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## **HEXTHORPE IS TOP PRIORITY FOR 20 MPH ZONE**

**Hexthorpe is in line for a new Road Safety Scheme. A 20 mph zone and traffic calming measures are to be introduced before April 2005.**

**Hexthorpe is classed as a TOP priority area. Over a period of five years, from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1998 to 30 April 2003, there have been 30 reported accidents in which 32 people were injured, 12 of which were children under the age of 16.**

An exhibition of the proposed scheme was held at Hexthorpe School, at which traffic management engineers were present to answer questions and listen to comments.

A recent change in law has meant that Local Authorities can introduce 20 mph zones without approval from Central Government. Doncaster Council has since made a commitment to extend these zones to all appropriate residential areas by 2010. Using the new priority listing, target dates for the introduction of 20 mph zones have been set for about 100 residential areas. They are:

- All TOP priority areas to be treated by April 2005
- All HIGH priority areas to be treated by April 2006
- All MEDIUM areas to be treated by 2008
- All LOW priority areas to be treated by 2010

**There are many types of traffic calming measures and there are situations where certain measures will work better than others. Pages 4 and 5 give details on the measures to be used and which streets they will be used on and will explain why. The Hexpress is indebted to Rachel Langfield, a Traffic Management Engineer, for supplying the details of the proposed new scheme.**

The main objectives of the scheme will be to:

- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Improve safety for pedestrians
- Improve the safety of the road user
- Reduce dangers posed by anti-social driving behaviour

Over the years there have been surveys and promises made on the safety of our roads. We have looked at former issues of the Hexpress and discovered that 10 years ago the matter was very much discussed. On page 16 we reproduce an article from the Hexpress of February/March 1994.



# WHO'S WHO

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## Recipe - Cauliflower Casserole

*A quick and tasty way to use up your vegetables.*

You need: a small to medium cauliflower, a tin of condensed mushroom soup, 125-150 grms fresh mushrooms, sliced 125-150 bacon or chopped ham, 1 large onion, peeled and chopped a little milk

Optional extras that go well with this dish: chopped red pepper, finely chopped celery, cooked chopped carrot, toasted sunflower seeds.

Steam or boil the cauliflower - don't overcook - at the same time grill and chop the bacon and sweat\* the onion, pepper and celery. Lightly cook the sliced mushrooms - in a separate pan - just until it makes its own moisture, then add the soup and enough milk to thin it a little, but keep a coating consistency. Transfer the cauliflower into a suitable deep dish, mix soup and veg and bacon and pour over the cauliflower. Sprinkle with toasted sunflower seeds if used and serve with triangles of toast.

This meal can be made in advance and reheated, covered in the oven or microwave, but if you intend to do this, slightly undercook the cauliflower.

\* Sweat: to heat slowly so as to extract the juices. (I had to look this up!)

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## Methodist Church Hall

### S.A.R.A Group (Stay and Rest Awhile)

Mums and Tots Group Thursday 9.45 - 11.45 am

### Mini-cruz

5 — 7 year olds Tuesday 5.30 - 7.00 pm

### Mega-cruz

7 — 11 year olds Wednesday 5.45 - 7.15pm

### Rock Solid Club

11 — 14 year olds Wednesday 7.45 - 9.01 pm

**You are invited on any Sunday to the Worship Services at Hexthorpe Methodist Church**

10.30 am and 6.00 pm

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## At Hexthorpe Parish Hall (St Jude's)

### Laughton Road, Hexthorpe

<b>Monday</b>	1.45-3.15 pm	Yoga
	7.00-10.00 pm	Line Dancing
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30-9.30 pm	Tae Kwon Do
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00-8.30 pm	Yoga
<b>Thursday</b>	5.30-8.30 pm	Tae Kwon Do
<b>Friday 2nd &amp; 4th in the month</b>	7.00-9.00 pm	Prize Bingo

### Other events as advertised

Hire of hall - phone 321569

Up to 5.30 pm £12.50 per hour

After 5.30 pm £15.00 per hour

### Sunday Services

10.00 am Parish Mass and Sunday School

**Regular meetings for you to attend and hear the latest news concerning Hexthorpe and also for you to ask questions.**

### TARA

Hexthorpe Tenants and Residents Meeting

Every third Tuesday of the month at

7.00 pm. in Hexthorpe School hall

It costs £1 a household per year to join.

### HEXQOL

Regular Forum Meetings are held along with the New Deal for Communities.

See notices around Hexthorpe for the time and place.



# Councillor's Column

**John Hoare writes:** I wrote my last column back in October. when I read it after Christmas, I realised that some of the information about rubbish was already out of date! My apologies if this created any problems, but the Council is picking up the pace in its efforts to deal more sustainably with waste so you can expect more new measures to follow-. The big move forward this time concerns any furniture or white goods (electrical mainly) which you want to dispose of. There is no longer any charge and the telephone number is 736960. Doncaster Re-Furnish will collect these items - if they can be restored for re-use, Re-Furnish will do the work themselves, if there are materials which can be re-used by others, they will be passed on, and only anything unusable will be dumped. Of course, there are also other charities, like The Junction, who can make good use of items in good condition, so we should be able to cut out that awful dumping which still is too common.

