

# The HEX-PRESS

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## Hexthorpe's New Landmark

*Hexthorpe has a new landmark. The Stirling Memorial, which recently was located at the end of Hexthorpe Bridge, has been moved into the grounds of Patrick Stirling Court. The Memorial has been cleaned and restored. A new replica lamp, including a Doncaster lion, has been manufactured as near as possible to the original design at British Rail Maintenance Ltd. The Memorial was provided by the men of the Great Northern Railway to mark Patrick Stirling's 70th birthday.*

The mayor of Doncaster, Councillor C.M. Verrill visited the housing scheme on Friday, March 12th. A good number of people were there to greet him; his visit marked the completion of the development of 64 elderly persons flats.

Patrick Stirling was the famous Chief Locomotive Engineer of the Great Northern Railway and is known as the man who established "The Plant". Some 700 locomotives were built there to his design. The relocation of the Memorial was at the request of his great grandson - also known as Patrick Stirling - who spoke briefly about the Memorial and the housing scheme.



The total development has cost some £2.5 million, of which £1,890,898 has been provided through Central Government and the remainder from Northern Rock Building Society and the Railway Housing Association's own funds. Mr John Burrows, the Association's Director, said "The unveiling of this memorial is a fitting completion to the scheme, the Association is proud to be involved in the provision of quality social housing in Doncaster and of the historic links with the railway history of the town".

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## Methodist Church Hall

S.A.R.A. Group  
(Stay and Rest Awhile)  
Mum and Tots Group  
Thursday 10.15 - 12 noon

**Girls Brigade**  
Tuesdays 6- 8.30 pm  
5 to 8 years, meet at 6 pm  
8 to 11 years, meet at 6 pm  
11+ years, meet at 7.15 pm

**Boys Brigade**  
Wednesdays 5.15 - 9.15 pm  
5 to 8 years, meet at 5.15 pm  
8 to 11 years, meet at 6.00 pm  
11 to 16 years, meet at 7.45 pm

**Ladies Keep Fit**  
Thursdays at 7 pm

**Middlers Club**  
Fridays from 6 to 7 pm  
Ages 9 to 13  
Middle School children  
welcome

**At St. Judes Church Hall**  
**Playgroup**  
Mondays 1.15 pm  
Wednesdays 1.15 pm

**Tai Kwando**  
Tuesday 6.30 - 9.30 pm  
Thursday 6.30 - 9.30 pm

**Aerobics**  
Wed. 2 sessions  
5.45 - 7.00 pm

## Local Councillors

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CONSTABLE  
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## Listening Post

Hexthorpe Methodist Church



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every  
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Listening

Ear

1:30 pm - 3.30

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or coffee. Anyone is welcome -  
either to meet your friends or have  
a chat with someone who has time  
to listen and care*

## MOBILE LIBRARY

### Week Commencing

April	5th	Week 1
	12th	Week 2
	19th	Week 1
May	26th	Week 2
	3rd	Week 1
	10th	Week 2
	17th	Week 1
	24th	Week 2
	31th	Week 1

### Sunday Morning Leon Bus Service

Hexthorpe. Urban Road/Old Hexthorpe

depart 9.35 10.35

Town. St Sepulchre Gate

arrive 9.45 10.45

## The Clock - 1969

We are again indebted to Geoff Warnes for use of this photograph. We hope to have a series of old photographs. Mr Warnes is a rail- Road Photographer - and has coloured postcard size of the picture below for sale at 40p each. Others are also available from 40, Shadyside.

Great interest was shown in the photograph of Urban Road in our last issue of Hexpress. Our photograph shows the clock area in the late sixties. The house to the right of the clock was an interesting shape. It had high up on the wall, a 'fire plaque', which meant that the owners originally were members of a Fire Insurance Society. The fire-brigade would turn out if it caught fire. The row of shops behind the bus will be remembered by many readers. Slater's barber's shop can just be seen. This was a well-known meeting place for men and many matters were discussed over a hair-cut! Further along was an archway which led into the Cooperative Coal Yard; next to it was the old Coop shop. This was a fascinating place, with a sawdust floor. We would be pleased to hear of any reader's memories of shopping there. The

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bus was of the type used after the trolley buses were removed. The road going to the right of the clock is Shadyside, which of course went right through to Old Hexthorpe. Seeing the clock reminds us of the article about it in an earlier issue. Is it still possible to have it restored?



