



A Domesday
Book for
Hickling
Parish
1999 - 2000



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The text style and the heart and angel motifs are taken from gravestones in the churchyard of St. Luke's Parish Church, Hickling.

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"William sent his men all over England, into every shire to find out how many hundred hides there were and what land and cattle the King himself had in the country. So very narrowly did he have it investigated that there was no single hide, nor ox, nor cow or one single pig that was not put down in his record."

So wrote Orderic Vitalis about the original Domesday Book completed on Lammas Day in 1086.

Though an inspiration, happily the Hickling Domesday Book is not quite so detailed!

In 1999, in response to requests from the Parish Council for suggestions for marking the Millennium, I tentatively suggested the idea of a record of village life. To capture one year in the life of the village and the people who live here seemed such a simple idea and one that wouldn't involve much work!!!

A committee was formed and questionnaires sent out with us not knowing what response to expect, would we have sufficient for a leaflet or an encyclopaedia? We need not have worried, the response has been magnificent and as varied as the people who live here.

I would like to thank every person who has taken the time to make an entry, we have enjoyed reading them all and they appear in the book very much as they have been received by us. Some are brief whilst others have seized the moment to share their stories and make their mark on history!

I would also like to thank all the people who have been so willing to let me take their photos and who have joined in with the spirit of the project.

The book would not be appearing in print without the tireless efforts of the committee, so sincere thanks to Jane Fraser, Dorothy Chahal and Bob Naismith. Particular thanks go to Barbara McEwen for drawing the magnificent map which forms the centrepiece of the book and is such a brilliant record of every property in the village.

A final thank you to the various organisations and individual villagers who have made generous financial donations to the project and made it possible.

I expect in years to come, Hickling and its residents will change considerably, we have had to make several changes in the course of the year! I hope that you will enjoy this book as much as we have enjoyed compiling it and that it will help you to look back with nostalgia on how Hickling was at the turn of the Millennium.

Molly Collishaw.



*We would like to thank
everyone who contributed in any way to
The Hickling Domesday Book
and we dedicate this book to the people of Hickling.*





The Chahal Family

Sycamore Lodge, Green Lane, Hickling Pastures.



Dorothy and Joginder Chahal have lived at Sycamore Lodge for 14 years. They had admired the view from the top road for years and when the smallholding came on the market, they knew they had to buy it. It was the home they dreamed of. They moved from Ruddington in the coldest January on record into a totally decrepit house and no heating except a coal fire. They have spent the years lovingly restoring it, only the shell of the house stood at one point and they had to move into a caravan in the barn. A lot of work still needs to be done but it gives Joginder a chance to use the numerous skills he has acquired in previous house restorations.

Joginder was born in

1935 into a Sikh family in Patiala, Punjab, India. Prior to the land reforms there they had owned 10,000 acres and 7 villages but after independence they were only allowed 30 acres each. He was educated at Bishop Cotton School, a British school in Simla, and St Georges College Missourie, run by Jesuits, and because of his interest in science his father sent him to England to acquire a degree in engineering in London - where he met Dorothy! Dorothy was born in a village near Chelmsford, Essex in 1942, and after secretarial training worked in the City of London, then as a secretarial teacher in Hampstead.



In 1966 Dorothy and Joginder, and Dorothy's brother David, converted a 1947 ambulance and travelled overland to India - a trip of a lifetime, and in a timeslot where there were no wars en route. Dorothy and Joginder married in India and returned to England in 1969 when Joginder was employed as a design engineer on the Tracked Hovercraft 200 mph levitated train in Cambridge. He later transferred to Brush Electrical Machines in Loughborough where his achievements included the design of the motor for the Birmingham Airport train, and of the 300 km/hr Eurostar motor - fastest service train, and beat the French engineers with his design.



In 1977 Jonathan was born in Nottingham and Dorothy did her Cert Ed and eventually spent 14 years lecturing at Wigston College Leicester (in Administration) until her retirement 3 years ago shortly after Joginder doing so. Jonathan was educated in the PNEU school in East Leake and Loughborough Grammar and thoroughly enjoyed his school days. He is presently reading medicine at Liverpool University. After bitterly complaining about living in an isolated area, he now adores Hickling and his home. He is a Tae Kwon-do gold medalist for which he received a 'blue' and helped start the largest club at University.

Dorothy's father, James Allan Aitchison, lived with them for 8 years until his death in 1999. He loved the country life, the Border Collie dog, Ben, and the family pony Poppet. Joginder over the last few years has had flocks of sheep, bred lambs and kept 3 goats but the land is presently used for hay and grazing. The Chahals try to support village activities. Dorothy is secretary of the Hickling Village Management Committee, the W.I., and loves entertaining. In 1999 she organised two fund-raising events in the Village Hall - a Shipwreck evening and an Egyptian evening. She helps clean the church.





David and Debbie Chambers Elm House, Main Street, Hickling.

David Chambers born in Wimbledon.
Occupation: Company Director.
Deborah Chambers born in Tunbridge Wells.
Occupation: Garden Centre Supervisor.

David and Debbie have lived at this house for ten years and moved because they wanted to live in a village and have a larger garden, they have no relatives living locally. David and Debbie's children attended South Wolds Comprehensive in Keyworth. David is a member of the village Neighbourhood Watch and Debbie is a member of the Kinoulton and Hickling Garden Club.



"Having bought Elm House in 1989 we set about restoring the garden and initially concentrated on a Spring Garden with flowering cherries and bulbs, but particularly with magnolias, David's favourite species. Many new cultivars were planted to see how they would grow in rather colder conditions than usual. So far, many have survived and should improve over the years, especially with the possible effects of global warming. In recent years the garden has been developed with more general interest and now has long herbaceous borders as well as a walled garden and seaside, chess and railway themed gardens. There are vegetables, soft fruits and two ponds."

In 2000 in addition to the village garden day, the garden was open to the public on two occasions with The National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book) and over 600 people visited raising in excess of £1,600 for charity.

The Grayson Family Sycamore House, Pudding Lane, Hickling.



Hugh Riley Grayson born 13/3/62 in Nottingham
Occupation: Director/Owner Motor Garage in Melton – Rockingham Cars (Peugeot)
Nicola Jane Grayson (nee Rees) born 3/10/62 in Nottingham
Occupation: Housewife
Mitchell Riley Grayson born 18/6/93 in Melton Mowbray Hospital
Pollyanna Grayson born 28/12/95 in Melton Mowbray Hospital





The Grayson family have lived in Hickling for 12 years. They came from Upper Broughton because they couldn't afford a house there. They bought their first house at 21, Harles Acres then moved to Lilac Cottage on Bridegate Lane and now Sycamore House where they have lived for 3 years. They say that they love Hickling for the canal, walks and the people - "a lovely place to bring up children." Hugh's mother, Mrs Pat Grayson, lives in Upper Broughton and Nicki's mother Mrs Wynne Rees also lives in Upper Broughton. Their parents previously lived next to each other (Hugh was the boy next door)! Mitchell and Pollyanna attend Kinoulton Primary School and Mitchell is in the Scout Group. Nicki is on the committee of the PTFA of Kinoulton school which does sterling work in raising extra cash for the school.



This is a photo of Nicki jumping Roman over one of Bob Chaplin's famous hedges whilst out hunting with the Quorn. Nicki's Irish Hunter, Roman, was purchased from the late Dr Tom Connors of Upper Broughton.

The White Family The Homestead, Main Street, Hickling.



Christopher John White is a teacher at a Nottingham Comprehensive School and Karen White is a Solicitor at a local council. Joseph Benjamin White (5 years old), attends Kinoulton Primary School.

We bought the house in 1984, it was derelict and had stood empty for 7 years. The house had been owned and occupied at one time by Harry Willoughby who was the great great grandson of the Earl of Willoughby. The Willoughbys owned Wollaton Hall in Nottingham.

Music is a big interest for both of us. Chris has been involved in bands and groups since his early twenties. Both of us were involved in a sixties pop group called the Dansettes. Other interests include flying light aircraft (Chris holds a private pilot's licence).

Both of us are on the Village Fete Committee. We enjoy renovation and DIY and we are currently in the process of renovating a derelict farmhouse in Normandy, France.





The Murray Family "Burnetts", Main Street, Hickling.

Mary Murray born 22/1/63 in Hickling, occupation: Nurse (District)
Jim Murray born 18/4/61 in Cork, Eire
occupation: Nurse at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham
Polly Murray born 3/12/91 in Beeston, Nottingham
Tom Murray born 22/10/93 in Hickling
Kate Murray born 28/10/99 in Hickling



Mary (maiden name Robinson) was born in the house and lived in it until she was 14 years old. The house was then vacant until 1992 when she moved in with her family. Mary's mother, brothers and sister live on Bridegate Lane in Hickling and her cousins Geoffrey, Arthur, Suzanne and David Robinson live on Pudding Lane in Hickling.

Polly and Tom both attend the Colston Bassett Primary School and Polly also attends Brownies in Kinoulton.





Wildlife Map of Hickling.

Compiled from information provided by John Walker. On and around the Grantham Canal and Dalby Brook may be seen mallard duck, tufted duck, moorhen, coot, mute swans, kingfisher, Canada geese, grey heron, snipe and curlew. The canal used to be a good habitat for water voles until 2000 when mink came and wiped them out.

Around the village there are badgers, foxes, weasels, stoats, rabbits, hares and grey squirrels. Barn owls are making a comeback after being scarce for a number of years.

**Bridegate Lane, Site of
Importance for Nature
Conservation.**

This is a general description of the Bridegate Lane SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) which was kindly supplied by Helen Radford from the Notts Biological and Geological Records Centre at Wollaton Hall.

"The roadside verges along Bridegate Lane cover a significant area of unimproved neutral grassland which is a declining habitat in Nottinghamshire. A wide range of flowers and grasses characteristic of old undisturbed grassland meadow are found growing on the verges.

Lady's bedstraw, hardheads, buttercup, yellow rattle, agrimony, meadow vetchling and pepper saxifrage can be found flowering during summer months amongst grasses typical of a hay meadow. Grass species present include meadow foxtail, Timothy, Yorkshire fog and meadow barley. Close to the hedgerow damper areas are dominated by meadowsweet, greater willowherb and tufted hair grass. The hedgerows bordering the verges are species rich, supporting blackthorn, elm dogwood and wild privet.

An old undisturbed habitat such as this is likely to support a diverse invertebrate population."



Hickling Birdlife.

This is an informal list of birds seen in and around Hickling, often in people's gardens. It is by no means exhaustive and no doubt many residents will be able to add their own observations.

