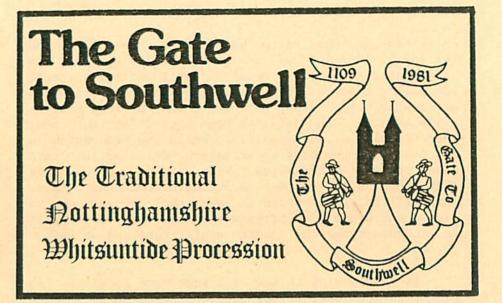
#### THANKS

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

\*\*\* WHIT-SATURDAY 17TH MAY 1986 \*\*\*
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This is the Saturday before the bank holiday weekend.



### SATURDAY

25th MAY

1985

ORGANISER'S NOTE

Welcome to the 1985 Gate to Southwell.

This is the fifth Gate to be held since the revival in 1981 and we shall be following the now established format. "Regulars" will notice, however, one main change to the timetable: at lunchtime the procession will stop for about an hour at Lowdham village hall. The hall has been booked for our use; there is also a pub opposite. While the procession is at the hall we hope to arrange a series of 10-minute dance spots from the sides taking part, and we hope that this will attract an audience from the village. This will be a good place to see the procession, so please encourage your friends to come. Roy Dyson will be coordinating the dance spots here and at Burton Joyce.

It is pleasing to see each year more local morris sides taking part in the Gate. This year we welcome to the procession the Aidleys Morris Dancers, following their appearance at the Mediaeval Fayre at Thurgarton in 1984. Welcome also to Sergeant Musgrave's Dance and to Greenwood Clog who will be taking part in the displays.

As usual, we shall be accompanied by sponsored walkers in mediaeval dress raising money for local charities. This year there will be three groups: from Smile Don't Stare, NSPCC, and - for the first time - the Portland Training College for the Disabled. Last year the amounts raised (net) for the charities were: Smile Don't Stare £460; NSPCC £385 plus £500 from the Mediaeval Fayre; and the Minster Centenary £100 from their stall at the Fayre.

Many thanks to all those who have helped with this year's Gate, and especially to Ian Ambrose, Roy Dyson, Ted Hutchby, Nick Murphy and Joe Oskiewitz.

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

Bob Hime

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

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

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

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

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

The Calverton Morrismen wear white shirts and trousers, straw hats and a green, black and purple baldrick. Their badge features a plough, reflecting the team's active interest in the Notts plough plays.

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

The Aidleys Morris Dancers wear black skirts, blue blouses with red sashes and beads, black crocheted hats and red clogs.

The men in Sergeant Musgrave's Dance wear black breeches, red shirts and black waistcoats, and clogs; the ladies wear black skirts, red and white striped blouses, and clogs.

Greenwood Clog's uniform comprises green skirts, white blouses, paisley shawls fringed with red, and clogs.

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

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

The Calverton Morrismen began about ten years ago as a mumming group performing the Nottinghamshire plough plays. The side started dancing the morris about three years ago.

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

The Aidleys Morris Dancers were formed in 1981. The side is named after the family of the founder member whose relatives danced with the traditional Goostrey, Cheshire team. Aidleys perform clog dances from Goostrey and other Cheshire villages.

Sergeant Musgrave's Dance is also a clog dance team, specialising in dances from Northern England. The side came together in 1981 to perform at a specific function but is now an established group, dancing out during the summer in Notts, Derbys and Leics on Sundays and on Tuesday evenings.

Greenwood Clog, established in 1974 by a group of "morris widows", perform clog dances from northern England at functions in the East Midlands during the summer and at Xmas.



THE 1985 PROCESSION: WHEN AND WHERE

The 1985 "Gate to Southwell" will assemble in the Old Market Square, Nottingham at 8.45 a.m. on Saturday 25th May. The morris dance sides will give a dancé display in front of the Council House; the programme will be:

