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## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

That was the question asked of ten well-known personalities in a popular TV series. Their family trees were researched, they uncovered their family histories and discovered fascinating facts about their ancestors.

It is a question that we can ask and can find help with the answer right on our doorstep. Did you know that the Doncaster Borough archives are to be found at the former Balby Primary School at the corner of King Edward Road and Florence Avenue? Also on the same site there is the Family History Centre.

The two centres have materials that can set you on the way to discovering your family tree. They hold copies of old Parish Records and also Census Returns. These are vital in anyone's search for one's roots.

In recent years the study of local history and family trees have become extremely popular. That is interesting, considering that many don't look back on their history lessons at school with great excitement.

Hexthorpe has a rich history and most know that it has a mention in the Domesday Book of 1086. The archives have many records of Hexthorpe's past. For example, there are old Ordnance Survey, Tithe and Enclosure Maps; old photographs have been deposited and all the old school log books are there. The archives can be visited free of charge.

There are still physical features in Hexthorpe that are a reminder of our past. The Hexpress would be interested to have information or

photographs of these, so that we can publish them in one of our issues.

Over the years courses have been held on the history of Hexthorpe. Some areas have a local history society that meets on a regular basis where speakers are invited to introduce topics of local interest. If there are any readers who would be interested in forming such a group in Hexthorpe, then the Editor would be pleased to hear from you.

The Internet can also be used to find historical information. Did you know, for example, that there was a large workhouse at the entrance to Hexthorpe? 'In 1837 the poor law guardians purchased for £690, two and a half acres of land in the Hexthorpe Road, on which was erected and finished in 1839 a Workhouse for the use of fifty-four parishes and townships.' Search for 'Doncaster Workhouse' and numerous sites will come up, with maps, plans, descriptions and photographs.



This is a photo of an old building in Hexthorpe; not beautiful, but it has many stories to tell and could soon be disappearing. Any offers as to where and what it was used for?

# WHO'S WHO

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**The Editor, Donald Reasbeck is hoping to produce a booklet about the history of the schools in Hexthorpe. If any one would like to send any memories they have of their schooldays then he would be pleased to hear from you. He would be happy to visit you to talk about it, if you prefer. Also, if you have any photographs he would love to see them.**

# 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

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### Rock Solid Club

11 — 14 year olds Wednesday 7.45 - 9.01 pm

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Services at Hexthorpe Methodist Church  
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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</b>	2nd & 4th in the month	
	7.00-9.00 pm	Prize Bingo

### Other events as advertised

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### 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.

# Hexthorpe School News

## BE SAFE VIDEO FEBRUARY 2006

The Children's Fund asked us to take part in the making of a video. The purpose was to make us more aware of what we need to be safe and how we can avoid dangers. We were told that making the video would help us to feel safe from bullying, discrimination, crime and anti social behaviour in and out of school. It would also be shown at a national conference on March 13th in Leeds.

So what did we do? Well just to make it even more exciting we were taught how to make the film ourselves and use all the special equipment. So we took turns to be the camera and boom operator, sound checker, director, presenter and interviewer. It was a life changing experience for us that we will never forget. Actually making the film, interviewing lots of different people and learning more about safety was fantastic.