House Sparrow
Hedge Sparrow (dunnock)
Wren
Garden Warbler
Robin
Blackbird
Fieldfare
Redwing
Song Thrush
Green Woodpecker
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
House Martin

Mistle Thrush
Blue Tit
Great Tit
Longtailed Tit
Chaffinch
Goldfinch
Bullfinch
Greenfinch
Siskin
Swift
Swallow
Tree Creeper
Starling

Magpie
Crow
Rook
Sparrow Hawk
Kestrel
Pheasant
Wood Pigeon
Cuckoo
Tawny Owl
Little Owl
Pied Wagtail
Collared Dove

The Harrison Family Ashwood, Long Lane, Hickling.

Peter (55) is a Manager with British Telecom. Judith (51) works as a secretary for the Rushcliffe Conservative Association at the constituency office of the sitting MP Mr Kenneth Clarke. Their daughter, Caroline (27) is an Administrator in the Nottingham City Council Education Department. Son, Andrew (23) is an Assistant Greenkeeper at Ruddington Grange Golf Club.



We moved from Bradmore where Peter was born (Judith came from the adjacent village of Ruddington) to 'Ashwood' in December 1998. The bungalow, we are told, is built on the site of Burnett's former woodyard.

The reason we moved here is because Bradmore has changed from a farming community to a commuter village and we wanted to be part of a more rural community. When anyone asks why we came to Hickling we tell them "because it still has mud on the roads and cows in the fields."

We all take an active interest in anything related to the countryside and country sports. Caroline keeps her horse in the village and uses him for hunting with the Quorn and eventing, whilst Andrew is a Whipper-in to the Oakley Foot Beagles and a member of Cropwell Young Farmers Club.

The Naismith Family Bramble Cottage, Long Lane, Hickling.

The Naismiths moved to Hickling from Tollerton, having moved from Edinburgh in 1988 for work reasons. Bob was born in Glasgow on Jan 4th 1957 and Mary Anne was born on 6th Sept 1957 in Dumbarton. The couple have three children – Rory born in Elsie Inglis Hospital Edinburgh on 15th Nov 1983, Erin born in the Queens Medical Centre on 4th Nov 1985 and Mhairi born in the QMC on 18th Dec 1988. All three have attended Kinoulton Primary School and now attend South Wolds Comprehensive.

Bob is a commercial sculptor working for toy and gift companies. Mary Anne is a psychology lecturer at New College Nottingham. Both are involved with local groups, Mary Anne has served as a school governor and





Bob is currently on Hickling Parish Council as chair. They also work on the Village Fair committee.

Bramble Cottage was built when the wood yard was in existence and boats for the canal were made there. There is an old mill stone buried under the grass in the garden of the cottage which the Naismiths have located and exposed.

Rory has a strong interest in history and has produced an information booklet on St Luke's Church, Hickling.



Patrick and Claire Wadkin 8 Main Street, Hickling.



Patrick has lived in Hickling all his life. Born on 17th March 1963 at Nottingham Hospital, Patrick works as a Tree Surgeon. Claire (nee Rawlins) was born on 18th May 1961 at Widmerpool and is a hairdresser, moving to Hickling when the couple married. Claire's parents, Colin and Joyce, live in Keyworth and Patrick's parents, Hazel and Keith, live in Hickling.

The couple bought their house in Hickling in 1992 and moved in after their marriage in 1994. Patrick and Claire have entered their own particular memories of life in Hickling which are set out below;

"The canal was a favourite haunt of my childhood. We would spend many hours both summer and winter. Most years the canal would freeze over and everyone would go skating.

In the summer when June 16th arrived I would go fishing - my catch would consist of Tench, Perch and Pike. I still fish nowadays but since the canal has been cleaned and cleared I have also caught Bream, Roach and Carp.

We both enjoy walking up on the Standard and when there is enough snow we have skied down the hills. We also cycle along the canal tow-path which is great now the new surface has recently been laid."





Drs. A and MD Smith 16, Harles Acres, Hickling.

Alan (born 20/9/41) and Mary Smith (born 25/4/43), with their son Kester (then two and a half years old) came to Hickling in March 1973 from Yorkshire, when Alan took up his new appointment as a lecturer in Microbiology at the then Trent Polytechnic (now Nottingham Trent University).



Their residence in Hickling was initially expected to be short, but liking the rural environment which the village offers have stayed ever since.



Their daughter Julia was born (in Melton) in 1975, coincidentally the day before the very first Hickling Festival for which Mary was the publicity officer. What a pity she missed the big day - and as you will have guessed, it did rain!

Both Julia and Kester attended Kinoulton Primary School and South Wolds Comprehensive schools. Julia is a cellist and went to Clarendon College to do A' levels in music and languages. Kester went on to achieve a PhD in Astrophysics and Julia an MA in Music. Kester currently lives and works in Zurich and Julia lives in London.

Mary currently supervises the Hickling Playgroup and is an active member of the Hickling WI. While the children were at school Alan served on the PTA committees of both Kinoulton and South Wolds and as Chairman for several years. He was also a governor of Kinoulton School. He represented both PTAs on Hickling Village Hall Management Committee and was Chairman of HVHMC for some years prior to Richard Page. During this period the Village Hall was purchased from the Church Commissioners and Alan remains a trustee. He is also one of the licensees.

In 1995, Mary's mother moved into 22, Harles Acres. Much of our time is now taken up maintaining the property and looking after Mrs Evans, until her death early in 2001. She was 90 in August 1999.



Eric and Margaret Wood 8, Harles Acres, Hickling.

Eric Wood

born 7/8/41 in Manchester
Occupation: Property Manager

Margaret Wood born 1/9/42 in Leeds
Occupation: Housewife



Margaret and Eric have lived at 8, Harles Acres for over 12 years and moved here "mainly because the bungalow was already empty and the right size and also it seemed like a nice village."

Their children have attended schools in Yorkshire and Derbyshire and South Wolds in Keyworth. Margaret is involved with the Women's Institute, the PCC, the Art Club, Tap Dancing and with the Church Choir.





Mrs Evelyn Parkes 15, Harles Acres, Hickling.



I, Evelyn Emily Mary Parkes (nee Townsend), came to Hickling when I was four years old with my parents Harry and Evelyn Gladys Townsend. I was born at Kinoulton, Bailey's Row. My parents took over the 'Beer-Off' which was opposite the School (now the Village Hall). My Mother made it into a shop as well, while my Father worked at Holwell Iron Works. He used to cycle there and back about seven miles each way every day. Not many days off. Eventually he had a motor cycle, I remember one of them, a Velocette. My Mother in the summer months used to make ice cream and it was sold in cornets or wafers. It was a wooden tub with a metal inner container, leaving room for it to be packed with ice. Ice used to come in big blocks wrapped in sacking and was transported from Nottingham on the floor of the back of the local bus which we then collected on a trolley (home-made). Mother had got the ice cream mixture ready and then we had to take it in turns turning the handle to make the ice cream, sometimes it took a long time for it to thicken. It

was very good. My Father also used to keep rabbits, some for breeding, some for eating and some for selling. Some of the skins were nailed to a flat piece of wood to keep the shape and then they were sold for a few pennies, the same with mole skins to someone who used to come round the village for them.

From here we moved to "Woodbine Cottage." I went to School at Hickling from 5 - 14 years then I went to Gregg's Business College, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, travelling each day by bus. I worked in Nottingham for around three years. Wages started at 10/- for a 5½ day week. The bus fare was 7/- a week for a 6 day return ticket. I then went to work at Old Dalby Army Depot. Cycling there each day for three years before they put on a special bus going round the villages to pick up the people who worked there.



After courting, I married John George Parkes who lived in Hickling with his parents John Henry and Mary (Polly) Parkes and their two other children, Fred and Margaret. They lived up Pudding Lane but moved down to the farm while they were still small (now called Church Farm). John's parents were farmers, so when we married the house was divided into two units and we managed the farm between us. It was hand-milking the cows and the milk collected in churns on to a lorry before being taken to Nottingham (no bulk tankers then). Eventually over the years all the farms went to machine milking, and bulk tanks. Then around 1968 it went to Long Clawson Dairy and was collected by bulk tankers, now they have got much bigger and carry a huge load when full. There are only three dairy herds in the village now.

John and I were married in Hickling Church 18th May 1946. John and I had three children, Eric, Alan and Christine. They are all married, Eric to Beverley, who have two children, James and Sarah, Alan to Gillian who



have two children, Colin and Rachel, and Christine to Keith who also have two children, Andrew and Neil. John helped in many ways with the Church, very keen bellringer, Churchwarden for many years. Mowing the grass along with a 'gang' with scythes etc. carrying coffins with others on their shoulders all the way to Church for burial (before hearses became normal). Cricket was also a great love of his, batting, bowling, umpire and getting the wicket ready. The cricket field and pitch was down by the side of the canal. People could either walk down there on the canal bank or down the small lane which went down the side of Glebe Farm land. Eventually after many





years it was moved to Mr W. Woolley's field up Bridegate Lane in April 1959. At the opening match which was a Notts XI it poured with rain and not a ball was bowled. Very disappointing for everyone.

John loved the farm life and all that went with it, all the different seasons and their own type of work. In Winter the cows were kept in sheds, tied up singly in their own space, they were glad in Spring to be out again. Summer was hay time, when it had to be cut and gathered in, mostly it was loose hay and was brought home and made in to stacks. If it rained it often had to be turned by hand. Autumn used to be harvest time, getting mangolds etc. for Winter feeding, hedge trimming etc. John was very good at hedge cutting and laying and his son, Eric has also won prizes for it and now his grandson, James, is also continuing this art.

Eric started to deliver the 'Nottingham Evening Post' when he was eleven years old in 1958 and also doing odd jobs on the farm until he went on the farm permanently. Alan was taking them also until he went in to engineering and did his apprenticeship at Old Dalby Depot. Christine also took them until she went to do clerical work at Nottingham and then Melton Mowbray. I carried on taking them and still am taking them in 2000!

There were some buildings next to the Rectory, which partly belonged to the Church and some to Glebe Farm land. The first part was used to house cattle and was farmed by Mr Fred Wiles and whose farm worker, Mr Bill Marriott, lived in the Glebe Cottage. The second part was a long room which was used as a Church Room and also used to have several classes of Sunday School. I went there and one of the teachers was Miss Dot Munks. It was also used as a 'Men's Institute' where they used to have a billiard table, dominoes etc. It was a room with a fireplace and the chimney is still there. It was panelled wood halfway up the walls and had seating all the way round. Some of the menfolk put two tall metal stoves in for more warmth. We went through a small hand gate next to the building and then through an ordinary door on that end wall. Eventually, over the years it was taken over and used for other things and after that the end wall was knocked down and they used to put beast in. It was a sad end to it and a loss to the village. Now in 2000 all those buildings are being turned in to a large house.

