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Census Day is 21 March 2021 Ready, Steady, Census

'Households across Doncaster will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. Census day is Sunday 21 March 2021. It will be the first to be run mainly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets from early March.'

This is the message from Lisa Badger (The Council's Policy, Insight, Change Manager). She continues,

'The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, and personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.'

Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said,

'A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed.

This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.'



There are also full and part time job opportunities available in Doncaster, please see https://www.censusjobs.co.uk/ for more information and to apply.

For more information on how the census works and can benefit our community visit www.census.gov.uk or contact Laurance.green11@field.census.gov.uk 07452 940363.

WHO'S WHO

WEEKLY EVENTS

Local Councillors

Sue Wilkinson Tel. 01302 817206 Glyn Jones Tel. 01302 816881

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

The King's Cross Church Hall (Methodist)

Tues day

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

We dnes day

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

We dnes day

10.00-11.00am Keep Fit

11.00-11.30am Coffee Morning

Thurs day

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

11.45-12.45pm Keep Fit

2.00-3.00pm PACT meeting (see opposite)

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

The above activities are of course subject to the restrictions imposed by the Covid regulations. Some are taking place with perhaps variations of timings. Please make enquiries to the organisers, if in any doubt.

Plans for Flats and Shops on Shadyside Site Turned Down

A plan to build 11 flats and four shops on the old school site on Shadyside has been turned down by the Doncaster Council Planning Committee. The proposal was for 4 ground floor retail units and 11 flats at 1st/2nd floor levels, with parking.



Planning officers recommended that the development should be approved with certain conditions. However, at the Planning Committee councillors were concerned about certain issues particularly around a lack of parking, dangers on the road and poor landscaping. The Council planning officers' report said that

'it is considered to be acceptable in policy terms given it would reuse a redundant site within the main urban area and is considered to be an acceptable and sustainable form of development, There are no material planning considerations that would significantly or demonstrably outweigh the social, economic or environmental benefits of the proposal in this location. The development would not cause undue harm to neighbouring properties, the highway network or the wider character of the area. Recommendation: grant planning permission.'

There were 13 letters of objection, mainly from local residents affected by the scheme. They also included Councillors Glynn Jones and Sue Wilkinson who had consulted the residents. The councillors' main points of objection were -

- not enough parking, there being only 9 parking spaces
- there is a sharp unsighted bend in the road, creating access and egress problems to the proposed development
- increased traffic flow in the area
- opening of fast food outlets will create a smell and noise nuisance, having impact on residents' quality of life; we believe that Hexthorpe has enough fast food outlets and the cumulative impact of another will adversely affect the area
- there is poor and restricted delivery area to allow safe dispatch of goods
- the area is subject to Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in order to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), this will create an area of

congregation and potentially offer another outlet for the sale of alcohol which adds to the cumulative impact

• there is poor access and space for effective refuse storage and removal

Deputy Mayor and Councillor Glynn Jones added at the planning committee,

'we believe there is insufficient car parking on site and I have no doubt cars will be parked on the road even more because of it on Shadyside which in my opinion is a blind and dangerous bend. Also we believe pedestrians are at risk from where the development is. There's the boxing club adjacent to the proposed development which is used by young people and this is close to the new access point.'

Councillor Mick Cooper said

'we can't keep doing designs where we are unable to plant trees that are integrated with the architecture – on this there isn't room, for this is just maximum build again to cram everything in. The landscape is a poor relation.'

BE ALERT – BE ON YOUR GUARD

Coronavirus Vaccination Scams

Unbelievably there are those who want to take advantage of us in this national emergency. Therefore we have been asked to bring this to your attention.

As of 7 January 2021, Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said:

'Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam.'

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination. Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and you will not be asked for a payment.

The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bill

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to **report@phishing.gov.uk**. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Happy New Year from Doncaster Council and its Partners

Keeping you informed

Several new community notice boards have put up in and around the shopping areas to keep everyone informed of what's going on in the area.

At the moment they have information about the Covid regulations, waste and recycling information. However, the sky is the limit from a community perspective and we would welcome A4 posters for anything you would like to promote in the area as long as it's not business related.

