

### 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 Bassett 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 Bassett 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), Streetwize (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.



Eva Parkes



Steve, the village's new postman.



Gill Saynor of Hortor's Nurseries



John Walker hedge-laying along the canal.



Rosemary Cadogan-Rawlinson with her sheep at the Nativity Service.



John Collishaw and his dogs



Bob Naismith



Gordon Senior



## Chris and Heidi Unwin

Vale House, Main Street, Hickling.

Heidi and Chris have lived in Hickling since October 1998 and chose the village because they wanted to live somewhere quiet and peaceful without being too remote. Heidi was born in Keyworth in January 1965 and Chris who is an engineer was born in Kimberley in April 1968 where his parents still live. Heidi's parents live in Bingham.

They have 2 children. Holly, born in Keyworth in 1995



goes to the  
village  
Playgroup 3  
times each



week and Trent Fields Kindergarten 2 days, and Joe, born in West Bridgford in 1997 attends Adbolton Kindergarten 2 days a week.

Heidi owns a hairdressing business in Keyworth where she works part-time. She is a keen runner and can often be seen running around the local country lanes. Chris's spare time is normally spent rowing on the River Trent or Holme Pierrepont National

Water Sports Centre. Having spent many years in the sport he has attained some success at Henley Royal Regatta, and many events in Europe and North America. He has been busy redecorating since moving into Vale House.

## Keith and Hazel Wadkin

Main Street, Hickling.

Both the Wadkins were born and bred in Hickling. Keith was born on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1935 and Hazel on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1936. Keith is a tree specialist and Hazel is a housewife.

The couple have lived in their house for 40 years and have two children - Fiona who lives in East Leake and Patrick who lives in Hickling with his wife Claire. The two children attended Kinoulton, Keyworth, Melton and Basford schools. Regarding other relatives, Keith has 3 cousins in Hickling, 1 in Upper Broughton and other relations in Hose. Hazel has cousins in Upper Broughton, Nether Broughton, Long Clawson and Hose.

Keith's mother was born in Hickling in 1908 and lived in Hickling all her life, living in no less than six different houses. Keith's father came to the village in 1928.

Hazel's parents came to live in Sulney Cottage (next to Church Gates) on their marriage in 1936. Hazel's father came from Hose and her mother from a lodge in Upper Broughton.

On the day of her wedding, Hazel's mother milked the cows for the last time, went to church and was married then moved straight into Sulney Cottage, which at that time belonged to Aunt Lil Copley.

Hazel, Keith and Keith's mother all attended Hickling School. Hazel is also well known in the village for her unique collection of local history material from which she has produced two books about Hickling.



## The Hetherington Family

Yew Tree House, Main Street, Hickling.

Scott Hetherington

born 12/1/63 in Purton, Wiltshire

Cathy Hetherington

born 28/8/67 in Merton, London

Occupation: Housewife/'Domestic Engineer,' on a career break from Boots (Supply and Operations Manager) until 2003.

Alysha Hetherington

born 18/4/98 in Nottingham

Occupation: cute toddler!

Jamie Hetherington

born 13/4/00 in Nottingham - cute baby!



Scott and Cathy have lived at Yew Tree House since July 1997 and moved there because "we thought, and still think, it's one of the nicest villages in South Nottinghamshire." Scott has parents who live in nearby Keyworth (although his father sadly died this year). Amongst the 'curiosities' of their house they say that the back of the lounge was once a dairy and there is a well underneath the kitchen floor.

The Year 2000 has been a big year for the Hetheringtons. On 13th April 2000 Jamie entered the world ... and he's been a bundle of joy ever since, which is just as well really as Daddy got a six month secondment in June 2000 to work in Bangkok in the Supply/Logistics area for Boots Retail International, which has subsequently been extended to Spring 2001. If Jamie had been a difficult baby, Cathy/Mummy would have reached for the gin (!)

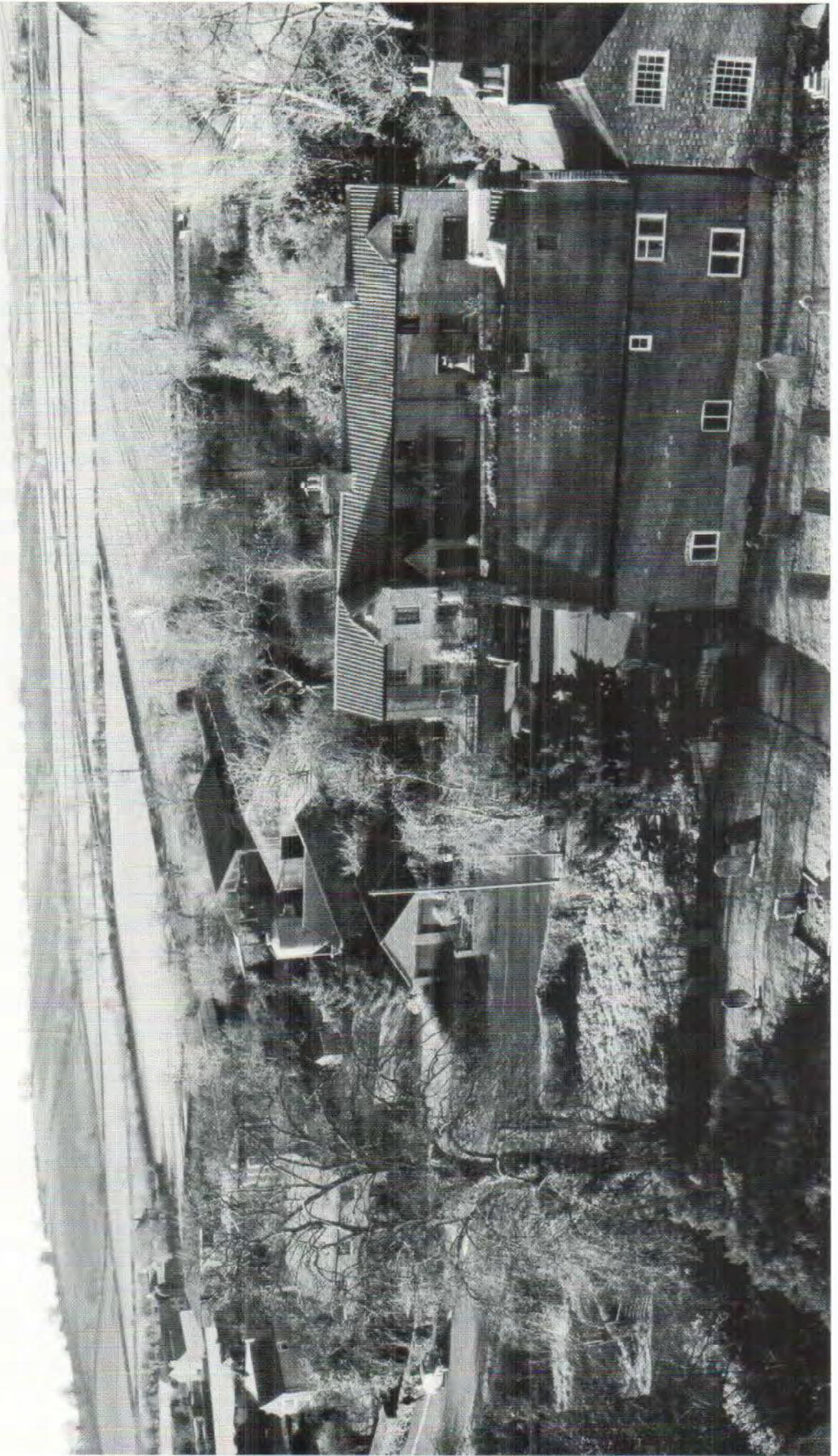
after a few months on her own, but as it is she has survived completely sober due to the fact that he is a little superstar! He adores Alysha, and it has to be said that she worships him too. Every time Scott/Daddy comes home he sees more and more changes with both children and we are looking forward to having him home for Christmas and for good!



Alysha started at Hickling Preschool during November 2000 (after having a short though successful period of 'potty training' in the Summer) and she seems to be really enjoying it - Cathy too is enjoying her 2 mornings a week of 'freedom'.

