

Foresters wear black breeches and orange cross-belts with a badge depicting a bowman at the front and an oak tree on the back.

Micklebarrow wear orange on red cross belts, and their badge features the famous Bramley Apple, discovered in Southwell.

Broadstone wear a white on black cross belt with yellow ribbons and their badge shows the Broadstone at Retford; the side wears black breeches and black bowler hats.

Selston wear white shirts and trousers with a plain black baldric and a badge depicting a morris musician playing a pipe and tabor; red, green, black and white elbow ribbons and straw hats.

Owd Oss Mummers like the Dolphin morrismen, owe their origin to the Nottingham Traditional Music Club. They perform traditional mummung plays from this area and elsewhere in England, in January (Plough Monday) and in the summer. They have carried out research into mummung plays which used to be performed in Nottinghamshire villages such as Cropwell Bishop.

ABOUT THE CHARITY

The 'Smile Don't Stare Fund' is organised by Friends of the Greenwood Childrens' Centre at the City Hospital in Nottingham. Its aim is to support in practical ways the families of children with physical or mental handicaps; for example, by purchasing a specially adapted holiday chalet at Mablethorpe. The object of this year's fund raising is to provide electronic equipment to help severely handicapped children to communicate with their family and friends.

For further details about the Fund, and the money raised by the sponsored walkers and dancers on the Gate to Southwell, please contact: Mr M Robinson (Nottm.
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Calverton,

The Gate to Southwell

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Five local morris teams will recreate the ancient custom of the 'GATE TO SOUTHWELL' by dancing from Nottingham to Southwell Minster, accompanied by a troupe of sponsored walkers

on

WHIT SATURDAY, 21ST MAY 1983

THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

The Gate to Southwell is a traditional Nottinghamshire event that dates back to the year 1109, when the Archbishop of York - Thomas of Beverley - wrote to each of the parishes of Nottinghamshire asking them to contribute to the building of a new mother church at Southwell. Their offerings - the Southwell Pence - were brought to the Church in an annual procession at Whitsuntide. The procession began in Nottingham and was headed by the Mayor and Corporation in their best ceremonial robes. Apparently, the Mayor was allowed a certain discretion and sometimes did not come 'because of foulness of the way or destemperance of the weder'. Behind the Mayor came clergy who could use the occasion to get up to date on church business and ordinary people combining a pilgrimage with a holiday excursion.

According to one author, "Southwell was very gay on Whit Monday with the representatives of two hundred and five odd parishes riding into the little town. Whit week was long regarded as Southwell Feast Week, when merry village sports and other pastimes made a welcome break in the peaceful progress of the year. The greatest attractions were the donkey and pony races from Burgage Green to the top of Hockerton Hill and back. Nothing is left of all these enjoyments now, and the whole feast has degenerated into Southwell Races, which are held at Rolleston."

The Gate to Southwell is of particular interest to morris dancers, because the Nottingham Borough records show that in 1530, entertainment on the procession was provided by a team of morris dancers. They were rewarded for their efforts by payment from the Borough for their bells coats and the ale that the dancers drank at all times. Morris dancing in Nottinghamshire has a recorded history that goes back more than four hundred years.

THE MORRIS DANCERS

The five local morris dance teams taking part are:

The Dolphin Morrismen were founded in 1968 and maintain very strong links with the Nottingham Traditional Music Club. The name derives from the Dolphin Pub in Nottingham where the side went for refreshment after its first practice. The Dolphin are now based at Kingston-upon-Soar and dances on Thursday evenings from May to August in vilages within about a 12 mile radius of Nottingham.

The Foresters Morris and Sword Dance Club was founded in 1952 by men taking part in joint practices between three earlier groups - Ripley, Men of Nottingham and Charnwood Foresters. The side is based in Nottingham and dance on Monday evenings in the summer in villages within a 15 mile radius of the City.

The Micklebarrow Morrismen were founded in 1976 and were originally based on the Southwell Folk Club. The name derives from Micklebarrow Hill, an ancient burial mound behind the pub in Southwell where practices are held. The side dances in the villages around Southwell on Friday evenings during the summer.

The Broadstone Morrismen are based at Retford and take their name from the Broadstone at Retford. The side dances in the villages around Retford on Monday evenings during the summer.

The Selston Morrismen were founded in 1980 by a group of men whoses sons were members of a morris side at Holly Hill School - the Selston Hollymen.

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The sides are distinguishable by their uniforms, especially by the coloured cross belts (baldrics):

Dolphin wear red on green cross belts with a central badge featuring a yellow dolphin.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, folk-like style with chords and single notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8.

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.

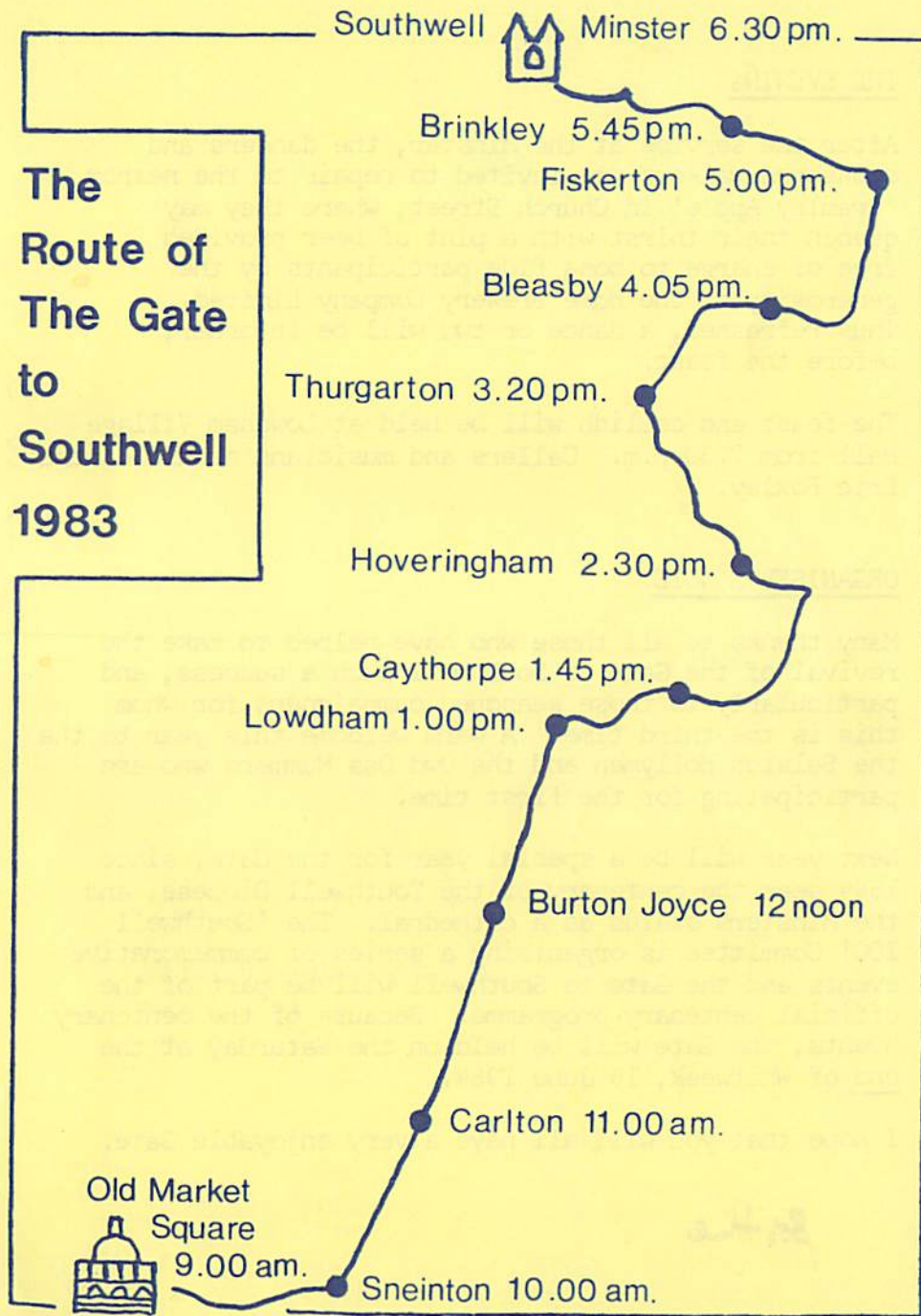
2 I have a Captain, and the heart
Of every private man
Has drunk in valour from His eyes,
Since first the war began:
He is most merciful in fight,
And of His scars a single sight
The embers of our failing might
Into a flame can fan.

