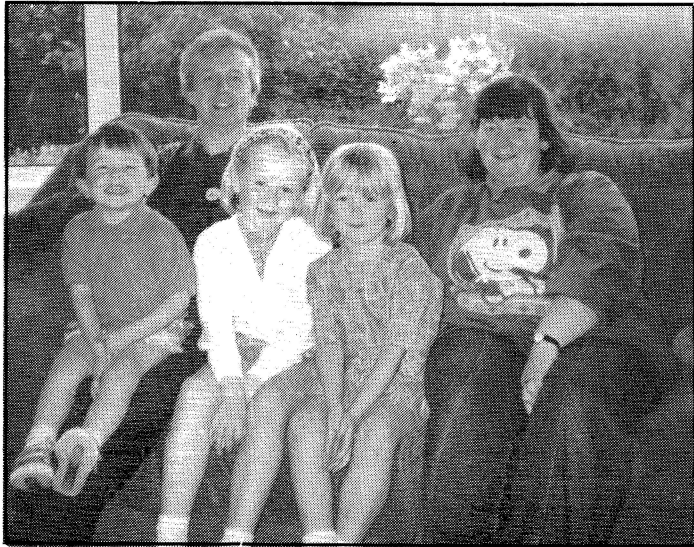


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is a special time for everyone and I hope that the coming season will be a joyful one for all Hex-Press readers.



One of the names given to Jesus, "Immanuel", sums up the heart of the Christmas message to me. It means "God is with us", and reflects the fact that when his son Jesus was born, God stepped into history and shared human life. As the "Word" of God, Jesus was a full and true expression of God's love for us. Living in the power of God's spirit, dying on the Cross, and being raised again, He made it possible for our sins to be forgiven and for us to have peace with God.

Good News is worth celebrating. We can invite Jesus into our lives and know that "God is with us" in a real way.

It gives a whole new dimension to living and means that we can know His presence in all the ups and downs of life.

May Christmas be full of joy to you, as you celebrate the coming of Christ, and may his love be real to you throughout the year.

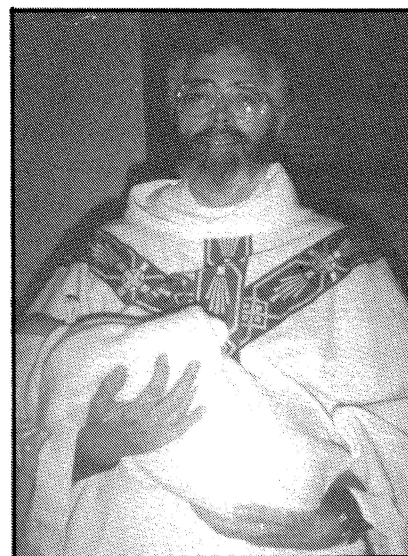
Ian Bell and Family.

In the hurry and bustle of the pre-Christmas rush, we tend to forget just what it is we are preparing for.

We dash from store to store, trying to find just the right gift for Aunt Harriett and not forgetting that final gift for our little one.

We bounce off one another often becoming short tempered, cross and flustered. All in honour of the birth of Jesus. It is sometimes hard to remember that the feast of Christmas is about preparing the Inn for the Christ-child.

Yet that is what we must be about. Jesus must be born in each one of us as surely as He was born in Mary, if Christmas is to have any real meaning. We must seek to be changed and renewed in Christ, so that He is born in us. Our gift to God this Christmas should be that we have become just a bit more like His Son during this past year.



We need to sit down just for a few minutes of prayer and think what it all means. Angels and shepherds, animals in the stable, Herod and Caesar, what do they mean to us?. Seek to find the birth of true joy and peace in all of these.

May God bless you all on this Feast of the Nativity (Christmas).

Father David Sennett
and Family

WEEKLY EVENTS

At 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

At St. Judes Church Hall
Playgroup
Mondays 1.15 pm
Wednesday 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

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GARDENING by N.B.R.

To propagate chrysanthums make sure you have enough cuttings. Some varieties produce many growths from below the soil, others few - so take stem cuttings from the base of the main stem.

Growth should be no more than a few inches long when taken for use as cuttings.

Many growths appear too early, many before the plants flower. Simply nip them back to soil level when they are two inches long. This will increase the numbers available later.

Pulling out early growths will remove a valuable source of next season's cuttings.

Chrysanthums can be over-wintered in boxes four to five inches deep.