I have been asked about bonfires, so checked with Environmental Services, well in advance of the season! There are no laws prohibiting bonfires, contrary to what many people think, and no action can be taken against them unless a complaint is made about a "statutory nuisance". Apparently this could apply if a bonfire was being lit regularly and smoke was going into a neighbour's property. More to the point, immediate action would be taken if there were, say, that thick black smoke which things like tyres produce. The advice is - please recycle everything you can and only burn as a last resort.

Christmas and the New Year have provided me with some memorable moments in Hexthorpe. Joining the members of the Travis Gardens Communal Hall for their Christmas dinner at Burghwallis was great fun; they are fortunate to have Brian Cliff to work so hard for them. Two visits to Hexthorpe Primary School during January only went to confirm that the school's fantastic reputation is well-deserved and I intend to go there more often! And there was the New Year Social of the Tenants and Residents Association as well - which gives me an opportunity to remind you that all residents can' oin: meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at the school at 7. 00 p. m.

Back to business! New Deal for Communities is providing funds so that we can move forward with the installation of alley gates and of new improved

street lighting in the streets within the NDC area. This is excellent news for residents and my only concern is that this could displace problems elsewhere. I have already tried without success to bring forward improved lighting elsewhere, as much is below present-day standards, but we are still having our highway maintenance budget cut in real terms every year - it is not a Government priority. There may be more scope to extend alley gates further if that is what residents want: your councillors can assist with the process.

I have been around Hexthorpe with Bob Allan, the local officer for Community First. We identified various bad spots which his team will be dealing with. I'm much encouraged by this initiative - report any problems to them on 736000 and they'll do their best.

Finally, one of the most complicated issues I have had to deal with is Concessionary Television Licences for the over 60s. I think the system is a nonsense, but that is another question! However, I was concerned that a number of residents in Travis Gardens would lose their concession as a result of changes in lettings policy outside their control. Fortunately collective efforts have secured that while new residents will not receive the concession. existing residents will retain theirs. So some justice has been done!

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# Proposed New Road Safety Measures

## Road Markings

The area on Urban Road outside Hexthorpe Primary School will be treated using road markings and red surfacing. This will work alongside narrowing works at the junction of Old Hexthorpe to change the way the area looks and make the carriageway look narrower. Special school warning markings painted on the road and enhanced school warning signs will highlight the area to drivers.

## Flat Top Hump

Where Scarll Road, Windle Road, Nicholson Road, Salisbury Road, Gladstone Road, Shirley Road, Shadyside and Flowitt Street meet Urban Road a flat top hump will be built. These will slow traffic entering the 20mph zone and provide a level crossing point for pedestrians. These streets are the gateway to main residential area of Hexthorpe and will enhance the start of the 20mph zone.



## Speed Cushions

Ramsden Road and Old Hexthorpe are long straight roads, which encourage high vehicle speeds. Speed cushions will be installed at regular intervals along both roads to slow traffic. Along Ramsden Road the cushions will be placed in pairs, whilst on Old Hexthorpe single cushions will be placed with a buildout on either side to narrow the road

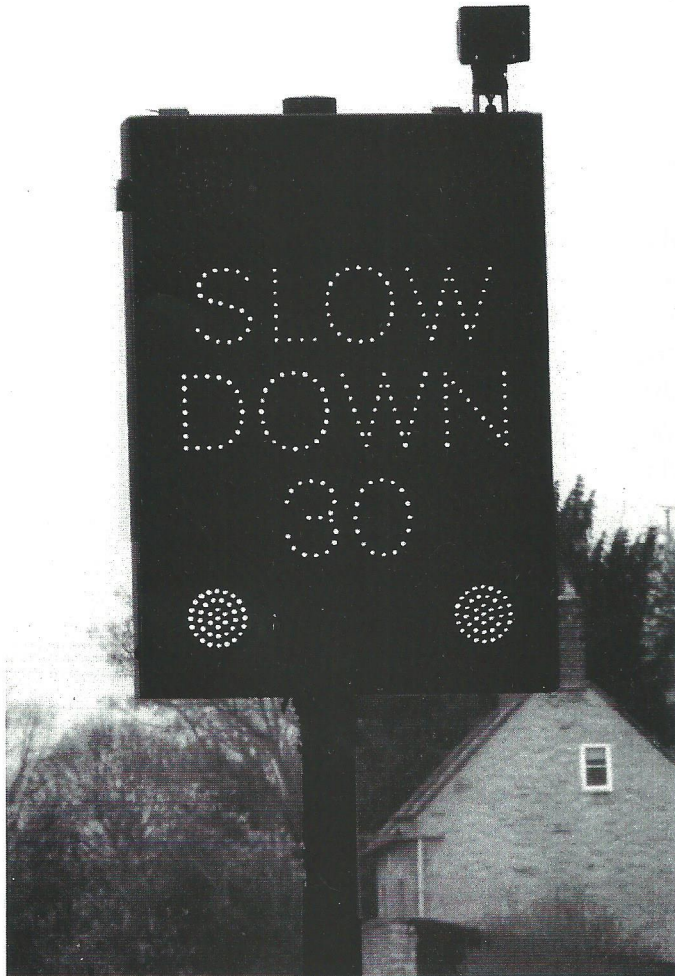
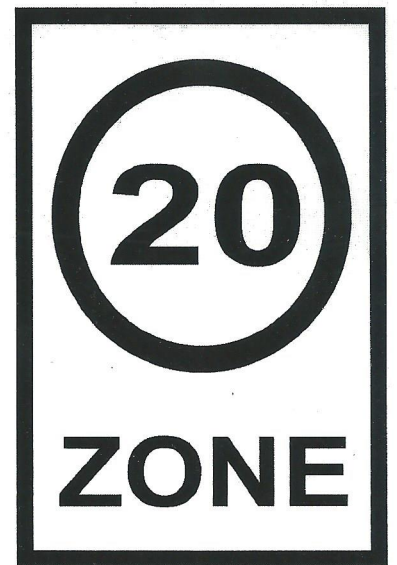




