

# The HEX-PRESS

YOUR FREE HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER No 30/ June / July 94

## Sonny Shares in Dons Triumph

Sonny Wakarau, one of the stars of the Dons, is a Hexthorpe man. Sonny, Corina and their lovely daughter Kaysha, who is not yet 1 year old, live on Urban Road. Although Sonny and Corina were born and grew up in Wellington, New Zealand, they feel very much at home here.

"Doncaster is just about the right size. We lived in Leeds for a time, but that is too big", Sonny said. The people here, and especially the local people in Hexthorpe, are very friendly. The facilities, such as the Dome, are excellent."

It is hard to imagine that Sonny, the family man holding his young daughter in his own lounge, is one of the outstanding forwards in the Doncaster Rugby League Team. The Dons have had a record breaking season and have won promotion to the First Division. Rugby League is hard, fast, physical and skilful game and Sonny is a fearless tackler and runner, who has made many important breaks in setting up tries.

He thinks that the English season is too long, for the game is very demanding on the body. He used to play 'back to back' rugby - that is play in the New Zealand season, come over here and play in our season, and so on. He found that a

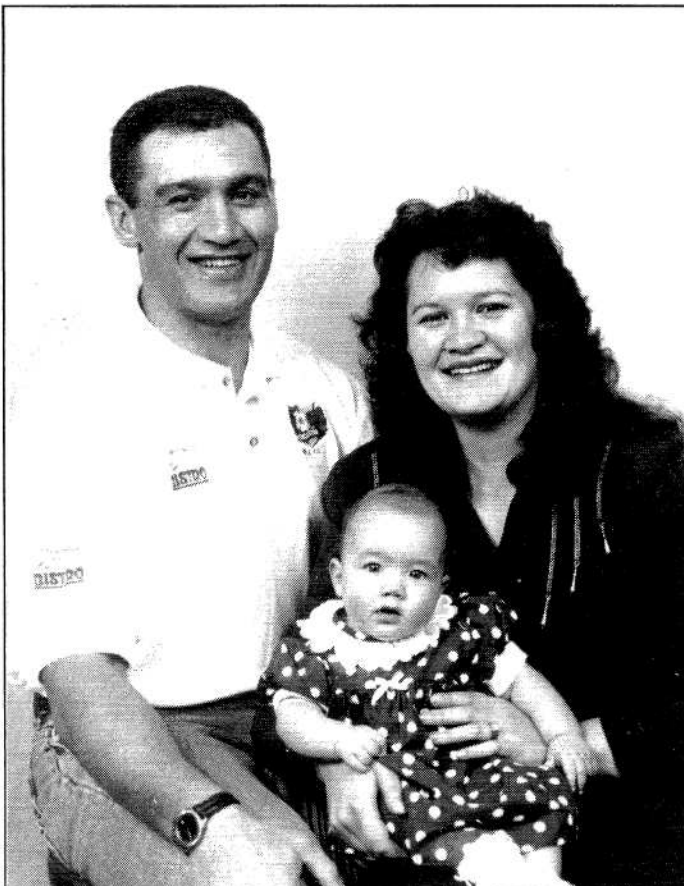
break is needed, as others have also found.

Sonny, who is now 28 years old, started his rugby career in Wellington. Rugby Union is the national game of New Zealand but at 19 he says that he 'saw the light', and became a Rugby League player for a local club Upper Hulf. He

soon played represent-ative rugby, as he was chosen for Wellington and then the New Zealand Maoris. It can't be too long before he plays for the New Zealand National team; next season in the First Division should give him his big chance.

He came to England to play for Batley in the 1989-90 season, and has played for Bramley in 1990-91 and 1992-93. He came to the Dons at the beginning of this season and has become a firm favourite with the crowd. The family are

going to New Zealand for a month or so at the end of May, but will be back for the new season. We hope that they will return to Doncaster and that Sonny will be playing for the Dons again next season. Sonny, Corina and Kaysha are always welcome here in Hexthorpe.



