

Acknowledgements

The generous assistance of the following people and organisations in staging *The Gate to Southwell* is gratefully acknowledged:

- The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Sylvia Parsons
- The Chapter Clerk, Canon Collins, and the clergy of Southwell Minster
- The Nottinghamshire Constabulary
- Tom Huggon and officers of the Sneinton Environmental Society
- George and Dorothy at the Bramley Apple, Southwell
- The Beer Cellar
- Mansfield Brewery
- Marstons Brewery
- Springhead Brewery
- Stones Brewery

Collection

In aid of the Benefit for the family of the late Michael Cupitt of Calverton Morrismen.

Morris Dancing

Although the origins of the English morris dances are obscure, they are probably derived from an ancient fertility ritual performed in the Spring to make the crops grow well.

Traditional morris dancing survived best in the Cotswolds where it was recorded by the folk song and music collector Cecil Sharp about 100 years ago. These dances generally involve a team of six dancers performing with sticks or handkerchiefs. The traditional musical accompaniment was the pipe and tabor; today the concertina, accordion and fiddle are more common.

In the Northwest of England the use of clogs has given a different rhythm and style to the morris dances, which include team dances such as the garland dance and individual step dances. Another characteristic style of dance evolved in the Northeast with the use of longwords or rapiers (rappers).

The morris dance teams taking part in the Gate to Southwell come from Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

**Saturday
June 10th
1995**

The Gate to Southwell

The Gate to Southwell is a Nottinghamshire custom that dates back at least 900 years. Each year for more than five centuries at Whitsuntide the Mayor and Corporations of Nottingham followed the tradition of riding to Southwell in their best robes to take the town's annual contribution to the upkeep of the Minster - 13 shillings and 4 pence in the old currency. Each parish throughout the county made a small payment known as the *Southwell Pence*: the money was received at the North Porch of the Minster by the Chapter Clerk. The procession was revived in 1981 and has been recreated each year since by local morris dancers. Morris dancing has been linked with the procession since at least 1530. Old records for that year show that the Borough council paid for the bells and coats of "ye morris dauncers" taking part in *The Gate to Southwell*, and for the ale that they drank "at all times"!

P.S. The procession gets its name from the old Scandinavian word *gata* meaning street or way.

Times and places for the procession

all 8.45 Old Market Square Nottingham
 all dep 9.00 *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 (where old road
 through village leaves bypass)
 arr 10.40 Cross Keys Burton Joyce
 ** dance display **
 A dep 11.20 Cross Keys Burton Joyce
 arr 11.30 Burton Joyce (where old road
 rejoins bypass)
 BC dep 11.45 Magna Charta Lowdham
 arr 12.00 Old Ship Lowdham

***** lunch stop and dance display *****

A dep 12.45 Old Ship Lowdham
 1.00 Railway Inn Lowdham
 B dep 1.10 Old Volunteer Lowdham
 C dep 1.30 Black Horse Caythorpe
 A dep 2.00 petrol station before
 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 Waggon & Horses Bleasby
 C dep 4.05 jct midway to Fiskerton
 arr 4.30 Bromley Arms Fiskerton

Massed Procession in Southwell

all dep 5.00 White Lion Easthorpe
 arr 5.15 Southwell Minster

** presentation of *Southwell Pence*
 and commemorative service **

all from 5.45 massed dancing Market Place
 until 6.15 adjourn to Bramley Apple

Dance teams taking part

A Anstey MM
 A Anstey Royale Chalfont
 A Broadstone MM
 A Calverton MM
 A Foresters MM
 A Greenwood Clog
 A Micklebarrow MM

B Aidleys
 B Dolphin MM
 B Ladybay Revellers

C Maids of Clifton
 C Mortimer's Morris
 C Nottingham Pride

Black Pig
 Stone Monkey
 Oaks & Acorns

The Gate to Southwell 1995

Saturday June 10th

The Gate to Southwell will take place this year on Saturday 10th June. It is a day of dance based around a traditional Nottinghamshire Whitsuntide procession which dates back at least to the 12th Century and in which local morris dancers traditionally took part. Since 1981 the Gate* has been recreated as an annual event - a dance procession performed in relays.