(Mrs E. Parkes, October 2000.)

The Vernon Family

17, Harles Acres, Hickling.

The Vernon Family have lived in Hickling for four years so far and decided to stay here because they just loved the village even though they have no family nearby.

Julie Vernon was born in Shrewsbury on 22nd April 1963 and is a Teacher at an FE college in Nottingham. Pete is also a School Governor at Kinoulton and helps out on the PTFA.

Pete Vernon was also born in Shrewsbury on 27th March 1963 and works for the Boots company in Nottingham, working in innovation management (!?)

The Vernons have three daughters, Zoe, Amy and Hannah. Zoe was born on 24th April 1992 in Chester and attends Kinoulton Primary School. Amy also attends Kinoulton Primary School and was born on 24th April 1993 in Milan in Italy! The youngest Vernon - Hannah was born more locally, in Nottingham on 10th March 1997.





Jon and Elizabeth Vear 27, Harles Acres, Hickling.

Jon was born in Surbiton, Surrey on 21st May 1939 and is a retired head teacher. Elizabeth (Liz) comes from Cardiff and was born on 29th September 1942. Liz is currently head teacher at Beeston Fields Junior School in Nottingham (before this she held a teaching post at Kinoulton Primary School).

The couple moved into their house when it was built in 1966 and have been part of the village ever since.

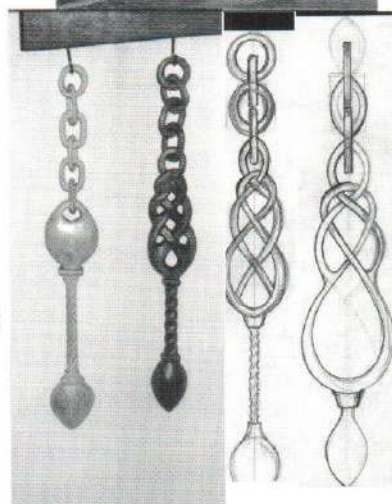
The Vears have two children, Joanna and Claire who both attended Kinoulton Primary School and South Wolds Comprehensive in Keyworth. Both girls were born in St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray. Claire now lives in Manchester with Wayne. After marrying in Hickling, Claire now lives in West Bridgford with her husband Steven and Daughter Millie (born in 1997). Millie spends one day a week looking after Grandpa!

Liz is a member of the WI and has been since 1968. Liz has also served on the Village Hall committee and Jon has had a spell as a Parish Councillor.



housing trust. The Vears also enjoy walking and gardening.

Currently Jon spends his time on a range of interests ranging from carving 'love spoons' (see pictures) to chairing a



The Thompson Family 21, Harles Acres, Hickling.

Michael Thompson was born in Nottingham and spent his childhood years living in Bunny. His wife, Janice was born in Leeds and spent her childhood years living in Meanwood, near Headingley in Leeds.

Michael and Janice both went to Leeds Metropolitan University and studied Honours Degrees in Business Studies with French and graduated together in 1985. They married in 1987 and spent their early years together living in West Bridgford. Keen to move to a village with a real community, they fell in love with Hickling and moved into Harles Acres in 1991. Their precious daughter Olivia was born in Nottingham in April 1997 and as a family they have spent many a happy hour feeding the ducks at the Canal Basin, and going for long walks in the beautiful surrounding area. The family share their house with their 2 mischievous cats, Elsa and Jessie, who were born in 1991.



Michael has occasionally rung the bells in Hickling church and was proud to be part of the first team to ring an 8 bell method just after the new treble bell was installed. Janice combines her motherly duties with a passion for gardening and cooking. Michael and Janice both work in the Nottingham area, Michael as Head of Resources for the RH Group and Janice in Business Development for Broxtowe College of Further Education.





The Collishaw Family

Malt House Farm, Main Street, Hickling.



Malt House Farm is home to one of the three Collishaw families living in Hickling. Eldest son of Bob and Mary Collishaw of Water Lane Farm, and brother of Richard, John has lived in Hickling all his life. Born on 25th July 1954, John was one of the last pupils to complete his primary education at the village school. On leaving school, John began working at home some 30 years ago. In addition, for the last 8 years, he has been Vice Chairman of Long Clawson Dairy.

Born on 21st August 1959,

Molly came originally from Long Eaton, having a "mobile" childhood, moving to Hucknall, Swanwick in Derbyshire and finally to Melton Mowbray where her parents still live. The youngest of three, her two brothers live in Kenya, East Africa.

John and Molly met at Melton Young Farmers Club where he was Chairman and she was secretary and married in 1982. Their first home was the School House, Hickling and three of their children were born whilst living there, Edward in 1984,



Kate in 1987 and Robert in 1992. John had first visited School House as a school boy when the then school teacher, Miss Proudman lived there and let the children visit to watch important events on her television! In 1996 they moved to Malt House Farm, rejoining the land to the house which has been sold off in the early 1980s by the Buckley family who built and occupied the bungalow next door (Miss Muriel Buckley later becoming Mrs Muriel Simpson).



The house was in need of considerable alteration and improvement, and the vast majority of this has been carried out by John, including the making of the front fence, the unusual finials of which are parts found dumped in a ditch on Bridegate Lane!! Although there is still some work to be done, Malt House Farm has been restored to a comfortable family home. Whilst John was hard at work, Molly had her own project under construction, and George was born in July 1998.

2000 has seen the start of a new phase in Malt House Farm's history with the start of building a new dairy unit to enable cows to be milked here once again (Miss Buckley having had a herd during her time of ownership).

Life at Malt House Farm is very hectic with four children, 2 dogs, 5 cats and Echo the horse! If he had any spare time, John would be interested in restoring old cars and owns a Morris 8 which he has been going to finish





for the last 18 years. Molly has an interest in anything historical, particularly Egyptian and Mediaeval, and roses! They both enjoy visiting historical sites and antique shops.

Edward hopes to work in the family business and is a keen sportsman, playing Rugby for Nottingham and has recently been selected to play for The Three Counties representing Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Lincolnshire.

Kate owns Echo, a 15 hand Welsh Cob, and has been very successful with him at local showjumping events. Robert attends Kinoulton Primary School, plays the piano and is in the Cubs and George will shortly be starting playgroup.



Peter Quinn Cromwell Cottage, Main Street, Hickling.



Peter is a local government officer (a director of TANC, technical aid centre for Notts communities) who has lived at the cottage for four years in order "to get away from the noise and pollution!"

Peter was born in Paisley, Scotland on 2nd July 1955 and has a sister and brother living in Littleover and an aunt and her family in Derby. Now one house, Cromwell Cottage used to be at least two farm labourer's cottages. The property had lain empty for nearly 3 years when Peter bought it from the BBC!

The McEwen Family Cobblestones, Main Street, Hickling.

Tim McEwen born, Manchester 18/8/50
Barbara born, Bath. 25/8/51
Isabelle born, Nottingham 25/9/84
Oliver born, Nottingham 18/12/90

geological consultant
artist and teacher of art and textiles
teenager
pre-teenager



Tim works at home for a small consultancy company (there are only three of us), dealing exclusively with the disposal of radioactive waste. Barbara teaches part time at Hollygirt School in Nottingham. Isabelle attends Ash Lea School in Cotgrave and Oliver is at Kinoulton Primary School. We have three cats, two (small) fish and two (ancient) guinea pigs. Tim is chair of the Village Hall Committee and was instrumental in setting up the village newsletter - The Hickling Standard. Barbara is chair of the local group of Save the Children Fund.

We moved here because Tim, who at the time worked for the British Geological Survey,

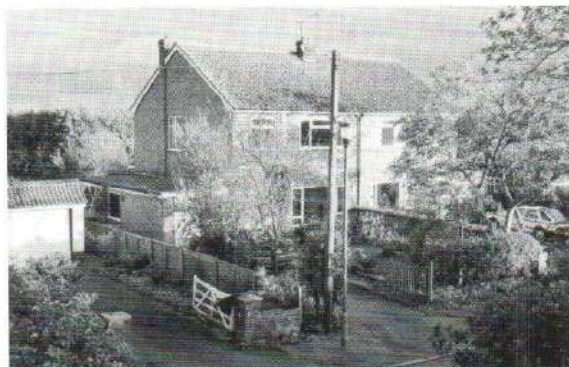






The Bloor Family

12, Main Street, Hickling.



David Bloor was born in Nottingham on 22nd August 1961 and he works in Technical Sales in Melton Mowbray. Susan Bloor was born in Melton Mowbray on 14th July 1965 and she is a Civil Servant in Melton Mowbray. They have two children, both were born in Nottingham - Emma on 22nd May 1992 and Lucy on 7th September 1995. Both Emma and Lucy attend Kinoulton County Primary School. Emma also attends the Kinoulton Brownies. They have lived here since November 1993.

David and Susan say that they live in Hickling because they were both brought up in village life (David in

Hickling and Susan in Kinoulton). They both wanted to stay in the area especially since they both have many relatives and friends in the village:

David: Mr and Mrs J. Bloor, parents, Cesterern, Main Street
Mr R. Temperton, Grandfather, 24, Harles Acres
Mr and Mrs M. Loach, Uncle and Aunt, 24, Harles Acres

Susan: Mary and Richard Collishaw (sister and brother-in-law) and Lydia, Andrea, Elizabeth and William (nieces and nephews), Waterlane Farm Cottage.
Ted and Doreen Faulks (Uncle and Aunt), The Wharf.
Terry and Mary Faulks (cousin), Wharfside Cottage.
Jane Faulks and Paul Frost (cousin), Greengates. David Faulks (cousin), Honeysuckle Cottage. Ken, Joan and Kevin Faulks (uncle, aunt and cousin), The Green.

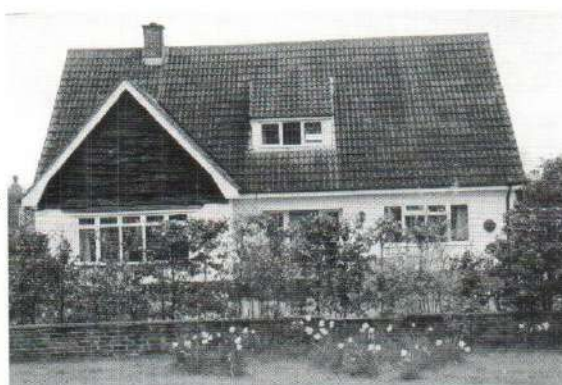
David's interests are motorsport and the children, Susan's interests are gardening, the children and the pets. David's mother looks after the children 3 days a week before and after school, whilst Susan is at work and when Gill Bloor is unavailable Susan's sister, Mary, takes over the role. We wouldn't know what to do without the back up of our families and are very grateful.



