

# DORE to DOOR

DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY

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***Take a good look***

*It may be many years before we can enjoy this again*

## DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held at Dore Methodist Church, High Street, Dore at 19.30 on 8th June 2016.

### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chairman's statement.
4. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015.
5. To elect up to five committee members.
6. Items for discussion.

**Angela Rees - Secretary 26th January 2016**

### Talk:

Following the meeting there will be a talk by Dore historian and Village Archivist Dorne Coggins on the historic buildings in the village which feature in the Dore Heritage Trail.

### AGM Notes:

1. Non members of the Society are welcome to attend the meeting but will not be entitled to vote.
2. The Society's accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report on them will be available for members of the Society on application to the treasurer from 1st May.
3. Five current members of the committee are standing again for re-election.
4. The Society's constitution permits nominations for election to the Executive Committee to be made up to 14 days prior to the meeting. Any nominations, together with a proposer and seconder, will need to be given to the Secretary no later than 25th May. Nomination forms can be obtained from the secretary. A list of those nominated will be placed on the Society's website and noticeboards.

## Ducks back in Dore! (well, nearly)



The Sheffield Bird Study Group alerted me to the presence of Mandarin duck on Tyzack's Dam (which supplies Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet). Although I have seen the odd pair in Gillfield Wood before, the sheer number of them at Tyzack's – up to 49 – is exciting. If you don't see them on the dam, look in Beauchief Gardens at the southern end. They may be on the grass and in the trees – are they going to nest there?

These beautiful ducks were introduced to the UK from China and have become established in the wild following escapes from captivity. Like wood duck, they are comfortable in trees and in China, are known to fly into trees to pick acorns!

In the UK the main population is in south, central and eastern England. Our local group may be an indication that they are spreading further north.

**Amyra Treffry**

## Local Guide wins prestigious trip



My name is Harriet Ward, I am sixteen years old and attend King Egbert School. I am a young leader at the Wednesday Brownies in the Old School in Dore. Prior to this I have been in Rainbows, Brownies and, latterly, Guides (125th Sheffield (1st Dore) Guides) for a total of twelve years.

Girlguiding UK offers many opportunities, one of which is to undertake foreign travel working with charitable projects all over the world. As this appealed to me, I submitted an application form to the Sheffield District. This resulted in me having to attend two selection processes; one District selection camp followed by a Regional selection camp. I was very fortunate and privileged to be selected, along with eight other Guides from throughout the North East of England, to go to the Philippines. We will be going to the town of Talisay on the island of Cebu to spend two weeks there this summer. We will be based with and working for the charity Mercy in Action: <http://www.mercyinaction.org.uk>

This charity's mission and vision is to alleviate the suffering of children living in poverty in the Philippines through feeding, education, shelter and love. We will be located at the Charity for the duration of the fortnight, helping the children both domestically and with their education.

For this, I have to raise £2,000 to fund my trip. As part of my fundraising activities I am selling fridge magnets with different images of Dore. These will be available to purchase from Hartley's Fruit Cabin and Seasons Gallery who have very kindly offered to sell these for me.

The DVS have helped in providing some images for my magnets and I am grateful to them for this, additionally I will be immensely grateful for any purchases made.

I am very excited about this fantastic opportunity and look forward to writing an article about my experiences to share in Dore to Door following my return.

**Harriet Ward**

## Bus changes

First Group's 181 service which serves Dore, connecting us with the hospitals and University along the old 70 route, has been cut with the removal of the last service of the day. The 1750 service from Dore to Western Bank, and its return to Dore, will no longer run.

With effect from the end of January the 181 runs from Dore at 0650, 0720, 0750 and 0930. The evening service back to Dore leaves Western Bank only at 1443, 1613 and 1713. Additionally there is a single service to Dore from Western Bank in the morning at 0713, and just one from Dore in the evening at 1650.

Admittedly the 1750 from Dore has caused problems, arriving as it did simultaneously with the 81 and M17 at the Devonshire Terrace Road terminus. This, coupled with rush hour traffic and the inevitable cars illegally parked outside the Co-op, has gridlocked the area more than once and thrown timetables of all three services into disarray.

Dore to Door understands that First will shortly be considering the total withdrawal of the 181, citing low usage as its reason. Apparently the alternative, to catch the 272 Castleton bus from Dore Moor has had a much better take-up by the public.

There have also been timetable changes to the 81 and 82 services to improve reliability and punctuality. No changes have yet been announced for the 97/98 service which has also suffered problems.

The Council cabinet member for transport has said that the bus companies will be held to account for the shambolic changes to the Sheffield network at a public meeting on 29th February. In Barnsley.

*Cover: Christmas lights on Abbydale Park Rise  
photographed for us by Amyra Treffry*

## Clean for '16

The first of Doreways Group's 2016 litter picks in the village will be on Sunday 17th April.

Now in its third year, the litter picking is getting more extensive and thorough as more people continue to become involved. Have you joined us yet? It will only take a couple of hours of your time, and gets you out in the fresh air for a bit of activity rather than sleeping late or lazing around at home reading the paper!

You'll meet new people too, all of whom share an interest in keeping our village clean and tidy, and the sort of place where we all like to live.

Picking takes place through the village centre, but you may if you wish concentrate on the area around your home. Get your neighbours involved even.

All you have to do is turn up in the car park of the Old School from 11am, to register and tell us which area you'd like to cover, or you can join one of the teams working the village centre. Hi-vis vests, picking sticks and gloves are provided and we usually pick for around two hours.

These events are held three times a year in spring, summer and autumn, and new for 2016 will be a 'blitz' event in early June which will concentrate on places like Limb Lane which suffer from illegal fly tipping. Details of this will be in the next Dore to Door.

Other litter picks are also arranged through the year by our good friend Julie Gay (see our last issue) who organises them through the StreetLife website: [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com).

Remember that fly tipping is a crime. If you see anyone dumping rubbish in a public place, take the registration number of their vehicle and contact Environmental Health. You'll be doing us all a favour.

**Dorne Coggins**

## Dore and Totley Minesweeping Trawlers Comforts Fund

Intrigued? I certainly was when I was lent a swathe of WW2 correspondence pertaining to the group.

I am now researching it in the hope of writing a book about the local housewives who laboured for five years in order to send extra support to men of the Royal Navy based in North Shields.

Do you remember your mother or grandmother knitting jerseys, sea-boot socks, gloves and balaclava helmets for the cause?

Any memories of the group, or of that time, would be most welcome in the quest to bring their story to light.

Please contact me at [paulineburnett17@gmail.com](mailto:paulineburnett17@gmail.com) or Tel 2352344. Thank you.

**Pauline Burnett**

## Tree Panel announced

In January the council confirmed the members of the new independent tree panel which is to be convened in cases where the proposed felling of street trees is controversial among residents. (See page 17.)

They are arboricultural consultant Andy Bagshaw, health and safety consultant Phillip Duckett, David Graham, the managing director of a firm which delivers road safety and traffic engineering services as well as independent panel member Jacquie Stubbs.

Some 36 streets out of those already surveyed across the city have been referred back to the panel, although the council will still make a final decision. Other streets may also be referred, subject to the results of local consultation.

Panel chairman Andy Buck said the panel would be meeting 'in the coming weeks' to discuss evidence and residents' concerns.

The first streets in our area to be considered again are:

Abbeylea Park Rise; Ashfurlong Close; Ashfurlong Road; Blacka Moor Road; Burlington Road; Chatsworth Road; Devonshire Drive; Furniss Avenue; King Ecgbert Road; Marstone Crescent; Rushley Close; Rushley Drive; The Grove and Vernon Road.

## Dore Open Gardens

The ever popular feature of Dore Open Gardens comes at the beginning of Festival Fortnight in Dore. We are always looking for gardens of all shapes, sizes and stages of development (courtyard, kitchen, small or large) to continue the delightful variety on offer in previous years.

We are therefore inviting people who are willing to open their gardens to the public for a few hours on the afternoon of Sunday 26th June to get in touch with me.

If you have ever thought you "might like to open your own garden sometime" but are hesitating, please give me a call for a chat. I will be delighted to hear from you and explain how little is actually involved.

**Jean Stevens 0114 2369156**  
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## Well dressings 2016

This year's well dressings around Derbyshire will be listed in the next Dore to Door, published at the end of May. The only one which we can find that takes place before then is Tissington, which this year will run from 5th-11th May. Most other villages haven't announced their dates yet.

Our own well dressing, as you can see from Maureen Cope's article on the right, will be 3rd-9th July. Volunteers are needed to erect the dressing on 2nd July, meet at the Scout HQ at 10am.

## The hole stories

Work on the sewage leak on Dore Road reported on in the last Dore to Door continues, and three months later the problems continue.

Yorkshire Water have thoroughly investigated the sewerage system and the leak appears not, after all, to be originating there. They now believe that the sewage is coming from a collapsed surface water gully, and it is getting into this system by other means. One theory being worked on is that the installation of a bathroom or toilet in a local house has been wrongly connected. This might have been done years ago, and has only come to light when the surface water gully was damaged.

Experiments with dye and the digging of several more holes has so far failed to identify the source of the effluent, but work will continue until it is bottomed.

In other news, the large hole at the bottom of the village green and the associated closure of Savage Lane at the end of January does not, for a change, have anything to do with the under-capacity drainage between there and the Hare & Hounds. (see *Environment*, p11.) There is a culvert which goes under Savage Lane and the green, and this has been cut off by a new water pipe running down Savage Lane. The job is further complicated by the fact that gas, electricity and sewage services all meet at this point.

## Dore Festival

Our plans are already well advanced for Dore Festival 2016 which is a fortnight of cultural events and family activities for the enjoyment of our whole community. Last year's festival was one of our most successful ever and we were blessed with some of the hottest days of summer. So, in order to give you a taste of what is on our programme and to make you think about warm village days, here are some key dates for your diary.

**Saturday 25 June** – Boundary Walk

**Sunday 26 June** – Dore Open Gardens (see left)

**Sunday 3 July** – Well Dressing Service

**Saturday 9 July** – Scout and Guide Gala

**Sunday 10 July** – Festival Songs of Praise

We plan to repeat our most popular activities such as the open-air theatre, the choir evening, the classic car show and family fun run as well as include some new outdoor events. Our full programme will be published in the next issue of Dore to Door and will be posted on the Dore Village website and the village notice boards well in advance of Festival Fortnight. We look forward to seeing you in the summer at Dore Festival 2016.

**Maureen Cope and Anne Elsdon**  
**Dore Festival Co-ordinators**

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### Chairman's column

By the time you read this column we will be substantially into the New Year, and planning for the various events of the year will well be underway.

One of the first events is the annual art show held in early April, closely followed by the Dragon Hunt on a Sunday near to St George's day. Watch out for more details closer to the time.

June (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>) sees the DVS AGM when we report on the activities of the previous year, submit our accounts for scrutiny and elect new committee members. If you would like to join the committee and help with the running of the society please let me know (see later for contact details). This year we will be entertained after the AGM by Dorne Coggins who will be talking about some of the historic buildings in Dore which feature on the Dore Heritage Trail.

The Dore Festival and Gala takes place in late June and early July and starts with the boundary walk and Dore Open Gardens. That's followed in September by the Dore Show and then it's the Scout bonfire on Parker's Lane, the Remembrance Day Parade and service by the war memorial, and finally the Lantern Parade and the Wassail Walk.

So there's a lot to look forward to and we are lucky to live in a community that has such a variety of activities that all age groups can participate in. But (and it's an important but) all this depends on the efforts of volunteers and this year there is a serious shortage of volunteers to help with many of these activities. In fact, some of them are in serious danger of not taking

place this year or next unless people come forward to help. Principal among these are the village green well dressing (see page 3 for more detail), Dore Show (page 5), and the Christmas trees and the village Christmas decorations. The Lantern Parade and late opening of the village shops are linked to the Christmas tree and lighting up ceremony outside Hartley's Fruit Cabin, so all of these are at risk. It is an understatement to say that these events are in serious danger of not continuing so, if you enjoy these events and value their contribution to village life, please consider if you can give a few days a year to help and let us know by calling in at the DVS office in the Old School between 10:30am and midday on Fridays or on the first Saturday of any month, or email or phone me and I will pass your interest on.

In conjunction with the Doreways group we welcome newcomers to the village by giving them a Welcome Pack. This contains all sorts of interesting and useful information for people new to the village and we hope that it gives them a good introduction to life in Dore and a sense of the community spirit which makes life here such a pleasure. It is, however, a challenge to identify newcomers and deliver the packs in a timely manner so, if you are a newcomer or a neighbour or friend, please let us know and we will deliver a pack promptly.

Some of you will remember the DWELL Project that we reported last year in Dore to Dore and which was publicised at the Dore Show. One of the suggestions that has come from this is a local service to provide information about how to use IT and the Internet and the benefits this can bring, and to offer help with developing IT skills. If this is of interest to you please read the article under the Digital Dore column on page 25 and let us know what you think.

Last year saw some notable successes for two of our well-known residents: Jessica Ennis-Hill and Joe Root.

Jessica's return to athletics was marked by winning a gold medal in the heptathlon at the 2015 World Championships in Beijing just nine months after returning to training and 13 months after the birth of her son. What an amazing achievement. That was followed by being named Sportswoman of the Year in November and coming third in the BBC Sports Personality of the year. All eyes are now on the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Joe Root has been an outstanding member of

the England Cricket team since his first appearance in 2012 and has made major contributions to a number of its recent successes. He has achieved the position of vice captain at the age of 25 and is currently the No. 2 ranked batsman in Test cricket on the International Cricket Council Player Rankings. In the second test of the 2013 Ashes Series against Australia he was named Man of the Match, a feat he repeated on several occasions in many of the international matches which followed, and Man of the Series for the 2015 Ashes Test Matches.

Well done Jess and Joe and good luck for your forthcoming competitions.

On other fronts the development of the Dore Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well, and Miranda Chief is again on form with her column Miss Chief's Dore Diary (page 37).

Lastly, please don't forget to renew your DVS membership for 2016. Membership forms were in the last issue of Dore to Dore but can also be obtained by calling in at the DVS office or from the membership secretary, Kath Lawrence.

Best wishes for 2016.

**Keith Shaw**  
Chairman  
Dore Village Society

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## Richard Farnsworth

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death, on 3rd February of Richard Farnsworth. He was 72.

Richard was a true friend of the village and the community into which he was born. Amongst his many activities he was a bell-ringer at Dore Church for many years and a Trustee of the Old School. For a long time he maintained the village war memorial and assisted in the delivery of newspapers to outlying addresses. He was always on hand to help with events such as our Gala, Festival and Show.

He and his wife Gillian were also our main distribution hub for Dore to Door, where the 3750 copies of the magazine are sorted and taken to the 60+ deliverers who bring it to you. He contributed articles to the magazine on many occasions, right from its beginning in 1985.

Dore Village Society and Dore to Door would like to express our deepest sympathies to Gillian and their wider family. A full obituary will appear in our May issue.