* Nothing to do with doors - it's from the Scandinavian word *gata* meaning street or way.

The 1995 programme

The 1995 Gate to Southwell will start with massed dancing in the Old Market Square at 8.45 a.m. The Lord Mayor will set the procession on its way at 9 a.m. 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 Tom Huggon and the Environmental Society will make an important Announcement, hopefully allowing the procession to carry on towards Southwell!

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 as usual 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 at 5 p.m. 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

A limited number of bus seats is available. **Contact me immediately if you require transport.** The buses will be in the Old Market Square at Nottingham for the start for loading gear, and will then provide transport between the relay stages. The buses will return from Southwell between 7 and 8 p.m. Cars and minibuses can be parked in the Old Market Square temporarily for the start of the procession (follow police instructions): drivers should consult a map of Nottingham to find the route to Sneinton Hermitage (they cannot follow the procession over this stage).

Food

For lunch, hot and cold food can be purchased 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.

Bottom line

The cost is £5 per side to cover contributions to the Southwell Pence, programmes and badges; bus seats are £1 per person payable by 31 May to whom any further enquiries should be addressed (tel 01509 880635).

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pick up/ dep	10.10	Sneinton Hermitage Square (park as near square as possible)
drop off/arr	10.25	Burton Joyce (where old road to Southwell through village leaves bypass)
pick up/ dep	11.30	Cross Keys pub Burton Joyce
drop off/arr	11.40	Magna Charta Lowdham
pick up/ dep	12.55	Old Ship Lowdham
drop off/arr	1.05	Old Volunteer Lowdham/Caythorpe road
pick up/dep	2.15	Black Horse Caythorpe
drop off/arr	2.25	gravel pits Hoveringham
pick up/dep	3.25	Coach & Horses Thurgarton
drop off/ arr	3.40	Waggon & Horses Bleasby
pick up/dep	4.05	junction between Bleasby & Fiskerton
drop off/arr	4.15	Bromley Arms Fiskerton
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drop off/arr	4.50	White Lion, Easthorpe, Southwell
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BUS no. 2

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pick up/ dep	1.10	Old Ship Lowdham
drop off/arr	1.25	Black Horse Caythorpe
pick up/dep	2.00	garage before Hoveringham
drop off/ arr	2.15	Coach & Horses Thurgarton
pick up/dep	3.20	Goverton turn (on road to Bleasby)
drop off/arr	3.30	Waggon & Horses Bleasby
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*The traditional Nottinghamshire
procession known as*

The Gate to Southwell

will be performed here
by morris dancers from
Nottinghamshire and surrounds
on

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NOTTINGHAM
Monday, June 12, 1995

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Oops...your worship's purse is light

IT was one of those rare moments — the Lord Mayor of Nottingham caught short!

And what a time for it to happen ... just before the start of one of the county's oldest traditions. Coun Sylvia Parsons couldn't believe it herself. But there it was. She was precisely one shilling and sixpence three-farthings short.

She had been fobbed off by more than a bob. She should have had 13

shillings and four pence to pay the city's dues to Southwell Minster — a tradition that stretches back hundreds of years.

But the city's purse was ... er light. And the city treasurer was nowhere to be seen.

It happened as more than 100 morris dancers and musicians prepared to set off on the historic *Gate to Southwell* procession.

Parade leader Bob Hine said:

"I am anxious the Bishop does not think we have spent the difference on drink on the way."

To cries from the dancers that she would have to impose a poll tax to raise the shortfall, the Lord Mayor said she would make it up herself.

"I am personally going to take it to the Bishop next month," she said.

It was an eventful start to the historic day.

Each year for more than five

centuries at Whitsuntide the Mayor and corporations of Nottingham rode to Southwell to take the town's annual contribution to the upkeep of the Minster — 13 shillings and four pence in old currency.

The procession was revived in 1981 by local morris dancers.

It finally arrived at the Minster yesterday, heavy of limb — but light of pocket.