The Hyndes Family.

Apple Trees, Main Street, Hickling.

Kirsty (45), Alex (15), and Iona (12) Hyndes live at Appletrees with 2 cats, 1 rabbit and 1 guinea pig. Apple Trees was built by a local builder in 1975. It stands on an old orchard which belonged to Japonica House.



Someone told me before we moved in that Cromwell's troops camped in the orchard, so the plot has history even if the house is relatively new. We moved here in August 1994 from the other end of the village. Andrew and I first moved to Hickling in 1980 when we bought and renovated Rosedene.

I am gainfully employed by Nottingham University Medical School and lecture to physiotherapy students and occasionally to medical students. Because I am a

physiotherapist, I am interested in health and exercise, but my main love is gardening. I am at my happiest





when pottering around outside plotting just how just how to squeeze one more rose in there! The garden was virtually untouched when we moved here, so I have had great fun. The people who have visited during Open Gardens have seen the gradual transformation, there is more to come, no water feature yet! Other loves are hill walking, painting, water sports and reading.

Alex is at South Wolds School in Keyworth doing GCSEs in 2001. He likes football, Manchester United, computers and mountain biking.

Iona is also at South Wolds in Year 8. She lists her interests as going shopping, listening to music, sailing and playing any other sport.

Also living at Appletrees are Pixie and Raffles, the cats, Smokie the rabbit and Ginger the guinea pig.



Long Clawson Dairy.



Hickling send approximately 3 million litres of milk to the dairy which makes approximately 42,000 whole stilton (a staggering 340 tons of cheese!!). In fact, Clawson Dairy dedicates one tanker and driver entirely to the Hickling part of their business.

Long Clawson is most famous for its blue stilton, but other products include white stilton, Shropshire blue and a wide variety of specialist and blended cheese.

Cheese made from Hickling milk finds its way all over the UK and to several other parts of the world!!

At present there are six herds of cows in the Parish, four of them in the actual village, something of a rarity these days. A seventh herd will hopefully be added in the summer of 2001 with the establishment of a new dairy complex at Malt House Farm.

The majority of the milk goes to be processed at Long Clawson Dairy which is a farmer-owned cooperative. Originally established in 1911 by twelve Vale of Belvoir farmers, the number of producing farms is now over 30 and the business has sites in Long Clawson, Harby and Bottesford.

Every year the producer members from



Robert Collishaw with the milk tanker at Waterlane Farm





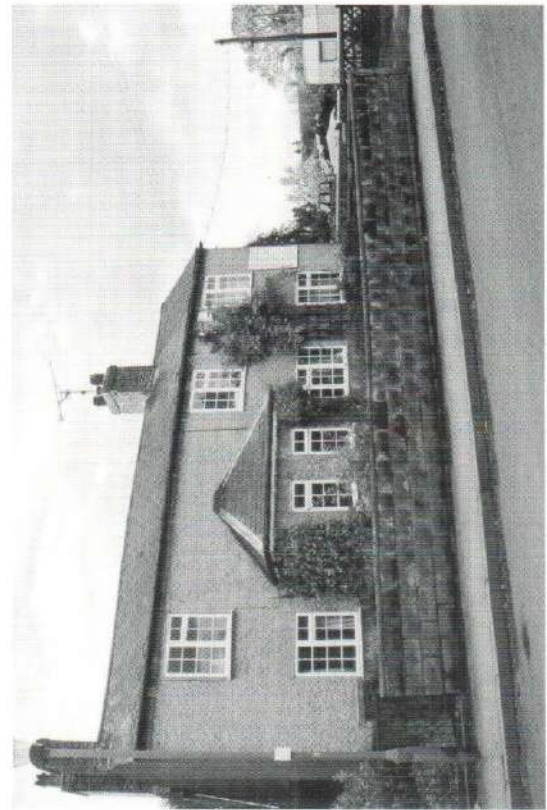
Village Businesses
K. Wadkin and Son (Patrick) & Hortor's Nurseries
and Farmshop (Roger).





Village Businesses - The Plough Inn and A & E Faulkes

**Village
Businesses:**
**Phil
The Milkman**
Dave Faulks
(plant hire)
Peats
Multi-Fuel
Appliances
F Bailey
(butchers)





On Saturday May 13th, 2000 the village Post Office finally closed down. Recent years have seen regular campaigns to prevent rural Post Offices disappearing but this time the crippling cost of a compulsory computerisation scheme finally spelt the end.

The Woolley family had run a village Post Office in Hickling since 1933. Not always in the same location it moved to the 'beer-off' next door and then returned to its present position with Uncle Tom. Margaret and Ian later took on the 'beer-off' too when it closed down.

When Margaret and Ian took over the Post Office 37 years ago it was a return to the village for Ian. Hickling was Ian's home village and he knew everyone, for Margaret it was a new start. When the first customer walked in on their first day they both stood rigid with nerves in front of the fire arguing over who would dare to go through! Finally, it was Margaret who took the plunge - setting a trend for the future! Margaret still remembers it feeling like 'going to the dentist'.

It has always been a tough life. For years it was up at 5.30am and dropping into bed at 8 or 9pm. They delivered grocery orders all over the place as well as papers and the mail. Until the supermarkets changed the way we all shop the Post Office stocked everything anyone could need and delivered everywhere!

A black and white photograph of the interior of a village Post Office. A woman on the left is smiling and holding a small white card. A man on the right is standing behind a counter, looking towards the camera. The shelves are stocked with various goods, including bottles and boxes. A large white funnel-shaped object is on the counter.



Ian and Margaret Woolley
Hickling Post office, Main Street, Hickling.

Ian Woolley was born in Hickling and Margaret was born in Kidderminster. They list their occupations as Sub-Postmaster and shopkeeper respectively until their retirement recorded above.

They have lived in this house for 35 years and moved to Hickling to run the Post Office. They have three children, one of whom, Jim, lives in the village. The children went to Colston Bassett and Oakham Schools. Key figures in the village and the power behind much of the village fund-raising Margaret is also involved in bell-ringing and the choir whilst Ian is a former churchwarden and former Chairman of the Parish Council. When asked about any curiosities they replied "Only us!"



Hickling Village Hall 1999 - 2000

An ex-Victorian Church School sold by St. Luke's Church in 1975 for £12,000. 50% of the money came from grants and 50% by intensive village fund-raising. It now operates as a charity and is managed by an elected Management Committee who meet once a month. They are:

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| T. McEwen | Chairman | R Page (was chairman for several years) |
| J Robinson | Treasurer | H Fortey (Organiser of 150 Club) |
| D Chahal | Secretary | C Dingle (Hickling Pre-school rep.) |
| K Gould | Bookings Secretary | K Rawlinson (PCC and Neighbourhood Watch rep.) |
| W Walker | First Chairman and on committee ever since | E Parkes (Parish Council rep.) |
| G Cane | On committee since 1975 | |

As well as regular weekly/monthly events which take place in the hall (given below), it is also hired out for fund-raising, jumble sales and private functions.



Hickling Pre-School

Every weekday morning 9.30 - 12am
2½ years to school age
Wednesday, Rising 5s (for children over four)
Mary Smith - Pre-School Supervisor

Toddler Group

Monday 2 - 3.30pm
Organiser - Mandy Crowe

Girl Guides

Tuesday 7 - 8.30pm
Hickling contact - Jean Tarry

Women's Institute

Third Thursday each month 7.30 - 9pm.
Reformed in 1947 when the President was Mary Ashworth, Treasurer was Bessie Timms and Secretary Mary Windey. In 1999, the President was Carol Nixon, Secretary Gweneth Cane and Treasurer, Betty Bevington.



1st Kinoulton Scouts and Venture Scouts

7 - 9pm every Friday
Leader - Glyn Pilkington

Fatbusters Workout

Wednesday 7.30 - 9pm



The Browns

Mulberry House, Main Street, Hickling.

Keith and June Brown have lived at Mulberry House (formerly known as School View) for 14 years. Both are Nottingham born and moved to the village when Harles Acres was a new development in Hickling. The Browns have two sons who were born at St. Mary's Hospital in Melton Mowbray and both attended Kinoulton Primary School and South Wolds in Keyworth.



Like many houses in Hickling, Mulberry House had its own pump and the old pump still stands outside the kitchen door. A lead plaque is fitted to the wall with an inscription dated 1778.



Keith and June have lived in no less than three houses in Hickling - first at 25, Harles Acres then at 18, Harles Acres making a total residency in Hickling of 33 years. Keith and June are lovers of the countryside and enjoy walking on the wealth of footpaths in the area. They appreciate the delights of their own garden and grow their own produce. June has contributed solidly to the life of the village, joining in on the Church cleaning rota and has added to the stock of cakes available at charity events on many occasions.



June notes on her return that according to Mrs Timms (Ian Woolley's aunt) that the hollow at the top of Long Lane on the approach to the Standard was referred to by local children as 'the giant's salt cellar'. Another local legend was that the boulder at the corner of Bridegate Lane and Main Street was dropped by the devil attempting to hit the nearby Methodist Chapel (as it then was).



Sue and Paul Heblik

'Conifers', The Green, Hickling.



Paul was born in Derby on 6th November 1949 and he is a schoolmaster. Sue was born in Warrington on 21st January 1948. They moved to Hickling four years ago and Sue is one of the organisers of the village Open Gardens.

As far as they have been able to establish they are the only Hebliks in the UK apart from Paul's parents in Derbyshire. However there should be plenty in Poland where Paul's father was one of 21 children!

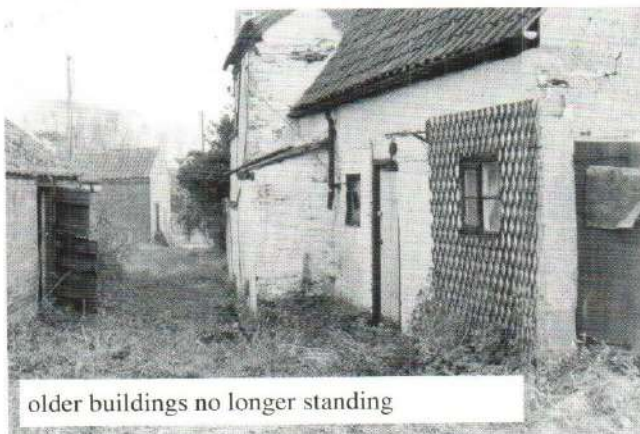




Vera and Bill Haines Holly House, Main Street, Hickling

Mr Haines, a retired Engineering Draughtsman, and Mrs Haines, a Potter, have lived in Holly House for 31 years and moved to Hickling because they liked the area.

