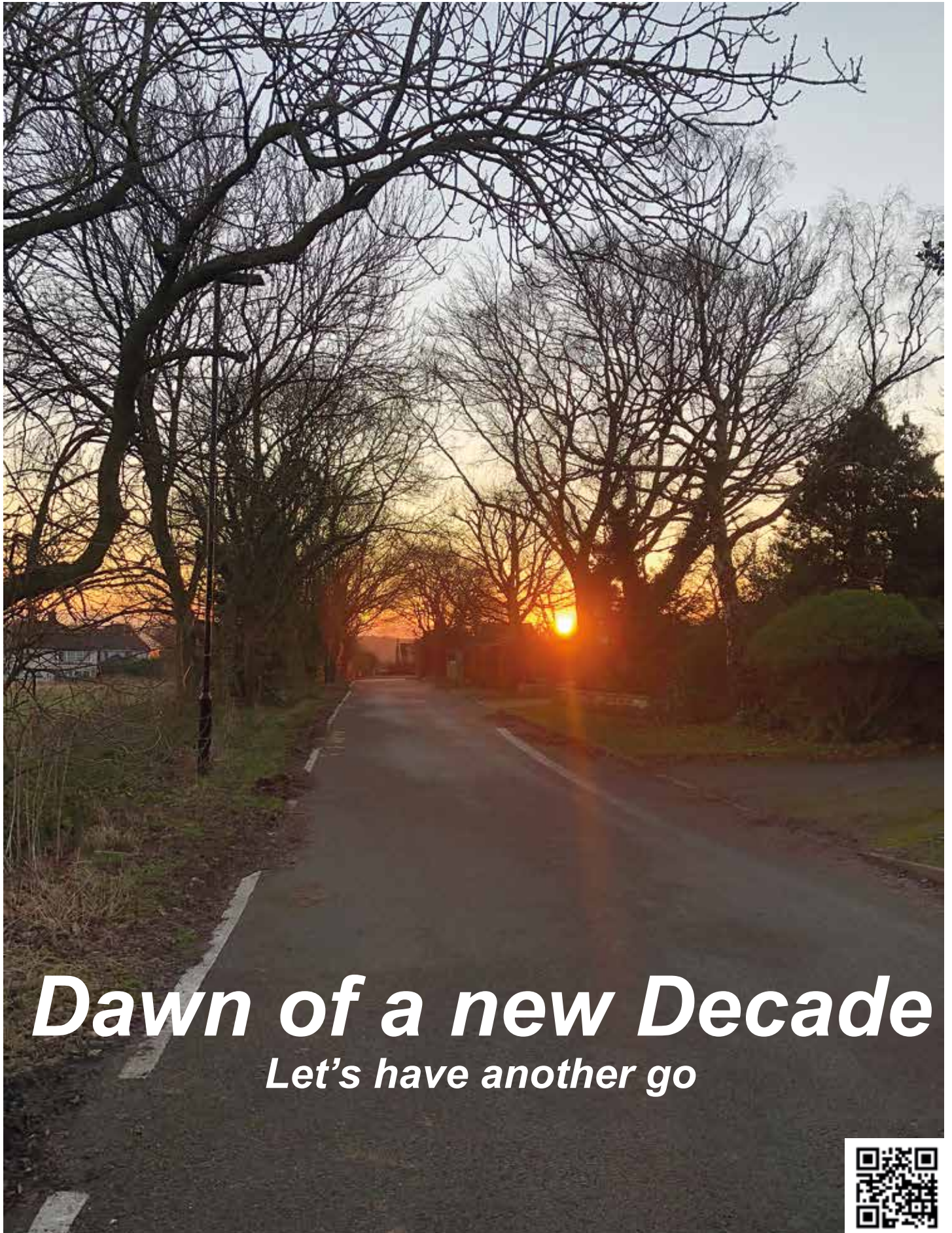


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Dawn of a new Decade
Let's have another go



Are we nearly there yet?

Just before Christmas I was really looking forward to this issue. I even selected the front cover on the basis that the end of the pandemic was in sight, the vaccines were being rolled out, and it looked as though we would be starting to return to normal by Easter or thereabouts. You're right, it's the same cover as this time last year, but it's a nice photo (several people said so) and I spent an hour stamping my feet in the freezing cold at the top of Parkers Lane waiting for the sun to be in just the right position. And the 2020s *really* start at the beginning of 2021 because there was never a year zero. Ask any pedant.

Not a bit of it. The new variant of the virus shrank Christmas back to just the day itself, and New Year celebrations all but disappeared. I'm writing this in the middle of the country's third lockdown in a year, fully expecting that we will still be locked down by the time that you read the magazine in a few weeks' time, as infection rates are all still heading in the wrong direction.

It's a straight fight now, virus versus vaccine. We know that we're going to win, probably some time this year, but regulations will be relaxed slowly, rules eased gradually. There won't be a VV Day. 2020 was a hard year, a horrible year. We have all been affected. We've all had enough of it now.

Sadly, it's still too early to say how much of a Dore summer we will get in 2021. The various organising committees are keeping a nervous eye on developments - planning for Dore Gala normally starts in January, we're still owed a Party on the Green from last year, and you can read elsewhere in these pages about Dore Show and the plans of other clubs and societies. The Show might be ages away yet in September, but remember that we thought it would be unaffected at this time last year.

I spoke to Maureen Cope a couple of days ago, and she assures me that a Festival Fortnight is being planned. As this is essentially a dozen or more separate events, some of them might be more possible than others, depending on restrictions at the time. The Boundary Walk, Health Walk and tree walks might be possible with social distancing, but the Play on the Green? I suppose the audience could be seated far enough apart, but the cast has to be considered too. 'Waiting for Godot' anyone?

The Sheffield Half-Marathon has become the opening event of our outdoor season in recent years, and this is listed on its website (www.runforall.com/events/half-marathon/sheffield-half-marathon/) as going ahead on 28th March. The route is to be the same as in previous years, and the runners will start coming through Dore from 10am. Keep an eye on the website

for updates (including possible cancellation or postponement), and remember to leave your car somewhere sensible if you're expecting to be able to use it that morning.

Beyond that, I hope that we'll be able to bring you more information about upcoming events in our next issue in May. Perhaps we will be able to have the Dore Diary page back by then, and there will be things to put in it.

I'd like to take a moment to give my thanks to all who have been involved in the production of Dore to Door over the last year. My part of the job is mainly working from home under normal circumstances, but as you know I like to get about and talk to people, interviewing some interesting folk for you to read about. In 2020 I was only able to do that once between lockdowns. Instead, Dore to Door has become a little more accented on things from the archives, plus articles from all our contributors, who have never complained. I tip my cap to them all.

We will get there. We will be able to spend the afternoon loafing on the village green again, with Abba tribute music playing and the sun shining. We will be able to wander around the Gala again whilst children and grandchildren progressively empty our pockets in pursuit of rides, cakes and burgers. It will come. Hang in there.

DVS Membership online

How did you get on with the new membership system? Thanks to everyone who has joined or renewed membership for 2021 already - if this is you then you don't need to read this next bit.

Membership numbers are, however, down considerably on previous years and it seems that the people of Dore aren't yet ready for a fully-online membership system. Your membership form for 2021 should be included with this issue; if you haven't renewed for this year yet then you can complete the form the same way as you always did.

That's not to say that online membership has been a complete failure as we have a number of new members who have joined this way - possibly *because* they can do so online.

The online membership process remains in place for those who prefer to pay this way. Just go to www.dorevillage.co.uk and find the menu item for 'how to join or renew membership'. If you'd rather stick with tradition and pay by cash or cheque then please do so. Membership forms for next year and following years will be in the November issues as usual.

Thanks to Craig, Anna and the staff at The Village Greens for being our unofficial agents for the past three months.

John Eastwood

A New Dawn for Dore

I Advent

As darkness falls on Blacka Moor
And sleep descends on rich and poor,
An owl cries out across the night
And turns to Dore in silent flight;
A startled mouse looks for a hole
And heart aflutter finds its goal.
The snow begins to gently fall
And settles white on house and hall;
Dore folk stir in beds so soft,
One stretched out, another coughed.
They dream of Christmas in the Past
Of presents heaped in piles so vast,
Of those they loved around the table
The fit, the strong and those less able;
The food consumed, the wine they drank,
The fun and games, the merry prank;
Until across those dreams of joy
There crept a very naughty boy.

II Christmas

The ghost of Christmas Present he
Who shook the baubles from the tree,
Unleashing chaos far and wide,
A 'merry little Christmas' he described.
How little could it be we thought
Shrinking before our eyes to naught:
Those we loved were trapped at home.
"Protect yourselves and do not roam"
The message went and tolled the bell,
The virus broke the Christmas spell.
Mask yourselves and stand apart
Those falling ill rise off the chart.

III A New Year

As we rose to greet the promised year,
The sun broke through, the sky looked clear.
What is the gift which really gives,
Which fills our lives with positives?
We gird our loins and start to walk

The silence breaks, we start to talk
Of Nature and her healing charms,
Wrapped round our fears with gentle arms.
A rabbit runs, the birds fly high
And from the corner of my eye
I see a vision of what's to come
An end to all that's wearisome,
A year of hope and dreams come true -
The vaccine's here, its overdue.
We dream again and hope for more:
A life enriched from Nature's store
A breath of wind and Nature stirs
And lifts us from the virus curse.
We learn to live with simple needs
Committing to more generous deeds.
Dore emerges free from fear
And wipes away the virus tear,
And darkly shines as through a glass
The firm belief 'this too shall pass'.

CHP

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Dore will be asked to take part in Census 2021 this spring.

The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Understanding the needs of the nation helps everyone from central government to organisations, such as councils and health authorities, plan and fund public services across England and Wales. Census outputs inform where billions of pounds of public funding are spent on services like transport, education and health – on cycle routes, schools and dental surgeries.

Information from the census is also important in helping lots of other people and organisations do their work. Charities and voluntary organisations often use it as evidence to get funding. It helps businesses to understand their customers and, for example, decide where to open new shops. Plus, those doing research, like university students and people looking into their family history, use census data. It provides important information on population diversity, allowing organisations to know whether they are meeting their responsibilities and triggering action where necessary.

Census 2021 will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“The census provides a unique snapshot of our communities,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at ONS, said. “It benefits everyone. Based on the information you give, it ensures millions of pounds are invested in emergency services, mental health care, school places, hospital beds, houses, roads, GPs and dental services.

“No-one should miss out. Everyone can complete online with a new search-as-you-type ability and paper forms for those who need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households will soon receive letters with online codes explaining how they can take part. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information and advice on how to answer the questions, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

Local Census Facts - Dore & Totley

How will Dore have changed over the past 10 years? At the time of the last census...

- There were 16,740 people living in Dore & Totley, 195 of whom were aged over 90.
- 8,385 people were married and 20 people were in a same sex civil partnership.
- Of 7,334 households, 3,489 (48%) owned their homes outright.
- 1,197 people worked more than 49 hours a week and 944 of those were men. 362 people were providing more than 50 hours of unpaid care a week.
- Dore and Totley's biggest industry was education (1,274 people), but the area only had 9 miners and 18 farmers.

End of Season House Nesting Bird Survey 2020



Thank you to everyone who completed our End of Season House Nesting Bird Survey for 2020. We received twenty responses. The findings were similar to our earlier survey. Twelve respondents reported no nests. One of these reported swifts and another swallows in previous years. Unlike the first survey, no one responding to this survey reported any swift nests and like the first survey we had no reported house martin nests in 2020 but both birds did nest on buildings in Dore during the year. Approximately sixteen house sparrow nests, five starling nests and four blue tit nests were reported. The house sparrow nests were located in swift boxes and in under eaves. The starlings nested under eaves and in a birdbox, and the blue tits were mostly in nest boxes. It seems that nest boxes had a good success rate with most but not all being occupied, particularly by blue tits and by sparrows using boxes designed for swifts and placed high under eaves. No houses built after the 1930s were reported as having house nesting birds, other than in boxes.

As with the first survey this is a small sample which can be built on with future surveys carried out both online and (when possible) on foot. It highlights the importance of nest sites on our homes for birds such as house sparrows and starlings. It may indicate that more modern homes are less suitable for nesting birds. It also shows that nest boxes can make a difference, particularly for blue tits, which are a delight to watch in the spring.

Mark Ridler

Abbeydale Park Bowling Club

This is the time of year when our club starts planning for its forthcoming season. Unfortunately we have to accept the fact that Covid will again disrupt our activities this year. At the moment it is not possible for the club to make any sort of plan for the 2021 programme but whenever possible, we will do all we can to enable some play and welcome new members whilst following government instructions and the guidelines put forward by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.

Crown Green Bowling is an outdoor activity which provides an opportunity to meet people, forge new friendships and keep fit. The club benefits from a well kept green and well equipped pavilion in beautiful surroundings. Our club is primarily a social bowling club. In ordinary times, informal sessions are run each day in the morning, afternoon and evening (playing groups are made up by members as they arrive) and friendly inter-club matches take place during the season as well as internal competitions for the many trophies bestowed on the club. The season usually starts in April and finishes late Autumn. Previous experience is not necessary and if possible, within the constraints of social distancing, we do our best to offer free instruction and organise practice sessions.

The club is in the process of creating its own website [abbeydalepark.bowls-club.co.uk](https://www.abbeydalepark.bowls-club.co.uk) which we hope will be running very soon. More information will be available from the website as and when we are able to put together some sort of programme.

If you require any further information please contact Liz or Iain Shand on 0114 236 0226 or shandhome@hotmail.com.

Dominique Mountford

Latest news and updates from STAG

Sheffield Tree Action Groups (STAG) was originally set up in 2015 to act as the umbrella group for local groups across the city who were campaigning to oppose the unnecessary and unreasonable felling of healthy street trees under the £2.2 billion Streets Ahead contract. Our own local group came into existence as Save Dore Trees in the same year, eventually renamed as Save Dore, Totley & Bradway Trees and covering the whole of the S17 area.

STAG, and indeed all the local groups, have never had members or a constitution. Each local group, along with other special interest groups, has representatives on the STAG Steering Group to enable joint thinking and working but, at the same time, keeping their own independence.

In truth, this very fluid way of campaigning was one of the greatest strengths of the whole campaign, particularly during the months of intense struggles with Sheffield City Council, Amey and, eventually, South Yorkshire Police. No one and yet everyone was in charge, each group or individual was able to take action as they chose. This led to campaigners having freedom and flexibility to creatively campaign without following a rule book, chaotic at times but very effective, and of course this made it extremely difficult for the authorities to bring pressure to bear on STAG as an organisation (because we weren't an organisation in any legal sense!)

But thankfully, times have changed. Community action by campaigners and supporters finally succeeded in bringing the unnecessary destruction of healthy street trees to a halt. There is now a much more sensible and acceptable approach to conserving our trees and enhancing our street scene. Representatives of STAG now have proper working relationships with the Council and Amey and, with healthy trees no longer in immediate danger, campaigners can start to look to the future.

If we, as residents and communities, are to have a lasting and legitimate role in protecting and developing urban trees and green space, and of course to continue to hold the authorities to account, it now needs a proper and formally constituted democratic group to evolve. This will encourage and allow everyone who wants to get involved the chance to do so and to have their voice heard.

To this end, STAG is changing! It will still be STAG but note the subtle difference – Sheffield Tree Action Group, a single city-wide group. STAG will have members and a constitution; it will have democratically elected officers and an elected committee to further its aims and organise its work.

The existing Steering Group have pulled together a basic constitution which will enable the group to launch, hold elections and open a bank account. Then the way forward will be determined by the members.

Plans are being made to hold the first General Meeting, although with no physical meetings possible, there's extra planning needed to create virtual events.

Please do get involved and accept this as your invitation to join us!



In due course, a decision will need to be taken as to the future of our local group. It would be great if Save Dore, Totley & Bradway Trees could also find a new way forward. Any ideas? Offers of help? Get in touch!

Ann Anderson

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Hopes for Dore Show this year

Committee members of Dore Show recently agreed that initial preparations for a Show later this year should be made in the hope that the Covid 19 situation improves considerably over the next few months.

Planning for last year's cancelled event began at a similar time and was then scaled down when the pandemic began. That enabled us to retain the possibility of the Show going ahead for as long as possible before being left with no option but to cancel. Any one wishing to join the committee or make constructive suggestions can contact me at andy@ajpack.co.uk.

The vaccine rollout and its effects won't be completed for a while yet but we intend to do what we need to plan for a Show on Saturday 11 September 2021.

Let's hope for the best!

Andy Pack

Chairman, Dore Show

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Annual General Meeting

The delayed 2020 AGM took place by Zoom on 13th January. Thank you to everyone who "attended", getting a quorum together was touch and go until late in the day.

The following people were elected to serve as committee members and trustees:

- Tim Ashman
- Brenda Fryer
- Philip Howes
- Christopher Pennell
- Nick Payne

This leaves us two short of the normal

complement of 13. We have one candidate for election at our next AGM (in June) so if you are interested in joining the committee now or in the future and helping us with our work please get in touch with me (keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk) and I'll be pleased to discuss our work and the role of trustee.

