

the Gate to
1990
Southwell



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THE LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR,
THE COUNCIL HOUSE,
NOTTINGHAM, NG1 2DT.

T/PC/
3rd May 1990

Dear Mr Hine

I thank you for your letter of the 30th April 1990.
I have spoken to the Lord Mayor Designate, Councillor
Chris Gibson, and he will be very pleased to start
the Gate to Southwell procession from the forecourt
of the Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham,
on Saturday 9th June 1990 at 9 am.

Please could you kindly arrange for the enclosed
form to be completed and returned to me as soon as
possible.

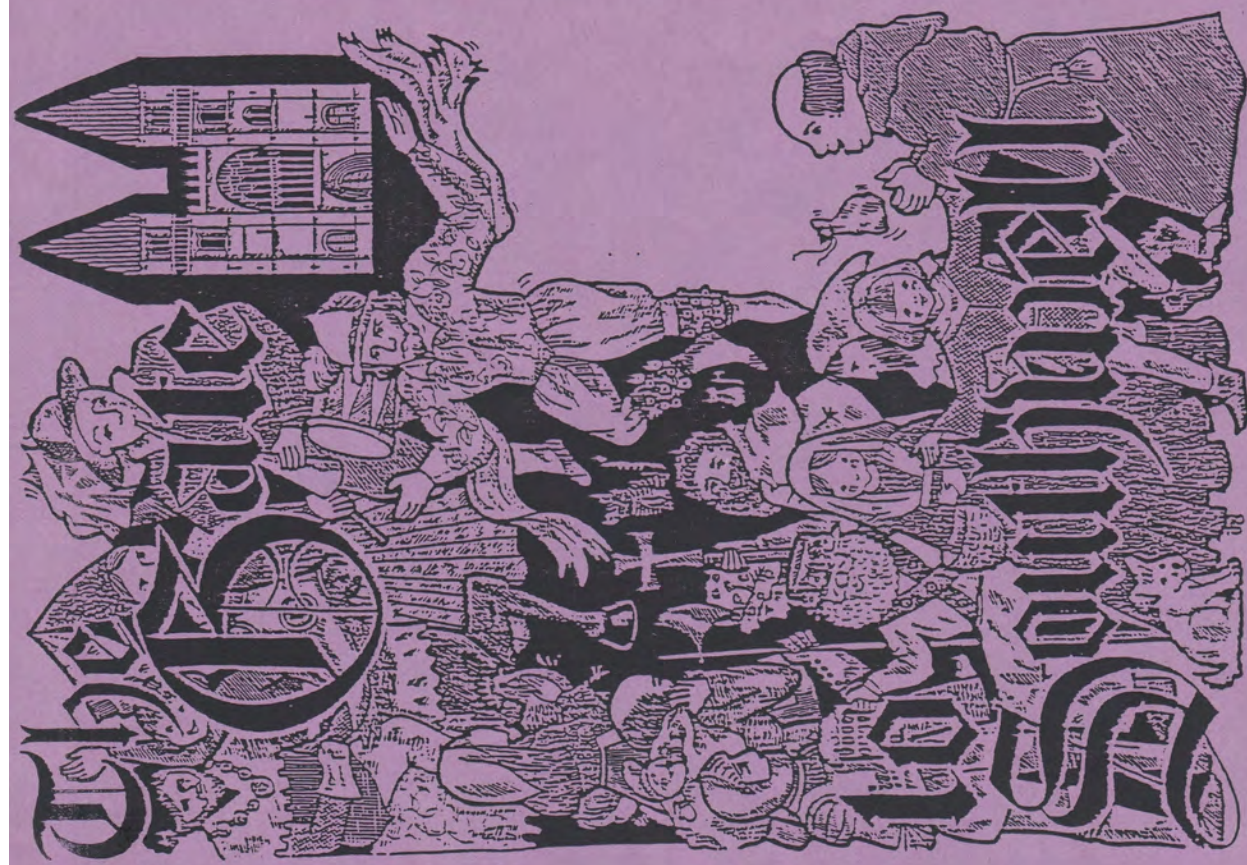
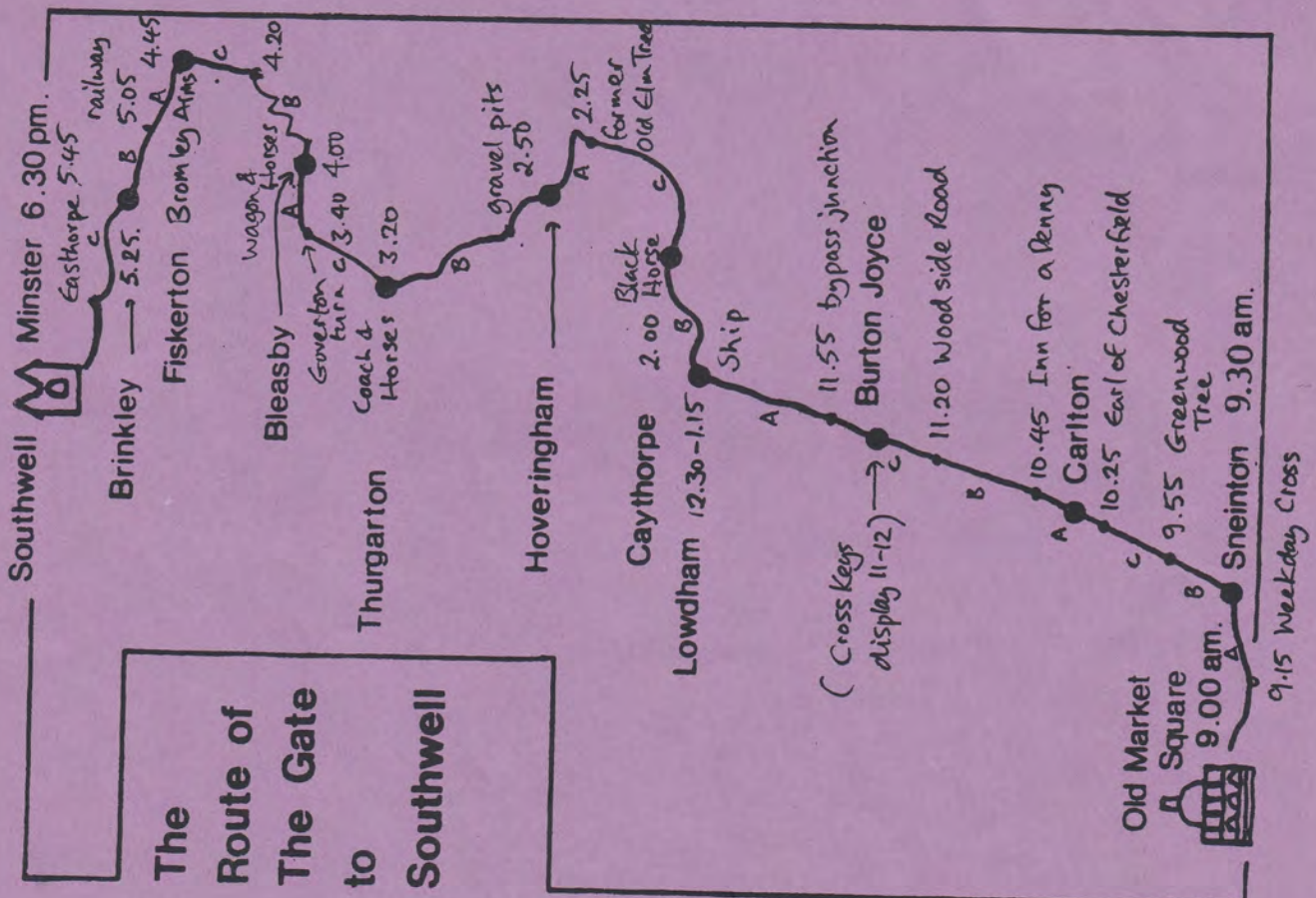
Yours sincerely