## 20MPH Zone Signing

All roads leading off Urban Road will be signed at the start as being 20mph.

Urban Road is to stay as a 30mph limit as it is a classified route and carries the majority of traffic through Hexthorpe including vehicles to the Plant and Industrial Estate. It is also a main response route for the Emergency Services.



## Vehicle Actuated Sign

A vehicle actuated sign will be installed on Urban Road next to the industrial estate. The sign will flash "30 SLOW" when vehicles travelling over a set speed drive towards it.

## Comments?

Contact Rachel Langfield on 01302 734049

We hope that the scheme will reduce vehicle speeds through Hexthorpe and will reduce the number and severity of accidents occurring in the area. However, we need YOU to help make this scheme work fully.

- How you can help:
- Drive safely and responsibly
- Join the Community Pace Car Scheme
- Use your car less for short journeys

And.....

- Pass the message on!

The valued co-operation and support of the Local Community is vital to enable the Council's objectives to be met and ensure the success of the scheme.

For details of the Community Pace Car Scheme contact the Road Safety Education Unit on 01302 737538 or E-mail [enved@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:enved@doncaster.gov.uk)



# A Creative workshop with DARTS and local people

Several days were spent with local people and children working on an approach to the stories around Hexthorpe. The following photos and account have been sent by Darts to the Hexpress.

Early February 2004, and we were exploring some of the social history of Hexthorpe. The group included artists from darts in Doncaster and adults and school children in Hexthorpe. We wanted to capture some of the local flavour, and used a creative mixture of local knowledge, stories, writing, art and music. This was real social history, the tasty nibbles of life which would spark our curiosity, and which we would share with the local school. If you had counted us on that first afternoon, we would have numbered four community artists and twelve or so local people. This number would have been deceptive. There were many more people present, brought to life by the stories, memories, photographs, interests and family ties that were revealed in the small church hall. Further magic happened - a map materialised onto canvas with pen and transfer images, and music flowed from a side room into the main hall, even as it was being written.

I gathered stories. People in my group were generous with their information, and passionate about their interests, including local characters, buildings and beauty-spots. Snippets about Hexthorpes' past - local gentry, teachers, plumbers, shop owners and people into 'this and that', all helped us build a bigger picture.

The Flats and The Plant were neither buildings nor flora, and I learned how steam engines could give you black freckles and how to cook your breakfast on a shovel. Treasure; to be handed out to children at Hexthorpe Primary, to fire their imaginations like the engines that were built, and coax more links with then and now. We looked at old maps and architectural drawings, books, photos and paintings. A fuller sense of place began to emerge. The Plant, the Slaughter House, the Ice Store were all on the map, and all vital local employers. Not on the map, but

clear in the memory, were the small local shops: cobblers, grocers, and bakers. Community spirit amongst the cakes and coal.

One group member had run one of these small corner grocers and brought her own painting, showing the view from her old shop window in Urban Road. She had sold all manner of foods there, fresh and tinned, and her favourite were the fruit pies that were delivered daily, still warm, from the local bakers. 'Tasting would be needed, of course, because quality counts. The children at Hexthorpe Primary wrote about what they would sell in a corner shop today. Beds, art stuff, shoes, C.D's, rabbits, musical instruments, fruit, hats, mushy peas, passports, first aid kits, lots and lots of sweets, cameras, videos, foreign coins, plants and 'tins of things' all had a place. I was given lovely drawings along with the lists that tempted my imagination further. Her small store had started an imaginative emporium.

The Ice Store, on Spansyke, was a vast frozen storage facility for animal carcasses. There were no farms in Hexthorpe, but lorries would come from outside the area to transport the meat in and out. Vera lived nearby, and one day a lorry driver called round





and asked if he could put 3 sheep in her house. Images of cavorting woolly lambs were soon dispelled as 3 whole frozen carcasses, wrapped in material, were put for a few hours in her front room. They were all collected later, but no chops were left as a thank you. The schoolchildren had also decided they would like to have animals in the local shops - but live ones, not frozen.