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

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

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

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SCM	9.15	Weekday Cross (via Wheeler Gate and
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FBU	9.30	*Hermitage Square, Sneinton
	9.55	'Greenwood Tree'
SCM	10.25	*'Earl of Chesterfield', Carlton
	10.45	'Inn for a Penny', Carlton
DA	11.20	Woodside Road, Burton Joyce
SCM	11.55	Junction with A612, Burton Joyce
	12.30	
FBU	1.20	" " depart
DA	2.05	*'Black Horse', Caythorpe
SCM	2.35	*'Old Elm Tree', Hoveringham
FBU	3.05	Brookfield Drive, Hoveringham
DA	3.35	*'Coach and Horses', Thurgarton
SCM	3.55	Goverton Turn
FBU	4.15	
DA	4.40	Midway to Fiskerton
SCM	5.05	*'Bromley Arms', Fiskerton
FBU	5.20	Railway crossing, Fiskerton
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all	6.15	
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\* shows places where there will be short dance displays; more extended displays will be given at: 8.45-9.00 Old Market Square, Nottingham 9.30-9.45 Hermitage Square, Sneinton (proclamation from the Environmental Society and coffee in Community Centre) 11.00-12.00 outside the Cross Keys, Burton Joyce (coffee stall organised by the Local History Society) 12.30-1.30 outside Lowdham Village Hall 6.20-6.30 Massed procession through Southwell from Easthorpe to the Minster



#### THE MORRIS DANCERS

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

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

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

# THE MORRIS DANCE

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

As the Gate to Southwell records show, morris dancing is part of the folk tradition in Nottinghamshire. However, it is probably two hundred years or more since the morris dances stopped being performed and there are no records of what the local dances looked like. The no records of what the local dances looked like. The morris dancers in other parts of traditional morris dancers in other parts of the country, and especially the Cotswolds. By the turn of this century, almost all of the traditional morris dance sides had been handed down from father to son by example rather than written down, they were nearly lost for ever, than written down, they were nearly lost for ever, evertunately, thanks to the diligence of a small band of collectors in the early 1900's who tracked down the large number of the dances have survived.

At the 'White Lion', Easthorpe, the dancers and walkers will line up for the final stage into the Minster, where our arrival is timed for the end of Evensong at 6.30 p.m. At the North Porch, after the greeting from the Town Crier, the Southwell Pence will be handed over, following a long custom, to the Chapter Clerk. The 'Southwell Pence' were traditionally the offerings of each parish in the county of Nottinghamshire to the mother church at Southwell, and they amounted to #15:18s:7(d in total. Since the revival of the Gate, they are contributed by the local morris sides.

# THE SERVICE AT THE MINSTER

In the Minster, there will be a short service to commemorate the morris dancers and pilgrims who over several hundred years made the annual procession to Southwell. After the Chapter Clerk has welcomed the procession to the Cathedral, the hymn 'Staff of Faith' will be sung (to the tune of Monks March). There will will be sung (to the tune of Monks March). There will disadvantaged children who are the object of our disadvantaged children who are the Object of our charity appeal, and the song 'Lord of the Dance'. A traditional English morris dance from Bampton in the traditional English morris dance from Bampton in the performed to the tune of 'Lord of the Dance'. The service will conclude with a reading from Joel Chapter service will conclude with a reading from Joel Chapter service will sreading: 'Fear not rejoice and be glad' based on this reading: 'Fear not rejoice and be glad' baset door.

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#### THE EVENING

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

The feast and ceilidh will be held at the Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Road, from 7.30 p.m. Compere Ted Hutchby.

(Entrance is by ticket only and is restricted to members of the procession and their guests. Tickets, price \$3.95, available from Bob Hine on or before 11th May. Ticket includes a buffet meal; there will be a bar.)



Cheers! Home Ales The Portland Training College provides a wide range of facilities for the disabled, including further education for school leavers, training for jobs in the open market and sheltered workshops. The College is currently raising money for a major project, the PAD (Portland Assessment Development). This will be a Centre for multipally handicapped people and will include accomodation. For further details about sponsored walkers for PTC contact:

Fiona Charlton
Portland Training College for the Disabled
Near Mansfield
Notts (M.792141)



The "Smile Don't Stare" Fund is organised by the Friends of the Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital in Nottingham. Its aim is to support in practical ways the families of children with physical or mental handicaps. Last year the Fund purchasd and equipped a specially-adapted holiday chalet at Bridlington for the use of families for whom normal holiay accommodation would be unsuitable and who might therefore not otherwise be able to take a much needed break at the seaside. The chalet will be in use from May 1985.