*Photo courtesy of Alan Childs Studio*

## 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

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

**Hexthorpe Environmental Group**

Last Thursday of the month at 7 pm

### At St Jude's Church Hall

**Playgroup**  
Mondays 9.15 - 11.15am  
Wednesday 1.15 pm

**Tai Kwando**  
Monday 7.30 - 8.30  
Tuesday 7.00 - 9.15  
Thursday 7.00 - 9.15

**Fitness 2,000**  
Wednesday 8 - 9

## WHO'S WHO

Local Councillors

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CONSTABLE

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## THE DONCASTER CANAAN TRUST

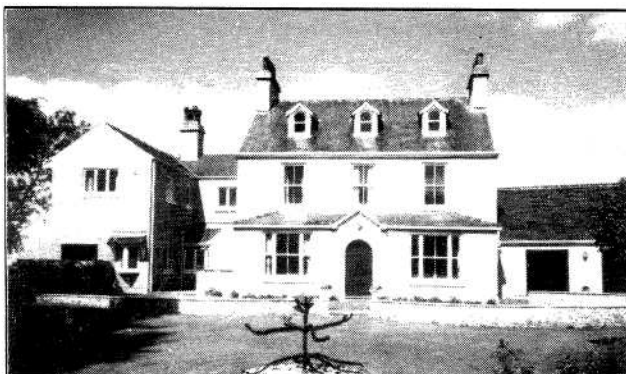
is having an

### OPEN DAY

*at Hexthorpe Manor House  
on Saturday 11th June 1994  
11am - 4 pm*

*Proceeds towards terrace paving*

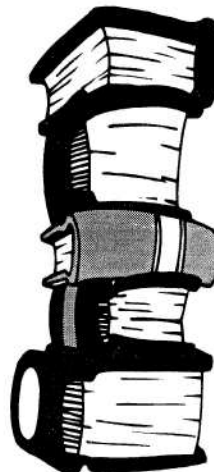
\* REFRESHMENTS \* STALLS \* CAR PARK \*



Hexthorpe Manor House is being developed as a Christian Pastoral Centre by the Doncaster Canaan Trust.



## MOBILE LIBRARY



June	6th	Week 2
June	13th	Week 1
June	20th	Week 2
June	27th	Week 1
July	4th	Week 2
July	11th	Week 1
July	18th	Week 1
July	25th	Week 2

# The Labour Candidates Win Again

The two Labour candidates won the recent election in the Central Ward. Charles Harrison was re-elected and a new councillor Tony Pratt replaces George Brumwell. Tony Pratt has lived in the Central Ward all his life and has been an active school governor for over 12 years at the Balby Carr School and the Balby Middle School. He has been interested in the welfare of young people, showing this by being Scout Leader of the St. John's



Scout Troop. Over the last 18 years he has been employed by the West Riding, South Yorkshire and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Councils.

It is interesting to note that one Labour Candidate received 400 votes more than the other, and that one Liberal Democrat considerably more than the other. It has been said that perhaps some people were confused and voted for only one candidate (although three people voted for more than 2), or perhaps some voted across party lines.

### The Result

Archer Alan 620 *Lib. Dem.*

Galloway Paul 100 *Communist*

Harrison Charles 2,012 *Labour*

Pratt Tony 1,688 *Labour*

Roden Jean 486 *Lib. Dem.*

Voted for more than two candidates 3

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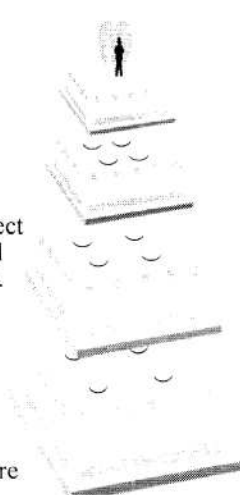
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# Councillors Column

As you may have read in my election circular £75,000 has now been earmarked for a new day care centre to be built on waste ground by the clock. Although I will continue to try and get this amount improved I am sure we have the beginnings of a centre to be proud of.

The Youth Club has now been rewired and is back in use, hopefully it will soon be redecorated.

The consultation process for the reorganisation of schools in Hexthorpe is going ahead smoothly, from the public meetings I attended at both Hexthorpe First School and Hexthorpe Middle School it seemed quite obvious that the majority of parents were in favour of the one school option based on the Middle School site. If this is the option that is finally agreed I am sure we could make this one of the best, if not the best school in Doncaster. I understand that responses to the proposals are now being collated by the Education Department and these will be presented to the Education Services Committee on June 7th.

I am sure you have all heard that this year Doncaster is celebrating the 800th anniversary of the granting of the Borough Charter. Many special events have been planned so keep your eyes on the local press for further details.

Charter Day itself will be on Sunday 22nd May, with a Civic Service followed by a Charter Parade to the racecourse where there will be a local history fayre, crafts fayre and medieval pageant. This promises to be an excellent day out for all the family. Don't miss it.