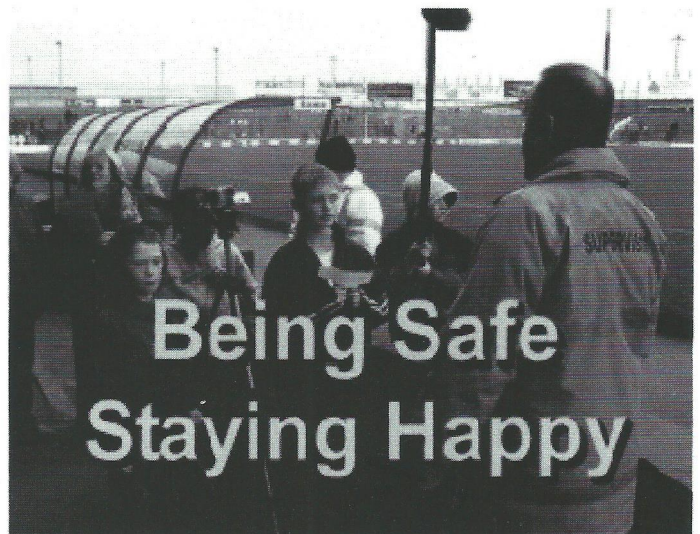
We interviewed safety officers at the railway station, PC Pete, Liz the lollipop patrol, Michaela from Community First, Pauline and Sue the dinner supervisors, Richard and Eric from Doncaster Rovers and football stewards, Brad from Doncaster Rugby Union club and Jenny and friends from Age Concern. It was just amazing and not only that, but we had loads of treats during the week. We went out for a meal, had free tickets for the Rovers game, and enjoyed a breakfast and tea party with our friends. Everybody was getting really jealous of us!

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We think the best bit of all was when we went to Hall Cross to see the first lesson of sight soccer with Doncaster Rovers. We met disabled children and interviewed their parents. It was just so interesting to see how the children could play and enjoy football with bells in the balls, and hear people clapping hands to give them signals.

We really enjoyed it and thought it was great to work with Rob who is a very important cameraman who works for the BBC. We may even become famous because our film is going to be shown throughout the country. Although we spent 4 days making the video and it is only about 10 minutes long we all say that we enjoyed every single second we spent making it!

Jeff Barara, Joel O'Connor, Jodie Oliver, Justin Halifax, Holly Hale, Jack Summers  
Y6 pupils at HPS



## CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP MUSIC AND DANCE PROJECT

In November 2005 Class 13 took part in a Creative Partnership Music and Dance project that was linked with the Arts Council, England. The project brought together six schools from the Doncaster area that had been specially selected for their enthusiasm and excellence in the creative arts.

The Year 6 pupils had worked with Anna Myatt, a music specialist from the York area, for one morning each week for the previous six weeks. Anna was absolutely fantastic in the classroom and everyone thoroughly enjoyed what they did. Pupils sang and performed a Ghanaian social dance, a rhythmic song from Zimbabwe, a rhythmic chant 'Rooftop rhythm' based on West African drum rhythms and an African welcome song. The atmosphere in the school hall for the dress rehearsal was electric and the whole school went out dancing after a terrific performance.

Everyone involved tried extremely hard as the work was both intense and challenging. The Hexthorpe pupils produced the most varied, colourful and entertaining programme of the whole afternoon. It was an experience not to be forgotten.

**Catherine Jewsbury (Assistant Headteacher)**

## OUT OF AFRICA

One of the most exciting projects, pupils from Hexthorpe Primary School has taken part in this year has been a music project, organized by Creative Partnerships.

Hexthorpe Primary was one of six local schools to be chosen to take part in the Doncaster Music Festival. The children in Class 13 were really glad to be taking part. Abigale Ketteringham said, 'It was one of the best experiences I've had in this school and everyone enjoyed performing.' We also learnt loads of new stuff like dances, drumming and a few songs such as 'Wo Yay Nurumbo, Mono Efa, Roof Top Rhythm and Chi Chi Cha. Our teacher, Anna Myatt, was a fantastic teacher and she was really good at the instruments and really good at singing. Anna made us some tie dye tee shirts and the dancers also wore coloured cloths. It was an amazing experience.

**Abigale Ketteringham and Jamie Clarke**



## THE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Members of Year 6 from Hexthorpe Primary School have been attending the Indoor Bowling Centre on Urban Road on a Tuesday afternoon at 4.30 pm till 5.15 pm. The children have learnt a lot of skills from Harry and Dave, who are adult members of the bowling club. Aaron Wild said, 'I would like to say how much I've enjoyed learning to play bowls and I would like to play in the future. When I first started I thought it would be boring, but it isn't. It is, in fact, interesting and exciting.' Rebecca Bamford enthused, 'As one of the children I would just like to say I have enjoyed playing bowls and hope to continue in the future.'

We would like to thank our local community officers, Everton and Lewis for the help they gave in setting up the club.

