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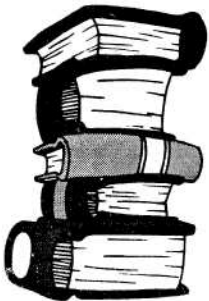
YOUR FREE HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER No 28/ February / March 94

A Public Meeting is to be held for local people to express their views and ask questions concerning changes proposed for our local schools. They are due to begin in 1995. Two possible alternatives are suggested in a paper issued by the Doncaster Local Education Authority.

Some people support the first option; others say that the Middle School site is not suitable for youngsters who live at the other end of Hexthorpe and so they support option 2. A third alternative has been put forward by those who want a central site - that is to



School Changes in 1995



One alternative is that a 4-11 school should be developed on the site of the present Middle School. This would mean the building of 6 new classrooms, the relocation of the nursery, the extension of the hall, hard play area and the kitchen. The estimated cost for this is £800,000. This raises the question of what would happen to the First School building and site - would it mean another empty building to join the probable vacating of Shadyside Lodge ?

The alternative is for a 4-7 school on the site of the present First School site and a 7-11 school on the Middle School Site. This would involve changes to the central activity area of the Middle School, the removal of semi-permanent classrooms at the First School and the rebuilding of the nursery in their place, although there is a possibility of the nursery using the threatened classrooms. The estimated cost for this is £250,000; repairs would have to be made to the existing First School buildings.

We understand that changes are being made throughout the Borough (1) so that children only need make one change in their school-life - the second alternative would mean two - and (2) so that surplus places in the Borough schools can be reduced. The money will be available from government funds.

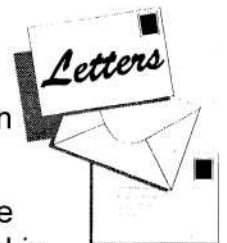


have the 4-11 school on the First School site. This could mean the demolition of the present school and the building of a new one, or the development of the present First School.

The Secondary Schools are also changing. At the moment at the age of 13 some of our children go to Balby Carr School, others attend Hall Cross School, which is based in Waterdale and Thorne Road. The report's preference is for Balby Carr to become an 11-18 school and for extra accommodation to be provided there. It will eventually have 1,550 pupils compared to the present 1,150. Hall Cross, the report suggests, will become an 11-18 school, with an 11-14 lower school in the Bessacarr/Cantley area and a 14-18 school at Thorne Road. This means that it will be very difficult in practice for Hexthorpe children to attend Hall Cross. Therefore almost all our children will be attending the same secondary school at Balby Carr - many believe that this would be good for the area, some have reservations.

We would welcome any views on the proposed changes.

The Public Meeting regarding the reorganisation of the First School is on Tuesday March 1st at 7.00 pm. The meeting will be addressed by the Chief Officer of the L.E.A.



WEEKLY EVENTS

Methodist Church Hall

S.A.R.A. Group
(Stay and Rest Awhile)
Mums 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 pm
11 to 16 years, meet at 7.45 pm

Ladies Keep Fit

Thursdays at 7 pm

Hexthorpe Environmental Group

Last Thursday of the
month at 7 pm

At St Jude's Church Hall

Playgroup

Wednesdays 1.15 pm

Taekwando

Monday 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday 6.45 - 9.30 pm
Thursday 6.45 - 9.30 pm

Church Lads & Girls Brigade

Friday 6.15 - 8.00 pm

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HANDY HINT

Out of Tomato Ketchup ?

Liquidise small or half a standard can
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Pinch of nutmeg.
1 Tablespoon sugar
Quarter a cup of vinegar
1 Teaspoon made mustard

Recipe

Chocolate Concrete (Remember school dinners ?)

8oz Margarine

8oz Sugar

10oz Self Raising Flour

1oz Cocoa

Beaten egg

Good pinch of salt

Mix dry ingredients. Rub in margarine. Add egg and mix and rub in until mixture binds. Press into well-greased tin. Bake gently gas mark 4 to 5 in the middle of the oven for 30 to 40 minutes (some ovens are fiercer than others). If wanting a hard chew - leave uncovered. If needing a softer result - cover after 5 or 6 minutes cooling.

Year of the Family

1994 is the United Nations International Year of the Family. In our next issue we want to focus on the family and family life. We would like you to get in touch with us on why your family is special or important to you. Perhaps you have a photograph of a family showing a number of generations which you could show us. You might want to tell us about a family which you admire. We would love to hear from you.