If you have a memory of Richard which you would like to share, please write to the editor at one of the addresses on page 5. A selection of your letters will be published in May.

## Support your local Scouts!

This is an urgent call for volunteers to come forward to support the 267th Dore Scout Group. We need volunteers to come forward to support us. Groups will close if we do not get support in each of the sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). At the moment all sections are under pressure.

The Wednesday Explorer group has closed until Leaders and Assistants can be found. The Friday Scout Group will close shortly unless people come forward to train as Leaders. The Cub and Beaver Groups all need regular Assistant Leader support and people who will come forward to train as warranted Leaders.

Group closures mean insufficient places for children wanting to enrol, and later move on to the next section. This will result in some children missing out.

Additional support will ensure that each Group can continue to enrol children and groups can take part in practical activities and visits where extra supervision is needed.

Support, guidance and training will be given. Members of the scouting community at Dore will support people coming forward. Volunteers can 'shadow' and help alongside present Leaders and Assistants. Some volunteers will then want to become Assistants, then Leaders, to ensure the continuity of each group.

We have a very successful Scouting Community in Dore. Those of us that have taken part and support the running of the sections believe in its importance and value. Please now consider offering your help to ensure we continue to provide a Scouting Experience for the children in this area.

For more information and offers of support contact Lyn Butler (Assistant Group Scout Leader) on: 0114 2361263 or email [lyn.butler@talktalk.net](mailto:lyn.butler@talktalk.net)

## Dore Show in Danger

Dore Show 2016 will take place on Saturday 10th September as usual but this may be the last Dore Show.

We are short of volunteers to help with clearing up and break down after the Show on Saturday evening from 5pm to 7:30pm. We need help with dismantling gazebos and transporting items to our storage area as well as clearing the exhibition rooms. We need four people to join the gazebo team and two for general clearing up.

We also need more people to help during the afternoon to give heavily committed helpers a break and a chance to look around the exhibitions so please get in touch if you know anyone who would be willing to help with these tasks.

**Keith Shaw**

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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 £6 pa for individuals and £35 for corporate members.*

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## 2015 planning roundup

As part of my role as Planning Coordinator I make representations on behalf of Dore Village Society to the City Planning Department on planning applications and other planning issues when it is felt appropriate. A number of issues have been dealt with over the past year, including:

Advertising signs on the Abbeydale Road South frontage are a continuing problem. They are often numerous, temporary and unsightly on the grass roadside verge. Representations have led to the removal of some signs and the replacement of others with smaller better-designed signs.

The conversion of a barn for residential use at Old Whitelaw Farm was supported by the Society subject to the removal of the caravan storage. Late last year the long-standing caravan storage was cleared removing an eyesore in the Green Belt that was also impacting on views from the Peak District National Park. This resulted directly from our representation and can be seen as a major success.

Advice was given on the conversion of the butcher's shop to residential use at Green Mount, High Street. The work has been undertaken using appropriate windows and traditional stonework to match the existing building. An unsightly extension at the rear was also removed. Fortunately, the butcher was able to move into the former baker's shop across the road.

Not all the representations made were successful. The extension of the garden fence into Water Lane and the demolition of the stone wall at 30 High Street in the Conservation Area were not deemed by the Planning Department to warrant enforcement action because of the Government's latest advice. The amenity of both sites has been diminished as a result. Objections to overlarge developments at 12 Chatsworth Road and the former police station site at Totley Brook Road did not achieve any improvements either.

At the former King Ecgbert School site in Furniss Avenue we can expect the development by Bellway Homes of 64 dwellings to commence shortly. Our lengthy and detailed discussions with the Planning Department on a planning brief came to nothing. Discussions with the developers to provide a mixed development that would serve the housing needs of local people, safeguard views and the character of the conservation area and provide adequate parking for community users of the football pitches were also unsuccessful.

The approval and commencement of work on a single house at 135 Dore Road last year marks the successful action of the Society and many residents to resist the proposed large-scale development of the site for apartments. This involved representations at two Local Public Hearings. However, the commencement of building the ten apartments approved in 2004 replacing the former caretaker's house at 291 Totley Brook Road, and the apartment block in Ryecroft Glen Road, reminds us that the Society's objections can be overruled and that we need to consider a new policy for housing infill in for Dore Village.

Under the current Local Plan new housing sites in the Village can only be found by developing or redeveloping in residential gardens now that the allocated site at Knowle Green has been developed and the former King Ecgbert School site has been approved. About 45 dwellings are currently under construction in residential gardens and the Dore Neighbourhood Plan will need to address this issue if the character of Dore and its housing areas are not to be seriously affected.

**David Crosby**

### Beauchief Hotel closes



The sad closure of the Beauchief Hotel at the New Year will be mourned by customers who, like me, remember it in its heyday as an essential part of a Saturday night out.

This was in the eighties, when it was run by Michel Limon. Beaujolais Nouveau was still thought to be pretty cool, and Michel's Bastille Day celebrations were legendary in the area.

The hotel and its associated restaurant have struggled in recent years. Newly built hotel rooms across the river were sold and converted some years ago, and there are rumours that the remainder of the property will now also be converted to residential use though at the time of writing no planning application has appeared on the council website.

Jack Baker, the most recent chef and eponymous proprietor of the Beauchief's brasserie, is still in the area, having taken on the lease of the Castle Inn on Twentywell Road.

**John Eastwood**



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## Amey Works – the latest schedule

*We are indebted to Claire Tideswell of Amey for these details of the expected road works in Dore over the next few months. All the works are of course subject to variation due to weather and other considerations.*

**Street Lighting** – We have now completed 50% of the street lighting in Dore. We are hoping to complete this work by the end of February or early March at the latest.

**Pavement Resurfacing** – This has been programmed to start in the area in February. We will write to all affected by the works before they start, this is normally approximately five days before the work starts. Road closures will be required for us to do this work safely during our working hours. We will always try to give access where possible, however there may be times where there may be delays in doing this for safety reasons. We do ask that should you have any special requirements for access that you either call in via Sheffield City Council and make us aware or speak to our on site Supervisor who will more than happy to help.

As the pavement works are a staged process we may only work on the road at certain times throughout the specified period. We also ask that you look at the on street signage for the most up to date information, as the dates will be changed accordingly to reflect any changes of dates and delays should any arise.

Road resurfacing is programmed to start in June. All affected by these works will be written to approximately ten days before the work starts. Again as with pavement resurfacing works on street signage will be displayed five days before the work starts. As with the pavement resurfacing works the roads will be closed during our working hours, and access will be restricted and so please let us know of any special access requirements you may have.

On street parking will not be permitted during the closure times, off road parking (on driveways) will be ok. Other surrounding streets in the area will be open should people need to move their cars before and during our works.

### Townhead Road and Savage Lane – Drainage

We are currently working on a drainage scheme for Townhead Road and Savage Lane to improve the current scheme by increasing the number of existing gullies, and replacing some pipe work which is currently not adequate. We have also carried out a CCTV survey around the trough on Savage Lane and intend to do a further CCTV survey further down the lane where there are also issues with drainage and flooding. We will also be doing some jetting of the current drainage system. Once we have the results of these surveys and have done further investigation in these areas by our engineers the scheme will be implemented before we do the road resurfacing works in these areas.

We would like to thank the Dore Village Society, their representatives and local residents for their knowledge and assistance with this drainage scheme.

## Dore Male Voice Choir

### Find your voice!

The Dore Male Voice Choir finished last year on a high note (or at least the tenors did!) with three Christmas Concerts at the Parish Church. In previous years we have only performed two, but with pressure for tickets an additional concert was put on only still to have a waiting list for tickets.

One of the highlights of the year was the Choir's tour to Prague in September. With a party of nearly 100 it was a memorable week and our three concerts were a great success when we performed to full houses, with some of the audience even standing at the back.

An important event this year is a series of four Singing Workshops. These will be on four consecutive Wednesdays starting on 6th April at 7.15pm at the Methodist Church Hall, High Street (opposite the shops) by the junction with Savage Lane.

Wow! What an amazing morning we had at the Christmas Fayre on 14th November. The Cross Scythes excelled themselves in their support, which is always wonderful, but they spoilt us with many homemade mince pies that were to die for, I understand - no I didn't manage to taste one, but I was assured by several people who were luckier that they were absolutely scrummy! Thanks to you all and also to Stuart and all his staff, you are the best. Also a big thanks to all the various organisations who donated to our raffle, it was very kind and generous of you all. Overall we made £750. We were also pleased to receive a cheque from Totley Show organisers for £350 so our day has been magnificent and it is all down to you being so generous. A few weeks ago we received donations from Dore Village Society for £500, and from Totley Open Gardens for £985, these were life savers, mainly because we live on a financial knife edge permanently and without your continued support we will not be able to continue to provide our service.

Immediately before Christmas Santa paid us a visit, so perhaps we were very good during 2015! We applied for a free minibus via a Government initiative and the wonderful news is that the money is going to be transferred into our account in the near future to enable us to order said vehicle to our own individual specification. Whilst we have been really lucky to get this new bus to replace the oldest one of our fleet the other two will also need replacing shortly. The cost of maintaining the buses that is necessary to keep them safe and shipshape is crippling us. Sadly, all the money being spent does not improve their value for trade-in purposes. We still need you to continue to support us in our fight to keep going. We are on a merry-go-round that doesn't have an end and that is why we have to keep having fund raisers, just to keep treading water.

A new bus will cost us £51,000 at least. If there is anyone out there with a magic wand that can help us, please come forward before we drown. The money that we have in our coffers will be used to start the next bus fund going; it is a continual merry go round to ensure that everyone is safe in vehicles that are kept to our high standards.

We really need some new drivers, and if you have a Midas licence that would be even better. We are prepared to train and usually have people escort initially to get the feel of our varied client group so that they can see what it all involves. If driving the bus doesn't appeal perhaps you would consider being an escort. Either way please contact Mike or John on 236 2962, Monday to Friday, 9am to noon.

We are having our first coffee morning of 2016 on Saturday 27th February at The Cross Scythes, subject to weather conditions. This is a little early but we need to throw off the blues from the horrendous weather we have been having. Thank goodness we are not all on flood plains!! Please watch the notice boards in your local area for details. We decided to get our dates in the diary early this year so on 23rd of April, St George's Day, perhaps you would come and join us for coffee at the Cross Scythes and get the celebrations off to an early start.

Thank you for all your help in the past and we look forward to seeing you all during 2016.

**Felicity Revill**

Elizabeth Hampshire, the Choir's Music Director is a voice coach and will show how to pitch a note and explain the rudiments of harmony. Everyone will have the opportunity to sing in voice parts. It is a chance to have a go, sing in harmony and find out if you are a tenor, baritone or bass.

It is not necessary to be able to read music. If you decide to join in, support will be provided by Choir members to help you to learn. The workshops are free, just turn up.

At the end of the course you are not expected to join the Choir, but having tried singing, if you would like to, and have made progress, you would certainly be made welcome.

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The 2011 geophysical surveys and excavations at Whirlow Hall Farm revealed the remains of an unexpected large Roman enclosure defined by a ditch that has been cut down to bedrock. A wide range of Roman pottery was found with indications of earlier Iron Age activity below the Roman level. Field walking on the farm produced the earliest evidence so far for human activity on the site dating to The Mesolithic, which could go back as far as around 10,000 BC, suggesting continuous human activity on the site up until today.

The site has many more secrets to reveal and it is hoped further research will help to understand more about the site and Roman Sheffield.

Local archaeology group The Time Travellers, who cover South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire, have been awarded a Heritage Lottery Grant of nearly £60,000 to discover our lost Iron Age and Roman Heritage and to provide opportunities for a wide range of people of all ages to develop new skills.

Based at Whirlow Hall Farm, this exciting project will enable volunteers from the local community and schools to learn about Sheffield's Iron Age and Roman heritage. Field surveys and excavation will offer a wide range of participation and learning activities under professional supervision, with the aim of determining the extent of the site, its condition and how to best protect and better manage it for future generations.

The project will provide opportunities for people of all ages to engage with heritage through participation, skills development, talks, walks, creative activities, digital and published materials with potential for national TV coverage. Schoolchildren will be involved in the fieldwork to help generate enthusiasm; interest and learning as part of their Key Stage 2 National Curriculum.

As a result of this grant this important site will be better interpreted and explained, and its story told to thousands of schoolchildren and the many other visitors to Whirlow Hall Farm each year.

The Time Travellers, whose membership comprises local people who share a common interest and enthusiasm for archaeology, offer a variety of related activities, visits and research. They are mainly amateurs, varying from 'Time Team' fans to keen trowel detectives. The group have their own programme of events, are active in support of professional excavations and provide a news service on interesting events and activities in South Yorkshire and north-east Derbyshire. They are elected affiliate members of the Council for British Archaeology. You can find out more about the group at [www.thetimetravellers.org.uk](http://www.thetimetravellers.org.uk).

Commenting on the award John Baker, chairman of The Time Travellers, said: "We are delighted to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident that the project will extend the knowledge of Iron Age and Roman Sheffield, while increasing an interest and knowledge of our heritage within the wider community".

Tony Pedder OBE, chair of the Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, said "Everyone at Whirlow Hall Farm Trust is excited about the generous Heritage Lottery Fund support for this Time Travellers led project. Many youngsters will be involved before and during the dig, and all

the children and adults who visit the farm afterwards will be able to learn about the fascinating story of this part of Sheffield up to and including Romano British times."

### Dore Archivist Dorne Coggins writes:

Whirlow has been continuously settled and farmed since the very earliest times, so Neolithic flints and tools mark the start of settlement when the community would have been hunter-gatherers



rather than cultivating the land. We then found evidence of Bronze Age settlement and land use. But of course the plum discovery was through geophysics (yes, this is proper Time Team stuff here) when the Romano-British enclosure showed up. That determined the siting of the on-site dig, which revealed impressive features like post-holes for the gates guarding the enclosure. And then best of all but sadly right at the end of the time of digging (Time Team again!) the corner of a substantial Roman building with etched stone floor was found. We discovered lots of roman greyware and, more importantly, prestigious

Samian terracotta colour stoneware. As you can imagine we are postulating all sorts of scenarios about who lived there. One theory is that it might have been the home of a former soldier given his freedom, and who might have been in charge of provisioning troops moving further north. Our area was 'bandit country' right on the border of the Brigantes territory.



The big thing is that archaeological opportunities are going to be available to absolutely everybody interested irrespective of age or previous experience. People will be able to take part in uncovering what will undoubtedly prove to be a major site of great significance in the story of the north. That was what was clearly evident from the last dig and what has been the holy grail of winning this HLF bid. We know what we had to leave behind! The Time Travellers Archaeological group who meet regularly in Dore Old School are the group that won the bid. We will be supported in our work by professional archaeologists.

Last time it was Dr Clive Waddington of Archaeological Research Services who worked with us. (Look at their website [www.archaeologicalresearchservices.com](http://www.archaeologicalresearchservices.com) for the technical reports from last time.) That is what we will be producing this time on whatever is discovered.