The proposed amendment to the constitution was accepted and now goes to the Charity Commission for ratification.

We said goodbye to Mark Ridler who had been on the committee for nearly three years. Mark was our legal expert and played an invaluable role in establishing our privacy policy and ensuring that it complied with GDPR requirements, and in drafting the amendment to the constitution. He also shared the environment portfolio with Margaret Peart and between them they have widened our role in this area and introduced a number of new activities which will bring continued benefit to the community.

Christ Church Hall

We have submitted a draft lease to the Parochial Church Council and we are awaiting their response.

Christmas trees and lights

Once again we are indebted to Tina Havenhand and the team of helpers who organised the Christmas trees and lights and did all the work in transportation, setting up and taking down, and putting away afterwards. This brought some much-needed enjoyment at a time of few opportunities for normal life around Christmas time.

Membership renewals

Membership renewals are seriously behind where they normally are at this time of year. John Eastwood has more information on how you can renew (or join for the first time) on page 2.

Here's hoping that by the next edition in May we will be able to report resumption of normal service with our usual collection of activities and events.

Keith Shaw



Tom Steele

We're deeply saddened this issue to report the death of Tom Steele, who succumbed to coronavirus on January 2nd. He was 87.

Tom will be remembered by many, many people across Sheffield 17 as the proprietor of The Busy Bee hardware shop on Baslow Road, which he ran for many years.

He was a traditional British shopkeeper in the old style, of a kind we don't often see any more. Always courteous and polite, he knew everything about the things he sold, and would always give advice if you went in with a project, telling you what tools and materials you would need. He helped me out like that a time or two.

Tom was a great asset to his community. After retirement he continued to be involved, the picture above showing him officiating at Totley Open Gardens in 2007.

My condolences to Tom's wife Christine and his family, along with those of all the folk round here who can look in their toolboxes or round their sheds and think to themselves, "Oh aye, I bought that at Busy Bee".

John Eastwood

The vaccine is free

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people that they're eligible to apply for a covid-19 vaccine. The text that we've seen goes as follows: "NHS: We have identified that your are [*sic*] eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here: (website link)."

The link given takes you to an extremely convincing, but fake, NHS website which asks for your personal details.

Please do not click on any link received by text like this unless you are sure that it is genuine. The NHS might contact you by text, email or letter but under no circumstances should you be asked for any financial details. The vaccine is free, and nobody who is genuinely from the NHS will ask you for your bank account number or similar.

Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to come to light. There have already been reports of people being asked to pay for the vaccine over the phone; if you get a call like this, just hang up. It's a scam.

Protect others by reporting incidents like this. If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any similar scam, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

To get a genuine letter from the NHS asking you to book a vaccine appointment, you need to be registered with a GP Surgery. If you aren't already registered with a local surgery, you can do this online via www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/.

Dora



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Dore Probus Club looks ahead

Our last face-to face meeting was in March 2020. It took us a while to get used to the strangeness of covid restraints, and the truth is that we were all hoping that the interruption in our routine would not last too long. When we realised that it would be some time before we got together again, we started to hold Zoom meetings - both for social interaction and for lectures. And that is the new routine at the time of writing these notes (January 2021). We have come to appreciate the need to develop basic computer skills in order to keep our organisation alive, and much to the surprise of some of us there are a good number of members actually willing to click on an invitation to a Zoom meeting and do the necessary messing around to keep the picture and the sound operating efficiently. Not that the others have been neglected: hard copies of the Newsletter have been posted to them, and phone calls have been made to keep them in touch.

For the time being we are meeting (virtually) on the traditional Probus days and at the usual times - the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 10.15 am - and thanks to Keith, our Chairman and Speaker-Finder, we have a programme of events up to the end of April. The idea is to have a series of lectures, with occasional meetings devoted to social conversation. Beginning the series is a lecture on skyscrapers ('The Sky's the Limit', 14 January). It will be followed by talks on 'Some Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield' (28 January), 'James Bond, Espionage and Britain's Role in the Cold War' (25 February), the history of a family business ('The Footprint Story', 25 March), and a - dare I say? - popular science subject entitled 'Weighing the World' (8 April). Three meetings for social chat are scheduled for 11 February, 11 March, and 22 April.

Readers are invited to consult the diary of events as it is outlined on our website: doreprobus.wordpress.com.

Meanwhile, anyone interested in joining us for a Zoom meeting (without charge or obligation) may contact the club Secretary, either by telephone or by email:

Nigel Reeves (tel. 0777 577 4575); n-reeves@outlook.com

Peter Beardsell

Vice-Chairman, Dore Probus Club

Dore Village Society

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

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

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

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Councillors' Surgeries

At both Dore Old School and Totley Library are suspended until further notice. You may still contact our local councillors through the website at sheffield.gov.uk, but bear in mind that they are subject to the same restrictions as we all are at present.

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Wheels on the bus

Dear Dore to Door,

The photograph on page 47 of the Winter 2020 issue shows Routemaster RM 1109, one of around 2,500 such vehicles built for London Transport between 1959 and 1968. This one was built in about 1962 and came to South Yorkshire in 1988 or 89 in the deregulation era, ushered in in 1986.

At that time, several new operators set themselves up using buses withdrawn from service by the regular operators, but with perhaps a few years of life left if carefully maintained. They certainly caused problems for the long-established operators like South Yorkshire Transport. (London had not been deregulated.)

I think this company was called Rotherham Omnibus Co., or similar. They operated a route 5 with two buses, which was a variation of the route 50 which you remember. It travelled along Ecclesall Road from town to Hunters Bar – like route 81 does today.

Until the Ecclesall tram route closed in 1954, the 50 bus only shuttled between Ecclesall and Dore. The rustic bus shelter, set back, at the junction of Ecclesall Road South and Knowle Lane, was the Ecclesall terminus, whilst the trams travelled a short way down Millhouses Lane to keep clear of the A625. After the tram closure the 50 route came into town via Clarkehouse Road and was much appreciated when a visit to the Hallamshire Hospital was required.

Although mechanically fine, from the start the Routemaster had the disadvantage of needing a conductor on board. In the same year, 1959, Sheffield Transport Department placed its first front-entrance Leyland Atlantean in service which soon led to one-man operation, with a consequent saving in operating costs. Few Routemasters were still in operation by the end of the 20th century, but some have survived serving London's Heritage Routes, now bringing tourists to the capital!

Whilst route 5 only operated for a short time, it coincided with my 50th birthday in July 1989. To celebrate, I hired this vehicle to make an evening tour of the Peak District, ending up at the Barrel Inn at Bretton – perhaps the most rural setting a London Routemaster ever got to. It was an unforgettable journey. On board were relatives and friends, many from Sheffield Planning department where I worked for about 30 years.

Although a long-term resident of Crookes I do find the happenings in Sheffield 17 via 'Dore to Door' (delivered by Steve and Fiona Willetts) rather interesting.

Graham Hague

Hi John,

I can give you some information about the No. 5 bus in the photo.

A group of retired bus drivers and conductors set up an independent bus company just running these Routemaster buses on one route from Dore to Sheffield. Significantly, this route was along Ecclesall Road which was very popular as our other bus took longer and only served the West Street end of town.

As my daughter was in a pushchair at the time, having a conductor to help was a bonus. There were no doors at the back, so it could be very draughty in winter, but if you sat on the front seat downstairs, you were warmed by a huge radiator right in front of you.

I think the buses started operating about 1989 and finished a few years later. (Possibly because they couldn't run at a profit.) I remember everyone being very disappointed when the bus crew regretfully announced they were finishing.

Sue Wilcock

Thanks to everyone who has been in touch about this bus! We've had several other letters on the subject. I remember deregulation in the late 1980s when buses appeared in a myriad of colours, but personally I still don't recall this particular one. - John E

Dear Sir,

Full support for the call by Colin Ross, for our community to help our local shops. The chaos in our streets - caused mostly by thoughtless drivers, certainly needs some effective measures to reduce it.

But let's think more carefully than we did previously, when pondering what to do about parking. Those planning to introduce parking restrictions paid no heed to the fact that Dore village centre is inhabited by residents to as great an extent as it features commercial premises. The Dore Village Centre Residents Association was formed to draw attention to this fact.

Parking restrictions in Dore could be beneficial to the life of our village centre; and in discussions over the past five or six years, we have identified several ways in which parking space availability could be improved. Two caveats, however: Those who live in or very close to the village centre would have to be considered in any plans for parking restrictions. It is not Nimbyism that prompts us to say that we need to be able to park outside our homes. It is a matter of safety, and security. Many homes in the village centre were built before the advent of the motor car, and many of them have no driveway.

The other caveat is the obvious one that any measures taken will be pointless unless they are policed. The Sheffield Constabulary would make a fortune (in the short term), if they posted a parking attendant in Devonshire Terrace, to hand a ticket to all the drivers who completely ignore the double yellow lines outside and across from the Co-op.

There are ways to persuade drivers not to hog the parking spaces. and not to indulge in hazardous parking. Most will require funding. But to have properly regulated parking arrangements for the village centre would improve its commercial outlook to an impressive degree.

It would also make it safer for pedestrians to cross the streets.

Julian and Patricia Heawood

Dear John,

I am writing to remind you that 10% of households have no internet and any of the other gadgets. Nor can some of us drive, or walk to take or get a membership form. Like countless institutions and government offices we are constantly ignored.

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All we have to do is cut it out along the dotted line - we are all good at cutting out coupons and forms! My generation.

I have gleaned the information I need from your wordy article and [will] post it as usual. Thank you.

I hope this is going to work for many of the oldies in Dore!

Yours,

Rachel Chester

Thanks for your letter, Rachel. You'll see on page 2 that we've now reinstated the paper membership form.

Printing the form actually in the magazine would attract VAT on the whole print run for Dore to Door, where we are currently zero rated because we're a charity. It was, I think tried once, many years ago, but the feedback was that people didn't like cutting up their copies of Dore to Door for some reason. We never did it again. - John E.

No letters on this subject, but thanks to the people who telephoned identifying the lady outside Dore Garage in 1970. She is Mary Waller, whose family owned the garage at that time. Mary didn't work regularly at the garage which was mainly her husband's concern, but she did man the petrol pumps from time to time.

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Dore Village Society Living Advent Calendar 2020



Who would have thought that an idea hatched in the winter of 2019 would have proved so relevant to the lockdown conditions of December 2020? Self-guided, socially-distanced, over 24 days, it could have been designed for Covid times. Families, organisations and traders of Dore really pulled out the stops for Dore's first living advent calendar trail. At a time of tiers, lockdowns, indifferent weather, and dreadful news, the 42 windows around the village gave us an opportunity to share, celebrate and look forward to better times to come.

Stretching from Totley Brook Road to Brickhouse Lane and from Church Lane to Ashfurlong Close, the complete trail amounted to about eight miles. Special mention should go to The Meadway and Meadway Drive with their total of five windows. Every day from 1st December up to and including Christmas Eve at least one new window was revealed. Some viewed the windows in their immediate locality whilst others more adventurously set out to spot as many as they could manage. Each day, the new windows were shown on the Dore Village Society Facebook page and shared on DVS Twitter (@DoreVillageSoc). The Facebook views amounted to 940.

Better for us than any chocolate advent calendar, the level of thought and creativity shown in our local calendar was admirable. Various techniques were demonstrated – collage, paint, silhouettes and lighting all contributed to their effectiveness. Many were family projects and had a team – young and old - working hard together behind the scenes to produce a window to open on the chosen date. There was a fabulous festive start ringing in the season with the first window in Bushey Wood Road. The following day, The Village Greens urged us to eat, drink and be merry. The window of Dore Co-op (Day 3) reflected the organisation's values such as equality, equity, fair trade and concern for the community. There was an incredibly creative

way to turn coat hangers into a Christmas tree at Dore Optician (Day 4), while Dore Dental Care gave us a seasonal frieze. Dore Methodist Church came up with a beautiful silhouette nativity tableau. A Christmassy dog with a pie appeared in the window of the Devonshire Arms – like the rest of us it was looking forward to sharing good things with our friends and neighbours very soon.

Dore Breakfast Club's window showed presents of love, kindness, friendship and hope – a wonderful group effort by the children. Father Christmas was spotted flying over numerous winter scenes. One notable athletic cycling Santa was seen wearing the race leader's jersey from the 2019 La Vuelta cycle race. Planet Earth, nature and wildlife featured strongly in the designs. A constellation of stars lit up many windows with one that reminded us of Van Gogh's painting "Starry Night". One teacher's primary school class made a star for the window and each child made a wish for something positive for their family in 2021. Stick Man, characters from Star Wars, peace doves, a pouncing fox and a sprouting acorn all featured, but curiously that perennial Christmas card subject of a robin was only noted twice.

Judging from feedback so far, this has been a worthwhile initiative which with sufficient support could be repeated in future years to light up any winter gloom in Dore.

Margaret Peart

What do you think? Could the living Advent calendar become an annual thing, or do you think it worked last year because of covid restrictions and wouldn't be so popular in normal times? Let Margaret or me know and DVS will consider it if there's enthusiasm. – John E.

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Garden Centres are one of the few groups of retail outlets apart from those selling food that are deemed essential and therefore remain open in the third lockdown. This is surely an important acknowledgement how gardening and being outdoors is good for our health and wellbeing.

With no specific news about when we will resume Club activities, we wanted to bring you more of the Club Committee's favourite garden centres as well as seasonal suppliers. So, despite the unfriendly gardening weather, you can still do some armchair, indoor or greenhouse gardening, or just planning for sunnier days in the summer and autumn.

Venturing beyond Dore and the immediate area these are some of the garden centres and websites we enjoy visiting. We hope you find our selection interesting and it encourages you to make the most of your garden this year:

Millthorpe Nursery

<https://millthorpe-nursery.co.uk>

As the name implies, Millthorpe is a small, friendly nursery rather than a traditional garden centre and reopened in early February (closed on Mondays). You'll find it tucked away behind the Royal Oak pub at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane. It is run by husband-and-wife team, Carl and Deidre who grow their own hardy and annual plants on site, including some unusual varieties. It feels a very safe place to visit during the pandemic as it's mainly outdoors and there's a one-way system with separate entrances and exits.

Loxley Nursery

<https://loxleynurseries.com>

Growing over 500,000 of their own plants a year, Loxley Nursery have been recommended for selling good value strong plants and their nice café. Their drought-resistant geraniums were singled out for special mention.

Tissington Nursery

<https://tissington-nursery.co.uk>

Tucked away in Tissington village in the High Peak, owner Marie Longdon raises all her own plants in a small space on a site beside the duck pond. When the RHS show came to Chatsworth a couple of years ago, she picked up a much-deserved award for her first ever display of hardy summer perennials. Marie has spoken to the Club on two occasions and talked about the rigours of displaying at an RHS show. She also specialises in herbs, pinks, Victorian violas and salvias. The latter are half-hardy and prolific flowerers in mid to late summer.

Chatsworth

Although there's a large Garden Centre at Chatsworth, our recommendation is to look at the plants in the Stables Courtyard. The man who grows them has been doing so for over forty years and they are always excellent.

Morton Nursery

<https://morton-nurseries.com>

Based in Morton, Nottinghamshire, this nursery describes itself as providing plants for the discerning gardener.

Roses

<https://Handleyrosenurseries.co.uk>

We have two top picks: the first is local and family run; Handley Roses at Eckington. They stock over 200 types of rose as trees, bushes and climbers/ramblers. All their stock comes ready rooted in pots and over 45 years of experience is on hand to advise you. Most of the stock is home grown and this is reflected in some very keen prices. Post-lockdown the nursery could be combined with a visit to Renishaw Hall and gardens,

only a couple of miles away, where there's a lovely café.

<https://david austen roses.co.uk>

Our other recommendation for roses is David Austen Roses but be prepared to pay a premium for this national supplier. The plant centre and gardens are in Albrighton, Shropshire and currently closed. However, they have a wonderful catalogue and a user-friendly website which will generate a shortlist of roses for you. Last year I put them to the test when I ordered a climbing rose, Teasing Georgia, to grow up a trellis at the back of the house. I could scarcely believe that the sorry-looking bare rooted twigs which arrived in a brown paper bag with instructions would be at all successful. How wrong I was. Within a couple of months there were the first green shoots and a few weeks later beautiful, yellow, scented roses.

Clematis

<https://taylorsclematis.co.uk>

Taylors Clematis Nursery is an established family run business located in Doncaster. Their collection features over 400 different varieties of these beautiful and varied climbers. Taylors are multiple RHS Gold Medallists at the Chelsea Flower Show and had the ultimate distinction of winning Best Plant in the Show in 2016. Although the nursery isn't routinely open to the public, Garden Club members went on a spending spree there when they opened for a special Club visit.

