

The Gate to Southwell 1992

Saturday May 16th



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

LMAS/PD/13
1st May 1992

Dear Mr Hine

With reference to your letter dated 26th April 1992, I write to let you know that the Lord Mayor Designate, Councillor Malcolm Wood, will be delighted to start off the procession from the Old Market Square in connection with "The Gate to Southwell" on Saturday 16th May 1992.

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

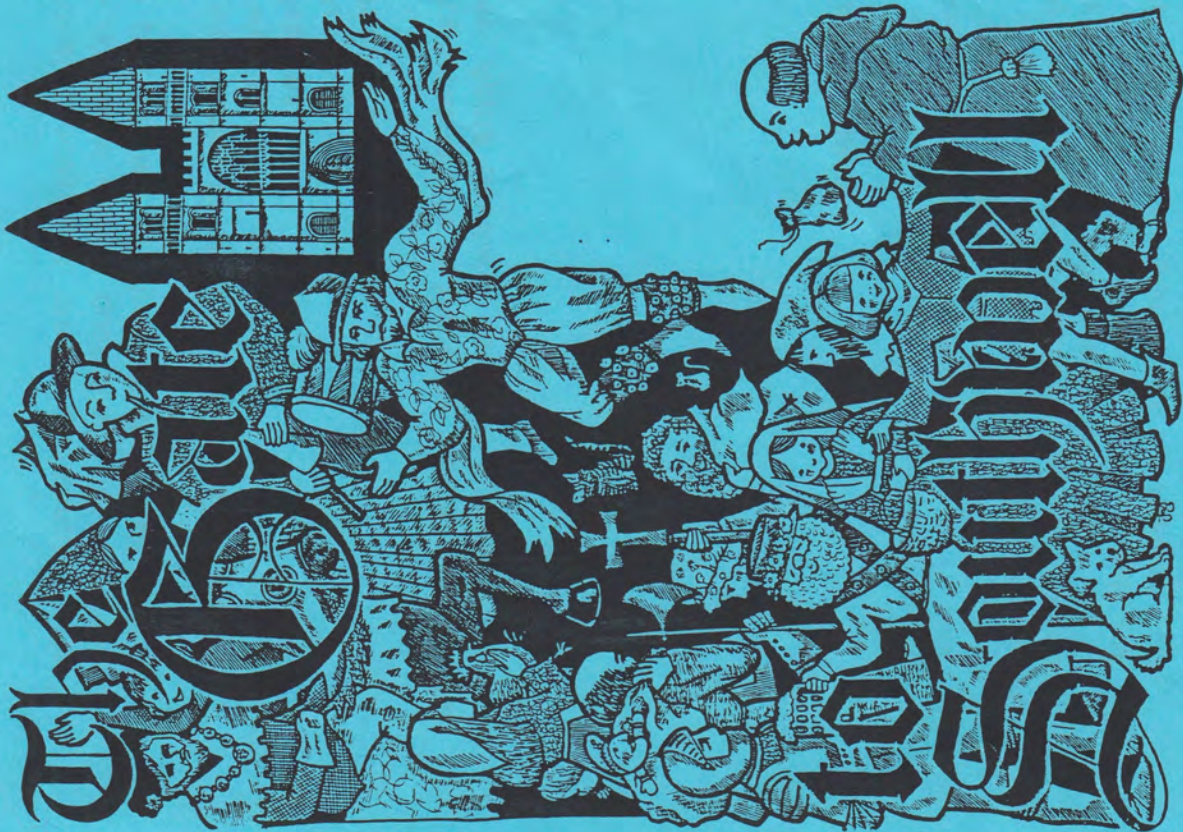
It would also be helpful if you could send me some more information about the Gate to Southwell.

Yours sincerely

LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY
Miss Anne Turnpenny

MR R C HINE
27 HOLLYTREE CLOSE
HOTON
NEAR LOUGHBOROUGH
LEICS
LE12 5SE

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Traditional processions create traditional thirsts: there's no better way of quenching your thirst than with a pint (or two or three) of traditional English bitter.

