



"WHO SAID ARE YOU TAKING  
THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL  
THIS YEAR?"











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	<u>income</u>	<u>expenses</u>
<u>The exhibition</u>	£	£
refund on sponsorship	<u>53.09½</u>	photographic materials 131.36
		12.65
		<u>144.01</u>

## Totals

The Procession	321.92	199.52
The Feast	286.75	296.50
The Exhibition	53.09½	144.01
	<u>661.76½</u>	<u>640.03</u>
owing	<u>9.00</u>	<u>21.73½</u>
		balance







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## City Hospital

Sponsorship	Foresters	233.80	}	479.09½	- 53.09½ donation to Exhibition
	Dolphin	202.19½			
	Micklebarrow	15.10			
	Clifton Grove	28.00			
				426.	
	½ collection			71.92	
Donations:	BJe BLHS			9.00	(owing)
	SES.			5.00	
				<u>511.92</u>	





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	income	expenses	
<u>The Procession</u>	£		£
Sponsorship - Dolphin	125	minibuses (4@25)	100
Clifton Grove	75	publicity	50
Foresters	50	Southwell Pence	15.93
½ collection	71.92	St John's Ambulance	10
	<u>321.92</u>	Badges	7
		Photographer's petrol	6
		Till Ambrose "	5
		Notts. Educ. Auth	5.59
		(wayleave)	<u>199.52</u>

## The Feast

Foresters	87.50		
Micklebarrow	29	130 @ £2.25	292.50
Clifton Grove	45	room hire	<u>4</u>
Oxfam	69		296.50
Dolphin	56.25		
gratis (Rusken/			
STJA/FMA)			
overorder (3)	<u>286.75</u>		



## The Gate to Southwell.

Morris dancing is ~~today~~ more widespread in England today than it has been for several centuries. By around 1900, ~~the morris~~ when Cecil Sharp and fellow enthusiasts began their great task of recording the last vestiges of a once-widespread <sup>folk</sup> activity, morris dancing was still practised in only a few localities, mostly in the Cotswolds. Today's revival morris ~~springing mainly~~ is based largely on the forms of the dance found in the Cotswolds.

Today's 'revival' morris ~~dancing~~ is based largely on the forms of ~~the~~ dance as ~~it~~ they existed in the latter part of the 15<sup>th</sup> ~~century~~ in one area of England, the Cotswolds. Yet, ~~and~~ before the Industrial Revolution, the morris was once much more widespread and presumably also more varied in form. One style of the dance, as it existed in Nottinghamshire and elsewhere ~~is~~ <sup>is must be</sup> now, lost for ever. It is still of interest, however, to find out ~~what~~ as much as possible about <sup>the nature of these</sup> ~~these extinct forms~~ <sup>regional forms of the morris</sup> of the morris.

Last year, I set out to discover what I could about the traditional morris dance in Nottinghamshire and especially in South Notts where the Dolphin Morrisians are based. The surviving records are very few. <sup>for instance</sup> There is a letter written about 1915 to a local paper which suggests that around 1750 the morris was still widespread in Notts. Later evidence indicates that by the early 1800's the morris was probably extinct in this area. Some old <sup>local</sup> church records reveal the existence of a number of morris sides in the early 1600's, notably one at Bradmore.



Reaching back further in time, the Borough Records of Nottingham provided evidence of ~~several teams~~ <sup>the</sup> morris activity in the 16<sup>th</sup> - <sup>for example,</sup> the Kinoulton morris dances are mentioned in the 1580's. Churning through the index to the Records - published in Victorian times no doubt to prove the historical pedigree of a rapidly growing industrial city - I came across the earliest reference for the year 1530. This refers to the Borough Council making certain payments to the 'moryn' which the ~~an~~ editor of the Records translates for us as the 'morris-dancer'. I hadn't come across this <sup>spelling</sup> before and I wondered initially if perhaps this was a mis-rendering of the word 'Marian', <sup>on old manuscript</sup> fortunately, an expert ~~scholar~~ from the US was in Nottingham at this time and was able to confirm the spelling as moryn. The context makes it highly likely that the Chamberlain was referring to a morris dancer, since in the same accounts are mentioned the purchase of bells, and payment for a taber as well as several references to the 'dancers'.

The reason why the Chamberlain had made payments to the morris dancers was because they along with the Mayor and other members of the Council had taken part in a procession. This was the <sup>traditional</sup> Whitstuntide procession known as the ~~one~~ from Nottingham to Southwell, known as the Gate to Southwell. Intrigued by this early record of morris involvement in an <sup>annual</sup> ~~total~~ Nottinghamshire event I pursued the references provided in the <sup>Editor's</sup> footnotes, to the Records ~~by the editor~~. These took me back to an early 19<sup>th</sup> book on Southwell by Dickinson, and older book on the



history of Nottingham by Deering and eventually to Chorton, the main source of so much information about the history of the County. What I discovered was slender enough: (1) The procession had started in 1109 when the Archbishop of York, with papal permission, allowed the parishioners of Nottingham to make their obligatory once-a-year trip to the mother church to Southwell instead of York; (2) this was to be a solemn procession ~~in~~ <sup>annual of Nottn</sup> ~~information~~ (2) ~~It is~~ (2) The mayor and his predecessors were to <sup>ride</sup> ~~go~~ to Southwell on Whit Monday, entering the town in their best livery and 'so to procession to dawn'; the mayor might be excused if the weather was <sup>inclement</sup> ~~bad~~ on the roads too bad ("foulness of the way, or distemperance of the weather") (3) that each village was to make a small 'pension' or payment to Southwell Minister - amounting in all to about £15 <sup>(Southwell Pence)</sup> (about the yearly salary of a schoolmaster in the 16<sup>th</sup>) (4) that this money was to be divided in a particular way between the clergy at Southwell (5) that the Archbishop of York had ended the synod around 1780, and with it presumably the procession (6) that Nottingham Borough frequently got behind with its payments - in ~~1583~~ 1613 for example.

It soon became clear to me that virtually all the information came from a single source: the Red Book of Nottingham. Unfortunately the parts of this that dealt with the Gate to Southwell have been damaged, but fortunately had been copied into the 'Register of Southwell' in the 1660's which record still survives.

A major reason why there is so little information is that the library of Southwell Minister with all its ancient records was burnt out during the Civil Wars.



## THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

### The Procession

For more than 500 years, the people of Nottinghamshire made an annual procession from Nottingham to the cathedral at Southwell on Whit Monday. At the head of the procession - the 'Gate to Southwell' - rode the Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham in their ceremonial robes. Behind them came the priests and churchwardens from each parish in the country bringing their Pentecostal offering to the cathedral - the 'Southwell Pence' (ranging from 13s 4d for Nottingham down to 3½d for Adbolton). Many other villagers and townspeople joined the procession too; it was part pilgrimage, part holiday excursion to the fair at Southwell. Entertainment was provided on the way by the morris dancers. The Nottingham Chamberlain's accounts for the year 1530 show that the Council paid for bells, coats and ale for the morris dancers who took part in the Gate to Southwell.

### Origin and Purpose

The procession began in the year 1109, when the Archbishop of York; Thomas of Beverley, wrote to each of the parishes of Nottinghamshire asking them to contribute towards the building of the cathedral at Southwell, and to make an annual procession thereto. The early processors saw vividly some concrete results of their piety - the famous Norman nave and the tower of the Minister date from this period. Apart from the collection of alms - the Southwell Pence - the procession served several other functions. It provided an opportunity for ordinary people to atone for their sins by making a pilgrimage, and also for the distribution of the consecrated oil (chrisma) from the bishop to the parishes. At Southwell, there was an opportunity too for the priests to get up to date on doctrinal developments and other church matters, through the annual synod (meeting) held in conjunction with the procession.



### The demise of the procession

About 1770, the Archbishop of York abolished the synod, and with it (presumably) the procession. The procession probably died from a combination of monetary inflation, and religious change. Inflation meant that the Southwell Pence - originally a substantial contribution - became only a minor source of income for the cathedral. The religious Reformation, and especially the breaking of the link with Rome in the 16th Century, undermined the religious purpose of the procession.

### Reasons for re-creating the Gate to Southwell

Three main reasons have influenced us to recreate the Gate to Southwell in 1981. Firstly, the procession was an important and long-lived traditional event in Nottinghamshire, but is virtually unknown to the modern inhabitants. It is a part of our local heritage that has been almost totally lost. Secondly, the Gate to Southwell provides the earliest known documentary evidence of morris dancing in the county (the Chamberlain's accounts of 1530), and hence strengthens the link between present-day revival morris and the traditional art-form in this area. The third reason for re-creating the procession is simply that it promises to be an unusual and very enjoyable experience.

### The provisional plan for the 1981 procession

The 1981 'Gate to Southwell' will be held on Whit Saturday, June 6th. The procession will assemble in the Old Market Square at about 9 am., and will set off at 9.30 am, hopefully in the presence of the Mayor/Sheriff. There

is no known information about the route taken by the old procession, and so we have chosen an itinerary which keeps us away from the main roads and passes through as many of the villages as feasible - Lambley, Lowdham, Caythorpe, Hoveringham, Thurgarton, goverton, Bleasby and Fiskerton. The procession will end at Southwell Minster at about 6pm.

For logistical reasons, the number of people in the procession will be strictly limited. The procession will comprise a cross-bearer and a 'mayor' followed by about 20 sponsored walkers in 16th Century costume. They will be led by a team of musicians and morris dancers. The morris dancers will be organized into three relay groups, and will give displays at selected points on the journey, as well as dancing in the procession.

The historical focus of the procession will be the year 1530, since this is the date for which we have evidence of the link with the morris dancers. 1530 was a significant year in the history of the procession. Archbishop Wolsey, in disfavour with Henry VIII, moved to Southwell in April of that year with a retinue of 160 and remained there until the autumn. It seems certain that he met the procession on Whit Monday 1530, a few months before his death. The breaking of the English church's link with Rome which Henry VIII set in train and which was a chief source of his dispute with Wolsey, led in time to the demise of the procession.

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cawse to this companie whie hee should nott be deprived of his Councillor's place, accordinge to the branche in the order touchinge thatt poynt, becawse hee remaynes a dweller in Wollaton 2 myles hence, and ys nott resident here in the towne, and hathe beene absent from divers meetinges vpon lawefull sommons, contrarie to the orders of this howse, and, moreouer, havinge deliuered to some of this companie thatt hee would nowe as willingly resigne his place as hee lovingly receaved ytt; vpon all which matter hee will nott resigne, butt in some kynde of conditionall manner is content to refer himselfe to theire censures: therefore this companie doe here absoulutely deprive him of his saied place of Councillorshipp, and are agreed to choose and electe one other of his degree in his roomth.<sup>1</sup>

3392, fo. 34d.

CXXXVII.—*Extracts from the Chamberlains' Account.*

1616-17.

*Necessarie Expences.*

Inprimis for a quire of paper for our booke . . . . .	iiijd. 15
Item to the ringers of Saint Maries on Michaelmas Daye <sup>2</sup>	xvjd.
Item for cakes and ale there as is auntiently vsed . . .	xijd.
Item to the xvj. common souldiers for their wages when they trayned here, and to the drummer . . . . .	xxxiijs.
Item for ribbans for them . . . . .	iijs. 20
Item to the Leifetenant for his fee for traininge our men	ijs. vjd.
Item payd to the receiver of the offringes due to South- well called 'Southwell Pence' <sup>3</sup> for ij. yeares . . . . .	xxvjs. viiijd.
Item to Henrie Butler for a cote for the Bellman . . . . .	xiijs. ijd.
Item for the charges of the suite betwene the Almoner and the towne concerninge Maister Welche's goodes <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	25 xxxxs.

<sup>1</sup> This is referred to by Bailey, vol. i., p. 591.

<sup>2</sup> At the Mayor-making.

<sup>3</sup> The pentecostal offering. See vol. iii., page 362, note 1.

<sup>4</sup> The goods of Richard Welsh who had committed suicide. See above, p. 330. The goods of *felones de se* were forfeited to the Crown and were handed over to the

King's Almoner to be dispensed in alms. The Almoner was commissioned to make enquiries as to such goods and to seize them. See the commissions in Rymer, *Foedera*, xi., p. 668, xii., p. 207. But the goods of *felones de se* in Nottingham were granted to the Mayor and Burgesses by the charter of Henry VI., printed in this work, vol. ii., p. 198.



and built a church there for the worship of Christ, as also another at Southwell, which he dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin. After he quitted York, he was appointed, by the pope, to the see of Rochester; where christianity flourished under his protection till the year 644, when he departed this life, and was buried in the church, over which he had presided with so much piety and success.

THESE events are recorded at length in venerable Bede;\* and he being a Saxon, and, therefore, intimately acquainted with the affairs of the kingdom, while under the dominion of his countrymen, we cannot appeal to better authority for the events of those days. Indeed the history of the early transactions, in the infancy of that religion he was so instrumental in propagating, rests almost wholly on his authority. For this reason the extracts from his works are copious in the appendix.

THE church of Southwell has suffered, perhaps, a greater fluctuation of fortune, than any religious foundation in the kingdom. From its first institution, in the year 627, to the reign of Henry VIII, we find it encouraged, and endowed, by the liberality of kings and princes, and most bountifully protected by the fostering hands of popes and prelates. Scarce a person, during that long period, was advanced to the see of York, but he made Southwell church the richer, or the more independent, for his promotion; and, of its own members, very few were long in the enjoyment of its offices and preferments, but they manifested their attachment, by some augmentation of its revenues. In the reign of Henry VIII, it experienced, for a short time, a fatal vicissitude; for we are told by Dugdale, and every writer on the subject, that, in the paroxysms of that monarch's religious

\* Vid. App. No. 6.



frenzy, this church, among many others, became, more than once, the object of reformation; first, by the dissolution of its chauntries, and the expulsion of that order of its priests, about the year 1536; and, afterwards, by sharing in that general wreck of collegiate foundations, which prevailed in most parts of the kingdom. Indeed, the Archbishops of York, during the majority of Henry's reign, seem to have been not less willing than the monarch, to despoil this church of its property. In the year 1542, Edward Lee, Archbishop of York, among other revenues of the see, granted, by indenture, to the king, his manor of Southwell. Holgate, the immediate successor of Lee, alienated to the crown, and to his own relations, almost all the remaining archiepiscopal estates. Sixty and seven different manors are enumerated by the biographers of this prelate to have been thus surrendered by him; and, among them, are to be found most of those, which belonged to the see, in the right of its jurisdiction at Southwell. There is reason, however, to believe that, some few years afterwards, the splendor of this church was, on the whole, rather increased, than diminished, by the fluctuating councils of that unsteady monarch: for in the 34th year of his reign, it was declared, by act of parliament, to be the head, and mother church, of the town and county of Nottingham; and, some little time after this, "at the intercession of the gentry thereabouts," says Dugdale, "it was refounded, and re-endowed, by Henry;" but, most likely, principally at the instance of Archbishop Cranmer; who was a native of a part of Nottinghamshire, very little distant from Southwell, and was, at that time, in the meridian of his influence. What, in a great measure, tends to confirm this conjecture is, that, about the same time, many other cathedrals, and collegiate foundations, were endowed, and enriched, at his intercession; whereby the king, thus dividing with it a small share of the plunder he had got from the monasteries, purchased the good-will and approbation of his newly reformed church. There is



	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
South Muskham	13	4	7	Rampton	15	17	11
North Muskham	32	5	0	Woodborough	9	17	11
Oxton prima pars	22	19	7	Sacrista	1	2	6
Oxton altera pars	24	10	0	Beckingham	16	15	10
Dunham	23	11	4	North Leverton	5	0	0

MANY, and great, privileges were, very early, granted to this church, by several kings, archbishops, and chapters<sup>(1)</sup> of York; which Pope Alexander III, in the twelfth year of his pontificate, viz. 1171, refers to in his bull<sup>(2)</sup>, wherein he confirmed to the canons<sup>(3)</sup> of the church of Saint Mary of Southwell, "their ancient liberties<sup>(4)</sup> and customs, to wit, the same which the church of York had of old, and were known to have then; and that the churches of the prebends<sup>(5)</sup>, and also those belonging to the chapter, should be free from episcopal jurisdiction<sup>(6)</sup>, and that they might institute fit vicars<sup>(7)</sup> in them, without any contradiction, as the said archbishops and chapters of York ever suffered them and their predecessors to do."\* He likewise granted to them, as was of long custom observed, and also by the said pope approved, "that both the clergy and laity of the county of Nottingham should, at the feast of pentecost, come to their church, with solemn procession; and that every year, according to the old and rational usage of that church, a synod should there be celebrated, and that thither the chrism should be brought by the deans of the county from the church of York, to be thence distributed through the other churches," &c.†

THERE appears to have been a very warm dispute formerly between the churches of York and Southwell, respecting this pentecostal procession, which could not be terminated without an appeal to the pope. His bull, at length, settled the dispute, and appeased the contending parties; as appears among the rest of the instruments of Innocent III.‡

\* Regist. Album. † Ibid. ‡ Ibid.

(1) governing body of a cathedral / collegiate church

(2) decree, authoritative command

(3) member of chapter (see 61.)