It is interesting to note the sign for Denison Road - S.W.F.C. is written on it. Graffiti is nothing new.

# Letters

## THE OLD VILLAS

Dear Editor

I had some of your Hexpress papers given to me. I was very interested to read about Mr George Antingham. I remember the old Methodist Chapel - both my sons attended. We lived just at the back of the chapel; we could hear all the children singing on Sundays. I remember Mr Arthur Holdsworth as well. We were all good friends. I was born in the Villas and lived at Hexthorpe about fifty years.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Cooke (Maggie Barton)

Ed. The Villas were next to the First School - where the nursery and road now are. If you would send us your address, Mrs Cooke, we would be pleased to contact you about your memories of life in the Villas.

## READERS' COMMENTS



A reader has commented on how well the Dell is looking. She thinks the contractors are doing a good job. If it is respected then there should be a good display this summer. She hopes that enough seats will be out to encourage people to use the Dell on summer days.

## LITTER - OPPOSITE VIEWS

Dear Editor

When I first moved to Hexthorpe I could not believe the amount of litter in nearly all the streets, and yet, this last year I can only say there has been a remarkable improvement. Do you think our men and women are taking their cig packets with them? Do you think our youth are taking home their crisp packets and sweet papers? It seems so. well done Hexthorpe people, and well done the street cleaners.

Name and address supplied



A reader pointed out to us the dumping of rubbish in the river and wanted us to highlight the problem. This was taken when several ducks were in the water.

Another reader is pleased to see that new play facilities are being provided for the children. They have been asked for over a long period of time. However, she was sad to see that already objectionable graffiti has appeared on it.

Ed. We would encourage local people to use the facilities of the park. The more of us who make use of them, then the local authority will provide more and the small minority of people who mis-use them will be deterred.

# EASTER

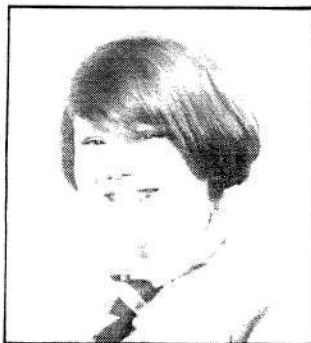
## *Easter is Here*

*Easter is a lovely time of the year. Spring has arrived. New life is in the air. Children have thoughts of Easter eggs. Christians celebrate the most important festival of the year. So we have asked some local children and young people what Easter means for them. We also list the Easter activities of our local churches.*

Easter is a time to enjoy yourself  
To be happy because Easter bunny is coming round to everybody's house to bring the children like me and you Easter eggs.

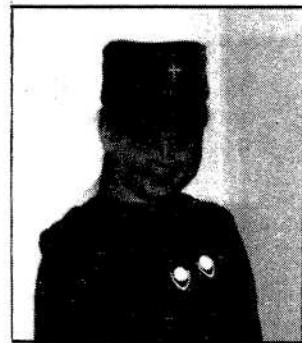
And sometimes he will hide some of the Easter eggs. So be happy at Easter for Easter bunny.

from Clare Eastwood



What Easter Means to Me  
by Sarah Dillon

Jesus died on the cross  
We have Easter eggs and new animals are born at this time.



Easter means to me getting chocolate eggs and Jesus being crucified on the cross, and having to go to church on Easter Sunday because Jesus rose on Easter Sunday.

by Wayne Potter

Easter means 2 days holiday from work, perhaps a day trip to the coast. It also reminds me of Jesus dying on the cross and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter means to me new life. When all the flowers are in bloom and the buds are on the trees and baby lambs are in the fields and it also reminds me of Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose again Easter Sunday.

by Z.M.P.