Bikes were the transport home for the workers who made the Mallard and Flying Scotsman engines. At its height, The Plant employed over 8000 people, making everything from bogies to Horsa gliders. An old air raid siren announced shifts, and the whole of Hexthorpe would know when it was the 7.30am start and 5.30pm finish. Eerie and accurate renditions of this siren were provided by members of my group, but were not included in the song. At the Plant Hotel, an organised barman would set out 20 pints of beer ready for the lunch break rush. But as the local historian put it - "a real miracle took place at 5.30". Thousands of people on bikes would leave the only exit to the works at the end of the day. So much momentum was built up that you could stop peddling your bike and still be carried along. Some small respite after the days toil.

During the Second World War, there was a huge fire at the Plant, which lit up the whole sky. Fire fighters had tried to mask the glow by 'smoking the engines' of the trains, but Doncaster was bombed that night, as the fire inadvertently aided the pilots. If any office files were mislaid after this, staff would say they had been lost in the fire.

The huge table that was in the Chief Mechanical Engineers office now resides in Doncaster Museum. This was the table that was laid with the 1941 Christmas buffet for the staff, with unexpected delicacies such as food in aspic and an unexpected man who started dancing on the table after drinking too much.

Engine drivers were also adept at letting off steam. There was a footbridge over the rail tracks to get to the Management Offices. The drivers would try to park their engines just under this bridge, and then let off steam just as someone was walking over it. They would arrive at work with their face speckled with black coal dust. A visual leveller.

The men who stoked the engines with coal used their



shovels to fuel themselves too. They would heat up their clean shovel in the fire and then cook bacon on it for their sandwiches. Chocolate and cola are popular now.

The owners of Woodhouses' Foundry lived in the Manor House. In later years Mrs Woodhouse lived there alone.

The letter-box in the windowsill of her Manor I louse was just the right height for letters and for local lads to shout through. I hoped that she would have replied to both with zest. The primary class wrote her letters about Hexthorpe today, and imagined themselves as workers at The Plant. Surprise has a real place in Hexthorpe. Plastic rabbits and foxes had helped to illuminate the Dell in Leger week, magical mystery tours from Bridlington may have brought you home early from holiday, and crested newts now reside in the Crimsall wetlands.

We heard about locals from the past. Cherry Walton - who grew them, Jane Ellicar who sold her plots of land, Mr Groom whose father had been one, Miss Hancock an intrepid teacher and traveller, Mr Scargill the plumber, not the union man, and Nellie Stagles who had her own dancing school.

A new map and understanding of Hexthorpe was created. It displays a mixture of present and past; the places people knew and loved. Songs and music were composed and performed. Imagined pasts and future dreams were linked and letters shared, not posted. Adults and young people together, discovering and celebrating the area where they lived and learned. Small in scale, but large with life, this project reflected Hexthorpe.



# Local News in Brief

## **Please Use the Community Clinic**

**Residents of Hexthorpe are reminded about the Community Clinic that is held every week in St Jude's Parish Hall. A lot of work went into the establishing of the clinic and everyone is urged to make use of it. It is open for all. We repeat the information that was given on the front page of a recent Hexpress. It is held on every Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.00p.m. Local Health visitors are in attendance. If there is anything that you are concerned about, then pay the clinic a visit and seek advice. The more people use it, the better prospects there will be for the facility to be extended. The clinic has been made available through the work of Hexqol in partnership with the Primary Health Care Trust. You can contact the Health Visitors on 01302 556167 or 01302 850521.**

## **Travis Gardens Communal Hall**

The Travis Gardens over 60s Bingo Club is situated on Travis Gardens Walkway between Old Hexthorpe and Shadyside. The Bingo Club is looking for

residents in the Travis Garden area who would be interested in becoming members of the club.

The Bingo Club is open on Wednesday and Saturday Evenings between 6p.m. and 8.30p.m. Those interested should make contact on 01302 818852 or contact the Communal Hall on the open evenings of Wednesday and Saturday.

## **Hexthorpe on the Net**

There is a fascinating site on the Internet that has old photographs of Hexthorpe and its people. The photographs include old school classes and teams, groups of children, street parties, church groups and evacuees. They were provided by local residents on a day held at Travis Gardens Communal Hall, two years ago. The Doncaster Archives has made them available. The site can be found at [www.commanet.org](http://www.commanet.org)

**If you do not have access to the net then please read the advert on Page 14. You can access the net for free at the Junction. Call and book a time on one of the computers. Help can be given, if needed.**

# Letters to the Hexpress

## **The Trees in the Dell**

**Dear Editor**

I get great pleasure from the many beautiful trees in the Dell and surrounding areas. It does bother me that so many of them are being choked with ivy.

I understand that this will in no way harm the trees, but it most certainly spoils their beauty. The silver birch seems especially burdened by this growth. One tree in particular, whose graceful branches I once enjoyed seeing from my window, now looks like a Christmas tree having a bad hair day!

I do hope the powers that be have plans to curtail this dominant plant.

Yours truly,

**S.A.H.**

Hexthorpe

## **The BMX Track**

**Dear Editor**

It is good to see the children making full use of the new BMX cycling track. What a pity no effective drainage system was put in place when it was built. I met two lads covered in mud. They obviously had enjoyed themselves! I'm not sure that their mothers would have been too pleased!