For handicapped children the advent of small computers and micro-electronics generally offers new hope and this year the Fund is concentrating on the purchase of electronic equipment for its Resources Centre which is located at the City Hospital. For further details about the Fund, and the money raised by the sponsored walkers and dancers on the Gate to Southwell, please contact:

Mr Colin Brefitt
Smile Don't Stare
Greenwood Children's Centre
City Hospital
Hucknall Road
Nottingham

The NSPCC is of course a national organisation, but the money raised by the sponsored walkers taking part in the procession will be used in local projects. Sadly, cruelty to children remains all too common and the Notts NSPCC urgently need new premises in which to carry out their important work. Last year marked the NSPCC's centenary and the Nottinghamshire branch has undertaken to provide a new, properly equipped Centre in Nottingham, including a Special Unit dealing with child abuse.

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

Andrew Fry 26 Henley Way West Hallam Derbyshire DE7 6LU The Gate to Southwell

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THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

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

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

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

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

The church of St Mary's at Southwell was founded over a thousand years ago, in 956 AD. The present magnificent building dates mainly from the 12th Century, when the Gate began. For most of its long history the Minster was not a cathedral but since at least the 12th Century it has been the recognised Mother Church of Nottinghamshire - hence the origin of the Gate to Southwell. Cathedral status was achieved in 1884, and last year, therefore, was the centenary of the formation of the Southwell diocese. Many events were held to mark the centenary, including concerts, exhibitions and a folk festival. One of the highlights of the year was the visit from the Queen in April 1984 to present the Maundy money.

Before it became a cathedral, the Minster was served by an independent and self-governing "chapter" of canons. Their meetings were held in the Chapter House which is a most elegant octagonal building on the north side of the Minster. The building has two particular claims to fame. It is unique among chapter houses in having a solid stone vaulted ceiling spanning 30 feet with no central supporting column.

Also, the Southwell Chapter House is famous for its very fine stone carvings of leaves (maple, oak, hawthorn, buttercup, vines and hops are all clearly recognisable). Apart from the outstanding quality of the sculpture, what is remarkable about the leaves is the date at which they were carved - the late 1200's. For a thousand years before then - the Dark Ages - artists did not try to represent natural objects accurately, only in a stylised way. In the 13th Century, a new scientific curiosity about the natural world was arising, and the masons who built the Southwell Chapter House 700 years ago were in the vanguard of this movement.

14th March 1985

Your Ref: T/LHW/25 (8 March 1984)

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

Dear Mr Taylor,

I am writing to you in connection with this year's Gate to Southwell, the traditional Nottinghamshire Whitsuntide procession to Southwell Minster. Since the procession was revived in 1981, the Lord Mayors of Nottingham, in keeping with ancient custom, have kindly set the procession on its way from the Council House by handing over the Southwell Pence, the mediaeval alms to the Minster. I am writing to ask if the Lord Mayor would kindly agree again this year to start the procession. The date is Saturday, 25th May, and the format is as before, with the procession assembling outside the Council House at 9 a.m.

Thus far, the procession has raised over '4000 for the benefit of the "Smile Don't Stare" Fund, organised by the Friends of the Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital, and we hope to raise a further sum this year.

Yours sincerely

R.C. HINE

THE LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR,

THE COUNCIL HOUSE,

NOTTINGHAM, NGLEDT.

TEL. No. 474331 T/LHW/25 2/ March, 1985

Dear Mr. Hine,

Thank you for your letter of 14th March, 1985, I have spoken to the Lord Mayor designate (Councillor David Tongue) will be delighted to set the Gate to Southwell procession on its way from the Council House on Saturday 25th May, 1985 at 9.00 a.m.

I would be grateful therefore, if you would kindly complete and return the enclosed form in due course.

Yours sincerely,

D. W. Taylor, Esq., Lord Mayor's Secretary

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R. C. HINE, ESQ., 27 HOLLYTREE CLOSE, HOTON, NEAR LOUGHBROUGH, LEICS.

