

The HEX-PRESS

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Successful start for the Junction

The Junction on Hexthorpe Road seems to be serving the needs of local people. Andy Ross, the full-time worker there, says that it is well used and has had a successful start.

The Junction was set up in September by the Methodist Church as a result of a survey. The Hexthorpe community expressed the need for a community advice centre, a drop-in centre and counselling facilities, along with a credit union.

Andy says that "The Advice Office is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., and is manned by myself and a trusty band of volunteers. We tackle a wide range of problems, and if we cannot help we find someone who can. I also do have home visits for those unable to come to the office. We have helped people to fill in various kinds of forms."

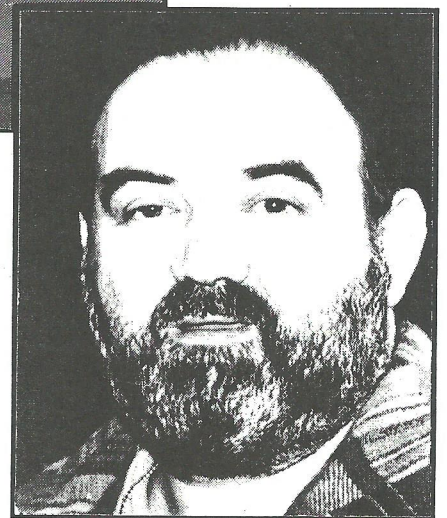
Whenever the Hexpress has visited the Junction it is always being well used. "The drop-in centre is busy each day with people chatting and having a brew or knitting jumpers for kids in Rwanda. At one stage we had some doing art work," says Andy. "Basically people are exercising the art of conversation and finding their confidence again."



Decoration and improvements are being made and Andy reports that "a couple of lads, and one in particular, have been helping out with the decoration of the main kitchen and new gates in the back-yard. He has done a good job. He says that it has given him a bit of self worth and keeps him occupied and off the booze."

Andy realises that at times people need

to talk in confidence about personal matters. He says "we always exercise strict confidentiality when it comes to personal stuff. As the T.V. advert says 'It's good to talk'. So I'm always available and my army of volunteers is very trusting and willing to help. So if you have a problem and you don't know who to see or how to go about it call in, or call me on 349341. Please dial properly or you will end up phoning the doctor's!"



WEEKLY EVENTS

Methodist Church Hall

S.A.R.A. Group
(Stay and Rest Awhile)
Mums and Tots Group
Thursday 9.00 - 11.00

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

You are invited on any Sunday
to the Worship Services
at Hexthorpe Methodist Church
10.30am & 6.00pm

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 7.00 - 8.00

WHO'S WHO

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The Vicarage
132 Shadyside
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HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY CONSTABLE

contact P. C. RIMMER
Tel: 366744

New Books in Balby Library

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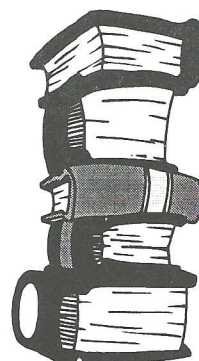
MOBILE LIBRARY

Week 1

Monday: Shadyside (opposite Windle Road)
12.00-1.15
Eden Grove 1.20-2.00
Friday: Shadyside (opposite Windle Road)
12.40-2.00
Shadyside (St. Jude's Church) 2.05-3.20