Is it too late to remedy this problem or will it only be usable in our rarer dry spells?

**A Grandmother**

(Name and address supplied)



# Cec Stirland

Some of our readers will remember what was arguably the most successful team that Doncaster Rovers ever had. It was in the winter of 1946/47. The Rovers gained the record number of points ever in a season. It was in the days when a win was worth only two points and the Rovers amassed 72 points out of a possible 84. Promotion was gained from the old Third Division North into the Second Division (now the First Division).



In the 1940s photograph of the Rovers team, on the back row fourth from the right, is Cec Stirland. We are sad to report that Cec died in January of this year. He lived quietly in his last days in Bramworth Road, Hexthorpe. We extend our sympathies to his wife and family.

Cec was a household name in Doncaster, alongside such other heroes as Syd Bycroft, Paul Todd and Clarrie Jordan.

We would be interested to hear from anyone who can name the team in the photograph, or who have any memories of watching them play.

We know that several Rovers players have lived or are living in Hexthorpe. Again, we would be pleased to hear about any of them from our readers.

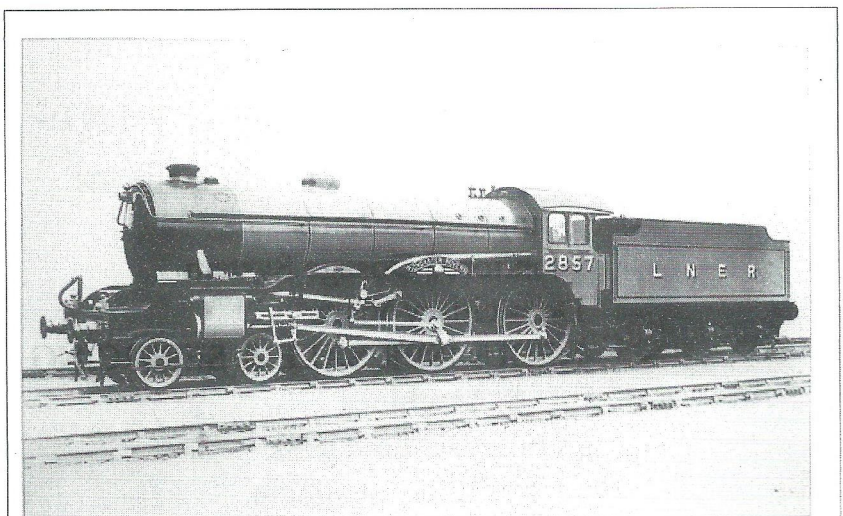
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# Hexthorpe Wardens Report

## Hexthorpe Skip/Clean Up Day

A number of pupils from Hexthorpe Primary School volunteered their services on a damp, cold November day. They all did sterling work and we, as Wardens, were very proud of them. We know they enjoyed cleaning up their area as a few have asked us if we are going to do it again! They were: Jennifer O'Brien, Kebbah Ballah, Fern Sanderson, Pam Sloan, Ryan Williams, Lucie Watford, Lauren Parker, Katie Nichols, Katie McKie, Samantha McKie, Ashley Thornton and Charlene Hammond. Thank you for your help!

There is going to be a roving skip around Hexthorpe organised by Community First- so look out for that; leaflets will give more information.

There is also a skip provided by the Thorne Road Wardens on the site opposite the Junction; for more information contact Lyn Gronnow on 342936.

## Personal Alarms

Your Community Safety Wardens Anne and Martin

have been successful in obtaining funding from the ABC Police Awards in order to be able to purchase personal attack alarms and 'stop, chain, check' mirrors ( these are small mirrors to put near your door to see who is outside when the chain is on ). They are for Hexthorpe residents- to promote crime reduction and enhance personal safety for the more vulnerable in the area. If you would like one or both of these items, please contact us on 368130 at our office at 27 Hexthorpe Road.

If you have any other issues you would like to discuss or tell us about please feel free to call us, we are here to help.

## Smoke Alarms

If you live in the New Deal Area of Hexthorpe, also known as the five streets, we have a consignment of smoke alarms that have been accessed for this area only. So if you live in the New Deal Area and would like a smoke alarm please contact Anne or Martin on 368130 and we will let you know when we will be calling on your street to give them out.

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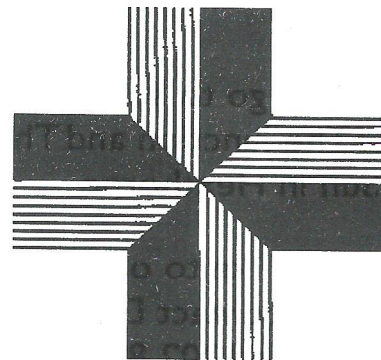
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# Pete's Patch

## Congratulations

**I have to say that reading the last issue of the Hex-Press I found it really interesting and entertaining and the paper quality was excellent. To any railway enthusiast the pages covering the 150th anniversary of the Plant works including the magnificent photographs of old steam driven engines were brilliant.**

What I did find interesting was the column from Hexthorpe Primary School Council, their investigative work and comments on things that they liked and disliked about Hexthorpe.