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.

The Route of The Gate to Swithwell 1983



THE EVENING

After the service at the Minster, the dancers and sponsored walkers are invited to repair to the nearby 'Bramley Apple' in Church Street, where they may quench their thirst with a pint of beer provided free of charge to bona fide participants by the generosity of the Home Brewery Company Limited. Thus refreshed, a dance or two will be in order, before the feast.

The feast and ceilidh will be held at Lowdham Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. Callers and musicians should contact Eric Foxley.

ORGANISER'S NOTE

Many thanks to all those who have helped to make the revival of the Gate to Southwell such a success, and particularly to those seasoned campaigners for whom this is the third time. A warm welcome this year to the Selston Hollymen and the Owd Oss Mummies who are participating for the first time.

Next year will be a special year for the Gate, since 1984 sees the centenary of the Southwell Diocese, and the Minsters status as a cathedral. The 'Southwell 100' Committee is organising a series of commemorative events and the Gate to Southwell will be part of the official centenary programme. Because of the centenary events, the Gate will be held on the Saturday at the end of Whitweek, 16 June 1984.

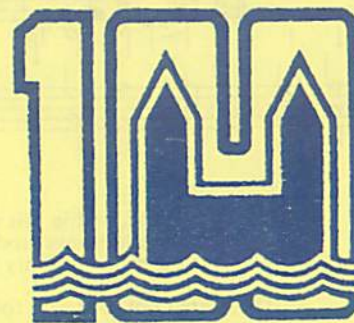
I hope that you will all have a very enjoyable Gate.

Bob Hie

THE SERVICE AT THE MINSTER

In the Minster, there will be a short service to commemorate the morris dancers and pilgrims who over several hundred years made the annual procession to Southwell. After the Chapter Clerk has welcomed the procession to the Cathedral, the hymn 'Staff of Faith' will be sung (words overleaf). There will follow prayers and the song 'Lord of the Dance'. A traditional English morris dance from Bampton in the Bush, Oxfordshire, known as 'Glorishears' will be performed to the tune of 'Lord of the Dance'. The service will conclude with the hymn, appropriate to Whitsuntide, 'Fear not rejoice and be glad' and a reading from Joel Chapter 2, verses 21-27 upon which the hymn is based. After the blessing, the procession will leave by the west door.

SOUTHWELL 100



ADVANCE NOTICE

The Diocese of Southwell celebrates its Centenary in 1984. The Gate to Southwell will be held in conjunction with Southwell 100, on Saturday, 16th June 1984.

The approximate times for the procession, and the sides leading each stage are given below:

Dolphin	D	Micklebarrow	M
Foresters	F	Broadstone	B
Selston	S	Owd Oss Mummers	O

9.15	Lord Mayor starts procession (all)
9.30	Wheeler Gate/Low Pavement - display by (F)→
9.40	Weekday Cross (D)
9.55	Hermitage Square, Sneinton - display by (DMBS) & coffee
10.20	'Greenwood Tree' (F)
10.50	'Earl of Chesterfield', Carlton (D)
11.10	'Inn for a Penny', Carlton (MBS)
11.45	Woodside Road, Burton Joyce (F)
12.00	Cross Keys, Burton Joyce - display & coffee
12.20	Junction with A612, Burton Joyce (D)
1.00	Lowdham (MBS)
1.45	'Black Horse', Caythorpe (F)
2.25	'The Old Elm Tree', Hoveringham (D)
(2.30)	Hoveringham village)
2.55	Brookfield Drive, Hoveringham (MBS)
3.20	'Coach & Horses', Thurgarton (F)
3.45	Goverton turn (D)
4.05/	Bleasby Village Hall - cream teas (MBS)
4.15	
4.40	Midway to Fiskerton (F)
5.10	'Bromley Arms', Fiskerton (D)
5.30	Railway crossing, Fiskerton (MBS)
5.55	Brinkley (F)
6.20	Easthorpe (all)
6.30	SOUTHWELL MINSTER

At the 'White Lion, Easthorpe, the sides will line up for the final stage into the Minster, where our arrival is timed for the end of Evensong at 6.30 p.m. At the North Porch, the 'Southwell Pence' will be handed over following a long custom, to the Chapter Clerk. The 'Southwell Pence' were traditionally the offerings of each parish in the county of Nottinghamshire to the mother church at Southwell, and they amounted to £15:18s:7½d in total. Since the revival of the 'Gate', they are contributed by the local morris sides.

LORD OF THE DANCE

VERSE

REFRAIN

1 I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun;
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had my birth.
*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2 I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John—
They came with me
And the dance went on.
Dance then, . . .

3 I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame:
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.
Dance then, . . .

4 I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance,
And I still go on.
Dance then, . . .

5 They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die.
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me;
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said he.
Dance then, . . .

Fear not! rejoice and be glad

Adapted from Joel 2,3,4.

Priscilla Wright

With breadth

Refrain

Fear not, re-joice and be glad the Lord hath done a great thing, hath

oured out his Spi-rit on all man-kind, on those who con-fess his name.

1. The
2. Ye
3. My
4. My

fig tree is bud-ding, the vine bear-eth fruit, the wheat fields are gold-en with grain.
 shall eat in plen-ty and be sat-is-fied, the moun-tains will drip with sweet wine.
 peo-ple shall know that I am the Lord, their shame I have tak-en a-way.
 chil-dren shall dwell in a bo-dy of love, a light to the world they will be.

Thrust in the sic-kle, the har-vest is ripe, the Lord has giv-en us rain.
 My chil-dren shall drink of the foun-tain of life, my chil-dren will know they are mine.
 My Spi-rit will lead them to- geth-er a gain, my Spi-rit will show them the way.
 Life shall come forth from the Fa-ther a-bove, my bo-dy will set man-kind free.