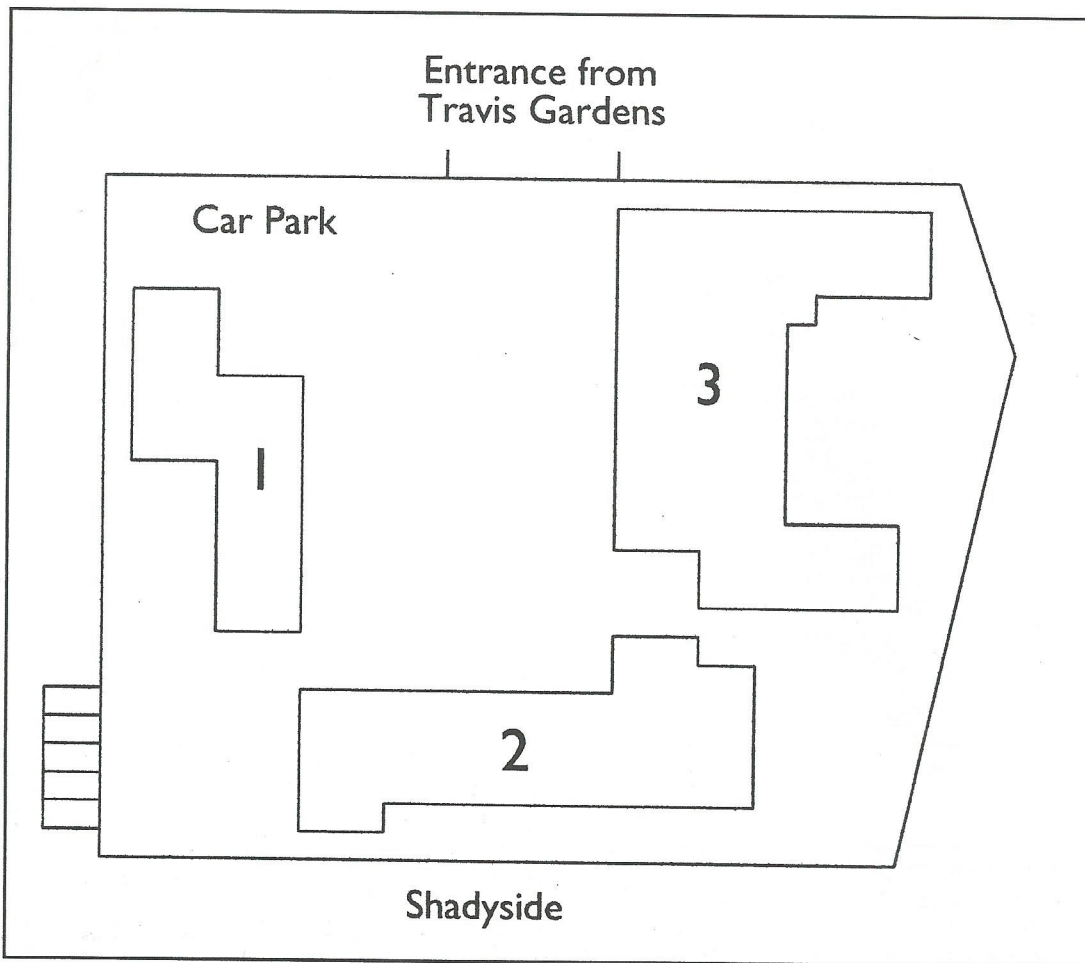
Week 2

Monday: Hawfield Close 5.15-5.45
Shadyside (St. Jude's Church) 5.55-6.30
Friday Hawfield Close 9.45-10.20
Shadyside (opposite Windle Road)
10.25-11.00
Eden Grove 11.05-11.35
Shadyside (St. Jude's Church) 11.40-12.15



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| February 6 | Week 1 |
| February 13 | Week 2 |
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| February 27 | Week 2 |
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| March 27 | Week 2 |

