

# ***THE HEXPRESS***

YOUR FREE HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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## **Future Graduates? Pupils Visit University**

**On Wednesday 12th June, 20 pupils from Hexthorpe Primary Academy visited York University as part of the Shine Project.**



The aim of the day was to give the children a broader understanding of their options when they leave school and college at 18. The event gave them a good understanding of the types of courses offered by most universities, as well as some of the extra-curricular activities that students can take part in.

One of their teachers said, “The children behaved brilliantly throughout the day. They showed great listening and questioning skills when they were on the tour of the campus. During the afternoon, the children even got to take part in their own mini-graduation, complete with caps and gowns.”

## ***WHO'S WHO***

### **Local Councillors**

Sue Wilkinson Tel. 01302 817206

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### **Methodist Minister**

Rev Jon Bellfield Tel. 07766397708

### **Parish Priest**

Fr Stephen Edmonds Tel. 01709 858358

### **Hexthorpe Community Constable**

Contact Sergeant Butler Tel: 01302 385339

### **Stronger Community Officers**

Contact: Tel. 01302 736930

### **PACT MEETINGS**

These are held every four weeks at 2.00pm at St Jude's Parish Hall. All residents are invited to meet and ask questions of the local police officers. Contact E Coyne on 01302 328626 for dates of meetings.

### **The Junction**

The Junction is open to all from 10.00am-4.00pm each weekday. There is a comfortable drop-in where you can spend as much or as little time as you like. You can have a tea or coffee and join in the friendly chat or just sit in peace.

Members of staff are happy to talk privately with you if you need to talk over something, or need some specific advice or help. There is a computer suite with free broadband access for all. Free computer courses are also available. For further information or help please call in or ring 01302 349341.

***Any letters, articles, adverts contact:***

thehexpress.co.uk or Donald 01302 852521

## ***WEEKLY EVENTS***

### **The King's Cross Church Hall (Methodist)**

#### **Tuesday**

9.15-11.00am **S.A.R.A Group**  
(Stay and Rest Awhile)  
Mums and Tots Group

5.30pm **Mega Cruz School Years 3-6**

#### **Wednesday**

12.45pm **Luncheon Club**(first of each month)

1.30-2.30pm **Line Dancing**

#### **Saturday**

4.00-6.00pm **The Engine Room**(third of each month)

**You are invited on any Sunday to the Worship Services at The King's Cross Church**  
10.30am and 6.00pm

### **At Hexthorpe Parish Hall (St Jude's) Laughton Road, Hexthorpe**

#### **Monday**

1.30-2.30pm Yoga

#### **Wednesday**

10.00-11.00am Keep Fit

11.00-11.30am Coffee Morning

4.30-5.30pm Pilates

#### **Thursday**

2.00-3.00pm PACT meeting (see opposite)

4.45-5.45pm Keep Fit

#### **Friday**

9.30-10.30am Play/Learn (Mums & Toddlers)

4.30-6.30pm Youth Club(4-13 years old)

**Booking Manager:** Fr Stephen Tel. 01709 858358  
The Hall is available for hire for parties and other special events.

#### **Sunday Services**

10.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Parish Mass

# **Q. What do you want? A. A greener and cleaner Hexthorpe please**

**That was one of the most heard answers when residents were asked, “What would improve the quality of your lives within the Hexthorpe community?”**

Here is a report from the Stronger Community Officers Team:

To find out what’s important to local people, Stronger Communities Officers have been visiting households across Hexthorpe and have interviewed over 500 people.

We have provided additional support to 68 local people with a variety of issues including 33 people who have received help with repairs to rented properties or dumped waste.