Our warm thanks for their support for *The Gate to Southwell* to

**Batemans
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Kind appreciation also to **Dorothy and George** at the *Bramley Apple Southwell* for their hospitality.

SAFETY FIRST!

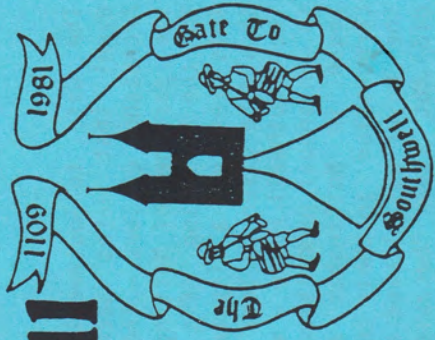
- use footpaths where practicable and take extreme care whenever you are on the roads
- follow the Highway Code
- children are particularly vulnerable, and should not be allowed to walk on the roads unless accompanied by their parent or other responsible adult
- each side must have a designated **marshall** who will ensure that the side follows the Highway Code, and will assist where necessary with overtaking traffic
- on the procession, **each side should keep together as a group** and not straggle

The *Gate to Southwell* is of particular interest to traditional dance enthusiasts, because the Nottingham Borough records show that in 1530 entertainment on the procession was provided by a team of morris dancers. They were rewarded for their efforts by payment from the Borough for their bells, coats and the ale that the dancers "drank at all times".

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The Gate to Southwell

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



THE MORNING PROCESSION

all	9.00	Old Market Square Nottingham
all dep	9.15	Lord Mayor starts procession
all arr	9.40	Sneinton Hermitage Square
A dep	10.00	Sneinton Hermitage Square
arr	10.15	top of Sneinton Boulevard
BC dep	10.30	Burton Joyce jct bypass/old road W
arr	10.40	Cross Keys, Burton Joyce
A dep	11.20	" " "
arr	11.30	Burton Joyce jct bypass/ old road E
BC dep	11.45	Magna Charta, Lowdham
arr	12.00	Old Ship, Lowdham

LUNCH STOP

THE AFTERNOON PROCESSION

A	dep	12.45	Old Ship, Lowdham
B	dep	1.10	Old Volunteer, Lowdham
C	dep	1.30	Black Horse, Caythorpe
A	dep	2.00	Old Elm Tree Hoveringham
B	dep	2.30	Gravel Pits Hoveringham
C	dep	3.00	Coach & Horses Thurgarton
A	dep	3.20	Goverton Turn
B	dep	3.45	Village Hall Bleasby
C	dep	4.05	jct midway to Fiskerton
	arr	4.30	Bromley Arms Fiskerton

PROCESSION IN SOUTHWELL

all dep	5.00	White Lion Easthorpe
arr	5.15	Southwell Minster
all from	5.45	massed dance Market Place
until	6.15	adjourn for refreshment at the Bramley Apple, Church Street

The Gate to Southwell

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

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

We do not know precisely when the annual procession was ended, but it seems likely to have been in the 16th Century when the reformation of the Church, and especially the break of the link with Rome, undermined the religious purpose of the procession. In the late 18th Century, the annual church meeting which used to be held in conjunction with the procession was abolished. Even after the procession had long ceased to be held, the Chapter Clerk kept up the custom of attending in the north porch of the Minster, where his predecessors had collected the Southwell Pence.

THE 1992 PROCESSION: WHEN AND WHERE

The 1992 Gate to Southwell will start in customary fashion with massed dancing in the Old Market Square Nottingham at 9 a.m. The Lord Mayor has been invited to start the procession at 9.15 by handing over the Nottingham contribution to the Southwell Pence, 13 shillings and 4 pence in the old money. All the dance sides will then process to Sneinton Hermitage Square, via Wheeler Gate, Low Pavement, Weekday Cross, Hollowstone and Pennyfoot Street. At Hermitage Square, free passage through the historical Environs will be sought, transport conferences permitting; light refreshments will be available.