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Your ref: JS/AJH/ENV 103

Mrs Swain Secretary to Environmental Health Committee City Secretary's Department The Guildhall Nottingham NG1 4BT

Dear Mrs Swain,

I should be most grateful if you would put before the Committee this request for permission to collect in connection with this year's Gate to Southwell which is to be held on Saturday 25th May. It is hoped that as usual the procession will start from the Old Market Square at 9 a.m. with the presentation of the Southwell Pence by the Lord Mayor. The route will then lie through Lister Gate, High Pavement, and Sneinton, and thence to Southwell. We should be outside the city limits by 10.30 a.m. Our request is for permission to collect from the audience along this route at the time of the procession.

The Committee may be interested to know that, in addition to the main purpose of maintaining an ancient Nottinghamshire tradition, the participants in the Gate to Southwell have raised, through sponsorship, over '5000 for local charities. We hope to raise a substantial sum this year for the benefit of the "Smile Don't Stare" Fund organised by the Friends of the Greenwood Children's Centre at the City Hospital.

I apologise for the late submission of this application,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mary Gardiner 12 Lambley Lane Burton Joyce Nottingham NG14 5BG

Dear Mary,

The time is drawing round again for us to start preparations for this year's Gate to Southwell, which is to be held on Saturday 25th May (the Saturday of the Spring Bank Holiday). We should be very grateful if we could rely on your Society to co-operate in the usual way at Burton Joyce. The procession should reach Burton Joyce at about 12 noon, and we would like to organise a dance display in the village centre from about 11.30 am. This year we shall have a group of ladies' clog dancers, as well as the morrismen, so this should make for an interesting display.

I will, of course, send you more details nearer the date.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Tom Huggon Vice Chairman Sneinton Environmental Society 77 Trent Road Sneinton Nottingham

Dear Tom,

The weather forecast this morning mentioned snow on the way, so this must mean that Spring is here and it is time to start preparing for the Gate to Southwell. This year's procession is scheduled for Saturday 25th May. May we, once again, have the guarantee of a safe passage for the Gate to Southwell through your historic parish? Our proposed route and timing is similar to that of previous years. The procession should be even more colourful this year because we shall be joined by a group of ladies' clog dancers.

I was pleased to hear recently from a former member of the Dolphin Morrismen, Denny Plowman, that your Windmill restoration project is flourishing.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

77 TRENT RD SNEINTON NOTTINGHAM

20th March 1985

Dear Sol,

# The Gate to Gouthwell

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DEAR Sir.

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Well, Bob HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOUR WIFE OF CHADREN ALL THE BEST OF Luck.

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WHO CARE TO SOUTHWELL 1985

Your's Sincerely

HENRY. W. HOWARD

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### Dancing in the rain!



• Drizzling rain did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of dancers taking part in this year's Gate to Southwell, which was given a cheerful send-off this

morning by Nottingham's Lord Mayor, Coun David Tongue.

Here he joins the Dolphin Morris Men from Kingston-upon-Soar to start the event in the Old Market Square. Ten teams from all over the county are taking part in today's procession, which will raise money for disabled children at the Greenwood Centre at the City Hospital, Notts NSPCC and Portland Training College.

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REGISTERED NO. 32311 ENGLAND

1 May 1985

Mr R C Hine 27 Hollytree Close Hoton NR LOUGHBOROUGH LE12 5SE

Dear Mr Hine

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 March 1985 and would inform you that we have discussed the matter with Mrs Allen at the Bramley Apple and she will be only too pleased to offer the same facilities as on previous years for the sponsored walkers.

In this respect, therefore, I would like you to contact Mrs Allen directly at the Bramley Apple to make the usual arrangements to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day.

Yours sincerely HOME BREWERY PLC

J H CROSS

Marketing Manager



#### STREET COLLECTION PERMIT

Permit No. 103

To: Mr R C Hine
Dolphin Morrismen
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
Near Loughborough
Leics

The Nottingham City Council have granted permission for

Mr R C Hine Dolphin Morrismen (Gate to Southwell)

to organise and carry out a street collection in the streets of the City on the route of the "Gate to Southwell" within the City boundaries on 25 May 1985.

for the benefit of "Smile Don't Stare"

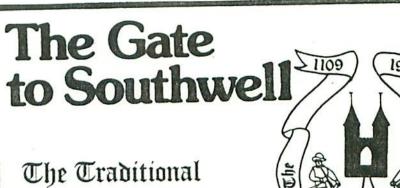
This permit is issued subject to compliance with the attached conditions.