(4) privileges or rights conferred by grants

(5) stipend of canon / land or tithes from which this stipend derives / benefice or living as stipend

(6) by bishops

(7) members of choir receiving salary but not tithes

(8) church council

(9) consecrated oil used as ingredient in certain sacraments



it is, through his means the union was peremptorily forbidden both by the King and the Duke. It is evident the prelate's good genius here began to forsake him, and he soon experienced, to his cost, nor time nor dignity can appease the fury of a woman foiled; for although Ann Boleyn, was shortly after, elevated to the bed of royalty, the intermeddling priest, was never forgiven; which was presumptive proof she still deplored in secret, her blighted passion, and was not actually, "too fond of her most filthy bargain." She, nevertheless, veiled her intentions with such consummate art, that in the true spirit of female duplicity, she wrote a letter to her unwary victim, couched in the most cordial terms, at the very time she knew the mine was charged that would hurl him from the pinnacle of greatness into the abyss of degradation. It must, nevertheless, be owned, that Ann Boleyn, though frequently guilty of levity, was wholly innocent of the crime for which she suffered.

Sir William Cavendish, who was gentleman usher to Wolsey, and wrote his life, notwithstanding his extreme partiality to his master, makes the following remark, at the close of his work. "Here is the end and fall of pride and arrogance of man, exalted by fortune to dignity. For I assure you, that in his time he was the haughtiest man in all his proceeding alive; having more respect to the honor of his person, than he had to his spiritual profession, wherein should be shewed all meekness, humility and charity."

Candour, however, claims the admission that he was a kind master, as was proved by the poignant regret displayed by many of his servants on his being unable, longer to retain them. In his ministerial character he displayed eminent ability; and it is certain, that in the course of his ministry, he rendered England formidable to all the powers of Europe. But it is at the same time sufficiently evident, that in his foreign negotiations, he was often influenced by his own private



views, designs and interests. Adroitness in diplomacy weighs not a feather, when poised in the scale against moral honesty. No doubt, the evil spirit that waited upon Saul, as he sat in his house, was selected for the eminence of his capacity, and dispatched as a trusty and accredited agent. In a word, Wolsey was a compound of pride and meanness, of rapacity and ostentation, of arrogance and servility, and justly merits the odious title of a **SPLENDID VILLAIN**.

**EDWIN SANDYS** (63) made **SOUTHWELL** his constant residence.

**GEORGE MORTEIGN** (67) was the son of a farmer at Cawood; quitted the place a poor boy, and returned to it Archbishop of York.

**SAMUEL HARSNET** (68) resided much at **SOUTHWELL**. Left a legacy of fifty pounds to furnish the communion plate.

**RICHARD STERNE** (72) was a native of

**Mansfield**, and Chaplain to **Laud**, whom he attended on the scaffold.

**JOHN DOLBEN** (73) in his youth joined the cavalier army and served as an ensign at the battle of Marston Moor, where he was wounded.

**JOHN SHARPE** (75) formed an excellent body of laws for the regulation of the Church of **SOUTHWELL**.

**THOMAS HERRING** (78) was conspicuously loyal at the time of the rebellion in the year 1745.

**MATTHEW HUTTON** (79) built an archiepiscopal throne on the south side of the choir, at the upper end of the prebendal stalls, which remained till the alterations in the Church in 1802, when it was taken down, and its site pewed.



Forty years ago, the general appearance of Easthorpe, was wretched in the extreme, the road deep and consequently dirty, the houses mostly thatched, and often in very bad repair, but about the year 1795, a Gentleman of the name of Tuffin Shepherd from the neighbourhood of Melton Mowbray, became a proprietor by the purchase of premises then in possession of E. R. Lowe, Esq. A large and very substantial mansion, supposed to have been built by one of the family of Lec, was, by his order, taken down, and, on a different site, was erected his present, very neat habitation, and another good house on the north side of the said premises, now the property of R. Lowe, Esq. On the opposite side the street other purchases were made by the same Gentleman, on which the dwellings now the property of Mrs. Plumptre, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Calver, and Miss Caroline Berdmore Fowler, were raised, all remarkably well built, convenient houses, with walled gardens, attached. A range of build-

ings, in the same style, occupied as appendages to a farm, were purchased by Mr. Jeremiah Nicholson, Builder, of the same enterprising person, from which, and on other parts of the premises, arose his commodious house, and extensive arrangements for business. Numerous other contiguous improvements, owe their origin to the same public spirited projector. In fine, Tuffin Shepherd, Esq. may be justly stiled the founder of MODERN EASTHORPE. The district of SOUTHWELL extends to a narrow lane which connects Easthorpe with Burgage.

There are evident signs of this district having extended much further to the east, than its present occupancy. In the close where Palmer's house stood, are many vestiges of foundations; and in the adjoining one called Long's Croft numerous others, bearing ample tokens of street regularity. This probably was its ancient termination. In the middle of the northern side of these last men-



*The Gate<sup>1</sup> to Southwelle.*

Item payde for x. byles <sup>2</sup> to Sponer . . . . .	xd. 5
Item for iij. dossyn platers . . . . .	iijs. iiijd.
Item for v. dossyn dychys . . . . .	xijd.
Item for ij. dossyn boles . . . . .	iiijd.
Item for ij. dossyn sawsyrs . . . . .	iiijd.
Item payde for hale <sup>3</sup> potes . . . . .	vjd. 10
Item payd for alle <sup>4</sup> that ye danssers dranke at Addam Elton's . . . . .	iijd.
Item payde to the tabyrar . . . . .	xxd.
Item payde to Edward Balle for ij. yardes and a d. <sup>5</sup> bocram that made the moryn's <sup>6</sup> cote . . . . .	xd. 15
Item payde for borde <sup>7</sup> cloth . . . . .	ixd.
Item payde to Myles Astwyk for makyng the sam' cott <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	ijd.
Item payde to Robard Harreson for ij. horssus yat ye danssars had . . . . .	viijd.
Item payde to Robard Dampont for bayrryng the crosse . . . . .	xijd. 20
Item payde to Polltar wyfe for wychyng <sup>9</sup> the dychys . . . . .	vjd.
Item payde to Robard Fychar for byles <sup>2</sup> and for assa- downe <sup>10</sup> at Couentre . . . . .	iijs. ijd.
Item payde to Cotygh wyfe for halle <sup>11</sup> that the denssars drawnch <sup>12</sup> at all tymes . . . . .	xiiijd. 25
Item payde to a taberar for May day . . . . .	vjd.
Item for wycpord . . . . .	a jd.
Summa: xvijs. vijd. . . . .	1608, p. 8.
Item payde to Wyllyam Barwell' for the comen ryntalle . . . . .	xijd.
Item the danssars for a reyard . . . . .	iijs. viijd. 30
Item payde for ix. payre of shone <sup>13</sup> . . . . .	iijs. vjd.

<sup>1</sup> Gate = journey. This was the annual procession of the Mayor and his Brethren to Southwell Minster on Whitsun Monday to bear the Pentecostal offering. See Deering, p. 124; Dickinson, *Antiquities of Southwell*, 1801, p. 120.

<sup>2</sup> byles = bells.

<sup>3</sup> hale = ale.

<sup>4</sup> alle = ale.

<sup>5</sup> d. = half (Latin *dimidium*).

<sup>6</sup> moryn = Morris dancer.

<sup>7</sup> borde = table.

<sup>8</sup> cott = coat.

<sup>9</sup> wychyng = washing, pronounced 'weshing' in the Notts. dialect.

<sup>10</sup> assadowne = thin brass, tinsel. See

Glossary.

<sup>11</sup> halle = ale.

<sup>12</sup> drawnch = drank.

<sup>13</sup> shone = shoes.

1558 p123

1583 p57

1589 p228

Item William Parker, of Sneynton, for caryng stuff to  
Southwell on Whytson Monday<sup>3</sup> . . . . . Vs

25 And £6 13s. 4d. paid by the hands of the said Mayor  
to our Lady the Queen's Church of Southwell . . . . . £6 13s. 4d.

Item paid to Crane sonne to make vpp the Sowthwell  
money<sup>3</sup> more then was gathered . . . . . ijs. iiijd.

CXXV.—*Extracts from the Council Minutes.*

1613-14.

October 15, 1613.

*Southwell Pence*.<sup>2</sup>—Southwell pence beinge in arrerages for two  
yeares now last past, ytt ys agreed, that Maister Hill, Bridgemaister,  
shall pay the same, *videlicet*, 26s. 8d., out of his chardge, and so to  
sett ytt straight for this tyme. . . . . 3389, p. 28. 10

1617 Chamberlain's p352

Item payd to the receiver of the offringes due to South-  
well called 'Southwell Pence'<sup>13</sup> for ij. yeares . . . . . xxvjs. viijd.



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at account this sum is in-  
ance for Widow Collinson  
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And with £5 6s. 10d. remaining in their hands, as  
appears at the foot of the last account . . . £5 6s. 10d.  
And with £11 6s. 8d. remaining in the hands of Law-  
rence Broadbent, as there appears . . . £11 6s. 8d.  
5 And with 10s. in legacies given by William Dodson . . . 10s.  
And with 26s. 8d. delivered to them by the said Mayor,  
which were delivered to him by the said  
Lawrence Broadbent . . . 26s. 8d.  
And with nothing given in reward to the same School . . . nothing.  
10 Total of the charge: £38 11s. 11d.

*Allowance.*

Whereof they pray to have allowed to them 2s. paid to  
the Mayor and Burgesses for the house adjoining  
the said School newly built<sup>2</sup> . . . 2s.  
15 And nothing for rent in decay . . . nothing.  
And £13 6s. 8d. paid to the Schoolmaster for his  
salary for the said year . . . £13 6s. 8d.  
And £3 paid to the Under-Schoolmaster for the said  
year for his salary . . . £3<sup>3</sup>  
20 And 45s. 10½d. for repairs and other necessities this  
year expended . . . 45s. 10½d.  
And 2s. paid to Nicholas Plumptre, gentleman, for the  
engrossing of this account . . . 2s.  
And 10s. for the accountants' fees for this year . . . 10s.  
\* 25 And £6 13s. 4d. paid by the hands of the said Mayor  
to our Lady the Queen's Church of Southwell . . . £6 13s. 4d.  
And 53s. 4d. remaining in the hands of the said Law-  
rence Broadbent for his rent due for this year . . . 53s. 4d.  
And £3 6s. 8d. allowed to the said Lawrence Broad-  
bent, the balance of the said sum of £11 6s. 8d.,  
30 for the dower of the wife of the late John  
Collinson:<sup>4</sup> so that the said Lawrence is quit of  
the said sum of £11 6s. 8d. And the said  
26s. 8d. paid by the said Mayor, another parcel

(No. 18), wherein the payments are lumped  
together without any particulars being  
given. In the account for 1597-8 (No. 19)  
*nihil* (nothing) is claimed for Widow Col-  
linson, so that it is evident that she died

in 1596 or 1597. Mr. Collinson had given  
to the School a house that yielded a rent  
of 53s. 4d. Lawrence Broadbent was the  
trustee for this rent. See below, No. XXI.,  
p. 66.

? 10 yrs @ 13s 4d = £6. 13. 4d



First, the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there seid clokes and last liverye and all the Clothyng<sup>1</sup> in lykewyse on Michaelmas day when the Mayre is chosen to the <sup>2</sup> be done and the drynkyng *wit* the Mayre and Sheriffs.

5 Also the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there seid clokes and last liverye and the whole Clothyng in lykewyse on the Saturday next after Michaelmas day, etc. [*So burnt it can't be made out.*<sup>3</sup>]

Also the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there seid clokes and last livery and all the Clothyng in lykewyse on All Hallows day, namely in time 10 of procession going, and also during the Hygh Messe, etc.

Also the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there seid clokes and last livery and all the Clothyng in lykewyse on Christmes day, and namely in time of procession goyng, and also duryng the Hygh Messe, etc.

Also the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there said clokes and last 15 livery and all the Cloathyng lykewyse on xij<sup>th</sup> day in tyme of Dyvyne Serveyce, and namely going and also duryng ye High Messe, etc.

Also the seid Mayre and his Bredren to were there seid clokes and last liverye and all the Clothyng lykewyse on Candlemes day in ye tynie of procession going and also during the Hygh Messe, etc.

20 Also the seid Mayre, etc., on Pasche<sup>4</sup> day and namely in tyme of procession going, and also during the High Messe, and at the sermon at the afternoon.

[*Four other days besides but so burnt it can't be read.*<sup>5</sup>]

*Divers oder old constitutions hereafter followeth.*<sup>3</sup>

25 First hit is an old custom for the Mayre, for the tyme being, to geve his bredren knowledge for to see the game of the fyshing, etc.

Item the said Mayre, for [the] tyme being, in lykewyse to geve them knowledge of every bere baityng and bull baiting within the town to see the sport of the game after the old custom and usage.

30 Item the said Mayre for [the] tyme being to make due serche *wit*in the town in the week afore Lenton <sup>2</sup> for whyte heryng, red heryng, salt fyshe <sup>2</sup> for the town, yat ye Kyngs people may be served passynge, repassynge, after the olde custom and usage.

4770, p. 12.

<sup>1</sup> The Clothing or Livery means those that have served the office of Chamberlain or Sheriff; Deering, p. 106.

<sup>2</sup> Blank in MS.

<sup>3</sup> Note in MS. Deering, p. 124, prints two extracts from the 'Leiger' of Nottingham (i.e. the Red Book) which probably followed the above regulations. They relate to the annual journey of the Mayor

and his Brethren to Southwell (see above, page 362, note 1) and to the subsequent procession through Nottingham. Deering's extracts were derived from the Register of Southwell (the *Liber Albus*), into which they had been copied from the Nottingham Red Book by Francis Leek, Prebendary of Woodborough 1660-1670 (Le Neve, iii. 460).

<sup>4</sup> Pasche = Easter.



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1610, p. 14.  
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Nottingham, Stafford, Chester,  
and Lincoln to levy, furnish,  
troops to be sent to Berwick  
nee of the Scotch Marches;  
to 1547-80, p. 468.  
p = Worksop.  
April 1, 1558.

Item wyne then there gyffen and spent . . . xviijd.  
Item horsse meat peyd for at. . . xviijd.  
Item horsse yre for iij. persons at . . . ijs.  
Item peyd to William Goodwyn, fletcher, for a dosyn  
5 of ewe<sup>1</sup> bowes brought from London . . . xlvjs.  
Item one other bought of Gyles Amore at . . . ijs. iiijd.  
Item expences when Robert Alvye and Thomas  
Katherins went to Hodsok<sup>2</sup> with our lyght  
horsemen, soper spent . . . ijs.  
10 Item horsemeat there yat nyght . . . ijs. ijd.  
Item drynkyng in the mornyng . . . iiijd.  
Item there retorne home spent for ther charges . . . ijs. ijd.  
Item delyuered to John' Sympson at the setting furthe  
of the lyght horsemen by Maister Meyres com-  
mandement . . . vs.  
15 Item brede and ale spent at the Mydleturme verdytt  
giffen vp . . . viijd.  
1610, p. 15.  
Item William Parker, of Sneynton, for caryng stuff to  
20 Southwell on Whytson Monday<sup>3</sup> . . . vs.  
Item peyd the bellman for viij. tymes goyng with his  
belle . . . viijd.  
Item peyd for horsse yre and other expences made about  
the sekyng for cariages to amend the hyeweyes . . . xijd.  
25 Item peyd for clensyng away rammell<sup>4</sup> and swepynges  
of the streat about the Hall and barre wyndowe . . . ijd.  
Item peyd for Maister Cockeyn and Maister Collenson  
beyng arested by ij. wrytes out of the Exchequer  
for their tyme of Meyralte beyng Excheter<sup>5</sup> for  
30 the towne of Nottingham, consernyng their  
accompt makyng . . . iijs. viijd.  
Item for wrytyng of our bokes at dyverse tymes . . . vs.  
1610, p. 16.

<sup>1</sup> ewe = yew.

<sup>2</sup> Hodsock, near Worksop, on the road  
to Doncaster.

<sup>3</sup> This relates to the annual journey of  
the Mayor and his Brethren to Southwell  
Minster on Whitsun Monday to bear the  
Pentecostal offering to the mother church

of the County. See vol. iii., page 362,  
note 1, and page 449, note 3.

<sup>4</sup> rammell = rubbish. See vol. iii.,  
page 498.

<sup>5</sup> The Mayor is Escheator for the town  
during his year of office. See vol. ii.,  
page 192.



Item for makinge a gymmer <sup>1</sup> for a hed pece, and mendinge the kocke of a pece . . . . .	iijd.
Item for mendinge a moryon and making a skrew pynne, mendinge a flaske, and dressinge a pece . . . . .	xijd.
Item paid for woll to dresse the hed peces . . . . .	xijd. 5
Item paid for bockeram to trym them withall . . . . .	ijs. iiijd.
Item paid to Nycholas Locksmyth for dressinge the townes harnesse <sup>2</sup> when it came from Maunsfield . . . . .	xxd.
	1629, p. 35.
Item paid for wontinge of the townes bulle . . . . .	iijd. 10
Item paid to Crane sonne to make vpp the Sowthwell money <sup>3</sup> more then was gathered . . . . .	ijs. iiijd.
	1629, p. 37.