David Taylor
THE LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY
Mr David Taylor

MR R C HINE
27 HOLLYTREE CLOSE
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The Route of The Gate to Southwell



Saturday 9 June

The 10th Gate to Southwell, 1990

THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL 1990

Welcome to Nottinghamshire's traditional morris event - the Gate to Southwell - which this year is being staged for the tenth time since the revival in 1981. Greetings particularly to those sides making their first appearance on the Gate: Ripley, Ripley Green Garters, the Maids of Clifton, Portland Poklers and University Clog, and to the Guisers from Huddersfield. The turnout this year is expected to be the highest so far, with about 150 dancers plus walkers. Smile Don't Stare will again field a team of sponsored walkers to raise money for their holiday facilities for disabled children and their families. The Ripley teams will also raising money through sponsorship on behalf of the Children's Intensive Care at the Queen's Medical Centre in recognition of the help given to Steven Arnold of Ripley when he was knocked over in May 1989.

The Gate has by now an established format, but we have made one change this year in response to requests for a dance display at Southwell. This will take place at 6 pm in the Market Place, and will mean that the procession will leave the White Lion at Easthorpe at 5.45 instead of 6.15. Please ensure that you are at the White Lion in good time otherwise you will miss the procession up Church Street. There has been some small adjustment to the afternoon times to accommodate this earlier departure time. You are invited as usual to repair to the Bramley Apple in Church Street after the Minster service, courtesy of George and Dorothy.

Bob Hine 27 Hollytree Close Hoton Nr Loughborough 0509 880635

THANKS TO

The *Lord Mayor of Nottingham* for starting the procession off

The *Provost and Chapter Clerk* at Southwell Minster for receiving the procession

The *Nottinghamshire Constabulary* for their assistance
Sneinton Environmental Society for passage through their parish

Sneinton Community Centre for hospitality
George and Dorothy at the Bramley Apple for quenching our thirst afterwards

Messrs **Bateman, Marstons** and **Mansfield** for liquid support

Mike Scott for the artwork for the Badge
Roy Dyson for helping to organise the shows
Pete Moore for help with publicity



HOW THE GATE CAME TO BE REVIVED

In Victorian times a collection of old Nottingham records was published by the town council, and it included some accounts for 1530 relating to the morris dancers and the Gate to Southwell. I came across it in the winter of 1979/80 when I was preparing a leaflet about the history of the morris for the Dolphin Morrismen. The idea then arose that we might try to recreate the procession and we invited other local sides to join us in restaging the Gate. Meetings were held between reps of Dolphin, Foresters, Micklebarrow and Clifton Grove to plan the procession.

The route taken by the original procession was unknown, so we devised our own, which has been kept to each year. Basically we chose to get out of town by the shortest possible route and to avoid the long Carlton Hill in favour of a more rapid ascent via the Greenwood Tree. Out of town we aimed as far as possible to keep away from the main road, and to take a more scenically attractive route through the villages.

We had little idea how long it would take to dance the twenty odd

miles from Nottingham to Southwell by this rather circuitous route. From a much shorter procession we guessed a speed of about two miles an hour, and this proved to be about right. We reckoned that the earliest we could get the morris teams to the Old Market Square in the morning would be 9 am. Proceeding at a little over 2 mph got us to Southwell Minster by 6.30 pm, at the end of Evensong.

In view of the distance from Nottingham to Southwell we decided to organise the 1981 procession on a relay basis. Apart from the first and last parts, the teams were divided into three relay legs each taking it in turn to dance about a mile (fortunately this coincided with the distance between the village pubs). Each team danced six sections plus the start and finish - probably about 7 miles in all. In 1984 the University Morrismen became the only team to dance the complete route. (Ted Hutchby the crossbearer traditionally carries the cross for the full distance, in between dancing in the Trent.) The relay arrangement worked so well in 1981 that it has been kept largely unchanged for the subsequent processions, apart from some minor changes of timing.