For the most part orders are via a good website, which will generate ideas for your specific requirements such as colour and flowering time. All the Clematis are fully mature at two years old and are sold in large 2 litre pots growing on 3 foot canes. They are beautifully packed and arrive "garden ready".

Fruit Trees/Bushes

<https://Pomonafruits.co.uk>

<https://Handleyrosenurseries.co.uk>

We have two recommendations. For all things fruit and nut look at Pomona Fruits (Pomona is the goddess of fruit trees and orchards). Local supplier Handley Rose Nurseries (mentioned earlier) sell a range of bare rooted stock between November and March.

Others

One of our members goes out of her way to find the best compost. Hobsons at Swallownest is one of the only places in the area that sells Levingtons Professional. Apparently, it's really good for house plants with some added perlite and in Spring for growing on bedding plants. While you're there you could look at their small bedding plants to grow on at home.

Morrison's supermarket can represent very good value for money for plants. However, it is recommended you buy when the plants first arrive as they don't always appear to receive the TLC they deserve.

Garden Club Logo Competition

Thank you to those who entered our competition to design a new Garden Club logo. We hope to be in a position to announce the winner of in the next edition.

Pauline Drissell

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Towers in the Sky or Homes in the Green Hills

In the Winter issue I described the extent to which the preservation of our local Green Belt depends on how likely it is that the City Council can realistically plan for a huge increase in residential accommodation in the inner-city centre.

It was one of the light-bulb moments in the development of the movement to protect rural England, when the campaigners realised that banging on about how beautiful the English countryside is, was not enough: it ignores the fact that the more effort which those campaigners put into improving urban development planning, the less pressure there would be for increasing development into the countryside. You can't protect the countryside unless you are seriously trying to plan more effectively for more and better new homes in the cities and towns.

When, five years ago, Sheffield City Council set about updating its elderly Local Plan, it started by issuing for consultation in November 2015 a document called *Citywide Options for Growth to 2034*. Ever since then we have been waiting for the first full draft of a new Local Plan with a suite of planning policies which would determine how development would be encouraged in a sustainable way in the years ahead. We waited and we waited, knowing that the 2015 document foresaw the possibility of substantial future housing development going into the Green Belt if the city was to meet tough Government targets for building 40,000 new homes in Sheffield. But the expected fuller document never emerged for a fresh round of consultation, because thinking was changing in the City Planning Department, then under new leadership.

It was increasingly being realised that the City had to jump-start its inner-city housing ambitions, otherwise the future pressure on Green Belt would be intolerable, particularly bearing in mind how much of Sheffield's Green Belt is highly sensitive in the west where it spreads into the setting of the Peak District National Park. It was also becoming obvious that the city centre shopping areas were being undermined by online shopping and out of centre shopping centres and precincts. Having more people living in, and regarding, the city centre as their local area would put more life into the centre and would reduce the transport pressures for people travelling to city centre jobs, services and retail facilities; and that was important for the climate and for reducing vehicle pollution.

And so it was that in September 2020 the Council took a step simultaneously backwards and forwards, by issuing a new consultation document, *Issues and Options – Our City, Our Future*, to replace the 2015 document with a fresh starting-point, encompassing new thinking about how Sheffield might meet its tough Government housing targets. Now the challenge was to ask how the city could maximise the level of new housing within the Inner-City Ring Road and intensify the density of homes in the suburbs sustainably, while minimising the pressure on the Green Belt.

There will be those who will have responded to that consultation challenge by saying it can't be done: you are going to have to allow us to build our bright new housing estates beyond the existing edge of the city (where we can make money easily), even within close proximity to the National Park boundary. There will be others, including the Dore Village Society and Dore Neighbourhood Forum, who have commented that it can be done, and it must be done if Sheffield is not to grow ever-outwards, gobbling countryside and moving its population ever more distant from the city centre, which will further decline. We need to maximise the number of homes and people within easy reach of inner-city jobs, services and a flourishing 'high street' with a revitalised cultural, retail and hospitality offer.

We do not know for certain which way the Council will jump on Green Belt v. Intensive Inner-City development in choosing the development sites and planning policies for the future. The Planning Department is working on this at present, taking into account comments received on the *Issues and Options* consultation. According to the Council's current Local Development Scheme (i.e., their timetable for completing the new Sheffield Local Plan), the next thing we will see is a full Draft Plan with sites and policies in July to September this year (and more likely in September given the progress to date).

But what evidence do we thus far have?

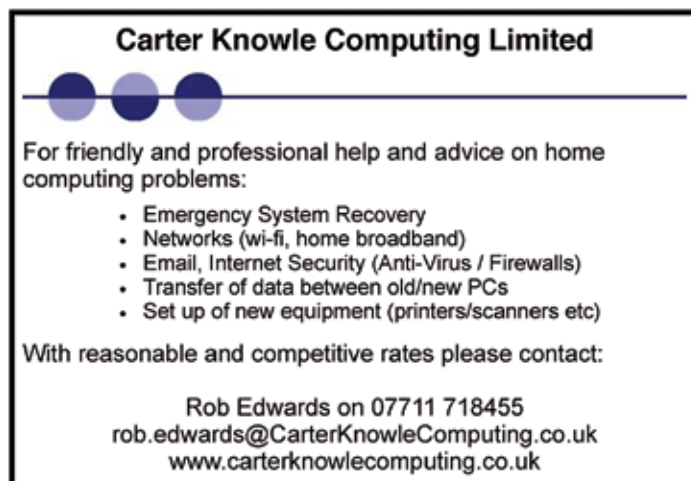
- First, we know that between the November 2015 consultation and its replacement September 2020 consultation, the Council significantly shifted its thinking to contemplate the possibility of focussing much more of its needed housing development in the centre of the city and away from greenfield development in released Green Belt land. What spatial choices they will actually make will not be known until the autumn.
- Secondly, and in the meantime, we have the evidence of attitudes expressed in Planning Committee meetings. I watched a Planning Committee meeting online towards the end of 2020, when, on the same agenda, the Committee considered an application to build 22 homes on a Green Belt gap on Long Line and a new 39 storey residential tower on High Street in the City Centre. The tower was approved, and the Long Line development was turned down, and Committee Members from different political backgrounds made comments towards the end of the meeting drawing the cases together by observing that both decisions achieved the desirable end of protecting the city's Green Belt. The link was being made: it mattered that decision-makers did more than just turn down unacceptable applications in the Green Belt, they also approved an application offering substantial new homes in the city centre, even making the difficult decision to change Sheffield's skyline.
- Thirdly, it needs to be remembered that the National Planning Policy Framework (the Government's national planning



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policy 'bible') states at Paragraph 137: "Before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries, the strategic policy-making authority [in our case Sheffield City Council] should be able to demonstrate that it has examined fully all reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development." So, in short, the Council needs to demonstrate in its new Plan that it has exhausted all reasonable means of meeting its housing targets within its existing developed area before proposing to release Green Belt land.

Despite this, risks remain for Dore's countryside. In my article at page 15 of the last *Dore to Door*, I listed the 10 large sites marked grey on the Council's latest Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment. These were sites which ambitious owners or developers had proposed as worthy of consideration for development despite them being in our Green Belt. They are shown on a section of the map online on the DVS website in the last paragraph of the second page entitled *Dore Neighbourhood Forum and Plan* where you can press the button 'on the map here'. Any of these sites, if ever accepted into the new Sheffield Plan, would be a significant incursion into the Green Belt. For example, I only discovered recently, in reading a consultative comment on our Neighbourhood Plan, that the commentator, a planning consultant, was working for a developer who had an ambition to build a large 'retirement village' centred on the existing Dore Garden Centre and stretching way up the Hathersage Road and down the hill to Wag Wood. Also, Ryecroft Farm appears on the map and that is owned by the Council itself. These are two massive areas in Dore's Green Belt.

The Dore Neighbourhood Plan Makes Progress

What of the Dore Neighbourhood Plan and its progress? It was formally submitted to the City Council on 20 September 2019 for the next two stages to Adoption, first a formal external Examination and then a Referendum. It took until 13 November 2020 (yes, don't ask why!) before SCC appointed an Examiner agreed by the Dore Steering Group. He has moved quickly and has already produced a draft report which SCC, PDNPA and ourselves were fact-checking in late January when this article was written. The Examiner is independent of the Council, the National Park and the Neighbourhood Forum. His sole role is to determine whether our draft Plan meets the Basic Conditions for Neighbourhood Plans, which include whether it complies with the NPPF (the national rules on planning) and conforms with the strategic policies of our Planning Authorities. He then recommends whether it is fit to go to Referendum.

I can report that:

1. The Examiner was very pleased with the standard of community consultation and involvement in the preparation of the Plan.

2. He recommended that it is fit to go to Referendum so long as his recommendations for modification to meet the Basic Conditions are accepted.
3. Those modifications are substantial but do not overwhelmingly undermine the thrust of the Plan.
4. Once the fact-checking is complete and he has finalised his report it is passed to the City Council and the National Park Authority to determine how the Neighbourhood Plan should be modified before Referendum.
5. The Dore Neighbourhood Forum has the opportunity to discuss and negotiate with the LPA if the latter wishes to go ahead to Referendum without fully accepting the Examiner's modifications.

What is important is that the Examiner has accepted the principle that development must respect the setting of the Peak District National Park, which is no small advance in recognising the landscape sensitivity of much of the land between developed Dore and the Park boundary (which also currently has Green Belt status). He also backs our policy stand on Long Line. Our main housing policy survives, but in a modified and slightly weakened state. He has no difficulty with the range of protected Local Green Spaces which we proposed. Recent changes in national planning rules have outdated some of our Dore Village centre policies relating to retail businesses.

However, it is too early to report in detail on these matters because, as I write, the Examiner's report remains in draft. What is important is the extent to which the advocacy within our submitted Neighbourhood Plan may have played a part in influencing the City Council's thinking about what might emerge in their draft Plan later this year. It will be a great pity if they have not picked up something about the value of the landscapes around, and the character within, Dore. You can be sure that the Forum and its Steering Group will press home these and other points, both as to how our Neighbourhood Plan emerges for Referendum and how the Sheffield Plan emerges for consultation towards the end of 2021.

Finally, we are hopeful that, if CV-19 does not interfere with this year's May elections as it did with last year's, there remains enough time for our Plan to be subject to a vote of Dore electors alongside the May Council elections.

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Lockdown

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Defibrillator

The defibrillator acquired with help from the British Heart Foundation has now been installed on the outside wall of the Library close to the main door. We hope it will be an important community asset.

Donations

Substantial donations have been received recently from Dore and Totley United Reformed Church and the Totley Independent for which we are most grateful.

Plant sale

Outline plans are in place to hold a plant sale in May, but it is too early to know whether or not this will be able to go ahead.

Totley Library Lottery

Since it began in June 2016, the Lottery has been the main source of our fundraising income and, to date, has raised nearly £25,000. We are more reliant than ever on this source of funds and we are always looking for new participants as, inevitably, there is a turnover of those taking part. 25% of the monies received are paid out in two prizes each month and currently the first prize is £127 and the second £32. If you would like to join the Lottery, please send an email to chair@totleycric.org.uk and an application form will be sent to you.

New volunteers needed more than ever

Totley Library for the last six years has been run by volunteers and has gone from strength to strength. Until March last year when all libraries were required to close because of COVID restrictions, Totley library was one of Sheffield's most loved and well-used volunteer run libraries. Last July it was one of the first libraries in Sheffield to open with an "Order and Collect" service and one of the first to open their doors for library users to come in and choose their own books.

The Library is managed by a committed, friendly and resourceful group of Trustees and we would welcome new faces, bringing new ideas, to join this group. You do not need to have library experience, but you do need to have the necessary skills and understanding of working in a volunteer run organisation. We are particularly looking for people who have experience of marketing, management, writing articles for the local press, keeping policies and procedures up to date and who are committed to helping Totley Library re-establish itself as a community resource once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Running the Library is of course not just about Trustees and we would also welcome new volunteers who are interested in being involved in other tasks, e.g., front desk and book processing tasks,

preparation of displays, cleaning, gardening, property maintenance etc. Training will be given to all new volunteers.

Like a lot of voluntary organisations, we have concerns that not all our volunteers will be able, or want, to return so if we are going to be able to get the Library up and running as it used to be, we must attract new volunteers.

If you would like to know more about the roles that are available and what they entail, please email your details to totleylibrary@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

The future

With the mass vaccination programme commencing we can all hope that COVID restrictions will be eased gradually but of course we do not know yet when that might be. We are looking forward to reopening and then to increasing our opening hours. Welcoming back our loyal volunteers will entail a significant programme of refresher training whilst also delivering enhanced training to incoming new volunteers. There will be significant challenges to come and clearly there may be a level of restrictions for some time, but we are confident that Totley Library will once again become a vibrant and active part of the local community.

Norman Rolfe



Despite any optimism early last Autumn, it is now clear that we are still in the midst of the fight against Covid-19. It still seems unlikely that the Library, or any similar venues, will be available to hold meetings for some time and whilst we are still hoping to be able to hold an AGM in April, it is by no means certain that we will be able to. We can only hope that the start of the mass vaccination programme will enable this to happen.

If the AGM in April goes ahead, the future of the Group will be the main topic for discussion. Those Committee members intending to retire last year still intend to retire whenever the next AGM is held. One person has come forward to express an interest in joining our committee, and if anyone else would like more details about what being a member of the Committee entails please contact me at n.rolfe@btinternet.com. As I have said before, in view of this the meeting will be open to non-members and we hope that anyone who might be interested in helping to ensure the Group's future will be able to come along. The eventual date of the meeting will be made known via the Totley Independent and our website, www.totleyhistorygroup.org.uk.

In the light of the ongoing situation, we are proposing to hold the planned February and March meetings by Zoom on a trial basis. If you are interested in joining in either or both meetings, please send an email to sectothist@gmail.com and access details will be sent to you.

The meetings are:-

Wed 24th Feb at 7.15pm: The History and Residents of Zion graveyard, Attercliffe by Penny Rea

Wed 24th March at 7.15pm: The History of Stained Glass by Ann Beedham

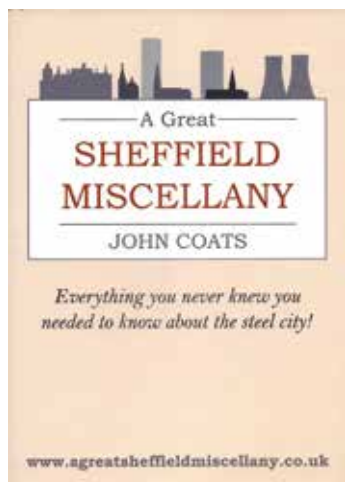
I hope some of you will be able to join us at one or both of these meetings.

Norman Rolfe

Here are a few local interest books that have helped to while away my boredom during the latest lockdown. All were bought online, so there shouldn't be any need to leave the house to get a copy of your own.

John Eastwood

Things you didn't know you didn't know



'A Great Sheffield Miscellany' by John Coats

218pp £11.95 softback

ALD Design & Print, 279 Sharrowvale Road, S11 8ZF

ISBN 1-901587-93-7

www.agreatsheffieldmiscellany.co.uk

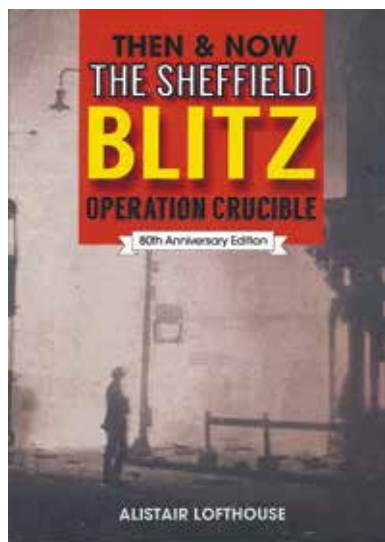
I love books like this. It's not a book for reading beginning to end, more of a book that you can pick up in a spare moment and find out a few more interesting facts about our fair city. It's also the sort of book which would sit well on a shelf in the pub, to settle arguments as long as

they're Sheffield-related.

From A-roads to Zeppelin raids, this is a collection of eclectic information arranged alphabetically, but it can fool you. When my copy arrived in the post I thought I'd have a quick flick through before getting on with the day. All of a sudden it was an hour later and the coffee pot was empty, but I could tell you when Bertie Bassett was born (1926), when the next partial solar eclipse visible round here will be (10th June at 11.15am), and where and what is the Sheffield Megatron.

The result of every league and FA Cup derby match you can find here, from 1893 to the present day, with United wins in red and Wednesday's in blue. You can find out which episode of Doctor Who was filmed in Sheffield, though fans might well know this already as it wasn't too long ago. It involved a Dalek, long-buried under the Hope Valley, who had to be defeated with the help of a sonic screwdriver repaired with good old Sheffield steel.