*Reparacions.*

Item paid for two planckes to mend the Hall wyndowes . . . . .	15 iijs.
Item paid for ij. thynne bourdes, quarters, and twoe crustes <sup>4</sup> for the same . . . . .	iijs. iiijd. 1629, p. 43.

*Receiptes.*

Inprimis receaved of Richerd Dodsonn for his Burgishipe . . . . .	xvs.
Item receaved of William Heaward, tanner, for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Nicollas Newbolde for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd. 25
Item receaved of Richerd Houghtonn for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Richard Woodewarde for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Richard Tomkin, of Sothewell, for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd. 30
Item receaved of George Stockleie for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Richerd Garstall, smith, for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Richerd Borrowe for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd. 35
Item receaved of George Waite for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.
Item receaved of Robert Parcke for his Burgishipe . . . . .	vjs. viijd.

<sup>1</sup> gymmer = hinge or fastening.<sup>2</sup> harnesse = armour.<sup>3</sup> See vol. iii., page 362, note 1.<sup>4</sup> crustes. See Glossary.



from Saint Maries Church styll<sup>1</sup> to wardes the Free Scolle beinge warne awaie for want of fillinge with earth and pavinge.

Item we presente Maister George Ryley, Rychard Hodeskin, Wylliam Hunte, and Wylliam Ryley for sellinge theire candelles at vd. a pownd by a generall consente to keepe thear prises so longe as they thinke good tyll they have tallow at thear one rates. 2776 b.

CXXV.—*Extracts from the Council Minutes.*

1613-14.

October 15, 1613.

*Southwell Pence.*<sup>2</sup>—Southwell pence beinge in arrerages for two yeares now last past, ytt ys agreed, that Maister Hill, Bridgemaister, shall pay the same, *videlicet*, 26s. 8d., out of his chardge, and so to sett ytt straight for this tyme. 3389, p. 28. 10

December 13, 1613.

*Glouers.*—The glouers being all here present and the matter of theyr stall beinge in questyon, ytt is agreed, that the manner of placinge them shall stand as was apoynted on Fryday last by Maister Maior, Maister Hurtt, Maister Parker, Maister Gregorie, Maister Pynder, Maister Lyttlefare, and Maister Chamberlayne Rockett; and, although some of the sayd glouers did crosse the same on Sattyrday last, yet now they doo here submytt themselves and are very willinge to accept the same seuerally and vnder the seuerall rents then sett downe and appoynted.

*Maister Wolfe.*—For that ytt appeareth that Maister Wolfe<sup>3</sup> hath of late kept company with Jone Parke att Thornelleyes att vndew tymes and in vndecent manner, and hath bene oft tymes drunk, to the iust dislyke of all this company, ytt ys therefore agreed by all the company here present, except John Stanley, that the sayd Maister Wolfe shalbe expulsed<sup>4</sup> and putt out from this company; and another more worthy to be putt in his roomthe:<sup>5</sup> wherewith he is contented.<sup>6</sup>

*Jone Parke.*—And also, that the sayd Jone Parke, for her lewdnes in this and for her loosenes of lyfe and for her presumption in brew-

<sup>1</sup> style=stile.

<sup>2</sup> The Pentecostal offering due to Southwell Minster, the mother-church of the county. See vol. iii., page 362, note 1, and the works there cited.

<sup>3</sup> James Wolf, one of the Councillors.

<sup>4</sup> expulsed=expelled.

<sup>5</sup> roomthe=room.

<sup>6</sup> This is noticed by Bailey, vol. i., p. 583.



- Item to Wakefeild for carrienge<sup>1</sup> the charter to London . . . xiijs. iiijd.  
1633 a, p. 7.
- Item for a kippe<sup>2</sup> to make a cover for the charter . . . ijs. iiijd.
- Item for dressinge the kipp and makinge the cover . . . xxd.
- 5 Item for wyne and suger at Richard Halles hen eatinge . . . iijs. vd.
- Item to Wakefeild for bringinge home the charter . . . viijs. viijd.
- Item to Ball, of Breason, for takinge a child of William  
Ball's, late of this towne, deceased, of which child  
hee hathe vndertaken to discharge the towne . . . xvs.
- 10 Item to the mustermaister for stampinge-monny for the  
townes armour at xijd. an arm . . . xvjs.
- Item given ij. Scottishmen by Maister Maiores appointment . . . ijs.  
1633 a, p. 9.
- Item for the suite betwene the Almoner and ye towne . . . xxvs. iiijd.
- 15 Item to ye workemen for makinge a washinge bridge . . . ijs. viijd.
- Item for planckes and piles to sett it on . . . vijs. vjd.  
1633 a, p. 11.

*Presentes and Rewardes.*

- Inprimis to the Beareward on the Sessions daye . . . iijs. iiijd.
- 20 Item to the man that brought the bull . . . vs.
- Item given in reward to the players of ye Queenes  
Revelles . . . xs.
- Item given in reward to the Queenes players . . . xxxs.
- Item given in reward to the Prince's players . . . xs.
- 25 Item given in reward to the Queenes players belonginge  
to the Courte . . . xs.
- Item given in reward to the Lady Elizabeth's players<sup>3</sup> . . . xs.
- Item for a sugerlofe bestowed on ye Lord Archbishopp's  
wyfe and given to his servants when Maister  
Maier and his breethren dined at Southwell . . . xxxiijs.  
1633 a, p. 15.

*Reparacions.*

- Item paid Maister Pinder for xij. railes, vj. stoops, and a  
peece of tymber to mend the Posterne Bridge . . . ix.  
1633 a, p. 21.

<sup>1</sup> This must mean the charter of  
Henry VI. referred to in note 4, page 352.

<sup>2</sup> kippe = skin? See Glossary.

<sup>3</sup> Princess Elizabeth, the only daughter  
of James I., wife of Frederick, the Elector  
Palatine.

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commissions in Rymer,  
668, xii., p. 207. But the  
se in Nottingham were  
Mayor and Burgesses by the  
y VI., printed in this work,



8 - 0	Ed Bland & Ed Hall ye one 6 dayes ye other 3	13 - 6
2	Wm Statham & his son Rich 6 dayes	11 - 0
4 - 6	John Naule for 6 dayes	7 - 0
1 - 6		
1 - 0 - 0	From ye 25th of October 1662 unto ye 3 of Nov 1662	
15 - 0	Tho Robinson Mason & a labourer 5 dayes apeece	9 - 2
14 - 0	Henry Hustings & Ed Gervis one 6 dayes & ye other 5	7 - 4
8 - 0	George Robinson Mason 6 dayes	7 - 0
7 - 0	For 2 pound of Pewter	2 - 0
1 - 4 - 0	Ed Bland & Ed Hall 4 dayes apeece	12 - 0
3 - 0	Henry Hustings & Ed Gervis 3 dayes & a halfe apeece	5 - 4
10	Tho Robinson and a Labourer 4 dayes apeece	7 - 4
4	John Naule for 4 dayes worke	4 - 8
	For cloth & other things for ye comunion Table & for cushions for ye churches use ye last of Oct:	4 - 1 - 4
	Ed Parker Takeing of Locks for makeing Keyes and Barrs for ye Church	6 - 0
	Something wch was done ye 11th of October	
8 - 0	Rich Naule	2 - 0
16 - 0	Richard Gee	5 - 0
12 - 10	George Robinson for 6 dayes & for working at ye plaister	7 - 6
5 - 0	Henry Hustings for Wakeing	4
5 - 4	Ed Royall for Boards & other things for ye Church	2 - 0 - 6
12 - 0	Gregory Jackson for threshing plaister	2 - 6
	Given to ye Masons to drink	4
8 - 6	Henry Chappell for 11 fyrr boards used about scaffolds	13 - 6
3 - 0	Wm Statham & his son for 3 dayes apeece	5 - 6
13 - 6	Tymothy Cox for severall parcels of Iron for ye Church	2 - 15 - 8
1 - 6	Capptayne Dunklyn for 1000 of Tyles	1 - 3 - 0
6 - 8	John Ward for 2 locks & Keyes used att Mr Dixes house	1 - 10
3 - 8	Was & Willis of Warsop for 8 loads of Lyme	1 - 19 - 6
2 - 6	Rich West for leading a load of Lyme from Warsope	6 - 0
1 - 10	The organ makers men in part of paymt	5 - 0 - 0
9 - 6	Spent att Mr Chappells to accomodate ye said persons	1 - 0
1 - 0	Mr Ed Chappell for ruled paper	6 - 0
9 - 0	Allsoe for paper for an Organ Booke	5 - 0
8 - 0	Paid More for a quart of Sack att ye Vissitacon	2 - 0
5 - 0	Paid to Halam for Assessmts for tyth wooll & lambe	3 - 3
	Paid Kirklington for Tyth wooll & lambe	3 - 8
3 - 0	Paid to ye Constable of Southwell for wooll & lambe	2 - 0
13 - 8	Paid to Mr Dix his charges in goeing to Londn about ye chapters busines	5 - 0 - 0
5 - 10	Paid to ye Bishops secretary and his man	1 - 2 - 6
10 - 6	Paid to Mr Long the Sacristan Prebandary out of the Penticostal offerings	1 - 0 - 0
6 - 0	Spent at the Audit this 4th of November 1662	6 - 8
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returning back on the West-side, and passing *Cuckstool-Row*, terminates at the New's-House in *Peck-lane*.

## M O N T - H A L L - W A R D.

I T goes down on the West-side of *Brightmore-Hill*, commonly *Gardiner's-Hill*, and up *Mont-Lane* commonly called *Middle-Hill*, all the West End of the *Weekday-Cross*, all the *Middle* and *Low-Pavement* and *Vault-Lane*, down to the *Willb-Harp*, the East side of *Lifter-gate* and the West side as far as the *Gully-Hole*, the North and East sides of the *Weekday-Cross*, as far as the *Charity-School*, all *Mont-hall-gate*, alias *Blowbladder-street*, all *Pilekergate*, *Hallifax-Lane*, commonly called *Jack Nuttal's-Lane*, *Byard-Lane* and *Fleisher-gate*

T O these seven Wards belong thirty Constables, a Number more than sufficient for a Town of this Extent, whilst too few Watchmen are kept, the bare Number of four, and these so remiss in their Duty, that they seldom give the Hour above twice in a Night, whereas if a sufficient Number of able bodied Men were employ'd, and the Watch set at proper Hours both Winter and Summer, and they obliged to take their Rounds every Hour in the Night, those Attempts of breaking open Houses and Shops, of late so much complained of, would effectually be prevented.

T H I S leads me to a Customary annual Watch which used to be kept in this Town, even so lately as the Reign of King *Charles I.* of this my Anonymous Author gives the following Account.

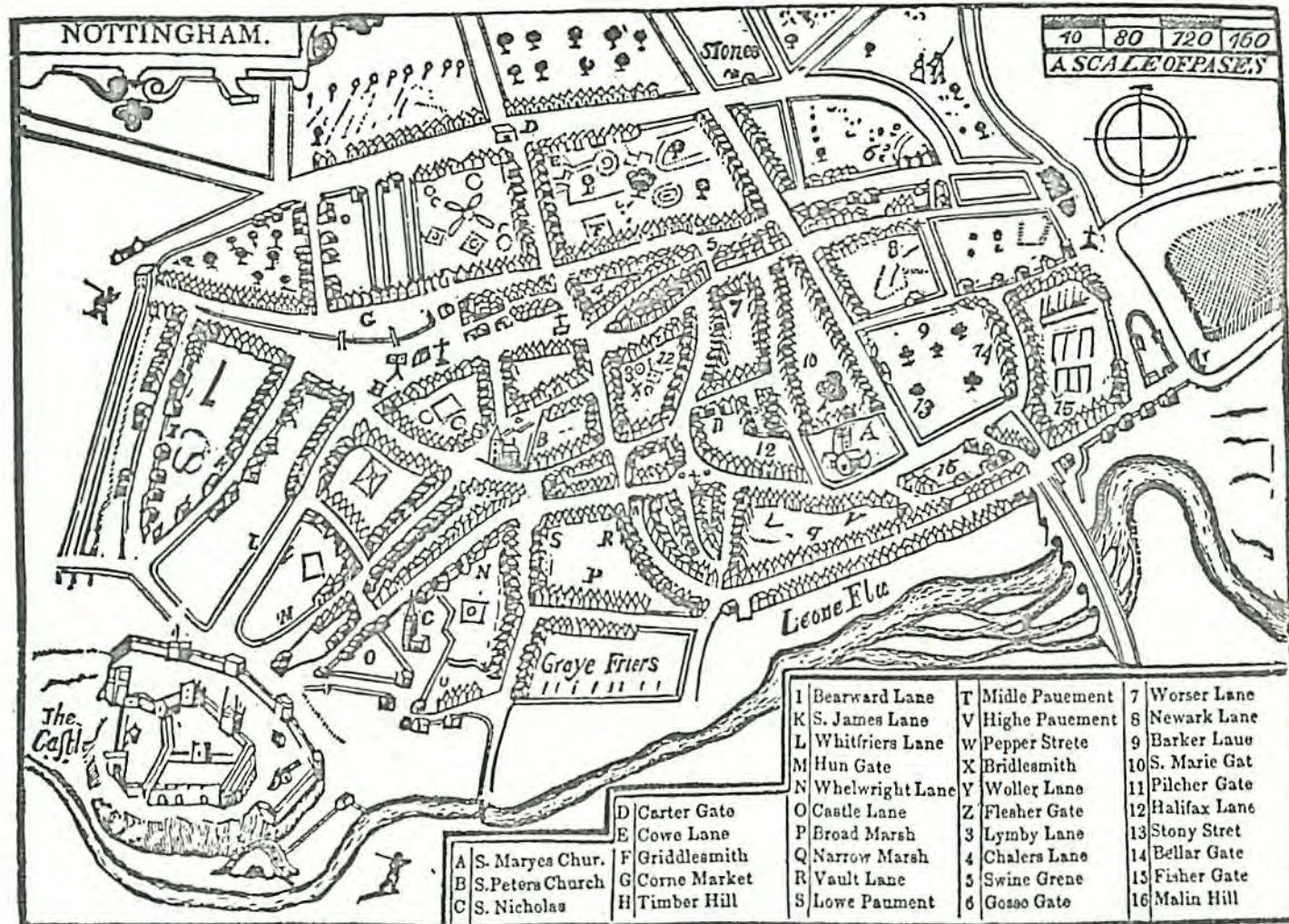
" I N this Town by an ancient Custom they keep yearly a general Watch every Midsummer Eve at Night, to which every Inhabitant of any Ability sets forth a Man, as well Voluntaries as those who are charged with Arms, with such Munition as they have; for the Pikes, some Muskets, Calivers, or other Guns, some Partisans, Holberts, and such as have Armour, send their Servants in their Armour. The Number of these are yearly, almost two hundred, who at Sun-setting meet on the Row, the most open part of the Town, where the Mayor's Serjeant at Mace gives them an Oath, the Tenor whereof followeth in these Words:

" They shall well and truly keep this Town till To-morrow at the Sun-Rising;  
" You shall come into no House without Licence or Cause reasonable. Of all Manner of Casualties, of Fire, or crying of Children, you shall due Warning make to the Parties, as the Case shall require you. You shall due Search make of all Manner of Affairs, frays, Bloodsheds, Outcries, and of all other Things that be suspected. You shall due Presentment make of the same, either to Mr. Mayor, the Sheriffs or other Officers.  
" If any Stranger come to the Town, well and demeanably to behave yourself to them courteously, and to entreat them, and to bring them to their Inns, and well and secretly keep the Watch, and other Things that belong to the same Watch, well and truly do, to your Cunning and Power. So help you God.

" W H I C H done they all march in orderly Array, through the principal Parts of the Town, and then they are sorted into several Companies and designed to several parts of the Town, where they are to keep the Watch, until the Sun dismiss them in the Morning.



# Earliest Plan of Nottingham



No earlier plan of Nottingham has survived than John Speed's, published in 1610. This was before the Civil War, and it shows old St. Nicholas's Church, complete with spire. This church was destroyed by Col. Hutchinson, Governor of Nottingham

Castle, after it had been used as an artillery post by the Cavaliers from Newark. The medieval castle still stood, though dilapidated, but Speed's drawing of it may be a conventional representation rather than a picture. The plan shows the medieval wall run

ning down the middle of the Great Market-place. This has often been described as a barrier between English and French when Nottingham was divided into two boroughs after the Norman Conquest; but modern opinion recognises it as a useful sub-division of the market. The

gate (D) at the top of Cow-lane (modern Clumber - street) is wrongly named Carter-gate; it should be Cow-lane Bar. Speed also gives Newark-lane (8) for Woolpack-lane. The person about to enter Chapel-bar is not Nottingham's first golfer; his implement is probably a hoe.



not for the necessity of the Service which they did owe, but because they were willing to provide for their Kinsmen and Servants.

*Lib. Alb. p. 36.* Pavia, the daughter of *Nigellus de Ramtun*, by the consent of *Robert Malovell* her son, not long after gave the Church of *Ramtun*, with the Appurtenances; to make another Prebend in this Church of *Southwell*.