One issue we are looking at is local employment and we will be linking with Business Doncaster to establish one of the noticeboards as a physical "Weekly jobs board" with local vacancies detailed as well as other forms of support linked to employment that is available for families and individuals.

To access the notice boards either call 07789 065512 or email neil.marshall@doncaster.gov.uk

Covid

By now you should have received your "Staying Well this Winter" handbook. It includes advice and guidance on staying well in the colder months, as well as keeping you and your family / friends safe through Coronavirus. There is also mental health and wellbeing advice, a guide to NHS services available, financial support guidance, carers and family support and a lot more. Find out more: www.doncaster.gov.uk/winter

Bins

You should have received your 2020/21 bin collection calendar. Please keep this handy as it provides vital information for when you should put your bins out — especially over Christmas when the timetable means that your usual day may be earlier / later than usual. You can also check your collections online: www.doncaster.gov.uk/bins You can dispose of household waste at one of our six tips. Find out more at www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc

Action Day Diary (Friday 23 October 2020)

Our officers visited the streets surrounding Kirk Square to reduce the number of waste bins being left out on the side of the road. In total:

- 123 properties were surveyed.
- 4 of the properties visited had left bins out. All were given verbal advice and a waste leaflet (in relevant language).
- In the last 3 months 23 enforcement notices for bins being left out in this area have been served.
- 3 bins were removed (one was "contaminated" and two did not belong to any property).
- 9 businesses were visited.
- 1 other property was advised about burning items.
- 3 properties had waste in gardens, which have led to further action which is being taken.

Enforcement Action

We are committed to keeping Hexthorpe clean and safe and will punish anti-social activity. Some figures from the last quarter are not as high as normal as the team have not been able to conduct door step interviews due to Covid-19. A lot of our fly tipping cases are still being investigated. Similarly, Courts, which were suspended due to Covid-19, have slowly begun to hear enforcement cases again.

Action	01/07/2020 – 30/09/2020		
Prosecution (failure to comply with S108 notice served under Environment Act 1995 in relation to a fly tipping investigation)	1		
Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for litter	299		
Litter U18	16		
FPN for fly tipping at £400 each	1		
FPN for fly tipping at £150 each	0		
Environmental Protection Act notice	2		
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	17		
Community Protection Warning	35		
Community Protection Notice	18		
FPN breach of PSPO	11		
FPN Dog Fouling	4		
Dog Fouling U18	1		
FPN Litter Vehicle	5		

New Year's Resolution?

You can help make a difference to your local community by getting involved with our 'This is My Doncaster' campaign and help us maintain and improve Hexthorpe.

We're all too happy to provide free equipment like litter pickers and bin bags, and will also dispose of all the waste you collect. Just email **communications@doncaster.gov.uk** if you want to help out!

Police update

Both South Yorkshire Police and Doncaster Council have been made aware of power cuts occurring in certain streets of Hexthorpe and we know representatives from Northern Power have been carrying out some examination works to try and identify what the issue is and how it may be caused.

We are aware that some people in the local community have suggested the problem is caused by large amounts of power being taken by some houses where Cannabis plants are being grown. This has not been confirmed.

However, we are now working closely with Northern Power to see if they can verify this and what processes they may have to go through to confirm whether or not such a cultivation is in place. Once we have done this, we hope to develop some working protocols which will enable us to support their activity. We will keep you aware of any developments.

Profile of Gill Bullock

Here is a tribute paid to the life of Gill Bullock who sadly died in October 2019 at the age of 79. It is given by Cath Lawson, the former head of Hexthorpe First School and Hexthorpe Primary School. (1989-2008). Gill will be remembered with gratitude by many who she taught during her time as a teacher in the Hexthorpe Schools.

'I spent the best years of my life as a teacher in Hexthorpe and in fact I loved it so much I would have worked for nothing.'