From this point the sides will be divided into three groups, A, B, and C as listed below; each group should have about 50 dancers, and a mixture of Cotswold/ Border and North West/ Garland. The stages of the procession to be danced by each group, and the times are also shown.

Group A

Aidleys, Dolphin, Dukes Dandy Clog, Knighton, Nottingham Pride,

Group B

Broadstone, Calverton, Chesterfield Garland, Foresters, Greenwood, Maids of Clifton, Micklebarrow

Group C

Anstey Royal Chalfont, Black Pig, Portland Poklers, Sergeant Musgraves Dance

Thursday 5th March 1992

Dear

Thank you for your side's expression of interest in taking part in this year's Gate to Southwell day of dance on Saturday 16th May. I enclose some further details of the arrangements. If you need any additional information please contact me at the phone number/ address below. I hope very much that your side will be able to take part.

Yours sincerely

Bob Hine
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
Near Loughborough
Leics LE12 5 SE tel 0509 880635

Reply form for the Gate to Southwell

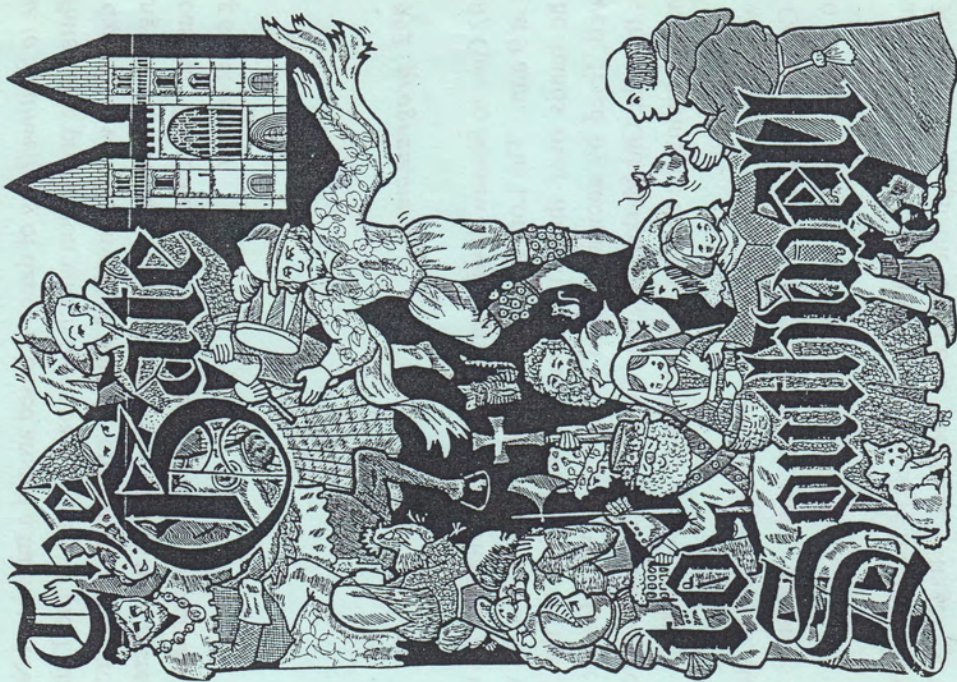
I confirm that
(name of side).....

will take part in this year's Gate to Southwell on Saturday 16th May

There will be approximately dancers and musicians from the side.

I enclose a cheque for £..... (£5 per side or £1 per person)

**Post to Bob Hine 27 Hollytree Close, Hoton, Near Loughborough, Leic:
LE12 5SE**



Saturday 16th May 1992

THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL Saturday 16th May 1992

The Gate to Southwell day of dance is based around a traditional Nottinghamshire Whitsuntide procession which dates back at least to the 12th Century. Morris dancers have been involved with the procession as far back as 1530 according to local records, and since 1981 the Gate has been recreated as an annual custom. The Gate derives its name from the Scandinavian word *gata* meaning street or way.

