

The **HEX-PRESS**

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Another Successful Gala

The Hexthorpe Gala was again fortunate with the weather. Saturday August 8th was a fine day. The Gala, held on Eden Grove Sports Ground, was well attended and there was an increase in the number of attractions.

There were displays and stalls by local organisations, craft stalls, children's rides, 5-a-side football tournament and displays by the Police and the Fire and Rescue Service.

The organisers - the Tenants and Residents Association and Eden Grove members - wanted it to be a family fun day, and so it was. A profit of nine hundred pounds was made, which again will be used for providing some local facility and as a basis for next year's Gala. The organising committee are to be congratulated on all the effort which was put in to the preparation of the successful day.



The photographs show the youngsters enjoying themselves. The Gala was officially opened by Lord Harold Walker, the former Doncaster M.P. and deputy speaker of the House of Commons - see the photograph on the back page. It is good to be able to report that it was a trouble-free day.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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Week beginning

October

5 Week 1
12 Week 2
19 Week 1
26 Week 2

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9 Week 2
16 Week 1
23 Week 2
30 Week 1

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The 1976 Race Relations Act covers the following:

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Local People & News in Brief

The 1998 Mela

The International Family day was again held on the day after the Hexthorpe Gala on Hexthorpe Flatts. Next year, they are to be held on separate weekends. It was another day of lovely sunshine and thousands of people attended. The features of the day included Chinese cultural events, an Afro-Caribbean steel band which was superb, Asian Bhangra, Fashion Displays, Chinese lion dance, Asian and Chinese, Caribbean and English food. There were numerous side-shows and many rides.

The organiser did a great job and it was a good day, which was trouble-free.

The River Don is cleaner

An 11 lb a stuffed salmon has recently been presented to the Doncaster museum. This salmon, found two years ago, was the first one to be found in the river for more than 100 years. Although it was dead when discovered, it proved that the fish is returning to the river. The stuffed salmon is now on display in the museum. In June a live salmon was caught.

Dinner Lady Retires

Glenys Micklethwaite retired from her dinner lady job at Hexthorpe School in July. Glenys had been helping in the school for 20 years having begun in 1978. The acting head-teacher Mrs Anderson praised Glenys for her cheerfulness, helpfulness and dedication. There must be many in Hexthorpe who Glenys supervised at school-dinners.

Closure of Hexthorpe Youth Club

The Hexthorpe Youth Centre is now closed. The cost to the Leisure Service in maintaining the building has become astronomical. This is mainly due to vandalism, with broken windows and damage to slates.

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The provision for Hexthorpe young people is now transferred to the Balby Youth Centre. Mini-buses are to be provided to transport young people to and from the Balby Centre. The Hexthorpe youth leaders are transferring to Balby so that there will be a continuation of leadership.

The building has been transferred to the education service. It is to continue as a centre for disruptive pupils.

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Letters to the Editor

An Acknowledgement

Bill Wharin and his family would like to thank everyone in Hexthorpe for the many cards, flowers and donations received on the sad loss of their dearly loved wife, mum and nannan Hazel.

All donations have been sent to the Royal Hallamshire P.3 Trust Fund which directly helps Leukemia sufferers and the Leukemia and Myloma Research Fund.

Also many thanks to Fr. John Gilbert for his kind words and comforting service.

Hexthorpe Gala

Dear Hexpress

There goes another summer, even if we didn't see much of the sun. Still we were blessed by two good days for the Hexthorpe Gala and the International Family Day. They were both very well attended and the Gala raised over £900 this year and soon we will be having a meeting to decide where or what in Hexthorpe we spend it on, any ideas?

The Gala organisers wish to thank everyone who helped out on the day, as well as all those shops and businesses and individuals that very kindly donated prizes for the raffle and the tombola, and those who gave their time and equipment to make it a day to remember; well done everyone.

The Gala committee will start on next year's Gala sometime in January 1999, we are always looking for new people and new ideas, so come along if you are interested or you think it could be run better! The first meeting will be announced in the next edition and it will be at Eden Grove sports club.

Hexthorpe Gala Committee

A future use for the Plant Hotel

Dear Editor,

I understand the very real fears some people have about encouraging yet more ex prisoners to live in Hexthorpe, but I am sorry the Rock House Trust felt they had to back out of buying the Plant Hotel. However, they took all the factors into consideration and decided not to buy - they withdrew their application before the Planning Committee meeting, despite having been told by the Planning Dept. that they would recommend acceptance.