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Feb 7th	Week 1
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Feb 21st	Week 1
Feb 28th	Week 2
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March 21st	Week 1
March 28th	Week 1

URBAN ROAD HAS HIGH PRIORITY

Hexthorpe is regarded as a high priority area for the introduction of traffic-calming measures, such as road humps. Concern has been expressed in the Letters page and in a front page article of the Hexpress about the speed of traffic on Urban Road.

Mr Paul Waller, a First School governor, took up this matter with the Borough Engineer. He asked if a School Crossing Patrol could be appointed outside the First School on Urban Road, and also if traffic-calming measures could be installed. It is understood that such measures are in operation in the Rotherham area.

He was informed that the appointment of School Crossing Patrols is a matter for the South Yorkshire Police. However, commenting on the other issue the Borough Engineer said that schemes are being introduced in Doncaster according to a traffic-calming ranking system. This assigns priority to the areas of greatest need and according to the availability of funds. "The area of Hexthorpe concerned is classified as a high priority location," he said, "and traffic-calming measures will be considered when locations of greater priority have been treated."

BEWARE OF CONFIDENCE

TRICKSTERS

There have been a number of incidents recently at the homes of local pensioners. People have gained access into homes by using various confidence-tricks, and money has been stolen. The advice is plain - do not open your doors to anyone who has not proved their identity, whatever the story they tell. If you are suspicious report it to the police immediately.

The • Hexthorpe • Monarchs

The Hexthorpe Monarchs Boys Football Club continues to thrive. Their record in the present season is

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
12	7	1	4	74	32	15

Their position in the table is 4th.

It is hoped to form U11 and U12 teams in the near future. This will cause extra expense. To help with this you are asked to support a Race Night in the Hexthorpe Club on the 4th March, 1994. Any suggestions for fund-raising can be made by telephoning Colin on Doncaster 311536. Winning numbers on the Hexthorpe Monarch's Christmas Draw are: 1st Prize £150.00 No 460; 2nd Prize £75.00 No.17; 3rd Prize £35.00 No. 244.



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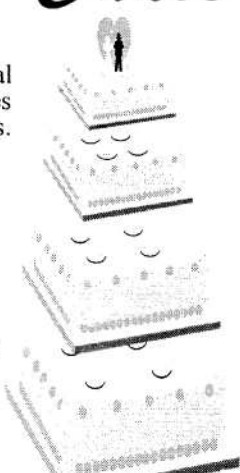
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Letters

DON'T BLAME THE DOGS

Dear Editor

I read with interest the comments in the last issue of the Hexpress with regard to dogs using our school playing field and other public areas as a toilet! I couldn't agree more with what she said. It is very important to remember however, that this is a problem about irresponsible OWNERS and should not be a reason to discredit dogs themselves. They are not aware of what we humans regard as unsociably acceptable behaviour!

The two main reasons for this problem are (a) misguided people who let dogs roam the streets unsupervised (no dog should be anywhere outside without a human with it) and (b) people who do not clean up after their dog. Poop-a-Scoops are readily available nowadays or it is very easy to improvise with a couple of bits of cardboard and a plastic bag, so there really is no excuse.

I would like to echo Councillor Gordon Jones's plea that everyone makes a very special effort to become a RESPONSIBLE dog owner! That means - don't let YOUR dog mess in a public place ... and if it does, clean up after it !! The problem is becoming more serious. The solution (as always) is very simple!

Gerald Coley (HexPress Pet Columnist)

NEWS FROM CANADA

Hello

1993 has been a very exciting year for us both. As you know, we retired on April 4th and have been travelling ever since. We spent the month of June camping in France, which was a new experience for us and one which we enjoyed immensely. The weather was very kind to us. Then on September 5th we flew to Bangkok and spent 7 and a half weeks travelling in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore ending with 8 days in Hawaii. The whole experience has been very rewarding, we have seen sights we never believed possible and met many interesting people. Needless to say, the weather has been a huge bonus for us and it has really helped Jamie's aching bones. We arrived in Los Angeles on the 4th November and have just purchased a truck which will be the front half of the unit which will be our home for the next 10 months, hopefully. This weekend we hope to buy the back half of the outfit (i.e. the living trailer). Then we head down to Arizona for a month, up to Vancouver for Christmas and New Year. Then its off to Mexico for 2 months. By then the weather should be warming up and we will travel up the West Coast of the States to Canada.

All the best for the New Year!

Love Carol and Jamie
MOSCROP P.O.,
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Burnaby B.C.,
CANADA V6C 2H3

Ed: Carol & Jamie are well-known by most people in Hexthorpe as they ran the Post Office. It is good to hear from them.