These were almost the last words I heard from Gill when I bumped into her at the Dome last year. Although we had worked together for over twenty years, unfortunately I hadn't seen much of her since our respective retirements. I was really excited to see her again as we both attempted to regain some semblance of physical activity through embarking on fitness programmes at the Dome. It was as though the years just faded away as we chatted and laughed about our shared work experiences at Hexthorpe.

Gill was the same as ever to me on that day. She still had that carefully groomed and elegant style. No matter what she was doing, whether it was in the classroom, out in the playground, on the allotment or in the gym as on the day we met, she always managed to look the part. Hair always beautifully coiffed, full

make up, manicured nails, the works. Always a smile on that lovely face. Always positive and enthusiastic no matter what the challenges and demands of our working lives. So many great qualities, skills and attributes. A year later I was devastated to hear that she had died of Covid.

It was hard to believe that this vibrant and vivacious woman had been struck down by the virus. She was so full of life and energy. Having trained to be a teacher as a mature student she always said she had found her true vocation in life. She just loved being a teacher and felt she was especially privileged to be working at Hexthorpe. She had a deep sense of community and was totally committed to the school and its pupils.

We worked together through some very challenging times in terms of curriculum and organisation. The National Curriculum was implemented and the First School closed as we were relocated to a newly reorganised Primary School. Throughout all these changes Gill was loyal, steadfast and conscientious. She never complained about anything but just got on with it. She had a great sense of humour and never took herself too seriously. The children loved her and vied with each other to be in her class. Parents were really pleased when they knew she would be their children's teacher. Gill put a 'positive spin' on everything and she just got on with doing what she loved best; teaching and building lovely, lasting and positive relationships with children and adults in the community. She was always delighted whenever she met ex pupils, eager to hear about what was happening in their lives.

Promoting the school and what it was trying to achieve was important to Gill. She always looked for opportunities to go the 'extra mile' as in her work with the gardening club and on the allotment. Every week she took a group there and worked with PC Pete and others to build a plot that was the envy of many. They even received a letter of congratulations from Prince Charles. Gill was the original 'green warrior' always immaculate in her wellies and keen to promote eco awareness. She was passionate about the environment, conservation and caring for wildlife.

I hope that Gill knew how much she was loved and respected as a teacher. Maybe she didn't as she was always so unassuming and modest. I wish that on that day at the Dome I could have told her what I have just written about her. I know she would have laughed in disbelief but at the same time would have been filled with a modest kind of pride.

'I was just doing what I loved and could never believe that I was actually getting paid for it' would probably have been her reply.

Although I didn't see her often, I already miss Gill. Since her death I have thought about her such a lot. I realise more than ever that she really was a remarkable and unique person with an energising, positive and enriching personal presence. I am grateful to her for everything she did to support me and colleagues, personally and professionally, but also for what she achieved on behalf of this community and its children over the years she worked in our schools. She certainly made the world a better place. *Cath Lawson*

The Pupil Teacher's Test

In our last issue we included the test given to a pupil teacher at the Hexthorpe Junior School in 1886. Some readers took up the challenge themselves and so we give the answers here. There is no wonder that he failed when you look at the names.

Arithmetic What is three eighths multiplied by 11 eighteenths?	Eleven forty eighths.
History When did the Danes first come in forces to England?	In the late 8th century.
What was the Witan?	The council summoned by the Anglo-Saxon kings.
What was the Bretwalda?	The title given to an Anglo-Saxon king who had achieved overlordship over some or all of the other kings.
Name the kings from Egbert to William the first?	Egbert, Aethelwulf, Aethelbald, Aethelbert, Aethelred, Alfred the Great, Edward the Elder, Athelstan, Edmund, Eadred, Eadwig, Edgar, Edward the Martyr, Aethelred the Unready, Edmund Ironside, Canute, Harold 1st, Harthacanute, Edward the Confessor, Harold 2nd.
What king divided the kingdom of England with Canute?	King Edmund.
What kings from Egbert to William the Conqueror were murdered?	This is hard to answer as some deaths were a mystery. However, discounting those killed in battle, we suggest the following – Edmund, stabbed by a robber. Edward the Martyr, murdered at Corfe Castle by followers of Aethelred, his successor. Edmund Ironside, probably assassinated. (Some of you might have others!?).