2000 was also the year when Cathy decided to participate in more village activities than previously, becoming a member of the PCC during the Summer months as well as an impromptu member of the Church Choir (with performances of "the Crucifixion" at Easter and "The Messiah" at Christmas), becoming a co-organiser of the Mother and Toddler Group held weekly in the Village Hall and even more recently she has joined the newly-formed Hickling Drama Group/Dramatic Society, though whether the latter is a good idea or not remains to be seen—Jack and the Beanstalk is being performed in February 2001.







## The Collishaw Family

### Water Lane Farm, Main Street, Hickling.



in 1995.

George Robert (Bob) Collishaw (born 1923) has lived at Water Lane Farm all his life and was married over 50 years ago to Mary (born 1924). Originally, they shared the house with Bob's parents until they (the

It would be fair to say that the Collishaws are one of the oldest families in the village, having lived and worked in the village since records began in 1640.

The present house was built in 1868 by William Collishaw with the original farmhouse being demolished some years later. The foundations of the original house are in the front orchard, next to Glebe Cottage and were unearthed and seen

when the village drainage scheme went through



#### Water Lane Farm Cottage.

This is the home of Richard (born 1958 in Nottingham) and Mary (born 1953 in Kinoulton) Collishaw. Richard and Mary have four children, Lydia (born 1983), Andrea (born 1986), Elizabeth (born 1989) and William (born 1992). Mary was originally a Faulks from Kinoulton and is related to all the other Faulks in the village, and also, by the marriage of her sister Susan, to the Bloors.

Richard is on the Parochial Church Council at St Luke's, winds the Church clock, is interested in family history and made the Millennium village sign.

parents) bought Vale House, Hickling and moved to live there. Bob and Mary have two sons, John and Richard (both living in the village), a daughter, Margaret (who is married to a farmer in Holwell), and eleven grandchildren.

In 1982, Water Lane Farm was converted into two separate dwellings, the second one being occupied by Bob and Mary's son Richard.





## David and Becky Malpas

### Church Gates, Main Street, Hickling.

David and Rebecca have lived at Church Gates for two and a half years and love the unspoilt feel of the village, especially the working farms and the contribution of the cows.



David was born on 27th September 1951 in Canterbury and is the managing director of a computer software company. Rebecca was born on 31st October 1950 in Leicester and is a medical market research interviewer.



Both Becky and David are keen supporters of village events. Becky organises (along with Sue Hebliek from The Green) the annual Hickling Open Garden Day. This is held in July each year and raises funds for charity. Becky is a keen gardener and in the two years she has lived in the village she has transformed the garden at Church

Gates from a wilderness into a superb garden. David's involvement with the village includes being compere at events in the village hall, organising the occasional quiz night and lately acting as the auctioneer to raise money towards the Millennium celebrations. Becky and David are enthusiastic members of the Frisby Players, an amateur dramatics group who perform their plays in the village hall at Frisby-on-the-Wreake, where they lived before moving to Hickling. The couple are eager collectors of antiques and have appeared on a television quiz programme based upon antiques.



The love of their life is Charlie, their Jack Russell dog. His nose can often be seen under the gates welcoming people as they pass by on their way to Church.

## The Frost Family

### Green Gates, Main Street, Hickling.



Paul Frost and Jane Faulks live at Greengates with their two daughters, Amy and Ellena. Paul was born in Newcastle Upon Tyne on 19th January 1962 and is a civil engineer. Jane was born in Melton Hospital on 29th June 1963. Jane is an estimator. The two Frost girls were both born in Nottingham, Amy on 21st March 1996 and Ellena Grace on 7th May 1998.

Jane and Paul have lived at Greengates for nine and a half years and although Jane has always lived in Hickling, Greengates is the house where her maternal

grandparents lived. Jane has other connections in the village - her parents live at Wharf House whilst one brother lives at Wharfside and another lives next door at Honeysuckle Cottage. Jane also has various cousins around the village. Jane and Paul were married on 14th May 1988 at St Luke's but Jane has kept her maiden name. The older parts of Greengates and adjoining Honeysuckle Cottage were built in 1827 as three 'one-up-and-one-down' weavers cottages. At the back were pig sties and cobbled yards. Over the years the back yards were sold off and extensions added, the latest in 1991. Jane and Paul both work in the family business, A E Faulks Ltd in the village.



## From the Parish Registers.

### Baptisms.

**George David Marsh Collishaw** baptised 15th November 1998

**Catherine Sian Hetherington** (adult) and **Alysha Emma Hetherington** (born 18th April 1998) baptised on 18th April 1999.

**Max Davies Thomas** (born 16th November 1998) baptised 16th May 1999.

**Kate Teal Scarborough** (born 11th November 1998) baptised 18th July

**Hollie Ursall** baptised 15th August 1999

**Max Parker** baptised 10th October 1999.

**Charles Frederick George Amos** (born September 1st 1999) baptised 6th February 2000,

**Hannah Jane Digby** baptised 18th June 2000.

**Robyn May Meredith** baptised on 17th September 2000.

**Isabella Louise Pownall** baptised on 17th September 2000.

### Weddings.

**Simon King and Charlotte Elizabeth Tarry** on 14th August.

**Christopher Myles Cartmell and Joanne Woolley** on 12th February.

**John Edward Cadogan-Rawlinson and Victoria Nelson Singleton** on 30th September 2000

**Paul William Clarke and Theresa Anne Daly** on 28th October 2000

### Deaths.

**Mr Robert (Bob) Ellis** died on Monday January 11th 1999 aged 75 years.

(Funeral service at St. Luke's, Hickling followed by Cremation at Wilford Hill, Nottm.)

**Mrs Winifred Dickman** formerly Parr, nee Whittaker, 23rd June 1910 to 4th February 1999.

(Funeral service at St. Luke's, Hickling.)

**Mrs Ruby Hortor** died on the 9th February 1999. (Funeral service at St. Luke's, Hickling.)

**Audrey Ada Spackman** died on 15th April 1999 (Funeral service at St. Luke's, Hickling, 21st April)

**Angela Clayfield.**

**Nigel John Aske** died on 2nd May 1999 (Funeral Service at Wilford Hill, 10th May.)

**William Walter Ross Insley** died on 15th May 1999 (Funeral Service at Wilford Hill, 25th May.)

**Edward (Ted) Henry Atkins** died on 26th May 1999 (Service held in Church on 3rd June.)

**James Allan Aitchison** died on 27th June 1999 (Service held in Church on 5th July.)

**Norman Henry Spackman** died on 22nd July 1999

(Service in Church 28th July followed by burial in the cemetery.)

**Frederick I. Blackwell** died on 18th October (Funeral at Wilford Hill Crematorium)

**John William (Bill) Murden** died on 19th November 1999 (Funeral at Wilford Hill Crematorium)

**Mark Cursham** died on 13th December (Funeral at Wilford Hill Crematorium)

**Winifred Annie Chaplin** died on 30th December 1999 (Funeral Service in Church on 6th January 2000, burial in cemetery.)

**Lucy Margaret Elliott** (aged 90 years) died on 26th June 2000 (Service held on 5th July in Church.)

**Michael John Pears** died on 22nd October 2000 (Funeral Service held 31st October, burial in cemetery)

**Kathleen Iris Pepper** funeral service at Wilford Hill Crematorium on 26th November

**Doris Bella Aitchison** funeral service in Church on 18th December

(entries from Parish Register section of Hickling Standard, our apologies for anyone who may have been missed.)

## And Coming in to the Village....

Ann and Glyn Pilkington at Old Mill Cottage, Main Street

Alison and Vincent Creamer, Cherry Trees, Main Street.

Heidi and Chris Unwin and family, Vale View, Main Street.

Annette Charlton, The Old Chapel, corner of Bridegate Lane,

Mr and Mrs P.J. Harrison and family, Ashwood, Long Lane.

Phil Cox and Kristina Gould, Greenways, Bridegate Lane.

Mr and Mrs Bond and family, 20, Harles Acres.

The MacKenzie Family, April Cottage, Bridegate Lane.

Mr and Mrs Newton and family, Bridegate House.