*Lib. Alb. p. 23.* And *John* Arch-bishop of *York*, in the year of our Lord 1289. made another of the Church of *Eton*. And in the year 1291. *William Rotherfeild* Prebendary of *Bekeingham* resigning for that purpose, the said Arch-bishop at his re-

quest, and by the consent of the Chapters of *York* and *Southwell*, did ordain the Church of *North Leberton*, before a part of the Prebend of *Bekeingham*, to be a distinct one of it self, and the Prebendary to have his Stall in the Quire on the North side next that of the *Sacrist*; and his place in the Chapter-house duely assigned by the Chapter, and to have and pay his Vicar Choral, as the other Canons used, and the said *William Rotherfeild* to enjoy *Bekeingham*, so divided, during his time, which made the number of the Prebends Sixteen, as they now are, which have been, and *Mss. J. M.* are thus valued, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
<i>Porwell Overhall</i> , or <i>prima pars</i> , was	42 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	48 — 1 — 3
<i>Porwell Palacehall</i> , or <i>secunda pars</i> , was	30 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	27 — 19 — 7
<i>Porwell tertia pars</i> was	6 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	5 — 2 — 0 <sup>ob</sup>
<i>Normanton</i> Prebend was	20 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	22 — 6 — 0 <sup>oh</sup>
<i>Walton</i> or <i>Halloughton</i> was	10 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	8 — 17 — 6
<i>Dunham</i> before the Survey taken by <i>H. 8.</i> was	45 <sup>marks</sup>	is now	23 — 11 — 3
<i>Rampton</i> then also was	24 <sup>mar.</sup>	is now	15 — 17 — 11
<i>Woodborough</i> is wanting in my Copy of the old, but is now			9 — 17 — 11
<i>Eton</i> before the Survey of <i>H. 8.</i> was	10 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	2 — 11 — 3
<i>South Gusham</i> then also was	20 <sup>mar.</sup>	is now	13 — 4 — 7
<i>Orton prima pars</i> was	40 <sup>mar.</sup>	is now	22 — 19 — 7
<i>Orton altera pars</i> was then also	40 <sup>mar.</sup>	is now	24 — 10 — 0
<i>Bekeingham</i> was	20 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	16 — 15 — 10
<i>North Gusham</i> was	34 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	32 — 5 — 0
<i>Sacrista</i> was in elder time	30 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	1 — 3 — 4
<i>North Leberton</i> was	5 <sup>l.</sup>	is now	4 — 17 — 11



in the Kings Books, and the Arch-bishop of York is Patron of all.

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There is yet, and from the beginning of this Church, I suppose, ever hath been, at Whitsunday a certain small Pension paid from every Parish and Hamlet in this County called the *Pentecostall Offerings*, whereof the Prebendary of the Sacrist or Sacriston Prebend hath the tenth part, and the residue is equally divided between the Commons

of the Canons [*resident*] and the Prebendary of the Prebend of *Normanton*.

The particulars are thus,

In the Deanery of Nottingham,

	s.	d.
Arnall	2	0
Ansley	0	16
Addenburgh	0	16
Bramcote	0	6
Bulcote	0	9
Bulwell	0	10
Burton Jorce	0	10
Bilbozough	0	6
Bastford	0	13
Boston	0	18
Colwick	0	8
Cotfall	0	7
Castwood	0	14
Cperston	2	6
Czezeley	2	2
Conallston	0	16
Cedling cum Carleton & Stoke Bardolf	3	4
Hucknall Torcard	0	18
Hoberingham	0	13
Hirkeby in Ashfeild	0	20
Lougham	2	4
Lambley	0	16
Linsby	0	9
Lenton	2	0
Maunsfeild	4	8
Mansefeld Woodhouse	2	6
Nottingham	13	4
Puthall	0	12
Waplewick	0	12

Radford



Radford	0	13
Snenton	0	8
Selson	2	0
Stapleford	0	17
Strelley	0	8
Sutton in Ashfield	2	0
Shegby	0	8
Teversall cum Stanley	0	15
Thurgarton	0	15
Trowell	0	14
Willoughbyton	0	15

Summ — 3<sup>l</sup> — 9<sup>s</sup> — 0<sup>d</sup>.

## The Deanery of Bingham,

	s.	d.
Abolton	0	3 <sup>ob</sup>
Bingham	4	8
Bridgeford ad pontem	0	10
Bridgeford super montem	0	18
Barton in fabis	0	18
Boney cum Bradmere	2	8
Broughton	0	10
Carcolston	0	14
Cotlingstock	0	7
Cotgrave	0	20
Colston Bassett	0	18
Clifton cum Clapton	0	18
Crophill Butler	0	12
Edwalton	0	6
Elton	0	12
Flintham	2	2
Gotham	0	13
Granby	0	18

Willoughby	0	13
Wharton	0	17

Summ — 3<sup>l</sup> — 2<sup>s</sup> — 4<sup>d</sup>.<sup>ob</sup>.

## The Deanery of Newark,

	s.	d.
Aberham	2	0
Balderton	2	0
Barneby	2	0
Caunton	0	10
Cromwell	0	22
Clifton cum membr.	4	0
Cytring	2	0
Faringdon	3	0
Fledbrough	0	7
Gotham	0	10
Goddington	2	0
Gretton	2	0
Hockerton	0	12
Hawton	0	15
Kilbington	0	8
Kneesall	2	0
Kellum	0	16
Laxton	3	0
Parneham	3	0
Polebeck	0	18
Pozmanton super Trent	0	20
Newwarke	13	4
North Collingham	2	0
South Collingham	0	20
Osington	0	16
Rolston	2	8



Wadding	0	18
Warrworth	0	12
Wolme Pierpont	0	20
Wynnalton	0	18
Wingston	0	8
Wrayworth	0	12
Winceto	0	8
Wangar	0	14
Wlake major	0	16
Wlake minor	0	8
Wormanton super Soze	0	10
Worston	0	22
Workehorpe	0	12
Wormtree cum Clipston	0	18
Wratclif super Soze	0	8
Wratclif super Trent	2	0
Wempton	0	7
Widdington	0	16
Winstanford	0	9
Wretheton	0	14
Warendale	0	6
Warrington	0	8
Wotton Bonington	0	13
Welford	0	20
Wanton	0	5
Wetton	0	10
Wheaton	0	10
Wichby	0	6
Wollerton	0	13
Wiltford	0	18
Wilsay	0	13
Widmerpole	0	14

Widdon Lierke	0	6
Wibthorpe	0	9
Widton	0	8
Wilton	0	14
Wotton super Trent	4	0
Wothke	0	18
Worke cum Wisthorpe	2	8
Worke	0	12
Worke	0	12
Worke	0	5
Workeburne	0	9
Worke	2	0
Worke	0	8
Summ		16 <sup>s</sup> 7 <sup>d</sup>
The Deanery of Keston		
Worke	0	12
Worke	0	12
Worke	0	10
Worke	0	8
Worke cum Wotterfeld	4	4
Worke	0	8
Worke	0	8
Worke	0	16
Worke	0	8
Worke	0	16
Worke	0	16
Worke	0	16



Cuckney	0	12
Carberton	0	8
Carleton	0	18
Clifton	0	16
Drayton magna	0	20
Est Redford	2	0
Elkesley	0	16
Edwinstow cum Budby	2	8
East Parkham cum Drayton	3	4
Eberton	0	16
Egmonton	0	22
Finingley	0	8
Garnston	0	16
Gillingley	0	14
Grove	0	14
Harworth	0	12
Headdon	2	0
Hirketon	0	9
Little Parkham cum Milneton	0	12
Littleborough	0	7
Laneham	0	20
Miskerton	2	0
Mattersey	0	12
Milfen	0	10
North Wheatley	0	22
Osfall	0	16
Rossington	0	12
Saundby	0	12
Stokeham	0	6
Sutton cum Lound	0	20
South Leberton	0	18
Sturton	0	20

Kirlington	0	18
Farnesfeild	2	0
Wleasby cum	}	0
Gouerton &		
Gipefinere	0	21
Porton	0	12
Upton	3	0

Summ—40<sup>s</sup>.—6<sup>d</sup>.Summa totalis—15<sup>l</sup>.—15<sup>s</sup>.—3<sup>d</sup>. ob.

King Henry the first being at Nottingham *Lib. Alb.* granted to Arch-bishop Thomas, all his possessions p. 14. and customs over all his Lands in Nottinghamshire, and especially over those which belong to the Church of St. Mary of Suell, as he held them better in the time of his brother [William Rufus;] and if any claimed upon the men which remained on those Lands, they should do such right as the Canons of St. Peter [of Poire] and in such place; and if upon this any should do any injury, he should make the amends to the King himself.

The privileges of the Church of Poire, in this *Chart. Ant.* Kings Charter of confirmation, are more particularly mentioned, which are also almost word for word, rehearsed in an instrument of the Chapter of Poire, declaring the Freedoms and Customs of that Church. granted by King Athelstan carefully



Turford	3	0
Trefwell	0	10
Walkeringham	0	12
Walesby	0	10
Welley	0	12
Warfop cum Sulkholme	2	4
West Redford	0	16
Workefoppe	3	0

Summ—3<sup>l</sup>.—10<sup>s</sup>.—2<sup>d</sup>.

### The Deanery or Jurisdiction of Southwell,

	s.	d.
Beckingham	2	0
Blidworth	0	14
Cropwell Byshop	0	16
Calberton	0	12
Donham	0	19
Darlton	0	12
Caton	0	10
North Leberton	0	12
Porwell	0	18
North Muskham	2	4
Orton	0	14
South Muskham	2	0
South Wheatley	0	8
Rampton	0	20
Ragnell	0	18
Wobbozow	0	20
Southwell	5	0
Halome	0	18
Halloughton	0	10
Edngley	0	18

observed by his successors, and confirmed by Apostolical Authority, to be very much infringed by the Sheriff of ~~Workefoppe~~ <sup>Workefoppe</sup>shire, in the year <sup>Lib. Alb.</sup> of our Lord 1106. upon which Bishop Gerard p. 18. made complaint to the King, who thereupon sent Robert Bishop of Lincoln, *Raph Basset*, *Gefrey Ridel*, *Ranulf le Meschines*, and *Peter de Valonius* to ~~Worke~~ <sup>Worke</sup>, that they might inquire what were the said Customs of the Church of St. Peter, who to that end called to them the most prudent English-men of that County, whom they caused to swear by the Faith they ought to the King, to tell the truth, viz. *Vitreth*, the son of *Alwin*, *Gamel*, the son of *Swarterol*, *Gamel*, the son of *Grim*, *Norman* the Priest, *William*, the son of *Ulf*, *Frenger* the Priest, *Vitreth*, the son of *Turkilt*, *Norman* the son of *Baling*, *Thurstin*, son of *Turmot*, *Gamel*, son of *Ormi*, *Morcar*, son of *Ligulf*, and *Ulvet*, the son of *Fornv*, by right of inheritance the *Lagaman* of the City (which may rather be interpreted Lawyer or Judge possibly, as Recorder is now, than lawful-man, or free-man) who then also was *Prefect*, and thus discoursed before them, *Ausketinus de Bolomer* the *Præpositus* of the ~~Workefoppe~~ <sup>Workefoppe</sup>shire, being his interpreter, That they all remembered and testified, that all the Land belonging to the Prebends of the Church of St. Peter, was so quiet and free, that neither the Kings Officer, nor any other could have Law, nor take a distress there till the Canon of that Prebend was first required; and if he refused, the Dean should set a day, and do right at the Church doot. And if any person whatsoever shall take and detain any man, though guilty and convict of any Crime or wickedness whatever, from within the Porch, he shall alwaies be judged to make amends by six *Hundreths*; if from

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## THE CONSTITUTION OF

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Burton - - -	0	8	Kirketon - - -	0	9
Babworth - - -	0	8	Little Markham - - -	1	0
Bilsthorpe - - -	1	4	Littlebro' - - -	0	7
Boughton - - -	0	8	Laneham - - -	1	8
Clayworth - - -	1	4	Misterton - - -	2	0
Cuckney - - -	1	0	Matterfay - - -	1	0
Carberton - - -	0	8	Miffen - - -	0	10
Carlton - - -	1	6	North Wheatley - - -	1	10
Clipstone - - -	1	4	Ordal - - -	1	4
Drayton Magna - - -	1	8	Roffington - - -	1	0
East Retford - - -	2	0	Saundby - - -	1	0
Elkefley - - -	1	4	Stokeham - - -	0	6
Edwinstow cum Budby	2	8	Sutton cum Lound - - -	1	8
East Markham } cum Drayton }	3	4	South Leverton - - -	1	6
Everton - - -	1	4	Sturton - - -	1	8
Egmanton - - -	1	10	Tuxford - - -	3	0
Finningley - - -	0	8	Creswell - - -	0	10
Gamston - - -	1	4	Walkeringham - - -	1	0
Gringley - - -	1	2	Walesby - - -	0	10
Grove - - -	1	2	Welley - - -	1	0
Harworth - - -	1	0	Warfop - - -	2	4
Headon - - -	2	0	West Retford - - -	1	4
			Workfop - - -	3	0

Total £. 3 10 2



# SOUTHWELL JURISDICTION.

		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>			<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Beckingham	-	2	0	Cropwell Bishop	-	1	4
Bleasby cum Gourton	}	1	9	Calverton	-	1	0
& Gipsmere				Dunham	-	1	7
Blidworth	-	1	2	Darlington	-	1	0
				Edingley			

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# THE CHURCH.

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	s.	d.		s.	d.
Edingley - - -	1	6	Morton - - -	1	0
Eaton - - -	0	10	Norwell - - -	1	6
Farnsfield - - -	2	0	Oxton - - -	1	2
Halloughton - - -	0	10	Rampton - - -	1	8
Halam - - -	1	6	Ragnel - - -	1	6
Kirklington - - -	1	6	Southwell - - -	5	0
Leverton N. - - -	1	0	Upton - - -	3	0
Muskham N. - - -	2	4	Wheatley S. - - -	0	8

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	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
South Muskham	13	4	7	Rampton . . . . .	15	17	11
North Muskham	32	5	0	Woodborough . . . . .	9	17	11
Oxton prima pars	22	19	7	Sacrista . . . . .	1	2	6
Oxton altera pars	24	10	0	Beckingham . . . . .	16	15	10
Dunham . . . . .	23	11	4	North Leverton . . . . .	5	0	0

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North Muskham	32	5	0	Woodborough . . . . .	9	17	11
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THIS synod continued to be holden, till a few years ago; when it was abolished by the mere fiat of Drummond, then Archbishop of York. How far he was empowered, thus to alter the constitution of the church, may be a matter of great doubt; but, as the institution abolished was become, since the reformation, an useless ceremony, and attended with some trouble to the officers of the church, the mandate of the archbishop received a very ready obedience.

Of the pentecostal offerings, the tenth part is allotted to the Sacrista prebend, and the remainder is divided into two equal portions; one of which belongs to the prebend of Normanton, and the other is to be applied to the commons of the resident canon. The particular sums to be paid by each parish may be thus enumerated.

## IN THE DEANERY OF NOTTINGHAM.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Arncliffe .....	2	0	Greasley .....	2	2
Ansley .....	1	4	Gonaldson .....	1	4
Addenburgh .....	1	4	Gedling .....	3	4
Bramcote .....	0	6	Hucknall .....	1	6
Bulcote .....	0	9	Hoveringham .....	1	1
Bulwell .....	0	10	Kirkby in Ashfield .....	1	8
Burton Jorce .....	0	10	Loudham .....	2	4
Bilborough .....	0	6	Lambley .....	1	4
Basford .....	1	1	Linby .....	0	9
Beeston .....	1	6	Lenton .....	2	0
Colwick .....	0	8	Mansfield .....	4	8
Cossall .....	0	7	Mansfield Woodhouse .....	2	6
Eastwood .....	1	2	Nottingham .....	13	4
Epperston .....	2	6	Nuttall .....	1	0



## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Paplewick .....	1	0	Sutton in Ashfield .....	2	0
Radford .....	1	1	Skegby .....	0	8
Snenton .....	0	8	Teversal .....	1	3
Selston .....	2	0	Thurgarton .....	1	3
Stapleford .....	1	5	Trowel .....	1	2
Strelley .....	0	8	Wollaton ..	1	3
			Total	£ 3	9 0

## DEANERY OF BINGHAM.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Adbolton .....	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	Granby .....	1	6
Bingham .....	4	8	Hickling .....	1	6
Bridgeford .....	0	10	Hawksworth .....	1	0
Bridgeford on the Hill .....	1	6	Holme Pierpont .....	1	8
Barton .....	1	6	Kynalton .....	1	6
Boney cum Bradmare .....	2	8	Kingston .....	0	8
Broughton .....	0	10	Kayworth .....	1	0
Carcolston .....	1	2	Kneeton .....	0	8
Cortlingstock .....	0	7	Langar .....	1	2
Cotgrave ..	1	8	Leak Major .....	1	4
Colston Basset .....	1	6	Leak Minor .....	0	8
Clifton cum Clapton .....	1	6	Normanton .....	0	10
Crophill Butler .....	1	0	Orston .....	1	10
Edwalton .....	0	6	Owthorpe .....	1	0
Elton .....	1	0	Plumtree cum Clipston ..	1	3
Flintham .....	2	2	Ratcliff upon Sore .....	0	8
Gotham .....	1	1	Ratcliff upon Trent .....	2	0



## CHURCH OF SOUTHWELL.

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	s.	d.		s.	d.
Rempston .....	0	7	Thoroton .....	0	10
Ruddington .....	1	4	Thrumpton .....	0	10
Stanford .....	0	9	Tithby .....	0	6
Screveton .....	1	2	Tollerton .....	1	1
Saxendale .....	0	6	Wilford .....	1	6
Scarrington .....	0	8	Wisaw .....	1	1
Sutton Bonnington .....	1	1	Widmerpole .....	1	2
Shelford .....	1	8	Willoughby .....	1	1
Stanton .....	0	5	Whatton .....	1	5
			Total	£ 3	2 4 $\frac{1}{4}$

## DEANERY OF NEWARK.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Averham .....	2	0	Hawton .....	1	3
Balderton .....	2	0	Kilvington .....	0	8
Barneby .....	2	0	Kneesal .....	2	0
Caunton .....	0	10	Kelham .....	1	4
Crumwell .....	1	10	Laxton .....	3	0
Clifton .....	4	0	Malbeck .....	1	6
Cottam .....	0	10	Normanton upon Trent ..	1	8
Coddington .....	2	0	Newark .....	13	4
Eykring .....	2	0	Collingham N. ....	2	0
Elston .....	1	2	Collingham S. ....	1	8
Faringdon .....	3	0	Ossington .....	1	4
Fledborough .....	0	7	Rolleston .....	2	8
Gretton .....	2	0	Staunton .....	0	6
Hockerton .....	1	0	Sibthorpe .....	0	9



## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Shelton .....	0	8	Thorney .....	1	0
Sutton upon Trent .....	1	2	Thorpe .....	0	5
Stoke .....	1	6	Winckburne .....	0	9
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# Gate to Southwell

## Fact Sheet



### How did it start?

It all started back in 1980, Bob Hine of Dolphin Morris was researching Morris Dancing in the Nottinghamshire area. He came across the ancient practise of sending the Nottingham Parish's financial contribution to the Minster at Southwell. In those days, the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Morris dancers were paid to take the money to Southwell, for the 'ale which they drank at all times'. In 1981 it was revived and is now a well attended event. Morris sides of all types are welcome, and although only a determined 20 or so walk all the way, teams can walk as much or as little as they want.