Local News in Brief

Christmas Carols

It wasn't quite the same as usual, but carol singers from The King's Cross Church were able to sing carols on Christmas Eve. Measures had to be taken regarding social distancing etc, but carols were sung outside homes of elderly and vulnerable local residents. It was all much appreciated. £240 was given to support the work of TEAR Funds, a Christian relief organisation.

It was also possible to hold a carol service in the yard of the Junction, again with necessary precautions. Carols were sung with a Christmas message given.

The Story of the Hexthorpe Schools

A book is being produced – *From Workhouse to Academy* - telling the story of the schools in Hexthorpe. This is done through the school log books, personal memories and photographs. There are numerous sites on social media where memories and photographs are exchanged about Hexthorpe's rich history - schooldays are particularly mentioned. There are too many photographs to include them all but it is hoped that this book helps to set your photographs and memories into context. Look out for its publishing date.

The Crimpsall

During lockdown it has been great to see so many families and individuals walking in the Flatts. Some have discovered or revisited the Crimpsall. In our next issue we hope to highlight the Crimpsall once more.

Over the years we have had articles and photographs - it has great potential for community use as a nature area. It is designated as a Site of Scientific Interest (SSI).



Christmas in Windle Road

Michele Boardman reports Windle road held their Christmas event on 19 December 2020. Everyone donated raffle prizes and we held a raffle. The money raised went towards a gift for every child on the street. We sang some Christmas carols, gave prizes out for best dressed Christmas window, but the main attraction was Santa visiting with a wave for all the children. This was a special treat for the children and was lovely to hear the cries of joy and excited faces.









The Hexpress, on behalf of local residents who had queries, asked for clarification on the following:

• I don't have online facilities, what happens to me?

We recognise that some people would prefer a paper questionnaire and these are available on request. When you receive your pack there will be guidance on how to ask for the paper version. The actual Census date is the 21 March 2021, but you will receive the guidance pack 3 to 4 weeks before so there is plenty of time to complete. If you can't get online or need help completing the census online, there'll be Census Support Centres to support, plus telephone call centres and there are also field and communal teams employed by the Office of National Statistics to support completion. There will also be guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats.

 As well as that, the ONS have worked out in most instances those households or individuals who may not have access to digital platforms or a hesitancy to complete in this way and will be sending paper questionnaires immediately to these households automatically

• What will happen at those households that do not have a good enough command of English?

There has been an understanding by both the ONS and Doncaster Council that we need to engage with the Roma community to support completion and ensure that we try to overcome as many barriers to completion as possible. As such we have been heavily engaged with those organisations linked to the community in Doncaster including those in Hexthorpe that have previously supported the Roma community. We are also contacting the schools in Hexthorpe to see how we may be able to support the community in Census 2021.

• The ONS has recognised the importance of utilising trusted voices and members of the community to help and as such have recruited two Roma Community Adviser roles to support completion in Doncaster, Sheffield and Rotherham. We have identified Hexthorpe as an area that will need to be supported and passed this onto the Field and Area teams to help completion.

• What will be the process for online returns?

With regard to the Census 2021 being the first digital-first census, it's easy to do and can be done on any device. The questionnaire takes on average 10 minutes to complete. You'll get an access code from the Office for National Statistics. Simply go online and enter the code into our secure website to get started. However, we're aiming to make it easy for everyone to take part in Census 2021. If you need help, there will be an online help area which will offer help by phone, webchat, email, social media or text message.

The following information is taken from the 1991 Census for Hexthorpe. More details were given then. It will be interesting to compare these figures with what will be returned in the 2021 Census.