IS THERE A FUTURE ?

Dear Editor

The delightful front cover of your Dec/Jan edition of the Hexpress prompted me to reflect on what kind of world it will be when those children are my age in 2040. The question can be answered by asking today's parents how they will bring their children up. Many parents believe that they "know what's best for their children". But do they know what's best? Many parents bring up their children the same way that they were brought up; they believe that they have the luxury of preparing their children to live in a society similar to their own. However there are parents who believe they do not know the world in which their children will live. Parents who have stopped to think and really take stock of the mess the world is in, the way that it is being overloaded by our excesses, our urge to consume more and more. Enough is enough! The dash for a better life, a better car, better holidays, better consumer goods today, at any cost to the earth will inevitably mean a worse life for today's children. Human folly and greed especially by the First World will hasten or precipitate our demise as a species.

We are all guilty, even those, and I include myself, who are supporters of God and his creation, in whatever shape or form.

Our consumption patterns "enjoyed" today by our society are sustained at great cost to the global environment. There are those who believe that the answer is a more advanced technology to get us out of the mess. But I doubt whether this will happen.

The answer lies in a sustainable society by taking into account the environmental impact in our technologies and production process.

We all have it in our minds to destroy the Earth's living resources. Through our daily life, we should help to determine whether we are going to leave our children a devastated planet, or one which is a worthy home for all living species.

I wish I could wish Francis, Becky, Lauren and Gemma, Christopher and William and all the children today a Merry Christmas 2040. It depends on today's parents, doesn't it, whether my wish is granted ?

Martin Towers

THOSE DERELICT HOUSES

Dear Editor

Should I wish to extend my property the law requires me to first obtain planning permission, presumably to safeguard my neighbour in particular and the neighbourhood in general from unsafe and unsightly building.

Is there no law which protects the neighbourhood from the depressing results of the abandoned properties here in Hexthorpe ? Not only does their derelict appearance threaten the value of surrounding properties, but they attract vandalism (not to mention vermin!), and can be a danger to youngsters, particularly in the case of the old snooker centre now reduced to a pile of unsightly rubble right at the gateway to Hexthorpe.

People here are justifiably proud of their homes and it does nothing to the area's image or morale to have these eyesores in our midst.

Name & Address supplied

Local News and People

Born in 1888

George Lunn celebrated his 105th birthday on December 27th at Shadyside Lodge. He is pictured here with the Mayor of Doncaster, who visited him on his



special day. When asked about his long life George says that porridge every morning, no alcohol and his late wife Violet are responsible.

The War Memorial

Mrs Worthington of Glenfield Avenue was very interested in the photograph and article on the War Memorial at St. Judes in our last issue. Her brother R.C. Western is named on the Memorial; he was killed in 1941. There are three brothers and a sister who live in Doncaster. Mrs Worthington says that they all lived at 5 Crimpsall Road.

A Moving Gift

Two gentlemen residents of Shadyside Lodge were sitting in the foyer just before Christmas when there was a knock at the door. They thought it was more carol singers, but discovered a young boy and girl. The youngsters said that they had been carol singing and wanted to give what they had collected towards saving Shadyside Lodge from closing. "I don't mind telling you it brought tears to my eyes" said one of the men.

Christmas at Stirling Court

The lovely facilities at Stirling Court were used by residents as they celebrated Christmas. A carol service was held in the lounge/social area on the Sunday before Christmas, when favourite carols were sung. During the next week the annual Christmas dinner was enjoyed, with a wide choice of menu. On Christmas Eve there was a visit from about 60 carol singers from the Methodist Church.

Jean and the Centipede

We have heard from Jean Davies of Gladstone Road, who, as we reported in our last issue, is visiting Sabah on the island of Borneo. Her diary for day 3 reads, "as we were sitting a centipede came in and ran under Aaron's chair. We all leapt to our feet - Micheal on the table. We lifted up the carpet to find it. I felt it run over my bare feet and out of the door ... arrived in Tenam before noon. Immediately, I felt at home as I was welcomed by folk I knew in an environment I knew. Talked with Kedai Chan Foak Liong and had an unripe banana. Then had horrendous jeep ride, but saw beautiful butterflies and scenery. Stuck in the mud as we neared Utomanai. Jeep did not want to go any further, so volunteered to carry my stuff. They led us part way through mud and across logs to 'main road'! Arrived drenched and muddy in the dark. Bathroom was outside along planks and pitch black. Meant I could not bathe properly as it had no door ..."