## *Easter at St. Jude's*

**Maundy Thursday** : Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm

**Good Friday** : Stations of the Cross 10.00 am  
Liturgy for Good Friday 7.30 pm

**Saturday** : Easter Vigil 7.30 pm

**Easter Sunday** : Mass (said) 8.45 am  
Mass (sung) 10.00 am

## *Easter at Hexthorpe Methodist Church*

### **Looking at Jesus - Easter 1993**

*Consider with us the seven sayings from the cross...*

*... and rejoice in His resurrection*

Sunday March 28

10.30 am **"Father Forgive them ..."**

Service led by Rev Ian Bell

6.00 pm **"Woman, behold your son ..."**

Service led by Mr Darren Stott

Sunday April 4th

10.30 am **"Today you will be with me in Paradise"**

Service led by Mr Richard Iball

6.00 pm **"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me ..."**

Service led by Rev Ian Bell

Monday April 5th

7.30 pm **"Father into your hands I commend my spirit..."**

Meeting led by Mrs Joan Reasbeck

Thursday April 8th

7.00 pm **"I thirst ..."**

Service, Supper & Communion led by Rev Ian Bell

Good Friday April 9th

10.00 am **"It is finished ..."**

Service led by Mr Richard Porter

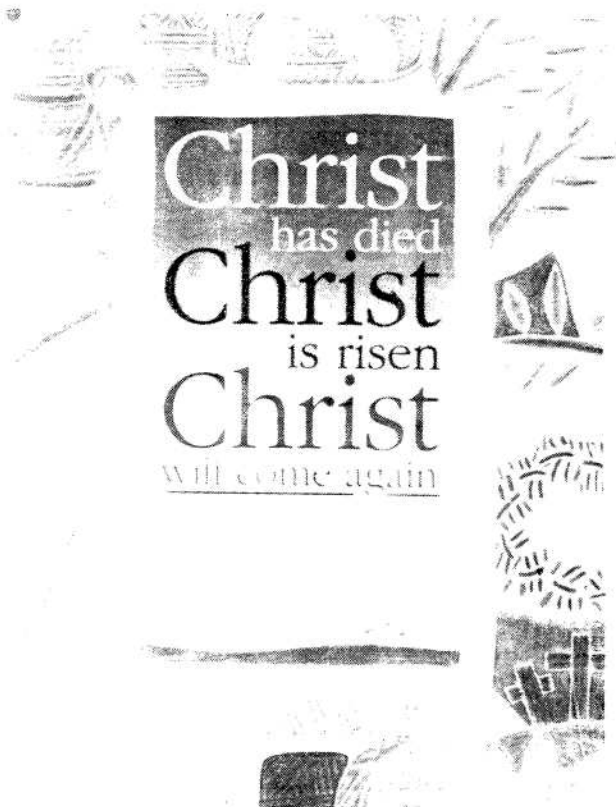
Easter Sunday April 11

10.30 am **"JESUS IS ALIVE..."**

Family Service led by Mr Donald Reasbeck

6.00 pm **"HE LIVES ..."**

Service and Communion led by Rev Ian Bell



# New Environmental Group Formed

As a result of the article on the Crimpsall, which was in our last edition, the Hexthorpe Environmental Group has been formed. Thirteen people attended the meeting which was called and concern was expressed concerning the state of the Crimpsall. It was decided that the Group's first action should be an attempt to improve the Crimpsall. Mr. Colin Houses, the Borough Environmental Records Officer, reports that the site is a relict part of the ancient River Don flood-land. He says that "it would appear that Crimpsall Ings now represents the largest breeding site left in the Borough. Although the site has an interesting wetland fauna, creatures of popular interest are Grass Snakes (which depend on the amphibians) and Harvest Mice (which nest in the beds of tall grass)."

It is in the interest of all that the Crimpsall should be well managed. The main problem to be overcome is the dumping of rubbish. The Group appeals to local people to use the special sites for rubbish disposal which the Council provides. The Council will also remove any item of rubbish from your house if you contact them.

Eventually the Group hopes to be concerned with the general environment of Hexthorpe. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. For information contact Martin Towers, Avondale, Old Hexthorpe.



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# Local News in Brief

## Comic Relief

Pupils and staff at the Middle School raised £150 on Comic Relief Day. They attended school in a variety of fancy dress - 'Biggles' was headmaster for the day. A concert was held and the school paraded down Urban Road to the First School, where they walked through the classrooms. A collection was taken from bystanders as they paraded through the streets.