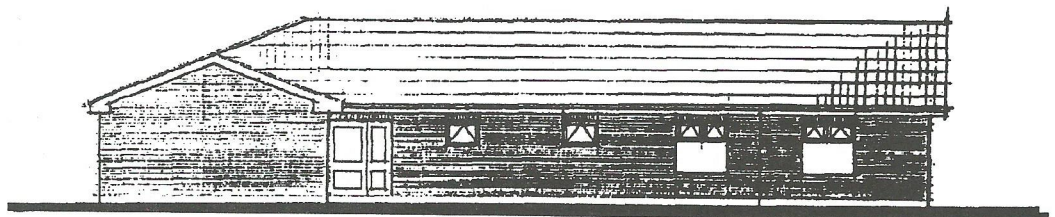
The Development at Shadyside Lodge



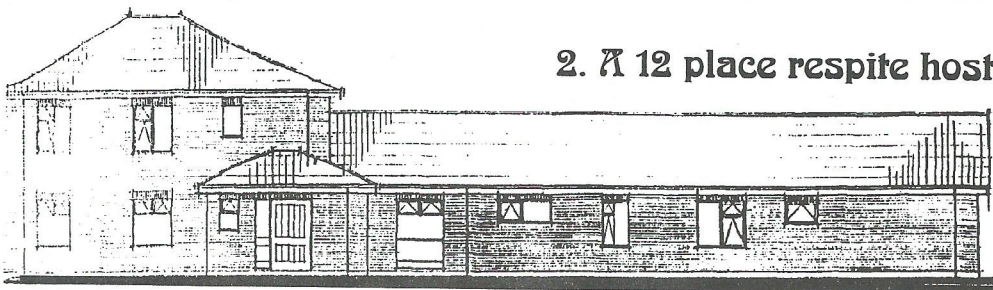
Many people have asked about what is happening to the old Shadyside Lodge site. Councillor Charles Harrison explained in our last edition that it was to be used to provide facilities for people with learning disabilities. The Hexpress has obtained the detailed plans of the development; contact Donald if you want to examine them. The diagram of the location of the buildings is not to scale but shows roughly where each one is to be built

The drawings below show the 3 main buildings. They are all to be linked by connecting passageways and the grounds are to be landscaped. The entrance for vehicles will be from Travis Gardens.

1. A resource/day centre



2. A 12 place respite hostel



3. An 8 place bungalow



LETTERS



Dear Editor,

The Tear Fund advert in the last edition of the Hexpress began, "It often seems that the world does not value its children." How true especially when it comes to the environment in which they live.

Children tend to be particularly affected by environmental problems and are more susceptible because they are small, growing and less prepared biologically for life's hazards. They tend to spend more time outdoors therefore breathing more air pollution and exposed to the sun's rays. Younger children are more likely

to place their fingers in their mouths, which are contaminated with pollutants.

High levels of lead in drinking water which damages their intelligence could be eliminated by a programme of lead piping replacement in the home. Air pollution from road traffic could be solved by measures to reduce it as it causes many respiratory problems. Every parent who has a child at Middle School should be concerned about them playing in that part of the playground and grass area near to Greenfield Lane because of this.

Another problem is indoor pollution which affects children through passive smoking due to others in their household who smoke - usually parents. An education campaign aimed at persuading parents to stop smoking at home because of their children's health is long overdue.

Other problems which adversely affect children are the ozone depletion, the effects of which should be explained to parents, that their children are at risk from the sun's UV radiation and global warming, that we all reduce our energy consumption at home and school and by using the car less.

Our children should be given more opportunity to take part directly in the policy making process so that their views are heard and listened to. Failure to consult children constitutes a breach of article 12 of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Britain has ratified, that all children's views on all matters affecting them should be given consideration with the age and maturity of the child. Perhaps our children should have been consulted about the proposed new Primary school classrooms shortly to be built?

Children tend to be the most enthusiastic supporters of environmental causes, they are playing their part. Let us ensure that we should be striving for an environment which properly protects children and one which values their lives.

*Martin Towers,
Avondale,
Old Hexthorpe*

Dear Editor,

When the old Hexthorpe Library was closed and replaced by the mobile library, we were told that a new library was still on the horizon. I noticed that on the plans for the centre which is being built near to the clock provision is made for a link to a future library. There is no sign of it in the actual building. The buildings on the clock site and on Shadyside site are welcome, but what about facilities for Hexthorpe people - a library, a community centre, a youth centre?

*Yours faithfully
(name and address supplied)*

| OPENING HOURS | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | LUNCH | TEA | SUPPER |
| Tues | 11.45 to 1.45pm | 4.30 to 6.00pm | |
| Wed | 11.45 to 1.45pm | | |
| Thurs | 11.45 to 1.45pm | 4.30 to 6.00pm | 8.30 to 10.30pm |
| Fri | 11.45 to 1.45pm | 4.30 to 6.00pm | 8.30 to 11.30pm |
| Sat | 11.45 to 1.45pm | | |

PHONE FOR ORDERS : Brian & Margaret 856843

End of an Era

Hexthorpe First School is due to close in July 1995 due to the reorganisation of the Educational system.

The school will be organising events for pupils, ex-pupils, parents, the people of Hexthorpe etc and various activities will be held during the forthcoming months.

