

The Hickling Diamond Jubilee Bell



Foreword.

The new bell for St. Luke's Church, Hickling, will bring back to completion the set of eight that is currently being rung, rather sadly, with only seven bells. The ringing that adds such a depth of tradition and beauty to Hickling's soundscape will be restored. When the bell is cast, hung and then rung, we will feel that we are forging a link between generations who have known and loved the sound of the bells from the past and future generations, to whom we are bequeathing the significant gift of a new bell. The bell itself will be a piece of living history; conceived of in the celebratory year of 2012, when all of Britain cheered for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and then shouted itself hoarse for the Olympics, the bell will bear the names of all the local people who supported this project. Some of these names can be seen on centuries-worth of gravestones in the churchyard: these represent the abiding feeling of 'home' that Hickling has for many people. Other names belong to people who have moved here in recent generations, or their own lifetimes: these too represent the ongoing liveliness and neighbourliness of the Hickling community. So the bell is a sign, if you like, of Hickling community and it is also something more than this. The bell's longevity – just like our beautiful church building – is a sign of God's ongoing care and provision for us creatures; whilst we come and go, one generation succeeding another, God's spiritual presence remains. Furthermore, as the bell is rung on a Sunday, it is a call to come and worship, to come and rest awhile, in the presence of the divine.

Revd. Alison Fulford.



A letter of thanks.

Everyone at St. Luke's in Hickling, and particularly those of us from the Bell Tower, would like to thank all those of you who have supported our efforts to replace the cracked Henry Oldfield 6th with a new bell to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

It is wonderful to have had the opportunity to cast the names of our sponsors on to the Bell itself and also for them to be commemorated on a plaque and we would very much like to thank them for their very generous support both in spirit and in money! But thanks must also go, most sincerely, to everyone who has supported us through the planning, the worrying and finally the execution of this grand effort.

I remember the early discussions on a pub bike ride and at a local Jazz evening and the general support for the concept of our fledgling project. It was particularly striking that people showed they preferred more smaller local donors to a few large ones, making this a truly community project. We have been very grateful to have had the active support of the village as a whole; from the backing of St. Luke's PCC to contributions from Eva Parkes to mark her 90th Birthday, the local Rotary Club, the annual Country Fair and Scarecrow fundraising and also from those amongst our donors who preferred to remain anonymous. On top of this there are the many people who have helped with advice, muscle power and tea-making as the bell passed (mostly very

smoothly!) through the commissioning, casting and hanging stages.
Thank you, to you all!



Hickling in 2012 felt particularly vibrant. There were lots of social events – we always seemed to be at a Village Hall breakfast, a jumble sale, a preschool quiz, a party or something. The Country Fair and Scarecrow Weekend both had fair weather in spite of the rest of the year being the wettest on record, and both had good crowds and a jolly atmosphere. The Scarecrow Weekend celebrated the mood of the country with its theme Best of British and there was a lot that was best in 2012 – the Olympics were

incredible, though I'm sure at first we all thought it might be a bit embarrassing, and the Diamond Jubilee evoked a feel of post-war optimism with its street parties, beacons and maypole dancing.

The new bell commemorates this amazing year and this mood. The village really got together on this and raised the money for a new bell incredibly quickly and were very keen to be on this lasting monument with everyone else. It seems particularly fitting that the bell should commemorate the Diamond Jubilee as the last time The Henry Oldfield 6th rang was to celebrate this event in June 2012 and, just as appropriately, the new bell was rung for the first time in honour of Coronation Day on June 2nd 2013.

Lynn Irving
Tower Captain





The Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was marked with a spectacular central weekend, a series of regional tours throughout the United Kingdom by Her Majesty and Commonwealth visits undertaken by other members of the Royal family in support of The Queen.

The Central Weekend:

Saturday 2 June, 2012

The Queen attended the Epsom Derby.

Sunday 3 June, 2012

The Big Jubilee Lunch: Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people were encouraged to share lunch with

neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant: This event took place on the Thames and consisted of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh travelled in the Royal Barge which formed the centrepiece of the flotilla.

Monday 4 June, 2012

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace: A host of famous faces came together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons: A network of 2,012 Beacons lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen lit the National Beacon.

Tuesday 5 June, 2012

On Tuesday 5 June, the Diamond Jubilee weekend culminated with a day of celebrations in central London, including a service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by two receptions, a lunch at Westminster Hall, a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace and finally a Balcony appearance, Flypast, and Feu de Joie.