*Charles Harrison*

## Tae Kwon-Do

### IAN ANGUS

JUNIORS	Tuesday	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm
	Thursday	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm
ADULTS	Monday	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
	Thursday	8.15 pm - 9.15 pm

**Adult Beginners Lesson**  
**TUESDAY 8.15 pm - 9.15 pm**  
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**In St. Judes Church Hall  
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# Letters

## TO THE RESIDENTS OF HEXTHORPE

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the results of the local election held on May 5th.

May I, through the medium of the 'Hex-Press', thank all the residents of Hexthorpe who took the trouble to come out and vote on such a miserable day, with extra thanks to all those who actually voted for me.

I can assure you all that I will continue to do my best to assist the residents of Central Ward and to fight to improve conditions and amenities throughout the area.

Yours fraternally,

Charles Harrison  
(Central Ward Councillor)

## AN OLD PROBLEM

Dear Editor,

Now the warm weather has arrived I would like to remind dog walkers that the residents of the ground floor flats on Old Hexthorpe can now open their lounge and bedroom windows during the day to let in some fresh air. On doing this the other day, I was greeted with a terrible smell. I have counted as many as 20 dogs in one day taken for a walk along this stretch of grass which runs under our windows.

Please have some consideration for us and leave your mess in your own garden.

Yours,

Resident.

*Ed. This is the third issue running that we have had similar complaints. They have been passed on to the authorities and we hope that things will improve. It is really up to the offending dog-owners.*

## A WONDERFUL WALK

The Dell in Hexthorpe Flatts is a place of beauty - most varied and magnificent trees and shrubs. The different foliage catches the eye - the colour - the size of some of the trees - and the variety of bark just took my breath away. Its lovely. It did help that the sun shone and the wind was gentle - but I felt privileged to see all this beauty.

Yours, J.S.

## BOTTLE BANK NEEDED

Dear Mr. Phipps,

You may or may not be aware that there is newspaper, magazine recycling skip situated on unused land near to the clock between Shadyside and Urban Road, Hexthorpe. I do not know if the skip is a private commercial venture or is owned by the D.M.B.C. nor do I know who reaps the benefits of any recycled paper. I do however know that the skip is widely used by the residents of Hexthorpe and is regularly replaced with an empty one. It would be nice to think that the people of Hexthorpe benefited in some way for their efforts in being environmentally friendly. (Goodness knows we have precious little else going for us at present!)

But I digress. The purpose of this letter is to enquire what if any, are the Council's views on recycling glass and metal cans and if it might not be possible to site a bottle/can bank adjacent to the existing paper bank. I am certain that the facilities would be used and the proceeds could possibly be used to offset the costs of cleaning other people's litter that is regularly strewn around the backs of houses.

If the D.M.B.C. would not be prepared to furnish the skips, what view would the council take of a resident's group or a local environmental group siting such skips in order to further their own funds?

Yours sincerely,

Paul Waller  
Scarll Road.

*Ed. Mr. Waller has given us a copy of the letter he has sent to the Council. We will be interested in the reply.*

## A DANGER TO OUR TREES

Dear Editor,

I learnt sometime ago that if bark is stripped off a tree all the way round, the tree dies.

To my dismay I have heard of a local dog which seems to be encouraged to do just that. Surely this can't be true?

Do we want dead trees in Hexthorpe Flatts - or anywhere else for that matter?

Do the owners know this happens to trees? If not I hope they read this letter.

Name and address supplied.



# Crime Prevention



I've been asked to pen a few words on Crime prevention for your newsletter. I can't say too much in a short space but let's try and get the most important facts over to you.

In the Doncaster area we have three dedicated crime prevention Officers namely Terry Magrs, John Abbott and George Potchworth. We are based at Rossington but cover the whole of the Doncaster M.B.C. area. If you need us the telephone has an answering machine as we're out and about a lot. The number is Doncaster 863434. Our advice and services are free.

If you are unfortunate enough to have been burgled then you should have received the Crime Prevention Handbook and a letter telling you where to get advice from. Please remember to pass the handbook on to a neighbour when you have read it because they will be worried about your burglary. If you need advice on general locks and bolts then your community constable has been given training and he will advise you. If, however, you are thinking about a Burglar Alarm then you need to speak with us. We can post you a simple to use brochure on how to select an alarm and also furnish you with a list of recognised alarm installers. Quite often this means we do not have to make a visit but can still get the information to you quickly.

I am hoping to do a series of crime prevention articles in the local papers over the coming months and I'll talk about all different subjects. One of the biggest tips I can give you is this.