There will be opportunities for field walking, geophys, desk based research, photography, finds washing, aerial photographs and satellite imagery interpretation, as well as the actual dig. Something for absolutely everyone. As for the schools - Dore Primary, Bradway and King Ecgberts are our lead schools for in-depth involvement. Virtually all the local schools will be visiting the dig and having hands-on access to the real site, we anticipate. From February onwards it will be a case of watch our community Facebook page (We dig Whirlow) and our website closely and get in quick! Given the interest expressed so far we anticipate that it will be very very popular! What the site revealed last time was only the tip of the iceberg of what Whirlow has hidden beneath the soil. The very name 'Whirlow' indicates a burial mound, and there are thought to be two lows on the farm site.

**Dorne Coggins**

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## Review of 2015 at Totley Library

Looking back over the last year at everything that has been achieved at Totley Library by our volunteers and the community working together, I think everyone involved should be very proud.

In 2015 we had 101 volunteers working in the library, manning 2,622 shifts with an incredible 14,208 hours in total. The public feedback has been phenomenal and last year Totley Library issued the most adult and children's books of any of the volunteer run libraries in Sheffield. We always need new volunteers to join our team and in particular at the moment we are looking for more people who can help with our fundraising events, technicians for our cinema club and gardeners. If you are interested in volunteering please pop into the library to pick up a volunteer registration form or complete it on our website [www.totleycric.org.uk](http://www.totleycric.org.uk).

We are fortunate that until April 2017 the running costs for the library are fully funded by a Sheffield City Council grant. But whether we get any further funding after this date is in doubt so we have started to raise as much money as possible to prepare for the future. In 2015 we raised almost £8,000 through a combination of fundraising events, book sales, Friends of Totley CRIC, donations, selling refreshments and launching the new Totley Library Cinema. We estimate that it will cost us £15,000 per year to run the library so increasing our fundraising efforts will remain a key priority for 2016.

The children's library at Totley is a fantastic resource and through the dedicated work of a small group of volunteers we have grown the service offering to children. The Toddler Craft and Storytime on a Wednesday morning is incredibly popular. In addition our volunteers have organised school holiday activities including art classes, family nature walks and the summer reading challenge. And we also now offer French classes for pre-school and primary children and baby yoga sessions each week.

Local groups who use Totley Library on a regular basis include Poetry Group, Craft Group, Book Group, Computer Classes, Health Walk, History Group and Friends of Gillfield Woods. If you are interested in joining any of these groups then you can find further details in the library or on our website. These community

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Dear Dore to Door

Thank you for your article on the bench in memory of Patrick Pryor.

Dad loved the countryside and living in Dore provided easy access to the moors. He was enthusiastic about his interest and had a vast knowledge of the history of the local area, which he loved to share. We decided it was a fitting tribute for the family to buy a bench and place it on Blacka Moor, with a fine view over Dore and to Sheffield beyond. He would have approved of the exertion required to reach the bench, and then the time spent admiring the view and naming the places to be seen!

We approached Sheffield City Council, with a clear idea of where we wanted to position the bench and we then worked with Nabil Abbas of the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife trust, [www.wildsheffield.com](http://www.wildsheffield.com), to get the required approval from Natural England and to choose a suitable type of bench. Dore Village Society suggested the final position of the bench, in order to retain the natural beauty of the area. It took about 9 months in all and we are delighted with the outcome.

We hope that many people for years to come will enjoy taking a rest, drinking in the view and marvelling at the beauty which surrounds us.

**Vicky Wilson**

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**Did you remember?** Your DVS membership form for 2016 was in the last issue. If you can't find it, copies are available from the DVS office or Membership Secretary - contact details are on page 5.

organisations also regularly use Totley Library for their public meetings – Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Dore and Totley Station and Dore and Totley Ward Road Safety Forum.

Totley Library Cinema has proved very popular since it launched in October. The first two family films Home and Big Hero 6 sold out completely and the showing of Far from the Madding Crowd was very popular with adults. We will continue to show one film every month for families and another for adults. The forthcoming screenings dates and times are listed in the diary section. Unfortunately due to advertising restrictions with our licence we can't list which films will be. You can find out what films will be showing on posters at the library or join the Totley Library Cinema email newsletter via our website.

All that is left to say is a big thank you to all our volunteers, everyone who has supported our events, donated second hand books and used the library. Please continue to support us in 2016 to keep this important community resource for the residents of Dore and Totley.

**Natasha Watkinson**

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## Policing

### Meet your new local PCSO



My name is Adrian Tolson and I am a Police Community Support Officer based at Woodseats Police Station as part of the Sheffield South West Local Policing Team. I'm very pleased to say that as from the 4th April I will be moving to your area as your local PCSO. I will also be covering as much as I can during the next couple of months up to that date.

I have worked for South Yorkshire Police for eleven years and been in a variety of postings over that time, starting at Hammerton Road as the local contact for Middlewood and Winn Gardens and then working my way through a number of districts to date. As a Totley lad I am very happy to be returning to home turf and I am looking to involve myself as much as possible in local issues that affect residents of Dore, Totley and Bradway. As an ex pupil of Totley County Primary and King Egbert schools I am very much looking forward to working within all the schools across the area, getting to know people as well as attending, wherever possible, local residents' associations, any neighbourhood watch meetings and other events.

As a PCSO my main aim is to deal with low-level antisocial or rowdy behaviour but I am also available for crime prevention advice, speaking to groups or individuals and trying to answer any specific questions they may have. I will be out on foot for most shifts around the area and am always happy to stop for a chat!

There are various ways I can be contacted; my work mobile (which does not go home with me and should not be used in emergencies) is 07787 881945 and a message can be left on this number at any time. You can also contact me via email at [adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:adrian.tolson@southyorks.pnn.police.uk). There is the 101 number for reporting crime and of course 999 in an emergency. If you are a user of Social Media our Policing Team also have an active Facebook page; search for Sheffield South West LPT to follow this account where we regularly update on crimes and other issues that may affect our communities.

I will be hoping to set up local drop-ins as soon as possible where I can meet you face to face if you should wish to do so! I also hope to have short articles in this publication every now and then should the editors allow it...

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**Adrian Tolson**



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## The Vernon Oak – just one tree's story



It is very disappointing to see that the beautiful English oak on Vernon Road is still scheduled for destruction. This tree is believed to be about 130 years old. It was here long before our grandfathers drew their first breath and if allowed to remain would be here until our children have drawn their last. Oaks of this canopy size and healthy magnificence, are a reservoir for biodiversity, and a rarity in Sheffield's street scene.

Amey's reason for putting this tree on their schedule for replacement is that it is damaging the roadway and footpath. They have a duty to provide safe passage for road users, yet the damage the oak has done to surrounding structures is minimal. Vernon Road is an entirely residential cul-de-sac with very little traffic. I walk past this tree as I go to the local shops and although I have some mobility difficulties it has never caused me any problems.

## Street Tree Surveys

You will know that the Council has carried out opinion surveys in those streets where trees are proposed to be felled. Many have reported, as Cllr Terry Fox had intended, that if a majority of the households in a street disagreed with the felling proposals, those proposals would be referred to a so-called Independent Panel for consideration and advice to the Council. In point of fact – as I pointed out to Cllr Fox when I met him on 9 December – his survey letter specifically said that if a majority of those households responding disagreed with the fellings, then the street would be referred to the panel.

If the first threshold test above had been used none of the streets in Dore would have been referred to the panel. However, the Council were obliged to use the second threshold test because it would have been impossible to go back on what Cllr Fox had written. As a result no less than 14 Dore roads are to be referred to the Independent Panel. They are Devonshire Drive, Rushley Close, Furniss Avenue, Abbeydale Park Rise, Marstone Crescent, Chatsworth Road, Ashfurlong Close, Blackamoor Road, the Grove, Vernon Road, King Ecgbert Road, Ashfurlong Road, Burlington Road, and Rushley Drive. I was able to point out to Cllr Fox that he had been voted into office on the basis of the second threshold and not the first!

I am saddened that there were not enough residents on Totley Brook Road willing to try to save the magnificent limes on their street, but as for the other highest priority cases for saving identified by Dore Village Society, they are all referred to the panel and therefore will not be felled in the short-term. The problem now for the Council is that their argument that there is a huge silent majority who agree with their felling plans has been comprehensively disproved by those voting in Dore; and the same is proving true elsewhere in the city where surveys are taking place. This means that there is a stack of cases for the panel to consider, which either will take forever if done properly and independently or will be rushed through as a totally inadequate paper exercise. Time for some of you to ask the Council under a Freedom of Information request to see the exact terms of reference of the panel and what evidence and process they will use to reach their recommendations to the Council! Over to you.

**Christopher Pennell**

I have queried young mothers with buggies and none has reported any issues.

My letter to John Mothersole, Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council, like others on this issue, received the standard Amey 'Customer Services' anonymous reply. It seems clear that no real dialogue has been established between Amey's officers and the citizens they serve. They seem to be from a different culture and to speak a different language; there is no communication, merely a repetition of bureaucratic phrases.

We have lived with The Vernon Oak for many years and there is no compelling reason why we should not continue to do so. It is a fine specimen, in its prime. Why on earth can't we live and let live? If for some mysterious reason Amey care so desperately about minor infractions to the alignment of kerb stones and pavement, alternative solutions must surely be available.

There is a cracking of the asphalt on the footpath and a lifting of a discrete element in the kerb, but no perceptible damage to the adjacent boundary wall nor, as far as I can see, to the roadway. Engineering solutions designed to save the tree are certainly conceivable. For example the surface roots could be exposed and surrounded by a resilient material (Perlite or something similar) to allow for root growth and covered by a hard material to provide a foundation for a thin layer of asphalt to form a slightly raised footpath.

Amey has the engineers, it's a problem for them to solve. The only difficulty is in getting them to acknowledge the only acceptable objective, which is to save this tree.

There has been an offer that residents participate in the selection of a replacement. I find it difficult to decide whether this is absurd or insulting; possibly it's both. How do you replace a beautifully formed mature oak? It's like confiscating a Lamborghini and offering a choice of a GDR Trabant or Reliant Robin as a replacement.

On a recent walk up Chatsworth Road I met a guy from Yorkshire Water. I bemoaned the fate of the trees, he went on about the damage roots do to drains and said that the replacement trees would be planted in containers! So our splendid trees are to be "replaced" by a variant of Bonsai.

**Timothy Treffry MSc Agr (Soil Science) PhD (Botany)**

## From Councillor Joe Otten

At the time of writing, felling of trees as part of the StreetsAhead programme has been suspended citywide, with the exception (rightly) of dead and dangerous trees, pending the installation of the new "independent" tree panel the council is appointing to adjudicate on cases where the loss of trees is particularly controversial. (*See page 3 for details of the panel's membership, and the streets in our area so far affected by its work.*)

The intended process is now that if 50% or more of the residents of a particular street object to the StreetsAhead recommendations for their trees, the panel will be convened. This 50% is a high bar for any consultation exercise, which normally have much lower response rates, and early cases have been complicated by letters sent without deadline dates and with incorrect web links. I have pressed the council to allow the panel to consider cases where there is reasonable evidence of opposition rather than to strictly apply the threshold.

Clearly some trees do need to be removed and some turnover of trees is normal in a properly managed stock, but I would argue that the council policy has shown no regard to the particular value of some magnificent specimens which improve our environment, both objectively in terms of air quality and subjectively, making Sheffield a much finer place to live. Rigid application of procedures and standards for footway construction has needlessly condemned many healthy trees, and I hope this respite will lead to a significant policy change.

**Cllr Joe Otten, Dore and Totley Ward  
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## Kenneth Organ and the weathermen who helped to win a war

Dore resident Ken Organ has a tale to tell of his father, whom he never knew.

Flying Officer Kenneth William Organ RAFVR is buried in Ecclesall Church graveyard, but he died many miles away over Tiree in the Inner Hebrides. In August 1944, and four months before Ken was born, Kenneth was the Captain of a Handley Page Halifax aircraft engaged in weather observation. This work was vital to the war effort; weather data was essential for planning the strategic bombing offensive over enemy and occupied territory. It was also instrumental in the postponement of D-Day by 24 hours, as well as providing weather forecasts for the post D-Day ground and air operations.

At the time, the Halifax was a state of the art aircraft. It had four Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, with the bomb bays adapted to carry extra fuel. They were expected to fly in all weathers, each mission lasting eight to ten hours over the North Atlantic, taking weather readings at preset points.

At 1.25pm on 16th. August 1944, in cloudy conditions Flying Officer Organ's aircraft collided with another similar machine over their base at RAF Tiree (now Tiree Airport). The aircraft each carried a crew of eight, and tragically all sixteen airmen were killed. Eleven were RAF Volunteer Reservists, three were Australian and two were Canadian.

And there the story might have ended, another tragic tale of casualties in a war which cost so many their lives.

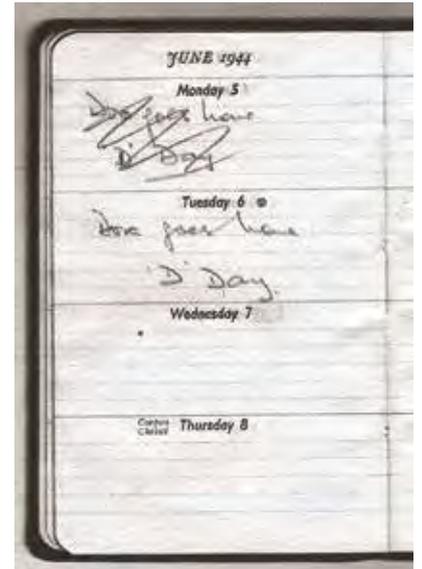


*Flying Officer Kenneth Organ, from a picture taken in Malta, 1942 when he was a Sergeant*

Then in 2012 Kenneth's son Ken decided that a memorial at the site of the collision would be a fitting tribute not just to his father but to all sixteen who died. He set to work, and eventually managed to trace descendants of fourteen of the aircrew. Seventy years to the day after the accident the memorial was unveiled at Tiree Airport in the presence not only of many of these relatives, but also the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and senior representatives of the RAF, RAAF, RCAF and the Deputy Ambassador of the Czech Republic.

Ken has one possibly unique memento of his father; his diary. In this, the entry 'D-Day' has been crossed out against June 5th 1944 and re-entered the following day. Historians have noted that had the planners decided to go ahead on June 5th, bad weather may well have resulted in the failure of this huge operation. Kenneth William Organ, his crew and squadron

would have been instrumental in ensuring that this did not happen.



## Followup on Walter Angus... and the Air Cadets who found him



*In our last issue we gave the story of Pilot Officer Walter Angus, who was shot down and killed in WWII and whose memorial is in Dore Churchyard. We asked if anyone knew what became of the three Air Cadets who rediscovered and renovated the memorial in the 1980s, and were delighted to receive the following from one of them, Richard Crinson.*

Dear John,

I have just been sent a copy of the Dore to Door magazine and was quite surprised to see featured what my friends and I did over 30 years ago.