What a pity the money raised by the RHT will now be invested elsewhere, for their properly supervised home for those who wish to turn over a new leaf. What a pity they could not use their money to renovate and rejuvenate an ageing Hexthorpe landmark - those cellars could have provided wonderful workshops for the training of local unemployed.

But what will happen to the Plant Hotel now? The Brewery definitely want to sell. Will it be bought by some unscrupulous landlord who won't be as careful as the RHT would have been about who lives there? Or perhaps it will just fall into disrepair and decay, and be another boarded up eyesore to depress us all as we pass the gate-way of Hexthorpe daily?

How about Doncaster Council using SRB money to buy it for the use of our community???

JCR

Friends of the school

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Friends of Hexthorpe School to thank all the people of our community who helped make our Summer Fair such a tremendous success.

The Fair was held on Friday 10 July, and we raised nearly £500. We will keep you informed as to how the money is spent.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Wannabe Night on 18 June. This raised £200 for Sandall Wood Special School to buy an electronic scooter for the use of all its pupils.

The Friends of the School would like to extend an invitation to anyone young or old to come and join us in the Staff Room on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.30pm. Our meetings will resume on Weds 9th September, when we get together for coffee, chat, crafts and to plan fundraising and social events.

If any of this sounds of interest to you, then please come along and join us, any Wednesday, and give as much or as little time as you are able - you will be sure of a warm welcome.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Yours faithfully

Debra Cressey, Julie Anderson, Trish Clark & Karen Taylor
(Committee members)

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Policing and the Community

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This responsibility is not a new thing, it has been handed down through generations and it has never been more important as it is today. I hope to give you a brief history of policing and its role in the community over the next 12 months. I hope you will find it interesting.

Personal safety and keeping your children safe

The seven weeks holiday has ended, now back to school. A playground bully, an adult stranger, even a familiar grown up can represent a threat to a child physically or sexually. Most children at a younger age are now being taught how to keep safe often through special lessons at school. We as community officers assist teachers by taking lessons on road safety, stranger danger and how to look after their bodies. This usually includes keep fit and what are good drugs (Prescribed) and harmful drugs (Illegal) and what effects they have on their bodies and major organs.

You can help to keep your children safe, particularly the younger ones by giving gentle and positive advice in a manner they can relate to. I speak as a parent of three children and from a police point of view. Teach children everyone has rights to protect themselves and their bodies. Tell them never to talk to strangers and ignore any approaches by men and women they don't know. I am quite sure any well meaning person would not approach a child unless they feared that child was in imminent danger or in distress. Bullies usually pick on children who are either younger or smaller than themselves. Tell your children to tell a teacher or parent if they are being bullied or are not happy with what someone says or does to them. Instill in them never to keep secrets from you even if they have promised that person not to tell. Assure your children that no matter what has happened you will not be angry with them. Encourage them to tell you of any incidents. Find time for them.

There are some simple common sense ways for you ladies out there to keep and feel safe:

- ◆ Wear a white or light coloured outer garment at night.
- ◆ If you are out late at night get a lift home with someone you can trust or take a taxi
- ◆ Avoid taking walks at night in dimly lit or quiet places.
- ◆ If you are walking in the street at night walk nearer to the kerb edge, avoiding the dark building line.

- ◆ If you carry a personal attach alarm hold it in your hand, don't put it somewhere where you have to fiddle about to get it.
- ◆ If you are attacked make as much noise and fuss as you can, attract attention to yourself.
- ◆ If you are male you can help by taking care not to frighten women. If you are walking in the same direction as a woman at night, don't walk behind her, cross the road so she can see you out of the corner of her eye.

Useful contact numbers/addresses

Childline Freepost 1111 London N1 0BR 24 hr help line 08001111

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Anyone who wishes to speak with me about any worrying problem with their children please give me a call.

Until next time,

Bye,
Pete

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Hexthorpe Tenants & Residents Association

The day trip to Castleton and Bakewell was a great day out, (just ask those who went); we were eventually blessed with some good weather, as we walked around these lovely villages. Some of us visited one of the caverns which was very interesting and worked up an appetite; so it was good old fish and chips, followed by a walk round Bakewell market and a nice walk along the river Derwent.