I hope you can see how this book drags you in. There are, of course, the sort of things that you would expect to find in a book of this title such as brief biographies of Michael Palin and Joe Cocker, and our own Dore Stone gets a mention. Then you turn the page and all of a sudden you find out what Nick Clegg said in 2014 about 'Hendogate', or how many Sheffield newspapers there have been since 1755.



Life during wartime

'The Sheffield Blitz - Operation Crucible' by Alistair Lofthouse

92pp £7.95 softback

ALD Design & Print, 279 Sharrowvale Road, S11 8ZF

ISBN 1-901587-09-6

Orders: alistair@aldprint.co.uk

Many of us commemorated the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May of last year, although the event was somewhat muted due to covid restrictions. Another WWII anniversary occurred later in the year, the 80th

anniversary of the Sheffield Blitz.

To mark the latter, Mr. Lofthouse has produced a new and extended edition of his 2001 book. On 12th December 1940, around 300 Luftwaffe bombers took part in a raid on Sheffield which was intended to be against the steelworks and factories to the east and north of the city, but Attercliffe was covered by low cloud and the city centre took the brunt. Bombs fell as far out as Meersbrook and Millhouses in our direction.

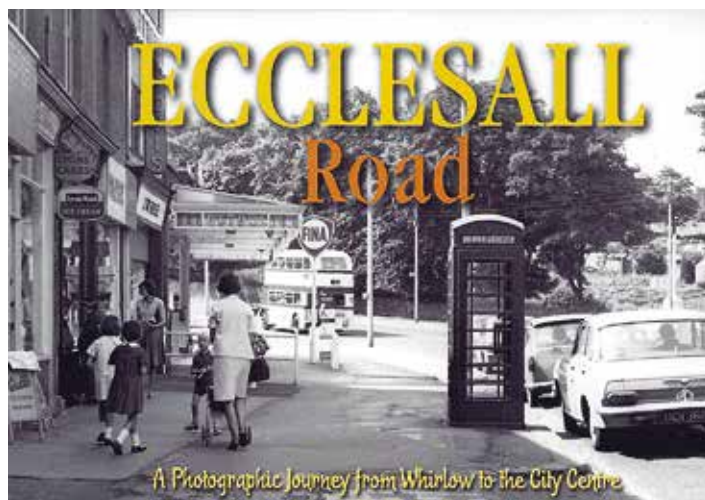
Three nights later, 90 bombers were back under Hitler's tactic of 'doppelganger' raids. This time the bombs were centred around Prince of Wales Road, and on that occasion they did hit some of Sheffield's industry.

It is now known that 589 Sheffielders lost their lives between the two raids. The best-remembered single bomb is the one that fell on the Marples Hotel where between 70 and 80 people were sheltering in the cellar. The pub took a direct hit, and only seven survivors were found.

Alistair Lofthouse gives a concise history of the raids, and the book includes several little memoirs of eyewitnesses. One of these was Anne Diver, then a schoolgirl living on Abbeydale Road. It is she who remembered the gas masks making the children look like 'little pigs'.

The book is, however, mainly photographs. Pictures from the aftermath of the bombings are juxtaposed with modern images taken from the same spot. It's truly amazing and not a little alarming to see the extent of the damage. 3000 buildings were totally destroyed or damaged beyond repair, and another 82,000 suffered damage of some sort. A map at the end of the book shows where the bombs fell, but only the high explosive ones. Incendiaries, well there were just too many.

The people of Sheffield emerged the next morning and just carried on.



A trip into town

'Ecclesall Road - a Photographic Journey from Whirlow to the City Centre' by Chris Keeling

72pp £9.99 softback

Arc Publishing & Print, 166 Knowle Lane, S11 9SJ

ISBN 978-1-906722-67-8

Orders: chris@arcbooks.co.uk

The author of this book reports in his introduction that some people thought the book should have started in the city centre and come out this way, but he, like me, looks at Ecclesall Road as the way *in* to town. In my case, bouncing around on the top of a 50 bus and all the way for 2p if you could convince the conductor that you were still at school.

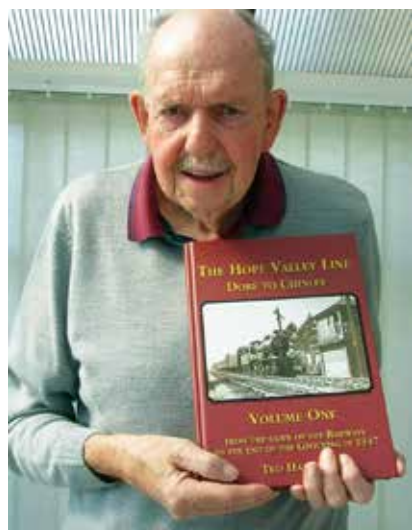
That's how I first became acquainted with the sights and some of the history surrounding Ecclesall Road. There is a great deal of history too, as this book shows by way of pictures rather than words. It isn't a scholarly history book, but it is packed with photographs all

neatly arranged in the order that you come across the subjects on your route to Sheffield.

The book starts at Whirlow Bridge, where Hathersage Road becomes Ecclesall Road South. This was the location of the Whirlow Bridge Inn (see also page 43), the first of the many pubs which stand, or have stood, along the route. Those pubs which remain have often been rebuilt at some point in their history, such as the Wheatsheaf at Parkhead and the Prince of Wales/Woodstock Diner/Baltimore Diner/Real Macaw/Prince of Wales at the top of Carterknowle Road. This latter was originally built in 1808, supposedly from stones from the old Ecclesall Chapel. The current building has been knocked about considerably inside through its various incarnations, but the mock-tudor style only goes back to a 1928 rebuild.

As the book is mainly about the architecture, we get only a few details of people involved though it's fair to say that, as in Dore, many of the houses were built by and for the great and good of Sheffield's industries. In fact, the only person who gets a page to himself doesn't fall into such a class at all, but you can still stand on the spot where the infamous Charlie Peace shot and killed Arthur Dyson in 1876. I've known about the crime for many years, but it seems that for most of that time I had the wrong house; here we are helped by a map showing it to be a few doors down from the Banner Cross Hotel.

Many of the photos 'up this end' are instantly recognisable today and few of the buildings have changed in the hundred or more years since they were taken. There may be tramlines down the road, only horse-drawn vehicles, and in a few cases cobbles rather than tarmac, but you're never in any doubt where you are. This becomes more problematic as you near Sheffield, where redevelopment has been heavier and continues to this day. The bottoms of Ecclesall Road and Cemetery Road are totally unrecognisable from pictures of 100 years ago.



A trip into Derbyshire

'The Hope Valley Line - Dore to Chinley' by Ted Hancock

295pp £30 hardback

Ted Hancock Books, 127 Westwick Road, Greenhill, S8 7BW

ISBN 978-0-9562706-9-6

Orders: tedhancock30@gmail.com or tel 0114 2377395.

Ted Hancock has been a local railway historian for quite a few years, and

looking back through Dore to Door records for the last decade, I see that he's given talks to quite a few of our local groups in that time. He addressed the DVS AGM ten years ago now and has given many other local talks since.

The publication of Ted's magnum opus was announced in our Winter edition of 2019, and with lockdown 3 going on and snow falling outside, I have finally got around to buying myself a copy.

This is the first volume of what is eventually to be a three-book history of the railway that passes through Dore & Totley Station, originally linking Sheffield to Chinley. Actually it is much more than that, and starts with the way the Romans used to cross the Pennines, followed by the packhorse routes, then the turnpike roads which came later.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries there were plans for trans-pennine canals, though in the end these came to nothing, probably because of the nature of the terrain. Nonetheless, these plans appear in Ted's meticulously-researched book, showing how important it became for a reliable transport link between Sheffield

and Manchester/Liverpool once the Industrial Revolution got going.

Then the railways arrived. There were, again, several plans for a Sheffield to Manchester line following diverse routes; the line that exists today was only one of those originally proposed. Nonetheless, Ted covers them all.

The depth of research involved in the book is staggering, and Ted himself describes the work as a "hobby which has got out of hand". Dore's Archivist and regular Dore to Door contributor Dorne Coggins gets a mention in the acknowledgements, along with her contemporaries from every village with a station along the line. There is no bibliography as such, though references used are noted at points throughout the text.

The only thing that threw me a little was the lack of an index. The book is not written as a straight chronology; there are simply too many threads to the story to permit this. So, searching for a particular incident or person can be a little awkward.

Volume 2 is scheduled for release later this year, and volume 3 maybe next year. I will be buying them; the whole set together will be the definitive history of Dore's little bit of railway infrastructure. And I am hopeful that Volume 3 will be where the index is to be found.



Astronomical anthropoid adventure

'Lily the Human and Ruby the Space Monkey' by Ellena Kik

12pp £6.50 (inc. postage) softback

The Children's Hospital Charity

www.tchc.org.uk

The first book by Dore's youngest published author is this tale of interplanetary adventure by Dore Primary pupil Ellena Kik. Ellena had a particular reason for writing it; as a baby she spent the first month of her life in hospital, following a life-saving procedure. Once home, she had several scary moments, including one during her first family holiday which required her to be flown by air ambulance to Sheffield.

As you may know, Sheffield Children's Hospital has no helipad, so Ellena has written the book to help with fundraising towards getting one built.

It's a lovely tale, which tackles modern societal issues such as speed awareness when driving and the 'bank of mum & dad'. Ellena even had a new font created from her own handwriting and her illustrations were converted into professional artworks by artist and family friend Lucan Monks.

The story takes up the first half of the book, and then there is a colouring section so that readers can get busy with the crayons and felt tips. Parents can be happy that the money they spend on the book will help towards the helipad appeal. My review copy is heading to my own granddaughter, who had her fifth birthday last month.

Note: we have been told that the Children's Hospital online shop at the web address above is closed during lockdown. Copies should be available again once they reopen.

Snapshots of local life a century ago

In one respect, nothing's changed! Dore and Totley in 1921 were simply wanting to get back to normal after the Great War and the 1918/19 "Spanish Flu" pandemic. War had claimed the lives of 908,000 British and Empire service personnel and the flu had taken a further 228,000 British lives. Recovery was a mixture of remembrance, distraction and diversion. Memorials to the fallen were appearing. Yet, work apart, there was sport and a strong comedy element in what Sheffield's theatres and around 14 picture palaces were providing to distract. Marie Lloyd, known for her risqué songs and gestures, was at the Empire Palace with her stock-in-trade "Oh, Mr Porter" and "I Sits Among the Cabbages and Leeks" – the cleaned-up version of her earlier lyrics. Charlie Chaplin's successful comedy "The Kid" was seen by millions. For a few moments at least, film, albeit still silent, and variety turns were helping people to forget.

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

In 1921, Dore and Totley were still in Derbyshire. Dore's population was 1,796, up by 140 since the 1911 census. The census which took place every 10 years was due to take place as usual in 1921, but the fieldwork was postponed for two months because of cases of industrial unrest, including a miners' strike. In May, because of the coal emergency, Sheffield City Council and Norton Rural District Council were urging the public to exercise the utmost economy in their use of fuel and lighting, and some local transport was curtailed. When the census was completed,

the UK population was found to be 44,027,000, 52% of whom were women. It's now 67,886,011 with an estimated 50.6% being women.

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

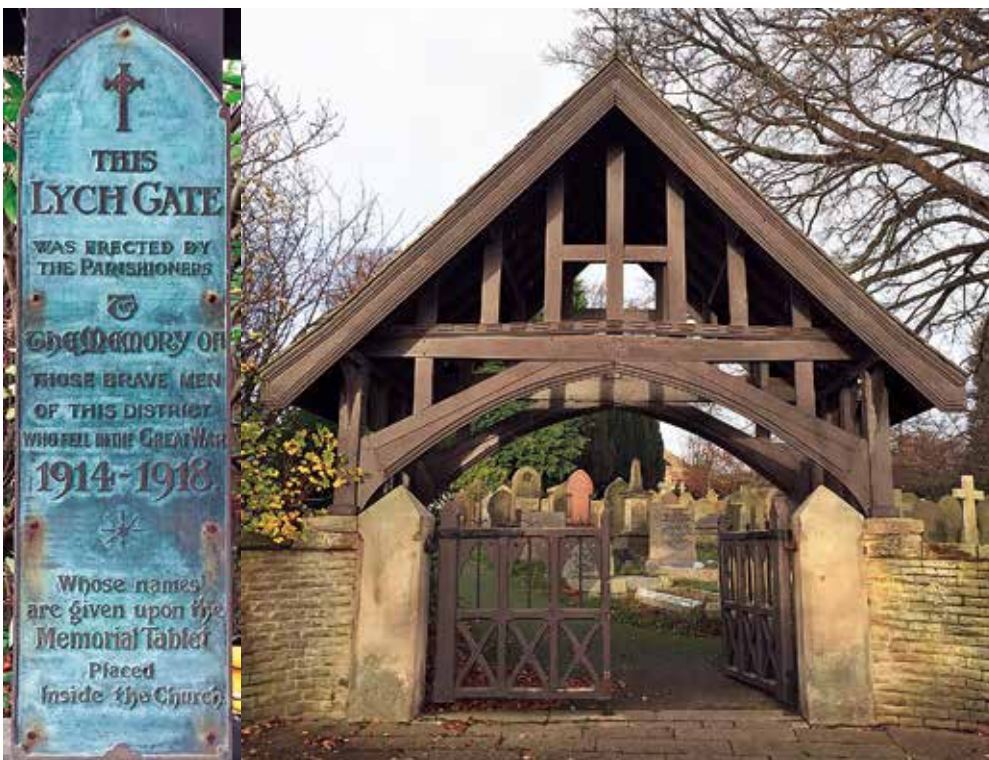
Fundraising for Totley's new church which would eventually open in 1924 had been going on for some time. A grand summer fair in a field opposite Totley Grange raised funds to add to monies already raised by parishioners and the legacy of £4,000 left by Mr Ebenezer Hall of Abbeydale Park. The fair featured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

The Vicar of Dore, Rev Gibson, was vocal about Dore and Totley along with other parishes near to Sheffield being in the Diocese of Southwell with its minster about 40 miles away. He and others felt that the local parishes in the Deanery of Eyam should move instead to the Diocese of Sheffield. Despite the local feeling that Totley and Dore were "part and parcel of the city", they still weren't in the obvious diocese. The new parish of Totley was due to be created from the parish of Dore. Until 1844, Dore and

Totley had formerly been in the parish of Dronfield. The Rev Gibson had been in post for 26 years as Vicar of Dore and made his mark on Dore church with a new chancel, new windows, organ, eight bells, heating apparatus and a clock tower. Over £6,000 had been spent on the church structure and furniture since his arrival in 1895.

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

Dore Moor Inn was a regular venue for



cattle sales, as was the Fleur-de-Lys at Totle. Dore was outraged in March when a large hayrick at Dore Moor was deliberately set on fire by, it was believed, mysterious individuals sympathetic to Sinn Fein and the cause of Irish independence. The Dronfield Fire Brigade attended but was unable to save the rick which was the property of the licensee, Mr Elijah Green. Similar incidents had taken place across the north of England and on railway property around London. Petrol was being used regularly to start such fires and firearms were being used in extreme cases. The island of Ireland had just been split between the Irish Free State and Ulster giving us what we now know as Northern Ireland, although the matter was still causing unrest. On a more positive note, Farmer Hancock of Dore was writing to the newspapers warning against factory farming systems to produce food at any price regardless of the welfare of animals and men. Working with Mother Nature, applying acquired knowledge, using careful and skilled men, who were paid decent wages, and the latest implements was, in his view, the only answer.

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

It seems that Sheffield's department stores were doing their best to endanger wildlife. The Cole Brothers' January Sale was offering the most unappealingly-sounding "Skunk Muffs" at half price of between 10 and 20 guineas (roughly £500 to £1,000 now). Meanwhile, Walsh's was offering "Becoming Neckwear" in the form of stoles and collarettes in marabou stork or ostrich feathers and white fox or Indian fox fur. At the time, a whole menagerie of animals was being used for fur; sable, mink, beaver, seal, opossum, raccoon and squirrel to name but a few. Mole and dyed rabbit were also available and cheaper. Cole's had relented by the spring when "seaside blazers in a large range of striped flannel" were offered for 69/6d or 73/6d (£170 to £180 at today's values). A good quality men's suit in wool was 5 guineas and a winter overcoat was 70/0d. More fragrantly, the Chanel No 5 perfume was introduced this year by Rolls Royce-driving Coco Chanel.

The 1921 Sheffield holidaymaker on a budget was offered numerous opportunities at resorts such as Bridlington, Harrogate, Blackpool, Southport, Scarborough, Llandudno, Whitby, Morecambe, Mablethorpe and Skegness. Some enlightened B & Bs offered "separate tables" and even "free use of bath". Or if you weren't very adventurous there was always the Grand Hotel at what was described as "Bracing Baslow". Those who couldn't afford to travel might simply have taken the tram to Sheffield's range of picture houses, theatres and sports venues.