Dated 3 April 1985

City Secretary

City Secretary's Department The Guildhall Nottingham NG1 4BT Bob Hine
Dolphin Morrismen
27 Hollytree Close
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The Traditional Aottinghamshire Whitsuntide Procession



THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL: SATURDAY 25TH MAY

Nottingham's oldest(\*) custom - the traditional Whitsuntide procession known as the Gate to Southwell - will be re-enacted on Saturday 25th May. The Lord Mayor will start the procession on its way at 9 a.m. when he hands over the "Southwell Pence" in the Old Market Square. Nine hours or so - and hopefully not too many blisters - later, the Pence will be handed over in customary fashion to the Chapter Clerk at Southwell Minster.

The 20-mile procession will be a marathon with a difference: it will be danced not run. 70 morris and clog dancers from all over Nottinghamshire will be taking part in relays. They will be accompanied by sponsored walkers dressed in appropriately mediaeval costume, and all will be raising money for local charities - Smile Don't Stare, Notts NSPCC and the Portland Training Centre for the Disabled.

Morrismen are divided as to whether it is right for WOMEN to dance the morris. Some claim that this is non-traditional whilst others argue that women have played an important part in the survival of the morris. The ancient records of the Gate to Southwell are unclear on this point - back in 1530 it was reported that the town council paid for the ale drunk on the procession by "ye dauncers", but didn't say whether the dancers included any women. In the last few years there has been a big increase in the number of women's traditional dance teams, and also of mixed teams, in Notts, and - reflecting this trend - the Gate to Southwell, hitherto an all-male preserve, will include a number of women's clog dance sides.

The procession can be seen during the day as it travels via Sneinton, Carlton, Burton Joyce and the villages of the Trent valley to Southwell. The best vantage points will be at Burton Joyce (11 a.m. to 12 noon) and Lowdham (12.30 to 1.30 p.m.) where the dancers will be giving special displays of traditional dances from many parts of England. The day's finale will be a massed procession through the streets of Southwell at 6.15 p.m.

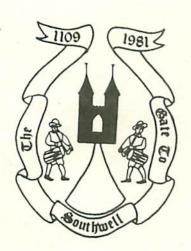
\* Well, does anyone know of an older one? The Gate is known to have started in 1109.

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# THE GATE TO SOUTHWELL

## SATURDAY May 25th



The local morris dance teams will dance the 20 miles from Nottingham to Southwell Minster (accompanied by 16th Century walkers) to recreate the traditional Whitsuntide procession

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Collection in aid of SMILE DON'T STARE organised by The Friends of the Greenwood Childrens Centre, City Hospital