## Young People and Brazil

The Young People at the Hexthorpe Methodist Church are busy raising money to send to a Christian organisation which is doing valuable work among the poor in Brazil. The last two Saturdays they have been busy making over 350 hot-cross buns which were ordered. Later they are hoping to have a concert, which they are busy preparing for.

## A Successful Football Tournament

Nine teams entered the seven-a-side tournament for the Fellowship of Christ's Cup. This was held on Eden Grove Sports Ground. After good competition all day four teams - Red Star, Doncaster Pentecostals, New Life (Rossington) and Hexthorpe Methodists reached the semi-finals. In the final the Pentecostals beat Red Star in a penalty shoot-out by one goal. The players give their thanks to Rod for organising the event.

## Visit of Well-Known Scholar

Prof. Howard Marshall recently visited Hexthorpe. He is a leading New Testament scholar from Aberdeen. He led a Bible Teaching Day at the Hexthorpe Methodist Church. The day was well attended, with about 140 people being present. They came from as far as Manchester, Lincoln, Newcastle and Birmingham. So successful and helpful was the day that it is hoped to make it an annual occasion, with other leading Bible Teachers taking part.

## Barn Dance

The First School held a successful barn Dance recently. About 70 parents and friends of the school attended. Music was provided by Bracken Rigg and there was a pie and pea supper.

## Art Success

Laura Bratby of the First School has won a T.S.B. Art Competition. She is being presented with a cheque on April 3rd.

## Urban Road Warden

The First School is very concerned to keep the Urban Road patrol warden. This road has become increasingly busy and there is a possibility that the warden may be withdrawn. People are encouraged to contact Mike Smith to show their concern.

### An Appreciation

Mrs Elizabeth A. Coyne thanks the people of Hexthorpe for all their help and friendliness shown towards her husband - David James (Jim), while he lived amongst you. The numerous people that spoke to him as he wandered around was very encouraging, especially over the last few years. You are welcome to attend David's sung Requiem Mass at St Judes Church on Wednesday 28th April at 9.30 am.

*The way is long, let us go together.*

*The way is difficult, let us help each other.*

*The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is open before us, let us begin.*

E.A.C.



### OPENING HOURS

Mon	11.45 am to 1.45 pm
Tues	11.45 to 1.45 & 4.30 to 6 pm
Wed	11.45 to 1.45
Thurs	11.45 to 1.45 & 8.30 to 11.30 pm
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## AUNTIE DOT WINS AWARD

Hexthorpe's own Auntie Dot (Mrs Ardron) has won a regional award. She has been named as the Region's Top Lollipop Person. She now goes through to the National Final. This puts Auntie Dot in the top twelve in the country.

Pupils and staff of the First School nominated Mrs Ardron, a video was made, a song was composed, an interview was given and a book was written about their favourite Lollipop Lady. All this was sent to the judges of the competition run by 'Minnadex'. All those at the school - and the rest of us - wish her well in the final.

## GARDENING

If you are growing one of the lovely **AMARYLLIS** or **HIPPEASTRUM** and it's finished flowering the aim should be to try and make it flower again. They are spring flowering so it may bloom a little later next year.

The foliage does grow long as it needs some room and the strap like leaves are not very attractive. After flowering cut the dead flowers off but not the stem which will continue to feed the bulb until it shrivels. The leaves should be growing well by now and need to be fed once a week with liquid fertiliser. During the summer the pot can be put outside in a sheltered sunny spot, they came from a hot country so they like to get baked. In the autumn the foliage will start to yellow so feeding should be stopped and water gradually reduced. Tidy the pot up by removing dead leaves and scales, then store it in a cosy spot over winter. I replace the top two inches of compost each year and replot every third. With these bulbs I have found that the biggest is not always the best.

Another good show of orchids in MRS SCHOEPE'S window on Urban Road.

**N.B.R.**

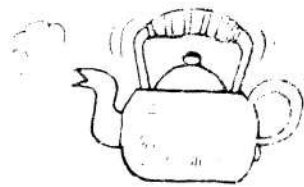
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