**One thing that did strike me was their disapproval at the amount of rubbish, graffiti around the area. This is not limited to Hexthorpe alone, this problem applies in various degrees throughout the Borough.**

In the early part of February Community First have a 'Make a difference action week' where they are inviting all agencies and the public to be involved. The week consists of various projects such as litter picks, tree planting, nature walks and recycling etc. I hope some of these activities will answer and find solutions to the comments made by Hexthorpe pupils. Keep at it kids!!

## Bad Investment causes nuisance

**I note that other problems on the rise is motorcycle nuisance. Prior to Christmas South Yorkshire Police did a media release in the local Press warning parents and children alike about the consequences of purchasing these motorised scooters. For all intensive purposes they look like a child's scooter with an engine attached to the back some have seats, others are electrically powered. These all fall into the same category within the Road Traffic Act, and are known in the sales room as Go-Peds.**

I am the first one to say let children have fun, but the amount of complaints I receive from councillors, agencies and the vast majority of the community make these machines an absolute nuisance and a nightmare for people who are worse effected.

This and other forms of nuisance are at the top of Mayor Martin Winter's agenda to rid the Borough

of nuisance and anti-social behaviour, hence motorcycle nuisance forms part of a Borough wide strategy in partnership with South Yorkshire Police to reduce nuisance and anti - social behaviour caused to residents, thus providing people living within the community particularly badly effected areas a better quality of life.

This form of nuisance is dealt with mainly by DMBC environmental services and the Police Reform Act 2000. This allows the police or council officials who apprehend or acting on complaints, visit the home addresses of persons who are using these machines illegally on the highway or in public areas such as parks, on countryside walks and footpaths. The first stage is to administer a notice regarding the nuisance and hopefully this would put an end to the matter by the person not riding this or any other machine in these areas. Just one point, if this person lives in accommodation owned by the council it may put their tenancy agreement at risk resulting in eviction.

If the person is caught or reliable information is received that they are continuing to use motorcycles or these GoPeds illegally a further visit is made, a second notice is served and the machine is recovered under the Act to Police approved premises for storage and final destruction. If caught by police on any occasion the user is liable to prosecution for offences under the Road Traffic Act such as insurance, driving Licence, protective headgear, lighting regulations etc.....

Looking at the whole thing more realistically and sensibly would you want your child to have an accident involving one of these? I think not.

My advice to any caring parent is to recover your costs the best you can and get rid of these machines.

The only place these may be used lawfully is with permission on private land and there is no suitable private areas that I am aware of within Hexthorpe or Balby. Information leaflets are available at Hexthorpe Primary School should anyone wish to pick one up. Please contact me in confidence if you are bothered by one of these machines.



## Letters to the Editor

I note that residents are writing to the editor more and more. I think this is good as people can read about other peoples problems and answers and remedies can be shared.

**One letter in the last issue concerns firework nuisance and I thank this reader for taking the trouble to write in expressing their opinion.**

The Firework Codes of conduct are very liberal and the government realising this are bringing in stricter control on suppliers and persons using and purchasing fireworks. The code at the moment allows suppliers to voluntarily limit the sale of fireworks to 4 weeks before bonfire night, bearing in mind fireworks can be purchased from numerous outlets all year round.

I have made comment in previous issues of the Hex-Press regarding this annual problem and I have to say that this period in the year gives rise to Police being diverted from their normal duties to performing high profile policing in other more effected areas of the Borough. My colleagues and myself within the community department were part of these extractions from our normal role.

The main core duty time was between 2pm and midnight for a two week period leading up to and covering bonfire night. This period in police terms has changed to one our busiest times of the year, superseding the New Year festivities which are traditionally a busy period. The bonfire period, like other essential periods throughout the year, are always a time where a police officer accepts cancelled days off, often at very short notice, and extended duty periods and this has been the normal in previous years.

**The period over the last decade has changed from an innocent selection of fireworks being let off by parents in their gardens to one where young people roam the streets often in gangs, using this period for public disorder and nuisance. Many using fireworks as a catalyst for trouble and nuisance.**

I have to say that in Central District where I performed most of my duties, police officers were often run ragged by calls from the public

Many new strategies are to be undertaken this year, so I ask responsible parents and young people alike please have more concern for other people. Those that would continue to cause nuisance and menace be aware!!

## A Big Thanks!!

Martin Sanders one of your community wardens has moved on to pastures new and I hope he will be replaced quickly by a new warden. Many thanks Martin and the Hexthorpe community wish you all the very best.

Anne Dalley can be contacted on 01302 368130.

## Parking Problems

**I appeal to parents and carers who drop off and pick up their children at Hexthorpe School in vehicles.** Whilst I appreciate many of you live in Balby or quite a distance, from the school this is no excuse to abuse the parking regulations around the school. Parked cars cause many problems for young children walking to school unsupervised, making the only safe place to cross is in front of the school. This area is supervised by a school crossing patrol officer or the lollipop lady as she is locally known.