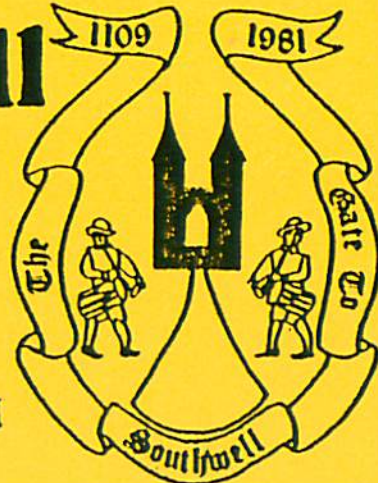
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THE 1983 PROCESSION: WHERE AND WHEN

The 1983 'Gate to Southwell' will assemble in the Old Market Square, Nottingham at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 21st May. The five local morris sides taking part in the procession will give a dance display in front of the Council House, starting with a massed 'Getting Upstairs' (Headington) and a show dance from Dolphin. These will be followed by a massed 'Balance the Straw' (Fieldtown), a show dance from Foresters, and, finally, 'Bonny Green Garters' for all the dancers. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham has been invited to start the procession by handing over the customary annual contribution of Nottingham Borough to the Minster Church at Southwell - the 'Southwell Pence'. This was fixed, centuries ago, at 13 shillings and 4 pence, and, as is fitting will be paid over in 'old money'. The cross-bearer will then lead the procession out of the Old Market Square via Wheeler Gate and Middle Pavement to Weekday Cross. After this point, the procession will be led in turn, by each of the morris sides taking part.

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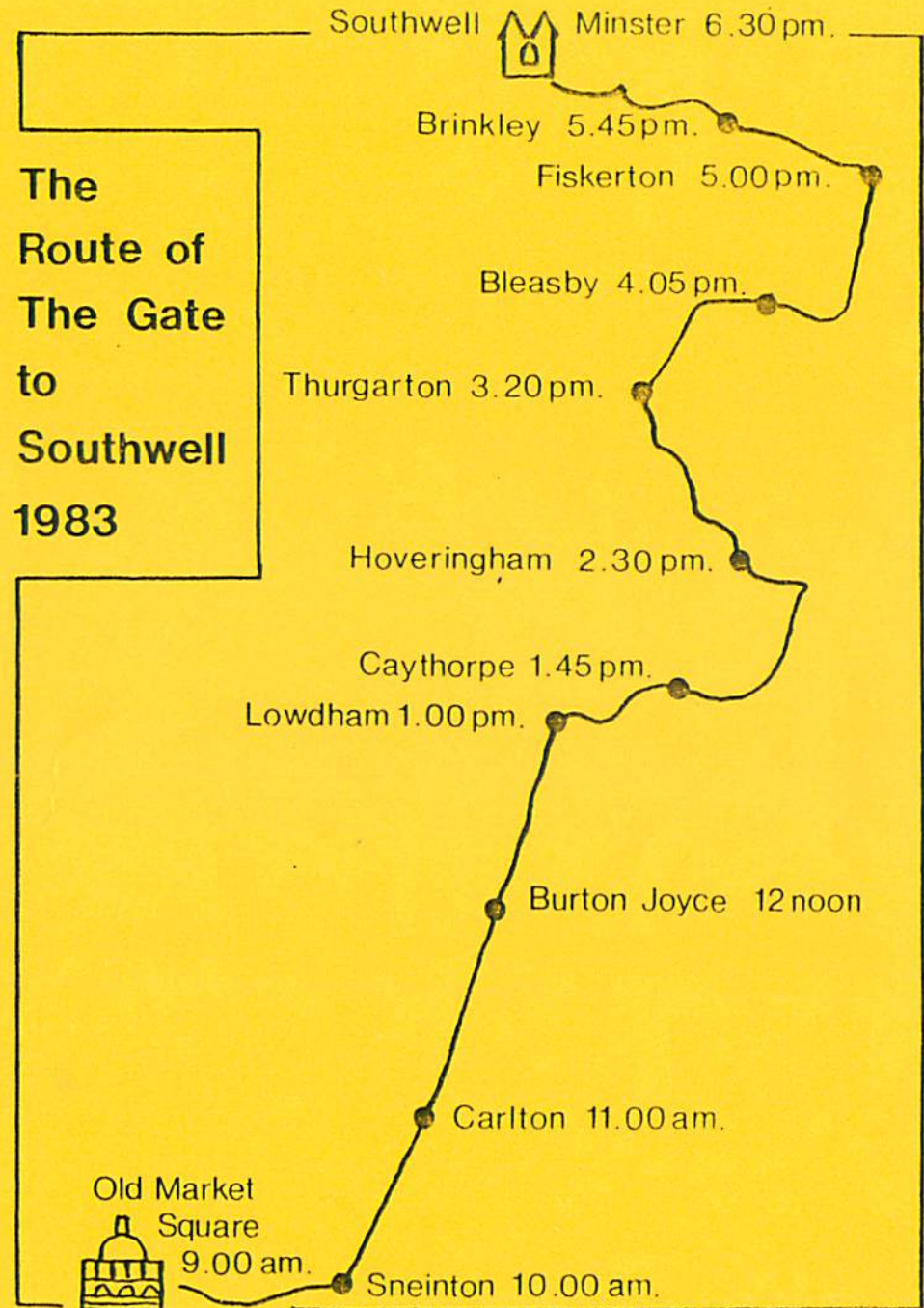


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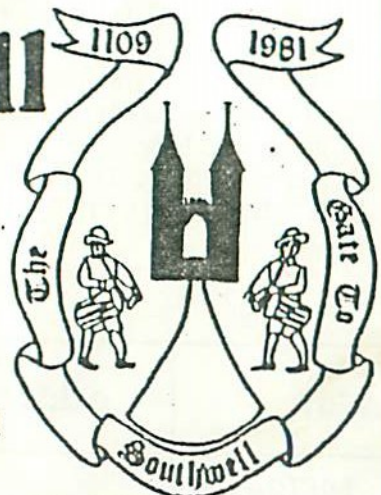
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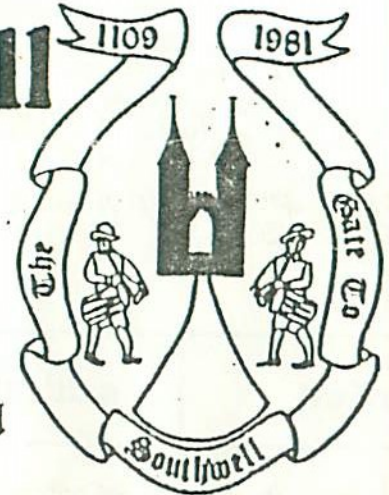
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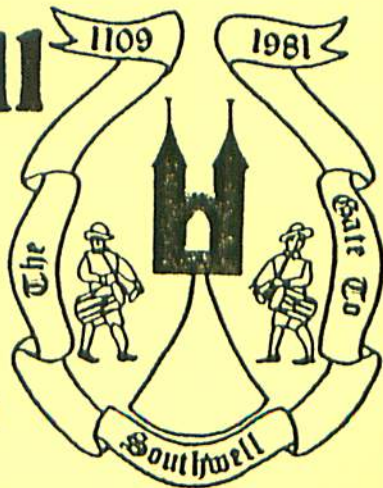
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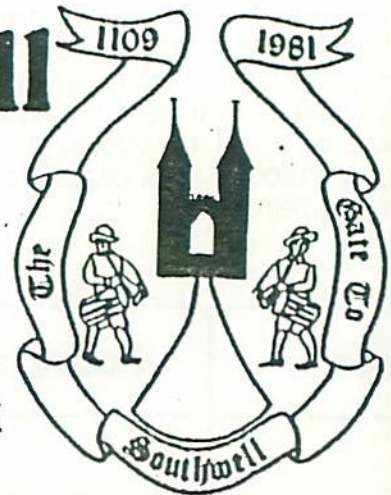
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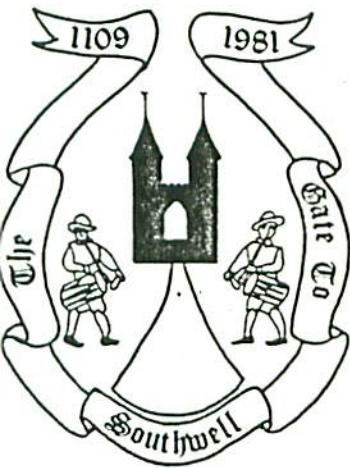
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Your Ref: T/SFR/9

Mr D Taylor
The Lord Mayor's Secretary
The Lord Mayor's Parlour
The Council House
Nottingham NG1 2DT

Dear Mr Taylor

I am writing to you in connection with this year's 'Gate to Southwell', the traditional Nottinghamshire procession to Southwell Minster. In 1981, and again last year, the procession was successfully revived by the Dolphin Morrismen, in conjunction with other local morris dance sides. In addition to reinstating an ancient custom, over £1,300 was raised for the Smile Don't Stare Fund organised by the Friends of the Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital.