● Caught short: Coun Sylvia Parsons

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

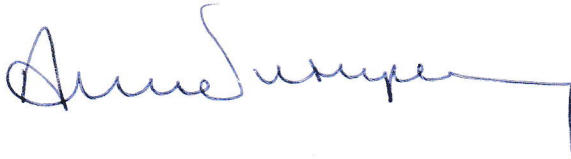
LMS/CMH/13
25 May 1995

Dear Mr Hine

Thank you for your letter inviting the Lord Mayor, Councillor Sylvia Parsons, to officiate at the start of the procession to the Gate to Southwell on Saturday 10 June 1995 outside the Council House at 9.00am, she is delighted to accept.

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

Yours sincerely



LORD MAYOR'S SECRETARY
Miss Anne Turnpenny

Mr R C Hine
Organiser, The Gate to Southwell
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
Near Loughborough
Leicester
LE12 5SE

Beer ticket 1995 *****

thanks to George and Dorothy

***** Cheers to Stones

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Brewery, Marstons Brewery,

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*Saturday June 8th ******

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SNEINTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY.

TO THE AIDLEYS, ANSTEY, ANSTEY ROYALE CHALFONT, BLACK PIG, BROADSTONE
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MICKLEBARRON, MORTIMERS' MORRIS, NOTTINGHAM PRIDE, OAKS & ACORN, AND STONE MONKEY DANCERS

GREETINGS

WHEREAS the Gate to Southwell is gathered here for its Whitstide journey.

AND cherishing as we do the customs and traditions of OLD ENGLAND

WE warmly welcome you to Sneinton

AND we do hereby grant you safe passage through our friendly parish.

WHICH is the most we are able to guarantee this year owing to the reports we have received of turbulence and wilful behaviour in the neighbouring districts.

INDEED we have been informed of events unknown in living memory VIZ AND TO WIT At
Feeling Borough Council Labour has gained control from Conservatives AND at Newark and Sherwood District
Council Labour has gained control after no overall majority

AND SO being mindful of these events WE URGE YOU to avoid speaking to strangers and deviating from the prescribed route.

MAY your footwear be stout, the ale be palatable, and the weather be clearest.

ACCEPT our donation to your deserving charity. AND our thanks for your delightful dances

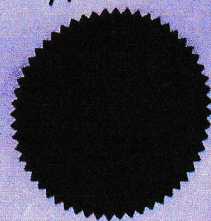
SEND our greetings to the good Bishop.

GO FORTH with cheery hearts and our Good Wishes.

Liz & Smith
Gilbert Clark
Tom Hoggan

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Read at Sneinton this 10th day of June 1995



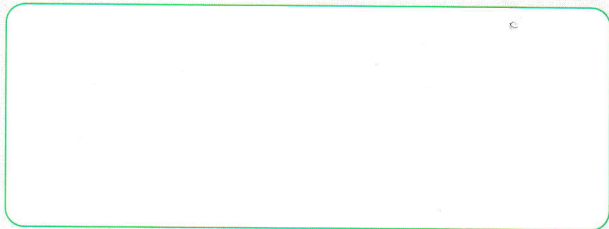
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18th May 1995

R.C.Hine
(The Gate to Southwell)
27 Hollytree Close
Hoton
LOUGHBOROUGH
Leics LE12 5SE

Dear Sir/Madam,

Gate to Southwell Procession 1995

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15th May 1995 informing me of the details for the above event, and I have to inform you that I have forwarded copies of your letter to the respective Officers in Charge at the relevant Police Stations.

Yours faithfully


Chief Constable

NOTTINGHAM

PRIDE

CLOG MORRIS SIDE



Hon. Sec. Sue Gallimore
17 Mona Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 5BS

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Fax: (0115) 969 2546

Dear Bob,

I do hope you can help.
Are you still organizing the Galt to Southwell?
I belong to Nottingham Pride & we have for
several years joined in the day's activities to
Southwell. There has been a change of secretary
(me!), but we have received no information this
year.

If you have any forwarding information, could
you please let me know. We also would be interested
in sharing bus transport,

Hoping to hear from you,

Sue Gallimore,

Webster

Dear Bob

I introduced a lit more color
as suggested and am quite
pleased with the results.

Pick a number! I quite like

③ or ④ — or maybe ②

if the depth of orange is
reduced — say — 50%?

Give me a ring (int 6264)
or see you Thursday at
Car Center.

Jim

PS - Can you confirm
numbers please?



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