(<http://www.royal.gov.uk/HMTheQueen/TheQueenandspecialanniversaries/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012.aspx>)

After her marriage in 1947, Princess Elizabeth paid formal visits with The Duke of Edinburgh to France and Greece, and in autumn 1951 they toured Canada. Princess Elizabeth also visited Malta four times while Prince Philip was stationed there on naval duties, and enjoyed the life of a naval wife and young mother. This way of life was not to last long, as her father's health was deteriorating. In 1952, King George VI's illness forced him to abandon his proposed visit to Australia and New Zealand. The Princess, accompanied by Prince Philip, took his place. On Wednesday, 6 February 1952, Princess Elizabeth received the news of her father's death and her own accession to the throne, while staying in a remote part of Kenya. The tour had to be abandoned, and the young Princess flew back to Britain as Queen. She was greeted by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other officials at the airport.

The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953. It was a solemn ceremony conducted by Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury. Representatives of the peers, the Commons and all the great public interests in Britain, the Prime Ministers and leading citizens of the other Commonwealth countries, and representatives of foreign states were present.

Crowds of people viewed the procession all along the route, despite heavy rain. The ceremony was also broadcast on radio around the world and, at The Queen's request, on television for the first time. Television brought home to hundreds of thousands of people around the Commonwealth the splendour and significance of the Coronation in a way never before possible. The Coronation was followed by drives through every part of London, a review of the fleet at Spithead, and visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

(<http://www.royal.gov.uk/HMTheQueen/AccessionCoronation/Accessionandcoronation.aspx>)



As at 1 January 2012:

(extracts from www.royal.gov.uk/HMTheQueen/TheQueenandspecialanniversaries/Factfiles/60FactsaboutTheQueen.aspx)

1. The Queen is the second longest serving monarch. Only five other kings and queens in British history have reigned for 50 years or more. They are: Victoria (63 years), George III (59 years), Henry III (56 years), Edward III (50 years), James VI of Scotland (James I of England) (58 years).
2. The Queen is the fortieth monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England.
3. Since 1952 The Queen has given Royal Assent to more than 3,500 Acts of Parliament, given regular audiences to 12 different Prime Ministers & attended every opening of Parliament except those in 1959 and 1963 when pregnant.
7. There have been 6 Archbishops of Canterbury during The Queen's reign, 6 Roman Catholic Popes, she has received two Popes on visits to the UK - Pope John Paul II's visit in 1982 was the first Papal visit to the UK for over 450 years and she has officially visited the Vatican 3 times in her reign in 1961, and in 1980 and 2000 visiting Pope John Paul II.
10. The Queen is currently patron of over 600 charities and organisations, over 400 of which she has held since 1952.