Both James and I did indeed join the RAF, with Neil joining the Army. I joined the RAF Police and served both in the UK and abroad, ending up in RAF Germany at RAF Bruggen. I left the RAF in the nineties to join a Midlands Police force where I still serve. James was an RAF flight operations manager, finishing his service at MOD Abbey Wood near Bristol a few years ago and now works in Dubai in the UAE.

I suppose the wheel went full circle as I ended up with a commission in the RAF Reserve and was the OC of an ATC squadron down here.

My wife and I got married in Dore church before I was posted to Germany so although we no longer live in the area (my wife is from Millhouses) it has a special place in our hearts.

Here are a couple of photographs of myself when I was in the RAF. The one on the left was taken in the Summer of 1990 outside the dog section with my dog, Air Dog Leo; the other was taken a few months later on the 75th anniversary of 17F Squadron and has myself and all the RAF Bruggen dog section present. RAF Bruggen at the time was the largest RAF base with 17F, 14, 9 and 31 Squadrons carrying tactical nuclear weapons protected by a Tactical RAF Police squadron, RAF Police dogs and RAF Regiment.

I retire from the Police this year, but having two daughters to place through University, I will continue to work for another ten years at least yet!

**Richard Crinson**



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## Lantern Parade and Lights

An even bigger crowd than ever paraded through the village for the Christmas Lights switch on and to visit the local shops, churches and coffee shops which stayed open late to add to the Festivities. Despite the awful weather Matthew Cooke, the organ grinder, provided lots of festive music, and Shine On choir raised the roof in the Devonshire. The marching band was sadly missed this year. A big thank you to David Hayes for once again providing all the music and setting up the speaker system. Over twenty volunteers helped direct the traffic and steward the event, which was a great responsibility when there was such a huge crowd in the centre of the village.



*Santa enjoys a pint while the Shine On Choir raises the roof at the Dev*

The Christmas lights around the village provided many weeks of Festive cheer, especially during the very wet and windy weather which caused some of the trees to blow over. Thanks to the vigilance of Geoff Cope these were soon righted. Dore Village Society sponsors the cost of the trees and lights but it is a very small group of volunteers, mainly Dore Scout Leaders and supporters, who put in an enormous amount of work erecting and dismantling the trees and lights. So please, when you read that volunteers are needed to help next year, do think about giving a few hours to lighten the load and keep this very popular tradition going in Dore.

Thanks also to the team who every year fill the trough on the corner of Devonshire Terrace with wonderful Christmas berries and greenery. How lucky we are to have these dedicated people in the village.

Sincere thanks to all who made the evening another great success.

**Anne Elsdon and Maureen Cope**

## Christmas Cracker!

Just before breaking up for Christmas King Ecgbert students organised their annual 'Christmas Cracker' charity fundraiser with the aim of raising funds for the Homeless and Rootless at Christmas (HARC) Charity based in Sheffield. The exciting and wide range of activities that students had organised included a penalty competition, a mini-segway course, 'pin-the-moustache-on-the teacher' and a number of raffles and lucky dips. There were also several stalls selling hand-made Christmas tree decorations, Christmas cards and cakes. Awards were presented to a number of Form groups such as 'Most Profitable', 'Most Original idea' and 'Most festive cheer'. The event was a resounding success with a total of £907 being raised and the chance for both staff and students to get in the festive spirit!

The Devonshire Arms' Christmas Appeal raised £420, thanks to the generosity of patrons. This will be split between Sheffield Children's Hospital and the Cathedral Archer Project for Sheffield's homeless.

Dave and Cath have asked Dore to Door to pass on their thanks to all who donated.

## Gladys' teddies, and a visit to Armenia



Many of you very generously provided wool for the indefatigable knitting by Gladys Frakes (left) of bobble hats, teddy bears and other items destined for third world children. Sadly, Gladys died last year shortly after the appeal for wool in the Autumn edition of Dore to Door was published. She had lived in Dore for over 50 years, and

was our next door neighbour when we moved to Long Line eight years ago.

The original intention was that Gladys' teddies would go in the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, but a security embargo was put on stuffed items. So instead they are now going direct to a Christian mission working in Armenia's capital city, Yerevan. My wife and I visited Yerevan last November to see for ourselves the work carried out by this mission, called Armenian Ministries, and to take some of Gladys' teddies with us.

Armenia is about half as big again as Wales, and has a population of around 3 million. One of the main activities of the mission is to work among the appallingly destitute in this small country, where state support is virtually non-existent and corruption is rife. It aims to provide basic necessities such as food, clothing and firewood to those living in the extremes of poverty. We ourselves visited people living in leaking makeshift hovels who were reduced to burning plastic bags and bottles they found in the streets to keep warm.



The photo shows a small boy with one of the teddies. His older brother is sharing out between the two younger ones a bag of chocolate buttons we had brought them, and wouldn't take any for himself. Their father was hit by a car in the street and couldn't afford medical treatment (it all has to be paid for, even though it is supposed to be free). Consequently his broken legs didn't mend properly and now he can't walk. This means he can't work, and there is no money coming into the family at all. They live in a container.

If this touches you, as it deeply touched us, can you help? Obviously gifts of money are always welcome, small or large. Second hand clothes are regularly dispatched by container from the UK end of the mission in Holbeach, and we would be happy to arrange for anything you can donate to get there. Bedding can also be taken. There is a desperate need for shoes, but the Armenian government will only allow new shoes in. You may also have links with businesses who might be willing to provide help.

If you feel you can help in any way please get in touch with me on 235 3052.

**Peter Inchley**

# Your Neighbourhood Plan and You

## A Bit of History

While Dore now lies within Sheffield City boundaries, much of it also lies within the Peak District National Park. Dore once lay within Derbyshire and at its heart still retains the character of a Derbyshire village, but the growth of urban Sheffield and local government boundary changes brought the village within Sheffield's enlarged boundaries despite its continuing significant physical separation from Sheffield suburbs by Ecclesall Woods and Green Belt fields.

The importance of identifying, celebrating and protecting the distinctive character of Dore has been at the heart of Dore Village Society's mission and led it to embark on producing a Village Design Statement long before localism became a political mantra. With the active help of many local people that Statement was published in 2005 with the intention that it should be accepted as Supplementary Planning Guidance (within the suite of Sheffield City and National Park Planning policies) to manage acceptable development change in Dore.

The Localism Act of 2011 made provision for the devolution of certain decision-making powers in England and established a facility for certain community organisations to prepare Neighbourhood Plans which would guide development change in a local area provided that the Neighbourhood Plan is in line with national planning policy (the National Planning Policy Framework or NPPF) and the strategic planning vision for the wider area set by the local authority (in our case both Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority). While Dore had got off to an excellent start with its Village Design Statement, six years later the Localism Act provided a formal procedure for producing a Neighbourhood Plan which would sit within a hierarchical nest of development plans from national, to local authority to neighbourhood level. Again Dore got off to a flying start in 2012 to take advantage of the new devolved powers and initiated a detailed exercise, involving working groups, to produce a first draft of a new-style Neighbourhood Plan.

## From Design Statement to Neighbourhood Plan

Surely, you might say, job done: Dore Village Society had already produced a quasi-Neighbourhood Plan, first as a Design Statement in 2005 and secondly in Neighbourhood Plan format in 2012 after considerable research and drafting by working groups. Well, it's not that easy. First, the 2012 exercise had to be put on hold because the City Council was not yet ready to manage the formal introduction of Neighbourhood Forums. Secondly, most Neighbourhood Plans are produced by Parish Councils in countryside villages. Dore does not have a Parish Council and needed to be able to demonstrate the appropriate credentials to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in an inclusive and transparent manner which could secure the eventual support of the majority of those residents voting in a local referendum. While Dore Village Society (hereafter DVS) has a large membership within Dore, it is not a formally recognised local government body. However, the Localism Act provides for both Parish/Town Councils and Neighbourhood Forums to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Forums can be formed by appropriate community groups with the agreement of the relevant

local authority. DVS was able to convince both the City Council and the National Park that its large membership could itself constitute a Neighbourhood Forum. Indeed, the DVS membership of nearly one thousand members makes this Neighbourhood Forum one of the largest in the country!

So, on 12 November last year DVS members were invited to the first formal Dore Neighbourhood Forum meeting at King Egbert School to make decisions about how the 2012 Plan could be reviewed and redrafted afresh in the manner laid down in the Localism Act. The Forum listened to a presentation given by the DVS Chair, Keith Shaw, and David Crosby, the co-ordinator of previous work on the Plan and an experienced development planner himself, on the work done to date and how that needed to be thoroughly reviewed afresh.

The Forum decided that:

- A Steering Group should be formed with terms of reference agreed by the Forum to oversee the fresh drafting work and it should consist of both DVS Committee members and non-Committee members
- Working Groups should be formed from some DVS Committee members and a wide range of fresh volunteers to cover the seven principal sections of the eventual Plan – the Green Belt, Housing Areas, the Peak District Eastern Moorland Fringe, Open Spaces, Conservation and

Archaeology, the Village Centre, and Sustainable Transport

- The Working Groups would in the New Year review the vision and aims produced by the 2012 drafters in each of these areas and then research and consult widely before producing fresh drafting recommendations for the Steering Group in the early summer of 2016
- Volunteers should be sought to populate the Working Groups

## Principles Governing the Working Groups' Work

As Chair of the Steering Group I have written to every Working Group member welcoming them on behalf of the Steering Group and setting out how each Working Group should approach its task. This guidance will be sent out by David Crosby as each Working Group is invited to its first meeting in January or February alongside an agenda for the meeting and an extract of the 2012 draft Plan on that Group's subject area.

This guidance stresses the following points:

- While Dore has the advantage of having produced an early draft of a Neighbourhood Plan, it is important to both fully review what has been done in the past and then to open out fresh information-gathering and debate. What has been done before is not the end-point for this exercise, but only a highly useful starting-point.
- Working Groups should treat this as an inclusive exercise and should therefore err on the side of consulting widely and taking great care to consider any views expressed to them.
- Working Groups should not hesitate to co-opt new members with interesting perspectives to offer, particularly those from normally hard to reach groups.
- Each working group should painstakingly record who has contacted it or has been contacted and what views they have expressed and produce full minutes of their own proceedings. Without high standards of recording the Steering Group



will have difficulty in monitoring progress and the Forum will have difficulty in demonstrating that it has initiated a thorough, inclusive, transparent and valid process when that is scrutinised by the City Council, the National Park Authority and the Planning Inspectorate.

- Working Groups will be advised by David Crosby on the distinction between Planning policies and Planning proposals. The principal output from Working Group deliberations will be to produce viable local Planning policies which are consistent with the NPPF and the Local Plans of the City and of the National Park.

In short, the Planning policies produced should aim to represent the views of Dore people while being consistent with the upward hierarchy of Development Planning policies. The language used will need to be the language of development planning rather than a catalogue of 'nice-to-haves'. The process should be demonstrably open, inclusive, transparent, consultative and involving and, remember, the output will be subject to a popular plebiscite.

### How to Contribute

Even now it is not too late to volunteer for a Working Group (see subject areas above): you do have to be a member of DVS and ought also to be a Dore resident or have business or work in Dore. If you wish to do so please let David Crosby know as soon as possible on 453 9615 or [david.crosby@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:david.crosby@dorevillage.co.uk). If you wish as an individual or local interest group (whether a member of DVS or not) to express views to any particular Working Group, also contact David (although in due course we will publish the contact details of the Secretaries of each Working Group).

### The Timetable

The aim is for Working Groups to report back with detailed recommendations to the Steering Group in June and for the latter to co-ordinate a full draft Neighbourhood Plan over the summer. It will then fall to the Steering Group to present the draft Plan to a meeting of the Neighbourhood Forum (potentially all members of the DVS) for debate and approval and subsequent publication within Dore for public consultation. Once any necessary adjustments have been made, the draft Plan will undergo a compliance assessment by the City and the National Park to check that it is not inconsistent with their Local Plans and for an independent external examiner to assess whether it satisfactorily meets the national standards for a Neighbourhood Plan. So long as these checks are satisfied, the draft Plan can then be put to a referendum of all those on the electoral roll for Dore and will be approved if supported by a simple majority of those voting. At that point both Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority will be obliged to adopt the Dore Neighbourhood Plan as part of the suite of Planning policies (from the NPPF and the two Local Plans to the Neighbourhood Plan) which determine which planning applications for development succeed in Dore.

### The Opportunity

This is a major opportunity for Dore people to directly influence how Dore develops in the future; so the Steering Group hopes as many people who care about Dore's character and development as possible take the chance to contribute to this devolved process as the Working Groups plunge into their tasks over the first half of 2016. Dore to Door and the DVS website will keep Dore residents up to date with progress, as will the DVS public notice-boards which will carry minutes of meetings and the DVS committee members at the Old School office which is manned every Friday morning and also at monthly Saturday open mornings (see Dore to Door guidance on times)

### Citywide Options for Growth

Of course there are many developments and initiatives other than our own Neighbourhood Plan which could impact on Dore's future.

For example, Sheffield City Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan to guide development in the city. It is intended that the new Plan will be worked up and consulted on with the aim of adoption in 2018 and will then last until 2034. In November 2015 the Council produced a public consultation document proposing a vision for what our city will look like in 2034. The 78 page document can be found on the Council's website and is entitled "The Sheffield Plan – Our City, Our Future – Citywide Options for Growth".

One of the first tasks which your Steering Group in Dore felt it must undertake was to study this document and register detailed comments from Dore's point of view because the choice of options for the city will have major implications for both the city's development and for Dore. Our views, helped enormously by David Crosby's expert analysis, were duly submitted to the City Council before the end of 2015.

In essence the detailed comments submitted boil down to the following:

- We generally support the document's Vision for Sheffield and its eight supporting Aims, except that we feel that the central Vision itself needs to be less myopically focussed solely on a 'strong and sustainable economy' and instead state that underpinning the Vision will not only be the strong economy but also the city's valued and thriving natural assets. Unless Sheffield aims to make much of its glorious natural assets, its vision will look much like any other city's vision.
- We endorsed the Council's provisional view that "the majority of Sheffield's Green Belt is too environmentally sensitive to be suitable for development, and Areas bordering the Peak District National Park [which of course includes rural Dore] are particularly valuable, and the countryside around Sheffield is one of the city's distinctive characteristics which makes it a great place to live." It is important, of course, that this thinking is followed through as the Council reflect on the proposals made to them by landowners and developers in response to the Council's March 2014 call for potential development sites on Green Belt, because the Council is carrying out a review of its Green Belt at the only time it is allowed to do so, namely when it is reviewing its Local Plan.
- Our comments make a well argued case for the protection of the Green Belt in the Dore Neighbourhood Area.
- We have no objection to the Council's assessment of future housing need (under pressure from Government) of between 40,000 and 46,000 new homes by 2034 with a central estimate of 43,000, so long as the location of those new homes is wisely planned and there is adequate provision for affordable homes within the total.
- We rejected the estimate of potential windfall development sites as possibly too high, particularly if it was to endanger the distinctive character of housing areas in the south-west and we reminded the Council that the NPPF guidance states that windfall sites should not include residential gardens.
- We welcomed the proposal that by far the largest contribution to the 43,000 estimate would come from better exploiting urban capacity (19,300), urban intensification including increasing densities in central areas (12,750) and urban remodelling in Neepsend/Shalesmoor and Attercliffe (4,300).
- We reluctantly accepted the case for 'confident bite-size' incursions (6,100 homes) into the Green Belt in the north and east of the city where there was the opportunity to create distinctive new or extended neighbourhoods with a good range of services, shops, local employment and infrastructure, including improvements to public transport networks, such as extending existing Supertram links.
- We rejected the notion that a balancing figure of 550 homes might be provided in smaller Green Belt releases because this was an arbitrary allocation within a 40,000 to 46,000 range which might not be needed and was contrary to the general policy thrust of the rest of the consultation document.