In keeping with tradition, for the last two years the Lord Mayor of Nottingham has kindly set the procession on its way by handing over the 'Southwell Pence', the mediaeval alms to the Minster. I am writing to ask if the Lord Mayor would kindly agree again this year to start the procession. The date is Saturday, 21 May 1983, and the format is as before, with the procession assembling outside the City Hall at 9 a.m. We hope to raise a large sum, again for the benefit of the Smile Don't Stare Fund.

For information, I enclose a copy of last year's programme.

Yours sincerely

R.C. Hine

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

TEL. No. 44331.

T/LHW.25

9th May 1983

Dear Mr. Hine,

With reference to your letter of 9th March and my subsequent reply, I am now in a position to let you know that the Lord Mayor Designate (Councillor Arthur Wright) will be delighted to start the Gate to Southwell on Saturday 21st May, 1983 outside the Council House at 9.00 a.m.

Would you please complete the enclosed form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Lord Mayor's Secretary

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P.S. A s.a.e. is enclosed

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This will in fact be during the next Civic Year and due to the Municipal Elections I shall not know who the new Lord Mayor is to be until 9th May. However, a note of this function has been made in the new Diary and I will write to you again as soon as possible.

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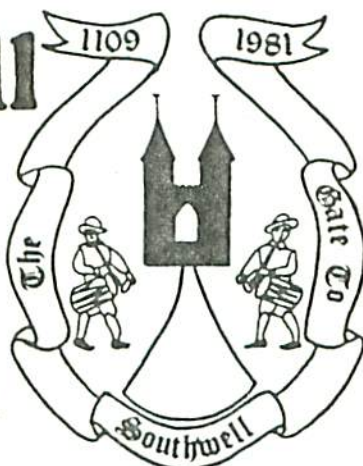


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Just a few points about Saturday's Gate to Southwell

I. According to the programme, your side is down to dance the following sections of the route:

2. Given the persistently wet weather we have had over the last couple of months, it is as well to be prepared for some rain on Saturday. Firstly, I think that the idea of carrying a plastic dustbin liner that can be used in the event of a sudden downpour is a good one, even if somewhat incogruous in a 16th Century context. What is more if enough people carry them, it may prevent the rain altogether. Secondly, in the case of more persistent rain, it will be up to the squires to take decisions about shelter. Having already made the Gate twice we don't need to get drowned just to prove that the Gate can be done. Her is a list of places where shelter can be sought:

Sneinton Community Centre, Hermitage Square...early on
pubs during opening hours, 11 to 2:30

the landlord at the Coach and Horses Thurgarton has applied for
an extension after 2:30, but even if this is refused he will
be open for the sale of non-alcoholic drinks after 2:30

Village Hall, Bleasby: we have the hall for the afternoon, but try
not to get in the way of the caterers who are preparing tea for 4p.m.

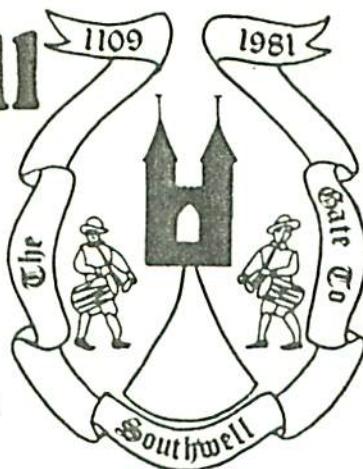
Bromley Arms, Fiskerton: the application for an extension was turned
down, but the pub will be open at 5p.m. for the sale of non-intoxicating
liquor

pubs in Southwell open at 6p.m.

Please try to ensure that when the weather improves you are in the right
place to carry out your next section of the procession.

The Gate to Southwell

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



3. I have made the following reservations for meals for your side:

..... teas @ 75p

..... feasts @ £3.50 total

Please bring a cheque for this amount payable to Dolphin Morrismen on Saturday.

4. The charity "Smile Don't Stare" will be meeting the expenses of mounting the Gate this year (except for food and travel) and will receive the proceeds from the collection along the route. Assuming that the collection is similar in amount to previous years, the financial effect will be much the same as before, but the arrangement does ensure that we don't make a loss if it rains and there is a small collection we shan't be out of pocket. There is one expense, however, which I should like the morris sides to retain if possible, and this is the Southwell Pence contribution. The total for this is £15.89, and if we split this between the five sides, this amounts to £3.18 each. So, if you agree to this, will you add this sum to your cheque for the food?

5. Don't forget that you need beer tickets for your free pint at the Bramley Apple after the Minster service... collect the tickets from me on Saturday. Soft drinks are available as an alternative to beer; they will be served from a separate table, so don't join the beer queue.

That's all for now, see you on Saturday

ORGANISER: BOB HINE

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Hoton, Near Loughborough
Leics.
Tel. Wymeswold 880635

77 TRENT RD
SNEINTON
NOTTINGHAM

16th April 1983.

Dear Bob,

The Gate to Southwell

The Sneinton Environmental Society we prepare their
annual humble greeting and will be please to proclaim it
at the hermitage at 10 am on the 21st May.

As is always the case, now that people are becoming
familiar with this recent resurrection of an ancient tradition,
more folk are expected to join our welcoming party this year
and we shall process with your team to the Greenwood Tree
thereafter.

Do send some of your posters etc. ✓

Yours truly, Tom Huggon

Bob. Fine,
The Gate to Southwell.

SNEINTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Registered with the Civic Trust



21st May 1983.

77 Trent Road,
Sneinton.

Dear Bob,

The Gate to Southwell

Herewith our donation of £10 as our contribution
to your charitable fund.

Yours truly,
Tom Faggan

Vice Chairman

Bob Fiee,
The Gate to Southwell.



15th March 1983

Jon Huggon
Vice Chairman
Snettisham Environmental Society

Dear Jon,

I am again writing to you to ask for a wayleave for the Gate to Southwell to pass through your historic parish on Saturday 21st May at c. 10 am. We very much enjoyed your proclamation last year - those patriotic sentiments gladdened our hearts. I should add that they were captured on celluloid - well video tape - by our intrepid cameraman.

May I take the liberty of sending you some publicity material a little nearer to the event?

Yours sincerely, Bobbie.





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20th June, 1983

Mr. B. Hine,
27 Hollytree Close,
Hoton,
Leics.

Dear Bob,

My Council discussed the Gate of Southwell activity at their meeting last week and felt that it had been most enjoyable to have you in our community.

We would be pleased to provide similar hospitality next year, probably on the 16th of June when it ought to be warmer and a little less wet!

No doubt Cecil will be in touch with us nearer the time to confirm things more definitely so that we can get the Hall booked and the tea ladies lined up.