11. Since 1952, The Queen has conferred over 404,500 honours and awards & has personally held over 610 Investitures.
14. The Queen has answered around three and a half million items of correspondence, sent over 175,000 telegrams to centenarians and 540,000 telegrams to couples in the UK and the Commonwealth celebrating their diamond wedding.
17. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have sent approximately 45,000 Christmas cards & c. 90,000 Christmas puddings to staff continuing the custom of King George V and King George VI.
19. In 60 years, The Queen has undertaken 261 official overseas visits, including 96 State Visits, to 116 different countries with many undertaken on the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was launched by Her Majesty on 16th April 1953 and was commissioned for service on 7th January 1954. It was de-commissioned in December, 1997. During this time, Britannia travelled more than a million miles on Royal and official duties. The Queen has often travelled to her major Realms, visiting Australia 16 times, Canada 22 times, Jamaica 6 times and New Zealand 10 times.
23. The Queen's official visits have ranged from the Cocos Islands, 5.4 square miles with a population of 596, to The Peoples' Republic of China, 3.7 million square miles with a population of 1.34 billion.
27. The Queen made an historic visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011, the first visit by a British Monarch since Irish independence (King George V had visited in 1911).
28. There have been 102 inward State Visits from 1952 to the end of 2011 (up to and including Turkey in November 2011).
30. The Queen has laid her wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday every year of her reign, except in 1959, 1961, 1963, 1968, 1983 and 1999 when she was either pregnant or overseas on an official visit & she has been at the saluting base of her troops in every Trooping the Colour ceremony since the start of her reign, with the exception of 1955, when a national rail strike forced the cancellation of the parade.
33. The Queen has attended 35 Royal Variety performances & launched 21 ships during her reign.
36. Over the course of the reign, almost one and a half million people have attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace or the Palace of Holyroodhouse (The Queen ended Debutante Presentation Parties in 1958).
37. The Queen has sat for 129 portraits during her reign.
38. The first 'Royal walkabout' took place during the visit by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to Australia and New Zealand in 1970. The practice was introduced to allow them to meet as many people as possible, not simply officials and dignitaries.
39. In 1969 the first television film about the family life of the Royal Family was made, and shown on the eve of the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.
40. An important innovation during The Queen's reign was the opening in 1962 of a new gallery at Buckingham Palace to display items from the Royal Collection. The brainchild of The Duke of Edinburgh, the new Queen's Gallery occupied the space of the Palace's bomb-damaged private chapel. It was the first time that parts of the Palace had been opened to the general public. The new Queen's Gallery was redeveloped and re-opened in 2002 for the Golden Jubilee.
41. The Queen has made a Christmas Broadcast to the Commonwealth every year of her reign except 1969, when a repeat of the film 'Royal Family' was shown and a written message from The Queen issued. In 2002 The Queen made her 50th Christmas Broadcast and in 2004 The Queen issued her first separate broadcast for members of the British Armed Forces.
42. In 1953, The Queen made the first Christmas Broadcast from overseas, (rather than from the UK), broadcasting live from New Zealand. The first televised broadcast was in 1957, made live. The first pre-recorded broadcast took place in 1960 to allow transmission around the world. In 2006 the Christmas Broadcast was first made available to download as a podcast, the British Monarchy's official website was launched in 1997, in 2007 the official British Monarchy YouTube channel was unveiled, swiftly followed by a Royal Twitter site (2009), Flickr page (2010) and Facebook page (also 2010).
44. The Queen hosts "theme days" and Receptions to promote and celebrate aspects of British culture. Recent examples from 2011 include a reception for Young People and the Performing Arts and for Explorers. Other themes have included Publishing, Broadcasting, Tourism, Emergency Services, Maritime Day, Music, Young Achievers, British Design, and Pioneers.
45. In an average year, The Queen will host more than 50,000 people at banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. The Queen also hosts more than 8,000 people each year at garden parties and investitures at Holyroodhouse, during Holyrood Week.
46. The Queen was born at 17 Bruton St, London W1 on the 21st April, 1926, was christened on the 29th May, 1926 in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace and was confirmed on the 28th March, 1942 in the Private Chapel at Windsor Castle. The Queen learnt to drive in 1945.
49. The Queen's real birthday is on 21st April, but it is celebrated officially in June.
50. During the Silver Jubilee year, The Queen toured 36 counties in the UK and Northern Ireland, starting in Glasgow on the 17th May. During her Golden Jubilee year The Queen toured 35 counties beginning in Cornwall on 1st May.
52. The Queen has 30 godchildren. She has owned more than 30 corgis during her reign, starting with Susan who was a present for her 18th birthday in 1944. A good proportion of these have been direct descendants from Susan. Her Majesty currently has three corgis – Monty, Willow and Holly. The Queen also introduced a new breed of dog known as the "dorgi" when one of Her Majesty's corgis was mated with a dachshund named Pipkin which belonged to Princess Margaret. There have been 11 dorgis - Tinker, Pickles, Chipper, Piper, Harris, Brandy, Berry, Cider, Candy and Vulcan.
55. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have been married for 64 years. They were married on 20th November, 1947 in Westminster Abbey. The Queen's wedding dress was designed by Norman Hartnell and was woven at Winterthur Silks Limited, Dunfermline, in the Canmore factory, using silk that had come from Chinese silkworms at Lullingstone Castle. The Queen's wedding ring was made from a nugget of Welsh gold which came from the Clogau St David's mine near Dolgellau. The official wedding cake was made by McVitie and Price Ltd, using ingredients given as a wedding gift by Australian Girl Guides.



59. Queen Victoria was the last and to date the only British Monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. The Queen, who was aged 85 on Accession Day in 2012, is the oldest monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee. Queen Victoria was 77 when she celebrated hers in 1897.
60. There have been only three Diamond Jubilees of Heads of State celebrated throughout the world during The Queen's reign. King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated 60 years on the throne in 2006; the former Sultan of Johor (now a part of Malaysia) celebrated his in 1955; and the late Emperor Hirohito of Japan celebrated his in 1986.