For the motorist, Sheffield's Ford dealership was advertising "TRANSPORTATION IS CIVILISATION. IT IS KILLING FASHION AND IS DOING MORE FOR HEALTH THAN ANY NUMBER OF PRINTED RULES OR NASTY MEDICINES". The Ford tourer was £220 or there was a van for £205 and a tractor for £225. Other pricier makes were available for up to £1,650 for a Daimler, although the newly-appointed Rolls Royce dealership didn't let on about their prices: it was probably considered vulgar to say! For those without transport, Sheffield omnibuses and trams along with the rail services into Sheffield and beyond and the Hope Valley railway line were obvious choices for work and leisure. A workman's weekly ticket from Dore and Totle to Sheffield was 3/3d (16p) and the one-month season ticket for any time and any train was 10/10d (54p), or 29/3d (£1.46) for three months. For leisure, private companies offered charabanc services from Totle to Baslow, Chesterfield, Froggatt Edge and Calver. Walking was clearly popular and one local newspaper stressed its importance for women. "An erect carriage and elastic step mean more in a

girl's general appearance than anything else. There is only one place to find perfect health and that is out of doors. A girl who takes long walks daily (in the morning for preference) never has a white face or a listless appearance. The morning air with its youth giving qualities is a gift which should not be refused by anyone."

Eye-catching adverts telling you "How to Enjoy Life" provided the simple answer, which was to take Beecham's Pills. Alcohol was promoted for its health-giving properties. Gilmour's Oatmeal Stout brewed at the Lady's Bridge Brewery was "best for athletes". Wincarnis Tonic Wine, often taken by those who professed not to drink, was 3/3d and 6/- a bottle. A bottle of Gold Medal claret was 3/-, gin would set you back 12/-, rum was 12/6d and brandy "recommended by the medical profession" was 18/6d. For an evening in with your bottle of choice, Wilson Peck (with us until 2001) would sell you the latest HMV records at 5/6d (27p) for a 10-inch double-side disc or 12/6d (62p) for the 12-inch version. Gramophones of the day ranged from £7.10s to £125. While Marconi had made the first successful wireless broadcast in 1920, it wasn't until 1922 when radio broadcasts from the 2MT and 2LO (later BBC) radio stations could be heard on crystal sets. Meanwhile, fish and chips were always on the menu and the fish eaters of Sheffield and area were assured that on the Wednesday before Good Friday 1921, no fewer than 77 trawlers had landed their catches at Grimsby, to say nothing of what was also coming in at Hull and Fleetwood. The railways were able to transport the fish inland quickly, and anyone in the vicinity of a railway station would have known by the scented trail when the fish train had passed through or stopped. Depending on what you wanted to put on your chips, a large bottle of tomato ketchup was 2/- or there was always HP Sauce for 11½d.

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

Judging by the number of column inches devoted to it, golf at the Dore & Totle Club for men and women seems to have been the favoured and fashionable local sport. The club had 325 men, 120 ladies and 15 junior members. It reported that the condition of the greens in 1921 had been helped by the hot summer which had kept the grass short, and grazing by sheep. In February, a member achieved a "hole in one" at the 160-yard 16th hole. In October, two club members with the lowest handicaps and familiar with the terrain played a match by moonlight using forecaddies in the vicinity of the holes to listen for the drop. Caddies were allowed to use torches only when balls went into the rough. The two players finished at 11pm after playing for three hours and both men lost just one ball each. Miraculously, one valiant forecaddie was hit by a ball only once and wasn't apparently harmed!



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Abbeydale Park hosted rugby union, football, cricket and hockey, while target shooting and lawn tennis took place in the area. League football, racing and local sports were reported at length in the Saturday "Green 'Un" sports special. Another pastime, the growing of flowers and vegetables and the keeping of poultry, rabbits and other animals was encouraged by the Topley Allotment and Horticultural Society. Their fourth annual show in Topley saw prizes being awarded for flowers and produce as well as the best rabbit, best guinea pig, best local hen and best white Leghorn laying chicken.

Readers' letters to the papers at the time spoke of Sheffield "creeping out" towards Millhouses and Topley. Local feelings were running very high at a possible threat to Ecclesall Woods which at the time were owned by Earl Fitzwilliam. The area of ancient woodlands was believed to be hiding reserves of coal, ganister and fireclay, all of which were used by local industries and which had been mined previously. Mercifully, strong feelings led to the woods being bought by Sheffield Corporation six years later. Another reader wrote in to add to an earlier report of someone's sighting of a kingfisher, "We have seen one several times by a brook near Dore and Topley station during October and November". "Motorist" wrote in to point out that Abbey Lane and Abbeydale Road as far as the Beauchief were 100 feet wide, so why wasn't the road with its dangerous bends at Topley Rise and Mickley Lane also as wide as far as the Cross Scythes?

Crime didn't pay in the area. The year started badly for a drunk and disorderly scythe grinder on the Topley omnibus who used obscene language and assaulted the bus conductor at Topley. The case came to court at Eckington and £6 in fines were imposed. In June, PC Banham was on duty in Topley when he stopped a powerful car which he thought was being driven to the danger of the public. Both men in the car were from London. The passenger offered PC Banham a £1 note to say nothing about the matter:

this was bluntly refused and the case came to Renishaw Police Court where the chairman of the magistrates said this was the worst case they had had to deal with. Fines and costs imposed on both men amounted to nearly £40 (around £1,950 at today's values). Then a raid on a Topley milk seller resulted in three farmers from Holmesfield facing charges at Renishaw Police Court for adulterating their milk. One was found to have added 20% of water getting him a fine of £1 with £3 costs. Two others claimed that the reason why their samples were lacking a third of the cream and fat was simply due to the milk being poured from one vessel into another. The court didn't wear this excuse and the fine was £5 with £3 costs. In November, PC Breed of Topley supported by Sergeant Hall and a gamekeeper arrested two men who were found poaching at midnight at Longshaw. One of the men had been sentenced before for the same offence and he was sent to prison for one month with hard labour, while the other was fined £1. At the end of the year, the illustrious PC Banham was in court at Dronfield to give evidence against a Sheffield labourer who he had seen trying window catches and doors of three houses in Topley Brook Road. The man ran away when he saw PC Banham but he was overhauled and arrested. He complained that if he walked down the street he was taken to the lock-up. He told the court, "I may as well go to bed for the rest of my life and then I shall be safe." Safety in this case was three months in prison!

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

Mike Peart

Time Travellers

As an archaeology group, lockdowns and all the stop-start events of 2020, we keep in mind that what we are interested in and have been expecting to investigate won't disappear! So, in the hope and expectation that we will be back in business at some point in 2021 we have been taking a look back at what we have done over the last 10 years because 2021 is the 10th Anniversary of the formation in January 2011 of The Time Travellers Archaeology Group. It all started with a casual enquiry in Dore to Door from John Baker, the Editor of Dore to Door at that time, for like-minded people to set up an archaeology group which would offer talks, walks and ultimately access to local digs. Like Topsy it has grown!

Our very first event was a walk through Ecclesall Woods with John Baker, to highlight the many archaeological features within the Woods. That walk has been repeated several times over the years as more and more of our members came to appreciate the wealth of unique and special features right on our doorstep. Iron Age Hill fort, ancient cup and ring rock art, industrial evidence like Q pits, walkways, mills and much more.

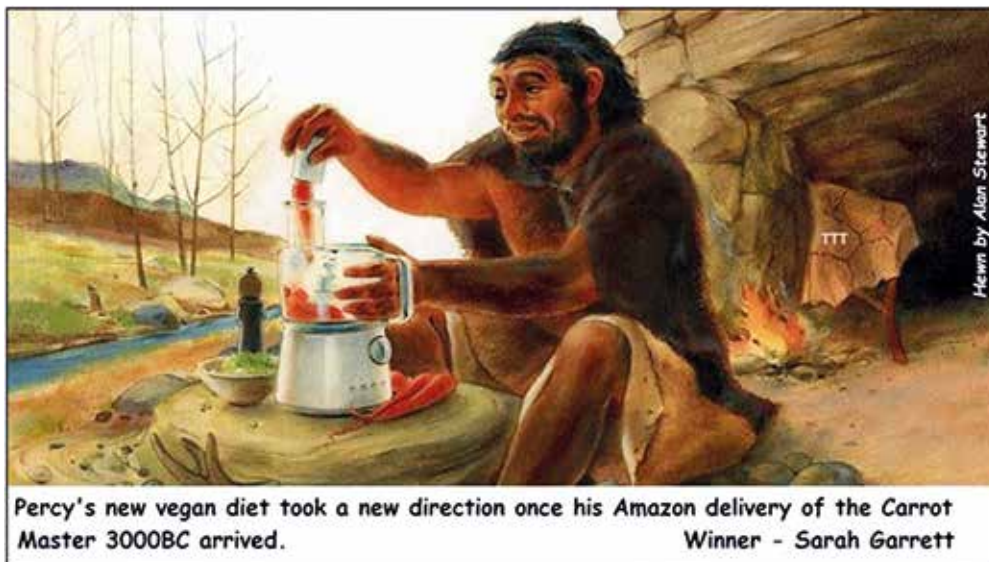
One of the biggest boosts to our group came with the participation in the first Whirlow Hall Farm excavation undertaken by Dr Clive Waddington and Archaeological Research Services. This proved to rewrite the whole history of this part of South West Sheffield with its discovery of Roman, Iron Age and pre-history settlement.

It also allowed our newly formed group to learn directly those field skills necessary for future work on our own account.

The Time Travellers eventually, through Heritage Lottery funding, ran their own dig at Whirlow Hall Farm in 2016 but to see just what was found then and how much else we have got up to, the best idea is to look at our web-site: www.thetimetravellers.org.uk.

Meanwhile, our members (of which there were 120 at the last count) have been keeping amused with more competitions. A recent winning entry was this one from Sarah Garrett.

Dorne Coggins



Percy's new vegan diet took a new direction once his Amazon delivery of the Carrot Master 3000BC arrived.
Winner - Sarah Garrett

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While we have continued to wrestle with Covid-19, the TV programme "Our Planet Now" on Sunday, 6th December 2020, clearly showed that nature is striking back at the way we are living. Carbon dioxide levels are at an all-time high and rising, and this year (2021) is a "make or break year" and we must cut emissions.

Soil absorbs carbon dioxide, but it is easily released when the soil is disturbed. Those of us that garden need to take it very seriously and disturb the soil as little as possible. The only time that soil needs to be disturbed is when one is planting or removing plants, but with good planning this could be kept to a minimum, and even be virtually nil. Digging a pond would cause considerable loss, but over time the support even a small one would give to wildlife would make it worthwhile. However, digging over beds, as many people do, is not good. Far better to leave that job to the worms who, together with the other soil wildlife, will produce a much better soil texture and with no loss of carbon dioxide.

Planting trees (which absorb CO₂), shrubs and perennials, all of which would be permanent, could be the best plan for most gardens, with natives being by far the most favourable option for our wildlife which really does need our support. However, native annuals and biennials also play their part and if grown from seed or as plugs between other plants, and allowed to seed, the natural appearance of the garden will be enhanced as time goes on. If they become over invasive, they can be taken out or moved (very carefully!). Popular though they are, bedding plants must be one of the least environmentally-friendly garden plants, needing planting in spring and digging up in the autumn, and they contribute little if anything to the environment.

In my garden I have several trees and shrubs including the three featured below:

Alder buckthorn is loved by the brimstone butterfly. The flowers provide pollen and nectar for bees, and the fruits are popular with thrushes and other birds.

Downy birch has an open canopy under which spring flowers will grow and it supports 300 species of insects. The leaves are food for aphids which attract ladybirds, and also the caterpillars of several moths. The seeds are popular with siskins, redpolls, and greenfinches, while woodpeckers nest in holes in the trunk.

Bird Cherry is a lovely tree. It provides an early source of pollen and nectar and the cherries are eaten by blackbirds, thrushes, badgers and small mammals such as wood mice and dormice.

My alder buckthorn and downy birch are new whips and I am keen to see how they develop. So far so good.

In my garden, the summer meadow strip could not be cut as it was always too wet with the almost daily rain, so it is doing what comes naturally, although it was disappointing that we were not able to use our new traditional scythe as was the custom years ago. The wild flower seeds planted last autumn were mostly showing by December and should be ready for planting in April in the various meadows - spring, summer and a pathway through the two.

Years ago, and at a different address, several neighbours were very annoyed at the state of a nearby garden. It had not been touched since the first occupant had moved in and was a 'meadow'. I now know that it would have been much more wildlife-friendly than all of ours put together. In fact, many knowledgeable scientists are now describing most gardens in this country as biological deserts!

Last year, I watched an episode of Gardeners' World. It showed several different gardens from around the British Isles. One



Wild garlic blooming in April; striking in a shaded woodland corner

showed huge banks of flowers either side of a footpath. The presenter thought it was wonderful, but I was not impressed. There was a bee, but only one and I am sure all the flowers were cultivated.

Another garden was in Scotland. The house was on a hill with a huge lawn, below which was a large flower bed bordered by a strip of water. As with the first garden the flowers all appeared to be cultivated but there were no pollinators. This garden was also filmed from the other side of the water and it actually spoiled the view of the beautiful Scottish countryside beyond.

The third garden was full of potted succulents - 1,259 of them - and nothing else but the many water butts which were needed for all the watering. The owner of the house was obsessed with them and loved the variety of leaf shapes. Succulents are amazing plants, but would not support any of our wildlife, or to me, look right in an English garden.

None of these gardens supported wildlife as well as they could have done, and I doubt the other gardens shown were any better, but I found it too depressing to watch any more. I cannot understand why professional horticulturists are ignoring the poor state of nature in this country and cannot see that the way they encourage people to garden is part of the problem.

Now, the spring flowers are starting to open. I was surprised to learn that as well as crocus, winter aconite and tulip, snowdrop is also not native. I have never had tulip or crocus and am pulling up the winter aconite if it appears again. Removing the snowdrops, which are native to France and West Germany, is an ongoing job but at least mine look 'native', compared to the fancy cultivars that have appeared in gardens in the last few years.

Other early flowers include wild daffodils, wood anemones, wood sorrel, lesser celandine, bluebell, cuckoo pint, snakeshead fritillary and ramson (wild garlic), along with Solomon's seal, lily of the valley and lady's smock, which flower later and help to fill the gap before the summer flowers start to bloom.

Planning ahead for late spring and summer, there is plenty of choice of wild native flowers. The following are a small selection of the 86 that bloomed here last year and are all attractive to pollinators and other wildlife: white deadnettle, red campion, bugle and nettles (which were out of the way, and very good for wildlife, as are dandelions which can be controlled by removing some of the seed heads), lady's smock, wild garlic (with its edible leaves), yellow archangel, wood cranesbill and foxgloves (biennials which provide easy access for bees and are very popular), bird's-foot trefoil, oxeye daisy, red and white clover, marjoram, nettle leaved bellflowers, betony, yellow toadflax, musk mallow, the beautiful meadow cranesbill, and the very popular small and field species of scabious. Finally, the long-flowering greater celandine that blooms from May to September in sun or semi- shade, has small but very pretty flowers.

Seeds, plugs and advice can be sourced from native wild flower producers and at least one is near enough to visit. A brochure is always helpful (although do check that the plants you choose are native as some may not be), but a visit, ideally in the summer, is a good trip out as they have fields of colourful wild flowers - quite a sight - and a lovely cafe! Hopefully, the pandemic will be coming under control and this, and other excursions, will be possible by then. Here's hoping.

Marian N Tiddy

Goodness, what a time we have all had since my last article was written at the end of October. Uncertainty and new restrictions continue to rack up, however this time there is some sense of optimism at the end of the tunnel. Reflecting on the programme of vaccinations the other day, it seemed quite ironic that we could end up with all our passengers vaccinated and able to get out and about once more, but our volunteers unable to return because they are awaiting theirs!

Hopefully you were all able to enjoy some of the special moments which make the festive season so dear to us - it was almost the Christmas that wasn't.

So now 2021. In a letter to our volunteers, clubs and shareholders we thought it would be Spring 2021 before the buses would be needed again, we hope this will be the case, but who knows. A full year without any service? Who could have predicted that?

It was with some disappointment, but a general acceptance that we decided not to appoint a coordinator. We had three applicants and interviewed two of them. The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that the landscape for community transport has been changing since March and it has been difficult to know what the next few months will mean for Transport 17 and the running of the buses. We were therefore starting to think that it would not be appropriate to appoint to a salaried position at present and the news of the second lockdown has confirmed that it will probably be well into 2021 before the Transport 17 buses will be in service again.

We would like to thank staff at VAS and People Keeping Well for helping us with the advertisement, the applicants for their interest, volunteers Dave Longley and Neil Comyn for helping to shortlist with Mike Roberts and Rosie Fry from the Management Committee and also Joanna Woodward (People Keeping Well) and Ian Jenkinson (Sheffield Community Transport) for joining Mike Roberts on the interview panel. Joanna and Ian's comments were very supportive in helping us to come to this difficult but appropriate decision.