Cheralynne Todd and Todd McIntyre, The Covert, Main Street.



Graffiti on the Church Door





## Kenneth and Rosemary Cadogan-Rawlinson

### The Old Rectory, Main Street, Hickling.

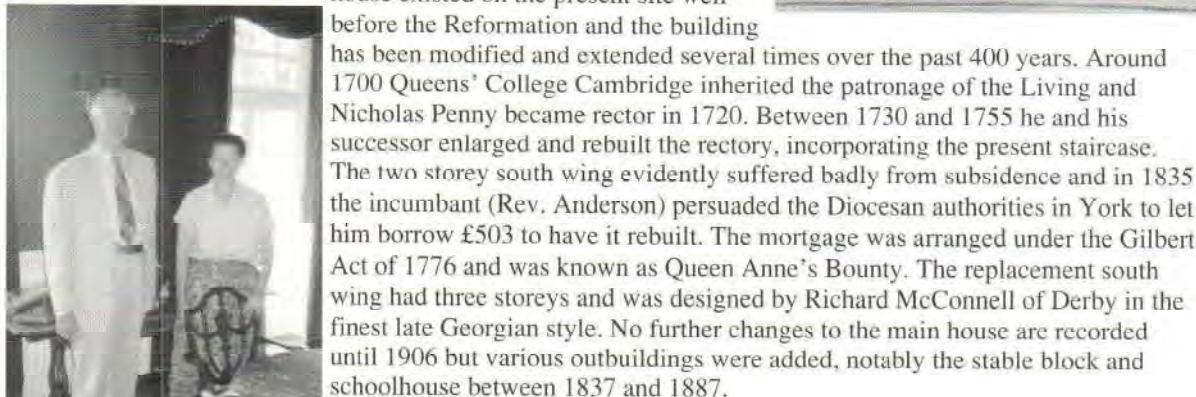
Mr and Mrs Cadogan-Rawlinson bought The Old Rectory in May 1985 when Kenneth, born in Quetta in 1931 and a retired naval officer, started work as Bursar at the A.A. Training Centre, Widmerpool. Rosemary was born in 1935 in London and is a housewife. They have two children who live and work in the south of England.

Kenneth and Rosemary are very much involved in village activities and fund-raising. Kenneth's activities include Neighbourhood Watch, PCC, Village Hall Committee, Newsletter Committee and Millennium Committee. Rosemary was also churchwarden for two years until April 2000.



#### The Old Rectory.

Early records provide few details but it seems likely that a parsonage house existed on the present site well before the Reformation and the building



has been modified and extended several times over the past 400 years. Around 1700 Queens' College Cambridge inherited the patronage of the Living and Nicholas Penny became rector in 1720. Between 1730 and 1755 he and his successor enlarged and rebuilt the rectory, incorporating the present staircase. The two storey south wing evidently suffered badly from subsidence and in 1835 the incumbent (Rev. Anderson) persuaded the Diocesan authorities in York to let him borrow £503 to have it rebuilt. The mortgage was arranged under the Gilbert Act of 1776 and was known as Queen Anne's Bounty. The replacement south wing had three storeys and was designed by Richard McConnell of Derby in the finest late Georgian style. No further changes to the main house are recorded until 1906 but various outbuildings were added, notably the stable block and schoolhouse between 1837 and 1887.

The schoolhouse was used as a classroom for the small private school run by the rector in the late 19th century for the children of clergy whose parents had died or who lived overseas. They were accommodated in the attic bedrooms and the bell that used to call them down for meals is still in place. (During this period an extension to the farm outbuildings was erected for use as a parish meeting room, known locally as the 'Institute'.) In 1905 the Rev. Skelton arranged another loan (some £475) through Queen Anne's Bounty to build a two storey extension on the eastern side of the house. This is now the Dining Room, with the master bedroom above. The structure of the house has not been altered significantly since that date but there have been some changes in the outbuildings and grounds. Between the wars there was a grass tennis court in the orchard field to the north, used regularly by villagers.

In 1979, when the living was combined with Kinoulton, part of the land belonging to the rectory was retained by the Church authorities and the remaining 2½ acres, including the house and some outbuildings was sold in to private ownership. At that time the house was in such poor condition that, had no buyer come forward, action would have been taken to demolish the buildings and replace them with five contemporary dwellings. The main house, stable block and schoolhouse were listed grade II in 1979.

## Sara Barlow

### The Old School House, The Old Rectory, Main Street, Hickling.

Sara, born in St Mary's, Melton Mowbray, in January 1966 and whose original family farm home was in Cropwell Bishop, has lived at The Old School House since January 1997 as she wanted a location equidistant between the AA College where she works as a training consultant and the family home. She finds the Old School House is perfect and provides peace and tranquillity within the wonderful grounds of The Old Rectory. Sara feels that it is unfortunate that pressures of work, and until recently study, have prevented her from partaking in village activities. However after 2 years of living in the village her first social outing was to the





String Quartet evening in aid of the Church. The villagers made her feel most welcome and they didn't bite! She promises not to leave it for another 2 years!

During the latter part of the 19th century, the rector ran a small private boarding school for children whose parents were overseas. The pupils lived on the top floor of the Rectory and did their class work in the school house. The 'School House' was converted in 1992 in to a separate annexe for use as a 'granny flat'.

### **Andrew Terry and Maggy Jordan** Ivy House, Main Street, Hickling.



Ivy House, Main Street, is described by its owners, Andrew Terry (born 6/7/54) and Maggy Jordan (born 5/10/54) as an early barn conversion! The barn was built in around 1780 and the house was added on to the front in c1820 (with the final corner at the back being filled in 1990). Andrew and Maggy have lived at Ivy House for two years together with their two cats (one of whom they describe as being responsible for decimating local wildlife!) They already lived locally before settling at Ivy House and both love watching sport, with Andrew playing tennis, squash, cricket and running regularly and Maggy enjoying patchwork.



### **The Dingle Family** The Wheel House, Main Street, Hickling.

Peter Geoffrey Dingle born 27/6/67 in Sheffield  
Occupation: Strategic Project Manager (Boots)  
Christine Mary Dingle born 11/3/67 in Shropshire  
Occupation: Housewife  
Lucy Eleanor Dingle born 24/3/96 in Shropshire  
Matthew William Dingle born 13/9/97 in Nottingham  
Plus Whistler born 4/3/95 in Cheshire and claimed (starving) from the RSPCA.  
Occupation: Walking and Barking.

The Dingle family moved in to the Wheel House in September 1996. They chose Hickling because Peter's work had moved to Nottingham and Christine (as a farmer's daughter) liked the rural village.



Lucy attends Hickling Playgroup and both Lucy and Matthew attend the Toddler Group. Christine is on the Playgroup Committee and the Hickling Newsletter Committee.

Before living in Hickling Christine had her parent's house for five years when she ran it as a Bed and Breakfast, she has also worked in Switzerland and Australia and in a Garden Centre. At present she is doing an Interior Design course. Peter and Christine met on a skiing holiday. Peter enjoys running, football, cricket and golf. Before moving to Hickling they lived in Cheshire. The Wheelhouse was split into two when they bought it and has now been restored to just one house. They have also opened up the old well in the garden. The garage had been a hair dressing salon but is now just an empty shop—with potential!

