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‘It’s so peaceful you can hear the birds singing all day....it’s a different world.’

Where is this paradise? The Hexthorpe Crimpsall Allotments. Our correspondent, Jenny Barlow, reports on this community asset.



Jenny writes: “Having an allotment is good for your health and well-being” - so said the news recently. So said Monty Don on Gardener’s world and so said all the local ‘allotmenters’ (my new word!) that I have spoken to recently.

I belong to the Hexthorpe Crimpsall Allotment Society which is behind Old Hexthorpe and bounded by the Crimpsall Ings, classed as a Site of Scientific Interest. There are 50 allotment plots on the site and they are all occupied - evidence that there is a growing demand to ‘grow your own’ fruit and veg.

I was interested to discover, from our secretary Pete Hartshorn, that the site was once

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WHO'S WHO

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Under The Crossing @ The King's Cross Church

Monday

3.30-5.00pm Mini Cruz (Key stage 1)

5.30-7.30pm Mega Cruz (Key stage 2)

Tuesday

9.15-11.00am SARA Group for Parents and Kids (0-3)

7.00-9.00pm Youth Group

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

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.

The Junction

The Junction is open on:

- Monday.
- Tuesday 10.00am to 1.45pm and 2.15pm to 4.15 pm,
- Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

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.

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

Thursday

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

11.45-12.45pm Keep Fit

2.00-3.00pm PACT meeting (see opposite)

Contact: 01302 340346

The Hall is available for hire for parties and other special events.

Sunday Services

10.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Parish Mass

Any letters, articles, adverts contact:

thehexpress.co.uk or Donald 01302 852521

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.

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called Charlie's field because it belonged to Mr Charlie Taylor of Hexthorpe. He had a market garden there and when he left the land in 1973 to the Doncaster Council, he said that it must only be used for allotments.

The three and a half acre field was therefore divided up into 300 square yard plots, each with its own concrete shed. The rent for each plot currently stands at £ 45.60 per year which includes water and electricity. There is a purpose-built meeting hut which was opened 10 years ago and most plots now have a greenhouse or poly tunnel. The site shop is open on Saturday afternoons for non-members and all profits from sale of plants, compost and other gardening needs go back into the society funds.

The society is overseen by a committee of 8 allotment members. Doncaster Council rules are adhered to plus some extra ones which help keep the site in tip top condition. We are very grateful for all the time and effort the committee put into running the site. I asked several members what they enjoyed about having an allotment and why they came on such a regular basis; here are some of their replies.

*"In lock down it was the only place I could go to legally!
I love it here; it's so peaceful and you can hear the birds singing all day.
It's a different world up here. It gets me out of the house and keeps me busy. I forget about the worries of the world while I'm here."*

"It's hard work but it keeps me fit. I only grew potatoes and strawberries last year, but they were great, so I'm branching out a bit this year and I've got a gooseberry bush!

I live on my own, so I like coming up to my allotment to chat with other gardeners, to have a bit of a laugh and exchange news. It's the social thing about it I really appreciate."

So, if you have been encouraged to take up gardening, come and make enquiries about the next available plot. You would be made most welcome.



(Our resident photographer **William Bell** with his friend, the robin.)

Sylvia Hoskin - known to many as 'Mrs Sylvia'

Our reporter, **Chris Branton** turns the SPOTLIGHT on a Hexthorpe resident, who many will know as Mrs Sylvia, once the leader of the Hexthorpe School Nursery. But do you know the inspiring person behind that role? We open a window into her life, as Sylvia celebrates her 90th birthday.



Sylvia was born in Bethnal Green, London, 90 years ago this week. She had a happy childhood living in the family home. Her dream was to be a teacher and went to a training college in London to start her studies. Here she met John, her husband to be. His family were from Doncaster, and after their marriage in the Wesley Church City Road in London, he returned to Doncaster with his bride! This was to be the first of eight moves in their marriage!

They were both qualified teachers, and Sylvia quickly found the job of her dreams, at Wheatley Park Primary school. She loved teaching these young children. It was at this school that she met Julie Smith and so begun a lifelong close friendship.