Matters are made worse when cars are parked on the opposite side of the road to the front of the school, this can make her job very difficult and dangerous for the people crossing. When I teach road safety to the very young within school, I impress on them to find a safe place to cross where they can see along the road and to avoid walking between parked cars. This is exactly what they are having to do due to indiscriminate parking. I appeal to car owners, please think when parking close to the school and do not park on the double yellow lines or zig-zag lines surrounding the school premises. If the problems persist it may result in enforcement where car drivers are fined £30 on the spot. It's not too late for a new year resolution to start a little earlier and walk to school. That is a good time to teach children street safety and keep them healthy. If you do this encourage young children to show you how to cross roads. Remember you will not always be with them during play.



## NDC business

New Deal for Communities is the finding body that helps regenerate communities in specific areas. Hexthorpe has already seen items funded by NDC such as the perimeter fence around Crimpsall allotments, the pilot area where alleygates are situated on Spansyke Street and the now second phase which is rolling out from Stone Close Avenue, the new junction premises which was formerly the Rising Sun, the new BMX/skateboard track within Hexthorpe Flatts. These projects have been warmly welcomed by residents and verbal feedback has been very gratifying. There are other requisites planned such as the Mallard community centre. There are other areas of funding involving the youth which cannot be physically seen but are helping young people to improve their lives. The HexQual Hexthorpe Quality of Life Group need all the help and support they can get to improve Hexthorpe. Please attend local public meetings and give your support and show of strength to people working tirelessly behind the scenes to improve yours and the quality of life for future generations. There is an NDC notice board outside the Junction which displays meetings etc, have a look on your way past.

## The Proposed 20mph Limit areas

I do hope that some of you have attended the consultation meetings over the new speed limit scheme. This is where you can have your say on any changes or improvements made to the scheme. I am not going to comment too much about the scheme as the Hex-Press has asked DMBC traffic management to explain it to you in this issue. I would hope the scheme will make the area safer for all, particularly areas around the school, shops and senior citizens living areas.

## Quick Quiz

1. Shy and easily embarrassed, starts with 'M' (6 letters)?
2. Which Shakespearean play is this quote from? 'Now is the winter of our discontent'.
3. What does the Greek god 'Poseidon' represent or symbolise?
4. Which is the largest area of Sea?
5. The USA state of 'Tennessee' - what is it's capital?

If you wish to enter the quiz please put your name and address on the front of an envelope and write the answers on the back of the envelope and hand it in at Hexthorpe primary School during opening hours. The winner will receive a £5 voucher for W.H.Smiths in the post.

## Last issues Quiz answers

1. All plant life
2. Africa
3. The Rupee
4. The Lion
5. Arsenal

In the next issue I will give you up to date crime figures in your area.

If you wish to speak to me non urgently in confidence ring 01302 385217

If you wish to provide information to any crime ring crimestoppers on freephone 0800 555 111. Bye for now.

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# Hexthorpe School Christmas Concert

Here are some photographs from the Christmas Concert that Key Stages 1 and 2 presented.

The concerts were well attended, the children were superb and the staff are to be congratulated.





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***A Plea From The Hexthorpe School Council:***

# **PLEASE DON'T DROP LITTER!**

**The Hexpress has received reports from two school children who attend Hexthorpe School and are members of the School Council. They are concerned about the amount of litter in Hexthorpe and have held discussions concerning this problem. We are delighted to publish their reports.**

## **First Report by Amy Cunneyworth**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Mr Alan a member of the Council came into our school, Hexthorpe Primary School. He talked to the school councillors about how we would like to change our environment. The main thing about the meeting was the amount of litter that is being thrown on the floor each day. We suggested more litter- bins with better logos on them. Mr Alan said that it might not be possible, but he will tell his other colleagues about the ideas we gave him.

One of the school's councillors told us that near his home someone had tipped all of the rubbish out of the bin and onto the floor. We are trying to encourage people to stop dropping litter on the floor. Also Mr Alan talked about the people coming to sweep up the floor, he is trying to get the sweeping men to come round more often.

So please don't throw litter, for it is spoiling the environment; you are not helping the people who sweep the streets. You can phone a number which will let you talk about complaints of litter and they will come and clear it away as soon as possible. Further information will be carried out into the magazine.

## **Second Report by Paul Cressey**

On Tuesday 27 January, Mr Alan came to our School Council meeting at Hexthorpe Primary School to talk about the troubles that we put forward in the last Hexpress. These were mostly about our environment around Hexthorpe and Balby. We suggested placing more litter-bins with brighter and better logos on them. Mr. Alan said that he would have see about that and see if we could get enough money.

There are loads of litter on the streets and therefore it is a harder job for the men who sweep them. He also said that the would try and do his best to get all the information he could from then School Council. For any further information please will you call the Council help-line or go on their web- site. They solve all of your litter problems. Thank you.

**The litter help-line number is  
736000**



# The Hex-Press Archives

*Here is an article from the Hexpress of exactly 10 years ago - No 28 February/March 1994*

## Hexpress comment

It is fascinating, or perhaps sobering, to see that exactly 10 years ago the Hexpress was discussing the same subject that is on our front page in this edition. The 1994 article states that the Borough Engineer described Hexthorpe as 'a high priority location' and that 'traffic-calming measures will be considered when locations of greater priority have been considered.' It is now 10 years on and in the last 5 years 32 people have been injured on our roads, 12 of them children under 12 years of age. Some narrowing of the road was done along Hexthorpe Road, but radical changes were made.