Towards the end of December, we managed to hold our AGM via Zoom technology with the purpose of signing off the accounts for 2019. Interestingly we had as many attendees for this on-line meeting as we did for our last one in March 2019 when people attended in person. We are pleased to say that at the 31st December 2019 we were in a sound position financially. Hopefully, we can hold an AGM with its usual agenda for the 2020 accounts with people there in person later this year.

Mike Roberts and Denis Dacey continue to keep the maintenance programme for the buses up to date so the buses will be ready to roll when needed. They have now been joined by Dave Longley so you may well see a full Transport 17 convoy out and about. MOTs have been passed, they all have new batteries, brakes have been replaced where necessary and fuel purchased so they can have regular runs to maintain them all at a cost of over £1000. We were delighted to receive a generous donation of £500 towards this from Dore Village Society. A huge thanks to them.

We have received donations from the following - Mrs Seville in memory of her husband Richard Seville who was a member at St Johns Lunch Club: £230, Mr and Mrs Cotterill: £40, Heather Belbin: £100, Mr and Mrs Kirkup: £200, Dore and Totley URC: £420 and the Totley Independent: £450. We are incredibly grateful for this generous support and would like to say a big thank you to them all.

We were also pleased to be successful in our application for £500 from Age UK for a new printer/scanner/copier for the office which will help us immensely.

We are fortunate that whilst we have not had any income from our Clubs since April 2020, we have also not had many outgoings. The landlord - Andrew Morton - has been generous in not charging us rent for the last six months and the grant payable from SYPT has continued.

However we, like so many others, have missed out on fundraising activities. This time of year usually sees us putting together our programme of events for the coming 12 months. Last year we managed to have the March coffee morning, but now, as the future continues to be so uncertain all plans are on hold. Dot Firth came

up with the idea of a Walking Treasure Hunt around Totley which the committee feel would be a great idea. We had thought of doing it over the Christmas holidays but the Covid situation in November put a bit of a damper on it and as things unfolded it could never have happened. Dot has continued to work on developing the idea into a reality and we are hoping that it might be one of our first fundraising events in 2021 - a whole new beginning, fingers crossed. So, watch this space for updates.

As we mentioned in the last article we are very lucky to be a Co-op Local Cause for 2021 so if you haven't already done so, can we urge you to select us as your chosen cause so we can make maximum benefit from this opportunity. You can do this by going online at www.coop.co.uk/membership or by phoning 0800 0234708. This will make a huge difference to us whilst we are not able to raise funds in the usual way.

Of course, if you so wish you can make a donation through our Just Giving Account by going to www.justgiving.com/transport17tduk.

Over the last few months we have sadly said farewell to three volunteers whose contributions will be a loss to us. Hazel Brand joined us at the end of 2017 as a passenger assistant helping with the Thursday Lowedges group. We know how much the passengers enjoyed her help and company, and they will be disappointed not to be seeing her again. Hazel has also been a great help with fundraising, bringing enthusiasm and commitment to the group and they are going to miss her.

Last year David Billington kindly volunteered to provide support with the finances which relieved pressure on Jenny Nuttall. He has also been a huge help at a number of our fundraising events. However, he is now stepping back from these roles so we would like to thank him for all he has done for us and wish him well.

Finally, Wendy Trotter has decided that she wishes to resign from the Management Committee. Transport 17 owes Wendy a huge debt of gratitude for all she has done over the years. Both Wendy and her late husband Jim have been involved with Transport 17



Wendy Trotter with Pauline Perkinton fundraising at the Cross Scythes

since the 1990s. They both became involved as volunteers, Jim driving and Wendy as a passenger assistant. Sadly, Jim had to retire from driving as he had a torn retina, but Wendy continued in her role. She worked with Terry Schofield and other drivers until she retired early in the first decade of the new millennium.

Recently we have reinstated the social get together for volunteers which used to be a regular feature and is now held at the Shepley Spitfire. Wendy remembers when 'Christmas Dos' were held at the Conservative Club on Baslow Road. There was music, entertainment and food which Irene Wells (Secretary), Margaret Barlow (Fundraising) and Wendy self-catered.

More or less throughout her time with Transport 17, Wendy has been involved with the fund-raising. Coffee mornings were held in the Transport 17 office with tables outside if the weather was fine. For those of you who know the office this must have been a major achievement with the limited and restricted space available! Donations were received from local organisations as they are today. Despite having celebrated her 90th birthday in 2019 we are delighted that Wendy would like to continue as a member of the Fundraising Events Sub-Committee, so her involvement continues and is hugely appreciated. The amounts raised have increased dramatically in recent years, we have recruited a number of new people to the committee to work alongside long-standing members and together they make a pretty mean team. Wendy is extremely proud of all the fundraising achievements over the years.

Wendy joined the Management Committee when she retired as a volunteer on the buses. She has seen many changes in Transport 17 since she became involved and her knowledge, insight and understanding of the organisation is second to none, which has been invaluable to the Management Committee. She has given so much of her time and energy to keeping Transport 17 going and despite the enforced shut down is confident that we will be back on the road again, stronger and better than ever.

What a fantastic achievement Wendy - Thank you from everyone associated with Transport 17.



Stella Jockel

Early in 2020 a longstanding volunteer and supporter of Transport 17, Phil Kirkup, didn't feel able to continue as a passenger assistant but has been involved in other roles for us. He helped out in the office at the start of the year and is now going to develop a 'T17 archive', bringing together lots of different bits of information, photos etc. into one place so we can keep it all safe. Thank you to Phil for his continued support.

At the start of the year we were very sorry to hear the sad news that Stella Jockel had passed away, aged 88. Stella was Alan Jockel's second wife and she worked with him to support Transport 17 right from its inception in 1984. After Alan died in 1985 she continued this support and up until very recently was an active supporter of our events. We were thrilled to bits with an amazing donation she made in 2019 which will go a long way towards the purchase of a replacement bus for us. In the last couple of years, as her mobility declined, she has been able to make use of the service herself to go to a lunch club at the URC on Totley Brook Road. Another thing Alan initiated was the Churches' Council for Community Care (S4Cs) which included the Good Neighbour Scheme. Stella was also involved with that.

Born in 1932, Stella grew up and lived in Wadsley Bridge. She loved singing and sang in the choir at Christchurch, Wadsley Bridge where Alan was vicar for many years before he moved to All Saints, Totley in 1975. She became a family friend to the Jockels. Sadly Alan's first wife Barbara died of cancer shortly after the move to Totley.

Stella married Alan in 1980 and became stepmum to his three children Deborah, Cate and David, although all were living away from home, being at University or starting careers. It was then when she joined the choir at All Saints singing alto and became the choir mistress. She was also a member of the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus for over 61 years.

Stella trained as a teacher in Cheltenham. She taught at Carbrook and Shirecliffe Junior schools as well as going on a teacher exchange to Canada for a year. Stella took early retirement from teaching at the very young age of 50 so that she could spend time with Alan which enabled them to have some quality time together before Alan was diagnosed with cancer a few years later and died in 1985. They travelled a fair bit, something which Stella has done a lot of over the years, following on from her year in Canada, much of it with her friend Jean.

Deborah, the eldest of Alan's children, died in an accident in Iceland in 1986. Cate and David both went on to have two children each, all of whom are now in their twenties. Stella took on the new role of being a brilliant grandma, always delighted to spend time with them at any age.

Stella was an amazing lady, gentle and kind and she will be missed by us all.

We would like to thank Denis Dacey for his contribution to the All Saints Virtual Carol Service just before Christmas. Denis felt it would be an opportunity to raise awareness of Transport 17 and might act as a prompt to people to consider volunteering for us. I'm sure you will have noted over the past few months that we have lost a number of our volunteers, so once the wheels are turning again we will be under pressure to find replacements and we will be talking about this more in the coming months.

It just remains for us to wish you all the very best for 2021. I think everyone was hoping for something better than 2020. It certainly doesn't seem to be like that just now and the daily updates do little to inspire confidence. However, things were never going to change instantly. At least we know the vaccination programme is on its way, which has to be good news. Days are hard at the moment, it's so important that we all think of each other and celebrate the fact that we are all heroes for coping with the difficulties that face us just now. I guess we have to dig in, get on and look forward.

Sandra Longley
(On behalf of the Management Committee)

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Metal working in Dore

Inspired by starting to sort out the garage while we are having more house time at the moment, a little screwdriver set me off thinking of what sort of metal working trades were practiced in the past. Dore has never been just a farming settlement or even just associated with coal mining. The archives team have found a whole wealth of different trades, crafts and occupations in our search through old wills, inventories and records associated with Dore.



This little screwdriver dates probably from the late Victorian period. Until the mid-19th century screwdrivers were called turnscrews. The concept of screw threads was of course an old established idea – think of the Archimedes screw. Very early, large wooden screws were used in wine presses, olive oil presses and paper presses. But the ability to make a fastener much more secure than a nail had to wait until the 15th century when hand-tooled screws were used in guns and armoury.

So labour intensive was the process of adding a screw thread to a cylindrical metal blank forged by a blacksmith that screws were sold individually. The threads were rarely uniformly spaced. Whole families were engaged in screw manufacture as a cottage industry right up to the 1700s. They were known as 'girders'. The first patent for lathe-turned screws was as late as 1760. Screws had blunt ends as late as 1859. So, were there any 'girders' in Dore?

Just looking at the 1841 Census for Dore shows that there was a variety of metal working trades going on with the emphasis on the making of farming implements. There was also a strong family connection with some of the trades as well as a concentration in discrete parts of the area. Saying 'area' rather than 'village' is

Smallpox in Sheffield 17

There were two outbreaks of smallpox which affected Dore and Totley. The first was in 1887, when there was a serious outbreak in Sheffield. As many as 100 fresh cases were being reported each week, and due to a shortage of hospital accommodation, isolation was impossible. In November it was released to the press that "1,540 cases had come to the knowledge of the Health Department of which only 581 have been treated in hospital. The death rate has been - in those vaccinated in infancy, 5%; in the unvaccinated, 48%."

Land was purchased at Lodge Moor and a temporary smallpox hospital built at a cost of £12,000. This was not sufficient so it was proposed that convalescent patients be brought out to the Victoria Gardens at Totley. The people of Dore and Totley immediately protested. At a public meeting held in Dore the Rev. J.T. Aldred said that he was there "lest it should be supposed that the Sanitary Committee of the Ecclesall Board of Guardians had taken no steps whatever to prevent the Corporation of Sheffield from most unnecessarily conveying the germs of infection to what was at present a perfectly healthy neighbourhood." The Rev. Aldred brought the matter before the Board of Guardians who sent out a resolution to the Town Council. In a few days the Sanitary Committee received a reply promising that the building in Totley Gardens should not be used for any purpose other than as a temporary home for convalescent patients.

quite deliberate because even as late as 1841 Town Head was separate from Causey Head as were both from the central Dore Village area based around the crossroads near The Hare and Hounds.

There were several scythe makers and scythe grinders living in Dore in 1841 with the likelihood that most if not all were working or connected to Tyzack's scythe making establishment at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet. The Industrial Hamlet produced scythes from the late 1700s right up to the 1930s. The whole of North Derbyshire was regarded as a centre of excellence for scythe making within the United Kingdom. So, starting with scythe grinders who had the arduous and highly dangerous job of being suspended above the huge water-powered grinding wheels to be able to exert a downward pressure on the blades; hence the expression 'nose to the grindstone' were:

George Martin of High Greave and Thomas Bamford of Dore village were both described as scythe grinders, as were Henry Gregory and James Crookes. Scythe makers were Thomas Bishop, Joseph Fearnough and William Furness (son of Richard Furness, schoolmaster of Dore) but of more interest are Thomas Bishop, John Bishop, Alfred Fearnough, Thomas Fearnough, Jesway Wood, Elias Middleton, Samuel Oates, and William Taylor who are all described as a Scythe Maker Journeyman. A journeyman would have successfully completed an apprenticeship of usually seven years. They were viewed as skilled in their trade and only one step below being called a Master Craftsman.

Scythe making was not the only metal working occupation in Dore. Thomas Thompson of Ash House was a Joiner Toolmaker. George Osborne was a File maker and John Fidler was a File Grinders apprentice. Joseph Nodin was a File Cutter Journeyman.

Then there were all the workers associated with the manufacture of saws – Thomas Greaves was a Saw Maker Journeyman, Isaac, Christopher and Henry Taylor were Saw Grinders as was George Peace. Thomas Eydes and James Mostin were Saw Handle makers with George Barber an apprentice Saw Handle maker.

Have you spotted any familiar names here? If so, the Dore Village Society Archive team would be delighted to hear from you.

Dorne Coggins

The arguments continued and legal advice was sought. Mr. Dossey Wightman (who was later to become Sheffield City Coroner) was employed and, feeling that the Committee had a good case, he suggested taking out an injunction. The arguments used against the Council were:

- If the patients were in a convalescent state, why not send them home?
- The proposed site was near an orphanage with a large number of children;
- How would the patients be carried? Whether by carriage or train, both methods would be dangerous.

The motion for the injunction was refused. The Town Council overcame some of the arguments by many special precautions. A special drain was constructed allowing no possibility of infection through normal drainage, and a new cesspool was constructed 70 yards away from the nearest boundary.

There was an outbreak of smallpox in Dore itself in 1893. In the months of March to June of that year, seventeen of the thirty deaths recorded have the letters S.P. by the entry. The majority of these deaths were among the workmen and their families engaged on construction of the railway and Totley Tunnel as can be seen from the addresses given, i.e. No. 4 Shaft, Totley Moor. Over half of the deaths were of children aged under two years.

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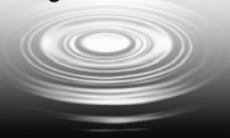
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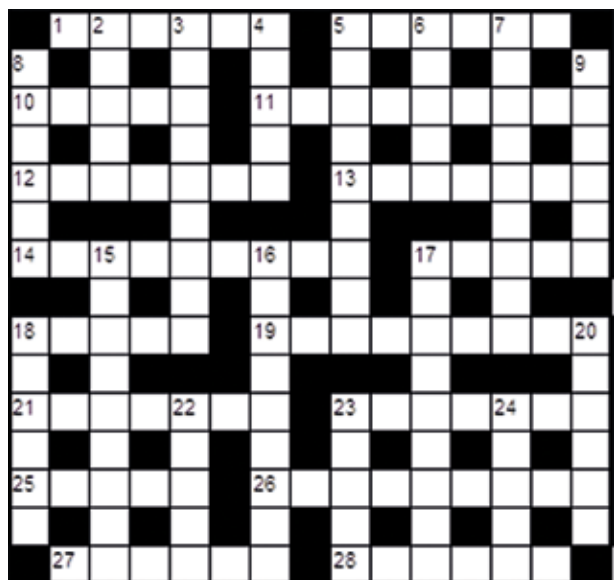
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Across

- 1. Uneven floor has endlessly dull composition (6)
- 5. Gunners need support for the weapon (6)
- 10. Article circulated by means of being like a bird (5)
- 11. One carrying off fish includes fancy Dan (9)
- 12. I object to enter backward African country having systematic plan (7)
- 13. The Corsican taken aback by island account yearbook (7)
- 14. Observed around main suspect put forward (9)
- 17. Publicity about Olympic venue on a previous occasion (5)
- 18. Put together a service (5)
- 19. Galaxy of stars from random play need European lawyer (9)
- 21. Vet using ancient script (3,4)
- 23. Continued outside but no kiss (7)
- 25. River and mountain in the country (5)
- 26. Tailor unpopular being in better condition (9)
- 27. Promotion by working is looked on favourably by Aphrodite (6)
- 28. 50% of scores last month caused reaction (6)

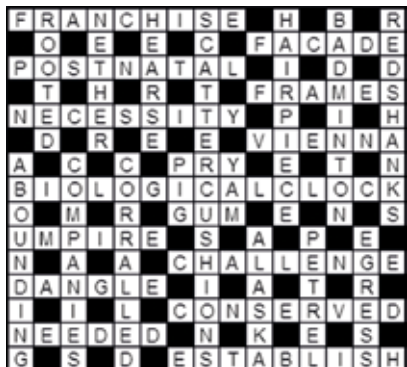
Down

- 2. Promising, not starting to be unsettled (5)
- 3. Tributes to Greek character in seconds (9)
- 4. Counter to ex London Mayor (5)
- 5. Communist passed over in a compromising position (3-6)
- 6. It may be sung by little girl in the afternoon (5)
- 7. One point to cross, thinking it's steep (9)
- 8. Supporter has a girl and a boy, or maybe two boys (6)
- 9. Type of bullet is a shade right (6)
- 15. Drifted but earned movement in the sea (9)
- 16. Rent reduction strangely initially brings signs of sadness (9)
- 17. Communicate with jerks, in a manner of speaking (9)
- 18. In another country there's no resistance on the ship (6)
- 20. Attraction for everyone on the river (6)
- 22. Big bet for complete home (3,2)
- 23. Compound sound from the book (5)
- 24. South African province is connected with first appearance (5)

**Crossword
compiled by
Mavis**

**Answers will be
published in the
May issue**

**Solution to our
Winter crossword:**



Christmas is over, the mince pies and wine have added their burden to the number of grams (I should say Kilograms) which I must now lose, and we have all got to prepare for another disrupted few months coping with this awful disease. At least we had a reasonable time at Christmas, a good day on the day itself with a few of the family, several not too strenuous walks and a nice if cold day in Buxton with others in the family we could not accommodate on Christmas Day. I hope all your plans went as well as you had hoped.