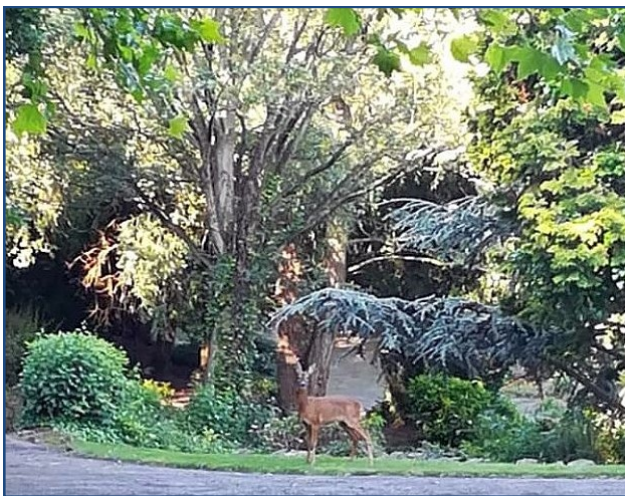
When asked what would make their lives better, the most popular answers were for the area to be greener and cleaner, for people to have better physical and mental health and for there to be a better community spirit.

To do this our team has been supporting a number of local groups with litter picks, providing equipment for a number of clubs and events including the upcoming T in the Park to be held in Hexthorpe Flatts Park over the summer.

We’re looking to support more. Our Community Fund can provide grants of up to £250 for activities which bring the community together. You don’t even have to be an established group as we will purchase any equipment.

If you’ve got an idea about how to make Hexthorpe a better place to live, bringing the community together, then get in touch on 01302 736930, or talk to one of our Officers, we may be able to help.

## **Seen recently in the Dell**



# NEWS From the Junction



## **New initiatives continue to come on line at The Junction.**

As Hexthorpe has a high incidence of teenage pregnancies, we have recently been playing host to **the Health Visitors and Family Hub who hold a drop-in session on Tuesday afternoons for teenage parents and their babies.** This has necessitated The Junction being shut for normal business on Tuesdays from 2.00pm, after the lunchtime service and sandwiches.

**As usual we host the councillors' surgeries and drop-ins with the Stronger Community Officers and PCSOs** - watch out on the Hexthorpe and Balby Facebook page as well as The Junction - TKCC to find out when these are happening.

**The monthly foot clinic** goes from strength to strength on the first Friday of every month. Because it is so well supported, I have introduced some health information or support sessions at the same time. In particular, we hosted free health checks for over 40s earlier in the year, and we have a cancer awareness presentation booked for 5 July and a Slipper Swap scheme for 4 October 2019.

**The Family Worker from The King's Cross Church is now holding board games sessions** on Wednesday afternoons and a craft group on Friday afternoons - feel free to come and join in. Our vegetables are growing nicely in the back yard, and we hope to be able to sample the produce in our own cooking before too long, as we did last year. The pool table is not as well used as in previous years. We are acquiring some new pool cues soon - why not come in and try them out?

**We still have plenty of requests for help with applying for benefits, job searches etc.** Our computers are freely available, so if you need any assistance, just ring on 349341 or pop in and see us to book an appointment.

**It is always a delight to welcome new people and old friends alike,** whether to call in during the day for a coffee or else to our special activities. We have evening celebrations (prayer, praise and food) as part of Hexfest at 6.30pm on Friday 5 July 2019, and again at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 August 2019. Our summer fair is on a Saturday - 11.00am - 2.00pm on 27 July 2019.

Last but not least, you might not have realised that the Junction (in the old and new buildings) has been open for 25 years this year. Come and celebrate our silver jubilee with us on the afternoon of Saturday 7 September 2019. Further details will follow - look out on Facebook or give me a ring nearer the time to find out more, and make sure you come along.

*Lynn Petersen*

# New Plans for the Former Plant Works Site

**We learned of the consultation for this new development too late to publish it in this edition of the Hexpress. However, we were able to have a four page Hexpress extra printed within two days. Unfortunately it could only be delivered to a few streets and so we give some of the details again, with some of the new material received on the day of the consultation.**

There has been a new development in the saga of the former Plant Works site. Countryside Properties PLC is proposing to build a total of 665 houses, including a mix of 2-4 bedroom dwellings.