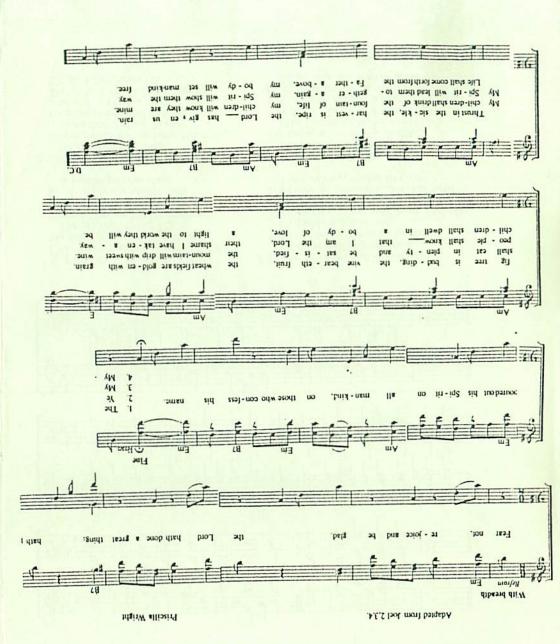


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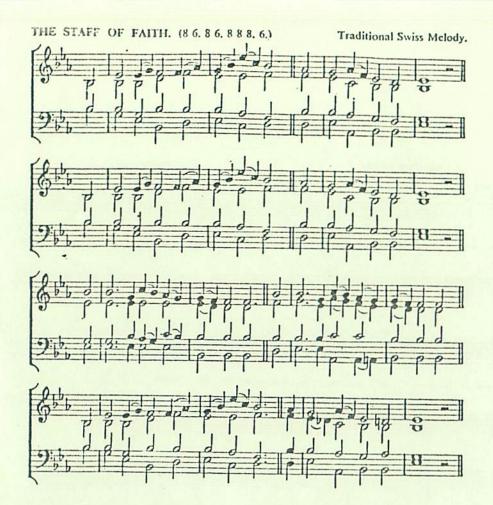
This service commemorates those many people from Nottinghamshire who over several hundred years took part in the annual procession at Whitsuntide to the mother church of St Mary's at Southwell.

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When the 'Southwell Pence' have been handed over in the North Porch, following ancient custom, the procession will enter the Cathedral by the north porch.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

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



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

- 2 I have a Captain, and the heart
  Of every private man
  Has drunk in valour from His eyes,
  Since first the war began:
  He is most merciful in fight,
  And of His scars a single sight
  The embers of our failing might
  Into a flame can fan.
- 3 I have a Guide, and in His steps
  When travellers have trod,
  Whether beneath was flinty rock
  Or yielding grassy sod,
  They cared not, but with force unspent,
  Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
  Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
  Their zealous course to God.
- 4 My faith, it is an oaken staff,
  O let me on it lean!
  My faith, it is a trusty sword,
  May falsehood find it keen!
  Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart,
  O make me what Thou ever art,
  Of patient and courageous heart,
  As all true saints have been.

THOMAS TOKE LYNCH, 1818-71.

#### Gate to Southwell 1985 – Bob Hine's write up

Procession assembled in Old Market square from about 8.45am - weather overcast, steady drizzle. Parking was reserved in Smithy Row because work being fenced off – but most people moved fence to park minibuses etc in customary place. Mayor arrived in front of Council House accompanied by consort (not his wife – too old?). Their political persuasion was fairly apparent. Roy Dyson organised a series of dances. Dolphin, Foresters, Aideys, Sgt Musgraves did a massed Getting Upstairs. We cut out Bonny Green Garters.

Them made the presentation of Southwell Pence – 'new' old coins because the usual set still at the Minster. The Evening Post photographer seemed unable to comprehend what was taking place, so I gave him a programme and he took the usual photo of Mayor holding handkerchiefs.

We then set off along south side of Slab Square with all sides and a small group of walkers from Smile Don't Stare and Portland Training College. Down Wheeler Gate. Police at usual places in the City to see us through traffic. Weekday Cross changeover fairly smooth and we soon reached Sneinton Hermitage. June Newstead had refreshmnts at the door so this eased matters and there was time for people to get teas etc before Tom Huggon, dressed in his black tricorn hat and assistant with top hat, tails and hand-bell, gave the speech welcoming the procession.

We left Hermitage Square about 10.0 am - 30 minutes behind schedule and set off up the hill. The school gates were open so the Greenwood Tree was soon reached – the sky to the east looked grey and rainy.

As we made our way through housing estates we made a small mistake I the route which meant that we by-passed the police car waiting for us, but they took it in good heart and saw us cross the main road.

At the Earl of Chesterfield several Selston men had to be fetched out of the pub, but we were now only a few minutes behind schedule. Carlton was passed without much of consequence.

We were on time arriving in Burton Joyce where the series of 10 minute displays was well under way. We left at about 11.50am having had coffee courtesy of Burton Joyce and Bulcote Local History Society. There as a smaller crowd than usual presumably because of the poor weather, but still satisfactory.

In Lowdham we made a detour down Main Street to The Old Ship. Again not a great crowd though by now the weather quite pleasant with sunny intervals. The arrangements here seemed to work well with some people – mainly Foresters – eating at tayles in the village hall and others eating at the pub.

The dance displays were slow to start, partly because University side not fielding a full side but had been due to start. Roy Dyson called up dancers and a good crowd thronged around.

At 1.20pm I tried to get people into the field for photos with the idea that background would be clear of cars, vans etc – but not very successful [next year get photographer to take photo of each side].

Them processed down village street and on – Richard and Naomi in wheelchair buggy; very windy – difficult to hold banner. Held up at level crossing at Hoveringham. Fairly deserted a Thurgarton, Mrs Farr met me effusively – she was at the gate with a number of

guests – she had a copy of the programme (don't know where from). Red Lion was closed though had promised to be open for soft drinks.