Cut mainstem to six inches and wash as much of the old soil from the plant as possible, then trim straggly roots to five inches.

Box the plants up in seed or soilless compost, planting slightly deeper than the old soil level.

Ideal temp. 40 F - 45 F by day and

35 F - 40 F by night; an occasional drop to 30 F will do no harm. Stools should be kept on the dry side pre-Christmas.

Unless you have a greenhouse it is not practical to grow any variety that needs early rooting.

After Christmas, a few weeks before cuttings are required, feed with high nitrogen fertiliser to freshen and soften cuttings. Hard cuttings are slow to root, and produce few rootlets.

Cuttings should be 1 1/2 ins. long, taken from active growth - rooted in equal parts of loam, peat and sand, or your favourite mix.

Rooting will take just over a week at 75 F, 2 1/2 weeks at 63 F and 7 weeks at 40 F.

The air temperature can be 40 F - it is the soil temperature which is critical. So much for ideals.

Severe weather can delay things, and it is better to have strong fresh growths later than planned, than dormant shoots on a certain date.

OTHER EVENTS

At Hexthorpe Methodist Church

"Celebrate Christmas"

An evening

Christmas All - Sorts
for everyone.

7 pm Friday 20th Dec.
in the church on
Urban Road

Carolling

at junction of Kirk Street and
Hexthorpe Road.
Saturday 21st. Dec at 11.30 am

THE BIG DAY

Wednesday 25th Dec
10.30 am

Family Worship led by
Mr. Donald Reasbeck
(Children bring a toy)

New Years Eve Party
31st. Dec at 6 pm

HEXTHORPE'S "MONARCHS"
CONGRATULATIONS
Jumble Sale raised £160-00!!

Radio Cracker 1991

Imagine!

A Radio Station
in DONCASTER!!!,
created from scratch, by
local young people - broadcasting
fast-moving, up to the minute
programmes, to raise thousands of pounds for
Third World Aid and Development.

Well, in December it will be here. Doncaster,
along with scores of other towns and cities across the
Nation will have a
NEW RADIO STATION.

By making use of the Special Event Broadcasting
License Facility, local people in Doncaster, involving
many of the schools and youth organisations, will be
transmitting from Cusworth Hall for the three weeks
leading up to Christmas.

Radio Cracker is based on a concept of "Tune in -

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-Pay out"

Anything that people
will actually pay to hear
can be broadcast, record requests,
dedications, local carol concerts,
school choirs etc.. With advertising, business
sponsorship, competitions, jingles, news and music,
thousands of pounds will be raised for those in need.

All the money raised will be channelled into
existing projects, working mainly amongst children
and young people in the developing World.

So! Watch out for details in the local press - the
radio frequency is **101 FM** and tune in to Radio
Cracker in Doncaster, the station which is set to
break the mould of traditional fundraising.



Competition Winner.....

Please do look in your Hex-Press in case there is a
competition for your age group. The competition in
Issue 13 was for the home gardener. The one in
Issue 14 was for children and young people. Maybe
Issue 16 will have a competition for four year olds or
O.A.P.'s. WATCH!

SCOTT JONES

is the winner of the "Design an original Christmas
Greeting". Congratulations to Scott who attends
Hexthorpe First school.

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Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I am happy to respond to the question posed in the interesting article headed "Hexthorpe's once famous landmark" - Issue No 14.

Mr. H. Firth, headmaster of Hexthorpe Junior School (secretary of the Coronation Memorial Committee) invited eight of his pupils to represent the school at the unveiling ceremony at the clock tower. A boy and girl from each year were invited and Roy Bell and I were from the 4th year. I can not remember the other six scholars who attended.

The tower designed by Mr. P.O'Kirby, the Borough Surveyor was built by Mr. J. Butterfield who is still resident in Hexthorpe. The electric lamp at the top being a replacement for a gas standard lamp which had been on this site.

Alderman Morriss unveiled the clock which had a bronze plaque with the inscription "Erected by public subscription in commemoration of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, 19th May 1937.

Alderman S. Morriss, J.P. Mayor"

Councillor Scargill (from Old Hexthorpe) proposed the vote of thanks and remarked that the clock would replace the one Mr. Durham used to have in his shop close by on Hexthorpe Road, which was much used by people passing by.

This month will mark the 54th anniversary of the unveiling, and although the plaque has been missing for some time now, I think it would be a shame if any further deterioration was allowed to take place.

Betty Rix.