Yours sincerely,



Jean Glynn

Thank you letters

- Canon Keene ✓
- Chief Constable ✓
- Inspector Branley ✓
- Mr Cross ✓
- Mrs Allen ✓
- Ken Watkinson ✓
- Henry Howard ✓
- John Huggon ✓
- Eric Starling ✓
- Haverhill P.C. Comm. ✓
- Local Mayor ✓
- Mr Carter ✓
- Quentin Combs ✓

Letter to odds

- Thanks for parti. a not allowing spirits to be diluted by damp weather.
- Thanks to those who came to meeting at Jerry - propose first one next October ...
- Cecil for badges, ^{organ. H.V. Floor} photos & support.
- Joe for printing. ^{Cecil & leg. photos map}
- Eric Foxley & band for feat.
- Ted for carry X
- Pete & Jo Bradley for banner.
- collection £233 a record despite weather.

Sorry about catering arrangements - ideas for next year
Suggestion about route thro' Notten for parti. perhaps of long morning to broader display at specific stops

movements are often accentuated by the use of handkerchiefs or sticks. The detailed patterns of the dances vary widely according to the particular villages from which they originated.

Although, as the Gate to Southwell records show, morris dancing is part of the folk tradition in Nottinghamshire, unfortunately no records have survived of the dances in this area, probably because of the early industrialisation of the county. The dances performed by today's "revival" sides are therefore taken from the repertoire of traditional morris dancers in other parts of the country, and especially the Cotswolds. By the turn of this century, almost all of the traditional morris dance sides had ceased to perform regularly and because the dances had been handed down from father to son by example rather than written down, they were nearly lost for ever. Fortunately, thanks to the diligence of a small band of collectors in the early 1900's who tracked down the old-time dancers - often men in their eighties - a large number of the dances have survived.

THANKS

I would like to express the thanks of the participants in the Gate to Southwell to the many people who have helped us in our endeavour, and in particular to the Lord Mayor for turning out early on Saturday morning in order to set the procession on its way; to the Chapter Clerk of Southwell Minster (Canon Morley) and to Canon David Keene for their organisation of the special Minster service; to Tom Huggon, of the Sneinton Environmental Society for entertaining us with his stirring annual peroration; to the Sneinton Community Centre for their hospitality; to Henry Howard for his colourful greeting outside the Minster; to Jenny Farr for allowing us to use the grounds of the Old Rectory at Thurgarton for the Mediaeval Fayre; to the Aidleys team for their dance display at the Fayre; to Home Ales for their generous supply of beer; and to members of the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society for their coffee stall.

The Gate to Southwell

1984

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



in conjunction with



SOUTHWELL 100

on
Saturday 16th June 1984

Eight local morris dance teams
will dance the 20 miles from
Nottingham to Southwell Minster
(accompanied by 16th Century walkers)

ORGANISER'S NOTE

Welcome to this year's Gate to Southwell, which is the fourth since the revival of the Gate in 1981. Let us hope that June 1984 turns out to be drier than May 1983. (Dolphins were of course in their element, swimming from Burton Joyce to Lowdham.)

The 1984 procession is special for a number of reasons. Firstly, all of the Nottinghamshire men's morris sides will be taking part in the procession, and we extend a warm welcome this year to the Mansfield and University teams. Secondly, the Gate is being held in conjunction with Southwell 100, which celebrates the centenary of Southwell Minster becoming a cathedral. Thirdly, we are hoping to have more sponsored walkers as well as dancers than have taken part in the procession before. In addition to our friends from Smile Don't Stare, we shall be accompanied by a group of sponsored walkers from the National Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) which is also in its centenary year. Fourthly, as a new venture for the Gate, NSPCC is organising a Mediaeval Fayre (details below) at the Old Rectory, Thurgarton. Amongst the attractions will be craft stalls, children's amusements, assorted side stalls and dance displays.

Thanks to all those who have helped with the planning and operation of the procession, especially to the regulars at the Ferry. Warm thanks too to the Committee of Smile Don't Stare and to Gill Tanner and Anne Buckland of the NSPCC.

I hope that you will all have a very enjoyable Gate.

Bob Hine

P.S. Please make a note of the date for the Gate to Southwell next year, which is Whit-Saturday 26th May, 1985.

The sides are distinguishable by their uniforms, and especially by the coloured cross belts (baldrics).

Dolphin wear white shirts and trousers, and straw hats. Their cross belts are red on green with a central badge featuring a yellow dolphin.

Foresters wear black breeches and white shirts; their cross belts are orange with badges depicting a bowman at the front and an oak tree on the back.

Micklebarrow wear white shirts and trousers, and orange and red cross belts; their badge shows the famous Bramley apple, discovered in Southwell.

Broadstone wear a white on black cross belt with yellow ribbons, and their badge features the Broadstone at Retford; the side wears black breeches and black bowler hats.

Selston wear white shirts and trousers with a plain black cross belt and a badge depicting a morris musician playing a pie and tabor; red, green, black and white elbow ribbons and straw hats.

The Mansfield uniform comprises white shirts with leather cross belts, black breeches and straw hats.

The University side wears black breeches and a cross belt in the University colours of blue, green and yellow.

THE MORRIS DANCE

Although the precise origins and functions of the English morris dances are obscure, it seems likely that the dances are derived from an ancient fertility rite performed in the Spring to ensure good crops in the following season. They are distinctive as ritual rather than social dances, performed usually by a team of six dancers and a musician. The dancers weave a sequence of patterns punctuated by a series of more specialised hand, leg and arm movements. These

THE MORRIS DANCERS

The teams taking part in this year's procession are:

The Dolphin Morrismen who were founded in 1968 and maintain strong links with the Nottingham Traditional Music Club. The name derives from the Dolphin pub in Nottingham where the side went for refreshment after its first practice. Dolphin are now based at Kingston-on-Soar and dance on Thursday evenings from May to August in villages within about a 12 mile radius of Nottingham.

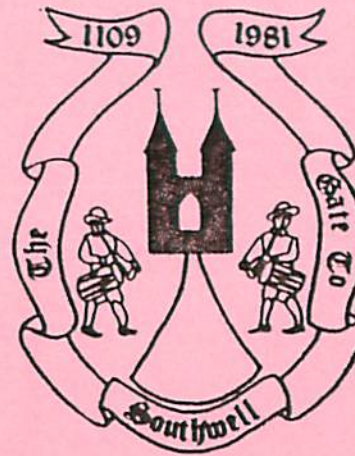
The Foresters Morris and Sword Dance Club was founded in 1952 by men taking part in joint practices between three earlier groups - Ripley, Men of Nottingham and Charnwood Foresters. The side is based in Nottingham and dances on Monday evenings in Summer in villages within a 15 mile radius of the City.

The Micklebarrow Morrismen were founded in 1976 and were originally based on the Southwell Folk Club. The name derives from Micklebarrow Hill, an ancient burial mound behind the pub in Southwell where practices are held. The side dances in the villages around Southwell on Friday evenings during the Summer.

The Broadstone Morrismen are based at Retford and take their name from the Broadstone in the town. On Monday evenings during the Summer months the side dances in the villages around Retford.

The Mansfield Morrismen were founded in 1975 by members of the Mansfield Folk Dance Group, and dance out during the summer in north Nottinghamshire.

The University side was founded in 1978 by a member of the Swindon Morrismen who came as a student to Nottingham. The side now comprises both students and locals.