Vera has been making pottery for a number of years. It is mainly wheel thrown work in a variety of designs. Bill



older buildings no longer standing



makes the glazes and also some of the hand-built pottery. Holly House is situated to the rear of Mulberry House in an area once known as Hobson's

Yard. Here there were two semi-detached cottages known as Holly Cottage and The Retreat attached to the back of the farm house, Mulberry House dated 1778, at that time owned by farmer Will Parkes. The right-hand side of the drive



consisted of stables and outbuildings culminating at the road with a tailor's



shop. Some walls of the cottages now form a border with the neighbouring property. Most of the rest of the 3/4 acre site was, and still is, an old orchard, mainly Bramley apple trees, and some still giving fruit.

Gordon Senior Rol-Kah, Main Street.

I was born (on New Year's day 1928) and grew up in Holmfirth (Last of the Summer Wine country), nr Huddersfield, Yorks. Then I went to Manchester University for a maths degree, graduating in 1950. I found this house some 34 years ago. Attracted by the name 'Hecadeck Lane' in Nether Broughton, I was driving on past Nether Broughton when I saw the unfinished bungalow and bought it.

The only 'curiosity' is me!! My only achievements are of an academic nature. As a boy I was a good chess player and was school chess captain very young, being that for 5 years. Later, I played bridge at University and was captain in 1949/50 when MC/L won the University Bridge Championship. After knockout rounds we played a four team final beating Cambridge, Glasgow and Oxford. I was Notts County Captain for two years and chairman for 5 or 6 years. I played and beat many internationals.

I worked from January to December 1951 at Sellafield Nuclear Research Plant in Cumberland. Then, until 1955 I worked at Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd. at Heston Aerodrome, Middlesex on guided missile research, from 1955 to 1957 at A.V. Roe on missile research at Woodford Aerodrome in Cheshire and 1957 to May 1973 at Petfoods Ltd. Melton Mowbray.





I moved because of job security in the aircraft industry after the cancellation of TSR2 and other rumours. It was while I was working for Petfoods that I moved to Hickling in 1966, where people seem to have put up with me since! After Petfoods I worked as an insurance loss assessor until 1/1/93 when I retired. I did a lot of travelling with Petfoods, including Guernsey and the Channel Islands and a lot of work in Northern Ireland helping businesses get compensation for uninsured IRA activity. Before finally retiring I had a deal of spare time with a few years of working only part-time. I fed swans and ducks and walked dogs. This latter started with Scooby, a cocker spaniel/labrador cross (unscheduled), living up Pudding Lane. He is now dead but I have not been short of replacements.



The Sallis Family

The Covert and The Old Forge, Main Street, Hickling.

Angela Sallis and her family live at The Olde Forge, Main Street. She first moved to Hickling in 1973 with her then husband, David; they also lived at The Olde Forge and their first child, Andrew was born in 1973. Lucinda followed in 1976. Both children attended the Playschool at the Village Hall and Sunday School in the now



converted Chapel. In 1983 the family moved away only for Angela and the children to make a happy return to Hickling in 1991 with the same dog that she left with! Last summer they moved 500 yards down the street from The Covert back to The Olde Forge and made a welcome home-coming. Charles Harrison, a farmer from Lincolnshire and former Master of the Belvoir Hunt often joins Angela at Hickling. The horses and ponies which were a feature of life in the past at The Olde Forge have gone but Angela (who used to ride and hunt regularly and represented Great Britain in her youth) now successfully competes at dog agility with her young terrier, Zeta. Angela is secretary of the Melton Mowbray Golf Club. She very much enjoys her voluntary work as secretary of the Kinoulton Branch

of the Save the Children Fund and is now also proud to serve on the Parish Council. Andrew entered the Hickling Church Choir at 7. Further musical training followed at Peterborough Cathedral, Manchester and Cambridge. He organised Musicfest '95 at St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray. In February 1996 over 80 people, including local farmers and villagers, attended the meet at The Covert when Andrew brought the Trinity Foot Beagles to hunt at Hickling. He was producer of the Countryside Rally and writes on hunting and the countryside. Andrew hunted the Granta Harriers whilst teaching at Charterhouse as a composer-in-residence and this year became Master and Huntsman of the South and West Wilts Hunt as well as maintaining a career as a professional composer.

Lucinda graduated in 1999 from Edinburgh University and started her career working for the Scottish Countryside Alliance in Edinburgh, organising the Scottish campaign to ensure the future of hunting with dogs. Lucinda spent the beginning of 2000 working for an independent Public Relations company in Glasgow before moving to London. She now works for Hill and Knowlton, working in Financial PR in the City. Lucinda's love of travelling has led her to Asia, Africa, Europe and most recently to Madagascar. After she has completed her training she plans to work around the world, which Financial PR will provide the chance to do.

Both children still visit Hickling regularly, enjoy its atmosphere and have many friends in the area. The whole family value life in Hickling enormously. Walks on the Standard and the village fetes are but two benefits. It has retained a sense of rural community largely unaffected by alien urban values and long may Hickling do so.





Trevor and Christine Whitmore Clearfield, Main Street, Hickling.

Trevor and Christine Whitmore live in 'Clearfield' (formerly known as 'Brenstan', after its builder Stanley and his wife, Brenda) on Hickling Main Street and have been in the village since October 1996. The house was renamed after a cottage in Scotland where the Whitmores stay every year.



Trevor was born in West Bridgford on 5th November 1940 and is a service manager. Christine is a sales manager and comes from Long Eaton where she was born on 7th December 1943.

The Whitmores moved to Hickling because they wanted to live in the country and liked the village.

The couple have relations who live in Ruddington, West Bridgford and Cotgrave.



When the Whitmores first arrived in Hickling they also had their daughter and her husband along with



their baby, Lucy. They also had their dog Ben who has since sadly died after 12 years. Moving into the house, the Whitmores discovered a newspaper lining a drawer dated 1970, the year the house was built!

Trevor's mother, who was born in 1909, remembers visiting Hickling as a child in a pony and trap with her father who was a butcher, who bought his meat in Hickling and his cheese from Long Clawson.

Peter and Gweneth Cane Hill View, Main Street, Hickling. From 2000 to be known as Weir House, Main Street, Hickling.

Gweneth Cane has lived in Hickling all her life, and her husband Peter joined her when they got married. Peter is now retired although extremely active within the village! And Gwen describes herself as housewife and baker for Women's Institute markets. Gwen is also the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.



The change of name relates to the history of the house. In 1848 John Featherstone opened a school at the house and called it Weir House Academy. Apparently it was a fee paying school and Mr Featherstone was a Methodist preacher and in great demand in Hickling and surrounding area. Gwen's father, Alwyn Shelton, was the village blacksmith at The Old Forge and horses came from miles around to be shod "I can still smell the horses hooves being burnt". As a child, the family did not own a car, so when Gwen was late home from school (now West Bridgford Comprehensive) she had to walk from the main Melton Road into the village.





Derek and Betty Bevington

Corner Cottage, Clawson Lane, Hickling.



Derek Bevington was born in June 1927 in Nottingham and he is a retired Sales Manager. His wife Betty was born in May 1928 in Nottingham and she is a retired secretary who worked for Long Clawson Dairy. Derek and Betty have lived in this house for 24 years and moved to the village after passing through Hickling years ago and deciding they wanted to live here eventually! Derek is a Parish Councillor and member of Neighbourhood Watch and Betty is a former Parish Clerk and current treasurer of the Hickling Women's Institute. Corner Cottage was originally two small cottages which were converted into one between 1973 and 1975.

Alan and Jeanne Hewitt

Holmefields, Clawson Lane, Hickling.

Alan was born Alan William in Coventry on 25th April 1948 and is a company director. Jeanne Catherine Hewitt was born on 12th May 1948 in Didcot and is a company secretary. The couple have lived in their house in Hickling since 1988 having moved to be closer to their work and family (their son Richard works in Melton Mowbray). Alan and Jeanne remark that their 'curiosity' is Digby, their pedigree Schnauzer dog (standard size). The Hewitts contend that Digby is the best known (or is it worst known?) dog in Hickling. Digby loathes bikes, people, border collies.....in fact, Digby loathes most things!

The Combellack Family

The Olde Barn, Main Street, Hickling.

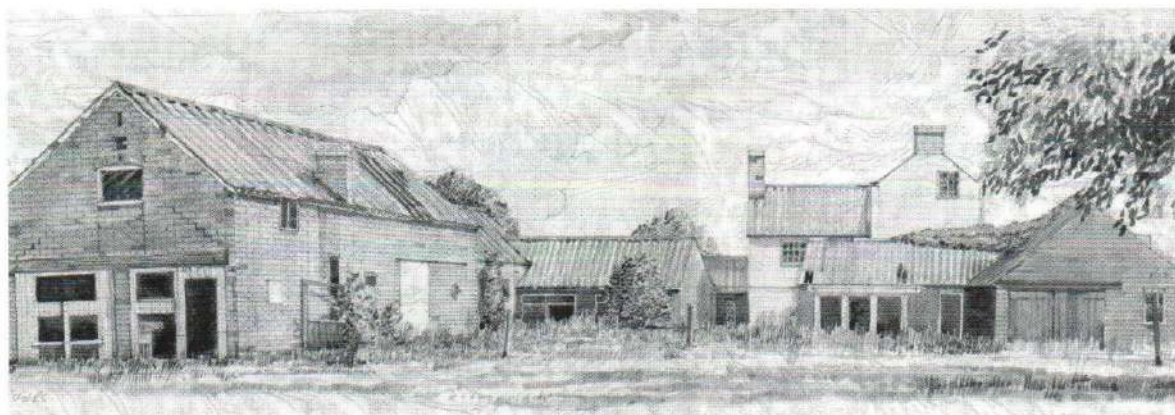
Tina Combellack born 22/5/47 in Birmingham
Samantha Combellack born 29/8/79 in Nottingham
Richard Combellack born 14/1/81 in Nottingham

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| Occupation: | Justice of the Peace/Company Director |
| Occupation: | Veterinary Student |
| Occupation: | Marketing Student |

The Combellacks have lived in Hickling at the Olde Barn since 1983 (and before that in Kinoulton since 1968) and are very much lovers of the village and the surrounding countryside. Tina and her children, from first coming to the village, became familiar sights riding their ponies on bridle paths and in the paddock on Long Clawson Lane.