Jean's diary of her visit will make interesting reading. She is visiting villages encouraging people to read the Bible in their own language. She has worked in the translation of the Bible into the Tagal language and is helping in translating literature on the visit.

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It's a Pets Life

By Gerald Coley

Wake Up There

I don't know exactly how many tortoises there are in Hexthorpe but I know that there are quite a few. Extra special care and attention is called for as they begin to emerge from their winter sleep.

Despite the fact that there are still many pet tortoises around that have been a member of the family for several years, I am still inundated with queries at this time of year as they begin to come out of hibernation. It is certainly a fact that this is the most crucial time in their life.

The question that I am most commonly asked is "When do I wake my hibernating tortoise up?" - and the answer of course, is that you don't! The animal will usually decide for himself! Regular checks will pinpoint when your tortoise is beginning to emerge from the hibernating state. It is a sad fact that up to 20% of tortoises in the UK are likely to wake up suffering from either infection or poor health. It is even sadder that many will die at this, the most crucial and dangerous time in a tortoise's life.

As spring approaches and external temperatures start to rise, bodily functions begin to return to normal. Animals that are becoming active again should be moved to a warm, dry place where they can wake up gradually. Eyes, mouth and nostrils should be checked and bathed with warm water. It is very important that the animal should drink as soon as possible. The easiest way to encourage this is in a bowl of slightly warm water, two or three centimetres deep, this will

flush out any dangerous toxins that can build up in the kidneys during hibernation. It goes without saying that on waking up, a tortoise must be kept warm until it begins to feed normally. If it does not begin feeding within 48 hours or if it is obvious that it is unwell, veterinary advice must be sought. It is important to choose a Vet who is experienced in chelonian welfare!

One of the most common problems is the reluctance to feed which, in severe cases, can lead to post hibernation anorexia (PHA) and it is important to sort this out as early as possible before the condition begins to deteriorate. Initial checks should ensure that the tortoise is being kept warm enough. This is usually a minimum temperature of around 25C. In most cases however, a reluctance to eat generally indicates an underlying infection or disease, which when treated, often results in the tortoise feeding normally again within a short space of time. On bad days and at night, your pet should be indoors in a heated box but hopefully it won't be too long before the weather is sufficiently consistent for him to remain permanently outside and enjoy the freedom and fresh air of spring and summer.

*A leaflet is available containing detailed information and advice about tortoises, and can be obtained for a SAE from : PDSA, Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire TF2 9PQ

* If you have a specific non-medical problem regarding your pet, Gerald will try to help. Just phone our Pet Helpline on 857104 for his expert advice.

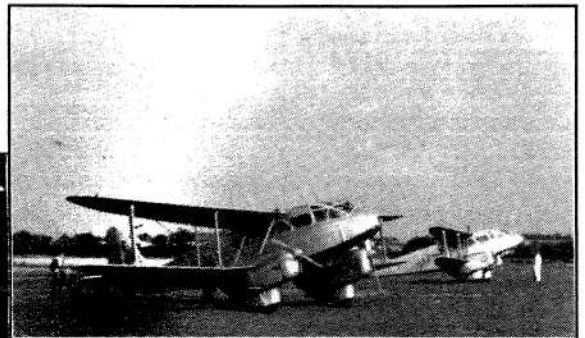
Doncaster Airport

This article has been sent to us by Aaron Warnes, a young reader from Shadyside.

Doncaster became airborne when it played host to Britain's first aviation contest from 15th-23rd October 1909. Over the next 80 years Doncaster played an important part in civil and military air history.

The site where the bus depot now stands saw much activity during World War 1 where there corrugated iron hangers housed Bi-planes of the 49 reserve squadron. The Bessoneau (canvas) hangers housed M. Farman Pusher and Caudron aircraft. These were used to train American and Canadian pilots. A further hanger was erected in 1918 to accommodate the larger aircraft like the avros and B.12s etc. In the 20's and 30's Doncaster was a base for the RAF.

During World War 2 the area now occupied by the Dome



Above: Two De Havilland Dragon Rapide Bi-Planes (G-AEZO and G-AHED) that stand awaiting passengers from the St Leger on 10 September 1960.

Left: The aircraft used by Winston Churchill. Photograph by Geoff Warnes, Rail-Road Photographer, 12, Shadyside.

Leisure Complex was used for the servicing of light aircraft including Lysander reconnaissance planes.