Eric Sentence, of Glenfield Avenue writes in response to the walk No 2 in Issue 13.....

The "Old Mill" in the sketch of the walk was the Water Wheel Pump House which not only supplied the Hall, but the whole of Sprotbrough.

When there was a flood, there was often so much water it actually stopped the wheel going round. We repaired the pumps, my father and I working as plumbers for Scargills, though Mr. Spinks was in charge of the Water Works. He lived next to the Church in the village and I believe he did this job as an "extra".

I can remember seeing him out with his wife, sounding the ground with a stethoscope, looking for a big leak. They had this engine, I suppose it was paraffin to work the pump.

Another note on the same subject,

.....it was a water pump that used to pump water from the well to the whole of Sprotbrough, this was before the Corporation took it over.

My late Uncle, who was a well known Hexthorpe plumber, was called out many times to repair it when it seized up.

Sincerely

M.H.



Dear Editor,

Congratulations on a very good Issue No 14 Hex-Press.

I have just moved into the area, into Gladstone Road, and I can't get over how nice and friendly the people of Hexthorpe are.

My girl friend Janice Taylor (used to live in Garden Lane, Old Hexthorpe) tells me I have to have my name printed in the Hex-Press to become a true native of Hexthorpe.

So as to get my "adoption papers" please print the following and make me a very happy man!.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to JANICE, KERRY, JODIE, and the
TAYLOR FAMILY
All the Best
CHRIS LOMAX**

Ed. Happy to oblige Chris! Welcome to Hexthorpe!

Dear Editor,

The other day I was walking in the Dell with a friend and a group of youngsters were having fun playing hide and seek, on their bikes, along the paths.

My initial reaction was "why not, they're not hurting anyone", but then families started arriving with toddlers, so I rather timidly asked the youngsters to transfer to the B.M.X. track, pointing out the potential danger to the toddlers. We continued our walk and I was delighted to find, on the way back, that the youngsters had indeed transferred.

But it did occur to me that the B.M.X. track is definitely just that!. Now that the B.M.X. phase is over would it be possible to make that area more attractive by planting some shrubs, so that it becomes more interesting as a playground?.

Any other ideas that would not actually cost much?.

Yours sincerely,

J.D.

(name and address supplied)



Dear Editor,

Through your paper I would like to thank everyone at Hexthorpe First school for the present they gave me on my retirement, and I would like to say that I enjoyed my twenty two years working there, very much.

The Headteachers, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Lawson and the teaching staff were always helpful and I was always very pleased to work with them..

Thank you,

Mrs. Barbara Crorkwell.


Dear Editor,

It is becoming increasingly obvious day by day , that Urban Road is becoming a bypass for motorists who are not prepared to wait in the Balby Road hold-ups.

As the improvements (?) to Balby Road move nearer to town then the traffic will increase through Hexthorpe in both directions. This will result in yet more atmospheric and noise pollution plus a high prospect of a fatal accident.

Is this situation to be tolerated?. NO, is the answer, so, what are we going to do about it?. Does nobody care about the future of this planet and its life kind?.

Yours sincerely,
Martin Towers
Old Hexthorpe



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Dear Editor,

A problem throughout Hexthorpe is that of dogs fouling the footpaths and the grassy recreation areas.

This is bad enough, but for the owners to bring their dogs to do their business outside pensioners bungalows and flats is NOT FAIR. Many of the people living there are not able to move the mess, and there it lies. What's the harm in that?.

Visiting grandchildren, such a pleasure to watch out at play, can not be allowed out because of the well publicised dangers of this offensive nuisance.

The nearest some people get to visitors is to look out of their window and see who goes past. They should not have this mess to look out on.

We know dogs need exercise but the owner should take their dogs mess home with them and dispose of it hygienically.

Yours sincerely,
A. Hemsley
Crimpsall Road

Editor. I have been told that in one area, photos were taken at the time of public fouling, and the offenders were successfully prosecuted!

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RECIPE

MEAT LOAFBarbara Latta

Ingredients

- 1 lb minced beef
- 1 onion finely minced
- 3 slices thick (stale) wholemeal bread, crumbled
- 1 clove garlic, crushed fine, or 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon
garlic granules
- 1/2 cup tomato ketchup
- 1/2 cup semi skimmed milk

Method

Mix all ingredients together in large bowl. Shape
into loaf shape on baking tray. Drizzle zig zag on top
with more tomato ketchup.