Events

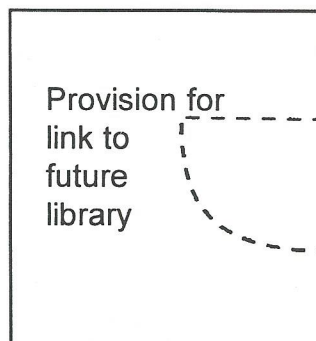
60's disco
Monthly raffles

Watch out for more details of these and forthcoming events at the school and in local shops.

Can you help?

The school needs memorabilia connected with the school's history. If you have anything that will help us please contact the school (855539).

New Centre



Clock Tower

Ed. this is what is in the original plans. What does future mean?

LOCAL NEWS AND PEOPLE

Miss Alison Pease of Urban Road married Mr. Harry Sundella Junior at the Methodist Church on the 7th January 1995. The best man was Gary Vulgamore and the ring-bearer was Stephen Donald. Alison has been a



nanny in Weisbaden, Germany for three years after leaving Balby Carr School, following her 'A' levels. She nannies for Susan, Scott, Casey and Emma, the children of 1st Sgt. and Mrs. J. Baldwin.

Harry's home town is Lancaster, California. He met Alison while being posted in Germany. He is crew chief for Huey Helicopters on the American Air Base, Weisbaden. They are both looking forward to their new posting in Fort Hood, Texas, in the spring.

The bride's mother Mrs Pease said "It was so nice to see so many relatives and friends at the Chapel. We were all appreciative of the lovely wedding service conducted by Rev. Ian Bell. We feel it was special in so many ways."

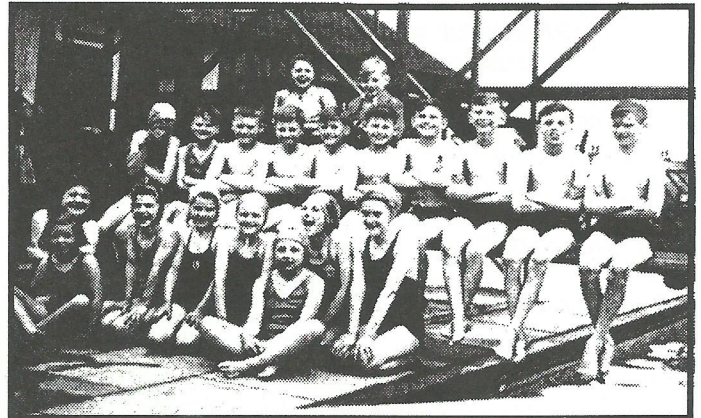
Cleared at last

Readers must be delighted to have seen that at last the eyesore at Hexthorpe Bridge is being removed. The site of the old school and the snooker club has been derelict for years. It was a welcome day when the bulldozers moved in. It is to be hoped that now the area won't just be empty for years but that some development will take place.

The Swimmers of 1947

We were delighted when Mrs. Fox (nee June Yeardley) and Mrs. Armstrong (nee Betty Davies) contacted the Hexpress with news and photographs of their schooldays. The photograph shows Mr. Watson's class, 4A of the Hexthorpe Junior School, on a school journey in Derbyshire. Most of them look as though they have been on a war-time diet, but some have made up for it since!

Swimmers Class 4A 1947



Left to right
Back row: Margery Farmer, Brian Gibson
Middle row: Mary Levesque, Ronnie Gillard, Howard Avril, Dennis Roberts, Colin Reasbeck, Kevin Joiner, Ray Harper, Eric Needham, Reg Jackson, Bob Herbert
Front row: Maureen Levitt, Rhoda Houghton, Joan Wilkinson, June Yeardley, Marian Badham, Barbara Robson
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It's a Pets Life

By Gerald Coley

Hundreds of thousands of pet, show and commercial rabbits are under threat from a disease that is steadily sweeping the UK.

Viral Haemorrhagic Disease (VHD) first came to light in China in 1984 and finally reached mainland Britain in 1992. Originally there was just an odd isolated case but now - particularly during recent months - the disease is becoming more widespread. VHD is rampant all over Europe where a vaccine is freely available. It is typical that, at the time of writing, no such preventative medicine is available here, despite strenuous efforts by many authorities led by the British Rabbit Council.

VHD is notifiable - that is, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) needs to be advised should you or your vet think that you have an outbreak.