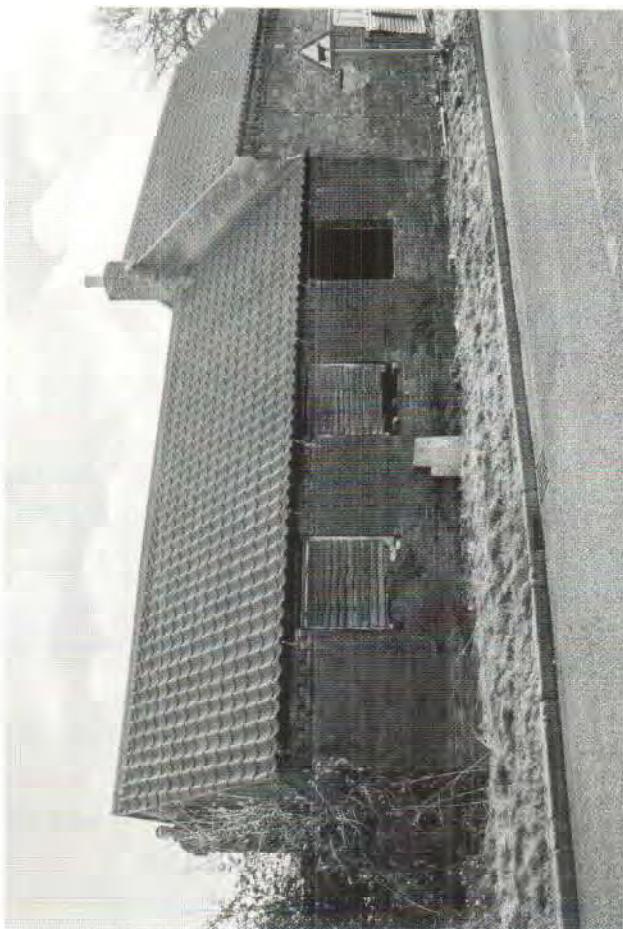
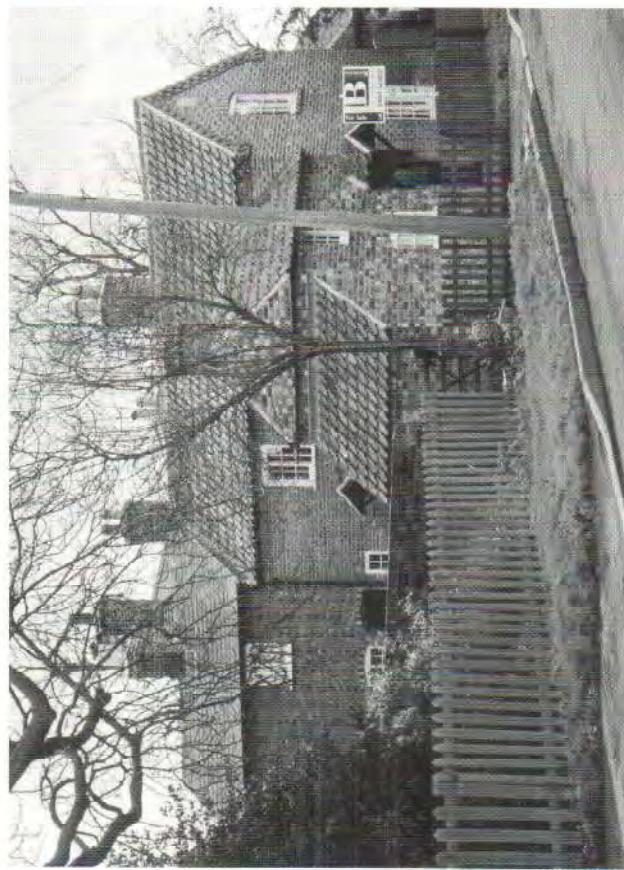


The Wheelhouse has had a long and varied past including being one of Hickling's many public houses in the last century.









The Changing  
face of  
Hickling.

Jessamine  
Cottage before  
and after  
restoration  
and  
Glebe Farm at  
the start of  
restoration





## Brendan and Dorothy Clarke

### The Cottage, Mill Lane, Hickling.

Brendan was born in Newton Burgoland and is an Architect. Dorothy hails from Chesterfield and is a Speech and Language Therapist. The Clarkes have three children;

Matthew was born on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1969 in Nottingham and works as a Builder now living in Borrowden.

Lucy was born on 24<sup>th</sup> February 1972 in Northampton and lives in London where she is a Property Manager.

Tessa was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1974 in Melton Mowbray and works as a Clinical Research Associate in Nottingham where she now lives.



The three Clarke children attended Kinoulton School and South Wolds Comprehensive and Lucy studied at London University while Tessa studied at Nottingham University. The Clarkes moved to Hickling 26 years ago for Brendan to take a new job at Architects Design Group.



## The Smith Family

### Carneal Cottage, Main Street, Hickling.

Mike and Liz Smith live at Carneal Cottage with their children, Andrew and Jenny. Mike is a solicitor in Nottingham and Liz is a Chartered Physiotherapist, running a practice from home. Andrew is now at University and Jenny is at school in Loughborough. The Smiths have lived in Hickling for almost 20 years.

The house used to be a smallholding but the land was sold off before they arrived. "The house name comes from a farm in Ireland where my mother grew up – it was built on an area known as Neals Cairn – and



## Bob and Barbara Herd

### Little Orchard, Mill Lane, Hickling.

Bob and Barbara Herd live at Little Orchard in Mill Lane. Both are retired, Bob from the Telecommunications Industry and Barbara from the Civil Service. Barbara was born in Hickling and most of her 70 years have been spent here. Bob (71) originated in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire and met Barbara at Old Dalby where he was stationed doing National Service.

Barbara's parents lived at Ivy House, Main Street, and her father, Harold Cox, was the local blacksmith for many years working from the forge which is now a bungalow in Main Street. Her grandfather, Ernest Cox,





was a butcher in the village and her great grandfather, Arthur Price, was landlord of "The Plough" for several years.

Little Orchard was built in 1966 on land which was once Barbara's parents' smallholding, the orchard having been planted in 1940. The house was built by Barbara's uncle Albert Holroyd of Melton Mowbray.

Their children, Heather and Alan were brought up here and attended Hickling School until it closed in 1968, and then went to Kinoulton. Later they moved on to

Rushcliffe and Keyworth Comprehensive Schools respectively. Alan has recently built a house on their vegetable plot where he lives with his wife and two children. Heather moved away in 1986 and now lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire with her husband and two children.

Bob and Barbara are very keen gardeners, opening their garden in the "open gardens" scheme each year. Barbara is also a keen flower arranger and helps with the church flowers. In their more youthful years, they played tennis and badminton locally but now keep fit by playing bowls, outdoors in Keyworth and indoors in the winter in Melton Mowbray.



### **The Herd Family**

**Russett House, Mill Lane, Hickling.**



The Herds moved in to their house after designing and building it from scratch in December 1996. The building had only begun in October 1995.

Alan was born in Nottingham on 13th March 1960 and is a director of Original Joinery. Christine was born in Burton-on-

Trent on 6th November 1962 and is a Playgroup assistant at Hickling Playgroup. The Herds have two children and two pets! Ben was born at the QMC in Nottingham on 13th September 1991 and his sister Eleanor was also born at the QMC on 3rd July 1994. Both children attend Kinoulton



Primary School

and Ben is a Cub - Christine helps on the Scout Group Committee. Pepsi, the cat was born in Old Dalby in July 1993 and is a dedicated mouser. Pebbles, the dog comes from Mansfield and was born in July 1997. Pebbles is described as a gardener with a specialisation in plant removal.



Alan's parents live next door in Little Orchard and Alan's sister now lives just outside Ely in Cambridgeshire with her husband Martin and their two daughters, Laura and Eve.





## The Fraser Family

2, Mill Lane Cottages, Mill Lane, Hickling.

### Mark Stuart Fraser

Born 7/2/63 in East Bridgford, Notts.

Occupation: Self-employed Financial Advisor (Member J. Rothschild Partnership)

### Jane Elizabeth Fraser (nee Blackmore)

Born 7/6/64 in Misterton, Notts.

Occupation: Housewife and Part-time English Teacher  
(with a former life as an academic bookseller with Blackwells at Nottingham University, Jane re-trained as a teacher after Katie was born.)

### Elizabeth Sarah Fraser (Lizzie)

Born 17/1/96 (Nottingham, Queens Medical Centre)

### Katharine Jane Fraser (Katie)

Born 12/8/97 (Nottingham, Queens Medical Centre)



Jane and Mark moved in to Mill Lane in August 1990. They had both grown up in rural villages (Mark in East

Bridgford and Jane in Scarrington and then Whatton-in-the-Vale where their fathers were the local GP and vicar respectively). After marrying in 1986 they lived in Ruddington for 4 years before returning to the countryside (with relief!) in Hickling. After many months of touring the Vale of Belvoir on house-hunting trips they were continually attracted back to Hickling - and so far have no regrets!! Both Mark and Jane still have family living in the Vale although the Frasers were originally from Scotland and the Blackmore's from Sussex and Stamford.