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THE 1984 PROCESSION: WHEN AND WHERE

The 1984 "Gate to Southwell" will assemble in the Old Market Square, Nottingham at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday 16th June. The eight local morris dance sides will give a dance display in front of the Council House; the programme will be:

- Getting Upstairs (Headington)
- Balance the Straw (Fieldtown)
- Shepherds Hey (Adderbury)
- Bonny Green Garters (Bampton)

After the dance display, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham - Mrs I.F. Matthews - will start the procession on its way by handing over the customary annual contribution of Nottingham Borough to the Minster church at Southwell - the Southwell Pence. This was fixed, centuries ago, at 13 shillings and 4 (old) pence, and - as is fitting - will be paid in "old money". The cross-bearer will then lead the procession out of the Old Market Square via Wheeler Gate and Middle Pavement to Weekday Cross. After this point, the procession will be led, in turn, by each of the morris sides taking part.

The approximate times for the procession, and the sides leading each stage are given below:

Dolphin	D	Selston	S
Foresters	F	University	U
Micklebarrow	Mi	Mansfield	Ma
Broadstone	B	Calverton	C

all	8.30	*assemble Old Market Square, Nottingham
all	9.00	Lord Mayor starts procession
FU	9.15	Weekday Cross (via Wheeler Gate and Low Pavement)
DS	9.30	*Hermitage Square, Sneinton
MB	9.55	'Greenwood Tree'
FU	10.25	*'Earl of Chesterfield', Carlton
DS	10.45	'Inn for a Penny', Carlton
MB	11.20	Woodside Road, Burton Joyce
FU	11.55	Junction with A612, Burton Joyce
DS	12.30	*'Magna Charta', Lowdham
MB	1.15	*'Black Horse', Caythorpe
FU	1.55	*'Old Elm Tree', Hoveringham
DS	2.25	Brookfield Drive, Hoveringham
	(2.50	Old Rectory, Thurgarton arrive
MB	(3.45	" " depart
FU	4.05	Goverton Turn
DS	4.30	'Wagon and Horses', Bleasby
MB	4.55	Midway to Fiskerton
FU	5.25	*'Bromley Arms', Fiskerton
DS	5.45	Railway crossing, Fiskerton
MB	6.10	Brinkley
all	6.35	'White Lion', Easthorpe
	6.30	SOUTHWELL MINSTER

* shows places where there will be short dance displays; more extended displays will be given at:

8.30-9.00 Old Market Square, Nottingham
 9.30-9.45 Hermitage Square, Sneinton (proclamation from the Environmental Society and coffee in Community Centre)
 11.30-11.45 outside the Cross Keys, Burton Joyce (coffee stall organised by the Local History Society)
 2.50-3.45 Mediaeval Fayre at the Old Rectory, Thurgarton (including dance display by the Aidleys ladies dance team)
 6.20-6.30 Massed procession through Southwell from Easthorpe to the Minster

ABOUT THE CHARITIES WHICH WE ARE SUPPORTING

The "Smile Don't Stare" Fund is organised by the Friends of the Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital in Nottingham. Its aim is to support in practical ways the families of children with physical or mental handicaps; for example by providing advanced-design wheelchairs. The specific objective of the Fund this year is to purchase and equip a specially-adapted holiday chalet at Bridlington for the use of families for whom normal holiday accommodation would be unsuitable and who might therefore not otherwise be able to take a much needed break at the seaside. Last year the Gate raised £2300 for "Smile Don't Stare".

For further details about the Fund, and the money raised by the sponsored walkers and dancers on the Gate to Southwell, please contact:

Mr M. Robinson
 131, Park Road
 Calverton
 Nottingham (tel N.653315)

The NSPCC is of course a national organisation, but the money raised by the sponsored walkers taking part in the procession will be used in local projects. Sadly, cruelty to children remains all too common and the Notts NSPCC urgently need new premises in which to carry out their important work. In this centenary year, the Nottinghamshire branch aims to raise £150,000 for the purpose of providing a new, properly equipped Centre in Nottingham, including a Special Unit dealing with child abuse.

For more details about the arrangements for NSPCC sponsored walkers on the Gate please contact:

Gill Tanner
 9, Selby Road
 West Bridgford
 Nottingham (tel N.812039)

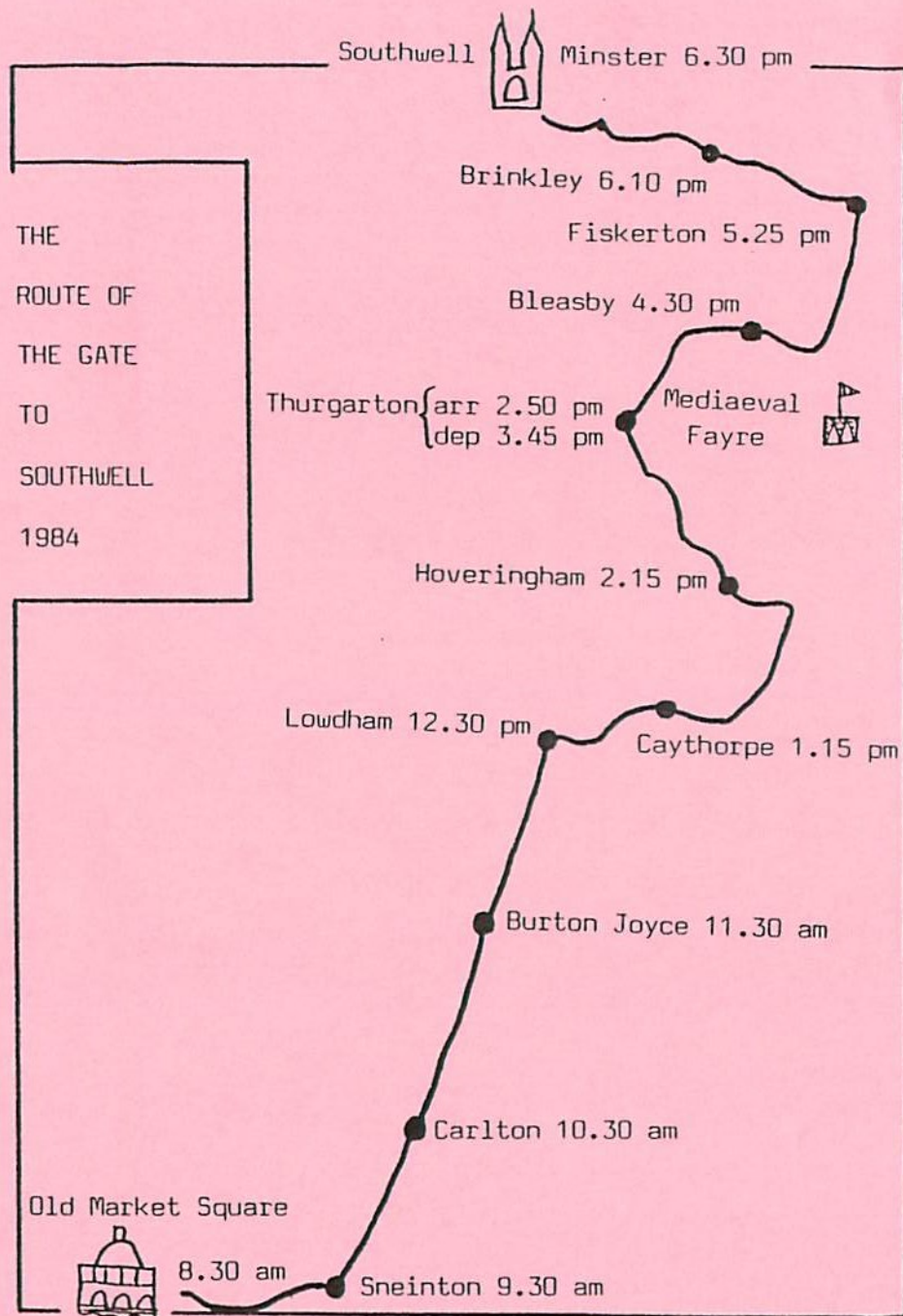
18th Century, the annual church meeting which used to be held in conjunction with the procession was abolished. Even after the procession had long ceased to be held, the Chapter Clerk kept up the custom of attending in the north porch of the Minster, where his predecessors had collected the Southwell Pence.