THE Gate to
1990
Southwell



By tradition the Mayor rode at the head of the Gate to Southwell. Although we haven't yet persuaded a Mayor to accompany us in this way, each year the Lord Mayor has turned out early on the morning of the Gate to hand over the Southwell Pence and set the procession on its way.

From the outset the Minster clergy have been very supportive of the revival of the Gate to Southwell. In keeping with tradition a tradition which lasted probably into the 18th Century, we arranged to hand over the Southwell Pence at the North Door of the Minster to the Chapter Clerk. The Provost agreed to hold a short service in the Minster to commemorate those who in earlier times had taken part in the Gate to Southwell. The format included a dance by a team drawn from each of the sides. This feature has continued over the years, with Glorishears from Bampton being a favourite. The hymns used have varied but the Staff of Faith, sung to a version of Monks March (described in the hymn book as a traditional Swiss melody!) is a constant.

Other groups also helped with the first Gate, notably the Sneinton Environmental Society with their proclamation, and the Sneinton Community Centre and the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society with refreshments. Although the official police policy is to discourage processions along the highway, assistance has been provided in negotiating the route out of Nottingham.

WHO CAME WHEN ON THE GATE

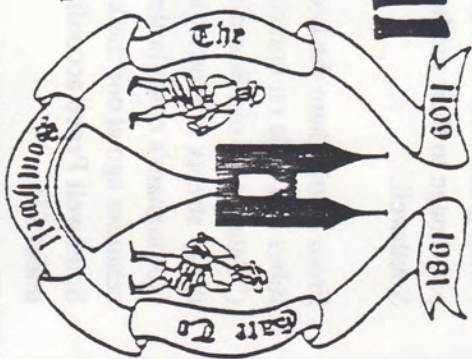
The teams taking part in the first Gate on Saturday 6 June 1981 were Dolphin, Foresters, Clifton Grove and Micklebarrow. The Squire of the Morris Ring - the Rev Ken Lovelace - and the Ring Bagman - Mike Garland accepted invitations to join in the first Gate. Since then most teams in and around Nottinghamshire

(University Clog and the Huddersfield Guisers to perform spots) each leg starts from the place indicated

- all 8.45 massed dancing Old Market Square, Nottingham
- all 9.00 Lord Mayor starts the procession
- A 9.15 Weekday Cross (via Wheeler Gate and Low Pavement)
- B 9.30 Hermitage Square Sneinton: address by Envir Soc
- C 9.55 Greenwood Tree
- A 10.25 Earl of Chesterfield, Carlton
- B 10.45 Inn for a Penny, Carlton
- C 11.20 Woodside Road, Burton Joyce (display at Cross Keys: 11-12)
- A 11.55 bypass, Burton Joyce
- (12.30 arrive Ship Lowdham (lunch stop))
- B (1.15 depart
- C 2.00 Black Horse Caythorpe
- A 2.25 former Old Elm Tree Hoveringham
- B 2.50 gravel pits Hoveringham
- C 3.20 Coach and Horses Thurgarton
- A 3.40 Goverton turn
- B 4.00 Wagon and Horses Bleasby
- C 4.20 junction half way to Fiskerton
- A 4.45 Bromley Arms Fiskerton
- B 5.05 railway crossing Fiskerton
- C 5.25 Brinkley
- all 5.45 White Lion Easthorpe, procession along Church St
- 6.00 Market Place Southwell display
- all 6.20 depart Market Place
- 6.30 arrive Minster

The Gate to Southwell

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



The Stages of the Procession
Leg A: Broadstone, Calverton, Nottingham Pride and Portland Poklers
Leg B: Dolphin, Micklebarrow, Sgt Musgraves, and Maids of Clifton
Leg C: Aidleys, Ripley, and Ripley Green Garters

have taken part. First years are listed below:

- 6 June 1981 **Dolphin, Foresters, Micklebarrow, Clifton Grove**
- 29.May.1982 **Broadstone**
- 21 May 1983
- 16.June.1984 **Selston, University, Calverton**
- 25.May.1985 **Aidleys (danced at Fayre in 1984);
Greenwood Clog (spots);
Leen Valley**
- 17.May.1986 **Sgt Musgrave (danced at spots in 1985)**
- 30 May 1987
- 21 May 1988 **Black Pig**
- 1989 **Nottingham Pride**
- 9 June 1990 **Maids of Clifton, Ripley Morrismen,
Ripley Green Garters, Portland
Poklers, Huddersfield Guisers,
University Clog**

To help to recreate the atmosphere of the original procession, sponsored walkers have taken part in the Gate to Southwell each year. On the first procession they were from Oxfam, dressed in mediaeval costume. From 1982, Smile Don't Stare have fielded a team of walkers: their record for sponsorship and collections was 1983 with £2500. NSPCC also have taken part in the procession and in 1984 organised a splendid Mediaeval Fayre in the grounds of the Old Rectory at Thurgarton, through which the

procession passed.

We were lucky to have good weather for the first Gate - apart from one brief shower we had a bright and mainly sunny day when other places in the region had prolonged rain. Since then we have had a range of weather: 1984 I recall as particularly warm, but we had one very wet year (which didn't stop us) and several rather grey, cool and drizzly ones. That probably sums up the British summers in the 1980s!

We repaired to the Bramley Apple pub after the first Gate with a free pint courtesy of Home Ales. Since the Bramley Apple changed hands landlord George has continued to provide hospitality with the assistance of Batemans, Stones and Marstons, for whose support we are most grateful. After the first Gate we had a feast at Southwell Leisure Centre; feasts were held at Rolleston in 1982, Lowdham 1983 (the year when the Gate to Southwell banner made its appearance), and Southwell in 1984 and 1985. All were well supported but most people were too tired to stay long and so the feasts were discontinued. From 1985, the procession stopped for about an hour at Lowdham, and this provided an opportunity to meet with other sides and to perform a series of show dances.

THE MORRIS TRADITION IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Gate to Southwell, is the traditional Nottinghamshire Whitsuntide procession. It is one of the oldest customs in the country - dating back at least to the year 1109. For more than 500 years people from all over Nottinghamshire travelled to Southwell at Whitsun combining a pilgrimage to their mother church with a holiday excursion to the fair at Southwell.

From Nottingham the Lord Mayor and his corporation donned their robes and rode on horseback to the Minster in "the Gate to Southwell" ("Gate" is an old Scandinavian word meaning street or way: there are many streets in Nottingham with this name). They carried with them Nottingham's contribution to the Minster - the Southwell Pence - fixed centuries ago at one mark (66.6p). Each parish made a contribution to the Southwell Pence according to its size. Altogether this amounted to just under £16..

What makes the Gate to Southwell special for the morris is that an old borough record shows that in 1530 a team of morris dancers took part in the procession. The borough paid for their bells and decorations, and also for the ale that the dancers "*drank at all times*". This is the earliest known record of morris dancing in the county and shows that morris dancing has always been a thirsty occupation.

The Gate to Southwell 1990

The service at Southwell Minster commemorates those many people from Nottinghamshire who over several hundred years took part in the annual procession at Whitsuntide to the mother church of St Mary's at Southwell.

Before the service, the Southwell Pence - the Whitsuntide offerings from the parishes of Nottinghamshire - will be handed over to the Chapter Clerk. Following tradition, this will take place at the North Porch of the Minster, weather permitting. The procession will then enter the Cathedral.

Order of Service

After the Chapter Clerk has welcomed the procession to the Minster, the hymn "Staff of Faith" will be sung (to the tune of Monk's March). There will follow prayers, remembering especially Steven Arnold of Ripley Morris who died after being knocked over in a road accident in May last year, and his family. We will pray also for the disadvantaged children whom we hope to assist through our collection and sponsorship on the Gate to Southwell.