London Olympics & Paralympics 2012

Alongside the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the London Olympics proved to be an exceptional event for 2012. After months of self-doubt and worrying beforehand, the event itself was an absolute triumph. It wasn't the amount of money spent or politics or celebrities that defined these Olympics, instead it was sporting prowess, sportsmanship, drama and community spirit that triumphed day-after-day.

The Opening Ceremony, put together by film director, Danny Boyle, was humorous, modest, dramatic and very British with the un-doubted highlight coming when the Queen appeared to parachute in from a helicopter escorted by James Bond! The ceremony set the scene, the tone and the atmosphere for both the Olympics and the Paralympics.

- ✓ Team GB came 3rd in the Olympic & the Paralympic medal tables overall; best-ever performances for Britain.
- ✓ The Games Volunteers took centre stage, with humour, dignity and a friendly spirit they became more than helpers, instead they defined the spirit of the Games.

- ✓ At the last minute, the Armed Forces were drafted in to cover security arrangements but their demeanour and professionalism also turned out to be one of the highlights.
- ✓ Exceptional coverage on television and in the newspapers meant that, day-by-day, the excitement grew as stories behind events and sportsmen & women emerged – stories of real courage, dedication, humour and generosity. Big characters, like Bradley Wiggins and Usain Bolt won't be quickly forgotten but they are just two of hundreds of characters that we all seemed to get to know so well during the two Games.
- ✓ The day after the announcement that London would be hosting the 2012 Olympics, London was hit by a series of devastating bomb attacks (July 2007) – for many the two events had become closely linked, finding final resolution on the sports field in 2012. Bomb victim, Martine Wright, competed in the Paralympic Women's Sitting Volleyball Team and Lord Coe talked of his Games highlight being a conversation on the Tube with a Games Volunteer who had also been a doctor at the scene of the bombings.
- ✓ Although these were the 'London' Olympics, the whole of Great Britain was involved; locally the Torch Relay passed close-by and we celebrated with our local gymnastics hero, Sam Oldham from Keyworth.
- ✓ For the first time at any Olympics, tickets for Paralympic events completely sold-out and the Paralympic heroes stood alongside their able-bodied counterparts in achievement, spirit and in the public imagination.
- ✓ And, also for the first time at any Olympics, women took a place in every national team.
- ✓ Every member of Team GB was celebrated without restraint; there was a victory parade through London, the team as a whole won the BBC Team of the Year award, special honours were awarded by the Queen and gold medallists were rewarded with Postage Stamps issued on the day of their victory and Golden post boxes in their home town – at a time of economic and political uncertainty around the world, the Olympic spirit offered an incredible, and we all hope lasting, antidote!



Hickling in 2012.

It is difficult to take a snap-shot of a village which is as active and vibrant as Hickling, particularly at a time when rural communities are experiencing so much change. Although we have lost much over the years; the canal has long been dis-used, cows no longer use the roads for their twice-daily milking and the village shop and Post Office closed at the turn of the millennium, nevertheless we are still very much a village community. Many villages have become simple dormitories where commuters travel long distances to and from work each day and have little time for the daily comings and goings of village life – we have avoided that fate and are very grateful for it!

The Village is exactly one mile from one end to the other and in 2012 the population is approximately 540 with approximately 220 houses within the Parish. Much of the village lies within a conservation area and there are 24 properties which are conservation listed.

Unusually for the early 21st Century, we have several active farms and village families whose names recur through the decades and centuries and which keep the rural rhythm of life ticking over. Dairy farms continue to prosper with the support of the Stilton Dairy in Long Clawson with its hugely popular Stilton cheese and the co-operative basis of the business. Other strong family-run businesses like Sherwood Farms with its poultry and AE Faulks Ltd which began life as small agricultural contractors and have grown with the needs of a modern society. Once again, we have a lively and busy local pub in The Plough and Hortors Farm Shop, after many years under the care of Jill Saynor, has come back to life with Peter Hortor and his family. Small businesses also thrive with the Vale Physiotherapy Practice and others selling honey, eggs and flowers as well as increasing numbers of people working from home.