In recent years Samantha has become a very proficient horsewoman competing in Horse Trial events around the country and is now Team Manager for the Liverpool University Event Team, gaining her colours in 1999 when she represented the British Universities in a world competition. Studying to be a vet is very demanding and she doesn't get to compete so much, her horses being left at home for Mum to exercise. Richard's love of all things rural is restricted to a passion for riding his quad bike in the field when the horses are out.





His main sports are Ice Hockey, which he started as a 6 year old playing for the junior Panther teams and skiing. He became a proficient ski instructor during his gap year having taught in both Canada and New Zealand. He now attends Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh where he is studying for an MA in Marketing and hopes to represent them abroad on the ski team.

Tina spent a long time converting farm buildings into their beautiful country home. It would appear there used to be chickens in the lounge and pigs in the kitchen (perhaps the pigs are still there!). A lot of time and energy went into selecting bricks and timbers to ensure the end result was sympathetic and in keeping with the village. The same is true of the interior, which reflects her artistic inclination. The end result was worthy of a place on a recent television programme (the comedy series "The Upper Hand"), which caused some interest and disruption for the village. From the rear of the house there is a wonderful view of the Standard which she is anxious to preserve, making sure trees do not become too invasive or that the land around the Olde Barn is not developed.



New Arrivals

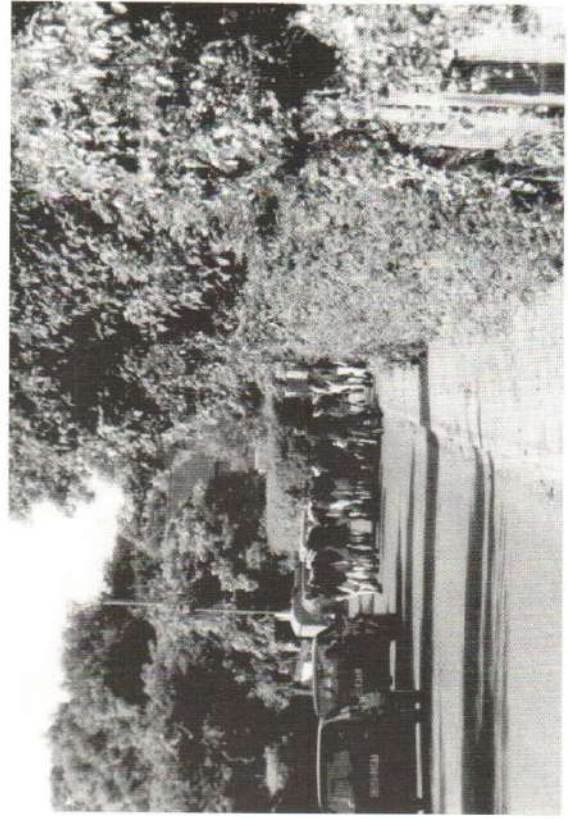
Shilling, the foal, at four days old (June 1999). The first of two foals born to the same mare, one on each side of the Millennium.

Above, the Playgroup children making friends at a very early stage!





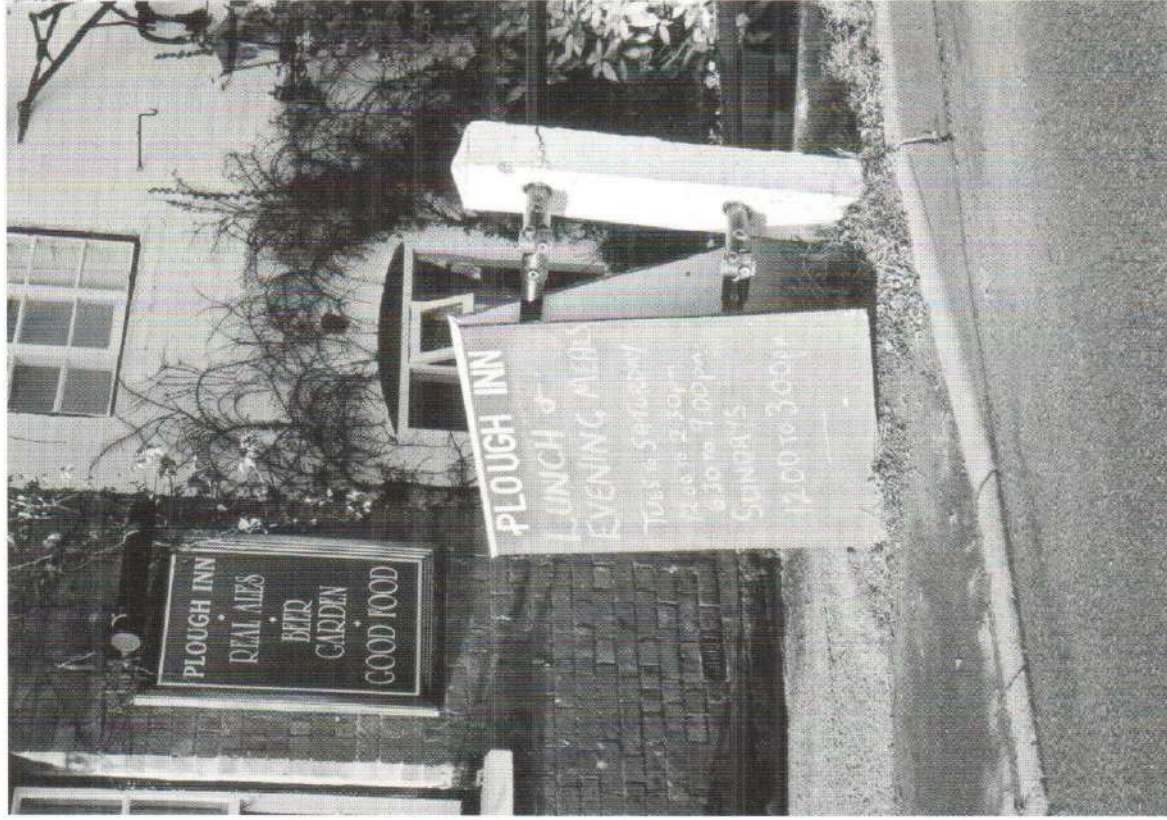
The Collishaw herd going out to pasture



Bus Shelter Headlines



The Kinoulton School Bus



The Plough Inn



The Marler Family

March's Farm, Main Street, Hickling.



We are the Marler family - Chris, Julie, Nicholas and Charlotte. We live at March's Farm on Main Street which used to be part of a farm comprising this house, Richmond Cottage and The Byre.

Chris, originally from Lowestoft in Suffolk, works at Pedigree Masterfoods based in



Waltham-on-the-Wolds and Julie, from Manchester, is now a housewife, but used to work in the Civil Service. We met at Nottingham University in 1976 and were married in 1980 while living in Toronto, Canada. After much wandering, new jobs brought us back to the Nottingham area in 1986 and we moved to Hickling at the end of that year. Nick was born in May 1987 and Charlotte made her appearance in November 1991.

Both children attended Hickling Playgroup and Charlotte is now in Class 4 at Kinoulton School and Nick in Year 3 at South Wolds. Over the years they have been involved in several local groups including Beavers, Cubs and

Brownies.

Hilda Fortey

The Byre, Main Street, Hickling.



Hilda has lived in the Byre for some eight years now, having moved there from a bungalow with an acre of garden near Knutsford in Cheshire.

A retired Head of Science at Macclesfield Girls High School (where she taught physics), Hilda now plays an active part in many organisations in and around the village. Among the associations which Hilda is part of are; The W.I., Village Hall Management Committee, Jubilee Club, Kinoulton Gardening Club, Melton Historical Society, Loughborough branch of the University of the Third Age and Mahjong group and the Grantham Association of National Trust Members! Hilda is also a regular attender of Nottingham Lace Market Theatre Productions and of concerts at the Concert Hall.

Hilda was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1914 and holds a BSc degree and has two sons, one of whom (Dr Neil Fortey) works for the British Geological Survey and has recently moved from Sutton Bonnington to Bottesford.

Hilda has supplied a wealth of information about 'The Byre' which is presented here as she wrote it:

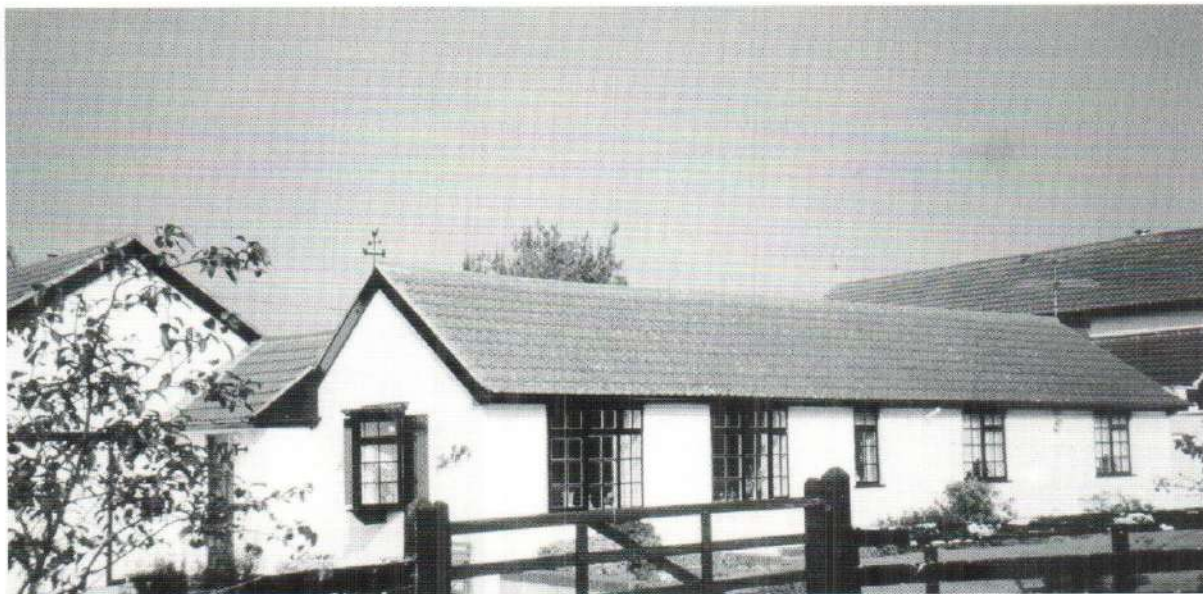
"Shortly after I bought 'The Byre' in May, 1991, my solicitor sent me the title deeds together with the original photostat copies of the legal transactions made since 1908. A farm was probably in existence in the late 18th Century on part of the land belonging to the manor of Hickling.