### What is the route?

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham makes a speech and hands over the 'Southwell Pence' at the Market Square, Nottingham. We all process to Sneinton, then through villages to Lowdham for lunch. Off again to some quiet pubs until we all, buses and walkers, arrive at Southwell for a mass procession to the Minster.



### How do we get there?

Some walkers will be walking the whole 23 miles to Southwell! The rest of us will process with them from time to time, dancing at pubs and other venues along the way. We are whisked from place to place by coaches. (But you can walk as much as you want to!)

### When do we get there ?

We arrive at Southwell at 5:30pm approx. We present the 'Southwell Pence' to the Minster, have a short service and dance, then retire to the Bramley Apple pub for free beer, last year generously donated by the Springhead Brewery. More ad hoc dancing takes place at the Bramley Apple for those with the energy for it.



### How do we get back?

The buses return to Nottingham in the early evening.

### Who can come?

All Morris sides are welcome, either as a team or individuals. We are planning a 'Springhead Morris' side this year for part sides and individuals.



*Want to know more, log onto the web site*

[www.dolphin-morris.co.uk](http://www.dolphin-morris.co.uk)

*select Morris in the East Midlands and click on the Gate to Southwell link*



# The Gate to Southwell



## Beginner's Guide to the Gate

The Gate to Southwell is a traditional Whitsuntide procession, dating back, one way or another, to 1109. Since 1981, the "revived" Gate To Southwell has been an annual event for many local Morris dance teams.



The Gate starts in Nottingham city centre in the old market square. There is informal dancing by various sides. The Lord Mayor makes a speech, and hands over the "Southwell Pence". Bob Hine makes a joke about the Lord Mayor leading the procession on horse back. All the dancers (and approximately 75% of Lord Mayors, over the years) laugh. We then process out of the city, through the historic Lace Market area, and into Sneinton.

The Sneinton Environmental Society has adopted the Gate as part of its own calendar, and we always get a rousing reception - Tom Huggon making a speech liberally spiced with topical satire. (The theme for the Millennium Gate was "Sneinton's bright new dawn" who certainly sounds like a nice girl.) Members of the Sneinton Environmental Society then escort the procession to the bounds of the parish.

Thereafter, it all gets a bit hazy. There is a big dance spot at Burton Joyce, and there are performances at various pubs on the way. Some people walk the whole distance; others do it in relays, using buses or minibuses to get to the next pub that bit quicker. Eventually, we all rendezvous at Southwell, and process down the main street to the Minster. The Southwell Pence are handed over to a bemused but grateful Chapter Clerk, and we retire to the Bramley Apple where there is free beer for the dancers and walkers.

It's a good day out. In the sunshine, what could be nicer than a gentle stroll through the beautiful Trent valley accompanied by fifty Morris dancers in bells? If it rains, there is a great sense of camaraderie. If it's foggy, the bells are a useful safety measure, and if it snows, the various rapper and long sword sides make a tidy profit renting out their rappers and swords as skis. We have a plan for everything.

## The Southwell Pence

It all started in 1109 when it was decided to build a "Mother Church" at Southwell - what is now known as Southwell Minster. Churches don't come cheap, so they hit on a ruse to invite people from all over the Diocese to walk to Southwell and bring money with them. The walking made it a nice day out, and the bus fare thus saved could be given to the church. The perfect plan!



The amount given by each parish varied, according to the wealth and generosity of the parishioners. Newark, for example, gave 13 Shillings and 4 Pence (about 66p), whereas lowly Stanton gave only 5d (about 2p). The whole lot came to 15 Pounds, 18 Shillings, 7 Pence and one Farthing. In today's money, just under 16 quid - the cost of a CD - but in those days, enough to buy a whole steeple, or a good sized nave, or some other architectural component of a church.

As part of the modern Gate to Southwell, each side takes a purse of old (pre decimal) coins representing the contribution of their local parish. These are handed over at the end of the procession, and then a cheque for the equivalent amount in new money is handed over. We've noticed that the Minster isn't getting any bigger, but the Chapter Clerk now has a fantastic collection of CDs!

## Traditions of the Gate

The Gate has developed many modern traditions of its own. As mentioned above there is Bob Hine's traditional joke about the Lord Mayor and the horse (considerably less spicy than that makes it sound), and the speech from the Sneinton Environmental society.

Many years ago, the procession happened to be passing as a farmer was planting a sapling. The dancers offered to dance around the tree to bring it luck (as you do) and ever since then, we have danced around the same tree, or one very like it nearby. The soil around the roots is compacted to the consistency of concrete, and we've lost an estimated fourteen dancers in the nearby ditch, but the tradition carries on.



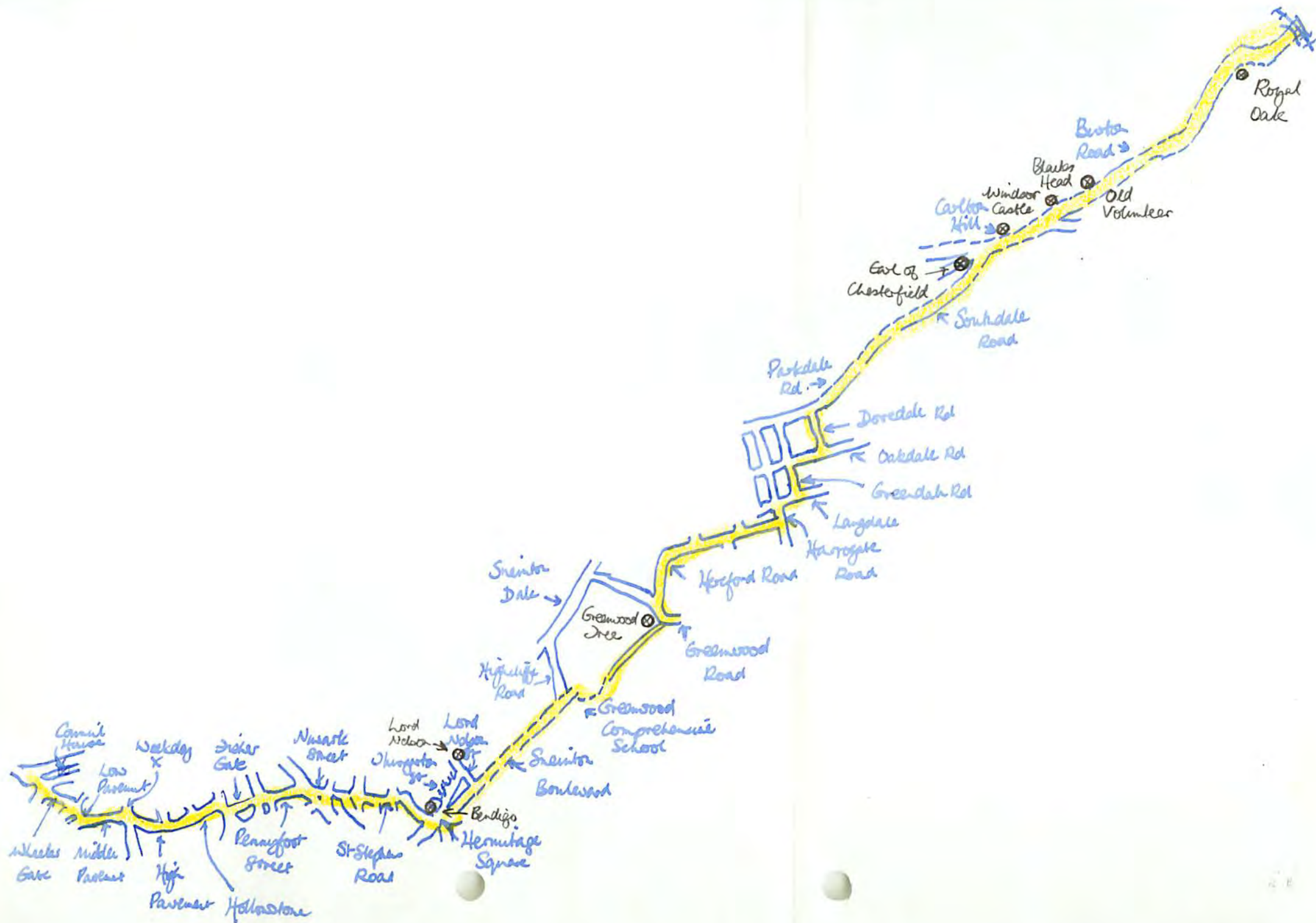
Then there's the stream at Thurgarton: if it's hot, it's nice to jump in to cool off; if it's raining, it doesn't matter if you get wet. Either way, there is a long tradition of individuals deciding to process along the stream bed. If anyone finds a brass bugle mouthpiece in there, it was lost by Ted Hutchby in 1984. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the developing Gate tradition is the number of old people along the way who tell us that they remember watching the procession go past when they were young. As there was a gap of several hundred years between the 1981 Gate and the previous Gate, it makes you wonder...

## "Southwell" or "Southwell"?

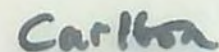
So, is it the Gate to South Well, or the Gate to Suth'll? Opinions are divided. Is it Suth'll Minster, or South Well Minster? We've asked the locals, and some say Suth'll and some say South Well. After long investigation and careful consideration, we think there can only be one answer: "It really doesn't matter. Let's have another pint."

We do know that "Gate" is from the Old Norse *gata* meaning "road or way". "South" is from the Old English *suth* meaning "in a southerly direction". "Well" is a "shaft sunk in the ground to obtain water" from Old English *wella*. So, the Gate to Southwell is simply, *the road or way which travels in a southerly direction to the shaft sunk in the ground to obtain water* - clearly a metaphor for walking a long way to a pub with a cellar full of beer!









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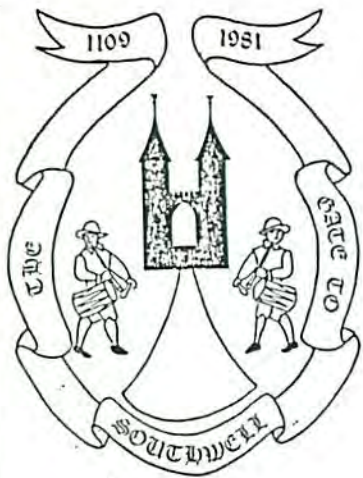
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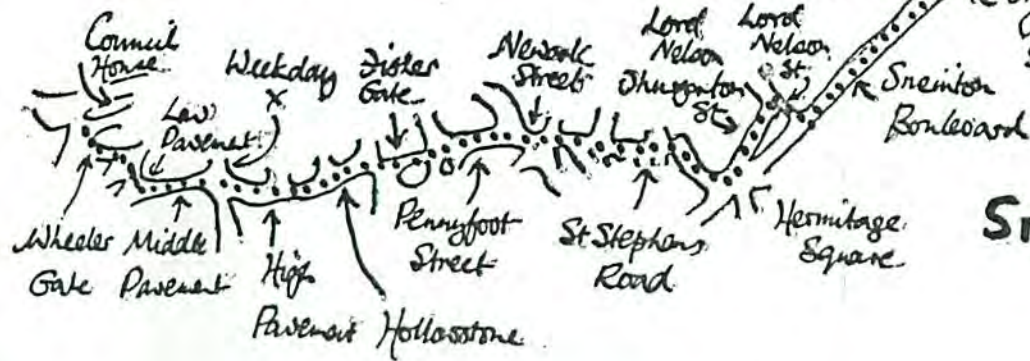
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(City centre to Carlton)