Most burglars are opportunist. It usually takes minutes to be in your house, steal and out again. Honestly how many times do you nip out to the shops, or a friends just next door and leave the house unlocked or a window open? Never leave the house unlocked. Please remember we're here to help.



# LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

## New Head for Balby Carr

Mike Townsend has been appointed headmaster at Balby Carr School. Mr. Townsend is at present deputy head of Henley High School, Kirklees and previously taught at Brinsworth Comprehensive School. He now lives in Huddersfield with his wife and two children.

## Minister visits South Korea

The Rev. Ian Bell, minister at Hexthorpe Methodist, recently returned from South Korea. He was one of thirty British Methodists who were guests of the South Korean Church. They attended a conference where they heard of and witnessed the growing Korean Church. Twenty years ago the one Methodist Church they visited had 100 members, it now has over 60,000.

## Back to Victorian Times

Year 5 at Hexthorpe Middle School recently spent two days in which they recreated life in Victorian times. The children and staff dressed as Victorians and visited the Colne Valley Museum; they experienced a Victorian washday, dolly tub and all.

## Fear for the newts

The Hexthorpe Environmental Group are carrying out a survey of the newt population in the waters around Hexthorpe. Twelve members spent an evening on the Crimpsall searching for the Great Crested Newt. Few were found, which led to fears that the habitat was becoming unsuitable for breeding. You are reminded of the Environmental Group's coffee morning to be held at 39, Old Hexthorpe on Saturday, June 4th, 10.00 until 12.00.

## Found

A 10lbs builder's hammer has been found. It bears the stamp J.H.S. & S. 1947, with large initials PJ. If you are the owner please contact the Hexpress.

**OPENING HOURS**

	LUNCH	TEA	SUPPER
Tues	11.45 to 1.45	4.30 to 6.00	
Wed	11.45 to 1.45		
Thurs	11.45 to 1.45	4.30 to 6.00	8.30 to 11.00
Fri	11.45 to 1.45	4.30 to 6.00	8.30 to 11.00
Sat	11.45 to 1.45		

# It's a Pets Life

By Gerald Coley

## Plan for your Pets at Holiday Time

***A change is as good as a rest and we all look forward to a holiday - but if you are going away this year make sure it isn't a time of trauma for your pets.***

Plan your pet's holiday well in advance. Boarding establishments get booked up early. Do not rely only on recommendations - inspect the pet's temporary home for yourself! Make sure the kennel or cattery of your choice is registered and licensed and above all - shop around! Limited accommodation for small animals is available locally - call our Pet Helpline for details. (See below) Help us to make your pet as comfortable and happy as possible by giving details of its diet and meal times. Take along its own basket, food dishes etc., and/or favourite toy. Leave the name and number of your vet - and make quite clear what your instructions are . . . . you may not wish to come home to a huge vet bill!

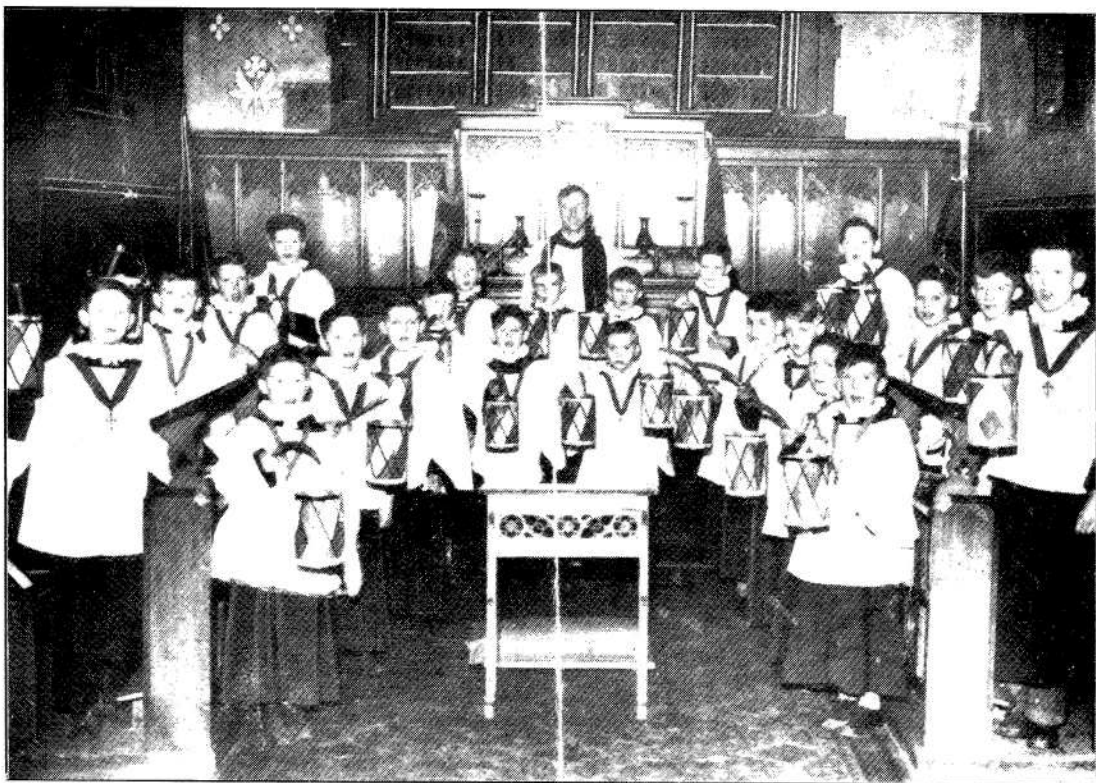
Many animals will fret when their owners are away and they are in strange surroundings. A good idea is