Both Lizzie and Katie attend Hickling Playgroup and Toddler Group as well as the Sunday Club and a toddlers dance class in the Village Hall. Lizzie will start school in Colston Bassett in January 2001. Mark and Jane began the Village Open Gardens scheme some years ago and still take part each year. Jane is on the PCC and the Village Newsletter Committee as well as helping with the Millennium organisation. Mark is a very keen gardener and golfer (5 handicap) and has assisted with the Millennium Tractor Run Event.

Mill Lane Cottages were probably built in about 1850 (possibly by Joseph Starbuck, a sailor who may have made money on his travels to build them as an investment for his old age!). Originally built as 4 cottages plus toilet block they are now 2 cottages (and hopefully turning in to just one in 2001 as the Frasers spread in to next door...). In 1887 they were bought by an old village family - the Munks and they stayed with them until the 1960s (it was the Munks family who converted them into 2 cottages). Members of the Herrick family have also lived here in the past. We are fortunate to be the last house on Mill Lane with lovely views across the Standard and with fields and the canal behind us.





## Vincent and Alison Creamer

Cherry Trees, Main Street, Hickling.

**Vincent Creamer** born 17/3/58, Preston, Lancs  
Occupation: Procurement Manager

**Alison Creamer** born 14/2/58, Newark, Notts

Occupation: Development Manager

Relative newcomers to the village, Alison and Vincent Creamer moved into Cherry Trees on Main Street in October 1998.

They chose Hickling because of its beautiful location and unspoilt

character as a working village. The location suits them well, giving lots of opportunities to walk out or cycle and wind down after a hard day's work in Nottingham.



They are both active and a lot of their spare time is spent decorating and refurbishing the house and garden.

For leisure, Alison is a keen watercolour painter and Vincent is learning the art of fly fishing. He can often be spotted practising fly casting in the canal basin, although sadly it contains no trout!

## Glyn and Ann Pilkington

Old Mill Cottage, Main Street,  
Hickling.

### Glyn Pilkington

Born in Moseley, Birmingham  
Local Government Officer

### Ann Pilkington

Born in Catherine-de-Barlis, Solihull  
Local Government Officer.

Glyn and Ann have lived at the Old Mill Cottage



since August 1998 and say that they had wanted to move from urban West Bridgford and fell in love with the cottage and with Hickling.

Glyn is a former Scout Leader and now helps with the 1st Kinoulton Scouts and Ann attends Keep Fit at the Village Hall in Hickling.

One "curiosity" about the cottage is that the deeds state that owners have the right to use the well in the Faulks' garden—except the well has now been filled in!





## The Sharp Family

Canal View, Main Street,  
Hickling.

Canal View is home to the Sharp family. Russell Sharp (born 16/4/44 in Willoughby) is a Medical Engineer and his wife, Pat (born 2/10/48 in Nottingham) is an Administration Assistant. They have two sons, Martin (born 23/5/76 in Hickling), a Pharmaceutical Engineer and Paul (born 26/1/79 in Hickling) an Agricultural Engineer.



## Terry and Mary Faulks, Wharfside, Main Street, Hickling.

Terry (born 1/4/65) and Mary (born 26/11/64) Faulks live at Wharfside on Main Street with children. Thomas (born 3/3/92) and Charlotte (born 24/12/97).

Wharfside was converted in April 1992 from original barns built in 1881. A brick inscribed with the builders initials and date is to be placed in the garages which are to be placed on the site.



They came to Hickling originally in 1969, purchasing a derelict cottage at 1, Mill Lane Cottages for restoration. They moved to Canal View twelve and a half years ago.

Annexed to Canal View is a row of three cottages. These were originally very small 'one-up-one-down' dwellings with shared outside toilets across the garden. They were last lived in in the 1930s.



Terry has lived in Hickling all his life and his mother, father, brother, sister and brother-in-law and cousins all live here!

Terry is a director of the family plant hire company and Mary is a civil servant with the Inland Revenue. They were married on 17/7/99.



## Ted and Doreen Faulks

Wharf House Farm, Main Street, Hickling.

Ted was born Albert Edward on 4th May 1926 in Hickling and has lived here ever since (not many of those!). Now retired, Ted worked as a farmer and Plant Operator. Doreen Joan came to Hickling in 1956 when the couple married. She was born in New Basford, Nottingham on 11th December 1933.

Their children, who are still local, all attended Hickling School, Kinoulton Primary School and South Wolds





Secondary School. Ted and Doreen have many relatives living in Hickling and the surrounding villages. They have lived in this house since their marriage 43 years ago. Wharf House has a history associated with the canal basin. The small ivy covered brick building beside the road was the weigh office for loads coming off the barges that used the canal. The typical loads were coal, stone and bricks etc.



During the 1939-45 war a hand operated petrol pump was installed beside the Weigh Office (no longer in use by then). The pump is no longer in use either. The original crew yard, stables, cow shed and barns are now gardens, garages and a bungalow (Wharfside). Some neighbours around Wharf House still have an inclusion in their deeds allowing "use of well at Wharf House Farm."

### Andy Baker Rosedene, Main Street, Hickling.

A cottage as old as Rosedene must have an interesting history, unfortunately I know little about it. I do have papers dating back to 1804 but I suspect the property is a little older than that. I will get around to researching it properly one day, but, with the speed of developments here, that may not be just yet.

So, when John Walker of The Elms Farm turned up recently I was delighted to hear a few of his memories of the house. John was born here, at that time it was a 'three up, three down' farmhouse with a number of fields at the rear as part of the property. John remembers the kitchen and front room - now knocked into one lounge - and the 'best' room which I now call 'the snug' - my favourite



room. Where the kitchen is now John recalls an outhouse containing the copper for the Monday wash and behind that the pig sty - 'as everyone had a pig in those days'. Immediately behind the cottage is an orchard although not part of the property now. Sadly, the trees are living out their years as gnarled and torn apart specimens producing a motley harvest of apples and pears. However, it does provide a haven for a multitude of birds and at night an owl calls from the trees. John recalls picnics in the orchard and in the Spring one of the trees had a twenty foot circle of daffodils to carpet the ground - they're still there.

The cottage has been extensively renovated over the last 20 years with the addition of a kitchen at the back and a living room and bedroom at the side. Inside, I think, the doors are mostly original and the stairs may be but, unfortunately, not much else.

Motivated by the annual Open gardens I entered into a three year plan to bring about my own style of cottage garden. It's not looking bad but with the absence of a plan and a dependence on other people's cast-off plants it's just been extended to a five year project!

Why not try the Hickling Cup, invented, or concocted, at Rosedene. In a wine glass pour a small measure of Sloe Gin, then top up with a chilled dry white wine. An excellent Summer drink. Also known as 'the Hiccup' - I wonder why?





## Thomas and Peggy Herrick

Bridge View House, Main Street,  
Hickling.

Thomas was born in Kinoulton on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1922 and is a retired farmer.

Peggy was born in Stanley, Derbyshire on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1930 and the couple have lived at Bridge View for 43 years.

The Herricks were living with inlaws when first married and when Bridge View came up for sale the pair thought that it would do for a little while as the land that Thomas

was farming was up on the Fosse (A46). Since then their son has built a house on the farm and Thomas and Peggy have stayed at Bridge View.

There are several relations in the area, including brothers who are still farming and married children around the area.

The Herrick children attended Hickling, Kinoulton and West Bridgford schools.

Peggy is an active member of the Women's Institute.

Bridge View was built in 1803 as a public house by Shipstones for the trade from the canal which had just been completed.



## Stephen and Christine Turner

Bridge Farm, Main Street, Hickling.

Stephen Clive Turner and the Revd. Christine Turner have:

- 4 children
- 8 grandchildren
- 2 great grandchildren
- 3 horses
- 3 dalmatian dogs
- 1 cat (very good at catching mice)

and they love foreign holidays!