Sylvia and John soon had three children of their own, Michael, Jayne and Peter. Whilst they were still little, they ended up in

Cornwall for a few years. There they owned four guest houses and instead of working as a teacher took charge of them, while John taught in a local school. She is an amazing person, and nothing fazes her. She can produce a meal out of very little and you are never allowed to leave her house without a drink and homemade cake or biscuit pressed upon you!

Even as Sylvia and John lived in Cornwall, Sylvia kept in touch with all her friends, especially Julie. Julie and her husband, Ron, and Sylvia and John often went off on holiday together. One memorable occasion the four of them plus their luggage took a mini car to France, sleeping under canvas! Another great holiday was a month long church trip to Crete, again under canvas!

At last, in 1970 Sylvia and John set down permanent roots in Doncaster, eventually moving into Hexthorpe. She began a new job being in charge of the newly formed Hexthorpe Nursery Department in the Hexthorpe School. It was here that the Mrs Sylvia title began! She had two helpers and the children struggled to remember everyone's surname so she asked them to call her Mrs Sylvia and that is a name that some people still remember her by. It was in the old building, where the Bowling Centre now is. Lifelong Christians, they soon became involved with Hexthorpe Methodist Church and became much loved and valued members there.

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When Sylvia retired after such a busy life, she couldn't be still and do nothing. She saw needs within the church and undertook to get involved there. For many years she was involved in the monthly Luncheon Club for the elderly Hexthorpe residents. She also became busy with the Sarah group. This was held in church, for mums and their little ones to come and play and socialise over a cuppa and biscuits.

However busy she was, she always made her family a priority as they grew up. They inevitably moved away, and gave her four grandchildren, whom she dotes on. She is never happier than when she is surrounded by her family.

Very sadly, five years ago John died, after a long illness that Sylvia nursed him through to the end. She was heartbroken but she still keeps herself busy and is grateful for the many years they had been together and the beautiful children their love had produced.

It was such an honour and a privilege to talk to this wonderful, inspiring and much-loved lady, always busy behind the scenes and never wanting any praise or recognition. Thank you so much for being willing to let me talk to you, Sylvia!!

Update From The Junction

Much is continuing the same as before, as we continue to attract a varying mix of people attending the Junction, either for help with specific issues or to spend time being sociable among others. We have continued to have a cookery time on alternate Thursday mornings, often using our own produce, and to enjoy the creative skills of the lady who comes to lead the Thursday afternoon sessions.

The Stronger Community Officers are often to be seen, as is an employment adviser employed by the Council and the worker from Migrant Action; the midwife continues her regular weekly sessions, which I understand are well-attended. In addition, the Councillors are now back to holding their monthly surgeries on the fourth Friday of the month, 11.30am - 12 noon.

Please do come and visit us at 28 Hexthorpe Road on Mondays and Tuesdays (10.00am - 1.45pm, then 2.15 - 4.15pm) or Thursdays (10.00am - 1.00pm, 1.30 - 4.00pm). Or if you want to get in touch, please ring 01302 349341 or email thejunction20@yahoo.com

Lynn Petersen



New Vicar for Hexthorpe

Fr Richard Hume, was installed to serve as Vicar and Oversight Minister for the Benefice of St John the Baptist, Edlington and St Jude's, Hexthorpe, on the 19th July at 7:30pm.

The service was held at St Jude's Church, where there was a large congregation gathered to welcome him.

The new vicar previously served as Assistant Priest at St Gabriel's Church, Fulbrook, Stoke. We hope to have more details and a message from Fr Richard in our next issue of the Hexpress.

Update From Friends of Hexthorpe Flatts Park

An update on the two summer music events - the first will now be on Sunday 14th August at 2.00pm for one hour when Highcliffe Brass Quintet will be playing light music. Their band is made up of 2 trumpets, a French horn, a trombone and a bass trombone, so it will work very well in The Dell. The second is on 4th September from 1.45pm when Armthorpe Elmfield Brass Band will visit. These will be free to enter events and with good weather an ice cream stall will be there.