Where next I hear you ask? Well come to the meetings with some ideas for next year and let us know. Over the next couple of months we will be looking at Christmas celebrations again, ideas are needed, don't leave it to the same ones all the time.

The next two meetings will be on the 20th October and the 17th of November starting at the usual time of 7pm. We are looking for speakers for these nights, so again ideas please.

We have recruited some new members recently, it is always nice to have new faces and hopefully new ideas in the way we work.

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The Junction Report

The Hexthorpe Pilot Scheme Questionnaire will be delivered to you soon now and some people from the village will be calling on you to collect them. There is a free prize draw for those who fill them in and return them, so look out for it and don't bin it. The aim of the questionnaire is to find out the needs of the community for a better quality of life, so please be positive in the way you answer your questions and let's have your ideas on how we go about it.

As I said in the last issue there is a multi agency approach to this pilot scheme and that includes us. Funding from the Government and through Europe demands that all new schemes must have local community involvement from the beginning, and so we have an opportunity to put forward the needs of our community, but we must first be prepared to engage, find out our needs and look to be involved in putting things right. Don't leave it to others get involved.

I also told you in the last issue that we have two advisors from a project called Access to Opportunities who meet in the Junction every Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. They are a very friendly team and already helped local people access some training possibilities and some benefits advice, they would like to see or hear from you.

We have been asked "when are you having another open day?" The next one will be on Saturday 17th October at 11am until 1pm. Come along and see what we do, have a cuppa and chat, there will also be a cake stall and a bric a brac stall. All money raised on the day goes to our tea and coffee fund. And we will have our usual one nearer Christmas time.

The furniture project is still kept very busy and we are truly grateful to those who have donated things and helped us help others that are worse off.

Thanks,
Andy

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Local News Continued

Carla's Litter Pick

Carla Gush and her friends noticed how much litter there was in the streets and back alleys. They had time to do something about it because of the school holidays. So Carla organised a litter pick one afternoon. Armed with bags and protective gloves seven children spent an afternoon picking up litter. "Whoever has the most bags of rubbish at the end wins a teddy bear", said the notice. In the end all the children received a small prize from Andy.

Those taking part were Andrew Jackson (13), Tyrone Miller (7), Danny Hayes (6), Adrian Gush (6), Carla Gush (9), Kelly-Anne Stecyk (11) and Stacey Stecyk (9).



Hexpress Comment

We hear so much of vandalism and bad behaviour by a few youngsters. However, it is good to hear of the two groups of Hexthorpe children who organised activities on their own initiative - one to clean up the area and the other to help the homeless. They are to be congratulated and encouraged.

The Town Bus-Stop

September was the month when the Hexthorpe bus stop in town was to be moved back to Duke Street. However, the transfer of the stop has been delayed for a few months. It is promised that it will eventually move. It is necessary so that the congestion for Hexthorpe bus-users can be avoided in St. Sepulchre Gate.



A Sponsored Roller-Skate

Another group of Hexthorpe children organised a sponsored roller-skate around Hexthorpe. They've spent four hours skating up and down the streets and alleys. The money raised was given to a homeless project.

The children taking part and shown in the photograph above, were Claire Brooks (12), Sarah Oates (11), Kelly Brooks (9), Kaley Oates (8) and Shanell Brown (11).

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Hanging Basket Competition Winners

Congratulations go to the winners of this year's hanging basket competition:

Mrs Linda Cook of 101, Old Hexthorpe, Mrs Florence Meloney and her niece Joan Ball of 18, Old Hexthorpe, and Geoff and Jean King of 6, Dell Crescent.



Linda Cook

Again this year it was hard to judge which were the three best baskets - there were so many lovely ones we have not space to mention them all individually.

Some households regularly put on a fine show, and it was also pleasing to note quite a number of new baskets. Overall, although there were only about 60 hanging baskets in evidence this year, compared with 144 in 1997, there was an increase in very attractive containers fixed to walls and standing troughs. The displays at 198 and 200 Shadyside were beautiful.

Many thanks to all those who have taken the time and trouble to brighten Hexthorpe up — we all benefit!



Geoff and Jean King



Florence Meloney and Joan Ball

Lord Walker opens the Gala

Lord Walker and the Gala organising committee