**Christopher Pennell**

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## A request from the Archives

Do you enjoy discovering things? Are you a Charity shop searcher? Car boot sales your thing?

Dore Village Society Heritage Collection is hoping to set up a record of cutlery and tools made by the businesses of Dore residents. We are hoping to find at least one representative piece of cutlery, saw, file etc. for each business, showing their trademarks, relating to everyone who lived in the village or has a connection still with Dore.

The preliminary research is in place so that there is a record of most of the trademarks for most of the manufacturers associated with the village. Some of the trademarks are very imaginative, and some are merely factual. For example Cooper's trademarks are very varied, with many of them having a representation of a barrel and a cooper working on it.

Who were the Coopers of Dore? Part of their story was depicted in the Great War Exhibition held in 2014. (Information which is currently being added to the Archive section of the Dore Village Society Website.)

John William Cooper and his family lived at Thornsett on Dore Road, which was demolished in the 1970s to build Thornsett Gardens. John William had had the house built in the 1890s. He was part of the firm of Cooper Brothers & Sons, silversmiths and electroplaters. They worked from the Don Plate Works on Arundel Street. John Stephen ('Jack') Cooper was the youngest child and in the 1911 census is recorded as working as an assistant in silver electroplate and cutlery manufacturing. He was destined to join the family business. However the Great War intervened. Jack enlisted very early. By 20th November 1914 he was a Second Lieutenant in the Yorks & Lancs Regiment. By May 1915 he was in the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot, but died over Bapaume, France in 1917.

How can you help? If you are interested in doing some 'trademark spotting' then please contact Dorne Coggins at [md2.coggins@talktalk.net](mailto:md2.coggins@talktalk.net) who will be happy to provide you with a sheet with the trademarks of interest. It shows more fully all the names we are seeking. If you are aware of more please do tell us. Some trademarks have proved to be more elusive than others, and the list is being added to as new information comes in. Very briefly all the names listed below are families with a connection to the cutlery and tool industry who lived, or in some cases, still live in Dore. Most of the names come from either the 1901 or 1911 Census where the Head of the Household described their occupation in terms of ownership of a cutlery or tool business.

**Alexander, Atkinson, Baker, Biggin, Boswell, Brooksbank, Bramwell, Browne, Chalmer, Cooper, Gaunt, Hill, Horsfield, Hulley, Ibbotson, Land, Marshall, Millar, Revill, Veall, Viners, Ward, Whiteley, Wingfield.**

There is more information about the various businesses on the information sheet, copies of which can be obtained from the Dore Village Society Rooms. If these are your family names, or you spot a piece of their production – a photograph at the very least please, and their stories if you know them.

Dorne Coggins

## Community IT Resources in Dore

The recent Dwell research project (reported last year in Dore to Dore and publicised at the Dore Show) looked at how older people make use of the village centre, and what benefits there could be for residents of all ages by making some changes. One of the proposals was for a local service to provide information about how to use IT and the Internet and the benefits this can bring, and to offer help with developing IT skills.

Many local communities have benefited from easy access to the online world. But how to use it and knowing what to do is still a barrier to many so having help close at hand has obvious advantages.

In general, older people make less use of the Internet than other age groups: maybe just for email, Facetime or Skyping the family. But the Internet can be used for much more than this, for example finding out about and using national and local government services such as taxing the car and filing tax returns. Investigating best buys (consumer and durable goods, house and car insurance, holidays and many other), contacting the Local Authority about streetlights, potholes in the road, overhanging hedges and the like are very easy and straightforward. Then there are finding out about health, work and education. News, local politics, arts and culture feature. Travel, shopping and campaigning are also typical uses of the Internet. If you have forgotten how to use a sewing machine or never learned, then watch a YouTube video. The same applies to a range of skills from sewing on a shirt button to putting up shelves or repairing burst pipes. Recreational activities such as growing plants and gardening, finding recipes, knitting patterns and joining online knitting groups are all there to be found.

But there could be more to it than that: classes could be held in the village to help people use various devices (laptop and desktop computers, tablets, smart phones, etc.), to get online and learn about the potential of the Internet to bring people together, to communicate with others, and to take advantage of the increasing number of essential services that are now online. New activities might be developed: how about a family history group, or a monthly film show? Perhaps there could be classes for making YouTube videos or live Internet broadcasts of local events.

So, what might Digital Dore look like? Well for a start there would be a fast Internet connection available wirelessly throughout the centre of the village for use by anyone in the vicinity, for example users of the Old School and the Methodist Church Hall, patrons of the cafes, clients of the hairdressers and other shops, the shopkeepers themselves, and other places where people want to meet.

And all of this potentially free to users.

Clearly there's a lot of detail to be addressed before any of this could happen and the first step is to ascertain if there is any demand and support for the notion of a Digital Dore so we are using this column to invite you to respond and let us know what you think about anything in the above. Please send your comments to me by email [keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk](mailto:keith.shaw@dorevillage.co.uk) or by letter to 120 Townhead Road, S17 3GB. Or stop me in the street and let me know.

Keith Shaw

## A tanner a brick!

Dear Dore to Door,

I was very interested in the article in the magazine and the pictures of the Dore Church Hall (issue 120) which is totally different from the old Hall. This was made out of timber and painted green and when it was pulled down, much of it was used for firewood!

As the new Church Hall began to be built in 1937, a contribution was made by all the pupils at Dore School. Each paid sixpence which entitled them to lay a brick in the new building - under supervision of course. I was seven years old at the time and was one of those schoolchildren.

I can still remember it so well after all these years, even roughly which was 'my' brick which I laid. Happy days!

Peter Bradley

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Since the last Dore to Dore the Charity has moved on as it prepares for the June 2016 visit of Belarusian children, including a visit to Belarus by three intrepid Dore women!

As we approach the 30-year anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster it has never been more important to offer support to the children of Belarus who are still affected today by health issues from the fallout. Childhood cancers, leukaemia and immune system deficiencies are commonplace even today.

The charity focuses on children from poor backgrounds, many of them having lost parents to contamination related illnesses. Some are looked after by a single parent or older sibling in cramped basic housing. They miss out on many of the comforts and care we expect for our children.

This year we will be bring four girls and two boys aged between 8 and 11 accompanied by two interpreters to the UK, but as the charity has moved to Dore interest and support is growing and we aim to build on this number in 2017.

From the three local families that now run the charity it was decided that only the women were tough enough to face Belarus in early January – so armed with thermal underwear and cheese and biscuits Liz Whelan, Gill Hallas and Kathryn Acaster set out on a trip to sign agreements with the Belarusian authorities, meet some of the children and families who will be coming to Dore this year and to discover if Russian vodka really is that potent.



What greeted these three tough old birds was shocking. All the families live in very run down accommodation. Flats made from large blocks of concrete with outdated hot water and heating systems to keep families warm in temperatures of minus 15 to minus 25 degrees. Some families live in small bungalows with electricity, but heated by small wood burning stoves sufficient for one room where invariably everyone eats, sleeps and lives.

One family prepared a lovely meal of home grown produce, all preserved to last the winter. Pickled cucumber, pickled tomatoes and pickled cabbage was accompanied by cured meats. Apparently there is no Belarussian word for “vegetarian” so whenever the family were distracted Liz Whelan had to stuff all the meat down for Gill and Kathryn to avoid causing offence. All three however dutifully followed their host’s example and knocked back neat vodka in two gulps to follow local tradition.

Facial contortions finished, all three then toasted a second time, then a third until fearing for their stomachs they declined any more vodka and sallied out into the freezing temperatures ‘pickled’ by their hosts.

All the families they met were hospitable and very grateful for the opportunity the charity is giving their children. For us the thought of sending our young children not only to another country for a month but also to a family you know nothing about would be heartbreaking. These parents make this hard decision to give their little ones a health boost and the charity are very aware of this. We asked our new host families to produce a photo album of their homes and lives. We gave these to the Belarussian families as a way of introduction – a small token but one that seemed to mean a lot.

The trip to Belarus was mainly self-funded and an adventure for the girls. They experienced temperatures of minus 25, became billionaires for the week, ordered meals by pointing at pictures, lost

Gill in a snow drift, became vodka snobs and worst of all had no wifi for nearly a week.

The trip however gave an insight into life in Belarus, which for some is very bleak. The weekly wage for a teacher or a nurse is £35 with the cost of clothing being the same as here. Three generations living in a room heated by a wood burner that also acts as stove is common. None of the houses we visited had enough beds and the children were visibly pale. Speaking with the interpreter, Olga, who accompanies the children, health problems are still very evident in not only her generation (she is 25) but also in the next.

For each child we need to raise £1000, achieved through bag packing, social events and general hard work by all involved in Supporting Chernobyl Children. So any offers of help or donations are gratefully received and we are already looking for additional host families for 2017. Having a child is immensely rewarding and host families are always sad to see them go and look forward to future visits. The visit is from mid June-July for 4 weeks finishing before school summer holidays. The children are cared for Monday to Friday in a school type setting and go on lots of great visits. If you would like to get involved or are interested in becoming a host family, please contact the charity’s coordinator at [Lizwhelan@talktalk.net](mailto:Lizwhelan@talktalk.net).

**James Kenny-Levick**

\* Our charity will be holding a speaker dinner featuring Jan Molby, Former Liverpool footballer, at Abbeydale Sports Club on 22nd April. For full details please see Dore Diary, page 43.

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### Rotary Club of Abbeydale

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This year during my term as President of Abbeydale Rotary Club we have been involved in many projects both nationally and internationally.

Currently we are working with Maternity Worldwide, a registered charity which is dedicated to saving lives in childbirth. Every day across the world 800 women die in pregnancy or childbirth, 99% of these deaths occur in developing countries. Our involvement is with equipping at a cost of £36k a maternity centre in Hoima, Uganda. On November 16th at Birkdale School we put on a concert to raise the final amount of money we require with the help from Dore Male Voice Choir and the children of Birkdale and King Ecgbert schools.

On the home front we were able to raise £4k from our golf day for Whirlow Hall Farm Trust, a very worthwhile charity that supports disadvantaged children.

We received wonderful publicity from the Sheffield Star for the work we did at Moss Brook Special School restoring their sensory garden. The biggest thanks we received were from seeing the response from the children on the open day.

A little over ten years ago Ken Marshall, one of our members, decided that it was time that young people who could express themselves at most sports should also be able to do the same at art and so Sheffield Young Artists was born. From those early beginnings it has grown to the largest art exhibition for school children in the country. The exhibition covers all age groups and all abilities; at Ponds Forge last year over 1,000 works of art were exhibited. We are currently working on this year’s exhibition to be held at Ponds Forge on the 6th and 7th May, for further information on all the Young Artist’s activities visit [www.sheffieldyoungartist.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldyoungartist.org.uk)

We meet on Wednesday lunchtimes at Abbeydale Sports Club, 12.30 for 1pm - why not come and join us? Contact our secretary Julia Massey at [julia@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:julia@blueyonder.co.uk) or 281 7557

**Ray Mellor, President, Abbeydale Rotary Club**

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## Dore Art Show

Here we are, another Christmas has been and gone and another New Year to look forward to. 2015 seems to have flown by so quickly, full of trials and tribulations up and down the country. Poor people with their homes lost under water, some not for the first time in recent years. Sad stories of lives lost at sea. People looking for a better standard of living and all the suffering caused because of it.

We in the Dore Art Group had sad news of the death of our tutor John Gilbert, in the late summer. John had been looking after our group for a number of years and was a fount of knowledge and an extremely good artist. He had been an art teacher up and down the country, and was here in Sheffield for several years prior to his retiring and taking us on, along with several other societies. He was a sad loss.

But life goes on in our world of art here in the village, and we have a new tutor. One of our own, in fact, Mrs. Barbara Priest who is also a retired art teacher. We, her colleagues and friends (and now pupils), are very happy to have her on board.

We all hope to achieve the standard of work that you, our loyal public, have come to expect and we will be glad to welcome you to this year's Show at the Old School. This year the Show will be on Friday 8th April, 2-6pm and Saturday 9th, 9.30am-5pm. We will have our usual display of paintings for sale, a good selection of cards and of course the most important, a cup of tea or coffee, cakes and the chance to meet us and your friends. All are very welcome.

### Connie Bedford, Show Co-ordinator

On behalf of Dore Male Voice Choir, I would like to thank everyone who came along to our annual Christmas carol sing in the Devonshire Arms on Boxing Day. We had a good turnout of singers and an appreciative audience keen to join us in the better-known tunes.

We would like to thank Gillian Farnsworth for playing the piano and leading us in the singing, and our thanks also to David, Catherine and their staff for providing sandwiches and looking after us all so well. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone.

### Bob Clark

Just to let you know that the dates of TOADS next production will be Wednesday 11th May to Friday 13th May at 7.30pm, and Saturday 14th May at 2.30pm.

We haven't decided on a play as yet – but it is definitely work in progress! We are having great fun reading various plays before choosing one to do, so watch out for posters and publicity. It will be my privilege to direct the May play, and hope you will come along and support us, your very own local Am-Dram society.

### Ann Bettridge

## Dore Gala & the Gala Committee

Dore Gala is on Saturday 9th July this year and we are actively searching for new committee members. Although it is the "Scout & Guide Gala", Gala is run for the benefit of the whole community, with all proceeds going to local Scouts & Guides.

Gala has been run for over fifty years and is always on the second Saturday of July on the recreation ground in Dore. It is run by a committee of around a dozen volunteers, all of whom live in Dore or have a connection with Dore. However, as time passes by the committee are getting older! Three committee members retired in 2015, with a total of over forty years' service on the committee and a further three, who have similar lengths of service, are retiring in 2016 when the current Chair will also stand down. Two new committee members have joined but a further three are needed. Why not come along and see what's involved?

It is fun being on the committee, there is strong camaraderie and it is hugely rewarding to put on this wonderful and growing annual event. As the above lengths of service suggest, being on the committee is very enjoyable.

There are a wide variety of roles that are done by the committee: from designing and editing the Gala Programme to searching out new attractions, making some of the kit used at Gala, to organising the events, stalls & helpers (over 250 people help on the day), to working with our suppliers and keeping the minutes. There are many more tasks.