### Stephen (Steve);

Head Boy Leeds Parish Church Choir 1949-52

National Service RAF (including Kenya) 1955-7

Joined BBC Television in 1958 starting in sound and working through cameras, floor managing, vision mixing to Directing and Producing.

Directed feature film with the Beach Boys in Australia.

Won the Melody Maker Award for the Best Music TV Show.

Formed own Production Company, Take One Productions with Christine as

Production Assistant. Ran Bridge Farm Nurseries for 11 years whilst also directing.

Currently directing the news with Carlton TV in Nottingham and Birmingham.

### Christine;

Former World Championship dancer and captain of Frank and Peggy Spencer's Latin American Formation





Team.

Head of Production Assistants  
Central TV (now Carlton).

Ordained Deacon 1994 and  
licensed to Hickling, Kinoulton  
and Upper Broughton during the  
interregnum.

Chaplain at Queen's Medical  
Centre for 6 years.

Associate Priest, Cotgrave 1997-  
9. Currently Priest in charge of  
the 3Ws (Willoughby,  
Widmerpool and Wysall).



### **Geoff and Joan Kargl**

Willow Tree Cottage, Main Street,  
Hickling.

Mr and Mrs Kargl have lived in Hickling for 27 years because they found the perfect house in a village. They think Hickling is a beautiful place to live and would not like to live anywhere else. Their garden



they made from a paddock, and the pond which had been filled in years ago was excavated. They have been told that a horse drowned in this pond but do not know if this is true. They find the walks around Hickling are superb, and cycling along the canal path a bonus. They wish to live in Hickling for ever.

Geoff was born in Prague in September 1925, and Joan in Margate in 1933. They are both retired.



the Colston Bassett Church of England Primary School.

Sarah is a Sister in children's accident and emergency and leader of the 1st Kinoulton Brownies. Paul is a Pork Pie and Sausage maker (Elizabeth King).

Sarah's father, Dennis Wood, was born in Cotgrave and still lives there. Other relatives live locally in Barnstone, Kinoulton and Cropwell Butler.

### **The Hartland Family**

Fern Bank, Main Street, Hickling.

Fern Bank has been home to Sarah (25/12/61) and Paul (16/10/54) Hartland since they married in 1984. They purchased the house in the previous year and carried out restoration and modernisation before moving in. The family have three children, Jessica (20/9/89), Claire (24/5/91) and Joseph (23/8/96) who go to school at





## Mrs Margaret Richardson

### Rosegarth, Main Street, Hickling.

Mrs Margaret Richardson has more or less lived in this house since the day she was born there on 16th March 1916. Since spending a short time away from it she has lived in Rosegarth for 34 years, having inherited the house from her parents. Margaret's parents were Vince and Adelizer Walker who had three children - Shelton, John and Margaret. Sadly, John and Shelton are both deceased.

After marrying Edgar Gerard (Dick) Richardson, the couple moved from Hickling to Upper Broughton, later returning to live in the house next to The Plough Inn. Margaret and Dick had two children, Geoffrey and Mary.



The couple moved in to Rosegarth following the passing away of Mrs Richardson's parents. Dick was a farm worker who also enjoyed playing cricket for Hickling CC. Dick died in 1967.

Margaret has always been a very well loved and liked part of the community and is very popular with all of the villagers. She has always led an active life, singing in the chapel choir until it closed down and afterwards for Hose WI. Margaret was also a dinner lady for both Hickling and Kinoulton schools before going on to work at the egg farm as a picker where she worked until her retirement aged 60.

Mrs Richardson now spends her time looking after 'Rosie', her dog and keeping up with her family which includes three grandchildren, Andrew, Claire and Richard and two great grandchildren, Joshua and Jordan.

## The Parker Family. Kinoulton Grange, Hickling.



Our property has been a family farm for over 50 years when James's father, Philip, first took it over. It is predominantly an arable and poultry farm with some livestock. Our house was built at the turn of the last century and has



been our home for the last 8 years. James was born here, one of four boys and we now have three sons, Michael who is 8, Charlie who is 7 and Max who is 21 months.





# The Hickling Millennium Celebrations.

## The Millennium Eve Party.

For those of you who could not make the first and probably the last Hickling Millennium party, you missed a great night!

Festivities began with a packed Church congregation followed by a candle procession through the village. By 8.30pm the evening was in full swing with the Village Hall beginning to fill up and tables and chairs starting to become few and far between. Chris White plied the throng with a steady stream of music through the decades and the Village Hall bar had not seen such business for a very long time.

9.30 pm and the Village Hall was beginning to look uncomfortably full (given that we still had two hours until midnight) and to be honest the awning on the front of the hall (kindly donated by Parkers for the evening) was beginning to be pressed in to service. It is good to know that pass the parcel can still hold children's attention for a few minutes, especially when every stop of the parcel brings a prize, and even Dads seemed interested in a Cadbury's crème egg, post-Christmas diet or not!

The braziers on the road outside the hall were by now beginning to blaze in all their glory and truly added to the atmosphere of the whole event, providing an eerie, misty haze down Main Street. As 10 pm approached Richard Collishaw made a bee-line for the lighting of our beacon on the Standard. This beacon was our part in the national chain which culminated in the Queen lighting a 'Wall of Fire' along the Thames in London. Our beacon was alight in seconds and warming the throng who had gathered atop the Standard. Worries about poor attendance proved unfounded as about 60 people braved the cold and the wet for the lighting and several more made their way up by 10.30 pm to dry out next to the heat.

By 11.30 pm the hall was packed again and whilst the majority set themselves up for midnight in the hall, quite a number of families decided to spend the last minutes of the millennium on the Standard or in a quiet spot in the village, listening to the bell-ringers ringing in the New Year and taking in the phenomenal array of fireworks that it seemed the whole world had purchased for the event. (The booming of fireworks from all around—Nottingham, Leicester, Melton etc. sounded just like the blitz re-visited, impressive but also quite frightening, awesome and humbling.)

Midnight in the Village Hall passed with a bang, courtesy of the balloons Will Walker had strung up and the piles of party poppers that came out of everyone's pockets. Great celebrations were had by all and the champagne flowed everywhere. The food in the Hall was still going strong (a bring-and-share arrangement) and was a testament to the originality of the chefs in the Village when tickets specifying bread and sandwiches, savoury, sweet could turn out such a fine array of food throughout the evening, including two fine smoked trout!

12.30 am came round all too soon for everyone and those that wanted one final bonfire and fireworks display arrived on Clawson Lane. And arrive they did, I am not sure how many were there but it was clearly far more than there were in the Village Hall! The display truly stopped the traffic and finished to a great round of applause and hoots from the waiting cars.

And so ended the Millennium Party, with not a bug in sight, even on the PCs the kids had been playing Asteroids on all night. All told we thought it a pretty successful evening, attended by numbers far beyond our expectations. We think that everyone who attended had a great night and everyone is very grateful to everyone for their contributions - large or small - in making the evening go with such a bang.

Cast: Bonfire man (R. Collishaw) Firewood man (J. Walker) Balloon blower (W. Walker) Fireworks display (M. Fraser) Décor (A. Baker) Hickling scene painter (B. McEwen) Food monitors (G. Cane, D. Chahal) Bar (R. Page, K & R Cadogan-Rawlinson, Music man (C. White, Cleaner (J. Scarborough).



Barbara McEwen's Millennium sign, used as a photo back-drop on New Year's Eve (hence the cut off heads above) it travelled with the Tractor Trail and has been on display all year in the Village Hall.

## Village Picnic, June 24th.

This rather cold, wet and windy afternoon saw villagers coming and going over several hours to celebrate mid-Summer!

There was a children's entertainer and races for children and pets as well as food and drink for everyone.

A fun afternoon but what a shame about the weather!

## Hickling Millennium Committee:

Andy Baker	Gweneth Cane	Dorothy Chahal	John Collishaw	Richard Collishaw
Jane Fraser	Jane Knight	Tim McEwen	Ken Rawlinson	John Scarborough
				Will Walker

# Hickling Village Sign

the driving force behind the project (including long and complicated negotiations with all the appropriate regulatory bodies...). Very early on she managed to persuade Richard Collishaw to design and make the sign.