A letter has been delivered to houses close to the site and we give most of it here:

*“DLP Planning Ltd is assisting Countryside Properties PLC in preparing a full planning application for residential development of the former Bombardier site at Flowitt Street, Hexthorpe.*

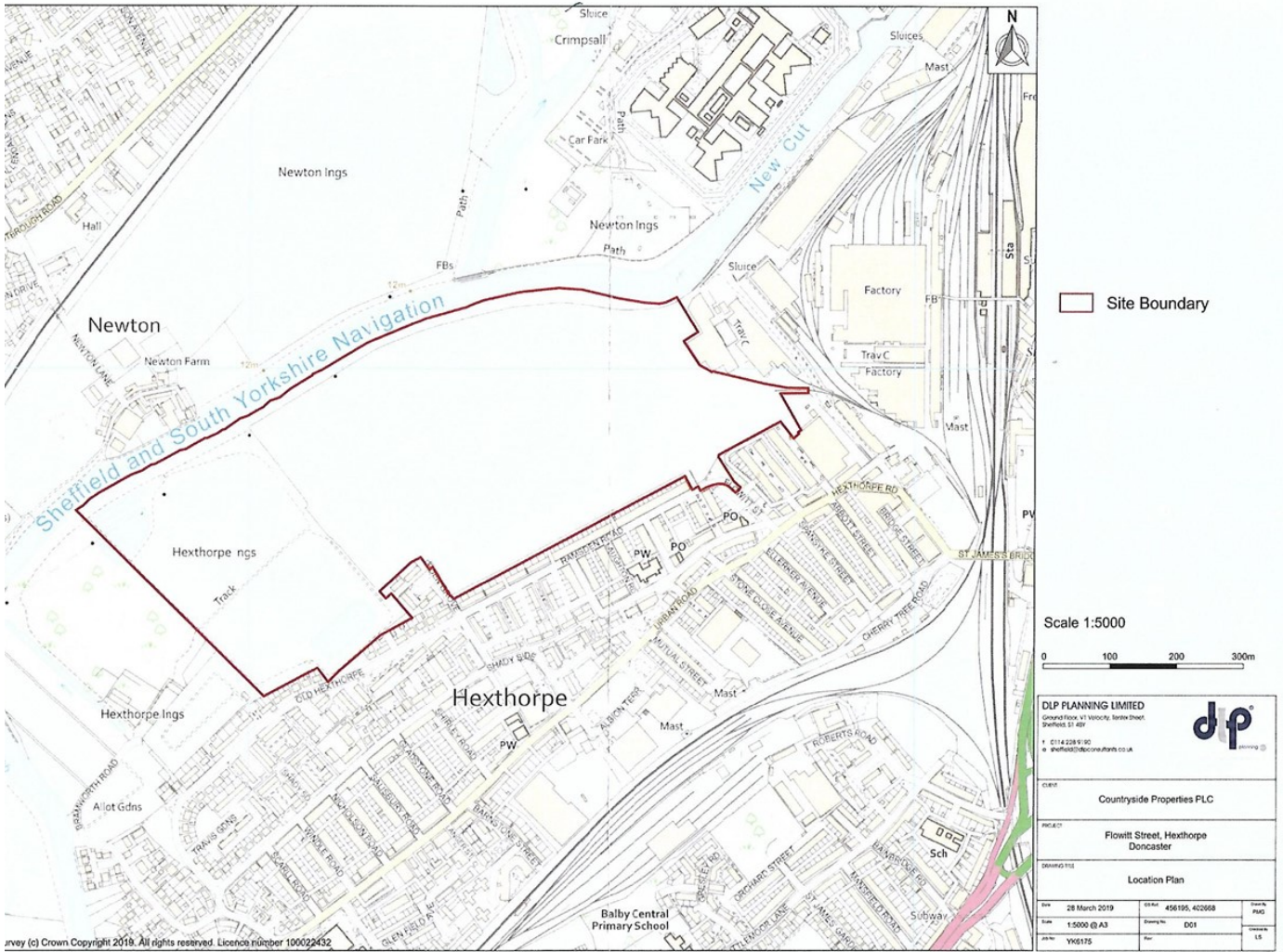
*The draft proposal consists of 665 housing including a mix of 2-4 bedroom dwellings. The development also includes an expansive proposed area of public open space within the western portion of the site, as well as smaller areas of new open space within the development itself. Access to the site will be taken from the existing access points on Flowitt Street and Eden Grove.*