The 1992 programme

The 1992 Gate to Southwell will start with massed dancing in the Old Market Square at 9 a.m. The Lord Mayor will set the procession on its way at 9.15 when he hands over the City's annual contribution to the Minster at Southwell, fixed by ancient custom at 13s4d. All sides are invited to process from the Old Market Square to Sneinton Hermitage where the annual proclamation giving the dancers right of passage will be made.

There will be further dancing spots in the morning at Carlton, Burton Joyce (at the Cross Keys) and Lowdham (at the Ship), with processions through the last two villages. The lunch stop will be at Lowdham.

In the afternoon, the procession will travel in relays from Lowdham (leaving at 12.30 p.m.) through the attractive Trentside villages of Caythorpe, Hoveringham, Thurgarton and Bleasby to Fiskerton, with dancing spots at the pubs on the route. The teams will be divided into three groups, with each leg covering about half a mile and the Gate will reach The Bromley Arms at Fiskerton at 4.30 p.m.

The final part of the programme takes place in Southwell where the dance sides will assemble for the main procession from Easthorpe up Church Street to the Minster. At the North Porch of the Minster, the Chapter Clerk following long established practice will receive the Southwell Pence. Representatives of each of the sides taking part in the Gate will hand over the contributions to the Southwell Pence from various parts of the county. After a brief commemorative service in the Minster, the teams will give a short display in the Market Place before adjourning to the Bramley Apple for refreshment.

Travel

Each team is responsible for its own travel arrangements. Because part of the route is covered in procession, the best form of transport is a van or minibus. For the start in Nottingham, short term parking adjacent to the Old Council House will be arranged.

Food

This is also the responsibility of each team. For lunch, hot and cold food is available at the Ship and other pubs in Lowdham, or sandwiches etc can be brought. In Southwell there are a number of good eating places including the Bramley Apple.

Organisation

£1 per person, or £5 per side to cover contributions to the Southwell Pence, programmes and badges etc is payable by 1 May to Bob Hine of Dolphin Morrismen, 27 Hollytree Close, Hoton, Near Loughborough Leics LE12 5SE to whom any further enquiries should be addressed (tel 0509 880635).



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29 April 1992

Mr R C Hine
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
Nr Loughborough
Leics
LE12 5SE

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~

THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL PROCESSION - 16 MAY 1992

Thank you for your letter dated 26 April 1992 advising me of your intention to hold the above event.

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

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

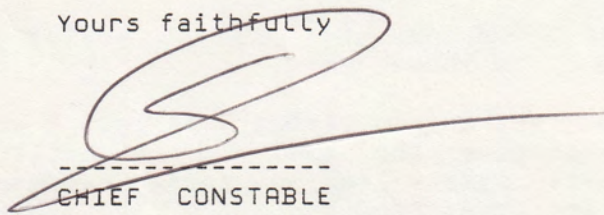
If in spite of my views you still pursue your original intention and proceed with the event as envisaged, full risk and responsibility must rest with the organiser and participants. I would strongly urge that the arrangements are carefully checked to ensure that they conform fully either with the advice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

In addition I should mention that if a vehicle is used to accompany the participants, the driver of that vehicle must conform to all traffic signs and regulations and accord to all the rules governing the use of a vehicle on the highway. Should any alleged offences be brought to my attention in respect of any person involved, then I must give consideration to the prosecution of the offender. The Police cannot assist or facilitate the event, but it would be appreciated if we could be advised of any changes in your present arrangements as soon as possible so that I can inform the local Police who can then be in position to attend any untoward incident which may arise as a result of your event.