Examples of Richard's hobby can be found all over the village but this project is particularly significant. It is part of the long tradition of local craftsmen and women working in and for the village. By the time it is finished it will have taken over sixty hours to make. Formed cold out of standard lengths of steel, hand-formed, beaten, worked, galvanised and painted the sign will be a fitting symbol of the village at the turn of the Millennium.

One of the village's major Millennium projects has been the design and making of a village sign to be positioned on the junction of Main Street and Bridegate Lane.

The sign was originally the idea of Gwen Cane who has been



The final piece of work was kept secret until the unveiling but here are some pointers about the symbols which have been used in its design:

**Church** - an enduring symbol through the last Millennium and a focal point of the village and its history.

**Cows** - very few villages can still boast so many working farms within the village and particularly cows still walking through the streets.

**Swan** - The canal and with it the swans and ducks have been an important feature of the village for over 200 years.

**Angel** - an "Angel Overlooking the Village" has been chosen as a header for the sign. The design has been taken from a 1730 gravestone (that of Margret Mann) in Hickling churchyard. There are several examples of this particular angel in Hickling and in Owthorpe and seem to be the work of a local craftsman. (The only other place where anything similar has been found is in North America which opens up many questions about this local man!)

**Straw People** - a modern symbol for the village. These were originally made by Roger and Davina Walker and set up for fun in a piece of set-aside land on Hickling Pastures. They attracted huge public and media interest and the idea has now become widely popular (with straw versions of Lincoln Cathedral and other straw families). Recently the straw couple have made guest appearances at the Wharf and have played host and hostess to the village Country Fair each year.

They are fun and individual but they have also become a modern symbol of the village standing for the harvest and our farming heritage - a new version of the old-fashioned corn dolly.



## Unveiling the Village Sign - 20th Feb.

The party began at 9.30 in the morning with Richard Collishaw erecting the sign (with the help & hindrance of about a dozen men, women and children).

At 12.30 it was unveiled by Bob Naismith (chairman Parish Council) and Gweneth Cane with a little speech (& some curtain training) from Richard, a speech from John Scarborough (chairman of Millennium Committee) and a prayer from the Bishop of Southwell .

It was a beautiful sunny morning with a crowd of well over a hundred villagers to help in the celebrations.

# Tractor Trail

## September 3rd

### Celebrating 100 Years of Rural Life

facing Will Walker - the brains and leader of the idea - was curtailing the numbers of big-hearted enthusiastic tractor owners who wanted to take part. At 29 tractors, he declared "No more!" 31 took part plus 14 floats!



Chairman of the Parish Council (Bob Naismith) and The Revd. Stephanie Fahie.

skills and knowledge. The unique idea took momentum and there was no problem in getting local people participating, either taking part with floats, sponsoring, advertising or offering help in many different ways. Special thanks must be made to the Hose Village Hall committee who, without hesitation, offered their field and premises for the main stop and volunteered to cater for an unknown number of people, to Kinoulton PTFA for running the bar (and donating half the proceeds to the Tractor Trail Fund), to The Chequers Inn in Cropwell Bishop for catering for the 'coffee stop,' to The Plough in Hickling, for opening the restaurant specially on Sunday evening, to one Hickling resident who paid for the wonderful jazz band, to the Hickling radio station TWCFM for acting as compères and carrying out the auction at Hose of a donated limited edition miniature tractor, to PC Mark Bond for easing our path along the roads and giving valuable advice and to His Grace, the Duke of Rutland who was so intrigued by the idea that he agreed to give the prizes to the winners of the floats.

It was difficult for the committee to sleep on Saturday night, but we woke to a perfect September Sunday morning, sunny, bright and beautiful. The

Opening the paper this morning I thought the Hickling Tractor Trail had hit the national press! Reading further I was thankful that diesel - price or availability - was never one of the problems facing the millennium sub-committee. The biggest problem

Will, for some years had had a desire to hold a tractor rally in Hickling but the problem was finding a field suitable at this time of year. Bob Naismith hit on the idea of the 10 mile circular trip through the Belvoir Vale. Once the millennium party was out of the way, interested individuals met as a sub-committee on a regular basis in The Plough. To make the event more interesting and to have a wider appeal, the idea of floats depicting 100 Years of Rural Life with other villages participating and if possible having a tractor pulling a float for each decade emerged. Dove Cottage Hospice was selected as the charity as it benefited all the villages locally.

As a committee we shared our experiences,



A Crop Circle Alien.



Wadkin & Son, Little Red Riding Hood.

atmosphere in the Collishaw's field on Bridegate Lane was amazing and even at that point we knew the day was going to be a huge success! I was in total awe of the ingenuity of the floats taking part, at the number of people on them, plus the huge amount of work they must have put in. The Duke was going to have a difficult time selecting between them. There were a lot of children absolutely thrilled at taking part. It was going to be a day they would always remember. All of us who watched the procession would have our personal favourite floats but obviously we could not help but hope that the Hickling floats would win! The Hickling Playgroup children showed examples of their work, the Keith Wadkin & Son float depicted "Little Red Riding Hood" with numerous antique artifacts and implements with a wolf (or was it a fox!) in the bed; aliens and corn circles was the theme of the Walkers' and Friends float; Sherwood Farms was a farmyard scene and had devised their own fund-raising - counting chicken eggs. No-one will forget the sight of 3 well known local ladies dressed as chickens and even a cow. What amazingly good sports. No doubt, also, some of the Hickling young ladies were on the 1st Kinoulton Brownie and Guides float - they sang so lustily, I am sure they lost their voices by the end of the day. Local loyalties also lay with the Hickling PTFA float.

The Revd. Fahie started the day by offering prayers. All other clergy on that Sunday would be coping with the usual decorum, but Stephanie excelled herself faced with people in an amazing array of costumes - particularly the aliens and 31 tractors all warming up. With a twinkle in her eye she prayed the tractors wouldn't break down. In my ignorance, I suppose I expected the Tractor Trail to be a bit like a "Carry On" film - I could not have been more wrong.

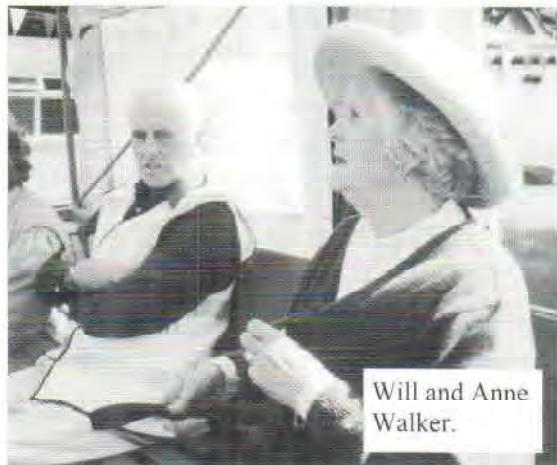
It was truly a magnificent sight seeing the tractors and trailers going through the pretty villages and leafy lanes of the Vale. People stood in clusters at the villages to watch or parked in suitable entrances to fields. A small army of collectors with buckets rushed ahead of the procession pulling people out and relieving them of their money! At Hose the tractors and trailers were lined up for viewing. The place was packed, a fantastic turnout. The Duke presented the plaques (produced and given by Bob Naismith) to the winners - Langar and Barnestone Village's float which depicted World War II. The people on the float gave a rendering of "We will meet again" and "Vera Lynn" sang it again to everyone over the microphone at the end. What a trooper! The

Brownies and Guides came second with their camp site and the Long Clawson old school room float came third. The Duke having had his concert the night before, was obviously into music! He did a brilliant job. Commemorative plaques (also donated by Bob) were also given to each of the Tractor drivers in traditional Rally fashion. That evening I was surprised how many of the committee met in The Plough. We all wanted that lovely warm feel-good factor to carry on as long as possible. Would there be another Tractor Rally? It would be impossible to improve on this one!