**Aaron Wild and Rebecca Bamford**





## ARTSWEEK 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS' FEBRUARY 2006

All the children were involved in our annual Artsweek and this year the theme was 'The Great Outdoors'. The school has developed a sensory garden and the theme for Artsweek linked in perfectly. Outside artists were involved and many children had the opportunity to work with a clay artist and a member of the Austerfield Field Centre.



The children experienced log slice painting, weaving with recycled materials, habitat building, designing and painting litter bins, making life sized sculptures outside, building bird boxes & feeders, drawing and sketching trees, painting terracotta pots, dance, music and making clay tiles and chimes for outside.

At the end of the week there was a brilliant music and dance presentation. The children also saw a photographic display of the activities that took place in the morning. In the afternoon we all walked through the classrooms to share the work achieved throughout the week. It was fantastic to see what the children had achieved and how much they had enjoyed the feast of creative activities. By reading through all the evaluations it was clear that yet again the Artsweek was a complete success.

Thank you to all the children, parents, support and teaching staff and members of the community who were involved and helped to make the event so successful.

If you are reading this article and you think you could support us next year or have contacts with local artists, please contact the school.

Julia May and Margaret Dorlin (Art Co-ordinators)

## There's a new girl in school!

Hexthorpe Primary has a new addition to its pupils. Dorothy Com or Dot Com as she prefers to be called, is the main character from a fantastic website aimed at Key Stage 2 children.

The launch, which involved the local theatre group and community police officer, introduced Dot as a person that the children can email in safety. The website [www.missdorothy.com](http://www.missdorothy.com) is a fun place with a serious message that we all have the right to feel safe at all times. So a big welcome to Dot and all of her friends from Hexthorpe!



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come to stay,  
just call round to say hello or arrange to stop for a day.

Come and meet Matthew and Sweetline too  
who moved in one December day,  
from Leeds and India they came so quite some miles  
away!

Elizabeth and Stanley from Thirsk appear weekdays and  
other times of the year,  
with friends who give a helping hand we're quite a happy  
and growing band,  
we'd like to meet you and invite you in - we will check  
there are biscuits in the tin!

So why are we here? What on earth for?  
Isn't there enough going on - in busy Hexthorpe  
with all its groups - why sing another song?

You'll have gathered by now that our verse is not good  
but our heart is in the right place,  
seeking to offer friendship and warmth and a very special  
space - for you ,  
your neighbour, your friend down the road, especially  
when life is tough,  
the counselling service may offer you support when  
things are rough.

A venue for groups is all set up so contact us right away  
we'll discuss what you need  
and work it all out and book you all in for a day.

Community is the word we use open, inclusive and fun,  
overlooking the lovely park where we take the dogs for a  
run.

Exploring faith and sharing meals, questioning, searching  
and free,  
we offer a space that may work for you as it seems to be  
working for me.

To offer safe space for the healing of pain is part of the  
work that we do,  
to feel ourselves cared for again and again helps us to  
think these things through.

The health and well-being of ourselves and the world is  
important to explore and release,  
our journey together includes our concern for justice and  
love and for peace.

This may sound too much and a bit over-the-top  
but the links are important to make so please come and  
see us



and bring us ideas to help us the next steps to take.

If you are wondering if this is right for you or your  
neighbour or friend  
just have a word with one of us and more details we can  
send,  
so that Hexthorpe Manor becomes the place  
that works for you and me so we can sit down relax and  
chat  
and enjoy a cup of tea!

(I think I deserve one don't you?)

For group bookings and to arrange a visit, contact:  
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# Pete's Patch

Hello Everyone! I am sat writing my editorial for Pete's Patch and it's snowing outside with temperatures at almost freezing. What's happening to the world? The funny thing is that in the South of the Country they are introducing hosepipe bans. What next you may ask?

## Previous subjects in Pete's Patch

I appreciate it is now April but I would like to thank children and parents alike for the quietest Bonfire period in the last 5 years. Incidents and reports of crime and anti - social behaviour were well down on previous years. Albeit there was a large police presence in Balby and Hexthorpe during that period there were plenty of young people on the streets and others enjoying bonfire fun with families and friends. Let us hope this continues in future years.