Earlier on Sunday 14th August there will be an @ArtBomb UK performance on the river at the rowing club boathouse. So, it should be a great day to visit the park, if you haven't done so for a while.

The Doncaster Mumbler group are putting up a new children's trail in the park which will run from 23rd July. It will be a Summer Sporting Hero Trail, with a focus on getting kids playing/being active. There will be 6 clues with 5 challenges relating to Football, Rugby, Tennis, Swimming and Cycling and they have teamed up with Get Doncaster Moving but also DRFC, Doncaster Belles, Doncaster Knights, The Dons and DCLT.

The Friends group are currently working on the creation of a new Jubilee Orchard for the park, where we will plant 15 fruit trees of various local Yorkshire varieties. A plan has been prepared and we are now assessing the likely cost. We hope to have this planted in the Autumn.

The Friends Group is intended to bring the local community and all park users together in an effort to bring forward improvements to the security, facilities and physical appearance of Hexthorpe Park. This could be through:

- Acting as a pressure group to get things done
- Practical work to improve the park, such as new planting and gardening
- Fundraising for improvements
- Putting on events, big and small
- Engaging with other local people

We hold regular one-hour meetings and our next one is on Tuesday 6th September at Travis Gardens Community Hall. All are welcome and so if you are interested please come along as we are always looking for new volunteers. You can also contact us online @hexthorpepark or at hexthorpepark@gmail.com with any ideas, questions or suggestions.

Hexpress Comment

The Friends of Hexthorpe Flatts Park are to be congratulated on achieving the national Green Flag Award. This is due to much hard work and thought. These awards are not given out lightly. Please note the date of their next meeting, 6th September @ 6.00 p.m. We hope that many of you will want to be involved in helping in the continuing development of the park.

We would encourage you to pay a visit and enjoy the beauty of the magnificent trees and the Dell with its bandstand. Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea on the veranda of the Dell Café, with its wonderful view - well worth a visit.

‘It’s always a pleasure hearing about the achievements of our past pupils from Hexthorpe Primary School.’

This heading is the first sentence of an article that Cath Lawson, a former Head of our Hexthorpe School, has written for the Hexpress. She continues:

“We get a buzz from seeing them around the town, when they enthusiastically greet us and are keen to introduce us to their children and partners and give us an update on what’s happening in their lives. I think it helps that they begin to see us as ‘normal’ people outside the constraints of the school.

When I meet ex-colleagues, we always share any news we may have heard about our pupils. As you would expect in life, it’s not always positive but it’s a real treat to talk about the good news stories. ‘Guess who I saw today?’ is a common refrain. We do enjoy reminiscing about our time working in Hexthorpe but much of our chat focuses on the pupils. Believe me when I say that my years at Hexthorpe were among the best of my life in terms of being professionally and personally fulfilling and rewarding. Yes, we had plenty of fraught times, but fortunately we had a wonderful team who pulled out all the stops on behalf of the school and its pupils.

I’ve heard lots of success stories over the years but the one I received the other day was just sort of unique. Some of you will remember the Cressey family. Debbie was a school governor for 18 years. She was a brilliant support to the school, always smiling and positive even though she had her own issues to contend with after a bad car accident that left her disabled. She and her husband John had three children, Simon, Rachel and Paul. The family moved to Bridlington four years ago.



Recently Debbie sent me a message as follows:

‘Just want to tell you that Paul is now a Doctor of Chemistry focusing on research into cancer. Not bad for a Hexthorpe lad. He got a fantastic grounding with you and the amazing team we had at the school.’

Well that message truly made my day. Paul Cressey went to Hall Cross after leaving Hexthorpe Primary School. He succeeded in achieving 2 A grades and a B at A Level and went on to study Chemistry at Hull University. After three years he was awarded a first-class degree and then completed a master’s degree at Leeds University. He eventually completed his PhD at Kings College London and is now researching therapies for breast cancer.