Sex and age	TOTAL PERSONS					Ethn	ic group					Ī
		White	Black Carib- bean	Black African	Black other	Indian	Pakis- tani			Other groups		Persons
										Asian	Other	born in Ireland
TOTAL PERSONS	3649	3452	39	0	16	64	32	8	8	19	11	44
Males	1737	1635	21	0	9	32	18	5	4	8	5	25
Females	1912	1817	18	0	7	32	14	3	4	11	6	19
Age .												
0 - 4	276	243	2	0	8	13	4	2	2	0	2	0
5 - 15	473	426	2	0	7	20	6	0	1	6	2	0
16 - 29	873	817	10	0	4	15	10	4	1 2	6 5	6	5
30 up to pensionable												
age	1300	1246	19	0	- 1	15	9	1	3	6	0	36
Pensionable age and												
over	725	722	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
With limiting long- term illness	667	638	5	0	1	4	7	1	0	11	0	13

A Brief Survey of the History of the Census

The roots of the census can be traced back to the Domesday Book. In 1086 William the Conquerer made a survey of England. This was to find who owned land and its assets, so that owners could be taxed. It did mention the number of people who lived in a certain manor, but that wasn't its purpose.

Did you know that Hexthorpe is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Here is the entry – Doncaster was part of the Manor of Hexthorpe!



In Estorp (Hexthorpe), Earl Tosti had one manor of three carucates for geld and four ploughs may be there. Nigel has [it] of Count Robert. In the demesne, one plough and three villanes and three bordars with two ploughs. A church is there, and a priest having five bordars and one plough and two mills of thirty two shillings [annual

value]. Four acres of meadow. Wood, pasturable, one leuga and a half in length and one leuga in breadth. The whole manor, two leugae and a half in length and one leuga and a half in breadth. T.R.E., it was worth eighteen pounds, now twelve pounds. To this manor belongs this soke – Donecastre (Doncaster) two carucates, in Wermesford (Warmsworth) on carucate, in Ballebi (Balby) two carucates, in Geureshale (Loversall)

two carucates, Oustrefeld (Austerfield) two carucates and Alcheslei (Auckley) two carucates.

Learn about the World of Domesday – the people, landscape and society of 11th century England. https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/domesday/world-of-domesday/

In 1279 Edward 1st held an enquiry into land holding in England. Each Hundred (an administrative area) was surveyed and revealed the number of peasants who lived there, and their size of holdings. They were written in the Hundred Rolls, only a handful of these survive.

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During the 16th and 17th centuries the bishops were responsible for counting the number of families in their dioceses. There never was an accurate idea of what the population of the country was. There was opposition to the idea of a census up to the end of the 18th century.

In an Essay written in 1798 Thomas Malthus warned that the population would soon be so great that there would not be enough food and other resources. Therefore the country could experience famine and disease. The opposition faded away. The first census was held in 1801. It was mainly conducted by Overseers of the Poor. The first head count showed that the population of Great Britain was 9 million.

The 1841 census is regarded as the first modern census, when a registration service was set up. For the first time, the head of each household was given a form to fill in on behalf of everyone in the household on a certain day

Since 1801 there has been a census every ten years except in 1941. The basic principles have remained the same, although new questions have been added over the years.

This is an extract from the 1901 Census for 79 Hexthorpe Road. There are similar entries for each address/household in Hexthorpe.

Road, Street and No. or	Name and Surname of	Relation to Head of	Condition as to Marriage	Age last	Birthday	Profession or Occupation	Where Born	If: Deaf Dumb, Blind, Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
Name of House	each Person	Family		M	F			
79 Urban Road	Charles Torr	Head	M	49		Labourer Iron Foundry	Sykehouse	
	Eliza Torr	Wife	M		42		Doncaster	
	Arthur Torr	Son	S	16		Rly Coach Trimmer	Do	
	Annie	Daug 'r	S		14		Do	
	Alfred Torr	Son	S	13		Grocer Errand Boy	Do	
	Agnes Torr	Daug 'r	S		11		Do	
	Albert Torr	Son	S	10			Do	
	Charles Torr	Son	S	8			Hexthorpe	
	George Torr	Son	S	6			Do	
	Eliza Torr	Daug 'r	S		4		Do	
	Herbert Torr	Son	S	3			Do	
	Daisy Bella	Daug 'r	S		1		Do	



79 Urban Road is situated in the row of houses on the right between the Primitive Methodist Chapel and the Prior Well Inn.

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