to leave your pet with a reliable friend - particularly one that the animal knows. Better still, get the friend to live in. This will keep your pet happy and have your home looked after as well! Leave very clear and detailed instructions on how you want your animal(s) looked after. The friend should set aside periods for feeding, cleaning, companionship and - in the case of dogs particularly - exercising every day.

If your dog is going away with you by car, take plenty of fresh water for the journey and do not feed immediately before setting off. Stop very frequently to allow the dog to stretch its legs and relieve itself or it will suffer varying degrees of stress. While on holiday make sure your animal wears a disc with the temporary address on it as well as the normal one!

Happy holidays!

*\* 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.*



*This is St Jude's Choir from 1948. The Vicar is the Rev. Back.*

*The photograph has been sent in by Mr Stuart Green*

*Can you identify the 'angelic' boys? Some of you might want to remain unidentified!*

# The Thirteen Shops on Hexthorpe Lane



Hexthorpe Road in 1977 just before demolition.

Photograph and article by Geoff Warnes Rail-Road Photographer, 12, Shadyside.

With their gently curving frontage the shops built about 1900 made a very pleasing approach to this rapidly expanding residential area. Planning permission was granted to Messrs H. Arnold & Sons in the summer of 1899. By June 1902 when Doncaster Transport Department were ready to operate trams the shops were already completed. the first one No. 19 was a fish and chip shop, 21 and 23 were run by Millard & Co Pawnbrokers and 25 was a sweet shop.

In the late 1950's the shops were renumbered 37 to 61 as on demolition of Bridge Terrace Hexthorpe Road 'moved' towards St James Bridge. They were occupied as follows:

19/37 Rogerson  
 23/41 Kateria, Watch Maker  
 25/43 E.L.Ibbitson, Hardware  
 27/45 E.Darringtonwater, Grocer  
 29/47 T.Ronan, Butcher  
 31/49 Batty, Commissions Agent  
 35/53 H.J.Frost, Stationary and Fancy Goods  
 37/55 F.Whiteley, Boot and Shoe Repairer  
 39/57 Petch, Fruiterer  
 43/61 Smith, Greengrocer

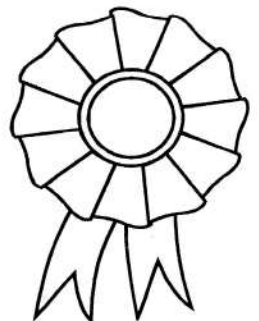
By 1977 the end was near for this block. Amongst the last occupants were Whiteley Boot and Shoe repairers and L.Ogilvie at 43/61 Greengrocers. By early 1978 the block has been cleared for the construction of the new Urban Road.

You are invited on any Sunday

**TO THE WORSHIP SERVICES  
 AT HEXTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH**

**10.30AM & 6.00PM**

## Gardening We hope to have a Hanging Basket Competition again this year



*Martin Rose's Garden Centre*

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# Centenary

1884

## St Jude's Church, Hexthorpe

1994

In the 1880's Anglican services were held in houses in the rapidly growing area of Hexthorpe around the Plant Works and railway. These houses were outgrown and in 1874 the School Hall was built, this later became the Church Hall and was knocked down in 1976 to make way for the through road from Urban Road to Shadyside.