Whilst this is amazing, knowing that Paul was undergoing chemotherapy treatment at the same time as he was taking his A levels at Hall Cross, makes the story even more remarkable. He was diagnosed with cancer when he was in the sixth form at Hall Cross.

This is a fantastic story of resilience and determination. What a brilliant achievement! Through Debbie, I have passed on our congratulations to Paul and sent him our best wishes for the future. Knowing that in some small way we contributed to Paul’s success makes me extremely proud of our school and its staff.

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Just one regret. Paul absolutely loved the gardening club and Mrs Bullock, who died during the pandemic. Going to the allotment was his favourite after school activity. Gill would have been over the moon to hear about his success.”

Hexpress Comment

We thank Cath Lawson for this quite moving account. Over the years, in a number of issues of the Hexpress, we have highlighted the lives and achievements of former pupils. Cath suggests that we might want to make this a regular feature. This can only happen if our readers offer suggestions and information or even articles of those who might be included. We do know that former teachers and pupils from not only this country but from around the world read the Hexpress on our website. We had a message once saying that it was being read on a yacht sailing in the Mediterranean Sea. We would love to hear from anyone, anywhere!

ANGIE'S CAFÉ - 15 YEARS OLD

Angie's Café is a feature of downtown Hexthorpe. It was established by Angie in 2007. Her enthusiasm for her work there has not diminished over the years, It is a family run café - with Angie's daughters and granddaughters being involved.

It is very much a place belonging to the surrounding community. It is open Monday to Friday from 7.30 - 2.30 and Saturday 7.00 - 1.30, when locally sourced, home- made food is served. Meals can be delivered and even newspapers at times with them.

Here is Angie with a special celebratory cake she has made for the occasion.



News from the Council - Community Activities

Information noticeboards in Hexthorpe

Did you know that we have four noticeboards in the local area which we keep as up to date as possible to bring you the latest, need-to-know information?

All of the boards contain relevant details about:

- Waste and recycling
- Crimestoppers
- Ward members
- Public Space Protection order

They are located at The Junction, Nez Chicken Shop and Hexthorpe Mini Market. Please feel free to check out the one at the Post Office which contains information relating to employment opportunity, jobs, training and skills!

Hexthorpe Flags Cultural Food Event

Weeks of planning came together on 10 June to promote the work of the Positive Activities Group (PAG), the Central Family Hub & Communities team in the Hexthorpe area. Volunteers and community members from 8 nationalities, all with very close links to the area, cooked traditional dishes and offered these for free on the afternoon to people from the area at the community hub, The Crossing, which is part of the Kings Cross Methodist church. From 3-5pm 102 people (+ 2 dogs) were treated to free tastings of the delicious food and were encouraged to be part of the PAG and what the group is trying to do in the area. In addition, the local Councillors Sophie Liu and Glyn Jones were there to meet people and talk about what matters to them.

Below is a picture of one family that dropped in with Stronger Communities Officer, Amanda.



The mother was so pleased with what she saw she said

“Next time I will cook some Romanian food if you get in touch, its lovely”

We have also received this lovely email from another visitor - Amy Roddam:

“This afternoon I attended the Hexthorpe International Food Event and really enjoyed it. It was wonderful to see the community come together over delicious food and great company. Thank you for organising this and I look forward to attending similar events like this in the future.”

This was a great event that all involved enjoyed and one which brought all parts of the community together. We hope to make this and similar events a regular occurrence in the area.

News in brief

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

1 Travis Garden Communal Hall



Up to 40 members of the Arts and Crafts group at Travis Gardens Communal Hall, held a celebration party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The party was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended throughout the day, with food and drinks available. As well as the eating and drinking, they also played games which included bingo and cards, with a raffle also being held. All proceeds being donated to the Royal British Legion Charity.

2 Hexthorpe Flatts Park

The Queen's Jubilee Party in the park was a huge success. There were many families having their picnics. There were various stalls and children's entertainment, including races.

Thanks must be given to all those who organised the event. They even managed to provide some very good weather! One person said,

"It is lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves. There is a great atmosphere - there are people of all ages here. This is what the park should be used for more often."