The

**amount raised was over £2,000 for The Dove Cottage Day Hospice.**

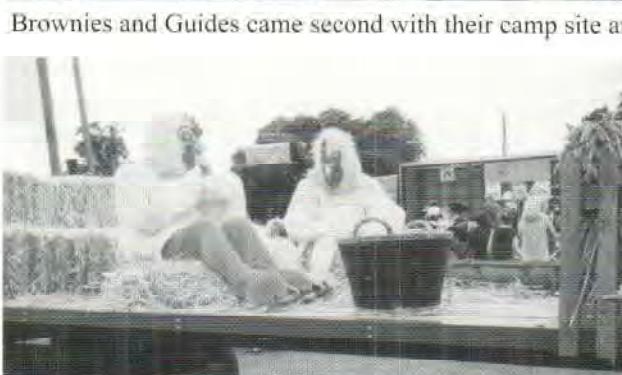
Dorothy Chahal. (on behalf of the committee.)



Will and Anne Walker.



A Rural Theme from Two Hickling Floats.



Dogs for Company.

# Hickling Village Events & Fund-raising, 1999 - 2000.

## 1999

30th Dec 1998	New treble bell hung in Church Bell Tower
30th Jan	Fund-raising Jumble Sale
6th Feb	Save the Children Jumble Sale
14th Feb	Lent Lunch, Village Hall
20th Feb	Murder at Major Manor (detective theme dinner for Church funds)
4th March	Village Auction
6th March	Church Jumble Sale
13th March	National Meningitis Trust Coffee morning Cromwell Fields Farm
3rd & 5th April	Old Rectory Gardens Open
17th April	Cruise Evening, Village Hall (theme evening in aid of Millennium funds)
24th April	Melton Mowbray Singers Concert, Church
6th May	Playgroup outing to Twycross Zoo
18th May	Christian Aid Coffee Evening Cromwell Fields Farm
22nd May	Jumble Sale for Village Hall & Playgroup
10th June	Rushcliffe, Music in Quiet Places (Church)
11th June	Family Disco in Country Fair Marquee, Wharf House
12th-13th June	Hickling Country Fair (including Church exhibition of Wedding dresses and Christening gowns & Barn Dance in the Marquee on Saturday evening) £7,500 raised for Rainbows and £2,000 for local charities. Hickling Open Gardens raised £1,456.29. (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief)
27th June	
29/30 June & 1/2 July	Old Rectory Gardens Open
4th July	Sunday Club trip to Southwell Minster's animal service
11th July	Open Air Service, Salvation Army on the Wharf
11th July	Afternoon teas, Village Hall
18th July	String Sensations, Open Air Concert, Old Rectory garden £704 raised for Church.
9th Aug	Playgroup Teddy Bear's Picnic
11th Aug	Eclipse of the Sun!
1st Oct	World's Biggest Coffee Morning, part of national event for Macmillan Cancer Relief at Wharf House.
9th Oct	Macmillan Cancer Relief Jumble Sale
10th Oct	Harvest Festival
16th Oct	Wild West Evening (Village Hall) (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief)
20th Oct	Save the Children Christmas Fair (Carneal Cottage) raised £1,485.
24th Oct	Harvest Lunch (Village Hall)
4th Dec	Egyptian Cruise Evening, Village Hall
12th Dec	Millennium fund-raiser
19th Dec	Carol Service
22nd Dec	Nativity Service - The Grumpy Innkeeper
	Hickling Playgroup Christmas Party (with a visit from Father Christmas)
24th Dec	Carol singing through the Village
31st Dec	Village Millennium New Year's Eve Celebrations
	7.30 pm. Church Millennium Service
	8.30 pm. Village Hall Village Party
	10.00 pm. Standard Beacon lit
	12 midnight Peal of Bells & Fireworks

## 2000

29th Jan	Jumble Sale in aid of Dove Cottage
5th Feb	Jumble Sale, Save the Children
20th Feb	11am. Service of Dedication by the Bishop of Southwell (Church Bell, new electrics, toilet & kitchen facilities.)
4th March	12.30pm. Unveiling Village Sign
13th April	1pm. Village Lunch
21st April	Church Jumble Sale
30th April	Hickling Standard wins "Best New Newsletter" Award (& £25...)
6th May	John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" Concert in Church
13th May	Elm House, Open Garden
18th May	Village Auction (raised £350)
23rd May	Hickling Post Office Closed and Ian & Margaret Woolley retire.
28th May	Playgroup Outing, Butterfly World
11th June	Christian Aid Coffee Evening
17th June	Cromwell Fields Farm (raised £195)
24th June	Rogation Service, touring the village
2nd July	Afternoon teas in Church
9th July	Old Rectory Gardens Open
16th July	Cello Concert in Church
18th July	Hickling Village Picnic
August	Hickling Open Gardens (raised £1,304.46 for Dove Cottage Day Hospice.)
19th Aug	Open Air Service, the Wharf
3rd Sept	Elm House Open Gardens
16th Sept	Church, Open Meeting to discuss new "Common Worship" proposals.
18th Sept	Consultation began in earnest on plans to develop the Grantham Canal, Hickling would be a "primary access node."
24th Sept	Village presentation to Ian & Margaret Woolley
24th Sept	Tractor Trail, begins in Hickling, 9am touring the Vale before a return to Hickling 4pm. (Over £2,000 raised for Dove Cottage)
6th Oct	Bridge Singers Concert, Church
8th Oct	TWCFM Hickling's local radio station goes on air for a trial period. (During their first trial period they raised £2,900 for charity)
12th Oct	Harvest Festival
18th Oct	Jane Faulks ran the full Robin Hood Marathon raising £500 for cancer charities
28th Oct	Flanders and Swan Evening a fun, fund-raising concert for Church & hosted by David Malpas
19th Nov	Harvest Lunch
10th Dec	Presentation of cheque from Tractor Trail to Dove Cottage plus viewing of video and photos in the Village Hall.
15th Dec	Save the Children Festive Fair (Carneal Cottage)
17th Dec	Village Hall, Wine-tasting evening
22nd Dec	Toys donated to Crabtree Farm
In 2001 we look forward to;	Childrens Home at a Church Service
February	Carol Service
May	Handel's Messiah (Church)
16/17th June	Nativity Service, "The Star Who Couldn't Twinkle."
	Playgroup Christmas Party (with Santa)
	The first ever Hickling pantomime.
	Jack and the Beanstalk
	The launch of the Hickling Domesday Book for the Millennium
	Hickling Village Fair



**John Walker and Eric Parkes hedge-laying.**

## Solar Eclipse, 11th August 1999.



A full solar eclipse could be seen in the very south of England. Here in Hickling we experienced a 95% eclipse. It began (at about 10am) with the moon moving over the sun from the top right gradually moving diagonally until there was just a small crescent visible at about 11am. The moon didn't finally disappear until about 12.30. It didn't go very dark here in Hickling. There was a silvery/metallic twilight and everything was very still and cold. Several people gathered on the wharf to watch where the ducks all disappeared, the swans remained but seemed very unsettled, there was no bird song. It was a very cloudy morning and we only had brief glimpses. The photographs show Lizzie Fraser and Lucy Dingle watching the eclipse through special protective viewers, and

the eclipse itself taken through a sun filter - you can just see a crescent shape in the middle with the swirling clouds around it.

Strange (if you're superstitious or mystic) cosmic events continued with a full eclipse of the moon in February 2001, the full eclipse was seen at a very foggy 9pm in Hickling but we didn't get the dramatic copper colour some areas got, instead the moon just disappeared!



## And so.....the Year 2001.

The Year 2001 started with great promise in Hickling with the first ever Hickling Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a hugely popular sell-out as well as being hysterically funny for performers and audience alike. Money raised went towards the Country Fair Fund for the Notts Air Ambulance and local charities. Following on, a "Scarecrow Day" is planned for April. Families will make and dress-up scarecrows on a nursery rhyme theme to raise money along with stalls and refreshments - all in a good cause.

On a much more sombre note, February and March found Hickling desperately hoping to escape the Foot and Mouth outbreak affecting large areas of the country. A frightening and very serious time for the farming backbone of our village - footpaths and the canal towpath were closed, a ban on moving livestock was put in place, access was restricted to all farming areas and village events (including the Hunt meets) were cancelled. A prolonged spell of very cold weather seems likely to drag the crisis out as straw and disinfectant guards the entrances to farmyards.