After the war it was used for various civil purposes including race traffic. Doncaster Parachute Club, Yorkshire Helicopter services and other all used the facilities at the airport. Towards the end of the 80s these were gradually run down as the leisure complex took over the area. The last RAF aircraft to leave the field (on 1st January 1993) had been used by Winston Churchill during the World War 2 for internal flights. Doncaster's air connections ended on 1st January 1993 when N35685 left for Gamston Nottinghamshire.

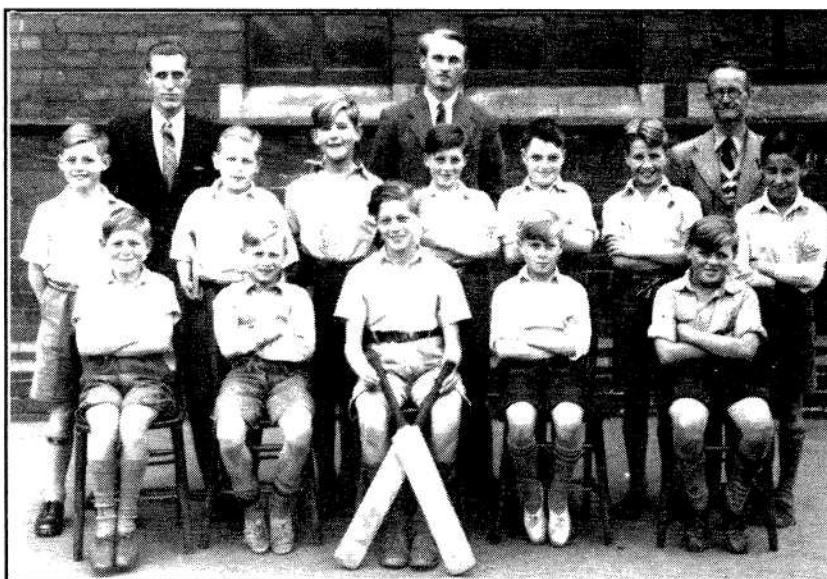
THE STARS OF THE 1940s

Here are two photographs of the cricket and football teams of Hexthorpe Junior School from 1948-49 (Ed. That's when real football and cricket were played). Great interest has been shown since we showed an earlier photograph of the 1940s and we are still working on a date for a get-together - see our next issue



FOOTBALL

Mr Green Mr Ambrose Mr Watson
Back Row from the left
John Rix. John Gunn. Ken Jordan. Maurice
Tate. Alan Jubb. Terry Butler
Front Row from left
Bob Baker. Brian Walker. Roy Halifax. Don
Reasbeck. Ray Burgin. John Baldwin. Alan Rix.



CRICKET

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Threat to Shadyside Lodge

It seems that Shadyside Lodge is to close. A legal 3 months consultation period ends in March and there are fears locally that the decision to close will be taken. It was opened in 1974 and has been used by the Hexthorpe elderly as well as folk from outside the area. It is also used as a day-care centre for some of the elderly who live in the immediate vicinity and this facility would go of course.

The Council claim that there is over-capacity in its 15 nursing and residential homes throughout the Borough and therefore 2 homes have to be closed. A reader says that "it is a great shame. Some of the residents have moved from closed homes, and now they will have to move again. They say there is consultation, but I believe that the decision has already been made".

The staff of the home are grateful for the local support given over the years, "Our success in fundraising has always been due to your unwavering support and generosity. For this we thank you so much." Many people are asking what will happen to the building if closure takes place. It has been heard that some are suggesting it could be a library and community centre !

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Hexpress Comment

The mining villages are justifiably receiving much attention at the moment because of the closure of the pits. We wish them well in their attempts to maintain the close community life they have known. However, we would point out that Hexthorpe is an area which has seen its local industries fall into decline. It now has one of the highest unemployment rates in the Doncaster Borough. Hexthorpe, at the last census, had an unemployment rate of 21% male, 11.4% female. It was 30.5% for men between the ages of 16 and 30 who had not a full-time job. This is much higher than the figures for the old mining villages. The latest figures show that e.g. Armthorpe's unemployment rate is 10.08%, Askern's 15.06% and Stainforth's 12.38%. There is a growing concern in the community that Hexthorpe is missing out. There is no doctor's surgery, no chemist and in 1993 the library and community centre building disappeared. Now in 1994 the old people's home is to close. We would suggest that rather than withdraw services, the authorities should be increasing them. We value the provision made for the elderly, but fear that if the trend continues even that may be reduced. In the present economic climate we realise that some hard decisions have to be made; but the social consequences to the community should be considered and the local people should be consulted before action is taken. Hexthorpe must be placed as a top priority for future provision.

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