Several parents contacted the Youth Inclusion Support Service after fears and worries about their children becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. I do not know who these people are as everything is in the strictest confidence. I do applaud you for making the effort and I hope things turn out alright. Those numbers again are 01302 342185 or 01302 343083.

## Victim Support Service in South Yorkshire

Victim Support is a national independent charity for people effected by crime, these include victims, witnesses, their families and friends.

The service offers free confidential advice and more importantly support and practical help for persons who have suffered crimes such as burglary, assault, harassment, domestic violence, rape and murder.

If you report a crime a police officer will normally pass your details to your local branch of victim support, but you can also contact them direct regardless of whether or not you reported the crime or when it happened. The Service offers the following:

- Someone to speak with in confidence.
- Emotional support and practical help.
- Information on Police and court procedures.
- Support if you have to attend court.

- Help with criminal injuries compensation and insurance claims.
- Contact or referrals to other agencies.
- Advice on crime prevention.
- Help with housing or benefit problems.

Many witnesses feel worried about going to court, whether they are a witness or the victim of crime. Victim support runs the witness service throughout every criminal court in England and Wales. Trained staff and volunteers explain court procedures, provide you with a quiet place to wait until you are called to give evidence and help with expense forms. They will upon request show you the courtroom layout before the trial so you can familiarise yourself with the court and where individuals sit.

It is not just adults that are effected by crime. Children and young people can be victims and they may feel a wide range of emotions. As I have explained the service is a charity and you can make a donation which would go to supporting victims.

Your local Victim support offices are based at:  
Doncaster Magistrates Court Tel 01302 325419  
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The Internet is an excellent learning tool but if not used safely and wisely it can present dangers to users particularly young people and children. Chat rooms can be great fun. They allow you to air your opinions and discuss topics that you find interesting. Before you use chat rooms just ask yourself this. Would you just talk to anyone in the street? Would you tell them about yourself - possibly giving them personal information about yourself? Your answer is probably no, yet it is exactly what some people do in chat rooms. The point I am making is you just do not know who you are chatting to. If your child has access to the Internet draw up some rules with them.

- Do not access chat rooms unless parents/carers are aware.
- Do not give out personal details of yourself
- Never arrange to meet anyone unless your parent/ carer agrees and is with you.
- Do not publish photos of yourself
- Use 'moderated' chat rooms where they are monitored.
- Try to stay in 'public rooms'.
- Leave a chat room immediately if anything worries you.

Hexthorpe Primary School are piloting a new Personal Safety awareness programme titled [missdorothy.com](http://missdorothy.com). Part of this programme allows your child to contact Miss Dorothy through the Internet. This programme is perfectly safe and I would encourage you and your child to take a full part in this programme. Your child has their own confidential work book and by now you would have had an explanatory letter from the school about the programme. I myself have an input in the programme dealing with subjects of crime, their consequences bullying a minor input on the possession of knives and guns in public places. If you have any concerns please contact the school or feel free to speak with me in confidence.

## Quick Quiz

Name the largest/highest/longest etc.:

1. Continent
2. Ocean
3. Sea
4. Desert
5. Mountain
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7. Country (by population)
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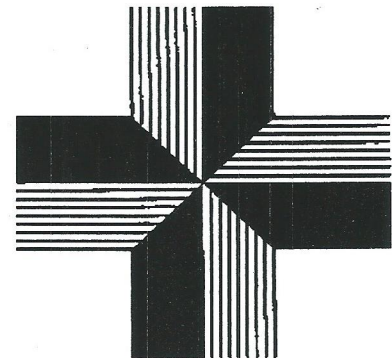
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# Letters

## 'I've had enough'

Dear Editor

I don't know about anyone else, but I have had enough of having to listen to the foul, filthy and abusive language from the pupils at the 'naughty boys' school on Shadyside. Some of the youths catch the bus into town between 12 noon and 12.30 and 3.00p.m. during term time. I have spoken once or twice to the Head of the school about this appalling behaviour, but the response always is, 'Once the boys are out of the school grounds they are not our concern.' Maybe so, but surely while they are at school some form of everyday manners could be drummed into them. Only yesterday, whilst waiting for the 12.15 bus, I asked some of them to watch their language, only to be told where to go and what to do...and then the bad language continues on the journey into town.