If you are interested in learning more then please contact me on [chrisbjones23@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbjones23@gmail.com) You would be very welcome to come to one of the Gala committee meetings. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Chris Jones Chair, Dore Gala Committee

## Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 4th March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6000 services will be held.

The theme 'Receive children, Receive Me' reflects St. Mark's Gospel 10:13-16, which is the focus of the service and a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect.

Our local service will be held at Dore & Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road at 10.30am. This is not a day of prayer just for women - everyone is welcome to attend the service. For further details and information see the website at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) or telephone 236 3027.

## Dore Gilbert and Sullivan Society

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you have all recovered from the over-indulgence quicker than me. Every year I say to myself "Next year I'll take it steady" - do I listen to myself? – not a chance, but I did enjoy myself and nowhere better than at our Christmas Concert. It was another packed house and we had a lot of laughs as well as a right old mixture of music!

We now have to concentrate hard on rehearsals for 'Orpheus In The Underworld' which is to be our next show at The Montgomery Theatre from Wednesday, April 6th to Saturday April 9th. Most will recognise much of the music, which is delightful.

This is not your typical operetta 'love' story. Orpheus is overjoyed when his wife, Eurydice, is seduced by Pluto, dies and accompanies the King of the Underworld to Hades. On the other hand, Calliope, Orpheus's mother, is not best pleased and demands that he accompany her to Mount Olympus (in a balloon with a pilot who should have gone to Specsavers) to ask Jupiter to return Eurydice to the mortal world. All is not well with the gods, however. They are disillusioned with a sedate life of ambrosia and nectar and want a taste of 'life down below'. So they all descend to



the underworld where they end up having one riotous party. Come and join us for a 'hell' of an evening as we sing and dance our way through Offenbach's fabulous music (including the famous infernal gallop - better known as the Can-Can). We work from a new book and lyrics by Phil Park.

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### Derek Habberjam

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## Feed the birds – no matter what time of year

The mild weather before Christmas had the winter aconites pushing through in December, and they were joined by primroses! In January, lungwort was flowering.

The lack of early frost was helpful to me, as having had several non-native trees removed in September, I was able to plant their native replacements before Christmas. Rather surprisingly I had some difficulty finding suitable saplings of the varieties that I wanted. (See the end of this article for details of the trees I've planted.) Local garden centres were no use at all but, as luck would have it, I found someone who does natural woodwork and furniture for the garden. He used hazel twigs to support my willow "fence" and make an archway through them which is very natural-looking and attractive. He suggested that I contacted the Sheffield Wildlife Trust. Normally, they supply large orders to organisations like the Woodland Trust, but they went out of their way to supply my few and arrange delivery of the trees (all grown in England), together with the timber, ties and screws needed to hold the trees securely until they are more established.

The trees were planted by my gardener. Finding this young man was a stroke of luck. (Luke Maskrey 07939 981 245.) He had come with his father to do some roof repairs and when I went out later, he commented on my "lovely garden" which he said was "nice and natural". I said that it was a wildlife garden and I was planting native trees and flowers. To my delight, he is doing similar things with his new garden, had been learning about organic gardening and was even making his own natural pond.

He also does gardening for people and I suggested he might help me. He is looking forward to seeing my wild flowers as they bloom during the year and has already worked very hard on some landscape changes. It was a funny way to find a good gardener, but he is a breath of fresh air.

The mild winter may have led people to think that there is no need to feed the birds, but the RSPB has said for many years now that we should feed birds throughout the year, whatever the weather. While this year, there will have been more food available naturally up to now, the weather could be very cold and wet soon and the birds need to be healthy and fit to withstand that and then to produce one, if not two, clutches of eggs and feed their chicks. The statistics on how our bird populations have decreased over the last three decades make frightening reading and so we need to help them as much as possible.

Birds that migrate south, many to Africa, are becoming scarce because of climate changes and also the losses incurred through shooting, either legally or illegally, all along the coast and on the islands of the Mediterranean. Feeding these birds here helps the adults to breed and produce strong chicks which will hopefully make



*Blue lungwort*

their way back to Britain next year.

Some birds, like bluetits, prefer hanging feeders of nuts or seeds, while others such as blackbirds, robins and dunnocks, need to feed on the ground or on a bird table. They like insectivorous foods, mealworms, raisins and small seeds. Quite apart from the fact that we should not be wasting food, it is not advisable and can be quite dangerous to put out bread or other "human" food, though blackbirds do like a little crumbled cheese which is fat filled and therefore a very good source of energy. A water dish is very important for drinking and for cleaning their feathers to keep them in tip-top condition.

The trees I have chosen for my garden are:

Crab Apple (*Malus Sylvestris*); Bird Cherry (*Prunus Padus*); Wild Cherry (*Prunus Avium*); Hawthorn (*Crataegus Monogyna*) – white flowers; Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*) and Blackthorn (*Prunus Spinosa*). The last two can be in a hedge or as shrubs.

I would have had more trees but need a bigger garden!!

Other native trees that are good for wildlife include oak, if you have a largish garden; alders of which I have two and they have kept the water from one of my local springs under control; silver birch; ash; rowan; field maple; elder; wild service tree; wayfaring tree; yew; willow (two native types); and Guelder Rose.

They need to have been produced in this country to avoid unwanted diseases and wildlife being brought into our country and affecting our fauna and flora.

**Marian Tiddy**

### Take A Bow (Wow)!

As a pet dog trainer I often have to deal with situations where the dog and the owner are not quite 'on the same page' and neither is sure exactly what the other one wants from each other. This is often because the bond between them is not as strong as it could be. Learning a few tricks, on the face of it seems pointless unless you are thinking of entering "Britain's Got Talent", but it is actually a fun way of increasing that connection between you. So please try this new trick and have fun at the same time as developing that bond.

A play bow is one of those tricks that looks cute, even more cute if he's a big daft dog, and it's another skill he can learn. This is one of the tricks where a 'clicker' is very useful as it puts a clear marker for the good behaviour. You can of course just use a simple 'good' or other short word that will also work. You need to be very exact with this and your timing has to be nearly perfect. You will need to mark the bow before he does anything else like sit or lie down. You need to arm yourself with his favourite tasty treats, however if he is really food obsessed then a lower reward treat might work better as you don't want him jumping around.

From a standing position (the dog not you) hold a treat to the end of his nose. Then coax his head to the ground but slightly to

his front paws, not just straight down otherwise he will simply lie down. As soon as he starts to lower his front end either say your chosen word or use the 'clicker' and at the same time give him his treat. Repeat this time and time again until he understands the position you want, but remember your timing has to be excellent, don't reward him if he's lying down or sitting; that will just confuse him. This is an easy trick for your dog to do so long as you give him the correct command at the correct time.

The secret with this is not to move your hand towards you; that will simply encourage him to lie down. When you start this, only keep him in the bow position for a short period and mark that position by your word command or 'click'. Once he is in the correct position you can start to hold him in that position for longer. The next step, as with all these is to get to doing it without the treat in your hand. You should use a hand signal or start to bow yourself as a visual cue or use the chosen word. Once you have done this several times (and depending on the length of your dog) you may find that his bottom in the air is just the right height to sit your well-earned glass of wine on, or cup of tea.

No animal was harmed in the writing of this article. ☺

**Chris Clifford**

We all know that we should write a Will, but too few of us know about and recognise the need for something called a Lasting Power of Attorney or LPA.

**What is an LPA?**

An LPA gives another individual the legal authority to look after specific aspects of your financial affairs or health and welfare should you ever lose the mental capacity to do it yourself. Mental capacity can be lost gradually (perhaps as a result of dementia) or instantly (perhaps as a result of an accident or stroke). LPAs are designed to be recognised by financial institutions, care homes and local authorities, as well as tax, benefits and pension authorities. There are two types of LPA: one that can cover decisions about money and property matters, known as a Property and Financial Affairs LPA, and one that can cover decisions about healthcare, known as a Personal Welfare LPA. A person administering a Property and Financial Affairs LPA can make decisions on things such as buying and selling your property, dealing with your bills, running your bank accounts and investing your money. They can do this for you while you still have capacity. A Personal Welfare LPA on the other hand can only be used when capacity has been lost and someone administering this type of LPA can make decisions on your behalf about where you should live, how you should be treated medically, what you should eat and who you should have contact with.

If you are a couple you can have mirror LPAs which act in the same way mirror Wills do. You are able to appoint multiple attorneys in your LPA if you wish, which does help to protect you should one of the people you appoint also lose capacity, which does happen. To protect your interests, an LPA must be signed by a certificate provider, which is someone who certifies that you understand the LPA and have not been pressurised into signing it. You solicitor can do this for you or you could choose close friends or relatives (different to your chosen attorneys) who must be formally told that you are setting up an LPA and be given the opportunity to raise any concerns. Before it can be used, an LPA must also be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. This process can take a number of weeks; therefore we always encourage clients to consider making an LPA long before it's needed so that it's ready and waiting for when the time comes. Where there are doubts about a person's capacity, such as during the very early stages of Dementia, it may be necessary to obtain a medical opinion which will add to the cost of the LPA and delay the process.

**What happens if I don't have one?**

If you do not have an LPA and you lose mental capacity then all is not lost, one person can make an application to the Court of Protection to be appointed as your Deputy. Be aware though that this process can take several months and it's expensive as the Court fee alone is £400.

During this period your bank accounts and other assets may be frozen and be inaccessible which can be very stressful for you and your family. I have some clients who have recently been through this with their elderly parents and asked me soon after to write LPAs for themselves, simply because they couldn't bare the thought of going through the stress of the Court process again. Dementia is becoming a major concern in the UK with one in five people over 85 already suffering from it, with rates significantly higher among women than men. Handling your financial affairs then becomes virtually impossible – which is why charities who care for the elderly recommend everyone plans ahead to ease the potential burden on our relatives.

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## The Kitchen is Wayne's World



"I want to be in it for the long haul" is the encouraging mantra from one of the village's newest businesses.

It's a laudable intention and one most of us would endorse because empty shop fronts just don't look good and uncertainty sweeps the neighbourhood. There has been a bit of that in recent months, so it is encouraging that a new face took the plunge when Wayne Rayworth opened Kitchen Connections on Causeway Head Road last October.

He leased half the space previously occupied by a bathroom specialist (the other half will be an optician, due to open any time soon) and is pinning his hopes on the long search for the 'right premises' proving to be worth the wait.

"Really, I had been looking for about eight years and there were potential sites but they weren't right, mainly because I didn't want to open a showroom where there was another just down the road" says the 42 year Sheffielder who stumbled upon the location more by chance than research.

Whilst ferrying his daughters from the other side of the city to King Egbert School at weekends so they could attend the Pauline Quirke Academy of Performance Arts, he spotted the opportunity to put his 22 years of experience in the business to its best use.

He says: "It was a light bulb moment, I just felt it would be right. I have fitted in this area for years anyway and know this road has a lot of passing traffic. It puts me in striking distance of the Peak District which I would rather be close to than the town centre."

Kitchen Connections is aptly named. The proprietor has them all at his disposal, whether it be the big names in the kitchen trade that can supply him with anything a customer desires, or quality tradesmen he can call on to guarantee kitchen dreams coming true.

Bringing it all together is what Wayne is all about because he project manages every job to exacting standards. It takes away the complicated and time consuming effort that often bedevils the well-intentioned but often harassed customer who hasn't the time, confidence or contacts.

"I offer a complete service, from initial consultation, design, materials and goods, supplying experts in fitting, electrics, plumbing, lighting and even removing walls if required. The people I recommend for all aspects of a job know the quality I expect and it's my job to ensure they deliver it" explains the man who is steeped in all aspects of the industry.

Although he started as an apprentice car mechanic, his passion was always joinery and after four years studying it at night school he started fitting display units and designing at the reputable Stanley Kitchens. It is still a regret that he turned down a later opportunity to take over the company: "I really wish that I had, but

in my early 20s I didn't want to take the risk on such a big place."

Moving into sales at a laminate company looking after the whole Yorkshire region involved visiting numerous studios and gave him a new perspective.

"When our first child came along I realised that I didn't want to spend the rest of my life as a rep and set myself up as a self-employed kitchen fitter for different companies for the last fifteen years.

"I also worked from home, supplying from my van, project managing my own jobs for customers who I still retain from way back. It is a large customer base although I am currently concentrating on establishing this place."

The question is, can he deliver what people require and at the right price?

The portents are good because of the breadth of what he can offer both in terms of materials and fitting, including the 'full package' if necessary.

Naturally, most jobs are not as comprehensive but Wayne's approach is the same. Having first discussed materials at the showroom he will make a site visit and then – free of charge – produce a design and full 3D image for the client's approval. Nine times out of ten they take his advice, and in all but the busiest periods he can get a kitchen ordered and fitted within one month.

Wayne is a Second Nature specialist but deals with many other companies in order to cherry-pick carcasses, doors, handles and so on to suit the individual taste or pocket. But don't be scared off by a high price expectation.

"If customers want a high end kitchen in terms of quality and price I can help them, of course, but in all honesty I believe that my success here won't depend on that end of the market. It would be wrong if potential clients were put off by a misconception because very often I can get better quality at a cheaper price," he explains.

He can make a reasonably priced kitchen look high end at a fraction of the cost elsewhere because of his ability to

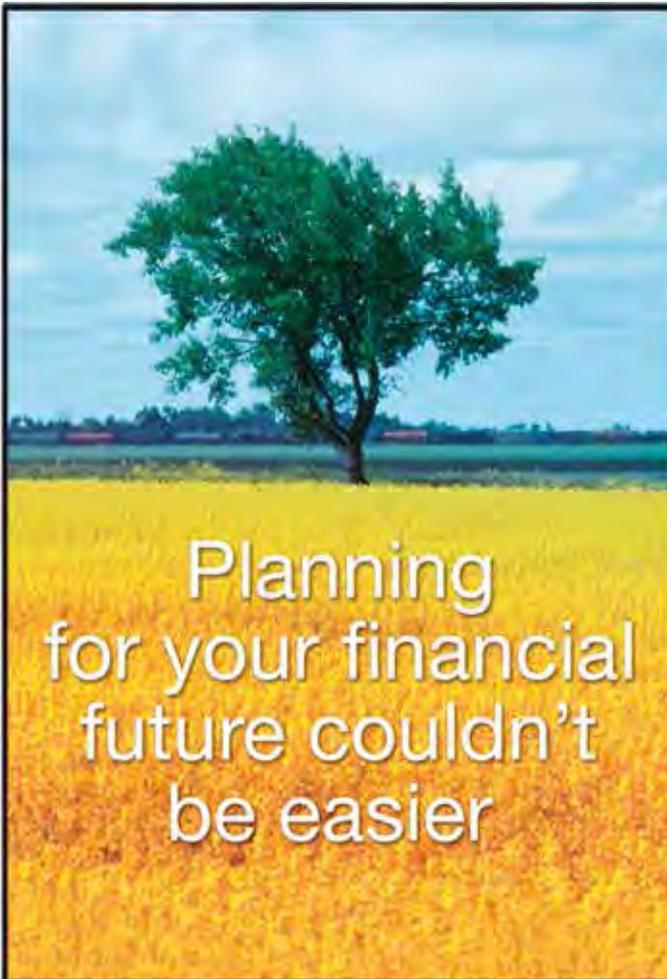
deal directly with suppliers and relatively small margins. And he pledges absolute value for money, whatever the cost of the job.