However, it is the exceptionally strong philosophy of charity fundraising and community support (for example, the well-used 'Good Neighbour' scheme) which really characterises the village spirit in Hickling. Over the last 10 years, over £100,000 has been raised for local and national charities (& huge amounts in the years before this). The Country Fair Committee led by Margaret Woolley and Doreen Faulks pull off extraordinary feats of organisation, persuasion and creativity year after year. Two key events each year are the main fund-raisers – the Country Fair Weekend in June and the Scarecrow Weekend in September; these are great events which draw crowds from great distances but are also fabulous get togethers for everyone in the village, too. Thousands of cakes and cups of tea, thousands of tombola & raffle tickets, hundreds of visitors and hundreds of hours of work for dozens of local volunteers.

The Church and the Village Hall, an active Parish Council and many village organisations such as the WI (Women's Institute) and Hickling Pre-School contribute to a great range of activities in the village; teas in the Church, breakfasts in the Village Hall, table tennis & film clubs as well as one-off events such as jumble sales, quizzes, pantomime and themed evening get togethers. The Hickling Standard is a village magazine full of news and information and is delivered free to every household every 2 months and is run completely by volunteers.

Add to this a keen excitement to celebrate national events! For the Millennium there were parties and a beacon on The Standard, a Year 2000 Domesday Book and a new village sign designed and made by Richard Collishaw. The Queen's Silver, Golden & Diamond Jubilees were all celebrated with parties and gifts to the local children. Even the threat of modernisation which looked like taking away our old red telephone box was thwarted by a well-coordinated and formidable village sit-in!

2012 Calendar:

January: 1 st Village Breakfast 10 th Film Club – Potiche 19 th WI – Talk on Beekeeping 24 th Film Club – The Skin I Live in 28 th Church Jumble Sale February: 7 th Film Club – The Prince of Montpensier 16 th WI Talk on Carmarthen Gardens 21 st Film Club – Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy 22 nd Save the Children Fund Table Top Frock Swap March: 2 nd Village Hall Quiz Night 4 th Village Breakfast 6 th Film Club – Mademoiselle Chambon 15 th WI AGM and Beetle Drive 20 th Film Club – Morris: A Life with Bells On 23 rd – 24 th Pantomime – Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood April: 1 st Village Breakfast	3 rd Film Club – The Way Back 16 th St. Luke's Annual Parochial Church Meeting 17 th Film Club – Of Gods and Men 26 th New Rope String Band perform in the Village Hall 28 th WI trip to Beverley & Whitby May: 1 st Film Club – The Way 6 th Spring Bank Holiday Village Breakfast 15 th Film – The Well Digger's Daughter 27 th WI Trip to Newby Hall 29 th The Churchfitters perform at the Village Hall June: 3 rd Jubilee Breakfast in the Village Hall 4 th Maypole Dancing 5 th Jubilee Street Party, Harles Acres 10 th Country Fair 12 th Film Club – The Deep Blue Sea 15 th Village Hall – World War 1 Experience 21 st WI Open Meeting – SOS Fashions 26 th WI Trip to Highgrove House 26 th Film Club – Las Acacias July: 7 th Jazz on the Lawn at Sycamore Lodge	10 th Film Club – The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 19 th WI Dogs for the Disabled 21 st /22 nd St. Luke's Open Churches Weekend September: 2 nd St Luke's Autumn Lunch, Village Hall 8 th & 9 th Scarecrow Weekend – theme, Best of British 10 th Table Tennis Club re-starts 11 th Film Club – Salmon Fishing in the Yemen 16 th WI Trip to Wollaton Hall 20 th WI talk on Passports & Personalities 25 th Film – The Iron Lady 29 th Battle of the Band at The Plough 30 th Plant and Produce Show October: 5 th Village Hall Quiz 7 th Village Breakfast 9 th Film – The Woman in Black 13 th Village Hall Jumble Sale 18 th WI – talk on St Pancras modernisation 21 st St. Luke's Harvest Tea & Harvest Festival Service 23 rd Film – The Artist	29 th Country Fair Committee AGM at The Plough (£12,000 raised in 2012) November: 4 th Village Breakfast 6 th Film Club – Even the Rain 9 th Rutland Big Band performance at the Village Hall 11 th Remembrance Day Service (in Kinoulton – commemoration alternates between Kinoulton & Hickling each year) 11 th Richard Durrant guitarist, performance in Village Hall 15 th WI talk on Treasure Island 17 th Diwali Supper in the Village Hall 20 th Film Club – The Kid with a Bike 27 th Rural crime Meeting December: 2 nd Village Breakfast 13 th WI Christmas Tree 15 th Village Hall Christmas Event & Christmas Tree Lighting 21 st Film Club – The Pirates in an Adventure with Scientists 23 rd St. Luke's Nativity 24 th Village Carol Singing
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The Diamond Jubilee Bell Subscribers



