands taken from an excellent book on Card Play by Victor Mollo and Nico Gardner?

(1)

West	East
♠ K 8 4	♠ A 7 3
♥ K J 10 7 4	♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ K 3	♦ Q J 8
♣ Q J 5	♣ K 7 3

Contract: 4♥ by west, north leads Q♠ What do you play after you win the first trick?

(2)

West	East
♠ J 7 4	♠ A K Q 8 2
♥ Q J 6 3	♥ A K 8 5
♦ 8 7 3	♦ A 5
♣ A 6 4	♣ 9 3

How many tricks can you make with spades as trumps and how many with hearts as trumps?

(3)

West	East
♠ K Q 5	♠ A J 6
♥ 10 8 6 4	♥ A Q 7 3
♦ 7 3	♦ K 6 4 2
♣ K 8 4 2	♣ 7 3

Contract: 2♥ by west, south leads Q♦ probably from QJ. North wins the ace and returns a trump. Assume normal distributions in the opposing suits.

(4)

West	East
♠ A K 8 4	♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ K Q 6 2	♥ A 8 4
♦ 5	♦ K Q J 10 7
♣ A 8 6 3	♣ 7

Contract: 4♠ by west, south leads 4♣

Hand 1

The danger is that your opponents can win four tricks: three aces and a spade. If you lead a trump opponents will take the ace and knock out your remaining spade honour and then win a spade trick as soon as they get back in. Result: one down. To prevent this you need to establish diamonds in order to discard a spade from hand, and you need to do this immediately. So, lead a diamond at trick two but which one? This depends on whether you win the first trick in hand or dummy, so planning the play before deciding is crucial. A small diamond from hand will block the suit but if you lead from dummy opponents will duck the first round of diamonds and take the second, lead a spade and thereby prevent you reaching dummy in time to make the spade discard. So you must win the first trick in hand and play ♦K. Opponents will win and return a spade but you win and play ♦Q and ♦J, discarding a spade from hand. Now you can safely play and draw trumps.

Hand 2

This hand illustrates the benefit of playing in a four-four fit vs a five-three fit. Assuming trumps break 3-2 you can discard two losers on the long suit and establish a ruff in another suit. So in this case you can make 12 tricks with hearts as trumps but only 11 with

spades. Having drawn trumps in hearts the long spades provide two discards in either clubs or diamonds and a there's a ruff in the other minor.

Hand 3

This looks precarious. If you start by taking the ♥A and ♦K and ruffing diamonds the last one may be overruffed by north, and you may also lose two club tricks to west. If the ♥K is with south, then the total tricks lost could be two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

All you can be certain of at the moment is three spade tricks, one heart trick and a diamond. Three more can come from diamond ruffs in dummy and a last trump, but to achieve this you need to retain trump control.

The best option is to duck the trump and let south win with, say, the jack. South now returns a club. You play the king, north wins with the ace and plays another trump. What now?

Whatever you do the opposition will win another club at some point to add to their existing three. If you duck again and south has ♥K that will be a fifth trick. South will then play another trump, shortening your holding in both hands to one trump, but you need two trumps in dummy to ruff two diamonds. So play ♥A, south follows, play ♦K, ruff a diamond, return to ♠A and ruff the last diamond. It doesn't matter if this is overruffed because the only outstanding trump is ♥K and that will win a trick anyway. If your last diamond trick is ruffed you've still got two trumps in dummy to go with the six tricks you've already made. If it isn't ruffed then you still get to eight in total.

Ducking the first round of trumps and winning the second absorbed four of the opponents five trumps and left you in control, again showing the power of a four-four trump fit and delayed trump play.

Hand 4

This is another hand that demonstrates the value of a four-four fit and delaying playing trumps. It might be tempting to start by winning the club, playing A and K of trumps and forcing out the ♦A. That works when trumps are break 3-2, but they will break 4-1 about a quarter of the time. In that case if the opponent who wins ♦A also has the long trump suit they will draw your trumps and play clubs. Similarly playing A and K of trumps and then ruffing clubs fails if south overruffs the third club. There are now no trumps left in dummy so south puts partner in with ♦A who plays a fourth club which will be a master. That leaves south with a master trump for the fourth defensive trick.

The solution is to play a diamond at trick two. Whatever the defence play next declarer wins, plays A and K of trumps, crosses to dummy and runs diamonds. Although the defence now has two master trumps that is all they will make, whenever they choose to take them.

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SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6 Dore Show, a traditional village show. See centre pages of this issue for full details.
- Sun 7 Dore's Party on the Green, Dore Village Green from 1pm. Live music, food and drinks available, bring your own picnics. Full details on page 4.
- Wed 17 Small Bulbs & Snowdrops throughout the Year – Michael Myers. Dore Garden Club. See article, page 15.
- Thu 18, 3 pm - Out Of Africa (1986, PG), Trolley Library Cinema. See page 9.
- Fri 19 Zip Wire Teddy Challenge. Is your teddy bear brave enough for a challenge at Christ Church Dore? Give your teddys the adventure of a lifetime by sending them down the zip wire from Christ Church Dore's bell tower. Your teddy will have a full Fit To Fly Medical Check and get a bravery certificate after their daring feat! £5 per family - reserve your space by emailing events@dorechurch.org.uk
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Fri 26, 7 pm - Maria (2025, 12). Trolley Library Cinema. See page 9

Sun 28 2 pm - The Wild Robot (2025, U) Trolley Library Cinema. See page 9

OCTOBER

- Wed 15 People, Plants & Passion – Don Witton. Dore Garden Club. See article, page 15.
- Wed 22 Trolley History Group, Trolley Library 7.30pm. The History of Bolsover Castle, talk by Ian Morgan. All welcome. Members £2, non members £3 Annual membership £5 www.trolleyhistorygroup.org.uk
- Fri 24 7 pm -- Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (2025, 15) Trolley Library Cinema. See page 9.
- Thu 30 3 pm -- A Complete Unknown (2025, 15) Trolley Library Cinema. See page 9.