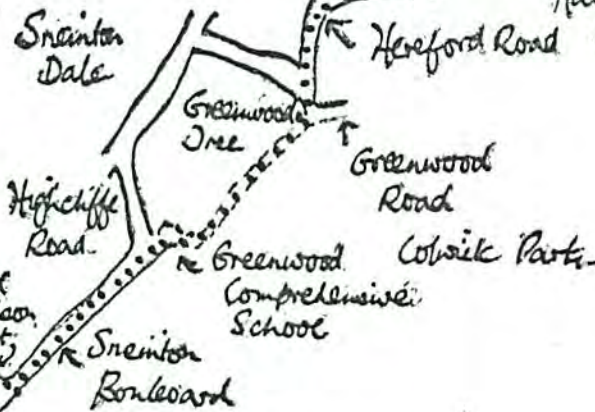




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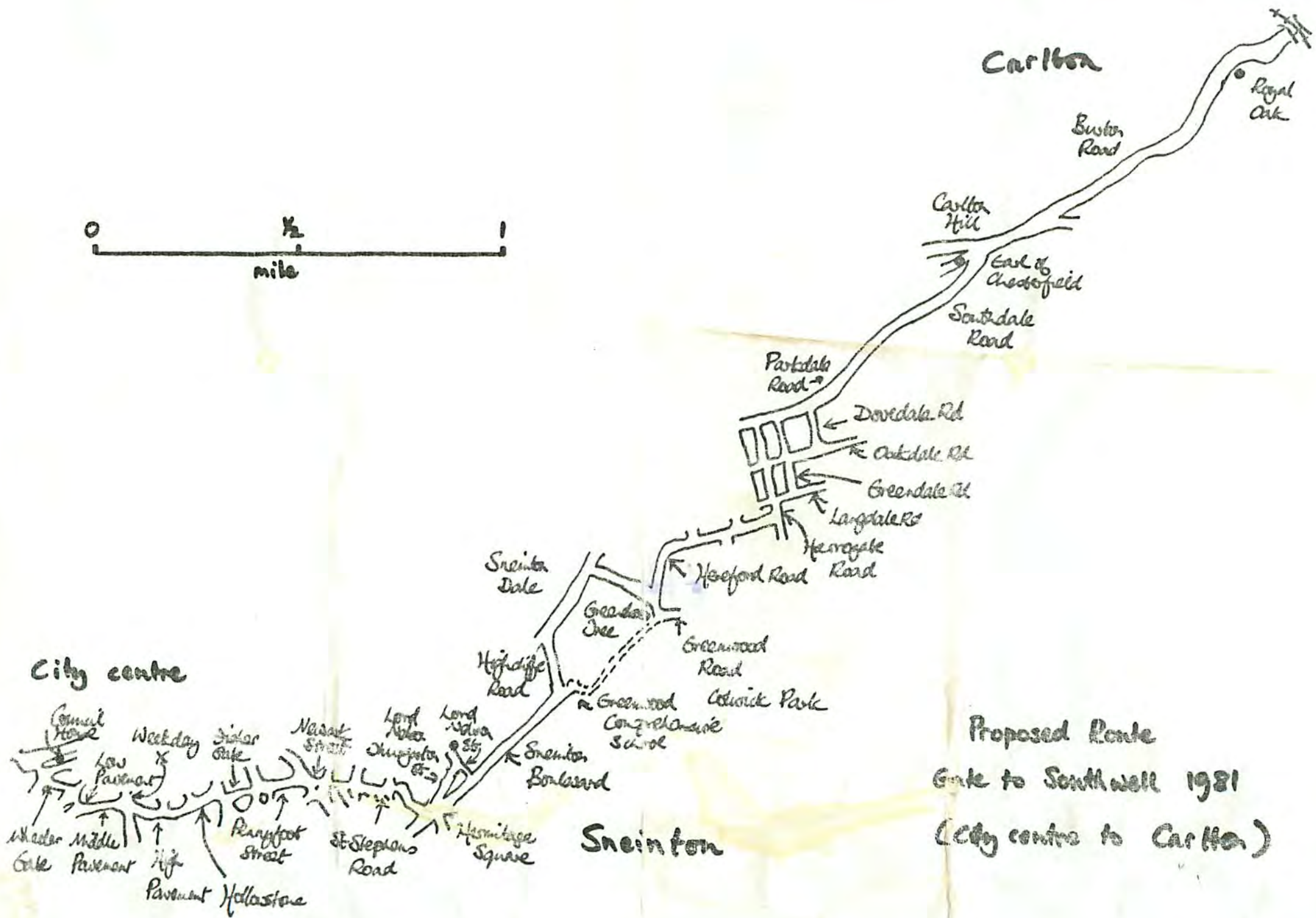
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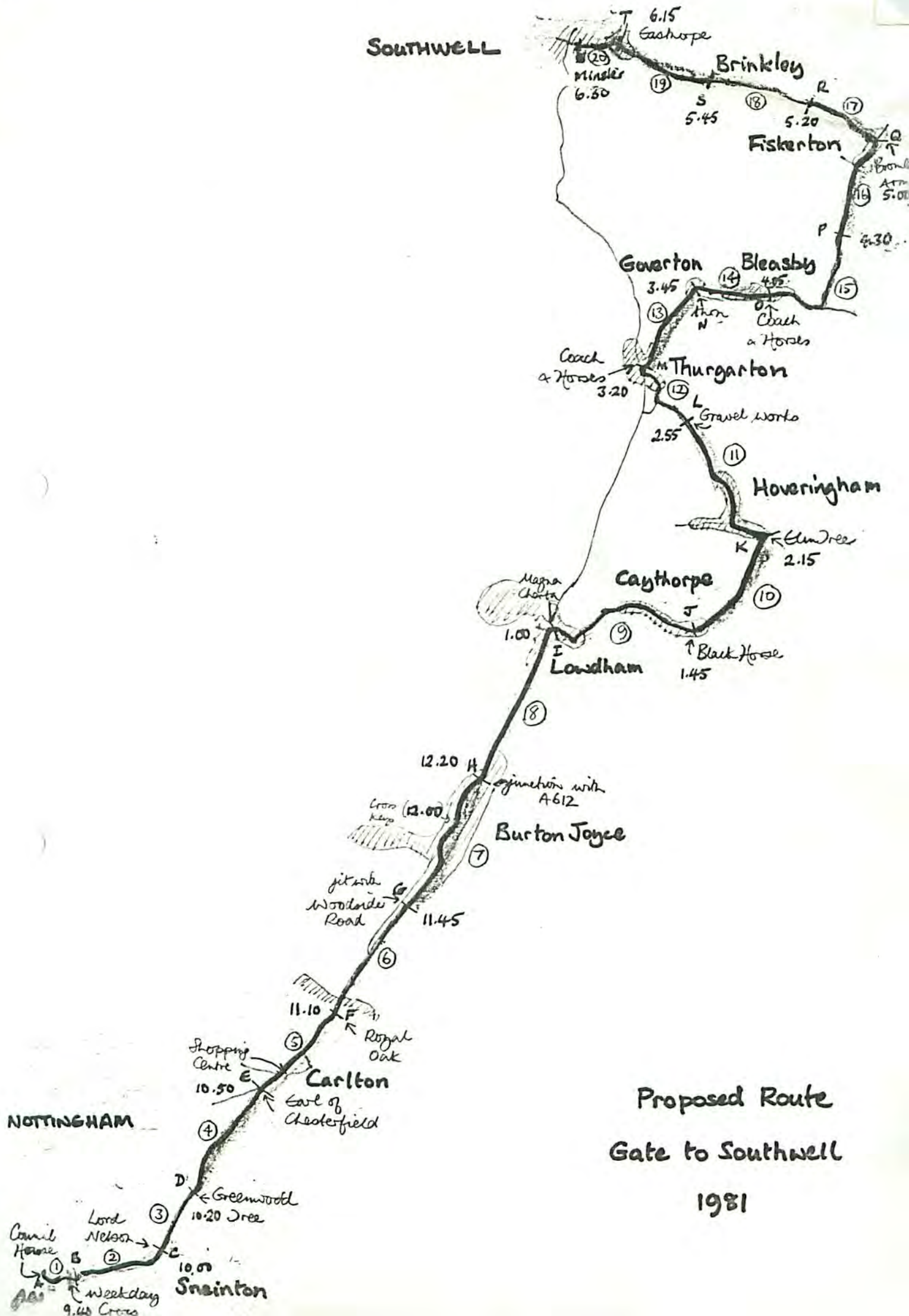
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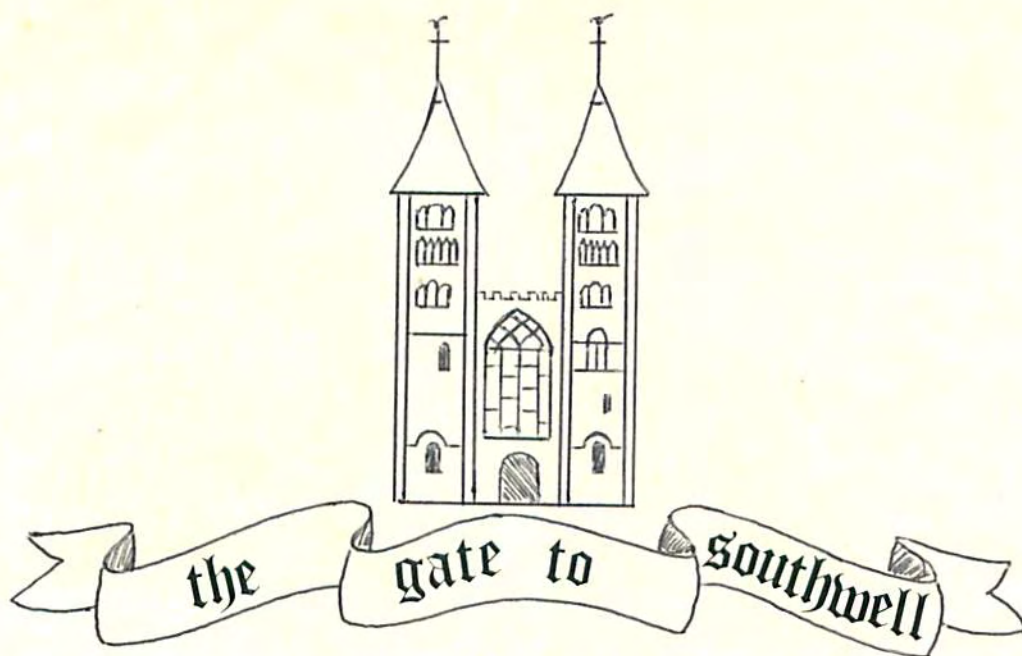
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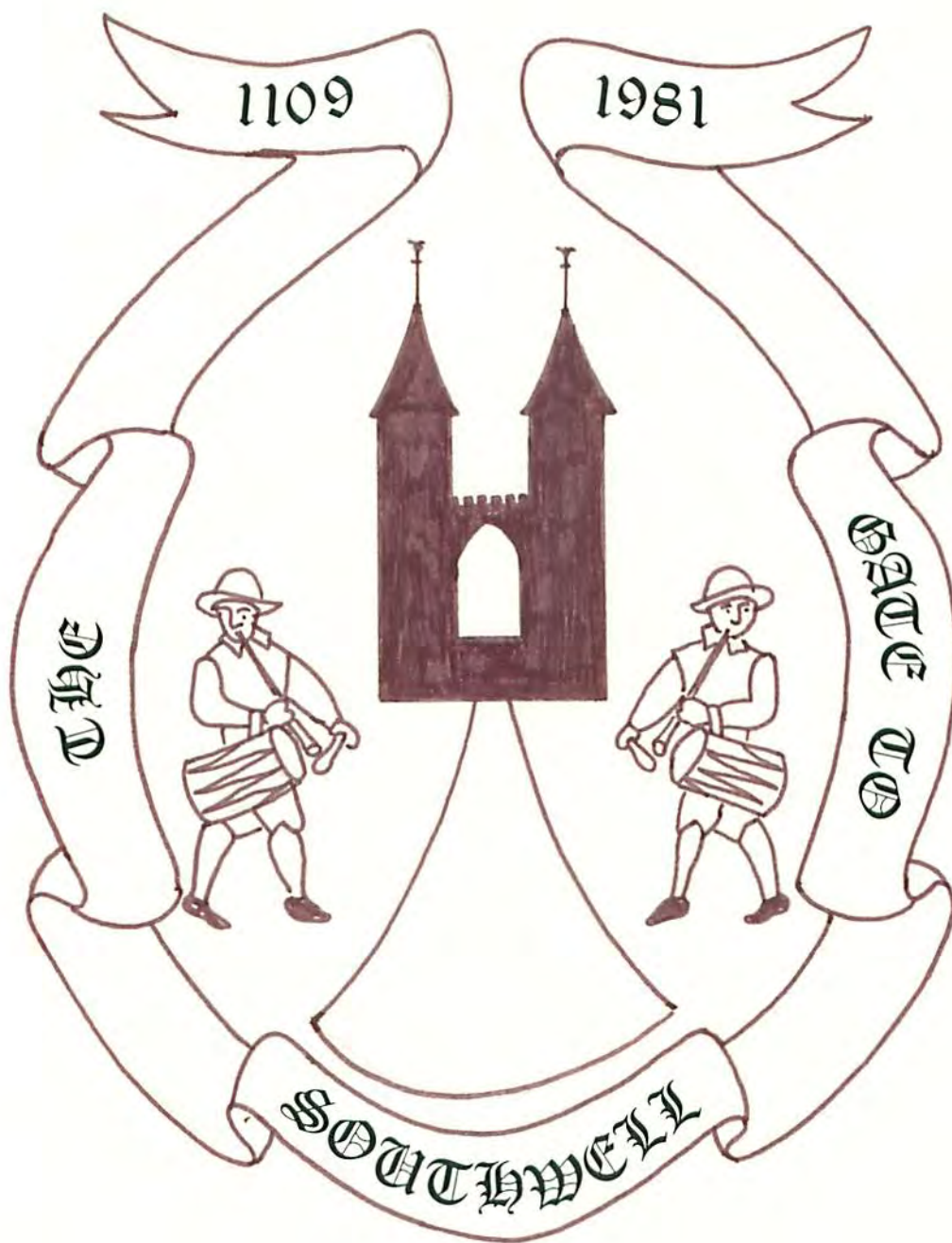




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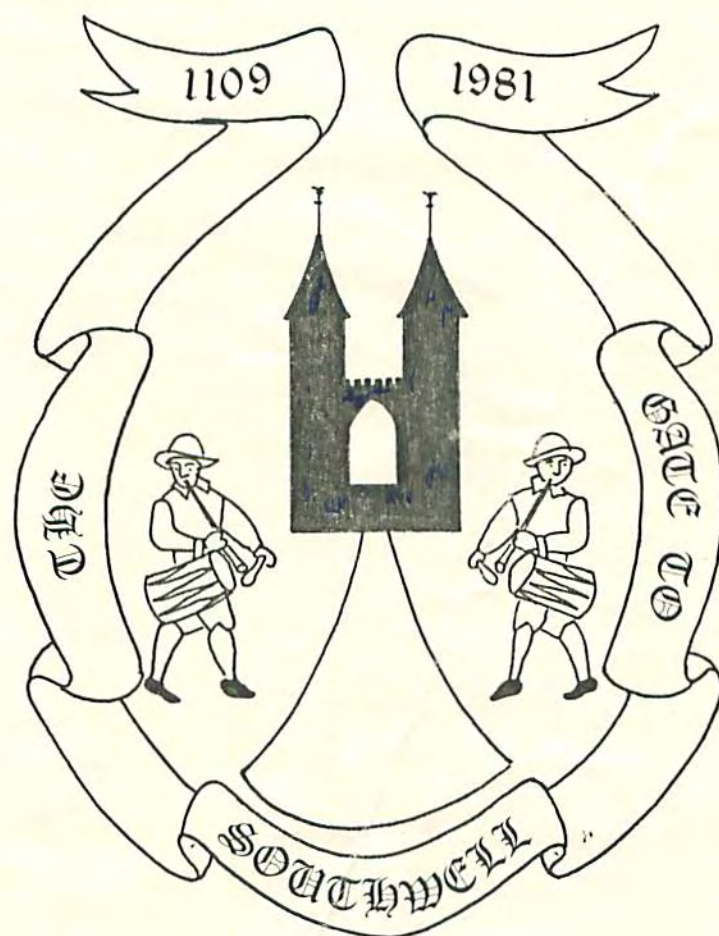








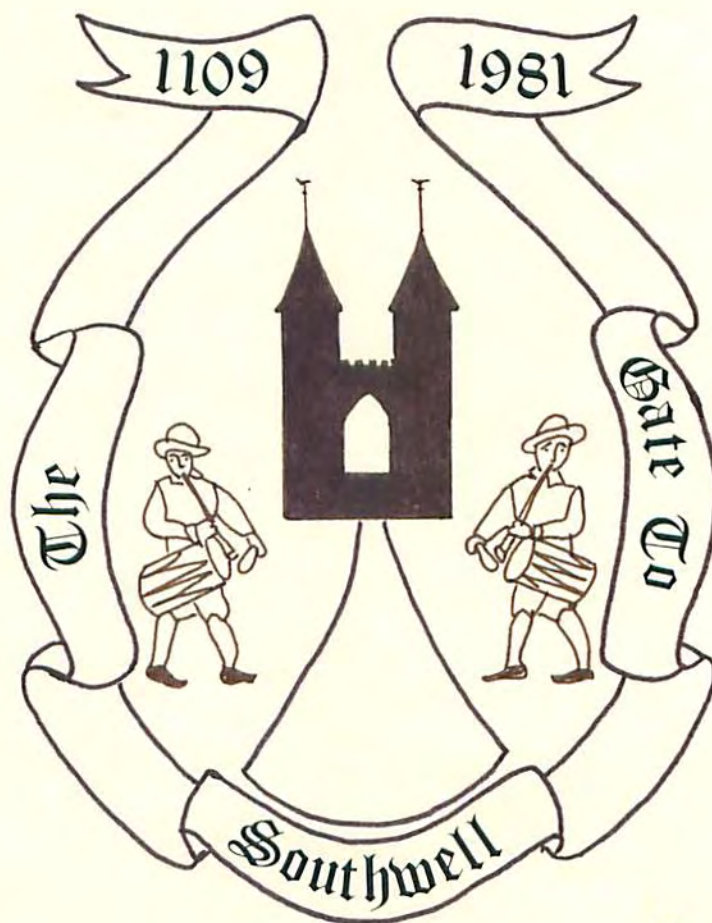
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13 January 1981

Sandy Maitland  
Oxfam Organiser  
16 Henry Road  
West Bridgford  
NOTTINGHAM

Dear Sandy

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 9th December to discuss arrangements for the proposed Gate to Southwell. You will recall that three local morris clubs - Dolphin, Foresters and Micklebarrow - are planning to dance in relays from Nottingham to Southwell on Saturday June 6th 1981. You asked, and we agreed, that Oxfam could provide a maximum of 20 sponsored walkers to accompany the dancers. The walkers would be attired in the garb of the 16th Century, and would take part in the procession at their own risk. Oxfam would be responsible for organising the walkers and the proceeds of sponsorship for these walkers would accrue to Oxfam.

The detailed route of the procession has not yet been finalised but might include the following: Council House, High Pavement, Newark Street, Sneinton Boulevard, Parkdale Road, Southdale Road, Burton Road thence via Lambley or Bruton Joyce, Lowdham, Caythorpe, Hoveringham, Thurgarton, Govertton, Bleasby, Fiskerton and Southwell. I have travelled the first part of the route to Carlton and this seems to me to be satisfactory. After Carlton, I am inclining now more to the view that we should travel via Burton Joyce rather than Lambley. The Burton Joyce route is shorter, flatter, and has a footpath all the way to Lowdham, whereas from Lambley to Lowdham Grange there is no footpath. No doubt this will be discussed at our meeting on 13th January.

With best wishes



SANDIE MAITLAND  
OXFAM YOUTH ORGANISER  
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Because we are walking to help create the historical aspect of the Gate to Southwell, we have to make sure that we keep up with the Morris Side which is actually dancing. If the side coming in to the change over is late, the new side will begin its 'leg' and the walkers will be 'trucked' from the change over point to the new side.

At the beginning of the walk, please hand in your sponsorship forms to Keith and then remember to pick them up at the end of the walk. If you are unable to complete the walk and want to go home before the end of the day, your sponsorship form will be posted to you.

There will be St John Ambulance people on hand to sort out sore feet.

Transport back to Nottingham will be via Oxfam cars, but if you wish to make your own arrangements, please do so. However, Oxfam's insurance will only cover you in Oxfam cars.

#### FOOD.

It has been necessary to divide the walkers into three groups so that one group only is eating lunch while the other two groups are walking. Lunch arrangements are therefore:

12.00 Lunch for group C

1.00 Lunch for group B

1.45 Lunch for Group A

#### DRINK

Coffee will be available when we get to Burton Joyce by courtesy of the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Group. If you would like an alcoholic drink at any of the pubs, please give your order in advance to Colin who will move ahead to the pub to get your order. Please pay him before he gets the drinks.