So far he has been very encouraged by the positive response to his enterprise. Pop in for a chat – we need him to succeed.

**Interview by Andy Pack**



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## Transport options in the Sheffield Plan

I thought that the natural law of 'pander to the car and you get more cars' had become as established as  $e=mc^2$ ! It's been proven often enough, now even here in Dore. When we lost our local facility of the garden centre in exchange for the expensive new car park at Dore station, the scheme was sold to us with the message that we need to get cars off Dore Road and solve the local parking problems, so the asset loss and high financial cost was going to be worth it. It cost £1.3 million just to buy out the garden centre, before then adding on the cost of construction. But, surprise surprise, since the car park was created the parking problems for local people living near the station have got much worse and we have more cars on our roads.

Clearly people being able to access trains to travel to Manchester, Leeds etc. is desirable rather than driving the whole distance, but Dore is the only rail station on this side of Sheffield, so naturally it will attract cars coming from the entire west half of Sheffield to journey out of the city by rail, and attract cars coming in from places like Chesterfield and the Peak Park to park and ride into the city. This is a massive catchment area. So if we want more air pollution and congestion, and to still have the parking problems on local streets, it seems to me that the council's current proposal to expand the Park and Ride at Dore and so to attract even more cars into this area is a good one. The expansion of the Park and Ride facility at Dore is outlined as a proposal in the recent consultation of the next Sheffield Plan that will dictate how Sheffield will grow and where money will be spent over the next 18 years. No details are given as to how it would be done - maybe it would become a multi-storey or they may take more land around it. One suggestion I heard made by a member of the public was even to take over the model railway land at the edge of Ecclesall Woods.

But there are alternatives that were sadly missed from the plan - one is to use the existing rail bed and add more rail lines, maybe in the form of a light rail system that can be used by both tram and heavy rail. This would allow more access points to trains because the local stations that were closed down along the Sheaf Valley could be restored. A stop in between Sainsbury's and Tesco at Archer Road would not only be desirable but would allow the use of the existing park and ride and so may relieve pressure at Dore. Allowing people living in areas such as Millhouses and Heeley to walk or cycle to their local station rather than drive to Dore also has health and community benefits. Another consideration needs to be integrated transport tickets, because paying to use the 97 or 98 can be a less attractive option than parking for free. Also Dore and Bradway need a bus connection to the station as Totley already has.

I think we need more long term sustainable transport solutions than just the usual 'plasters on knees' reaction of expanding a park and ride designed to help keep cars out of the city centre. I hope enough people taking part in the consultation thought our area to be worth more thoughtful transport options.

### Rural Paths

One thing that Dore Village Society is keen to encourage is the replacement of stiles with gates to allow easier access along our rural paths. Often people with mobility issues can cope well enough with rough ground but are halted by stiles. We have been talking to Sheffield City Council about the replacement of some of these. If you know of any that you find difficult and would like replacing with a gate, please let us know and we can try to help - though of course in the current financial climate, we can't promise we will get what we want.

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) and the Peak Park recently consulted on formally designating a footpath on Blacka Moor. All but one of the members of the users group (which represents many local groups), preferred the path to remain as open access land. We were soon told that the formal designation would go ahead. So being faced with a *fait accompli*, we all



requested that the surfacing, now required, would be done very naturally, to be as unseen as possible, and with stepping stones rather than a continuous walkway. This was reported in the last Dore to Dore. Since then, the path work has been completed and the photo shows what we got. Maybe with this organisation we should ask for what we don't want. Certainly there are constant additions to Blacka Moor with each management plan and, it seems, creeping transformation into a country park.

Another worrying aspect about the consultation process for Blacka Moor is that SRWT has set up a secret specially invited group of people that they consult. This group has the scope of overseeing their work and feeding into consultation. However Sheffield Wildlife Trust will not release the minutes of any meetings or feedback any of the consultation comments from this invited group or even to say who they are. Although SRWT are not a public body and so have no obligation to release information, they are acting on behalf of the council and have been given the responsibility of caring for land that Alderman Graves bequeathed to the people of Sheffield, so I would say transparency is a must.

### Even more on trees

There has been much reported about healthy roadside trees being chopped down across Sheffield. But this is also happening on a large scale on Blacka Moor. There is an impressive and long stand of sycamore trees that stretch along Hathersage Road from the Fox House end of the land at the Stoney Ridge car park, through the conifer and Rhododendron plantation towards Dore. These are planned to be felled and replaced with Oak saplings. However these are healthy impressive trees that make a wonderful avenue separating the reserve from the road and are enjoyed by both walkers and drivers. So I would leave them alone. Whilst it wouldn't be planted today, the rhododendron and conifer plantation here is a Victorian feature that has not invaded the surrounding moorland in over 100 years, so I would conserve it as an historic feature rather than forcing all the land habitats here to become uniform. I like the variety it provides.

### Cat Croft Green

In the last issue of Dore to Door we explained the idea we had a long time ago and had proposed to the council and Amey that when they are removing the large expanse of tarmac at the Primary School entrance on Vicarage Lane, some is replaced with turf to recreate an historic green of Dore and improve road safety here. We have been told that this idea will not be considered by Amey and the council. I think the scheme may have had more chance of success if the school had actively supported the scheme and in the earlier stages. So this proposal will now be dropped by DVS and the tarmac of the road will be replaced as it is now.

Dawn Biram

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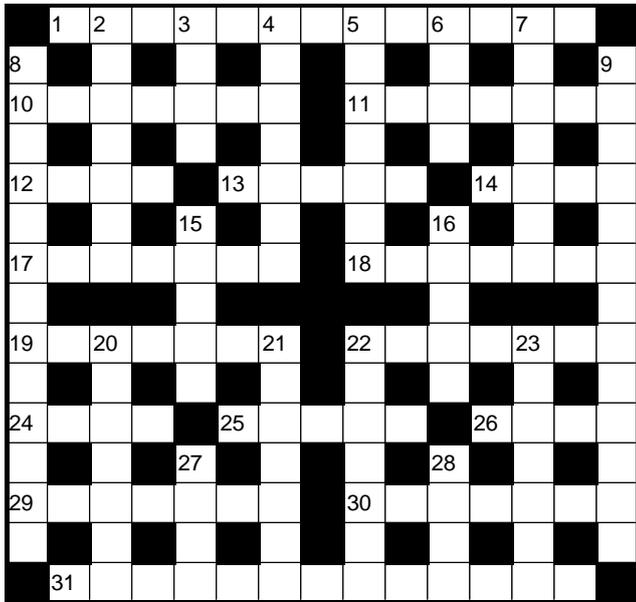
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**Across**

1. In this tantrum on the beach which begins to be erratic (4,3,6)
10. Being not so busy, solicitor initially takes instructions (7)
11. Put in office from home country (7)
12. Sombre return for Shakespeare (4)
13. Pick up good tip (5)
14. Racket emanating from second river (4)
17. New statue is crazy, but it's infectious (7)
18. Takes place of program involved with birds (7)
19. Left around to get damaged and become lumpy (7)
22. Bread counter has safety feature (7)
24. Resist the rabbit (4)
25. One with a host that's predicted by the audience (5)
26. Control young animal employing primary rule (4)
29. Run along a different way to get some breakfast (7)
30. Trickle coming from delta and river (7)
31. Earth is extremely sad (13)

**Down**

2. Popular street worker is flash (7)
3. Store to be going into Devon and Cornwall (4)
4. Steel and tin alloy curls up (7)
5. Plant rotation takes a little of the pain away (7)
6. Moreover, some Groucho slapstick is making a come-back (4)
7. A bit hot being in hypnotic state (7)
8. Happy with weight and claims luggage (9,4)
9. Assemble serial production without a novel (3,10)
15. Piece of jewelry not taking British view (5)
16. Odds bad but lighter (5)
20. Advocate takes risk about European volume (7)
21. Right-centre has support rising, but it's rubbish (7)
22. Feel remorse about side travelling to excess (7)
23. Be first to get our good French whiskey (7)
27. Smell outside of Agadir is a swine (4)
28. Steal a chip (4)

**The Driveway**

The cold calls keep coming. I never fail to be amazed at the audacity of people who call uninvited and expect me to give up my time and take them seriously. For example, last week I was idly dusting my handbags and arranging them to match my shoe collection when the phone rang.

"Hello, can I speak to Mr Chief please?"  
 Well, there is no Mr Chief but I wasn't going to tell him that.  
 "I'm afraid he's out" I replied, "Can I help?"  
 "I'd like to speak to Mr Chief please, can you let me know when he'll be back?"  
 "I'm not sure how long he'll be, can you let me know what this is about and I'll give him a message when he returns".  
 "We are in your area repairing driveways and we've got some material left over and we thought your husband might like to have your drive repaired. When can we call to talk to him?"  
 My husband! "Why do you need to talk to him, why can't you talk to me?"  
 "Well, we prefer to talk to the man of the house about these sorts of things because we find it easier to get a decision."

The man of the house! "What a misogynistic little toad," I thought as I put him on to my eight year old nephew who was visiting for the day. After telling the man about his latest Playstation game my nephew passed the phone back to me.

"My husband's got toothache and he's gone for a walk to try and shake it off, although it's just starting to rain so he might be back soon. Will you need to dig up 'our' drive with one of those drill things?"

"Yes, but it won't take long."  
 "Oh, good, so would you have time to drill my husband's tooth as well to get rid of his toothache?"

He didn't like this at all and accused me of taking the p\*\*\* so I asked him if he believed in God. "Yes" was his reply. "So why did God make man first and a woman next?" I asked.

"That's obvious, it's because men are more intelligent than women and are the decision makers and ..."

"Wrong" I said as I interrupted. "The reason is that you have to make a prototype before creating the finished article." And put the phone down.

"Auntie, what's a prototype?" asked my nephew...

**Dore Garden Club**

Our Garden Club New Year started on Wednesday, 27th, January, 2016 in spectacular fashion. The usual high quality of presentation continued with the visit of Rob Smith. Rob was the winner of the BBC's Big Allotment Challenge 2015. His talk and slide show centred on his experiences taking part in The Big Allotment Challenge, managing his own allotment in Sheffield and also covered Companion Planting. Of interest to allotment holders and those with small to medium sized gardens plenty of good advice on the utilisation of space and planting options was preferred. Thank you to all those who braved a cold January night to turn out and support this event.

Our next meetings are on 16th March and 20th April, at the Methodist Church Hall on High Street from 7.30pm. Full details are in the Dore Diary section. Please come along and support YOUR local garden club. Guests are welcome to come along without a member.

David Riley

**Crossword compiled by Mavis**

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## Tigers win bragging rights but Sheffield still chomping at their heels

Dore has been treated to some stunning rugby action this season, not only with the two exceptional local derby games as Sheffield Tigers & Sheffield Club battled it out to be the top club in Sheffield. Tigers claimed the bragging rights beating Sheffield in both matches 19-18 at home & more recently 17-7 down at Abbeydale Park.

Both our teams in National three North still have a long way to go, but Tigers have been sitting at the top of the league since the second game of the season and remained unbeaten at Dore Moor for the whole of 2015! They appear to be keeping this record going into 2016. Tigers have a comfortable lead over their nearest rivals, which at the time of going to press is thirteen points clear with eleven games remaining.



*Christmas cheer: all smiles after the second derby game on 19th December, as players & families celebrated a great local rugby event.*

Sheffield Club was promoted into this level National league last season and have done remarkably well to settle into the higher league, even taking the third place for a week. They presently sit in fourth place twenty-four points behind Sheffield Tigers but with two games in hand.

After spending fifteen years at level six, Sheffield is back within grasp of returning to their 1980's heyday of top flight rugby. Their league fate will be a difficult journey but it's not decided yet, as they will need both to continue their good run of results and hope that other teams like Hull & Rossendale can take points away from both the rampant Tigers and second placed Wirral.

Overall there is some excellent rugby being played locally and it continues to look good for both our local teams with the prospect of one or both gaining promotion is still on the cards.

Remaining home games for the rest of the season are listed in the box below. Please note that some of these have been revised due to occasional bad weather in December and January.

**Richard Joel**

**5th March: Tigers v Stockport & Sheffield v Cleckheaton**

**19th March: Tigers v Lymm**

**2nd April: Sheffield v Birkenhead Park**

**9th April: Tigers v Hull**

**16th April: Sheffield v Waterloo**

**23rd April: Tigers v Ilkley**

## Brunsmear A AFC

I knew mentioning the dry weather in my last article would curse the rest of the season! At the time of writing this, there have been very few games played both home and away, following the wettest December on record.

For those teams that have managed to play our Under 8s were successful in winning their regional cup competition and a number of other age groups are progressing well with strong cup runs.

Our Senior team are experiencing a similar time to Chelsea as they are finding that results are not going as hoped, following their league success last year. Famous words but "the board have every confidence in the current team".

The League will no doubt extend the season until the end of April but for the very first time with my involvement at Brunsmear, questions are being asked as to whether the actual fixtures will be fulfilled.

So what do you do when there is no football? Well, we built our new café and changing facility!

I am delighted to report that our application to the FA & Premier League Facilities Fund was approved in late 2015 and our Clubhouse refurbishment took place in January 2016.

The Club would like to thank Jack Matthews from the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association for all his guidance and support in relation to our application and M Woolhouse Builders Ltd, for carrying out the works in a very professional and efficient manner.

**Paul Shepherd**

## Inside Artists' Studios

Did you get a chance to visit your local or other Sheffield artists last year? If not, Open Up Sheffield 2016 will take place again in April and May over two weekends: Saturday 30th-Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday) and Saturday 7th-Sunday 8th May. Opening times are 11am-5pm. The artists and venues may vary from year to year but Dore, Abbeydale and Totley have Open Studios again this year.

The entry and brochure are free. This will give you all the information you need, including a map and directions, whether an artist is open both weekends and describe their special interests. Posters and these brochures should be around the city some time in April in some local shops, libraries, garden and community centres, art groups and galleries. Online information can be found at [www.openupsheffield.co.uk](http://www.openupsheffield.co.uk)

There are styles and presentations to appeal to everyone. This is your chance to see how personal projects have developed over the past year, look at new dimensions with materials; be adventurous, visit some new studios in 2016 and bring your family and friends. There is usually work for sale but no pressure to buy. In Dore, your local artist is me, Christine Rodger ([www.christinerodger.co.uk](http://www.christinerodger.co.uk)). Following a career practicing and teaching in art and design, along with travelling and sailing the west coast of Britain in a 25' yacht, it is now a pleasure to combine all three experiences in my own small studio in central Dore. You will be able to see sketchbooks, research, collage, and small models, all using a variety of materials. I have a special interest in Iron Age metalworking and design, landscape and maritime subjects such as figureheads and the ships spirits. An eclectic mix, some of which is looking at the Iron Age territory of Brigantia. This is believed to have been the largest tribe, in an area from South Yorkshire to the Scottish Borders, surrounded by smaller tribes. As metalworking is part of the heritage of Sheffield it makes sense to learn more about our pre-Roman northern roots. What evidence is there of creative work before and alongside our Roman invaders?