Bake 1 hour. Gas. 4

Serves 4 to 6

Sauce

Heat meat dripping and enough plain flour to
make roux, season well.

Mix with 1/2 to 3/4 pint semi-skimmed milk to
make a cream sauce, for pouring on baked meat loaf.

Serve with jacket potato and salad or with
vegetables.

Note:

A clove of garlic is just one piece, NOT the whole
bulb.

Walk No 4. To Cusworth Hall

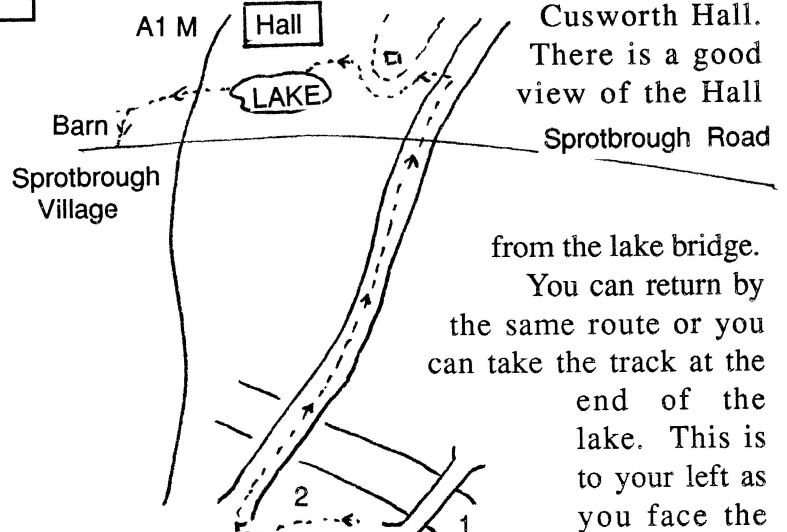
This walk begins again on the River Don on the
Flatts.

Walk down the river bank until you reach the
second bridge across. Just before it, take the path
which goes up to the left and climb up to the old
railway track. Go right and this takes you across the
river. The old track has been turned into a leisure
walk.

Keep to the track for about 1 1/2 miles. It takes
you eventually under Sprotbrough Road, with new
houses on either side.

You will arrive at a signpost which says
"footpath". Take the left one. This goes across a
field and you will see Cusworth Hall straight ahead.

Take the left turn at the next signpost; you pass a
white cottage on the right and the beginnings of
Cusworth lake on the left. Continue on the track and
go through a gate on the left into the grounds of



Cusworth Hall.
There is a good
view of the Hall
from the lake bridge.

You can return by
the same route or you
can take the track at the
end of the lake. This is
to your left as
you face the

Hall. It goes across open fields. Keep left at the first
junction, this becomes a narrow pathway, with a
ditch on the left.

It goes across a ploughed field and then under the
motorway.

Keep on until you reach a barn on the left. Take
the footpath just before the barn and this brings you
out on to Sprotbrough Road.

From here you can either proceed through the
village and down to the river and then back to
Hexthorpe along the river bank - or - turn left on
Sprotbrough Road and keep going until it crosses the
old railway track.

Turn right onto it, and then retrace your steps back
to Hexthorpe.

It can be muddy in places, and care is needed
when the track passes Sprotbrough Road, as the local
residents obviously exercise their dogs there!.

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CUSWORTH HALL

From several places in Hexthorpe, and from any house in Shadyside and Old Hexthorpe one can see, across the river, a delightful country house. Set on a rise in attractive parkland it has a lake, and a fine view of Doncaster and the surrounding countryside. This house, many will know, is Cusworth Hall, now the Museum of South Yorkshire Life.

There is a house in Urban Road named "Cusworth View" but it must be a long time since Cusworth could be seen from it, because of subsequent building.