Seona **Baillie** and Anthony **Butters** moved to Kinoulton in March 1996. Two years later, Seona left for two years with Voluntary Service Overseas in China, and we were married on Christmas Eve 1999 in Hong Kong.

On Seona's return, she joined Hickling choir for a performance of the Messiah, and was never allowed to lose the link. It was a short hop to learning to ring at St Luke's, and has been involved with the tower ever since, with a few breaks for maternity leave.

Ewan was born in our first home in Baileys Row 15.10.2002.

We then moved (but only as far as Pinfold Lane), where Maisie was born on New Year's Eve 2006. Monty was also supposed to be born at home, but decided to arrive 5 weeks early at Leicester Royal Infirmary (02.12.12). Our eldest children have both been lucky enough to enjoy Hickling Pre-School, and I hope Monty will too. We all enjoy joining in with the Hickling activities, and have taken part in the Corn Dolly Run (Seona and Ant), fun run (Ewan and Ant), and Maypole dancing (Maisie), not to mention representing the Hickling Bell Ringers in the bale-rolling race!



Dave, Anita and Michael **Banner**

The Banner family relocated from the North Notts area to Hickling village in September 2007. The reason for the move was to be nearer to their place of work – a company that they bought in 2005 based in Melton Mowbray. It took some 2 years to find the village and location that they wanted and have never looked back since. Michael was just 4 and a half years old at the time which fitted in perfectly with starting at Hickling Pre-School and then moving on to Kinoulton Primary School. Anita's parents also relocated to Melton Mowbray to ensure that they continued to be in easy travelling distance of the family.



John and Gillian **Bloor**

We have lived at Cesterern on Main Street since 1970. Prior to 1970 we visited Gill's parents, Ron and Lilian Temperton, who lived on Bridegate Lane. Before our marriage in 1960 at St. Mary's, Plumtree, John lived at Tollerton and Gill lived at Normanton-on-the-Wolds. We have been blessed with three children and our eldest, David, with his children Emma and Lucy live in the village. Elaine has never married and lives in Suffolk. Helen our youngest was baptised and married at St. Luke's, lives in Burton Lazars and has two children, Thomas and Hollie, both being baptised at Hickling. We are both members of Hickling's PCC and I have served on

the PCC for over 40 years, since 2006 John has been a Churchwarden.

David, Emma & Lucy **Bloor**

David has lived in the village since his Mum and Dad (John and Gill Bloor) moved here in 1970, David moved to Hickling Pastures for a few years during this time, in 1992 Emma was born. We moved back into the village in 1993 and 2 years later in 1995 Lucy was born. They both went to Hickling Playschool, Kinoulton Primary and then to South Wolds at Keyworth.

David learnt to ring under the guidance of Trevor and Anita Kirkman when he was a teenager. After a long break he restarted bell ringing about 5 years ago. He really enjoys ringing and it's also a good excuse to go down to The Plough afterwards. Looking forward to the new bell being installed and really good that so many names are going to be on it for possibly another 400 years.

The **Bulmer** Family.

Vicky and Norman Bulmer were custodians of Kinoulton Post Office in the late 1970s and early '80s, taking over from the Taylor family who went on to run The Plough on Hickling Basin. They and much of their family remain in both Kinoulton and Hickling as at 2013. Nicholas, a GP doctor and their youngest son (of three; with Philip and Andrew, the eldest) rang the Hickling bells as a teenager in the 1980s. Phil and Suzy of Kinoulton, teachers both, have two sons, Edward and Oliver. Andrew Bulmer, a Chartered Surveyor with offices in Kinoulton 1995-2011, moved to Hickling in 2002, taking up ringing in 2010 (dedicating a quarter-peel to his step-son, Jack Bolton, in 2011) and serving for a time on Hickling Parish Council. Andrew is a member of Keyworth and Ruddington Rotary Club, which brought the Santa float to Hickling and Kinoulton Christmas 2012, raising £300 for the bell fund. Vicky (remarried Cowper) is a long-serving Churchwarden at Kinoulton. Norman (now in Hickling), Phil and Andrew are regularly to be found assessing real ale in the snug at The Plough.