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The Hexthorpe Pickers

A faithful group of local people spend their mornings removing the litter from our streets. Please get involved and if you are able join the group at 10am every second Thursday at the gates to Hexthorpe Flatts.

- Litter picking equipment provided
- Care for your local community
- Get involved and meet new people

A Winner for the Rovers

Even before the season starts the Rovers have produced a winning goal here in Hexthorpe. The Potter family of Shadyside applied for season tickets for the coming season. Imagine their delight when two of the Rover's players arrived at their home to deliver the tickets. Elijah, ten years old, an ardent supporter, was absolutely delighted and couldn't wait to share the news with his friends.

The photograph shows the family wearing their signed shirts along with the two players. From the left: Morgan, Elijah, Ruth and their dad Lee. The players: Ollie Younger, and new signer Luke Molyneux.



An Invitation for the over 60's

REFRESH is the friendly group for over 60s meeting on the first Thursday of every month at The King's Cross Church.

There are some vacancies for new people.

- At 10.30 am we meet for fun, exercise, games, crafts, activities, refreshments, conversations etc.
- Then at midday a freshly prepared 2 course meal is served.
- There are occasional trips out.

For full information call Elizabeth 01302 855389 and to book in, at only £4 a month, ring Elizabeth.

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From Workhouse to Academy – The Story of the Hexthorpe Schools

This book has sold so well that there has had to be a reprint. Therefore, there are now more copies available to purchase. The book has been bought by former Hexthorpe pupils from around the country and even from around the world - Canada and New Zealand. The National Community Archives and Heritage Group commented on the book:

‘It was very well researched and made excellent use of school logbooks, other school archives and, of course, the reminiscences of former pupils, while also providing important historical context for the workhouse and the history of education. It was exactly what one would wish to find in really good school histories that also brings out their importance to the life of the local community. You should be congratulated on a wonderful production, especially given the circumstances during the research and writing of some of it (i.e. the closure of the Archives and lockdown!)’

Copies can be purchased from the Dell Café, Donald 07935326626 or via the Hexpress website: thehexpress.co.uk. The book is priced at £6.00 (£9.00 incl. post and packaging)

Why are the Flatts and Dell missing?

A reader points out to us a glaring omission in ‘Visit Doncaster - Visitor Guide 2022’. It is an excellent publication, but it falls down badly on pages 38-39. The pages are devoted to ‘The Great Outdoors’. The exciting Nature Reserves we have in Doncaster are listed and then comes Parks and Natural Greenspace. Only two parks - Elmfield and Sandall - are included here among a number of green spaces. Our reader wants to know why the Hexthorpe Flatts Park, that includes the Dell, is ignored. It really is an insult to all those who, through the Friends of the Flatts Park, are putting much time and effort to enhance an already beautiful park. We are proud to show it to any visitor to Doncaster. Why is there such a reluctance by this council publication to encourage people to come to see what Hexthorpe has to offer?

Success for local actor - Levi Payne

“If any reader has never been to the theatre, or has not been recently, then a few minutes with Levi Payne would have you down at the booking office at the Cast Theatre straight away. His enthusiasm for his chosen career as an actor and his love for the theatre is infectious.”

This was written in the November 2016 issue of the Hexpress.

We are pleased to report that since then Levi’s career has taken off. He has recently appeared in ‘The Teechers’ at the Truck Theatre Hull. This is a play by Godber. This was a huge success and Levi received excellent reviews in the national press, including the Guardian and the Times.

“Levi Payne, Purvi Parmar and Martha Godber are like the primary coloured strips on Caitlin Mawhinney’s assembly hall set: bright sparks hopelessly trying to make the place look less institutional.

Together, they are a formidable unit. Tight and joyful, they allow each other space for swaggering solo turns without ever letting the rhythm drop between them.”