The Gate to Southwell is of particular interest to traditional dance enthusiasts, because the Nottingham Borough records show that in 1530 entertainment on the procession was provided by a team of morris dancers. They were rewarded for their efforts by payment from the Borough for their bells, coats and the ale that the dancers "drank at all times". Morris dancing in Nottinghamshire thus has a recorded history that goes back more than four hundred years.

ABOUT THE MINSTER CENTENARY

The church of St Mary's at Southwell was founded over a thousand years ago, in 956 AD. The present magnificent building dates mainly from the 12th Century, when the Gate began. For most of its long history the Minster was not a cathedral: that is a title reserved for the see or headquarters of a bishop, and is the church in which his "cathedra" or throne is set up. Southwell was in the diocese of York, and did not achieve the status of the head church of its own diocese until 1884.

Nevertheless, as its architecture demonstrates, Southwell "Minster" (monastery) before 1884 was no ordinary parish church, and this is also seen in its special form of organisation: it was served by an independent, self-governing and headless "chapter" of canons (priests, not the explosive variety). The chapter had special powers to administer the church laws in the district around Southwell known as the "peculiar of Southwell". The canons themselves were supported by the incomes of their prebends or local estates, where they were also nominally the parish priests. Each prebendary had his mansion at Southwell as well as his parochial manor or parsonage. Most of these mansions have survived and give great architectural character to Southwell.



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At the 'White Lion', Easthorpe, the dancers and walkers will line up for the final stage into the Minster, where our arrival is timed for the end of Evensong at 6.30 p.m. At the North Porch, after the greeting from the Town Crier, the Southwell Pence will be handed over, following a long custom, to the Chapter Clerk. The 'Southwell Pence' were traditionally the offerings of each parish in the county of Nottinghamshire to the mother church at Southwell, and they amounted to £15:18s:7½d in total. Since the revival of the Gate, they are contributed by the local morris sides.

THE SERVICE AT THE MINSTER

In the Minster, there will be a short service to commemorate the morris dancers and pilgrims who over several hundred years made the annual procession to Southwell. After the Chapter Clerk has welcomed the procession to the Cathedral, the hymn 'Staff of Faith' will be sung (to the tune of Monks March). There will follow prayers, remembering especially the disadvantaged children who are the object of our charity appeal, and the song 'Lord of the Dance'. A traditional English morris dance from Bampton in the Bush, Oxfordshire, known as 'Glorishears' will be performed to the tune of 'Lord of the Dance'. The service will conclude with the hymn, appropriate to Whitsuntide, 'Fear not rejoice and be glad' and a reading from Joel Chapter 2, verses 21-27 upon which the hymn is based. After the blessing the procession will leave by the west door.

THE EVENING

After the service at the Minster, the dancers and sponsored walkers are invited to process to the 'Bramley Apple' in Church Street, where they may quench their thirst with a pint of beer provided free of charge to bona fide participants by the generosity of the Home Brewery Company Limited. Thus refreshed, a dance or two will be in order before the feast.

The feast and ceilidh will be held at the Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Road, from 7.30 p.m. Callers and musicians should contact Eric and Joy Foxley.

(Entrance is by ticket only and is restricted to members of the procession and their guests. Tickets, price £3.50, available from Bob Hine on or before 23rd May. Ticket includes a buffet meal; there will be a bar.)

THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

The Gate to Southwell is a traditional Nottinghamshire event that dates back to the year 1109, when the Archbishop of York - Thomas of Beverley - wrote to each of the parishes of Nottinghamshire asking them to contribute to the building of a new mother church at Southwell. Their offerings - the Southwell Pence - were brought to the church in an annual procession at Whitsuntide. The procession began in Nottingham and was headed by the Mayor and Corporation in their best ceremonial robes. Apparently, the Mayor was allowed a certain discretion and sometimes did not come "because of foulness of the way or destemperance of the weder". Behind the mayor came clergy who could use the occasion to get up to date on church business, and ordinary people combining a pilgrimage with a holiday excursion.

According to one author, "Southwell was very gay on Whit Monday with the representatives of two hundred and five odd parishes riding into the little town. Whit Week was long regarded as Southwell Feast Week, when merry village sports and other pastimes made a welcome break in the peaceful progress of the year. The greatest attractions were the donkey and pony races from Burgage Green to the top of Hockerton Hill and back. Nothing is left of all these enjoyments now, and the whole feast has degenerated into Southwell Races, which are held at Rolleston."

We do not know precisely when the annual procession was ended, but it seems likely to have been in the 16th Century when the reformation of the Church, and especially the break of the link with Rome, undermined the religious purpose of the procession. In the late

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7th November 1983

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Leics.

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Dear Mr. Hine,

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Trembath to which I reply on his behalf.

The Nottinghamshire Centenary Appeal Committee are delighted to accept all the excellent plans for the Gate to Southwell to be held on Saturday, 16th June 1984.

I personally shall be pleased to welcome everyone to the Old Rectory for a Mediaeval Market, to use the gardens and fields to serve teas, and have stalls for N.S.P.C.C., Southwell Minster Centenary Committee and Smile Don't Stare, if they so wish.

All other points in your letter are of course agreed to. However, I would be grateful if you would keep in touch with me to let me have details of any further plans you may make. Perhaps too it would be helpful if you came to see me in Thurgarton to see the general facilities available. We have held five Strawberry Fayres for the village in June and would be happy to give you any benefit possible on experience gained from these events.

My very sincere thanks for so kindly allowing us to participate in the Gate to Southwell and benefit from the occasion, we do appreciate this opportunity enormously.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. Farr (Mrs.)

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Dear Bob Hine, I know that you have heard from Rufus Trembath and that he has given you our names as the organizers for the "Gate". We introduced ourselves to you at Kingston on Soar. Steve is with the 'Foresters Moms Team.

I would like to discuss with you exactly what you expect of us. Your letter to Rufus says I quote "no objection in principle". May I have a more definite answer?

If you allow us (NSPCC) to join in with the 'Gate' it would be our intention to provide our own sponsor forms, posters, collecting boxes and back-up vehicles. also a photographer if possible.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if you wish the NSPCC to be responsible for sharing any expenses ie. First Aid, coffee stops publicity etc.? I am concerned, that if we do take part, the

relationship between 'Smile don't Stare' and the NSPCC should be an amicable one and am prepared to work hard that it should be so.

I realise that, with this, your 4th Gate, your organisation is probably running smoothly on similar lines to before. If however the NSPCC (in my person) can be of assistance on matters overleaf please let me know.

I am

Yours Sincerely

Gill Tanner.

Organizers NSPCC for 'Gate'
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P.S. I enclose NSPCC literature for your further information.

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CHILDRENS CENTRE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairwoman: Mrs. Liz Doona
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What is Smile Don't Stare?