The earliest record in my possession is an indenture made on 20th August 1908 between William Frederic March, farmer, of Farndon in the county of Nottingham and John Palmer Adlington, architect, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Samuel Dove hosiery manufacturer also of Sutton-in-Ashfield and Anne Marie Adlington of Newark-on-Trent (the mortgagees) to lend William





Frederic March the sum of £1,550 with 4% interest, for that messuage, dwelling house or tenement called or known by the name of the Manor House with the outbuildings, yards, gardens and homestead thereto belonging and adjoining containing together 8 acres, two roods and 38 perches (or thereabouts) and also all those seven close pieces or parcels of enclosed land or ground adjoining or contiguous the one to the other containing in the whole 46 acres and 37 perches (or thereabouts) all which said premises are situate in Hickling aforesaid and were formerly in the occupation of George March the younger and now of Henry Edgson.



This is followed by an indenture made on 7th May 1913 when Mabel Mary Primrose Brockton married William Frederic March and the Manor house and premises and 54 acres of land were given to her by her husband. There follow several further lengthy worded indentures until 15th January 1920, M.M.P. March paid off the mortgage. In her will, dated 26th June 1929 she appointed John Esam, solicitor of Newark-on-Trent and Dorothy May Hole Slingsby, wife of Thomas William Slingsby of Romanby House, Northallerton, a retired major in Her Majesty's Army, to be her executors. She died on 23rd July 1930 and probate was granted to these executors on 4th September 1930.

On 13th November 1931 these executors became the trustees of that messuage dwellinghouse or tenement formerly called or known as Chestnut House with the outbuildings of yards etc etc which were formerly in the occupation of Henry Edgson, then of the Testatrix (i.e. M.M.P. March deceased) and now of Harry Dudeney.

This is the first time the messuage is actually named as Chestnut House formerly called Manor Farm: As one or other of the trustees died, so the remaining trustee appointed another one. There follows several deeds of appointment up to 1st June 1972 when Irene Neilson (married woman) appointed Charmian Violet Elizabeth Cecilia Bissell of Cranmer House, Aslockton, Nottinghamshire and Eileen Bissell of Enville Hall, Stowbridge, Worcestershire as the trustees. This last deed of appointment lists all the succession of trustees, when they died and the whole lengthy description of the Manor of Hickling and the messuages etc etc.

There then follows the copy of the conveyance made on 22nd September 1972 whereby Charmian Bissell and Eileen Bissell sell the estate to Herbgreen Limited of 130 Jermyn Street, London for £14,250, together with a plan.

Eventually, Herbgreen Limited sell off the estate in two parts, viz to Robert Waude Conversions (who converted the cowsheds into the Bungalow and the barn into The Barn) and to Spinrock Developments Limited.

The Bungalow consisted of a large combined lounge and dining room, bathroom and two double bedrooms constructed from the cowshed and a hall and kitchen converted from the washing area, with the garage built on as an extension. I have a photo of the building before conversion. This picture is also at the end of Hazel Wadkins first book of Old Hickling. From October 1974 the property was occupied by Mr and Mrs Webster and two children. Then when twins were expected, the couple took out a further mortgage in February 1998 in order to build an extension along the whole side of the Bungalow to add a separate dining room, a single bedroom and a double bedroom with an en suite shower room. The Webster family were succeeded in January 1983 by Mr and Mrs Jenkins who, with their young children moved to Old Dalby when I bought the property in May 1991. It was this couple who changed the name from the Bungalow to The Byre.

The only basic change I have made is to have doorways resited so that the shower room is a separate facility available to all occupants instead of having to enter it through the attached bedroom."

Hilda spends much of her leisure time outside the village either in her caravan or as a member of various organisations in Melton, Grantham and Loughborough. She enjoys visiting places of interest in the United Kingdom and abroad.





The Amos Family

Beech House, Main Street, Hickling.

We are the Amos family who live in Beech House. My name is Robert and along with my wife Rachel, and recent addition, Charles, plus two dogs, we have



lived here for the last four and a half years.

As we love old buildings, we had a lot of pleasure and some pain bringing our house back to life! It has always had a 'welcoming' feeling despite its somewhat colourful past! We believe the oldest part dates from around 1750 and the front part around 1850. We added our own bit of history to the house during 1999 in the form of various annexes.

We were married in St Luke's Hickling in 1996 and had our son, Charles baptised there earlier this year.

We enjoy living in the village and make good use of all the surrounding walks. There's nothing better to clear the head and lift the spirits than standing on top of the Standard, taking in the fresh air and the stunning view (maybe it's just the relief that you have finally made it to the top!!)

Mrs Pauline Chell

Duzak, Marsh's Paddock, Hickling.

Duzak has been the home of Pauline Chell (born 13/12/36 in Essex) for 22 years. She moved into the newly built house (built 1978) with her husband Gordon and son Simon.

"The five houses in Marsh's Paddock were built on land given as a marriage settlement in 1905 and was part of Marsh's Farm, now known as Chestnut House, and believed to have been owned by Mrs Hartshorn"

A granny annexe was added to Duzak for Pauline's mother, May Lander who died in 1992 at the age of 93.



Pauline ran the Guides in the village until her mother's illness and was a member of the WI and the Village Hall Committee. Gordon Chell was also a member of the Village Hall Committee and built the bar and was one of the original licensees until his death in 1985.

Pauline's son, Simon, delivered papers in the village from 1982 to 1989 when he went away to college – he now lives abroad.





Richard and Minerva Page 4, Marsh's Paddock, Hickling.



Marsh's Paddock when newly built in 1976

Minerva, who was born in Flix, Catalonia, was taught bobbin lace making by nuns in Spain and then by South Notts College. She is a long standing member of the Nottingham, Ruddington and Melton Lace Societies and the photograph shows her with her lace pillow. Michel has been a voluntary helper on the Great Central Railway for 25 years, been a supporter of Nottingham Forest FC for 23 years, and is a member of the Melton Indoor Bowls Club and takes part in their team events. Richard is a trustee of the Village Hall and has been a licensee of the bar there since he retired in 1986. He is also an adviser at the Melton Mowbray CAB.

Richard and Minerva Page and their son Michel moved from Chipping Sodbury to Hickling in April 1976 so that the former could take up the post of Director (Industry) at the Nottingham office of the Dept of Trade and Industry. At the same time Mrs Page was appointed language teacher at Magdelene School, Newark and Michel joined the Nottingham office of MAFF.



Tony and Judy Andrews live in 'Brookfield' in Marsh's Paddock and have been in the village for 16 years. Tony is a Company Director and comes from Grantham. Judy is entered on the form as a 'kept woman' and hails from Harpenden.

They moved to Hickling because they wanted a house with some land and South Wolds Comprehensive has taken part in the education of the younger Andrews!

Tony and Judy Andrews Brookfield, Marsh's Paddock, Hickling.



Contact with the outside world...

There are 3 **post boxes** in the village with two collections each week day at about 7.30am and 4.30pm and one collection on a Saturday. Our new postman, Steve, is based in the Melton Sorting Office and he delivers to two villages. He begins his Hickling deliveries at about 9am and finishes late morning.

There are two **telephone boxes**, one next to the Bridegate Lane Junction in the village and one at the top end of Bridegate Lane where it joins the Melton Road. There is a regular (and heavily subsidised) **local bus service**. It takes a rather circuitous route starting at Nottingham's Broad Marsh Bus Station and passing through West Bridgford, Tollerton, Cotgrave, The Lime Kiln, Colston Bassett, Owthorpe, Widmerpool, Kinoulton, Hickling and then to Keyworth. Stopping at The Old Chapel buses coming from Nottingham to Keyworth stop at:

9.46, 11.51, 14.21, 16.51, 17.25 & 18.25.

In the other direction buses stop at:

7.34, 8.12, 10.12, 12.17, 14.47, 17.17 & 19.15.

Buses to and from Melton can be caught up on the Melton Rd.!

There is no longer any local train service.

Register of Electors 2001.

| | (properties) | (electors) |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Bridegate Lane | 4 | 8 |
| Clawson Lane | 6 | 10 |
| Faulks Lane | 2 | 4 |
| Harles Acres | 25 | 53 |
| Long Lane | 6 | 13 |
| Main Street | 77 | 152 |
| Marsh's Paddock | 4 | 8 |
| Mill Lane | 7 | 14 |
| The Green | 10 | 16 |



On a Cold Saturday Afternoon...

This is a very informal survey (from the roadside) of the things we have at the turn of the Millennium. These figures are by no means complete, but they give a snap-shot of the village!

- Well over $\frac{3}{4}$ of all houses have t.v aerials, some have two or three each. At least two houses have elaborate radio aerials/masts and only about six houses are currently displaying (to the casual observer anyway...) satellite dishes. Unfortunately, there are no outward signs of the number of televisions attached to these aerials (although national statistics, indicate there are up to five or six in some households...). Neither is there any evidence of the slow invasion of the home computer which has accelerated dramatically during the late 1990's.

This snap-shot picture showed that we are fairly practical about our cars in Hickling - holding on to them as a rule! Only two caravans were spotted, several horse boxes/lorries and, inevitably, plenty of tractors as well as 4-wheel drives, including traditional Land Rovers. Most houses showed evidence of cars although we can't tell you about those hidden away in garages or away on a Saturday afternoon jaunt! A good proportion of houses (around half?) had two or more cars and there were about six vans clearly associated with local businesses. The following list is a summary of the cars against registration letters:

Y, 1 X, 4 W, 7 V, 8 T, 4 S, 11 R, 5 P, 6 N, 4 M, 5
L, 8 K, 6 J, 4 H, 3 G, 6 F, 7 E, 4 D, 2 C, 1

Personalised, 5 old X, 2 (note licence letters changed annually until "T" when it changed to six monthly - August and March. The letter "W" began in March 2000.

and also against makes (although not models!):

| | | | | |
|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ford 22 | Peugeot 15 | Volkswagon 9 | Volvo 8 | Vauxhall 7 |
| Honda 6 | BMW 5 | Rover 5 | Land Rover 5 | Mercedes 5 |
| Nissan 4 | Citroen 3 | Renault 3 | Daewoo 1 | Alfa Romeo 1 |
| Fiat 1 | Isuzu 1 | | | |

It has to be said that the speed of cars and lorries travelling through Hickling is an increasing concern for villagers although we are still fortunate that our roads are relatively quiet.