Ken and Rosemary **Cadogan-Rawlinson**,

Peter and Susie **Koren**, their children Moya, Sophie and Matthew,

John and Victoria **Cadogan-Rawlinson**, their children Jack and Sadie.



In memory of many happy years at The Old Rectory and our love of St. Luke's Church where both our children were married and granddaughter, Sophie, was christened.

Ken got a job at the AA Training Centre at Widmerpool, after 35 years in the Royal Navy. We bought The Old Rectory from Peter and Patricia Barbor in 1985, they saved it from demolition a few years earlier. We continued the restoration of the house, stable, schoolhouse and garden. Rosemary's mother lived in the schoolhouse until she died. We were both on the PCC, Village Hall Committee and Neighbourhood Watch. Ken

organised the advertising in The Hickling Standard when it first came out. We opened the garden, had a Victorian Dance (in an old army tent) fetes, concerts, a Jubilee picnic, several family reunions and friends visited from home and abroad. We kept Shetland sheep, Tamworth pigs, chicken, bantams, dogs and a cat.



Chris, Jo, Emma and James **Cartmell**

The name CARTMELL came into the village in 2006 when Jo Cartmell (nee Woolley) who was originally from Hickling, moved back with her husband, Chris, and daughter, Emma. Jo is the daughter of Ian and Margaret Woolley who ran the village Post Office and Shop for over 40 years. Jo and Chris married in St. Luke's Church, Hickling in February 2000 and lived for a short time in Anglesey and Yorkshire due to Chris's work in the RAF. Chris is the son of David and Helen Cartmell and is one of four boys, he was born in Sheffield but grew up in Ayrshire, Scotland. Chris was posted to RAF Wittering to fly Harriers in 2003 and then to RAF Cottesmore and it was during this time that Jo returned, with her family, to the village where she was brought up. In 2008, the family became four, with the arrival of James. The Cartmells are related to both the Woolley and the Irving families and Jo is the great niece of Bessie and Tom Timms whose name also appears on the bell. At the time of the bell being cast and hung, Chris is still a serving member of the RAF and Jo is the Parish Clerk for Hickling and Upper Broughton. Emma and James attend the local primary school at Kinoulton.

The **Chahal** Family:

Joginder Singh Chahal (born 1935 Patiala, Punjab, India)

Dorothy Chahal ((wife) born 1942, Great Baddow, Essex)

Jonathan Inder Chahal ((son) born 1977, Nottingham)

Jennifer Helen Chahal ((son's wife) born 1973, Warrington)

Emilia Hope Chahal ((son's daughter) born 2009)

Ellison John Chahal ((son's son) born 2011)

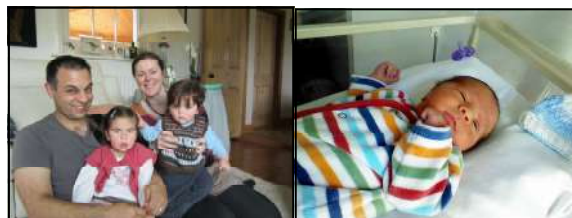
Jacob George Chahal ((son's son) born 23 April 2013)

Jonathan and his family presently live in Rainford, Merseyside

Doris Bella Aitchison (born 1906, Liverpool) & James Allan Aitchison



(born 1911, South Shields) – grandparents of Jonathan. Joginder, Dorothy and Jonathan bought Sycamore Lodge, Green Lane in 1985 but inspite of the huge renovations Joginder carried out, felt they had “come home”. The farming neighbours were very welcoming. Dorothy became involved with Hickling organisations, Secretary of the PCC for 12 years, Secretary or member of the Village Hall Management Committee for nearly 20 years and President of Hickling WI for 3 years. Joginder helped Eric Wood run a highly successful table tennis club. Sycamore Lodge therefore became a useful venue for fundraising for these organisations; jazz concerts, Ascot ladies’ lunches, boules, Indian bread & meal for the Bread Society, Open Gardens.