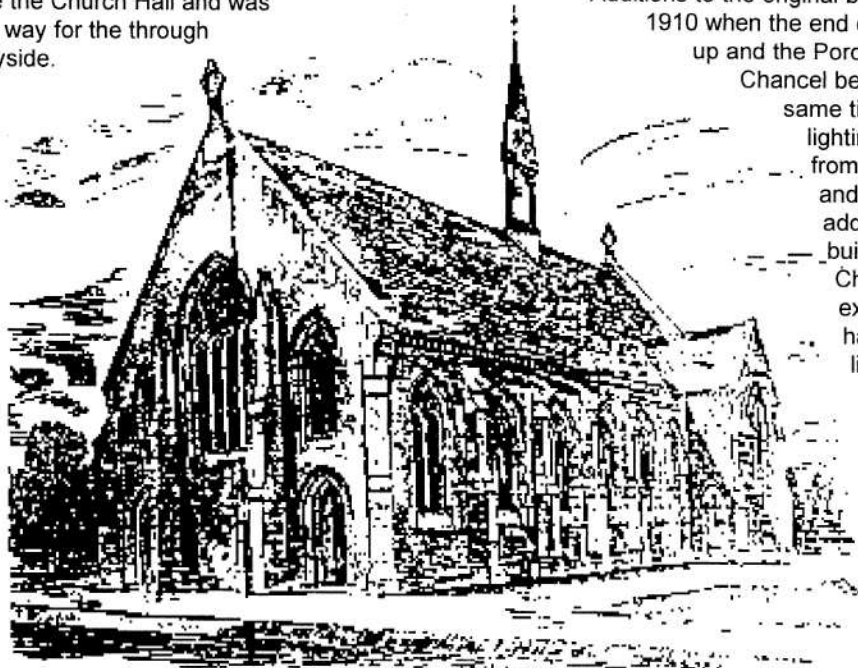
In 1883 it was proposed to build a Church for Hexthorpe on land given by Mr. Pybus with donations from Lord Grimthorpe and his sister, Miss Beckett Denison.

The builder was Mr. Anelay who estimated a price of £4,320, this eventually came to £4,500.

The Church was opened on Saturday 2nd June 1884 by the Bishop of Beverley, the next important landmark was 17th July 1900 when the Church was Consecrated by the Archbishop of York. Later that year the Parish of St Jude, Hexthorpe was formed taking part of the Parish of St James from St James Bridge to Gladstone Road with Rev. Pauling becoming the first Vicar. Prior to this date the Church had been a Chapel-of-ease and part of St James. In December 1930 the rest of Hexthorpe was removed from the Parish of St John, Balby and placed in the Parish of St Jude. After 1930 there were no further alterations to

the boundaries until 1993 when the Railway works and station were included in the Parish.

Additions to the original building took place in 1910 when the end door were blocked up and the Porch built, with the Chancel being added at the same time. In 1922 the lighting was changed from gas to electricity and in 1925 the Vestries added. Except for the building of the new Church Hall the exterior of the Church has changed very little.



Inside alterations have been made as forms of worship have changed, the original organ installed in 1901 has been replaced and the Choir stalls have disappeared.

### Changes Today

This brings us up to the present; to stem many of the rumours circulating in Hexthorpe we would like to reassure people that although a lot of members of the Church of England, including a good proportion of those at St Judes, find themselves unable to accept the changes being wrought in the Church, those people are to leave to find a Spiritual Home elsewhere and we wish them all the best for the future as we part in Love. Those who remain have been promised by the Bishop that a male Priest will be appointed to the Parish very soon, although not in time to celebrate our Centenary with us. This does not stop us making this a year of exciting events to which all the Parish are invited. Please support our efforts as due to the drop in numbers our financial state will cause problems in the near future, besides which we want you to feel part of our Centenary.

*Sue Wames, Churchwarden*

### Centenary Events for the summer



**Thursday 2nd June 1994 7.30 p.m.** Centenary Mass, Celebrant and Preacher Rev.B.L.Holdridge followed by a Cheese and Wine Party in the Hall.



**Sunday 19th June 1994 6.30 p.m.** The Bishop of Sheffield to Preach, followed by a Party in the Hall.



**Saturday 16th July 1994 2.15 p.m.** Summer Fayre in the Church Grounds.



**Saturday 20th August 1994 - Fun Day, Barbeque and Dance.**



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