At Bleasby landlady said she would have been open If she had prior notice.

At Goverton turn Foresters got big drum out now that no chance of rain.

Bleasby Caravan club on back road to Fiskerton, possible problem, also going into Fiskerton but opposite Bromley Arms we met the first horse who actually liked the morris. Bromley Arms was open for non-alcoholic drinks. Usual procedure for the riding school.

Police met us before Southwell Races turn, there was an evening meeting starting at 6.30pm. We were just in good time at Easthorpe – police had no parking on left side. The procession through the streets saw a good crowd. Cotswold musicians up ront followed by Cotswold dancers, then short break, Aidleys, short break, Musgraves, then the walkers. We left at 6.15pm and were up by 6.25pm. We then had a 10 mnute wait because the service had over-run. We were met by a bearded David Keene, Canon Morley and the Provost, there would be no Bishop until June. Henry Howard the Town Crier gave the welcome, I replied and announced the handing over of the Southwell Pence, but unfortunately omitting Foresters and University sides which were presented inside [next year get ledger].

We processed in; clergy, choir then the dancers to the crossing; after the service we left by the west door. Foresters and Dolphin danced a mixed set of Glorishears.

We processed to the Bramley apple where Dolphin danced Flowers of Edinburgh. Then to the social hall at Southwell Leisure Centre, buffet at 8.0pm. Ted provided some entertainment, then there was some dancing. There were about 70 people and we left about 10.0pm.