Smile Don't Stare is a charity organised by the Friends of the Paediatric Assessment Unit at the City Hospital, Nottingham. This is a National Health Service Unit which deals with the identification of physical and developmental problems of children and offers advice on appropriate therapy. As a result of working with the parents, the staff at the Unit have become aware of some of the problems which are encountered by families who have a handicapped child. Not all of their needs can be met by the existing helping agencies and therefore parents and staff together are using their free time to raise funds to provide the extras which seem so necessary to maintain the morale of these families.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Local churches, clubs, schools and nurseries
All other helpers and contributors

GREENWOOD CHILDREN CENTRE
Telephone: 608111 ext. 2100

Equipment

In 1981 we concentrated on raising money for Ortho-Kinetic wheelchairs which have proved a valuable aid to those children associated with the unit who could benefit from them. Each chair cost approximately £500 and we were able to purchase 30.

What we propose

Our current project for 1982 is a Resource Centre which will be housed within the City Hospital.

This will contain aids for communication, mobility, independence and play for the handicapped child. These will range from aids for basic needs such as potty chairs to expensive electronic aids for communication. They will be available for the child, his parents and therapist to try out before purchase. Future products will be directed towards similar special needs not catered for by the N.H.S. To do this we need your support with time, ideas or money.



Ortho-Kinetic Wheelchair

We would like whatever help you can give us.

What have we already done?

For example, because of their odd appearance, physical problems, socially undesirable behaviour or other reasons many of these children are not included when the party invitations are given out. For many of them the Paediatric Assessment Unit's Christmas Party is the first they ever attend. Funds we have raised in the past have been used to provide a small present for each child. This helps to make the day a little special.



Christmas Party

OUTINGS AND HOLIDAYS

Anyone who has tried taking a young family on a day's outing will realise the problems this entails. When one of the children is handicapped these problems are magnified. Usually there is more equipment to carry around, there may be transport problems, and then when the family does go out, people stare. Consequently many families have given up trying.

In 1977 parents and staff organised a group outing which helped to minimize these difficulties and a coach full of families were able to take a day trip to Skegness. The success of this led to increased demand the following year for a trip to Wickstead Park.

This venture has proved very popular and is a day out which is eagerly anticipated by all the family. It has now become an annual event (in 1982 we went to Drayton Manor Park). Again our fund raising efforts enabled us to provide this.

Holidays can be even more problematic than a day's outing. In addition to the questions which we all have to consider before going on holiday, families with a handicapped child have a few more. For example whether the accommodation will have doors wide enough for wheelchairs and ramps for easy access. Extra equipment is often needed such as cot sides, laundering facilities, potty chairs and bath aids.



DAY OUT

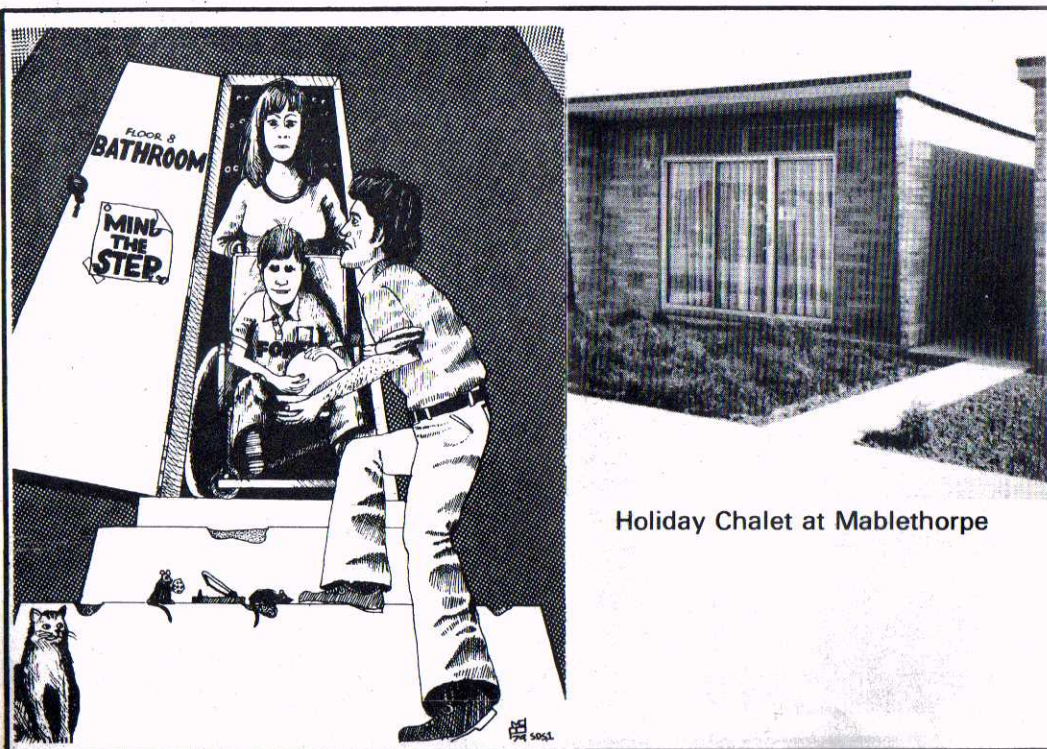
Other people may not understand the child's problems. Will they stare at the child because he's unusual? Will they understand if he makes a puddle on the floor? Will they be disturbed by his screaming during the night? Will they understand his temper tantrums? (biting himself/being aggressive).

This is only a small selection. Is it any wonder that many families decide that it is easier to stay at home. Sometimes the handicapped child is able to go on a holiday organised specially for them and although the value of these cannot be underestimated, this is not a *family* holiday.

In 1980 a holiday chalet in Mablethorpe was purchased by us and equipped to provide suitable accommodation so that some of these problems could be surmounted thus encouraging the family to be more relaxed and free to enjoy their holiday together.

Our fund raising efforts proved worthwhile as the chalet is fully booked throughout the summer months.

**“you can
always depend
on my support”**



Holiday Chalet at Mablethorpe

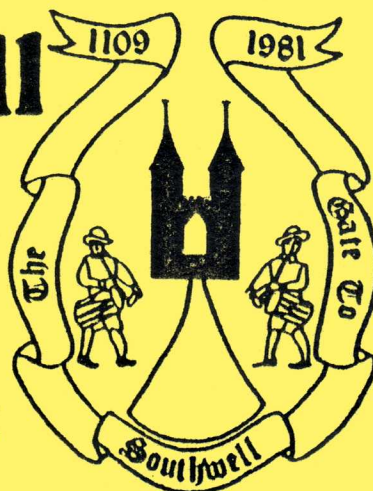
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THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON

The Gate to Southwell gained a Banner in 1983. It was produced by Pete and Jo Bradley and Pete can be seen on the right of the picture



The Gate to Southwell

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



Gate to Southwell 1983

Loughborough
Evening News
May 18th 1983

Dancing down the miles

For marathon run read
marathon Morris dance, for
that is what Bob Hine, of
Hoton, is organising on
Saturday, May 21.

At his behest, local Mor-
ris dancers, including the
Dolphin side from Kingston
on Soar, will be attempting
to dance for more than 20
miles from Nottingham's
Market Square to South-
well Minster, thereby
recreating an ancient cus-
tom, the traditional Whit-
suntide procession known
as "The Gate to Southwell".

It was first performed in
1109 and was held annually
for more than 500 years.
Bob found a record in the
Nottingham borough.



OYEZ OYEZ OYEZ!

My lords, ladies and gentlemen —

On behalf of the citizens of this town, I do hereby welcome and greet the people of the 'Gate to Southwell' who by ancient custom have come to this church at Whitsuntide.

I call on Mr Bob Hine to reply on behalf of the Gate to Southwell

[Bob Hine to speak]

My lords, ladies and gentlemen,
I now call on the Chapter Clerk,
Canon Morley, to receive the
Southwell Pence.