NOVEMBER

- Wed 19 Mount Grace Priory – Chris Beardshaw's Arts & Crafts Style Garden – Dr Michael Klemperer, Senior Gardens Advisor, English Heritage. Dore Garden Club. See article, page 15.
- Wed 26 Trolley History Group, Trolley Library 7.30pm. 4th Curious Suburbs of Sheffield, talk by David Templeman. All welcome. Members £2, non members £3 Annual membership £5 www.trolleyhistorygroup.org.uk
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The sixth in a series of articles

The Second Duke of Devonshire (1673-1729)

Whether Earl or Duke, each successor to the Devonshire title seemed to inherit the personality traits not of his father but of his paternal grandfather. It was as though the title and wealth was destined to fall, alternately, between extrovert and staid caretaker.

The pattern continued with William Cavendish, Second Duke of Devonshire, cautious and responsible and perfectly suited to guard his valuable inheritance. Though unlike his father in manner, he nevertheless shared both his political astuteness and a deep commitment to the upkeep of Chatsworth. Both men recognised that the two interests were inextricably linked, in that without political influence families such as theirs would be weakened by the advancing changes in England's social structure. Some degree of political power was already filtering down to the middle classes.

As Lord Hartington, the future Second Duke had married Rachel Russell, the fourteen year old daughter of William, Lord Russell. Of staunch Whig stock, Hartington became MP for Derbyshire during his father's lifetime; his younger brother, Lord James, went on to represent Derby for over 40 years. At the end of the 17th century the Tories held a considerable degree of power, with the security of the great Whig families like the Devonshires resting largely on events at Westminster. Hartington was well aware of his responsibilities in this respect and thus was an experienced politician by the time he inherited the title in 1707.

Queen Anne had already appointed him Captain of the Yeoman of the Guard and now gave him his father's post as Steward of the Household, proof enough that his loyalty to the monarch outweighed her own Tory affiliations.

By this time the Duke had become a firm friend of Robert Walpole, with whom he had jointly been returned to the safe Whig seat of Castle Rising, Devonshire having lost his Derbyshire seat. The ideals of the two men were matched exactly and although Devonshire was himself an accomplished orator, he was outshone by Walpole. Yet Devonshire possessed what that outstanding and ambitious parliamentarian lacked - noble breeding.

Without the friendship and social patronage of the Duke, Robert Walpole would not have been accepted by the close-knit, aristocratic and very wealthy young Whigs. Yet his welcome into their London clubs, such as the Kit Cat Club, was vital to his political career and thus to the eventual rise to power of Walpole and the whole Whig party. First, however, difficult times lay ahead.

Towards the end of her reign, intrigues at court led to Queen Anne's deep antagonism towards the Whig administration. She

dismissed their ministry in 1710 and the new parliament was returned with a Tory majority. Devonshire was removed from his Stewardship and ordered to return his staff of office which, deeply affronted, he did with obvious ill grace. Anne had aimed to end the domination of the Whigs, yet when the Tories came to power she left a number of Whigs in their posts in an endeavour to break up the party system. The Duke of Devonshire, though, was unable to obtain even an audience with her.

Unlike the ailing Queen, however, the Whigs had time on their side. They were also certain of a complete reversal of fortunes under the Hanoverian succession which lay ahead; from fifteen pregnancies the Queen had not surviving children and it had been Devonshire who had introduced a bill to settle precedence on the son of the elector of Hanover. Thus the Protestant succession - which the First Duke Of Devonshire had helped to secure through the Glorious Revolution - would be assured.

Queen Anne, meanwhile was approaching the end of her reign. The Duke of Devonshire removed himself to Chatsworth and awaited her death, which came in 1714. The new King, George I, elector of Hanover, inevitably attached himself to the Whigs, appointing Devonshire as one of the Lords Justice to act in his name until he arrived in England. Whig dominance was regained and in particular the aristocracy could be sure that their property and wealth were protected for the foreseeable future.

Robert Walpole was now on course for political greatness. As First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer he became, in effect, the first 'prime minister' of Britain. He and Devonshire continued to share the same loyal friendship and political causes of old. It was, of course, largely with Chatsworth in mind that Devonshire was so committed to Whig ideals. His palatial family seat had been only recently - and expensively - rebuilt when it passed to him, but the Second Duke was to enrich the great house in befitting style. He had been a steady and serious collector of European works of art all his adult life, demonstrating an unerring eye for outstanding drawings and paintings which became, almost incidentally, excellent long term investments. Fashion never dictated his personal choice, for instance his interest in Old Master drawings was shared by only a few other collectors at that time. In fact his major contribution to the treasures of Chatsworth proved to be the great collection of Old Master drawings assembled by Finck, son of a former pupil of Rembrandt. The addition of various prints and engravings, as well as a number of Old Masters, may also be attributed to the Second Duke. He is known to have purchased Greek and Roman carved gems and was a keen collector of coins.

Devonshire continued in favour at court until the end of his life, having earned the close trust of George, Prince of Wales, who came to the throne in 1727. The Second Duke died two years later and the title passed to his elder son, William Cavendish. Lord Charles, the younger son, was the future father of scientist Henry Cavendish.

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