In addition, there will be cordial provided on the truck if you would rather not drink alcohol. Also on the truck will be several french sticks and cheese for you to help yourself to when you are hungry.

#### TOILETS.

Toilets will be available at all the pubs during normal licencing hours. In addition facilities will also be available at:

Coach & Horses, Thurgarton (3.20 p.m.)

Waggon & Horses, Bleasby (4.05 p.m.)

Possibly at Bromley Arms, Fiskerton at 5.20 p.m.

There is a long stretch of fields (with screening hedges) from 5.20 to 5.45!

The White Lion at Easthorpe should be open at 6.15 p.m. for toilet facilities.

An evening meal has been arranged at a cost of £2.50. Some walkers have already told me that they wish to pay for their own meal, although there is no obligation to do so. If you feel able to pay, please give your money to Keith when you hand in your sponsorship form.

#### FINALLY

Please pay in your sponsorship money via the paying in slip which you will have been given with your sponsor form. Please try to pay it in (at any Bank) as soon as possible so that it can be used pretty quickly abroad. I'll be sending out details of the total amount raised as soon as possible - probably early in July.

HAVE A GOOD DAY, WALK A LONG WAY AND ENJOY YOURSELF.



20 January 1981

The Provost  
The Cathedral  
Southwell  
Nottinghamshire

Dear Provost

Some weeks ago, I spoke with you on the telephone about the possibility of reviving the traditional Whitsun procession from Nottingham to Southwell. After further exploring the idea with a number of people, I now feel confident that a procession can be organised for this year. I am sure that it would generate a great deal of public interest.

Accordingly, the three local morris clubs - Dolphin (Nottingham), Foresters (Nottingham) and Micklebarrow (Southwell) - have set up a committee to make the necessary arrangements. The following details have been provisionally agreed:

- 1 The procession will take place on Saturday June 6th 1981.
- 2 The procession will leave the Council House, Nottingham at 9.30 am, arriving at the Cathedral in Southwell at 6 pm. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham has been invited to start the procession by ceremonially handing over the 'Southwell Pence'.
- 3 The morris dancers will take part in the procession in relays, and will give dance display at selected points on the route. A collection will be made and, in keeping with tradition, will be donated to Southwell Cathedral, after meeting expenses (mainly the cost of hiring a bus). You indicated to me on the telephone that you might wish to donate part of the collection to a Third World charity.
- 4 The procession will comprise a cross-bearer, the morris dancers and a group of about 20 sponsored walkers. The walkers will be organized by Oxfam, who will receive the sponsorship proceeds.

Traditionally, the Gate to Southwell ended at the north porch of the Minster where the Southwell Pence were handed over. We should be very grateful if you would arrange for a handover along similar lines at 6.30 pm on June 6th. Perhaps you would let me know if this would be possible.

It would be of great interest to us if anyone at the Minster is able to provide us with any information about the Gate to Southwell. I enclose some details that I have collected.

Our committee will be meeting again on 10th February. We should be very pleased if you would like to send a representative.

Yours faithfully



# SOUTHWELL MINSTER — NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF SOUTHWELL

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Tel. SOUTHWELL 812649 STD Code 0636

28th January, 1981

Mr. Bob Hine,  
27 Hollytree Close,  
Hotton,  
Nr. Loughborough,  
Leics.

Dear Mr. Hine,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 20th, about the Gate to Southwell. I am extremely grateful for your imaginative suggestion, and revival of this. Saturday, June 6th, will suit us well.

There is a Choir Festival in the Minster that day which means that Evensong will be sung at the usual hour of 5.45pm, but with choirs from parish churches in the diocese sharing with the Minster choir. This means that Evensong will take slightly longer than usual.

If you like the idea, it might be possible to arrange to receive the procession at the Minster at the conclusion of the service, or if more convenient, a little later when the choirs will have departed. If your arrival could be timed to coincide with the end of the service, that would be splendid.

I have asked my learned colleague, Canon C.S. Bayes, to look at your most interesting paper on the Gate to Southwell, and to comment on it.

I am afraid that I have engagements on February 10th, but Canon Bayes might be free if you could let him know when and where you will be holding your committee meeting.

Yes, I think it would be right for the collection to be shared between the Minster and a third world charity, perhaps Save the Children Fund.

Yours sincerely,

*Murray Irvine*

\* The Revd. Canon C.S. Bayes,  
2 Vicars' Court,  
SOUTHWELL. Telephone: Southwell 813188.





# The Dolphin Morrismen

## SQUIRE:

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The Old Schoolhouse  
Kingston-on-Soar  
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## BAGMAN

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20 January 1981

The Lord Mayor  
The Council House  
Old Market Square  
Nottingham

Your Worship

On Saturday June 6th 1981 we are planning to re-enact the traditional Whitsun procession from Nottingham to Southwell - the Gate to Southwell. Many years ago, it was customary for the Mayor to lead the procession, although according to the Red Book of Nottingham, he did not always do so "because of foulness of way, or distemperance of the weder."

You will no doubt be relieved to hear that we do not propose to ask you to walk or ride on horseback with us to Southwell, although, should you wish to do so, you would be more than welcome. We should, however, be very grateful if you would start the procession for us at the Council House, perhaps by ceremonially handing over the traditional Southwell Pence. The procession is scheduled to leave at 9.30 am.

I enclose some details of the Gate of Southwell, and hope that you will be able to join us in reviving this traditional event.

Yours faithfully

R C Hine

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THE LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR,  
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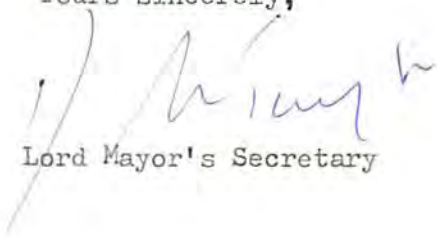
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23rd January, 1981

Dear Mr. Hine,

I thank you for your letter and enclosures to the Lord Mayor of the 20th January, 1981 regarding the proposal by the Dolphin Morrismen to re-enact the traditional Whitsun procession from Nottingham to Southwell on the morning of Saturday 6th June, 1981. This will be during the period of Office of the next Lord Mayor of this City whose name is yet to be officially announced. As soon as I know who it is I will place your letter before him and let you have a reply.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Mayor's Secretary

R.C. Hine, Esq.,  
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Hoton,  
Nr. Loughborough,  
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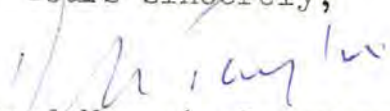
18<sup>th</sup> February, 1981.

Dear Mr. Hine,

Further to your letter of 20th January and my reply of the 23rd I have now spoken to the Lord Mayor Designate (Councillor John Arnold) and he would, indeed, be delighted to start off the procession at 9.30 a.m. outside the Council House on Saturday, 6th June, 1981. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor Designate will not be able to take part in the procession because of other commitments that morning.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
Lord Mayor's Secretary

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Hotton,  
Nr. Loughborough,  
Leics.



			time	stage	distance	feet
Nottingham	Conrail Horse	A	9.30	1	0.3	all
	weekday Cross	B	9.40	2	1.0	1
Sneinton	Lord Nelson	C	10.00	3	0.7	2
	Greenwood Tree	D	10.20	4	1.5	3
Carlton	Gate of Chesterfield	E	10.50	5	1.0	1
	Royal Oak	F	11.10	6	1.4	2
Burton Joyce	Woodside Rd	G	11.45			
	(Cross Keys)		(12.00)	7	1.3	3
	jit main road	H	12.20	8	1.4	1
Londham	Magna Charta	I	1.00	9	1.6	2
Caythorpe	Black Horse	J	1.45	10	1.2	3
Hoveringham	Elm Tree	K	2.15	11	1.3	1
	gravel pits	L	2.55	12	1.0	2
Thurgarton	Coach & Horses	M	3.20	13	0.9	3
Goverton	turn	N	3.45	14	0.8	1
Bleasby	Coach & Horses	O	4.05	15	1.0	2
		P	4.30	16	1.0	3
Dickerton	Bromley Arms	Q	5.00	17	0.8	1
	station	R	5.20	18	0.9	2
Brimley		S	5.45	19	1.0	3
Guthorpe	White Lion	T	6.15	20	0.4	all
Southwell	Minster	U	6.30			

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lunch team 1. 1.00 Magna Charta  
" 2. 12.00 "  
" 3. 12.30 Black Horse

Proposed Stages: Gate to Southwell 1981

RCH 10.2.81



Stages

		distances (miles)	time	team	
1	Cornhill House	0.3	9.30	all 1981	1982
2	Weekday X	1.0	9.40	1 for.	
3	Lord Nelson, Snelton	0.7 ✓	10.00	2 Dolphin	
4	Greenwood PH. <sup>Jag</sup> <sup>East of Chesterfield</sup>	1.5	10.20	3 mud <del>2.8</del> ✓	
5	Cotton Hill <sup>Sawdall Rd</sup>	1.0	10.50	1	
6	Carlton <sup>Royal Oak</sup> <del>Rugby Bridge</del>	1.4	11.10	2	5.00
	Woodside Rd	(2.1) ✓		3	
7	Buxton Joyce <sup>Cross Keys</sup>	1.3	12.00	3 3	7.1/7.2
8	jit main rd.	1.4 (2.0) ✓		3 1	
9	Lensham Magna Charta	1.6	1.00	2	9.2
10	Caythorpe Black Horse	1.4 1.2	1.45	3	10.7
11	Hoovering <sup>Elm</sup> <del>Brookfield</del>	1.4 } 1.3	2.15	1	11.9
12	'grand pits'	1.0 } 2.4	2.55	2	13.2
13	Olverston <sup>Coak</sup> <del>officers</del>	—	3.20	3	14.2
14	Goverton <sup>houn</sup>	0.9	3.45	1	15.1
15	Bleasby <sup>Waggon</sup> <del>Houses</del>	0.8	4.05	2	15.9
16	<del>Waggon</del>	1.0 } 2.0	4.30	3	
17	Fickerton <sup>Brady</sup> <del>Arms</del>	1.0 } —	5.00	1	17.9
18	Fickerton Sta.	0.7 0.8	5.20	2	18.7
19	Brinkley	0.9	5.45	3	
20	Easthorpe <sup>white</sup> <del>houn</del>	1.0	6.15	all	20.5
	Minster	0.4	6.30		20.9

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# The Gate to Southwell

## 6th June

The Gate to Southwell on June 6th 1981 will be a re-creation by four Morris sides of a long forgotten annual historical event. The Morris Men will dance from the Council House in Nottingham all the way to Southwell Minster. They will be accompanied by a group of sponsored walkers in sixteenth century costume to raise money for OXFAM.

For more than five hundred years, the people of Nottinghamshire made an annual pilgrimage from Nottingham to the Minster at Southwell on Whit Monday to take their alms (The Southwell Pence). In 1109, the Archbishop of York wrote to each parish in Nottinghamshire, asking them to contribute towards the building of the cathe-

dral at Southwell and to make an annual procession thereto. The pilgrimage was a way in which villagers could atone for their sins, as well as, affording the Bishop opportunity to distribute the consecrated oil (chrism) amongst the parishes. The annual synod was also held in conjunction with the procession.

The Nottingham Borough accounts of 1530 provides the earliest known documentary evidence of Morris dancing in the county. It was in that year that Archbishop Wolsey, in disfavour with Henry VIII, moved to Southwell, and it seems certain that he met the procession that Whit Monday in 1530, a few months before his death.

### THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP OXFAM:

1. You can become a sponsored walker.
2. You can be a collector of sponsors from your village and/or workmates etc.
3. You can help to produce the costumes for those taking part.
4. You could become our Village Liaison Officer, to distribute posters, collect in sponsorship money and/or help on the day.
5. You can become a sponsor for one of the walkers.

*For further information please contact:* Sandie Maitland,  
Oxfam Youth Organiser,  
Regional Office,  
72, Lower Parliament Street,  
Nottingham. NG1 1EH. Tel. 581086



<b>Village</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Pubs</b>
Sneiton	10.00	Lord Nelson
	10.20	Greenwood Tree
Carlton	10.50	Earl of Chesterfield
	11.10	Royal Oak
Burton Joyce	12.00	Cross Keys
Lowdham	13.00	Magna Charta
Caythorpe	13.45	Black Horse
	14.15	Elm Tree
Hoveringham		
Thurgarton	15.20	Coach & Horses
Goverton	15.45	
Bleasby	16.05	Coach & Horses
	17.00	Bromley Arms
Fiskerton	17.20	
Brinkley	17.45	
Easthorpe	18.15	
SOUTHWELL	18.45	
MINSTER		



P.S. I have to use Public Transport - I  
have no car, and could not drive it  
if I had!

### The Morris Ring

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19.11.1981.

My dear Bob,

Thank you so much for your  
most kind letter and enclosures  
received this morning.

It is most fortunate that  
Theatres have changed  
their Ring meeting dates  
from 5/4<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
May, so I am in luck  
free from staying the June  
Whit week-end! - and I will  
very gladly take part in  
your celebrations, if you  
so desire. I could certainly  
not walk the whole distance  
(I am 40 on 1<sup>st</sup> August - O.V.!!)  
but I am sure I can



manage half a mile & so towards  
the seed! - so please look  
me in - I am making my  
annual pilgrimage to N. Tunc  
on 13th March so if you  
are there we might discuss  
the details at the end of  
the evening.

I could travel on the  
Friday evening if you can  
provide accommodation -  
or on Saturday morning  
which ever seems to you  
suitable - in any case I  
shall require accommodation  
on the Saturday night  
and travel to London on  
the Sunday morning. I could  
even start with the procession  
for a suitable distance!  
I never take the Concoquina now-  
adays - I have a badge to  
wear and a staff to carry -  
but I will gladly lead the  
morris-men - what you will  
Walsail! R. Kennell.



BURTON JOYCE AND BULCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Nottingham,  
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Tel. B.J. 3322.

R. C. Hine, Esq.,  
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Nr. Loughborough,  
Leics.

9 April 1981

Dear Mr. Hine,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 17th February which our Society has found very interesting.

We cannot help much in giving further information on the procession as our parish records are rather sparse but the Churchwardens' Accounts for East Bridgford state that in 1747, 2/8d was paid at the Pentecostal Offering and in 1748, 5/4d.

We are pleased to hear of the revival of the procession and as we should like to promote here its success we put forward the following suggestions for your consideration.

As you say it seems quite likely that the original route was through Burton Joyce and we suggest that in 1981 your best course is along the village street, Main Street, halting at the Cross Keys. Its interior will provide a suitable place for liquid refreshment and its car park makes a suitable parade ground for any display you may wish to give. For those who fear a surfeit of beer may result in <sup>un</sup>welcome drowsiness we will provide coffee.

As you will see from the enclosed map the Cross Keys is in the centre of the village and activity there is likely to attract a crowd of shoppers but we will put an item in the parish magazine which has a very large circulation. An item appearing in there has the effect of a proclamation read from the pulpit or pinned to the church door in Tudor times. We will also try to persuade our Publicity Secretary to devise some suitable posters for display.

Please do not hesitate to let me have your comments or further suggestions.

It would be helpful if you could let us know the approximate numbers we should have to cater for. I assume it would be about 20 walkers, two officials and one relay group of dancers. The name of the beneficiary of the sponsorship may also be useful.

We hope everything runs smoothly and we are quite prepared to assist to ensure success.

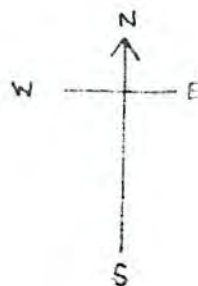
Yours sincerely,

*R.E. Starling*

R. E. Starling  
Hon. Secretary



SOUTHWELL



CROSS KEYS

MAIN STREET

Co-op

School

Chestnut Grove

A 612

Meadow Lane

Wharfedale (A.M.)

Garage

Paper Shop

A 612  
NOTTINGHAM

BURTON JOYCE



# The Gate to Southwell



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PRESS NOTICE: 18 APRIL 1981

## MORRISMEN TO RECREATE OLD NOTTS. CUSTOM

On Saturday 6 June, Morris dancers from Nottinghamshire will dance from Nottingham city centre all the way to Southwell Minster. They will be recreating an ancient custom dating from 1109 - the "Gate to Southwell".

The "Gate" - an old word for "procession" - took place annually for over 500 years. At the head of the procession rode the Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham. Behind them came priests and churchwardens from each parish in the county, bearing offerings to the Minster. Many other villagers and townspeople joined the procession too - it was part pilgrimage, part holiday excursion to the fair at Southwell - and entertainment was provided on the way by the Morris dancers. Not until the eighteenth century did this annual custom die out.

This year's re-enactment of the "Gate" is being organised by Nottingham's Dolphin Morris-men. Dancing with them will be two other Nottingham sides - Foresters and Clifton Grove - and the Micklebarrow Men from Southwell. With the Morrismen and their musicians will go a troupe of sponsored walkers in period costume, helping to complete the atmosphere of the ancient procession.

The procession will assemble in the Old Market Square at 9 am and set off at 9.15 am. It is expected that the Mayor of Nottingham will be there to see the dancers and walkers on their way. They will arrive at Southwell Minster at 6.45 pm, and - with due ceremony as in ancient times - will present alms to the Cathedral.