*Countryside Properties PLC has entered into pre-application discussions with planning officers at Doncaster MBC to discuss the delivery of a high quality, residential development within the site. The draft proposals are presented in the context of the existing permission on the site and include highway improvements, drainage works and landscaping.”*

**There is still time to make your views and ideas known to the developers.**

**Their contact details are:**

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Tenter Street,  
Sheffield S1 4BY  
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Former Bombardier Works, Hexthorpe | Development Layout | June 2019

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# 2004 – 2019 The Story So Far

## *The* **HEX-PRESS**

YOUR FREE HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER No. 76 Dec 2004 - Jan 2005  
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### **FOR SALE – THE BOMBARDIER SITE AT HEXTHORPE**

The Hexpress December 2004

‘Buildings that had many stories to tell have finally been pulled down on the old Plant Works site. The bulldozers have been busy over the last few months. Some of the most famous workshops in the country have disappeared.

They were the birthplace of hundreds of locomotives, some of them of world renown. The Flying Scotsman, the Mallard and the Stirling engines were built in the Crimpsall shops. The site has been purchased by Woodfords, a property and development company. They have been given outline permission to develop the site and propose to build around 750 houses. The site is being prepared and is to be capped because of the presence of dumped asbestos.’

## **THE HEXPRESS**

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### **FURTHER DELAY ON THE OLD PLANT SITE**

The Hexpress August 2015

announced that they were happy with amended designs submitted by Persimmon Homes. Our local councillors expressed their delight that the long awaited scheme would now be able to go ahead as soon as possible. The Hexpress understands that Persimmon is no longer involved. A spokesperson of the Doncaster Planning says, "Planning permission has been granted for 230 houses. However, I understand from Persimmon Homes, who had an option on the site, that the Bank who now holds the land has removed the land from sale to them. (*The original purchasers, Woodfield Land, went into administration.*) The planning approvals are in place ready for when the development can commence."

‘The area for sale comprised in total approximately 75 acres, of which 50 acres houses a variety of industrial/engineering buildings of varying ages and construction types. The remaining 25 acres comprises the Eden Grove Sports Ground and an area of open space. The site is an existing employment one, located in a predominantly residential area.’

## *The* **Hex-Press**

YOUR FREE HEXTHORPE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER No. 84 June 2008  
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### **THE END OF AN ERA**

The Hexpress June 2008

There has been yet another delay in the building of the new homes planned for the former Hexthorpe Plant Works site. We understand that the scheme has been put on hold yet again.

‘In December of last year the Doncaster Council Planning Committee gave the green light for the housing scheme to go ahead. They

# Letters

## A Thank You

Dear Readers,

Dorothy Ardron would like to say thank you for all the support, cards and letters received on the sad loss of my husband Conrad. Thank you also for the kind donations collected at his funeral which was £295, which was made up to £500 and taken to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield for the Neurological Department. It was gratefully received.

Thank you very much  
Dorothy (Auntie Dot)

## A Plea

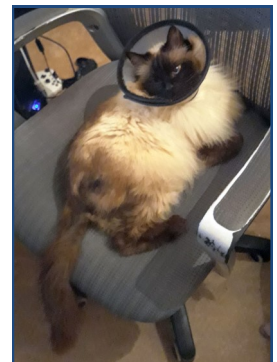
Dear Hexpress

Please find attached pictures of our missing cat. He went missing on Saturday the 27th of April. He is chipped and wearing a plastic collar at the time. He was last seen on Shadyside.