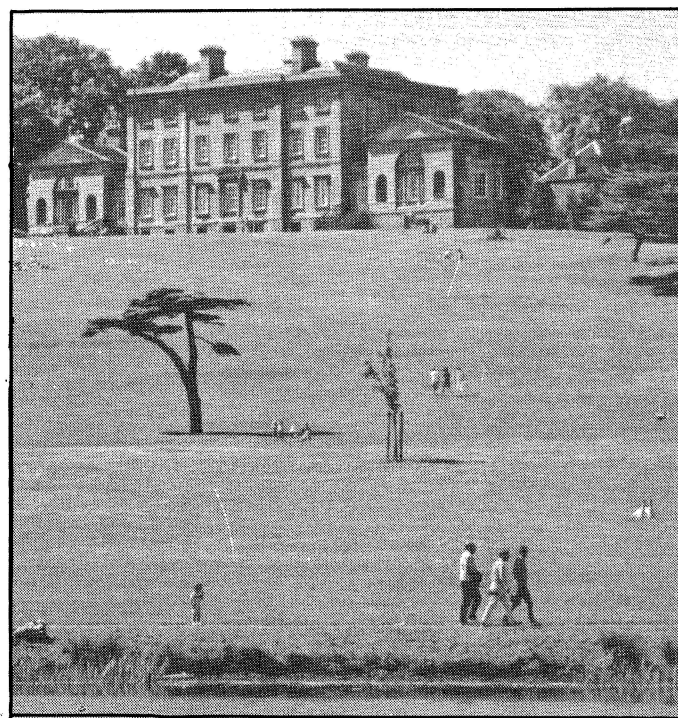
The estate of "cuzeunorde" (Cusworth) dates back to Saxon times and is mentioned in the Domesday Survey (1086). During the next five centuries it had many owners. However in 1669 it was purchased by Robert Wrightson of Hemsworth and remained in the same family (later called Battie-Wrightson) until 1961.

The present Cusworth Hall dates from 1740, when William Wrightson (Robert's son) commenced its construction. He employed the Rotherham architect, George Platt, who was responsible for the central block, the kitchen and the stable wings on either side of the main entrance. In 1750-54, James Paine, who designed our Mansion House, Nostell Priory, Serlby Hall and Sandbeck Park, and was an architect of national importance, designed two wings, a library to the east and a chapel to the west.

When William died in 1760 the estate passed to his daughter Isabella and her husband John Battie of Warmsworth Hall, hence the hyphenated surname. In 1763 John employed Richard Woods to design and arrange the gardens and park. This included the construction of three artificial lakes with a cascade so that they looked like a continuation of the river Don. Exotic ducks once graced the lawns and there was, until the second World War, a herd of fallow deer.

Various improvements were carried out by lady Isabella Battie-Wrightson such as a larger dining room, and a generator for electricity, but after her death the entire contents eventually had to be sold to meet heavy death duties and, after several uses, the now derelict house was bought, in 1961 by Doncaster Rural District.

After considerable restoration it was opened in 1967 as an Industrial Museum, but the emphasis



was changed in 1974 to social history and it took its present role as Museum of South Yorkshire Life.

The collections include crafts and agricultural implements, costumes, domestic items and kitchen equipment, material on childhood, education, leisure, local transport and industries. The Hall also forms a study centre for school children.

It houses facilities which allows educational activities based on the Museum's collections, including old fashioned wash days, printing on a 19th century press and various arts and crafts.

In addition there are a number of annual events.

Egg rolling at Easter - summer evening concerts - craft days - and evening of traditional entertainment at Christmas.

Why not pay a visit?

The museum opens weekdays (NOT Friday) from 11 am to 5 pm, and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm.

(from November to February they close at 4 pm)

Admission is FREE

Frequent buses from Northern Bus Station, buses 189 to Kempton Park Road, or 212 and 274 to the 'Mallard', being the nearest stop.

Editor acknowledges that much of this information has been taken from Dep. leaflet.

INTERVIEW with Dot Ardron

Dot is a well known figure around Hexthorpe partly for her many years as 'Aunty Dot, lollipop lady' and mostly for her ready smile and cheery disposition.

Share some of your early memories Dot.

I remember the ice cream man on his three wheeler, blowing his whistle and selling delicious three cornered lollipops. Lollies don't taste like that any more. After him there was a horse drawn ice-cream van in the Dell. Oh it was beautiful with illuminations running right from the park gates. Shops would loan out goods. I particularly remember Goldilocks and the Three Bears donated by Woolworths.

Who remembers the huge beech tree at the bottom of Bramworth Road?. We gathered up the fallen nuts and made necklaces.

Children!. Let the wind blow down the conkers when they are brown and shiny. You should not be throwing sticks and damaging the trees, just for unripe nuts.

We used to play at weddings, dress up and tap dance on a big wooden box. In my teens we learned to dance at a place in front of the Dell cafe and Mr. Lockwood ran those classes. Later we went to halls like the Cop.

You know where the River Authority offices are now - well German P.O.W.'s were kept there and one of them, an older man, made me a card with a lovely red rose painted inside and the words 'a souvenir from a German P.O.W.'