## Notes for Editors

1. A map giving the route of the procession, with approximate times of arrival at each stop, is attached to this notice.
2. For background or further information, please contact either Ian Stewart or Bob Hine at the addresses and telephone numbers given on the letterhead.





# The Gate to Southwell



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Press Notice

2 July 1981

## The Gate to Southwell

On Whit Saturday June 6th 1981, local morrismen staged a very successful revival of the traditional Nottinghamshire procession - The Gate to Southwell. The procession assembled at 9 am in the Old Market Square, Nottingham, where the Lord Mayor, John Arnold, handed over the customary "Southwell Pence" for delivery to Southwell Minster. The morrismen danced the 20 miles to Southwell in relays, arriving for a short ceremony at the Minster at 6.30 pm. The weather for the day was fine, with sunny intervals and only one, brief, shower.

A collection was made along the route, amounting to £144, half of which is to be donated to the Special Appeal Fund of the Children's Unit at the City Hospital Nottingham. In addition, the Children's Unit will receive £400 from individual sponsorship of the dancers. The morrismen were accompanied by a team of sponsored walkers who raised a similar sum for OXFAM.

An exhibition of photographs of the Gate to Southwell, taken by Nigel Pert, will be on display at the Playhouse Theatre, Nottingham, for the week 5th - 12th July. On Sunday 5th July, the exhibition will be opened at 7 pm with a display of morris dancing outside the Playhouse Theatre, and a cheque will be handed over to a representative of the Children's Unit.

Note to editors : 210 words





Appeared in Evening Post 15th May 1981

# Centuries old walk to Southwell Minster revived



IT IS a loss when traditions which have lasted hundreds of years come to an end — and it is good to see the revival of an event which is colourful, lively and enjoyable.

And this is what participants and spectators of The Gate to Southwell can expect.

Taking place on June 6, it will be a re-creation by four morris sides and a group of walkers, of a Nottingham event which happened annually at Whitsun for over 500 years.

## Pilgrimage

It was a pilgrimage — the people of Notts. walking and dancing their way to Southwell Minster to hand in their alms, the Southwell Pence. But it was also a time for fun at the Whitsun fair, and a chance for the clergy to

meet their fellows and discuss church business.

Originally, the pilgrims had taken their alms to York, but a decree in the 12th century enabled them to use their local cathedral at Southwell — and so the Notts. procession was born.

The organiser of our 20th-century version, Bob Hine, who is also one of the morris men, came across a reference to the historical event in his research into morris dancing, and was inspired to delve deeper into what looked to be a fascinating tradition.

## 18th century

He could find no reference to the morris dancing at the event later than 1530, although the procession itself continued until the 18th century when various changes in religion and alms contribution were responsible for its demise.

"We thought this would be a fun thing to do," Bob enthused, "something a bit out of the ordinary."

His group of morris men, the Dolphins, are one of four that will take part, dancing in relays to cover the 21 miles by a circuitous route to Southwell.

The others are the Foresters, Mickleburgh and Clifton Grove — all from the Notts. area.

## Period costume

Accompanying the dancers will be a group of sponsored walkers dressed in 16th-century costume who will walk the distance to raise funds for Oxfam.

Funds raised by the dancers will go both to the Morris club and the children's unit at the City Hospital which is currently raising money for new wheelchairs.

The Lord Mayor will launch proceedings at the Council House at 9am, with morris dancing and the handing over of the Southwell Pence to the pilgrims.

Stops along the way will include the Lord Nelson, Sneinton at 10am, Royal Oak, Carlton at 11.10am, Cross Keys, Burton Joyce at 12 noon, Magna Charta, Lowdham at 1pm and the Elm Tree, Hoveringham, at 2.15pm.

Passing through Thurgarton and Goverton at about 3.30pm, they will reach the Coach and



Horses, Bleasby at 4.5pm, and go through Fiskerton, 5.20pm, Brinkley, 5.45pm, Easthorpe, 6.15pm and finally arrive at the Minster at 6.45pm.

## Evensong

There they will join in the close of a choral evensong presided over by the Bishop of Southwell, and hand him the Southwell Pence.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a walker for Oxfam should contact Sandie Maitland, Oxfam Youth Organiser, at 72 Lower Parliament Street, or phone her on 581086.



BOB HINE, treasurer of Dolphin Morrismen, handing over a cheque for £51.25 for the Friends of Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital. Mrs. Susan Dunster, receiving the cheque, is a committee member of Smile Don't Stare and also a parent of a dis-

abled child attending the unit.

The money was raised by the four local Morris sides — Clifton Grove Morrismen, Forrester's Morrismen, Dolphin Morrismen and Micklebarrow Morrismen, when they revived the old tradition of the Gate to Southwell.

The handing over of the money was timed to open an exhibition of photographs by Nigel Pert taken during the dance at Nottingham Playhouse. The exhibition ends at the Playhouse this weekend and then will be on display at Southwell Minster from July 15-25















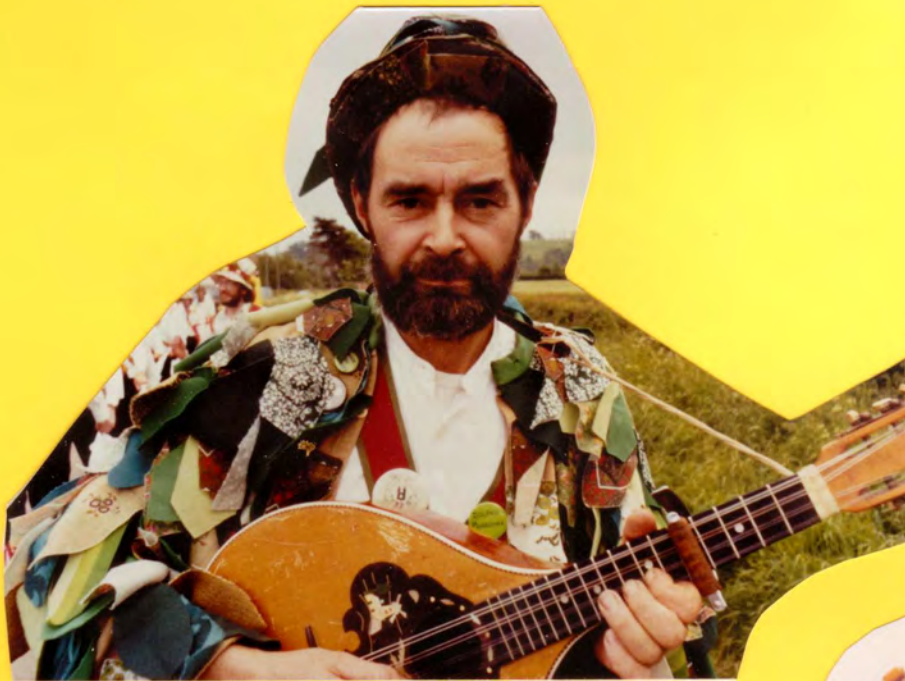




















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# The Gate to Southwell

## Good points

1. timetable
2. logistics - minibuses etc.
3. conduct
4. walkers
5. BT/Sneinton reception
6. sponsorship - both ind. & indiv.
7. photographer's enthusiasm.
8. publicity materials / badges / tankards

## Points needing attention

1. Live send off needs tightening
2. public performances - need more shows
3. collection - need an overseer on the day + more helpers.
4. publicity - need more local publicity to get people out along route
5. Cathedral - a bit too short
6. too many cars etc following behind - traffic obstacle
7. (John Walker) musicians couldn't be heard at back

## Suggestions

1. Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1982.
2. increase no sides → greater spectacle / all Notts sides / allow more shows
3. invite some reps from neighbouring sides - Derby / Leic / Park / Rutland / <sup>Winst</sup> Kesteven
4. Rev Ken / Mike G / Barry C - invite.
5. include about same number of walkers (where from?)
6. all money - 1 local charity
7. dancers / walkers → individual sponsorship (food, transport, beer etc free if get > £15 sponsorship - otherwise say, £10 / head)
8. sponsorship to meet all expenses - surplus to charity. (? Ring donors)
9. <sup>Police at</sup> no lead car / reduce no of vehicles following - 1 minutes
10. ask Mayor to start procession - but tighten up.
11. leave side behind in each village for show 10-15 minutes.
12. arrive Easthorpe 5.45; massed process. 6 pm depart → car park 20 min display
13. get choir in Cathedral to sing couple of anthems; arrive Minster 6.30
14. Room for food needs to be bigger
15. Contact more local organisations (as at Sneinton / B. Joyce)
16. on day need persons in charge of : collection / sponsorship / walkers / publicity / traffic.



# SOUTHWELL MINSTER — NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF SOUTHWELL

NG25 0JP

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Tel. SOUTHWELL 812649 STD Code 0636

8th June, 1981

Mr. B. Hine,  
17 Hollytree Close,  
Hotton,  
Leics.

Dear Mr. Hine,

May I, on behalf of the Minster, express our very warm thanks to you and to all who were involved in reviving the Gate to Southwell, and for making it such a splendid and colourful occasion. It was a happy coincidence that it coincided with a Choir Festival this year.

I do hope that you have established a precedent and that this will now be an annual occasion.

With very many thanks and good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Murray Irvine

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Provost: The Very Reverend J. M. IRVINE, The Residence, Southwell. NG25 0HP Tel. 812593

reply 29/6/81



## The Morris Ring

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27. vi. 1981.

My dear Gill,

Thank you - and, of course,  
I am - for your most kind  
hospitality on Friday evening  
and Saturday morning -  
and for all your good  
care of me on Saturday  
during "The Gate to Southwold".  
I am so very glad I was  
able to attend and I  
thoroughly enjoyed the  
event. Be so kind I am  
to convey to the Squire  
and all members of  
WOTPHIR my most  
sincere expression of my most  
warmest thanks



for their most kind hospitality -  
and, particularly for  
the gift of the splendid  
engraved tankard, which  
I shall treasure.  
God bless the Club -  
and especially you  
J. H. - to say nothing  
of Winton and his  
lady companion, whose  
name I cannot recall.

W. A. sail -  
F. R. Remond.



MORRIS RING

FIRST RATE



Ms Gillian Ambrose,  
6, Trefalgar Road,  
BEESTON,  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

10/10/88  
G.A.

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Dear Mr Kaufman,

Thank you very much for your continued support for the Dolphin Morrismen, and, in particular, for your contribution towards the costs of staging the Gate to Soutwell on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted with the success of the procession: all those involved had a most enjoyable and memorable day. We were very lucky with the weather - apart from one brief shower, we had a bright and <sup>mainly</sup> sunny day when other places in the region had prolonged rain.

I was pleased, too, that we were able to keep very closely to the time schedule throughout ~~the~~ the day, from the Lord Mayor's send-off at 9 am to the Bishop's welcome at the Minster at 6.45 pm. We had appreciative audiences along the route and we have raised about £400 for the Children's Unit of the City Hospital, Nottingham. The sponsored walkers raised a similar sum for Oxfam. I shall



be handing a cheque over to a representative of the City Hospital on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, when an exhibition of photographs taken on the Gate to Soutwell will be opening at the Playhouse Theatre, Nottingham.

Both the <sup>Soutwell</sup> Morriemen and the [Minster] authorities are keen that the revival of the Gate to Soutwell should continue, and so we have fixed a date for next year - 29<sup>th</sup> May. This is a particularly appropriate date as it is not only Whit Saturday, but also the only date in the calendar which has a morris dance named after it! Meantime, we continue with our programme of Thursday evening tours and look forward to our Day of Dance in September.

Once again, many thanks for your much valued support. I hope to send you a photograph of the procession in due course.

Yours sincerely  
Bob Hine

P.S. I enclose an invoice for £25 as per my telephone conversation with Mr Harris. The beverage was much appreciated!



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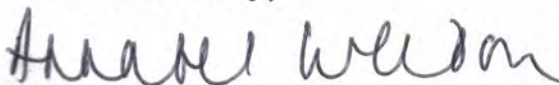
Dear Mr. Hine,

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the Committee of Smile Don't Stare for carrying out your sponsored Morris Dance from Nottingham to Southwell which raised £511 for our charity. I apologise for the delay in writing to thank you all for such a marvellous effort which is greatly appreciated by us all.

As this is the Year of the Disabled it was particularly appropriate that you should choose our charity and we are all very grateful. Maybe you would be kind enough to pass on our thanks to the rest of the dancers - it really was a splendid effort.

Many thanks once again,

Yours sincerely,



Annabel Weldon  
Hon. Secretary.







## Nottingham Traditional Music Club

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THE BULLSHEET - 12.6.81

The GATE TO SOUTHWELL was a huge success and a credit to all involved, the organisers, the dancers and the musicians, the pilgrim and the Oxfam walkers in costume. Great co-operation was received on the way coffee was provided at Burton Joyce, and the Town Crier came out to welcome us with a proclamation at Sneinton. Thanks go to Bob Hine and his team of organisers from Dolphin/Micklebarrow/Foresters and Clifton Grove Morris teams, and Sandy of Oxfam. Thanks also are mainly due to our sponsors, who are expected, when totals become apparent, to have donated around £200 -£300 for the City Hospitals Childrens Unit Special Wheelchair Fund and a similar amount for Oxfam. Full details when available. Make a note in your diary pro-former for next years Gate to Southwell. May 30th 1982.



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The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Nottingham, Coun. and Mrs. John Arnold, give a dancing farewell to the Dolphin Morris Men outside the city's Council House today. The Morris Men were setting off on the ancient dance from Nottingham to Southwell which dates back to 1109.



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Sunday eve

Dear Bob,

A very quick note to say thank you very much indeed for allowing me to take part in the excellent Gate to Southwell. I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon, & I'm pleased to report the legs & feet in fine condition after my seven or eight miles! I will remember for a long while the friendship on the road, & the fine sights around the Minster.

Please pass on my regards & thanks to the men for making me so welcome. All success for future "Gates", may they continue & flourish, but above all, Bob, may they fulfil all your hopes.

Once again, my thanks & congratulations,

Yours,

Mike -



# The Gate



# to Southwell





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*S. E. View of Southwells.*

P. Mazell & J. West sculp.



# Gladys the cow meets a bishop

THE Bishop of Southwell, the Rt Rev Denis Wakeling, is pictured talking to Southwell's Micklebarrow Morrismen at the end of their 20-mile dance from Nottingham to the Minster. With them is their mascot, Gladys the cow, held by Mr Terry Shankland.

The dance on Saturday recreated a 12th Century custom which is thought to have died out in the 18th Century. It was for priests and churchwardens from each parish in the county to join an annual procession led by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham to take offerings to Southwell Minster.

The Southwell dancers joined three Nottingham teams including the organisers, the Dolphin Morrismen.

## Ten hours

Their secretary, Mr Bob Hind, discovered the custom last year. "I don't think we are as hardy as the dancers would have been in the 12th Century, but there have been no real casualties apart from a few sore feet and blisters," he said.

The dancers started from Nottingham Council House and arrived at Southwell Minster about ten hours later. They were met by the bishop and the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev Murray Irvine, who said he hoped the dance would become an annual event.

They were accompanied by a group of sponsored walkers, dressed in 12th Century costume, aiming to help Oxfam







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mid October, said Mr Sid Emmerson, the Ministry's regional sheep husbandry officer. Mr Robinson said he found no difficulty in providing poor hay and water for the purpose.

All the calves born on the farm by last week had been the result of AI which had produced a remarkable calving interval of 369 days, said Mr Geoff Barnes, regional cattle adviser.

## Success

Mr Robinson had used Angus or Limousin sires on heifers, Limousin only on second calvers and Charolais on older cows. The Limousin cross cattle produced the highest price per kilo said Mr Robinson, but the Charolais crosses, being heavier animals, produced a higher income per beast.

Apart from the details of husbandry, which all on the farm closely followed, Mr Robinson thought that the



## Mr Tony Mardon dies at 60

MR TONY MARDON, the Ministry's county agricultural officer for Lincolnshire, died last week after collapsing at his desk. He was 60 and should have been one of eight senior agricultural officers in the East Midlands to retire early at the end of May because of Ministry of Agriculture economies.

## Big baler goes into action

THE baling of silage is new and is catching on in Nottinghamshire county. This week, for the first time, contractor Mr John

## CODE TO HELP RABBITS

PUBLIC participation being invited in the preparation of a code of conduct for the welfare of rabbits.

The Farm Animal Welfare Council has prepared a draft of a code for rabbits being commercially farmed.

It is inviting comment from animal welfare and farming organisations, scientists, researchers, agriculturalists and members of the general public.

Copies of the draft can be had from council secretary Mr R. Townsend at Government Buildings, Hook Road, South, Tolworth, Surrey. Comments must be sent to him by July 10.

The council was established in July 1979.

It has already sought ideas for the revision of welfare codes relating to pigs, domestic fowls, turkeys and cattle.

It plans later this year to issue proposals for a welfare code for ducks being commercially farmed.

## Young farmer at Staythorpe

Caunton visited Staythorpe power station on Tuesday, while Collingham visited Hartsholme Country park, Skellingthorpe.

Lowdham were shown round Sutton-on-Trent agricultural merchants Kenne Wilson (Trent) Ltd last week by director Mr Thomason.

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