(The Guardian)



Ivy Court: an outstanding new asset for our neighbourhood



The Hexpress was invited by Claire Hoyles, the customer relations manager at Ivy Court, to have a tour of the new home on Greenfield Lane. We have all watched as the new building seemed suddenly to be completed. We were made most welcome and can only say that the facilities offered there are stunning. There are spacious open spaces with wide corridors and well-appointed lounges and dining rooms. In the centre is an attractive courtyard. Included for the use of residents are a hairdresser and a cinema.

The comments below say it all.

“Excellent facilities, like visiting a top-class hotel. The staff are very caring with nothing being too much trouble. They treat the residents as though they were their own families. I would have no hesitation in recommending this care home to anyone.”

“I am so pleased I chose Ivy Court for a respite stay for Mum. On my visit to Ivy Court, I was so impressed. The stunning facilities at the new build care home exceeded all my expectations. All the staff are kind, caring, respectful and attentive. Nothing is too much trouble. The customer relations manager has helped me so much by signposting me to (a local dementia charity) that provides grants for respite. The home manager is so welcoming, and I thank all for allowing me a well-earned rest, knowing she is in safe hands.”

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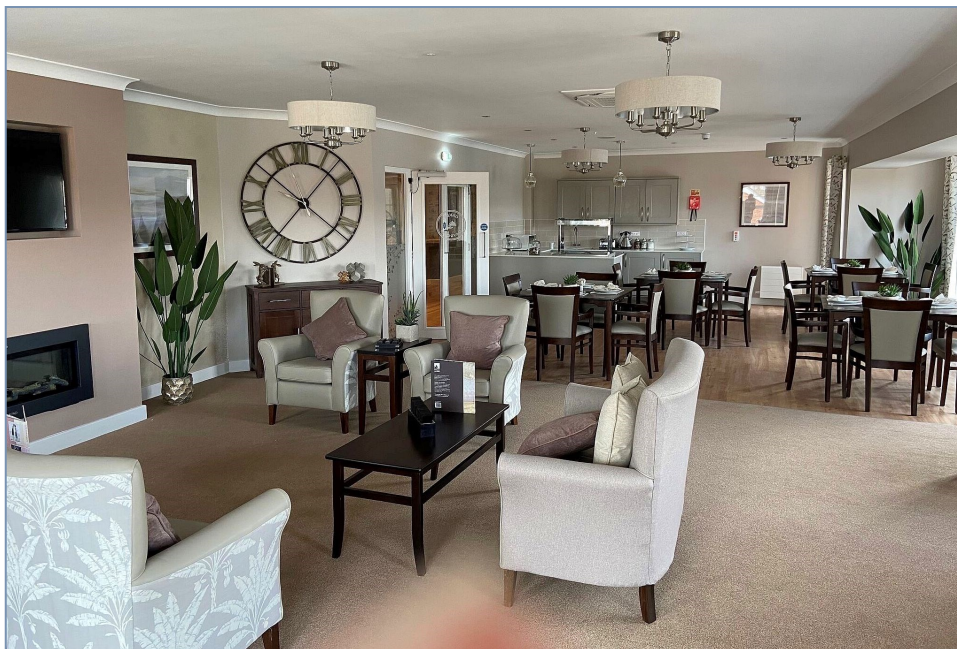
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Claire comments,

“Stenson Court and Brookwood House were closed and demolished in September 2020, with residents moving to the newly built Liberty House in Cantley.

Ivy Court welcomed its first residents from the now closed Gattison House in April 2022 with the official opening of the home on the 18th June 2022 by Mayor Ros Jones. The residents of Stenson Court chose the name of the new build as it reminded them of greenery and the street name is Greenfield Lane.

Residents have settled into their new home well and are enjoying an enriched life full of friendships, activities and choice of nutritious meals.”



FROM THE ARCHIVES (supplied by Julie Bridges)

“Picturesque Scenes at Horticultural Show and Gala

The second annual show and gala organised in aid of the Doncaster Infirmary Demonstration Committee was held in the field near Hexthorpe Flatts on Monday, and it proved a great success. Between three and four thousand persons were present.”