Our phone number is 07984619777.

We gladly offer a cash reward for his return.

Kind regards,  
*Belinda Anstey*



# Local News in Brief

## 150 Years Anniversary



The King's Cross Church is celebrating 150 years since the first Methodists came to Hexthorpe. There have been several events to mark this.

One highlight was the "Big Event". This was a multi-media presentation telling the story of when the first pioneers came from Spring Gardens in town to establish a church here. They preached in the open air, had their first services in a cottage in the old villas (next to where the bowling club now is) and then built their first chapel on Urban Road. Look at the

photograph – do you know where that was?

The presentation focused not only on the past, but also on the present and looked to the future. One of the highlights of the presentation was the contribution made by our local impressive young people. A 95 page booklet has been produced, 'The Story of the Hexthorpe Methodists, 1869-2019'. Copies (15) can be obtained from Joan Tel 852521.



## The Plant must not be forgotten

Several people have commented that it would be sad if the new housing development meant that there would be no trace left of the old Plant Works.

There is a monument in memory of Patrick Stirling outside Patrick Stirling Court in Barnstone Street. It was moved there from the town end of Hexthorpe Bridge; it is a reminder of the early days of the coming of the railways to Hexthorpe. The old Plant site is usually now referred to as the old Bombardier site. However the old Plant as we know it must not be forgotten. It was founded in 1853. It is part of our heritage.

We suggest that there should be some recognition of the many workers who helped to build the locomotives and carriages that came out of the Plant on the new estate. Somewhere, perhaps at the entrance there could be a reminder of those who once worked there. Perhaps roads, crescents etc could be named after locomotives built at the Plant. Any further ideas?

**HEXTHORPE FLATTS PARK**

**BOWLING – TENNIS – CRAZY GOLF**

**EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE FROM 1 JULY 2019  
AT THE DELL CAFÉ**

***PENSIONERS BOWLING FREE PLAY  
EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY & AUGUST 2019  
4.00pm UNTIL 6.00pm***



### The Dell Café is 5 years old

The café's fifth birthday was recently celebrated. It is still a popular venue for local people and also

visitors to the park. There is a constant stream of past residents who come back to visit their old haunts and are delighted that there is still a Dell Café, although not on its past site. It must have one of the best, if not the best, outlook of any café in Doncaster. The view from the verandah is superb – some would say the same about the coffee!

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# TEA IN THE PARK 2019

## ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE EVERY WEDNESDAY 4-7PM

### Hexthorpe Park played host to the very first Tea in The Park on 29 th May 2019.

Around 100 youngsters and their parents braved the chilly weather and spots of rain to take part.

#### Marshmallows on the fire

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust set up camp under the trees at the main entrance to the park and cooked up marshmallows and melted Starbursts which the kids loved. They also demonstrated how to make herbal teas and showed off their very efficient Kelly kettle. Thank you to all involved. They will be back again in June so watch out for their wildlife/ outdoors activities. Thanks to Joe Wyatt and his gang.



#### The kite flyers were beaten by the wind

Ten youngsters joined David Haslam with an enormous flexi foil kite but failed to get it seriously airborne as the wind was light even though it was utterly freezing! Better luck next week!

#### Tigers, cats and witches prowled the park

The Family Hub came along and skillfully painted the faces of some very willing volunteers. The under 5s were treated to some picture books and there was an opportunity to sit and read and even take some books away. It was lovely to see such a crowd under the tent in the café garden.