Next, a traditional English morris dance from Bampton in the Bush, Oxfordshire, known as Glorishears will be performed. The service will conclude with a Whitsuntide reading and the hymn "Rejoice fear not and be glad". After the blessing the procession will leave by the west door.

THE STAFF OF FAITH. (8 6. 8 6. 8 8 8. 6.)

Traditional Swiss Melody.

The musical score for 'The Staff of Faith' is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and folk-like, with a strong rhythmic pattern. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic figures that support the vocal line. The score is written in a clear, legible font, with standard musical notation including notes, rests, and bar lines.

1 MY faith, it is an oaken staff,
The traveller's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade:
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
By silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred,
A soldier-pilgrim staid.

2 I have a Captain, and the heart
Of every private man
Has drunk in valour from His eyes,
Since first the war began:
He is most merciful in fight,
And of His scars a single sight
The embers of our failing might
Into a flame can fan.

3 I have a Guide, and in His steps
When travellers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod.

They cared not, but with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.

4 My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen!
Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart,
O make me what Thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.

THOMAS TOKE LYNCH, 1818-71.









30 April 1990

Mr Taylor
The Lord Mayor's Secretary
The Council House
Nottingham

30 April 1990

Your ref: HQ(OSD)T F1/1/51/88

The Chief Constable
Nottinghamshire Constabulary
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham NG5 8PP

Dear Sir,

It is planned to hold the tenth annual *Gate to Southwell* procession this year on **Saturday 9th June**. The route and timings are the same as last year. That is, the Lord Mayor has been asked to start the procession in the Old Market Square at 9.00 am. and the procession should arrive at Southwell Minster at 6.30 pm.

I should be grateful if, as previously, your officers could help us to negotiate the traffic on the first part of our route to Sneinton, and also if you could arrange for parking for six cars/ minibuses in the Old Market Square for a short period on either side of our 9.00 am. start. At Southwell it would be helpful if "no parking" signs could be placed on the road from Easthorpe to the Minster for about 50 yards opposite the Whiote Lion, where the procession lines up for the final stage of the journey.

Yours faithfully

R.C. Hine
Organiser
The Gate to Southwell

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30 April 1990

Tom Huggon
The Sneinton Environmental Society
77 Trent Road
Nottingham

Dear Tom,

Just a few lines to remind you of this year's Gate to Southwell on Saturday June 9th. It's the tenth since the procession was revived - a mere drop in the ocean of course compared with the number of times the procession was performed in ancient times. I hope very much that you and your colleagues in the Sneinton Environmental Society will feel able once again to grant us free passage through your ancient parish, and indeed if possible to join us at the Minster to hand over Sneinton's Southwell Pence at 6.30 pm.

With best wishes

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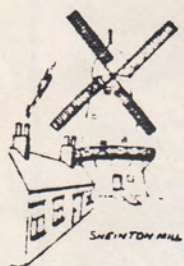
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SNEINTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Registered with the Civic Trust



77 Trent Road,
Sneinton.

19th May 1990

Dear Bob,

The Gate to Southwell

Thank you for your letter of 30th April. I confirm that the usual reception committee will be waiting the welcome you on Saturday 9th June.

Whether we are able to join you later in the day is not yet certain, but we shall make a special effort to do so for the 10th anniversary.

Please let me have details of the various teams & groups when you know them, so that I may prepare a fulsome proclamation.

Best wishes,

Tom.



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Our Ref HQ(OSD)T/F1/1/42/90

Please ask for
Tel extension 2118

Date 10th May 1990

Dear Sir/Madam

The Gate to Southwell Procession 9 Jun 90

Thank you for your letter dated _____ advising me of your intention to hold the above event.