That was the opening paragraph in the Doncaster Gazette of the 10th August, 1928. The press cuttings and photographs have been sent to us by Mrs Bridges. Please take the time to read through the details of the programme for the day in the newspaper cuttings. There was an incredible variety and there are many names that some of our readers will recognise as those of old Hexthorpe families. It must have taken a fantastic amount of planning and organisation. It took place on what was known as Burnett's field - the Hexthorpe school is now there.



My Grandma Hilda Bridges holding my Dad Dennis, she is the one in the middle.

My Dad came first in the Class 1 section of the Baby Show!!

AUGUST 10, 1928.

HEXTHORPE HELPS HOSPITAL.

Picturesque Scenes at Horticultural Show and Gala.

A HOST OF ATTRACTIONS.

The second annual show and gala organised in aid of the Doncaster Royal Infirmary by the Hexthorpe Infirmary Demonstration Committee was held in the field near Hexthorpe Flatts on Monday, and proved a great success. Between three and four thousand persons were present. The sum of £52 18s. 0d. was taken at the gate in sixpences and threepences, and tickets sold before the event realised £6. The tea at 9d. a head, for which everything was given, made about £12. "The Nib" and others did a brisk trade with collecting boxes, and there were other remunerative side lines.

In their first effort last year, which was on a Saturday, the committee made a profit of £53. The field used for Monday's event was lent by Messrs. T. Burnett and Co., Ltd.

The programme opened with a Rose Queen Ceremony by the girls of the Hexthorpe School, under the direction of Miss L. Lea, assisted by Miss McLean, Miss Webberley, Miss Matthewman and Miss E. Smith. The Rose Queen, Miss Mary Mullins, with L. and B. Spencer as her maids of honour, E. Shrimplin and W. Sidney as train bearers, M. Milner as crown bearer, and M. Hobman as herald, and with other attendants and dancers, rode in a procession from Bridge Terrace to the field, lorries being lent for this purpose by Messrs. W. E. Cox, Ltd., and Mr. Addinall. The procession also included the fancy dress competitors. The procession was led by a band, and the "Yorkshire Evening Post" push ball, which afterwards proved a great attraction on the sports field, brought up the rear.

The grouping of the Rose Queen and her numerous retinue on the platform in the field was very effective. After an introductory song, Mrs. Challis, wife of the Vicar of Hexthorpe, crowned the Queen with roses.

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION.

A fancy dress competition was judged by Mrs. T. A. Glover and Mrs. F. H. Eggle-shaw, their awards being as follows:

Boys:—1 L. Bond, 2 N. Whinfrey, 3 E. Easton.

Girls:—1 B. Holdsworth, 2 D. Bradberry, 3 D. Knight.

BABY SHOW.

The entries in the Baby Show numbered 42, and Dr. Glover, the judge, was faced with an unenviable task. He remarked at the end of the ordeal that he would like to have given a prize for every one of the babies.

The results were:

Class 1 (babies under six months):—1 Dennis Bridges, 2 Barbara Huntington.

Class 2 (babies from 6 to 12 months): 1 Dennis Tyas, 2 Dora Byrne.

Class 3 (babies from 12 to 18 months): 1 Kenneth Felton, 2 Roy Cobb.

Mrs. Scargall presented the prizes.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW WINNERS.

The judges in the horticultural show were Messrs. Young, Thomas, Hodgson and Hanscombe, and the auctioneer was Mr. W. B. Fowler. The results were:—

VEGETABLES.



National Award for Hexthorpe Flatts Park

The Hexthorpe Flatts Park has just been awarded the coveted Green Flag Award.

The following criteria had to be met

- A Welcoming Place
- Healthy, Safe and Secure
- Well Maintained and Clean Environmental
- Management Biodiversity,
- Landscape and Heritage
- Community Involvement
- Marketing and Communication Management

The National Accreditation Manager Paul Todd said:

"I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making Hexthorpe Park worthy of the Green Flag Award."

It is a vital green space for the community in Doncaster. This award is testament to all the hard work of staff and volunteers, who do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

This award is beneficial by

- Helping to protect funding, staffing and resources
- Providing a framework to develop a long-term Management Plan