#### Tea and cakes and chatter

The Dell Café was open throughout the event and many people took refuge from the typical British weather and enjoyed tea, coffee, cakes and toasted sandwiches. We are so lucky to have such a cute café in the park run by the ever welcoming, award-winning Lizzie Reasbeck. If you haven't visited please do as it will be starting its long summer hours about now.

#### Crazy Golf and Soccer Fun

In addition the Friends of Hexthorpe Park managed to clean the Crazy Golf facilities and fun was had by all. Please note the bowling green was also open. You can hire both crazy golf putters + bowls from the café.

The rowing club also opened its doors and excited potential rowers were shown around the club house and four have signed up to start training and getting out on the water. They will be open every week so do take the opportunity to see what a professional and well-equipped rowing club we actually have by the river in the park.



**We would like to have run a gardening club, communal dog walk and a Walk and Talk session for adults but we need more volunteers to run these activities. If you know anyone who would like to be involved please email [hexthorpepark@gmail.com](mailto:hexthorpepark@gmail.com). We are looking for a juggler, some musicians, dancers, maybe a folk band, actors, Punch and Judy, puppeteers or any group/ individual to help youngsters participate in more activities.**

Also we have the equipment to do hula hooping and skipping, relay races and rounders. We hope to have some craft clubs too for those who would like to try something different. **Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome to come along but please email or tweet us @HexthorpePark or Facebook us on Hexthorpe Park page.**

If you want to get involved, meet your neighbours and make the Hexthorpe community and even better place do come along even to just enjoy the sound of people having good old-fashioned fun in our beautiful park.

**Thank you to all supporters, donators, activity organisers and tireless behind-the-scenes-people. See you all next week for the next TITP!**

# Children at Hexthorpe Primary Enjoy a Free Breakfast, Every Day!



**Hexthorpe Primary is delighted to be able to offer every child a free breakfast, every school day.** With the support and commitment from: Magic Breakfast, the Department for Education, Fareshare UK and, of course, the dedicated school staff, every child who attends is warmly welcomed and enjoys a nutritious breakfast. Breakfast includes: warm bagels, a range of cereal, fruit juice and yoghurts.

**In addition to the free breakfast, through the Opportunity Area Funding, KIXX provide a free sports coach.** This enables a number of children to access physical exercise each day. Within the main breakfast room, opportunities for children to dance are also provided as well as time to sit and chat to friends. The breakfast club is attended by over 100 children on a daily basis and is a fabulous way for our pupils to start their day.

**Staff have already noted lots of positive impact.** Some examples of this are: watching children thrive and grow in confidence, children who would not normally speak are now dancing with their friends, fewer children are late for school. The benefits are endless.

Principal Mrs Parker-Watts says that:

“Our children only have one chance at childhood, and one chance at education. Education is one of the best ways to improve children’s life chances and open up future opportunities. Providing a breakfast, every day, is just another way staff at Hexthorpe Primary strive to make a practical, and massive, difference to our children every single day.”



# HEXFEST

**3 to 6  
July  
2019**

## **Wednesday 3rd July**

### **Luncheon Club 12.30pm**

Venue: The King's Cross Church

Music interlude between courses. Lunch tickets are essential.

They are obtainable from Elizabeth Tel. 855389

## **Thursday 4th July**

### **Male Voice Choir Concert 7.30pm**

Venue: The King's Cross Church

Featuring The Barnburgh Male Voice Choir

## **Friday 5th July**

### **Celebration 6.30**

Venue: The Junction

Songs with guest speaker

## **Saturday 6th July**

### **Coffee Concert Kenwood/Reasbeck Duo**

#### **Coffee 10.00**

#### **Recital 10.30**

Venue: The King's Cross Church.

Recital by the Kenwood/Reasbeck Duo

(Oboe, Cor Anglais, Piano) from Leeds

### **Music at the Dell Cafe 12.00 - 4.00 pm**

Venue: The Dell Café, Hexthorpe Flatts

Music will include:

folk – instrumental – gypsy – jazz - classical - light

## **Plus**

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