It is my policy and that of all Chief Officers of Police to discourage events which involve the use of the public highway, since conflict is likely to be caused between participants, pedestrians and other road users and accidents could occur. Whilst I appreciate the charitable intentions, it is the duty of the Police to do everything possible to prevent road accidents and to ensure the free-flow of traffic using the public highway at all times.

The Police have considerable experience of events of this kind and although you may properly take maximum precautions in respect of participants' safety, there can be no guarantee, unfortunately, of the conduct and behaviour of drivers when approaching or passing them, which is the time when accidents are most likely to happen. I hope, therefore, that you will decide upon reflection not to proceed with the present project, but perhaps replace it with one that does not involve any use of the public highway.

If in spite of my views you still pursue your original intention and proceed with the event as envisaged, full risk and responsibility must rest with the organiser and participants. I would strongly urge that the arrangements are carefully checked to ensure that they conform fully either with the advice given in the enclosed pamphlet entitled 'Safety and Sponsored Walks', or in respect of marathons to the rules laid down by the A.A.A. and particularly in relation to young persons, the contents of which are equally applicable to other types of events on the highway.

In addition I should mention that if a vehicle is used to accompany the participants, the driver of that vehicle must conform to all traffic signs and regulations and accord to all the rules governing the use of a vehicle on the highway. Should any alleged offences be brought to my attention in respect of any person involved, then I must give consideration to the prosecution of the offender. The Police cannot

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assist or facilitate the event, but it would be appreciated if we could be advised of any changes in your present arrangements as soon as possible so that I can inform the local Police who can then be in position to attend any untoward incident which may arise as a result of your event.

Should you wish to make a street collection as part of the overall arrangement you must first obtain permission of the appropriate District Council.

Finally, may I reiterate the need for extreme care when using any highway open to the public.

Yours faithfully



Chief Constable

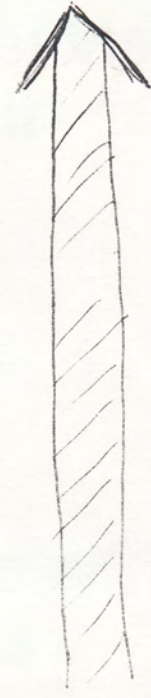
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THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL 1990

Please note that there will be a change to the usual programme at Southwell this year. At the White Lion, Easthorpe the procession will stop only long enough for all the sides to assemble, in the order indicated below. The procession will move off at **5.45** (i.e. half an hour earlier than usual) up Church Street to the Market Place where there will be a dance display from 6 to 6.20. The procession will then re-assemble and continue to the Minster for the usual ceremony of handing over the Southwell Pence at 6.30 pm.

Order of procession

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|------------------|---|
| | † Ted |
| Cotswold | Dolphin
Micklebarrow
Broadstone
* <i>Cotswold Musicians</i>
Calverton
Ripley |
| Northwest | Aidleys
Sgt Musgraves
Nottingham Pride
Ripley Green Garters
Maids of Clifton
Portland Poklers
University Clog |
| Walkers | Smile Don't Stare |



The Huddersfield Guisers will accompany the procession.



THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

**the traditional Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide procession**

**150 morris dancers will be recreating
this ancient local custom which dates
from the 12th century**

**on Saturday
9th June**

**there will be a dance display
at the Ship Lowdham**

from 12.30 to 1.15 pm

**the Gate to
1990
Southwell**





BLACK PIG BORDER

Bagman ~ John Hankin, 31 Julie Ave., Langley,
Heanor, Derbys. DE7 7HW. Tel. 0773 760507

14TH APRIL 1990

Dear Bob,

Unfortunately we had already agreed to go to Scarborough on 9TH June 1990, so we will be unable to take part in this years "GATE TO SOUTHWELL"

Enclosed is a cheque for £10 as a donation to this years fund raising.