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Then - Dore & Totley Station in about 1910

Latest news is that passenger numbers rose by 5.4% from 2013/14 to 2014/15, slightly more than the national average, but please read on.

A hundred years ago (above) we had four platforms, with stopping trains running to Derby, Sheffield and Chinley for Buxton. There was quite a frequent service to Sheffield at peak times, stopping at Beauchief, Millhouses and Heeley. There were less than half the number of people living within two miles of the station, yet there were more passengers than today. Most came by foot, but some used the bus coming down from Totley where the landlord of the Cross Scythes had set up the first horse bus service to connect with the station when the line first opened.

Today, we have lots more trains passing through – the two pictured below right are going to Norwich and Liverpool respectively. But now we have only one platform, so there's limited opportunity for them to stop for passengers without blocking trains going in the opposite direction.

Then, there was a heated booking hall, waiting room and toilets in the building now housing the Indian restaurant. Then, WH Smith had a bookstall on the central platform, which also had heated waiting space. If you look closely you may see the stand of postcards from which the old postcard was probably bought. They also delivered newspapers to local houses. In those days Dore & Totley was a junction station where travellers from the south might change for the Hope Valley.

All the other stations into Sheffield were closed fifty years ago, and were to have closed along the Hope Valley. Controllers from the west side ensured we kept those we have now. The east side managers held firm and close they did – and the second pair of tracks into Sheffield were condemned as well. The bridge over to the southbound London line was removed and trains no longer stopped. In 1985 the central platform was removed and the Hope Valley line singled through the station. In 2012/13 the adjacent Garden Centre was demolished and the car park expanded.

So, now we have an exposed ticket machine, a small waiting shelter and a few seats on the open platform. We do have an automated train departures board, and a car park for 129 vehicles – full and overflowing on weekdays. We have commented on the current planning application by Network Rail to add another platform and footbridge at the station. The proposed sheltered space is inadequate for the growing passenger numbers. Buildings should be sympathetic with the station's rural environment and in keeping with the existing historic building.

This was the backdrop to FoDaTS' first open meeting at Totley Library in December. It was good to see so many interested people and have more excellent volunteers join our informal steering committee. We're now preparing a constitution before formal elections of committee members and officers at a further open meeting.

In the meantime we've looked at the Sheffield Plan and

submitted thoughts relating to the station. Fundamental to those were the need to preserve the space from Dore to the city centre to provide at least one further track, be it for a relief track for current trains, or to accommodate a tram/train system. That used to be council policy, but it's not in the plan. There's a danger that forthcoming electrification may limit that space if the current tracks are electrified where they are now. Providing a parallel dedicated cycle track would give a safer and quicker route into town, separated from traffic.

The Plan shows a desired Park & Ride facility at Dore, and the spot on the map seems to be right on the station, or the railway triangle. That idea pleases some, but horrifies others. Experience of

expanded car parks is that they generate even more demand. A day's parking at Sheffield costs £14.30 and it's free at Dore, so it's hardly surprising that Manchester commuters prefer saving seven minutes' journey time and all that cash!

Where are they coming from and where are they going to? We have rough ideas, but everyone has different theories as to the distributions. The train companies can't tell us – and as their fare collection systems don't pick up everyone that wouldn't tell us the full story anyway. We may have to mobilise volunteers to survey passengers for a few days. When they did that at Dronfield they proved the situation wasn't as the rail industry statistics seemed to suggest. They now have a revitalised service that's gaining more users every year.

Are there other ways to help access? More could walk or cycle, although gradients tend to discourage this. At present there probably aren't sufficient passengers going to the same places at enough times to make extra buses viable. However, integrated travel tickets would encourage more bus use. At present the warm car is the easy option. Possibly a taxi rank? Maybe more trains stopping in the Hope Valley might relieve pressure on Dore. All ideas welcome, but if we see a continued 5% annual increase in passenger numbers, car parking is going to get worse and worse.

Adding charges, say a nominal £2, has been suggested, but would push more users up Dore Road and other roads, after which Manchester commuters would swoop in to mop up the cheap (to them) space! If a tram/train is to be introduced in the Sheaf Valley it's unlikely to come for ten years, if at all. That would probably bring even more passengers with cars.

Whichever way you look there are no easy answers to keep everyone happy. Watch this space!

You can join FoDaTS by sending an email with your details to Nick Barnes at [nj-barnes@outlook.com](mailto:nj-barnes@outlook.com) or through the FoDaTS Facebook page which is kept up to date with news and opinions.

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## FEBRUARY

- Sun 21 Film Show, Totley Library at 2pm. This will be a childrens' film. For details, please contact or call in at the Library.
- Wed 24 Wyvern Walkers: This walk, from Christ Church, Stannington, is full of local interest including: Underbank Chapel, 1742 and exterior virtually unchanged since; Underbank Day School, established in 1652 present building 1854; Sculpture Trail; waterwheels on the River Loxley; hand rolling at Lower Matlock Mill; the picturesque 18th century landscape below the Robin Hood Inn, 1804. Generally, good conditions underfoot but with a couple of steep sections. (4.5 miles.) Further details from Stephen Willetts : 0114 2362821. Meet Dore Old School car park 9.30am.
- Fri 26 Film Show, Totley Library at 7.30pm. This will be an adult film. For details, please contact or call in at the Library.
- Sat 27 Coffee morning, Cross Scythes, Totley in aid of Transport 17.
- Sat 27 Men's Breakfast Escape: London to Paris on a Pushbike! Matt Currie remembers The Fat Lads from Dore's finest hour. Totley Rise Methodist Church 9.30am. Complimentary cooked breakfast. To book a place contact richard.grosberg@btinternet.com or phone 0114 236 3157

## MARCH

- Tue 1 Dore Ladies' Group 7.45pm, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Speaker Tricia Watts, 'Sheffield Street Pastors'. Visitors welcome, £3.
- Fri 4 Women's World Day of Prayer, Totley URC, Totley Brook Road, 10.30am. All welcome. Further details see [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) or telephone 236 3027. See p29.
- Tue 8 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild AGM, 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome, £2.
- Sat 12 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Sat 12 Blacka Moor Users Forum. Do you regularly visit Blacka Moor Nature Reserve? Are you a walker/horse rider/biker or just enjoy watching the wildlife? If you'd like to find out more about how Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust are managing the site and get involved, come and join us for our next meeting at SRWT Headquarters Victoria Hall, 37 Stafford Road, S2 2SF 10am-noon
- Sun 13 Wyvern Walkers: Stoney Middleton - Coombes Dale – Deep Rake – High Rake – Black Harry Gate – Lane Head – Stoney Middleton. There will be an alternative local walk available in case of bad weather. (5.75 Miles.) Further details from Chris Cave : 0114 2364648. Meet Dore Old School car park 9.30am; car sharing available.
- Sun 13 Film Show, Totley Library at 2pm. This will be a childrens' film. For details, please contact or call in at the Library.
- Tue 15 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30 for 10am, Methodist Church Hall, High Street. Speaker David Kesteven, 'A Horticultural History of the Sitwells'. Visitors welcome, £2 includes coffee.
- Wed 16 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall, High Street 7.30pm. How to get the best from Heuchera, Heucherella, and Tiarella - featuring Vicky and Richard Fox, professional growers. Visitors/guests welcome.
- Fri 18 Film Show, Totley Library at 7.30pm. This will be an adult film. For details, please contact or call in at the Library.
- Tue 29 Wyvern Walkers: Calver (riverside), Bubnell, Bramley Wood, Calver. Initially following familiar paths, we branch off, gently climbing through fields on lesser known paths into the woods above Calver. Note: walking poles useful for final descent, as it might be slippery in the woods. (5 miles.) Further details from Stephen Willetts : 0114 2362821. Meet Dore Old School car park 9.30am; car sharing available.

## APRIL

- Tue 5 Dore Ladies' Group, 7.45pm Church Hall, Townhead Road. Illustrated talk by Dr. George Clark, 'History of the Silk Road'. Visitors welcome £3.
- Wed 6 to Sat 9 Dore Gilbert & Sullivan Society presents Orpheus In The Underworld at The Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield. S1 2LG Wednesday-Friday at 7:15pm and Saturday at 2:15pm. Tickets £13 Adults and £6 Children from Judith Bettridge, 238 Carterknowle Rd, Sheffield, S7 2EB Tel:0114 2507155 or via Sheffield Theatres Box Office. See p29.

- Fri 8 and Sat 9 Dore Art Show, Dore Old School. 2-6pm Friday, 9.30am-5pm Saturday. Exhibition of paintings and artworks by Dore Art Group, many of which for sale. Refreshments available.
- Sat 9 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Tue 12 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Church Hall, Townhead Road. Charity speaker. Visitors welcome £2.
- Fri 15 Wyvern Walkers: From Damflask Dam, we climb steadily up to Holdsworth on the Sheffield Country Walk towards Worrall. From Loxley Edge, descending over Loxley Common to the riverside and passing the remains of former mills and refractory brick works as we return to Damflask. (5.5 miles.) Further details from Philip Hetherington : 0114 2367647. Meet Dore Old School car park 9.30am; car sharing available.
- Tue 19 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild 9.30 for 10am Church Hall, Townhead Road. Speaker Michael Davidson, 'What the Butler Saw'. Visitors welcome, £2 inc. coffee.
- Wed 20 Dore Garden Club, Methodist Church Hall, High Street, 7.30pm. 'Raising sweet peas' with Andy Hubuck, national exhibitor. Visitors and guests welcome.
- Fri 22 Brunsmeer AAFC presents an evening hosted by Les Gibson from BGT with guest speaker Jan Molby former Liverpool footballer. 7pm for 7.30pm, tickets £35 from Liz Whelan, [lizwhelan@talktalk.net](mailto:lizwhelan@talktalk.net). Tables of 10 available, all proceeds go to Supportig Chernobyl Children. See also page 27.
- Sat 23 Coffee morning, Cross Scythes, Totley in aid of Transport 17. All welcome.
- Sat 30 Wyvern Walkers: A walk exploring Chatsworth Park and gardens, starting at Edensor Village following the River Derwent south over the hump back bridge and via Swiss Lake and Emperor Lake to the Hunting Lodge, admiring Cabability Brown and Joseph Paxton's brilliance! (5.5 Miles.) Further details from Godfrey Wilkinson : 0114 2366319. Meet Dore Old School car park 9.30am; car sharing available.

## MAY

- Tue 3 Dore Ladies' Group, 7.45pm Church Hall, Townhead Road. 'The Mystery Box' with the Leader Brothers. Visitors welcome £3.
- Sat 7 Friends of Whinfell Quarry Gardens working day – general maintenance and gardening work. Volunteers meet at the main gates to the gardens, 9.30am.
- Tue 10 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Visitors welcome £2.
- Wed 11 to Sat 14 TOADS production, St. John's Abbeydale Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South. 7.30pm Wed-Fri, 2.30pm matinee Saturday. Details of the play TBA.
- Sat 21 & Sun 22 Spring Plant Sale: The South Pennine Group of the Hardy Plant Society, Sheffield Botanical Gardens (Thompson Road entrance). A wide selection of well-loved and rarer hardy plants for sale, with advice from knowledgeable members. Free admission, all welcome. 11-2.30pm Saturday, 10am-1.30pm Sunday. For further information about the Group please see our website: [www.southpenninehps.btck.co.uk](http://www.southpenninehps.btck.co.uk)
- Tue 24 Dore Mercia Townswomen's Guild, 9.30 for 10am, Church Hall, Townhead Road. Speaker Maureen Taylor, 'Garderoles etc.' Visitors welcome, £2 includes coffee.



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# 125 years of letters

This article celebrates the fifty years the Clover family have operated our Post Office in Dore. Penny Clover followed on from her parents in the role of Dore's postmaster, and as she and her sister Mandy reach retirement and our village Post Office 'moves home' once more we take a look back at Dore's postal service; a history of some 125 years.

There was no Post Office or postal service recorded until 1891 when Elisha Parker (of the 'Stirrings in Sheffield' fame) became postmaster. On the 1891 census he is recorded as both farmer and Postmaster working from the Post Office and private house that we know today as Farm Cottage on Townhead Road. By this date he was 67. His postman, Heber Elliott lived next door with his wife Ann. There is a personal family story here (my husband, Martin Coggins is Heber's great-great-nephew) that one day an official came to measure the length of Heber's delivery round to calculate his pay. Heber dutifully took the official on his round – all of the scattered farms in Dore Township. Heber went up and down every farm driveway and track to their front doors, exhausting the official in the process. What the weary official never found out was that Heber had a much more direct route involving hopping over walls and cutting across neighbouring fields to get to the various farmsteads, and a welcome cup of tea.



The Church Street Post Office, in a photograph dated 1904.



Herbert Jackson's Post Office on the right, in a scene some time before the First World War. Moseley's Cottage on the far left was demolished in the 1960s and the site is now the Hare and Hounds' beer garden.

In the 1901 census Herbert Jackson is recorded as Postmaster. He has married Frances Mabel Marshall and at the venerable age of 21 is recorded as Civil Service Post Office Postman operating from premises on Church Street. By 1911 Herbert is recorded as Sub-Postmaster and general shopkeeper, assisted by his wife. They are living at the Post Office which now had moved to the High Street at the junction with Townhead Road. The shop is now a private house and called Jester's Cottage.

Kelly's Directory for 1912 gives some idea of the demands of a Postmaster. Dore Post Office dealt with post, money orders and telephone calls. Letters arrived from Sheffield at 6.40am and 4.10pm, and were dispatched at 11am, 7pm and 8.10pm on weekdays, and 6.55pm on Sundays. The nearest telegraph office was at Totley. Telegrams were also delivered by the railway company at Dore



Another view of the Post Office at the bottom of Townhead Road.

Railway Station which was the main Post Office for the area.

The village Post Office has always been a central point of the village. After many years based in what was to become the village sweet shop it moved to one of the shops in what is now the long bar of the Hare and Hounds.

The current premises on Townhead Road were occupied initially by Mr Moore as a newsagents only, before the Clover family took over the newsagency in the late 1960s and added the Post Office facility.

And so history repeats itself, as with a national restructuring of Post Office services our postal services are to move next month to the village newsagent, under the care of the enterprising Mr. Ahmed. We are lucky to still have a Post Office at all; the store at Totley closed some years ago, and at the time of writing the future of Post Offices at Totley Rise, Bradway and even Millhouses is uncertain.

**Dorne Coggins**



The Post Office in the 1960s was in a shop now converted to part of the Hare and Hounds. It is the second shop along; the one nearest the camera was Billy Thorpe's butcher's.



The current premises pictured in the 1980s, when it was still also a newsagency.