Perhaps our local policeman, P.C. Pete, could spend a little less time at the local primary school playing at being Percy Thrower and spend some time trying to sort out these other 'school children'. Until something is done about these pupils, I for one will not be travelling into town when I know they are around.

Tony Blair's respect policy is certainly unheard of here.

*Mrs M Drake*

## Hexpress Comment

It has been good to see the displays of spring flowers. Particularly impressive have been the flowers in the grounds of St Jude's Church. We hope that people have enjoyed them. Also, there has been the yearly colourful display of daffodils in the play area off Urban Road.

How disappointing then to see that a considerable number of the daffodils have been trampled on. Ah, it's the children again, was probably the first thought that came to most of our minds. However, not so, because not for the first time two senior citizens were seen walking their dogs there. They allowed them to wander through the flowers, trampling some down and then watched their dogs foul the area, without offering to clean up after them. One elderly lady has even been seen digging up plants in the Dell!

Quite rightly, one of our readers complains about the behaviour of some of the pupils from the Shadyside School Centre. It is utterly unacceptable. However, isn't it good that our Primary School pupils have an allotment so that they nurture an interest in the natural world. When they grow up they will have a proper respect for their environment and hopefully treat the flowers in a better way than the example set by just a few of their older residents.

## Rovers Players at School

Dear Editor

Did you know that there is a Football Club on Fridays at our school. On the 10th of March two Rovers players called Lewis Guy and Leo Fortune-West came and played football with us. I was there. We asked questions and then we went out to get warmed up. Leo joined in the warm up. Then we split up into two sides and had a match. Lewis was on my side and Leo was with the other group. Then we got their signatures – great – ahh! We all went home smiley and cool. Thank you Doncaster Rovers.

*Emma Reasbeck (8 years old)*



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## Walking for Health

Short organized walks have been arranged with health in mind. You can visit different areas in Doncaster while meeting new people and getting exercise. They are suitable for all abilities. Where transport is provided a small cost may be required.

Alternate Fridays, meet at Hexthorpe Flatts gates at 1.30 p.m. 28th April; 12th, 26th May; 9th, 23rd June; 14th, 28th July; 11th, 25th August.

Refreshments are available at The Junction after the walks.

For more information, contact John or Judith at the Junction on 349341.

## Community First Safety Wardens

If you need to see the Community First Safety Wardens, they are available at the Junction (28 Hexthorpe Road) every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Since their office is no longer in Hexthorpe it has been difficult to contact them. They hope that this drop in at the Junction will prove to be useful. You will be able to see them in private and any matters you raise will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. Ann Dalley and John McGhee (the Community First Safety Wardens) look forward to seeing you there.

## Road Safety Measures

The road safety measures work has now been finished and most of Hexthorpe has now a 20 mph speed restriction, with Old Hexthorpe and Ramsden Road having 'speed retarding bumps'. We would be interested to hear from readers as to what they think about the success of these measures. Have they made any difference? Do people feel safer? Have they helped in the important school area where our children go every day?

## Methodist President at the Junction

The President of the British Methodist Church visited the Junction recently. He wanted to see the work that is done there and to meet some of the people who visit during the week. He expressed himself impressed by what he observed and the local people he met.

## Mr Webster

In the last few issues of the Hexpress we have published articles written by Mr Louis Webster, who was 101 years old in January. We have to report that he has now died. He was born in Hexthorpe in 1905 and wrote down an account of his life, particularly of his early years. We hope to be able to publish some more of his memories in future editions. He was well known by people who still live in Hexthorpe and so we include this item of news.



## Luncheon Club

A monthly Luncheon Club is held in the Methodist Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. Here are some of the regulars enjoying their meal.