All the best

John Hankin

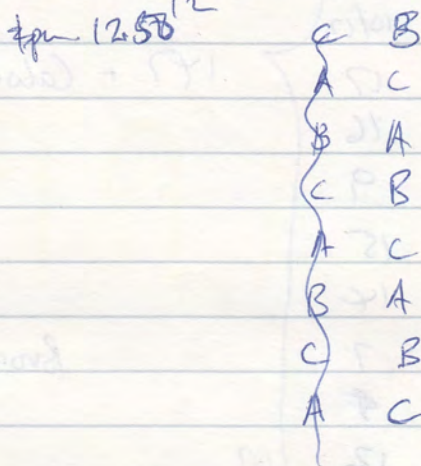


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A ~~B~~ (B, C optional)

- 1 Ship Lash
 - 2 Baulth Cay
 - 3 Old in Tree Hw.
 - 4 Grove Pit Hw.
 - 5 CH Jhugama
 - 6 Gov Tum.
 - 7 Bledon Vill Hall
 - 8 walking
- 4.30 Zorkston

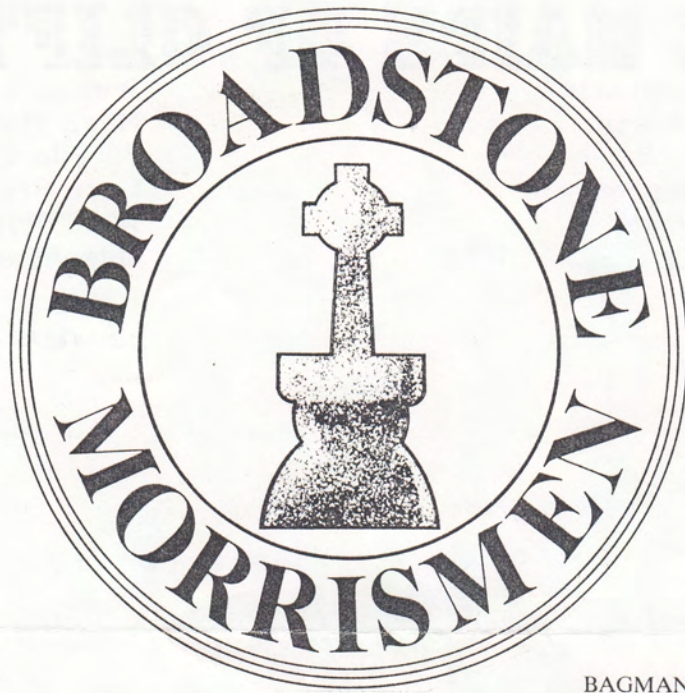


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 B.J. 10.30 ~~10.40~~
 10.40 Crossline
 11.20 A
 11.30
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WIRE: *Chris Rose.*

BAGMAN: *John Brewster.*

Please reply to: *John Brewster.*

30th. October 1989.

The Gate to Southwell 1990.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter re. the Gate to Southwell next year, the Broadstone Morris will deplorably attend to celebrate not only the Gate's 10th anniversary but also our own.

I shall try to attend the meeting on the 12th Nov. and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours.

J.A. Brewster.

THE MAIDS OF CLIFTON

Team Secretary:
Anne Casswell
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West Bridgford
NOTTINGHAM
Telephone : 0602-820632

Treasurer:
Mary Marwick
72 Ella Road
West Bridgford
NOTTINGHAM
Telephone : 0602-822514

Saturday evening.

Dear Bobs,

I have enclosed a cheque for £17.15 on behalf of the Maids of Clifton team. This is to cover the £10 contribution towards the hire of the van for the Gate to Southwell and 13 x 55p for badges, programmes etc. Sorry we couldn't pay our way on the day!

Thanks again for inviting us and for all the organisation that went into the day. Despite the weather we all had a great time. It's really nice to be with all the other teams for a change. Most of our venues seem to be school fêtes!

We're hoping to organise some pub tours later on in the year so look out for invitations!

Thanks again

Mary (marwick).

P.S. I have left the name on the cheque blank as I didn't know if the team had a bank account.