The cynics will say that we've heard it all before. However, it does seem that this time some action is to take place. There is a worked out scheme and as a result our roads will be safer places to be on. That can surely only be welcomed.

## HEXTHORPE CLOCK



## 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 location," he said, "and traffic-calming measures will be considered when locations of greater priority have been treated."

A number of people have commented how pleased they are to see that the clock has been put back into working order and that the brickwork is receiving attention. There were rumours that it was to be pulled down. The clock has been a landmark for some 66 years. We reproduce here (opposite) some articles and a letter that have been in the Hexpress over the years concerning the clock.



# Hexthorpe's Once Famous landmark - Can it be revived?

(Hex-Press Oct/Nov 1991)

"The Clock" once stood facing Hexthorpe Rd. Coming from town you saw it at the junction of Urban Rd. and Shadyside.

Now it is a stack of bricks, on an unused, glass strewn piece of land, without significance to any newcomer.

In fact quite recently we heard someone express an opinion that it should be pulled down. It has been vandalised to such an extent that there is no sign now of what it was, or why it was erected. It is scruffy and an eyesore.

*When and why was it put up ?*

*Who paid for it ?*

*Whose responsibility is it now ?*

The answers are quite straightforward. It was erected as a memorial on the occasion of the Coronation of King George VI in 1937. It was paid for by the people of Hexthorpe. It was presented to the Town Council, who undertook to be responsible for its maintenance.

These facts are clearly set out in the Doncaster Gazette's account of its unveiling in its Dec. 16, 1937 edition. (Was any Hexthorpe resident there on that occasion ? Let us know if you were.)

The headlines read - "ONLY PERMANENT MEMORIAL - HEXTHORPE CORONATION CLOCK UNVEILED = Will Keep Time for "PLANT" MEN.

" Doncaster's only permanent memorial of the Coronation, apart from the trees planted in Elmfield Park, was unveiled on Wednesday afternoon.....It is a clock standing in an 18 ft pillar and surmounted by a globular electric light, and has been erected at the junction of Hexthorpe Rd, Urban Rd, and Shadyside, at Hexthorpe.

" The credit was due to Alderman Morriss, at whose suggestion every street had undertaken its own Coronation celebrations. The cost of the clock had been largely defrayed from the surplus of the committee's, and the remainder had all been raised at Hexthorpe".

" Alderman Morriss was quite sure the men who worked at the Plant Works would benefit from the clock. The railway in Doncaster had a reputation, not only for having the fastest trains, but for keeping the best time."

The "PLANT" workers had been brought up to keep good time.

" Alderman T. Bramworth then made the formal presentation to the corporation on whose behalf it was accepted by the Mayor, Councillor W. Corbett."

SO HOW ABOUT IT COUNCIL ???!!

## Letter from the Hex-Press

January 1992

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.

## Article from the Hex-Press May 1996

### New Faces in Hexthorpe

Report by G. Warnes

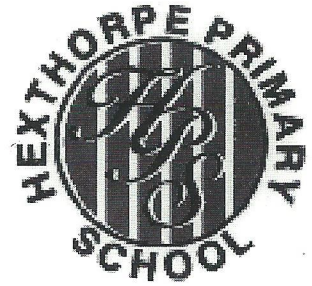
The long neglected Jubilee Clock Tower close to St. Judes church, has recently received a face lift. In fact two new faces have been installed due to the availability of a double sided clock mechanism from another Council building.

One side of the clock has usually been kept in working order but some people took it for granted that it didn't work due to its derelict condition.

Now that the clock has been put in working order it would be nice to see the globe of the lamp on top of the tower replaced. Also it would be appreciated if whoever took the dedication plaque from the side could replace it.



# Janet Foster



On Friday December 19th Janet left Hexthorpe Primary School to commence a new stage in her career in January 2004 as head-teacher of Kirk Sandall Infants School. Janet has worked at Hexthorpe



for the past 11 years and during this time has given exemplary service to the school and its community. Everyone who came into contact with her will remember her warm, lively, enthusiastic and vivacious personality which captivated pupils, parents and colleagues.

Janet was an excellent class teacher who always gave her very best to the pupils - she was always totally committed, loyal to the school and devoted to the pupils.

As a deputy head-teacher she was a great role model for staff and gave invaluable personal and professional support to me. There is no doubt that she has been a key player in the school's significant success over the last few years, sharing her expertise in so many areas including the early years and music.

So it was a very emotional moment as we all said our farewells on the last day of term. Janet was overwhelmed by the vast number of cards and gifts received. As usual, the parents demonstrated their remarkable generosity and many tears were shed by pupils, parents and colleagues as she left the school. Janet once told me that she had enjoyed every single day of her work at Hexthorpe and would never forget the school and everyone associated with it.

I know you will join with me in wishing her every success in her new position at Kirk Sandall where she will continue to build on her achievements and enrich the lives of others. Good luck Janet, thank you, and be assured of a very warm welcome whenever you come back to see us.

Cath Lawson