There is very little to report on the G & S society. We had a couple of excellent Zoom get-togethers where a few of us had nibbles and a glass or two. It was nice to "meet up" and felt like we'd had a night



The late Judy Savourin in the roll of Dame Carruthers with Mike Spinks as Sgt Merryll from The Yeoman of the Guard, our last show in 2019.

out. As you might imagine, we have no plans as yet for this year although we are determined to try and put on a concert as soon as conditions allow. Meanwhile plans are being made for the 2022 show when we will celebrate 50 years of shows by putting on that best loved of all the G & S romps – The Pirates of Penzance - so whatever you do keep a slot for April 2022 free so as not to miss it. We will certainly miss Judy Savourin now she is no longer with us. It will not be easy to find someone to fill her shoes. I expect that Jo, her daughter, will practice and give it a go but even with her talent it will not be easy and she knows it.

At least we escaped being in Tier 4 (just). Poor old Derbyshire was not so lucky. It's no wonder this new variant is so widespread with the way Boris opened the gates and let all the Londoners leave in a mass exodus to spread the mutated version of Covid19 just before Christmas, heaven knows where we will all end up! As an 81 year old I have had to be meticulous in organising our activities but I am not going to lock myself up completely and become a vegetable. I will be very careful. Being this old may have its benefits – I have heard that I am in line for the vaccine in early January and hopefully will have had it by the time you read this but I will still have to take care until we have this thing beaten. There are still many unknowns including whether you can still be infectious even after being inoculated. One thing I would ask is that when you are walking please make an effort to keep your distance and don't expect everyone else to move out of your way. Do your bit to help others stay safe.

Don't despair. Keep in contact with all your family and friends and keep watching this space but most of all make sure you stay safe.

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Who'd have believed a year ago that we'd solve the parking problem on Dore Road so easily – stop people travelling on trains! As we approach a second year of lockdowns it's becoming clear that public transport will take years to recover. Recover it will, but unevenly.

Passenger numbers – recent academic history!

In early March 2020 our little station was on the up, user numbers probably higher than for 100 years before buses, trams and cars arrived in force. In December we had official confirmation of how much busier it had been getting. Annual figures for 2019-20 showed a 10.2% increase in numbers from 2018-19, topping 200,000 for the first time at 219,336. Compiled until the end of March they included the first three weeks of lockdowns. Without Covid we'd probably have topped 225,000. At that rate 250,000 was very likely for 2020-21. We'll be lucky to top 30,000.

Our latest commuter survey for a day in December found the numbers were only 14% of our last survey in January, a massive change. Monitoring of car park use shows a similar drop. Commuters are getting used to working from home, travelling by car, getting another job nearer home, or even moving location to be nearer work.

However, by late November our three operators were feeling more positive and had got back to operating virtually the full timetable. Commuters were very, very slowly returning. Far more were returning to the Hope Valley stopping services by December, no longer operated by the old Pacers.

But a new reality has dawned

Empty trains can't be operated for ever, safe though that may be. As I write, news has come in that the fast services will be cut by 50% from 24th January, including our most popular train of the day, the 7.14 for Manchester. The 6.15 and 8.15 continue to run – or appear to at the time of writing! It's now more important than ever to check the latest train times before departing for the station.

Curiously, it's not inconceivable that leisure user numbers will fully recover within a couple of years. In five years, it's possible they may be higher than before. Holidays are likely to be taken nearer home, like in the Peak District. Local walkers, climbers and cyclists like trains, especially when parking is so difficult at busy times in the Hope Valley.

That explains why the car park will be becoming busier at weekends and school holidays - as Park and Ride for the Peak Park! It's also used by those going for a jog along Abbeydale Road, or maybe a walk in Ecclesall Woods or to Beauchief Abbey. Some may start the Sheffield Round Walk. Two ladies recently completed the Sheffield Round Run from here – quite an achievement, particularly in December, so well done Helen Young and Yvonne Twelvetree. The official event was cancelled but they completed the 15 miles anyway to raise funds for Cavendish Cancer Care.

Hope Valley Capacity Improvement Scheme

A degree of disillusion is creeping in. We understood it would finally be agreed and contracts let in January. Barring last minute miracles that won't now happen. It has been suggested it could still get the go ahead in February and meet the timetable to start work in 2021.

So much has changed since detailed planning based on projected service levels in 2014. Realistically we may have to accept that some reassessment is needed. We wouldn't bet on completion in 2023 as currently planned. This scheme is fated. 2024 is beginning to look more likely, at best.

The station canopy saga

After a long battle to get it agreed we were pleased to see it completed in May 2019. Within a fortnight, reinforcing support had to be installed. There was lack of agreement between Northern, Network Rail and the contractors, so temporary extra supports were added in February 2020. Covid delayed remedial work until August. It seems agreement has now been reached and the props have just been removed.

Where's the good news?

Clearly not that punctuality of trains at Dore puts us in the worst 100 in the country from over 2500 stations. Sadly, regular users don't expect their trains to be on time. The Capacity scheme to restore the second platform may help, eventually. However, a big part of the problem is that the train operators have been trying to run too many long-distance services through Manchester. They get in each other's way. Our service to the Airport is one of the worst and contributes to delays for the Liverpool – Norwich. Help may be at hand from May 2021.

Manchester Recovery Task Force public consultation

A major review of all services through Manchester has taken place and three options are now available for public consultation. They all aim to reduce the number of conflicting services. Option A would leave our services unchanged apart from Liverpool – Norwich being reduced to Liverpool - Nottingham. Options B and C both assume Norwich – Liverpool and the Cleethorpes service running through to Liverpool instead of the Airport. There'd be cross platform changes at Piccadilly for the airport at half hourly intervals. So far most seem to think Option C is best. It isn't certain that the changes will make major improvements in services but they should help.

If you use the trains, or are just interested, check the proposals. Copy the following into your browser, or search for the full title, then have your say; <https://bit.ly/3r0u5R8>

Spring is just around the corner

The daffodils will soon be in flower. Let's look forward to a brighter Spring. It won't be long before we can get out into the Peak District or venture further afield.

Northern's trains are still operating an almost hourly stopping service along the Hope Valley. From December we gained a new stop at 8.39 towards Manchester, non-stop to Edale in 18 minutes. That's a great start for walkers with a wide range of opportunities towards Kinder and Mam Tor. There are many options to return from Edale via Castleton and the valley floor, or walk along the tops to Lose Hill or Win Hill and catch a train at Hope or Bamford.

There's an attraction in itself at the Penny Pot Cafe below Edale station. They've used 2020 to install the most intricately constructed fence (picture below) portraying local features in wood. Well worth a visit and they're normally open from 9.00 until 16.00 every day. Service is currently takeaway only. More comfortable and roomier trains have replaced the Pacers that had soldiered on for over 30 years.

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Chris Morgan, Chairman



New Tex-Mex is a treat



In anticipation of the second lockdown, we managed to book a Covid-secure table at the very recently opened Wildcard Bar & Grill on Ecclesall Road. The refurbishment of the old Napoleon's Casino into this American-style sports bar was obviously undertaken with amazing attention to detail and a significant budget. A large, square central bar is surrounded by dark wood tables and booths with sports memorabilia adorning the wall spaces in between the 40-odd screens showing various sports. We were led upstairs to a mezzanine overlooking the bar and level with the huge Jumbotron TV mounted above the bar.

As it happened the night we were there was the last night before restaurants and bars were again closed, so I could forgive the reduced range of draught beers as the management were running down stock. Under normal circumstances, there would be eighteen draught lagers, beers and ciders plus a similar number of bottles and cans. The draughts were a touch on the pricey side, with the premium lagers being up to £5.50 a pint, but the decent range of cocktails between £8 and £9 seemed pretty good value for money. We ordered a bottle of Chilean Sauvignon Blanc (£16.50) from the rather limited wine list for the girls, and I decided the best accompaniment for the food would be lager. The fourth member of our party was the designated driver, so had to stick with soft drinks.

At first glance the menu looked to be the standard Tex-Mex fare. However, on closer inspection there were enough curve balls thrown in to make sure the choice was a little more eclectic. For example, the usual Wildcard (Buffalo) Wings, Fried Chicken and Nachos were on the list of starters, but they were joined by





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(among other things) Pot Stickers - Japanese dumplings served with cucumber, spring onion and hoisin sauce, available in duck (£6.75) or veggie (£6) varieties. My partner chose the duck version, and after pinching one I can report that they were delicious. The duck was still juicy inside the dumpling, the garnish was crisp with a few chillies giving some heat and the sweet and salty hoisin sauce pulling the flavours together. I went for the Wildcard Wings that came in quantities of ten (£7), twenty (£12.50) or fifty (£25), with a choice of coatings – Hot Buffalo or Memphis Sticky BBQ, and either blue cheese or ranch dressing. The ten wings proved to be a really decent portion, taken from some pretty large chickens! The hot sauce I chose definitely lived up to its name, but the blue cheese dressing cooled them perfectly.

The other starters chosen were Nachos (£6.50 for regular or £10 for large) and the Boneless Fried Chicken (£7.75), which came



with the same options as the Wings. The Nachos were topped with melted cheese, salsa, jalapeños and spring onions with sour cream and guacamole on the side. There were options of Beef Chilli, Pulled Pork or Refried Beans for an additional £1.25, or all of the above for £3.00. The regular portion could easily have been a sharing starter, but it did allow us all to dig in and sample the dish, which was an excellent example of a relatively simple dish, but one that is often disappointing. The tortilla chips were crisp almost throughout, the toppings well-proportioned and the heat of the jalapeños just right.

The main course menu again had the usual suspects of pizzas, burgers, salads etc, but again with some more unusual choices. Unfortunately for the purposes of this article, three of us chose burgers! Mine was a Double Chilli Cheeseburger (£16.75) topped with beef chilli, cheese sauce and jalapeños. I really should have gone for the single (£13) rather than the double, for no other reason than it was almost impossible to fit in my mouth and I nearly had to resort to the cardinal sin of eating a burger with a knife and fork! The burgers themselves are served medium rare and were very good – great taste, perfectly seasoned and really good quality beef. My chilli and cheese topping complimented the burger, although



did necessitate a request for more serviettes, which probably says more about me than the food. I was assured that the other burgers were just as good – one BBQ Ranch (£14) topped with pulled pork, cheese sauce, fried onions and BBQ sauce; and one Super Deluxe (£14) topped with smoked streaky bacon and cheese sauce.

My partner chose one of the more unusual main course dishes - Cajun & Mango King Prawn Tacos (£16). This dish consisted of three traditional Mexican style tacos with cheese, shredded lettuce, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo and jalapeños. I wasn't sure about this flavour combination, but it worked really well. The standard taco flavours of guacamole, jalapeños et al complimented the Cajun spices and everything was harmonised by the subtle mango. None of this however, drowned out the succulent large king prawns. This dish could also be chosen with Fajita Chicken (£14) and Panko Fried Halloumi (£12) for the vegetarians. Even though no-one chose this dish, although I came close, I thought it would be useful to mention one of the other less than usual choices to demonstrate the variety of the menu. The Ahi Tuna Sashimi (£18) is premium sushi grade tuna, sesame-seared rare, and served with a cucumber and radish salad, sushi rice, wasabi mayo and ponzu dressing – very tempting, and I am almost certain to go for it next time.

Despite the size of my burger, I couldn't resist one of my favourite desserts – Key Lime Pie (£6.50). I requested this dessert with vanilla ice-cream rather than cream as on the menu, and it was perfect. The biscuit base was crisp and buttery and the pie itself was smooth and really tangy with lime (as one would hope!) The sweetness of meringue topping, and the ice-cream were a perfect foil for the lime and despite not really needing the extra course, I am glad I ordered it. My partner went the other way, and decided not to order dessert, but the others did – one Smores (£6.50) and one Banana Shake (£3.50), both of which I was assured were excellent.



I really enjoyed the whole experience of Wildcard, from the crisp modern décor, excellent food and fantastic service from Ailsa (our waitress) to the somewhat incongruous music – which I absolutely loved! I will explain – for a sports bar with big screens, beer and burgers at the heart of the place (plus pool table, darts and shuffleboard I must add), I would have imagined that they are aiming at the 20-35 age group rather than the 50+ demographic that I inhabit. However, the continuous play list of Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Deep Purple etc. were much more to my liking than anything by Justin Bieber or his contemporaries. I hope that Wildcard along with many other bars and restaurants can survive the current extended lockdown because I will be returning as soon as possible.

Hendo Nagasaki

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Covid and Council repairs

Hi Everyone,

We want to start this article by thanking everyone involved in the Covid vaccination centre at the Dore Road surgery, particularly all the NHS staff together with Liz Nicklen and her wonderful team of volunteers. Although there's a long way to go with the vaccination programme, it does give us hope for an end of this terrible crisis. Martin was there on the first day (that's him under the hat & mask) and the positivity he saw on display was amazing.

There have been several changes at Sheffield City Council with Kate Josephs taking up her post as the new Chief Executive. At the time of writing local elections are still scheduled for May, together with an election for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. There will also be a vote on how the City Council is run. At the moment we have a 'strong leader and cabinet' model, and the choice will be either to retain this system or revert to a committee system. The latter would involve more Councillors in the decision-making process, rather than just the 10 members of the cabinet. In addition, there will be a vote on whether to accept the Dore Neighbourhood Plan, so election day will be much busier than usual!

Planning Applications remain a major feature of our casework. We were delighted that the application for 22 houses in the green belt on Long Line was refused. Had it been accepted it would have set a very dangerous precedent, threatening the future of the green belt around the city. We were disappointed that plans for a very large care home on Twentywell Lane were approved in spite of a

strong case being put forward by local residents and Councillors. We felt this would be an inappropriate development on such a sensitive site, however planning officers and the majority group on the committee took a different view. There is another controversial application for a large apartment block on Dore Road and, although the site might be suitable for some housing, we believe the proposal is out of keeping with the surrounding area. We are working with the residents on this one as well because it would have a massive impact on the neighbouring properties.

We are also concerned about an increasing number of complaints about repairs to council housing. Sheffield has a very poor record on this compared to other local authorities and towards the end of last year it was taking an average of 57 days to get work done. This is totally unacceptable. If you have any problems with repairs do get in contact.

Support for small business is also a priority for us and we thank everyone who continues to support local shops in and around Dore. They are a vital part of our community and will help us through the current lockdown, just as they did before. The latest round of

grants has been announced and more details can be found on the Council website.

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Colin, Martin & Joe



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It's been just over a year since I was elected as your MP, and what a year it has been. I wanted to take this time to get in touch and update you on what I have been getting up to in Parliament, and across Hallam to represent the people of Dore.

I know the past year has been really difficult and uncertain for many of my constituents. I have received messages from thousands of you, concerned about your businesses in Hallam; worried about your loved ones in care homes; or struggling on the front line. I am continuing to do everything I can to hold the government to account over their response to this crisis, and make sure my constituents get the support they need.

At the time of writing I am campaigning for more funding for nurseries in Hallam; speaking out against the proposed cuts to support for small breweries; and campaigning for more support for children and young people with special educational needs who have been badly affected by this crisis. You can read more about other issues I have been raising on my website.

My office and I are also working hard to support constituents who get in touch with queries about the new lockdown guidelines or concerns about the support available. I have raised a number of these issues in Parliament, including support for students, the self-employed and wet-led businesses. Whilst I can't hold my regular in-person surgeries, I am still holding weekly surgeries on Zoom.

Whilst addressing the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has been my priority, I have also been working hard to push the government over action on the climate emergency. Whilst the pandemic has been front and centre in our minds, and rightly so, the climate and ecological emergency isn't going away. Its effects are increasingly being felt throughout the world -

including at home here in Yorkshire. Action is urgently needed if we are going to curb the worst effects of this crisis.

As many of you will know, this year is the UN Climate Summit, COP26. Over the next 9 months I am going to be holding a series of (virtual!) Climate Assemblies with Hallam residents, covering key topics from green public transport and food production, to biodiversity and international justice. I hope that each Climate Assembly will be an opportunity for Hallam residents to discuss what action we want to see come out of COP26, as well as decide what steps we want to take here in our community to implement a post-covid green recovery.

And we've already hit the ground running. During our first Climate Assembly earlier this month, we re-launched a campaign, with Sheffield Heeley MP Louise Haigh, to improve green transport in our constituencies.