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

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

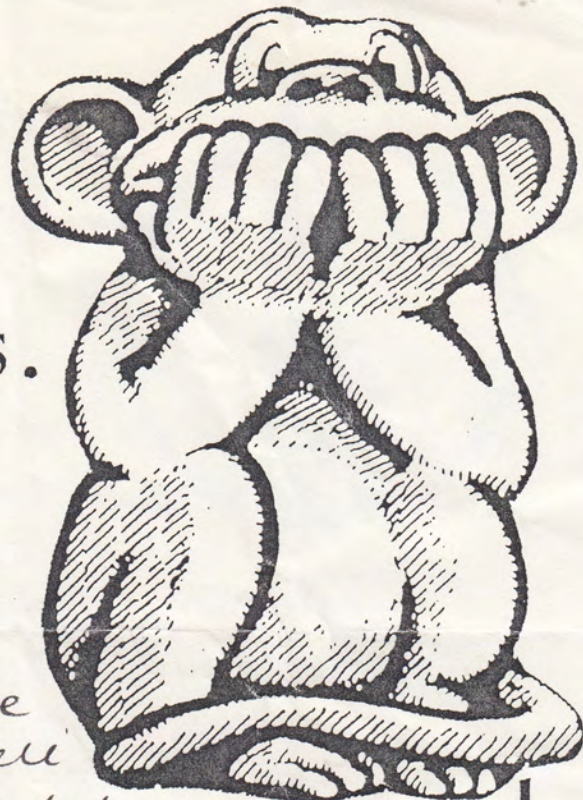
Yours faithfully



CHIEF CONSTABLE



STONE MONKEY sword dancers.



Chris Green 5, Peters Close
Arnold Nottingham
NG56RD.

Dear Bob,

Sorry about this very late reply to your 'Gate to Southwell' letter. We'd very much like to take part again this year. With such a small team it can be difficult to commit ourselves until quite near events since one person dropping out leaves us without a team.

If it is still possible to take part I should be grateful if you would send us further details.

Best wishes
Chris.



Chesterfield Dance Teams

Chesterfield Garland Dancers
Christine Bathe
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Cock and Magpie Morris
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Mr R Hine
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
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Leics LE12 5SE

4 June 1992

Dear Bob,

Somewhat belatedly I am writing on behalf of Chesterfield Garland Dancers to thank you for inviting us to take part in the Gate to Southwell day of dance, which we thoroughly enjoyed, and to commend you on the splendid organisation of the event.

We hope to be invited again!

Yours sincerely,

Christine Bathe

Christine Bathe
Secretary
Chesterfield Garland Dancers

This page to be returned to the Lord Mayor's Secretary, The Council House, Nottingham, one month before the function.

Please state for the information of the Lord Mayor whether :—

- (a) Evening Dress (White Tie)
- (b) Dinner Jacket (Black Tie)
- (c) Morning Dress or Lounge Suit
- (d) Decorations
- (e) Chain of office or evening jewel as appropriate

should be worn. (Delete items not required).

Name of function..... The Gate to Southwell
Place (full address)..... Old Market Square Nottingham to Southwell
Day and Date..... Saturday, 16th May, 1992
Name of Lady or Gentleman presiding and names of other Officers.....
Bob Hine, organiser

Time Lord Mayor and/or Lady Mayoress should arrive for the Reception (if any)..... 9 a.m./p.m

Time of Dinner (or other function to which this form refers)..... 9.15 a.m./p.m.

Name of Toast or subject of speech (if any)..... The Gate to Southwell

(If Lord Mayor is to reply to a toast please state name and designation of proposer)

State whether it is desired that the Lady Mayoress should also attend. YES or NO..... Yes

(If so and Lady Mayoress is required to wear evening dress, please state whether she should wear long or short dress)

Particulars or details which will be of assistance (in short paragraph form):

The Gate to Southwell is the traditional Nottinghamshire Whitsuntide procession which dates back to the 12th Century.
By custom, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham rode to Southwell Minster in procession to present the town's annual contribution to the Minster of 13s 4d. In 1530 the borough records show that the morris dancers were paid by the Council to provide entertainment en route and to commemorate this load morris dance teams revived the custom as an annual event in 1981.
Points to which it is desired reference should be made: About 150 dancers are expected to
* part of Nottingham's heritage participate.
* raising funds for local charity Smile Don't Stare at City Hospital.