Oh the memories - presenting a bouquet to the mayor on three occasions, as I knew Mr. Shannon at the Lodge, but was I scared of his great dane..... Tearing up squares of newspapers, hanging them on a string for the outside loo..... wash day with it's boiling and scrubbing and mangling - we have it easy now don't we?.

If you could have any times again Dot?

Oh, leaving your door unlocked, leaving your bike outside, no vandalism. Why do they want to spoil the place they live in?.

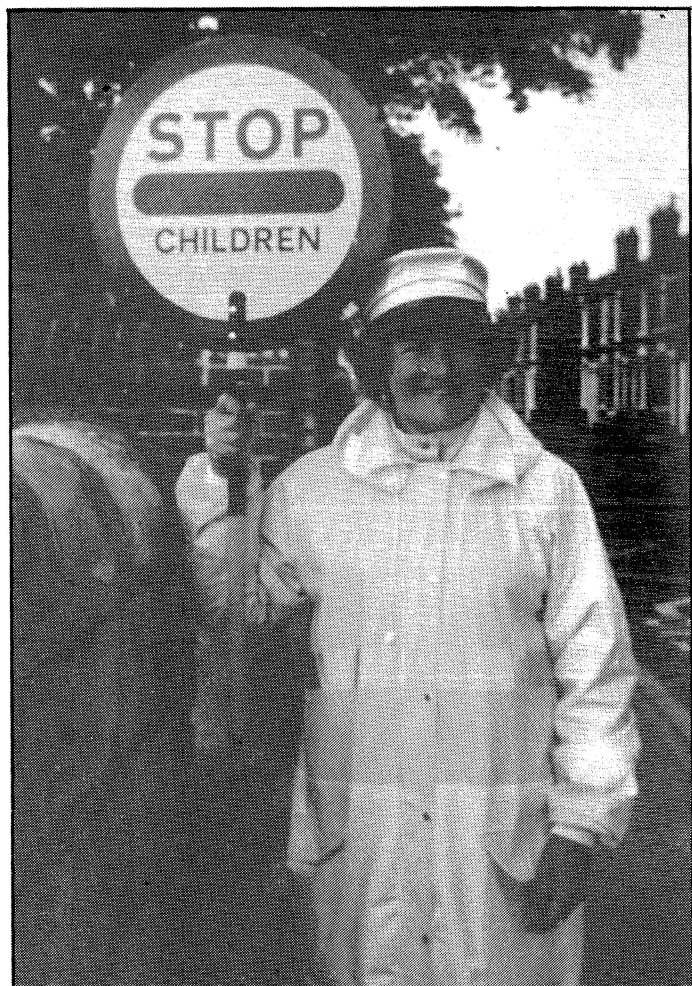
I've a rally unpleasant memory of one Guy Fawkes Night when I was fourteen and some-one lit a box of Bang O' Matches and threw them in the air. One of them landed on my hair, it caught alight, no one could hear my screams for the general noise and I had to run home, beat on the back door in a frenzied panic and my father ran out and smothered the flames with his hands. I had a badly burned scalp.

I've hated fireworks ever since - they should not be on sale to youngsters.

They are dangerous, unsafe, frightening!.

Tell me about your job as lollipop lady Dot!.

My crossing is by the First School. We've had four generations through that school in our family. My



mother, me ,my daughter and now my grandson.

I started in May, the 14th, 1980 - two weeks before Easter and the weather. We had wind, rain, hail and snow. I forecast good holiday weather and so it was. I was on the allotment from half past five in the morning till ten o'clock at night - by the end of the holiday it was weed free and double dug! But no one has ever thanked me for my 'good weather forecast'!.

I took over from Mr. Ward, who said, "you will look after them won't you?". Now mums tell me I CAN'T leave until their children have gone through school.

Lollipops Dot - Lollipops!

Well yes, I mark the end of the year with a lollipop for every child, some years as many as 400. I love to go into school especially at party times. I go in fancy dress. The children love it.

You've enjoyed your time as crossing lady have you Dot?

Yes, except when Cheryl died (nine years ago of leukaemia, in her early teens). It broke my heart, but you can't change what's happened, it's no use saying "why me?", others have similar tragedies and my faith helped me through. I don't understand how people don't believe. I do support Leukaemia Fund raising efforts when I can.

Thanks Dot. I've enjoyed walking down memory lane with you.