This isn't always easy to determine as very often in the case of pet rabbits, the only symptoms are that they suddenly die for no apparent reason. When the symptoms are there however, they are very dramatic and horrible to see. Death can occur within 48 hours or animals may 'recover' only to die a few weeks later.

The disease is extremely contagious and deadly to rabbits but does not harm humans.

Most of the wild rabbit population was wiped out in 1953 by the equally terrible disease myxomatosis. Today they are back to their normal numbers. The very latest news is that VHD has now broken out among our wild rabbit population so that they are once again threatened.

Deadly DANGER to Rabbits!

The idea of such a deadly disease becoming firmly established in this country is very frightening. It puts all pet rabbits in deadly danger. Although there has not been a reported case in Doncaster yet, it is a sad fact that it is only a matter of time. Even if and when we do get a vaccine it will probably be very expensive - so the problem is not going to go away!

Since writing the above, a vaccine has now been made available in the UK and can be obtained at your local vet. But 'shop around' as fees can vary tremendously!

If you want to know more about VHD (including history, symptoms and what to do) send a large SAE to the BRC, Purefoy House, 7 Kirkgate,

Newark, Notts, NG24 1AD, and they will send you some very comprehensive information.

* If you have a specific non-medical query about your pet (or would just like to tell us about him) Gerald would be interested to hear from you. Just phone our Pet Helpline on 857104 anytime.

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Good News from R.F.S.

The outlook for R.F.S. seems promising. On the 8th of November all residual businesses and assets of R.F.S. were bought - supported by Venture Capitalists. The management team with Jonathan Mitchell as Managing Director formed R.F.S.(E) Ltd. - their new address is R.F.S.(E) Ltd., P.O.Box 400, Doncaster Works, Hexthorpe Road.

At the point of sale there were 180 employees and the business has been quite successful, with an order book of approximately £10M. Therefore employment is not only secure but is expanding. R.F.S.(E) Ltd has employed additional people.

Their spokesperson talked vigorously and confidently about the future of the works. Recently, on the news, it was announced that the Locomotive Society had been hoping to build one of the old A2 'Peppercorn Pacific' steam locomotives in Doncaster. There seemed to be a hitch and it was then thought that it would be built in Birmingham away from its original home, R.F.S.(E) Ltd say that "the Locomotive Society have only recently contacted the new company". We await developments with interest.

Hasty Pudding

This turns out like a steamed suet pudding with syrup, but only takes a fraction of the time.

Ingredients

1 pint milk
3 oz good quality margarine (or butter)
pinch of salt
6 oz brown sugar
8 oz self-raising flour

Method

Put milk and salt into a large saucepan and bring to the boil. Stir in the S.R. flour very gradually, and cook until the mixture thickens - stirring all the time, to avoid lumps. (Should now look like an eggless batter) Pour the mixture into a buttered ovenproof dish. Cut margarine into slivers and spread evenly over the top. Cover it all with the brown sugar. Bake in a medium hot oven for 30 minutes.

Handy Hint

Put a piece of stale bread in the grill pan when grilling meat, to soak up the dripping fat and stop it smoking or catching fire.

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Developments at the Junction

Andy Ross says that a number of people have expressed an interest in the establishing of a small launderette. There used to be one in Hexthorpe but there is now no local one. He also is exploring the idea of a Credit Union.

"I need to know from you, how many people would genuinely use a launderette" says Andy, "and how many people are interested in finding out about a Credit Union. I already have a small list of names in the Junction office of those who would support a launderette; so if you feel there is a need for one come and sign up or phone in with your name and address (349341). The same goes for the Credit Union."

He reminds you that "we also recycle furniture and good second-hand clothes. So if you have any or are in genuine need of any, please get in touch with me."

Another possible development is for youngsters. Other areas have libraries where they can work quietly at their homework. If you want somewhere quiet to do homework after school or/and want advice on any school subject then again contact the Junction. It may be possible to set times when that can be done.



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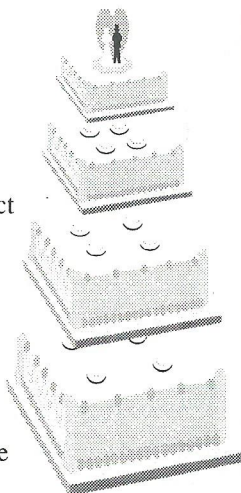
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