Information as to the work of the Society or Association:

12 local morris dance teams will be taking part, each of which is helping to maintain a living tradition of morris dancing.

(Annual Reports and Agendas for meetings should be supplied).

Name, address and telephone number of Organiser or Secretary:
R. C. Hine, 27 Hollytree Close, Hooton, Near Loughborough,
Leics. LE12 5ST 0509 880635

Name and position of person to receive Civic party Bob Hine

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The Gate to Southwell

The Traditional
Nottinghamshire
Whitsuntide Procession



The Gate to Southwell 1992

Dear Landlord

The Gate to Southwell procession will be taking place this year on **Saturday 16th May**, and will be at your pub at the time indicated on the accompanying programme. About 150 morris dancers will be taking part, divided into three groups. Because the procession is done as a relay, some of the dancers may well arrive at your pub 45 minutes ahead of the procession.

We look forward to seeing you on 16th May, and ask if you would kindly display the enclosed posters.

Yours sincerely

Bob Hine telephone 0509 880635



The Gate

to Southwell

1992



Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society

Tel: 0602 31-3366

33, Padleys Lane,
Burton Joyce,
Nottingham,
NG14 5BZ.

Mr. Bob Hine,
27, Hollytree Close,
Hoton,
Nr. Loughborough,
Leicestershire,
LE12 5SE.

5th May, 1992.

Dear Mr. Hine,

Thank you for your letter of 26th April, 1992 sent to Mr Edwards.

We will certainly put up posters about this year's Gate to Southwell if you send some. However, I regret that we will not be able to provide caravan or coffee facilities, as most of the Committee are away the weekend of 16th May.

Perhaps next year you can give us rather more notice - say 6 to 8 weeks - and then we will be able to do more.

As mentioned last year, Warwick Edwards is no longer Secretary to the Society and communications should be made to this address.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Berry,
Hon. Secretary.

48 Lime Tree Ave,
Retford
Notts
DN22 7BA

Dear Bob Huie

Just a quick note of
thanks for invite 2 the Gate,
from Duke's Dandy. We really
enjoyed it — despite Mick of Black
Pig trying 2 hijack our musicians
via a b uide like! The last
parade but with all the teams
was smashing!

Right then,

Penny Smith.

South Notts Advertiser
22nd May 1992

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THE colourful Gate to Southwell, a 12th Century tradition, was danced by a record number of people on Saturday.

The Gate to Southwell is a traditional parade dating back to 1109 when the decision was made to build Southwell Minster. It originally comprised representatives of all the parishes in Nottinghamshire carrying a parish contribution — known as the Southwell pence — towards the building work in progress.

The procession was made about 500 times before dying out at the time of the Reformation. It was revived in 1981 by a handful of Morris dancers, and they set out once again on Saturday morning from the Old Market Square in Nottingham.

The 150 dancers took in a 20-mile journey covering Sneinton, Burton Joyce, Lowdham, Caythorpe, Hoveringham, Thurgarton, Goverton, Bleasby and Fiskerton before reaching the minster just after 5pm.

After a mass dance in the Market Place, they took a rest from the heat with a well-earned tour of the town's hostelries.

□ MAKING their merry way through Bleasby during the Gate to Southwell on Saturday are Calverton Morris Dancers. Picture by Advertiser staff photographer Andrew Hallsworth.