We believe that, to help rebuild Sheffield's economy after the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government must invest in Sheffield's railways, particularly along the Sheaf Valley. This, I hope, would help boost rail use post-pandemic, open up new job opportunities in other cities, and make travel to and from work quicker, more efficient, and greener. There is something particularly fitting about reigniting our city's economy through investment in greener infrastructure and low carbon transport.

Through detailed consultation with Friends of Dore and Topley Station we have developed a proposal to bid for funds to expand capacity at the station, and build a new secure bike shed. The bid would also propose a new station at Topley Brook, and to reinstate Heeley, Millhouses and Beauchief stations. This would bring rail access back to where people live, and re-address the imbalance felt by many residents I have spoken to in South and South West Sheffield, who are disadvantaged by the poor public transport infrastructure and clogged roads.

The experience of the national lockdown has shown many of us, myself included, just how important access to green space is for our mental health and wellbeing. I know I have valued more than ever taking my dogs for a walk in the beautiful Peaks. I believe that as part of Hallam's recovery from the pandemic, we should be protecting and opening up our green spaces. By building and expanding low carbon transport links in Hallam, making it easier for people in Dore, and across South and South West Sheffield to visit the Peak District, we can open up access to nature for the many.

With Dore and Topley station's 100th anniversary earlier this month, it seemed like a fitting time to re-launch this campaign and gauge local opinion. So if you would like to feed into our survey to help us with the campaign, please follow this link: <http://bit.ly/sheafstations>.

But green transport is only part of the picture, and over the next year I hope to support a number of campaigns in our constituency. I hope these Climate Assemblies will act as a springboard for action on the climate crisis, throughout our constituency and city. I welcome everyone in Dore to join these conversations.

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

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Since my article in the last edition Christmas happened, soon followed by yet another lockdown and a return to home schooling for most of the More in Dore crew. As a result, I haven't got too much to report this time around I'm afraid. So, here's a brief overview of the things we have managed to get done or have in the pipeline for later this year:

- Dore Old School Trust contacted us as they were interested in supporting our playground rejuvenation project and have very generously donated £1,000.
- We applied for and were awarded £1,000 from Sheffield City Council Ward Pots Small Grants. This is a grant that can be applied for each year by local groups on the proviso the money is used before the end of the tax year. We were lucky enough to receive the maximum amount possible which does however mean we don't have too much time to spend it, or else we have to give it back.
- With the funds raised from the Comedy Gala and the Aviva Community Fund last year, the donation from the Dore Village Society, and the funds mentioned above we are looking to purchase our first piece of new play equipment very soon. The council have said they can store this for us until we order a second piece of apparatus hopefully in spring, and all being well we propose to install both of these over the summer, depending on contractor availability.
- We continued talks with Dore Primary School and the council. Whilst we weren't able to re-organise the community planting event and litter pick that we originally planned for last year, we were able to help facilitate a planting event for the children at the school. Dore Garden Centre kindly donated a large number of different plant bulbs and the council provided over 300 saplings. These were all planted by the Y6 students working towards their John Muir award.
- It is still too early to say yet if we can go ahead with our 'Dirty Dozen' fell race or British Cycling week 'Grasp Life by the Handlebars' event this year, but one of More in Dore's newer members is in the process of organising an event that we should be able to carry out regardless of restrictions. 'How far will you go for More in Dore?' is our sponsored cycle event which aims to get people out on their bikes to complete one of numerous challenges offered. These include distance, time and trick challenges along with many more to choose from. We are hoping to be able to run this



event during March and April and more details will be released soon via our website, social media feeds and the village notice boards.

- As things with the playground rejuvenation project seem to have gained a bit of momentum, we have funds coming in and things seem to be generally progressing, I thought it may be time to start doing a bit more research for our secondary objective of getting additional features added to the recreation ground. From the questionnaire we carried out in late 2019 and early 2020, it showed that after rejuvenating the

playground and adding play equipment for older children, the next largest response from the community was to have a small skate or scooter park added. I am now proposing that we carry out further research and consultations to find out if this still the case. Speaking with the council we now have a greater understanding of what is allowed and the procedures we need to go through. We are now looking to form a sub-group of More in Dore to focus on this, so if you are interested in joining or helping out with this please contact me on our email address.

That's about all I've got to say, so I'll pass you over to my eldest son who asked if he could write a few sentences in this edition from the perspective of an 8-year-old:

"Hello, I am Luca and I cannot say how much I care about having somewhere to play outside. Over lockdown I have been getting bored and I want a good place to go and have fun in Dore. I really like riding my bike and scooter, enjoy climbing trees and playing in the woods. The playground at the Rec is ok but it really needs improving because it gets boring quickly, it's a bit damaged and is a bit small for me to play on now. I would love to have some bigger climbing frames and slides and it would also be good to have a little skatepark like the one at Hathersage that I could meet my friends at. Hopefully More in Dore and my dad can help improve the Rec for us all."

As always, we could do with more active members to help us with event planning, funding application, website and social media management and future projects. If you are interested, please contact us by email to dorerec@gmail.com, or see our website at www.moreindore.com.

Tim Ashman
Chairperson of More in Dore

The Coming of the Co-op

In answer to the editor's question about whether the Co-op was in place opposite Brookfield Terrace on Devonshire Terrace Road in 1902, I referred to a short piece that John Dunstan wrote for an



Oral History display.

The coming of the Dore Co-op was first announced to Sheffield & Ecclesall Co-operative Society members in August 1935. A plot of land had been bought "with a view to meeting future requirements" there.

Five months later plans were being prepared and by May 1936 the Co-op Works Department had started the building. The fullest report was on October 31st. "Another new Branch at Dore, consisting of Grocery and Butchery Departments, will be opened in December". Dore became Branch No.42. The branch number can still be seen on the central fascia, above where the modern sign has now been placed.

We were not able to find any photo or account of the opening in the local papers because they were full of news of Edward VII and Mrs Simpson.

However, the photo shows the Dore Co-op in 1988 before it was modernized. More senior residents might remember that the entrance used to be at the other end.

Maureen Cope



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Memories of Jean Sceats

In the last issue of Dore to Door there were two old colour snaps of the petrol pumps outside Dore Service Station and the cleared ground on the corner of Church Lane and Townhead Road. I recognized both these photographs as they had been lent to the Oral History Group by Jean Sceats when she was interviewed by Val Malthouse in 2002 for our "Dore Voices" project. I subsequently wrote an article about Jean, but I have recently re-read the transcript of her interview to remind myself and others of how the cottages that stood opposite the Hare and Hounds came to be demolished.

In 1960 Jean started her greengrocery business in the old smokehouse with the tall chimney that was featured in the previous photos. Because the smokehouse was almost too small for a shop, she would display her produce fresh from market in the back of her blue van. Customers would select their fruit or veg and go inside to pay for them. The photos here are one of Jean's van parked outside and the other shows her inside the tiny premises.

The row of cottages and small shops on Church Street were owned by a Mrs. Dyson who, when she moved from Dore, offered the properties for sale to Jean who secured a bank loan to make the purchase. The elderly landlady had not maintained these humble rented dwellings and they were left in a sorry state. Jean related how she had got "two gentlemen from the Town Hall" to come and inspect the cottages with a view to obtaining a grant to improve them. However, "these two men condemned them within half an hour - all the lot of them - and they said they were not fit to live in or even to be, you know, redone". The council rehoused the residents and recommended demolishing the whole row.

The attitude of Sheffield council was totally in keeping with their slum clearance policy of the 1960s when whole areas of the city were razed to the ground. Entire streets were flattened overnight, and modern boxes or high-rise flats were flung up in their place. Many of the old cottages in the centre of Dore needed expensive repair work and



modernization and were not considered worth saving. Already on High Street two ancient Derbyshire long houses called Rose and Ivy Cottages had been torn down to make way for the unimaginative row of "modern" shops that were deemed "desirable" at that time.

By contrast, Jean and her family decided to rebuild new shops and flats that were more in character with the village cottages and pubs and create a pleasant, grassed area outside the greengrocers on the corner opposite the Hare and Hounds pub. A fish and chip shop and a wine shop completed the development in 1970. The new greengrocer and florist flourished under Jean Sceats' energetic ownership and her store became one of the hubs of the village till she retired in 1984. Since that time there has been an unbroken line of shops supplying fresh produce of the highest quality on the same corner site, with most recently Hartley's Fruit Cabin and now The Village Greens. That makes 60 years of trading in greengrocery which started from a blue van and Marshall's disused smokehouse.

Maureen Cope

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Dore Turnpike Road

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The line of the road was first surveyed in 1806 by Joseph Bishop of Dore on behalf of Fairbanks, the Sheffield surveyors, and the cost was estimated initially at £2,790-8s-8d.

An act for the making of the Dore Turnpike was passed by Parliament in May 1812 and work began in June 1814. Local subscribers included John Unwin (collier), John Unwin (miller), John Gregory, Henry Hancock, Joseph & William Unwin and Joseph Dungworth. As the road was being made at the same time as the Dore Parliamentary Enclosure was taking place, the Commissioners of the enclosure also contributed £1,500 towards the cost of the turnpike which was part of the new Dore road system.

Surviving documents show that there was a structured hierarchy of people involved in the making of the turnpike through Dore. At the top was the Duke of Devonshire who, as major local landowner, financed the bulk of the project (final cost about £5,000). Next came Fairbanks, the surveyors, who were general overseers and who employed John Unwin of Dore Moorside as local overseer. Small contractors such as Jacob Bridge & Co., William Bagshaw & Co. and Holland Green were involved in the actual building of the road.

Skilled workers, such as Joseph Bannett and Isaac Taylor, were paid 3s-0d (15p) a day for walling, laying drains and setting gateposts, while unskilled labourers were paid 2s-6d (12½p) a day for getting and breaking stone. Additional labour was provided by statute workers and local farmers with teams of horses. John Green, a local carpenter, made 43 gates at 11s-0d (55p) each for the field entrances along the road and a ten-foot gate costing 14s-0d (70p) which was used to bar the road at Stony Ridge where a single-storey toll house was built. This was possibly erected by Henry Elliot, stonemason and victualler of the Hare and Hounds in Dore, who was also responsible for raising and widening Redcar Brook bridge which formed part of the turnpike road.

The road appears to have been built a section at a time between 1814 and 1818, starting at Banner Cross.

Work had progressed as far as Whirlow Bridge by 1816 as is testified by the date still to be seen inscribed on the former bridge parapet. An inn was built here at around this date known as the Whirlow Bridge Inn. A second coaching inn was built opposite the turnpike's junction with Brickhouse Lane. It was first named the Devonshire Arms in honour of the road's patron,



The Whirlow Bridge Inn. The pub was turned into tea rooms after the landlord lost his licence. It later became a private residence and was demolished in 1938 to be replaced by two stone built houses.

but soon became the Dore Moor Inn. Illustrations show that this once had extensive stabling and coach houses around the old inn yard. Turnpike records show that at least nine troughs were installed beside the road for the benefit of horses, but now only one remains. This is to the west of the road about 100 yards below Whitelaw Lane and is fed from a spring by a stone gutter.

Despite being a link section in a major road, the Dore Turnpike operated as an independent trust, known officially as 'The Banner Cross to Fox House Trust', from 1818 to 1825. After this date it was put under the wing of the Sparrowpit Gate Trust which supervised the remainder of the Sheffield to Buxton Turnpike. This road was the last in Sheffield to be disturnpiked in 1884. The toll house at Stony Ridge was lived in for some years until it fell into decay and was finally demolished in 1919. A block of gritstone, inscribed 'SITE OF STONY RIDGE TOLL BAR CLOSED 1884', commemorates the spot. The huge stone gateposts which stood beside the toll house were removed to the entrance of New Whitelaw Farm in Whitelaw Lane, where they are still in use. They are similar in size and shape to those still in situ at Hunter's Bar, which was another toll gate on the road.

Dore village is fortunate in that a proposed branch road, which was enacted as part of the 1812 Banner Cross to Fox House Turnpike, was never made. This branch would have meant that a major road would have passed right through the village from Dore Moor to link up with the Sheffield to Baslow Turnpike which was being constructed at the same period. Had this branch road been made, Dore Village might well have lost the rural character it still possesses.

Josie Dunsmore



Remember Dore's Dynasty?

No, not the Carrington Family soap opera from the 1980s, but Dore had its own Dynasty restaurant at a similar time, as I was reminded when I turned up this matchbook a few weeks ago.

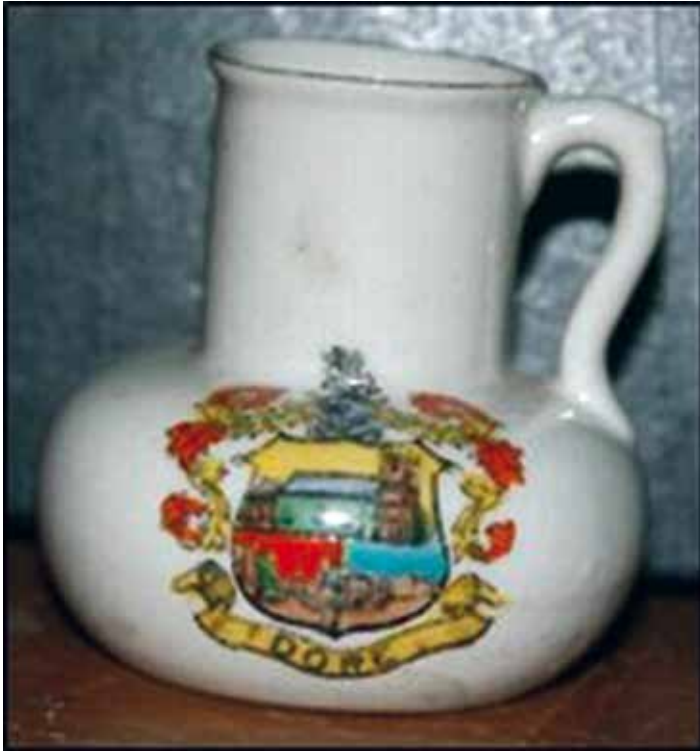
Now, I can vaguely remember that we used to have a Chinese restaurant in the village, and I must have eaten there at least once because I've got the matchbook. Beyond that, I can't recall much about it. It was in the premises now occupied by Almas. Has anyone got any photos? Stories? Any memories of the staff or people there?

Another eatery that I do remember quite well is the Swiss Chalet cafe, which used to be the end shop of the High Street parade, where Sew Prestige is now. This would have been in the mid-1970s, and it was run by a couple called Pat and Uli Held. I was a regular customer in the days when I was taking A-levels at King's Croft, but I don't recall seeing a picture of the place in the village archives anywhere.

John Eastwood

In search of Dore's Arcadia

Have you ever heard of Arcadian Ware? I hadn't, until a little jug bearing a crest of Dore appeared for sale online a few months ago. Intrigued, I bought it and then did some research (in other words, I asked Dorne about it).



Crested pottery like this became popular during the 1880s as an emergent middle class in England began travelling more, and travel souvenirs became a thing. We have all seen little knick-knacks like this and they aren't uncommon bearing crests of holiday destinations like Scarborough or Whitby. But Dore? Were we a tourist destination all that time ago?

Long story short, we have now found three pieces bearing the Dore crest. There is a little boat which is already in the Dore Archive, and a cup and saucer belonging to another private collector in the village and which, we believe, may have come down through Herbert's own family. All of them have the same crest, and all of them are stamped on the base "H. Jackson, Post Office, Dore".



Herbert Jackson is, of course a well-known figure in Dore's history, and has featured in Dore to Door many times before, most recently in the last issue. As well as being our Postmaster, he was an astute businessman of his time and this sort of pottery, it seems, would have been on sale in his Post Office.

Beyond that, we know very little about the pottery. From the backstamps they were made by Arkinstall & Sons in Stoke-on-Trent, between 1904 and 1924. How would Herbert have bought them? He might have ordered from a catalogue, or maybe a travelling salesman came to call one day.



Who designed the Dore crest? I have no idea, other than to say that I've never seen the design anywhere else. It doesn't appear to have any heraldic value, so did Herbert or someone else in the village draw that up? At the top of the central shield, Christ Church is recognisable with a yellow sky above it. Beneath are two street scenes which we think might be of Ivy and Rose Cottages, demolished in the 1960s, and Jester's Cottage which was then the Post Office.

We don't think that Herbert's Post Office would have sold many such items, so probably not all that many will have been produced. The manufacturer would have kept a stock of 'blanks' in various designs, which would have been painted up as ordered. Maybe Herbert never ordered in any quantity at all - perhaps he just took the one order of samples to see how they sold, and never ordered again.



My little jug (top left) is cheaply made, to a standard which my late grandmother would have described as 'fairground tat'. It doesn't even stand up straight as you can see from the photo. It's no use as a jug; it holds about enough liquid to fill an eggcup! It was designed solely to sit on a shelf or the mantelpiece and look nice.

Can you add anything to the story? Do you perhaps have one of these knocking about in the back of a cupboard or in a box in the garage, lost and forgotten for years? Get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

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