This intriguing stone outside the Old Chapel on the corner of Bridegate Lane has been a fascination to generations of children - essential for climbing on and jumping off! What it is and why it is there is less clear. Legend has it that the devil was foiled (by God) in an attempt to throw the boulder on to the Church Tower. The Methodists took up his challenge by building the Chapel next to it. Other possibilities are more prosaic - that it is in fact a mounting block. (In a really prosaic postscript we find that it is, in fact, a boulder left behind by moving glaciers—one of several in the area!)

The Scarborough Family. **Lilac Cottage, Bridegate Lane, Hickling.**

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| John Scarborough | 37 years old (2/10/61) |
| Emma Scarborough | 30 years old (7/10/68) |
| Kate Scarborough | baby (11/11/98) |

The first time I drove through Hickling, five years ago, I immediately knew it was where I wanted to live. Having come from an agricultural background and grown up in a village with a strong farming tradition in Worcestershire, I was determined to move out of Nottingham. After persuading my city-born fiancé that he would love village life, we finally moved here about four years ago.

John is originally from Doncaster, South Yorkshire and after graduating from Nottingham University, he now works as an IT consultant for Boots Retail International. Following the birth of our first child, Kate (11/11/98), I have returned to work part-time for Boots the Chemist as a project manager.

We have been married for 3 years and we both share a love of gardening, sport and wine. John plays tennis each week and we both go running and swimming on a weekly basis. I have also been trying to master (with little success) the seemingly complex art of upholstery - further night classes and hours of practice seem inevitable. John is the chairman of the Hickling Millennium Committee.

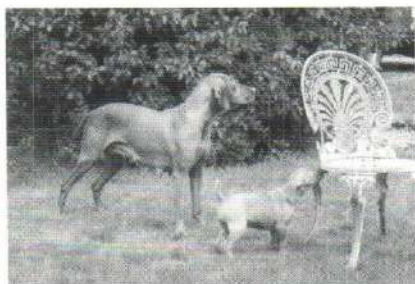
The Cox/Gould Family **Greenways, Bridegate Lane, Hickling.**

Phillip (Martin) Cox was born on 15 July 1965 in Bloxwich and Anna (Kristina) Gould was born on 17th November of the same year in Kent. The couple have lived in Greenways on Bridegate Lane since January 1999 and moved to Hickling for its rural character and setting and also its friendly locals! Their daughter Olivia was born on 24th November 2000. Phillip has

relations - Dennis and Sheila Cox - who live in Keyworth.

Phillip is 33 and works as an Energy Advisor and Housing Technician for Charnwood Borough Council. Kristina is a Landscape Architect and works for a local authority Planning Departments Countryside Project. A smallholding of 15 acres and a small flock of pedigree Greyfaced Dartmoor sheep keep them busy during their spare time.

Phillip enjoys rough shooting and gun dog training with his Hungarian Vizlas (Amber and Ruby). Kristina who is half Swedish is a member of the Hickling WI. Together they enjoy walks along the canal and the wonderful views of Hickling Standard from their home.





The Walker Family

Lincoln Lodge, Bridegate Lane, Hickling Pastures.

William Walker born 11/7/32 in Stanley,
Derbyshire

Occupation: Farmer

Anne Walker born 17/4/34 in Brooksby,
Leicestershire

Occupation: Farmer's Wife

The Walker Family have lived at Lincoln Lodge for 55 years and Will and Anne have lived here for 34 of these. Their children attended school in both Hickling and Kinoulton and they have several relations living locally.



Will and Anne have 4 children and 9 grandchildren;

Carol, married to Paul with 2 children - Charles and Alexandra

Tony, married to Stella with 3 children - George, Adam and Matthew

Christopher, married to Rachel with 2 children - Samuel and Oliver

Richard, married to Louise with 2 children - Emily and Annabel

Will and Anne have seen many changes on Bridegate Lane including the lane being widened from 12 ft to 20 ft and traffic speeds increased from 30 to 80 MPH!

The Richardson Family

Linford, Bridegate Lane, Hickling.

Ian and Christine Richardson have lived at Linford since April 1981. Ian was born in Long Clawson on 26th June 1949 and has been a Process Worker at Pedigree Petfoods for 25 years. Christine was born on 13th October 1950 and works at the Defence Animal Centre in Melton Mowbray.

The Richardsons have three children, the eldest of whom, Clare, now lives in Swindon. Adam Richardson was born on 11th April 1980 and after attending Kinoulton and South Wolds schools has worked as a trainee agricultural engineer. Adam hopes to go into the vehicle graphics and signage business. Sophie Richardson was born on 13th December 1981 and has also been a pupil at Kinoulton and South Wolds. Currently attending Melton Mowbray College, Sophie also works at the Egg Farm and has done so for the last 4 ½ years.

The Richardson family have many connections with the village, not the least of which is their house.

Christine's parents, Eric and Mabel Chaplin (nee Wilford) moved into the house in 1943 and used the last parts of their respective surnames to name the house - Linford. Following the death of Christine's mother the Richardsons moved in with Mr Chaplin and had the house altered to accommodate the larger family.



Christine has an aunt, Mrs Bella Marriot, of Long Lane in the village, and a cousin Mrs Jean Woolley of Barland Fields. Ian also has an aunt, Mrs Margaret Richardson of Main Street.





The Kirk Family
Chestnut Cottage, Melton Rd.
Hickling Pastures.

The Kirk family, all born in Nottingham, bought Chestnut Cottage 6 years ago because they wanted the family to be brought up in the country.

Everett born in February 1947 is a Sales Manager. Jane, born in September 1959, is a dental nurse, and their three daughters attend Kinoulton Primary School, South Wolds and Loughborough High School. Emma was born in October 1985, Rebecca in October 1987 and Sophie in February 1989. They also have a dog called Daisy.



The McIntosh Family
Little Acre, Melton rd. Hickling Pastures.

The McIntosh family have lived in their rebuilt house since November 1997 having bought the original property in 1992. Stephen James



McIntosh was born on April 6th 1961 in Finchley, London and is a haulier. Sue Jane McIntosh was born on March 11th 1960 in Sherwood, Nottingham and is described on the return as a partner in Business and 'Domestic Technician'.

Young Kate was born in Hickling Pastures on August 6th 1995 and is a pupil of



Kinoulton Primary School. Despite being born in London, Stephen was brought up in Hickling and Tollerton and the family wanted to live on this side of Nottingham so they bought Little Acre.



A Life in the Day of Hickling.

The village begins to wake up at around 5am as the Faulks yard begins to rev up for business and farmers around the village begin their day.

From about 7am cows begin to disperse around the village (by road or through the fields) - Parkes' to the north along Mill Lane, south along Clawson Lane or occasionally along the canal side, Collishaw's head north on to the Standard or along Bridegate Lane whilst the Robinson's head east towards Nether Broughton and Walker's along Bridegate Lane. By 7.30am the commuters are beginning to start moving, both from the village but also through - particularly from the direction of Long Clawson. Horses begin to emerge for exercise (coming and going all day from now on).

At 8am the first of the school buses comes through taking pupils to Loughborough High School. Just before 8.30am pupils for South Wolds, in Keyworth, wait for the bus at the end of Mill Lane and Bridegate Lane (top and bottom). The Kinoulton Primary School bus comes through at about 8.40am and cars are seen on their way to Colston Basset Primary School at the same time. Phil, the milkman, (dare we call him Phil ('fill') the Bottle?) works his way round the village, often at a run, whilst he trains for his charity marathon-running.

By 9.30am John Walker is to be seen, with dog and bike, heading towards the canal whilst John Collishaw is to be seen heading in the other direction with bike, dogs and his breakfast milk churn! Mr Senior is on his way down to the canal to feed the ducks and swans and on Tuesdays and Fridays the Bailey's butcher's delivery van (from Upper Broughton) is beginning its tour of the village (followed later in the morning, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, by Richard's from Long Clawson). Playgroup starts at the Village Hall at 9.30am every week day morning (rising-5s only on a Wednesday) and cars head in from Kinoulton with walkers and pushchairs (depending on the weather...) from all parts of the village. This bit moves in reverse at 12 noon as the 3 - 5 year olds all head home!

By now Steve, the postman, has begun his deliveries, starting at the Broughton end of the village and working his way down towards the Kinoulton end where he finishes by about mid-day. Steve takes his van down the village, dividing the route into sections (large or small depending on the weather!) and can be seen at various times jogging or chatting and in various weather proof costumes including all over cover and a very fetching pair of Royal Mail shorts!

During the winter, mid-morning on a Monday sees the Hunt meeting on Bridegate Lane. They return (depending on their luck) by mid-afternoon, but they range through out the surrounding villages in between. Mid-morning on Sundays (every other week) finds the bell ringers calling us all to Church and by 11am the Holy Communion or Family Service has begun - alternating with Evensong for the other weeks. On Mondays, during term-time, the Toddler Group meets for play and chat in the Village Hall on Monday afternoons. The weekends also bring Football (by the canal on Sundays) and Cricket (on Bridegate Lane) to the village as well as fishermen and walkers attracted to the canal area.

By mid day the Long Clawson Dairy tanker has arrived to take the milk away and the village streets are largely left to the tractors.

Just before 4pm the school buses (and cars) start to return, Kinoulton Primary School bus then the Colston Basset cars, then the Southwolds bus followed by Loughborough High School at about 5pm. Mrs Parkes sets off, mid-afternoon, to deliver the Evening Post newspapers around the village and afternoon milking begins. By 5pm the commuters begin to return.

The evening brings various activities, bellringing, choir practice, Women's Institute, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Beavers (these last three in Kinoulton), Streetwise (once-a-month youth club), Keep Fit as well as meetings for the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Village Hall Committee, Country Fair Committee, Save the Children Fund, Millennium Committee, Newsletter (Hickling Standard) Committee and Neighbourhood Watch - and The Plough starts to get busy!

In spite of this long list the evenings are very quiet (especially once it's dark). Cars are rare, especially as it gets later and the foxes, bats and owls take over control for the rest of the night. As darkness falls the ducks, swans, coots and moorhens tuck their heads under their wings and find somewhere safe to roost. Nothing compares to the silence and darkness of night time in Hickling - bright, cold stars in winter (no light pollution here) and the hoot or screech of owls, the occasional cry of a pheasant or hare surprised in the darkness, the primeval sound of the foxes in late winter, the occasional mooing or bellowing of cows in the sheds, the snuffling and rustling of the cows out in the fields during the summer and the regular heart-beat of the Church clock chiming the quarter hours.