1992 SNEINTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

AND THE NATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

To the Hickeys, Fasteys Royal Chalfont, Black Pig, Broadstone, Belveston,
Cherterfield Garland, Maids of Blifton, Dolphin, Duke Dandy Clog, Greenwood,
Foresters, Knighton, Micklebarrow, Nottingham Trade, Portland Lockers, and Sergeant
Muggeres Dance,

GREETINGS, Bienvenue, Welcom, Willkommen, Bonjourno, De Nada etc etc.

WHEREAS the Gate to Southwell is gathered here for its Whitnastide journey,

AND Cherishing as we do the customs and traditions of Old England, an essential part of
the culture of EUROPE

WE WELCOME you to Sneinton and in accordance with the Treaty of Rome WE GRANT
YOU free passage without examining your passports

WE THANK YOU for performing your famous English dances.

ACCEPT our gift of ECU's toward your worthy charity

WE HOPE that the weather will continue its Mediterranean agree line. THAT your
footwear will be of Germanic sturdiness. THAT the Belgish beer will be brimming at
Burton Joyce, the lager lithesome at Lowden, the cranti charismatic at Caythorpe, and
the sherry sophisticated at Southwell.

GO FORTH with our good wishes, with salutations to the Bishop

AND WE look forward to the European Union and the institution of the GATE TO BRUSSELS

BON VOYAGE

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Jill
She Smith

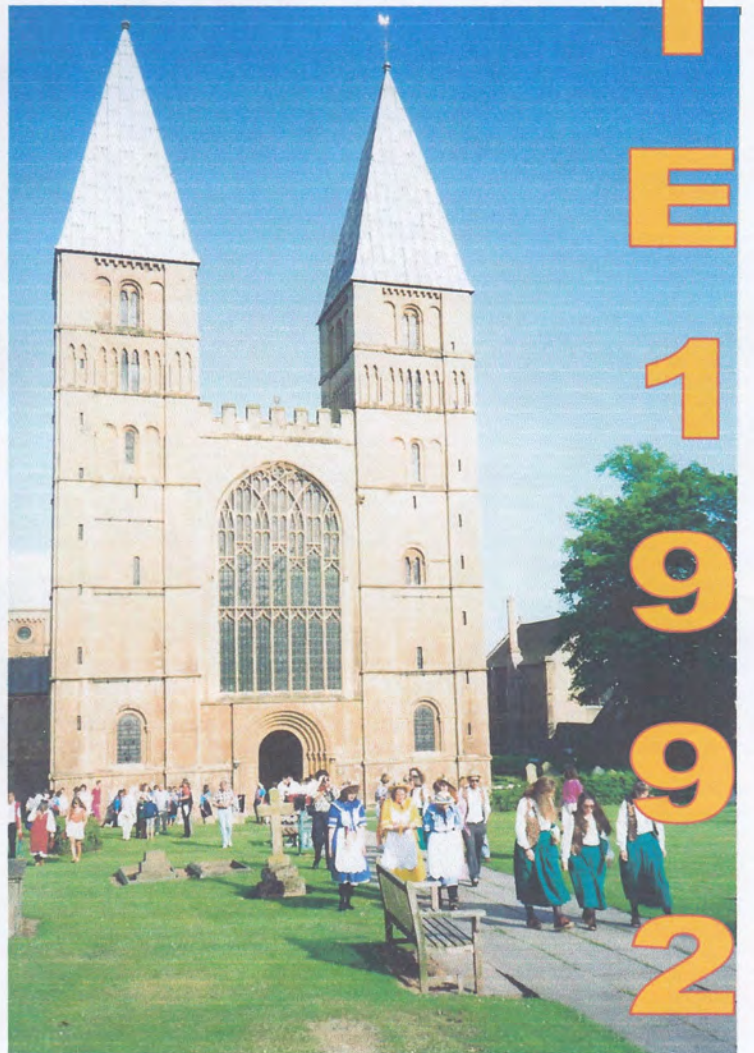
Tom Huggon

Sneinton May 16th 1992.



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