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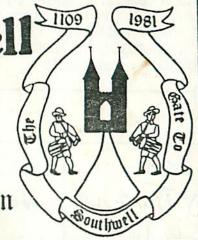
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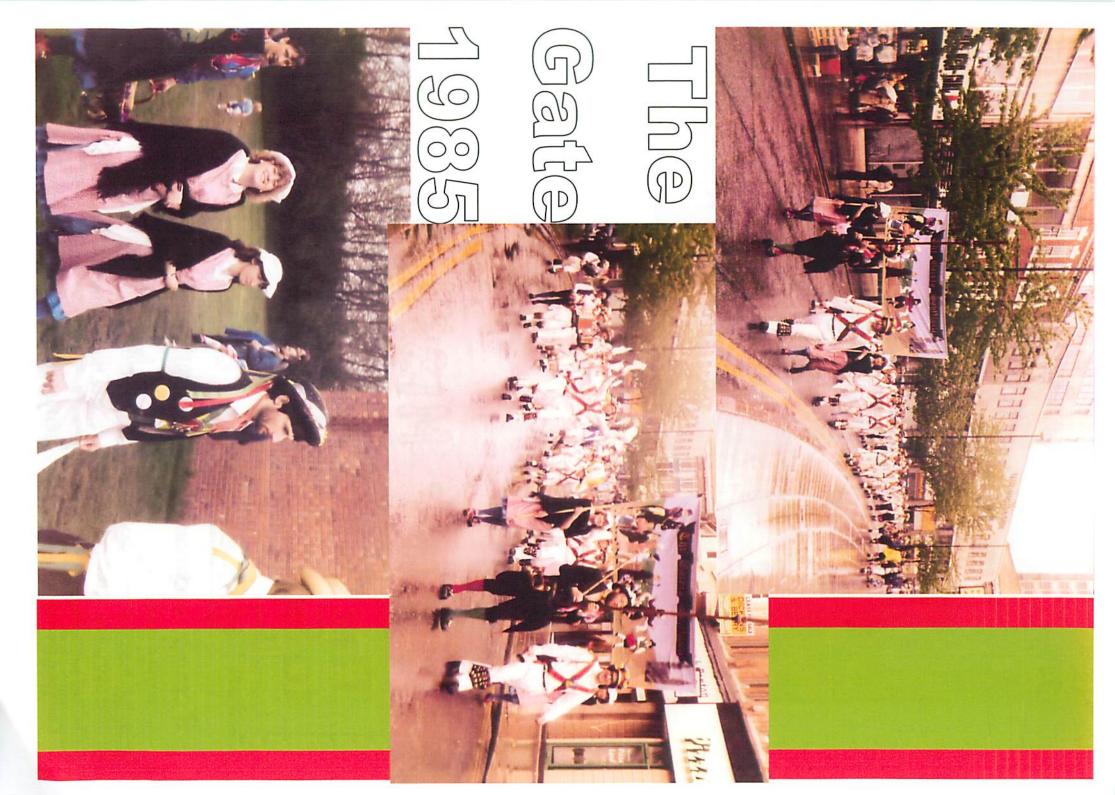
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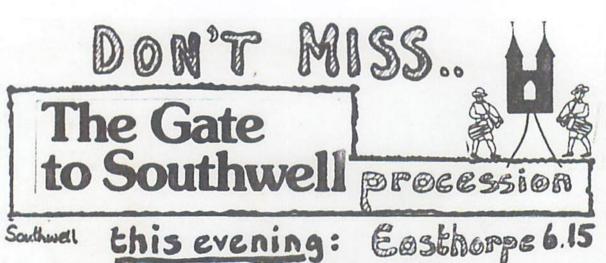
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- Hirer will return Vehicle, together with all lyres, tools, accessories
  and equipment, in the same condition as when received, normal wear
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  sooner if demanded by Lessor, and will use Vehicle in a reasonable
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- 2. Vehicle will not be used.
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- (c) to propil or tow any other vehicle or trailer
- (d) for racing, pacemaking, reliability trials, speed testing, or driving tutton.
- (e) to carry a greater number of passengers and/or more baggage than recommended by the Manufacturer.
- (1) by any person who has given a fictitious or false name.
- (g) by any person other than the Hirer who signed the Rental Agraement or who has been nominated as a driver by Hirer and approved by Lesson or by a motor vehicle repairer in the event of an accident or breakdown.
- (h) by any person who has within the preceding period of three years been convicted of a driving offence under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or dangerous driving, or has had more than one accident in the previous three years.
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- 3. Hirer expressly acknowledges personal liability to pay Lessor on demand:
- (a) a mileage charge computed at the rates specified for the mileage covered by Vehicle from the commencement of the rental until Vehicle is returned (the number of miles over which said Vehicle shall be operated under this Agreement shall be determined by reading the speedometer installed by the manufacturer: if speedometer fails the mileage charge shall be made in accordance with the road map distance of the journey travelled).
- (b) time, collision damage waiver and miscellaneous charges at the rates specified in this Agreement.
- (c) all fines and court costs for parking, traffic or other offences incurred in relation to said Vehicle by Hirer or Lessor from the commencement of this Agreement until Vehicle is returned, except where caused through fault of Lestor.
- (d) Lesson's costs, including reasonable legal fees incurred collecting payments due from Hirer hersunder:
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- 4. Hirer shall at the request and cost of Lessor do and concur in doing and permit to be done in his name or by his appointed agents all such acts and things as may be necessary or reasonably required by Lessor for the purpose of enforcing any rights or remedies or of obtaining relief or indemnity from other parties in respect of any loss or damage to or in someotion with Vehicle during the period of time between the renting of Vehicle and its return by Hirer to Lessor and Lessor shall account to

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- 8. Hirer participates as an insured under a motor vehicle insurance policy, a copy of which is available for inspection by Hirer at the head office of Lessor. Said policy contains unlimited cover against public liability for bodily injury, £50,000 against liability for property damage, unlimited liability for bodily injury to passengers. Hirer agrees further to protect the interest of Lessor and Lessor's insurance company in case of accident during the term of this rental by:
- (a) making every endeavour to obtain names and addresses of parties involved and of witnesses.
- (b) not admitting liability or guilt,
- (c) not abandoning Vehicle without accounts provisions for safeguarding and securing same.
- (d) calling nearest office of Lessor by telephone even in case of slight damage, further giving a detailed report including diagram to Lessor.
- (e) notifying the police immediately if another Party's guilt has to be escertained, or if people are injured.
- 9. Lessor has maintained vehicle to at least the Manufocturer's recommended standards but shall not be liable for any consequences arising from any defects or mechanical failure of the vehicle although all reasonable precautions have been taken to provent such happenings.
- That additions to or alterations of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be null and void unless agreed upon in writing by the parties.

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