Jonathan, after Loughborough Grammar School, did medicine at Liverpool University and became a Paediatrician. He married Jennifer, a Sports Psychologist University Lecturer. Doris lived in Sycamore Lodge until she needed 24 hour care and eventually her ashes were put in the ground at St. Luke’s, Hickling. James lived in Sycamore Lodge for nearly 10 years. He loved the country life and participating in an extended family life. His funeral service was held at St. Luke’s. For a small village it is amazing the diverse activities which go on throughout the year. Apart from the Country Fair and Scarecrows, the Village Hall holds numerous events – quizzes, breakfasts, bi-weekly cinema, zumba, yoga, Pre-School, Produce Show, Christmas event of lighting the tree etc etc etc!

The Collishaw Family.

The Collishaws have lived and worked in Hickling since records began in the 1640s and, no doubt, much longer before that. The Collishaws still do live and work in Hickling at both Waterlane Farm and Malt House Farm with the younger generations continuing strongly in the family’s farming traditions.

It is fascinating to look back through the records of St. Luke’s to find so many mentions of the Collishaws; 128 baptisms, 115 burials/funerals, 40 marriages and 58 names on monumental headstones.

We feel that this is a great opportunity to record the story of Richard and John’s grandfather whose story explains so much about the role of the bells in the history of the village and its families. It seemed likely, at the end of the 19th century, that the name of Collishaw would finally disappear from the village after so many hundreds of years. George Henry Collishaw was the father of eight girls until the birth of John (known as Jack) Collishaw in 1898 finally ensured that the name would continue (he was, ultimately, the ninth of twelve children) – the great news of the birth of a baby boy was announced by the spontaneous ringing of the Hickling Church bells.

Tina Combella

The Combella name is unusual in this area and is of Cornish origin.

The Combellas have lived in Hickling for 30 years moving from Kinoulton, the neighbouring village, in 1983, converting derelict Old Farm buildings to the existing house in 1982/83

Sometime in the 1980s Alan Combella provided the flood lighting for St Luke’s Church, Hickling.

The children, Richard and Samantha, grew up in the village taking part in local activities including Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. Samantha successfully pursued her love of the countryside and horses in particular, eventually graduating as an Equine vet. She now runs her own equine practice together with her husband whom she married in Hickling Church in 2004. After leaving University and working in Italy Richard went on to develop a

successful career in International Estate Agency.

I (Tina Combella) apart from loving where I live and involving myself in the community have been a Justice of the Peace on the Nottingham bench since 1993. I served as Chairman of the Hickling Parish Council and I am now The Rushcliffe Borough Councillor representing the Neville Ward (Hickling, The Pastures, Kinoulton, Upper Broughton and Owthorpe).



After 30 years I am still living in the same Olde Barn Conversion in Hickling now with my partner Neil Clarke who, for the sake of this historical record, has been the Leader of

Rushcliffe Borough Council for the past 8 years. He takes an active part in many aspects of community life including compiling and running the weekly village quiz at the Plough Inn.

Peter **Corbett** (23/12/56)

Ingrid **Corbett** (23/3/58, wife)

Rhys **Corbett** (10/6/86, son)

Lucy **Corbett** (22/1/88, daughter)

The Corbett family lived at 2, Marsh's Paddock, Hickling between 1995 and 2007. Peter was a computer software engineer and owned a consulting business in Lowdham. Ingrid worked in the office of AE Faulks in the village. The family kept horses in their field at the back of the house and enjoyed riding them on the lanes and bridleways in the area. Rhys and Lucy attended the Loughborough Endowed Schools. Rhys went on to study Law at the LSE and Lucy studied Medicine at Bristol University. Peter learned to ring the bells at Hickling Church.

Phillip Martin **Cox**

Olivia Linnea **Cox** (born 24/11/2000)

Sylvie Elin **Cox** (born 22/9/2002)

Anna Kristina **Gould**

Phillip and Kristina moved to Hickling from their first home in Keyworth in 1999 ... when we still had a post office and shop in the village!

Olivia Cox was born at the QMC Nottingham as a Millennium baby and lives in Hickling together with her sister, Sylvie, who was born in 2002. Both girls have always lived in the village and loved attending the Hickling Pre-School: They were also the first customers at Pea Pod Day Nursery in Hickling Pastures in 2003!

The girls have enjoyed their time at Kinoulton Primary School. In Hickling they have run in the Country Fair Fun Run, received awards at the Hickling Plant & Produce Shows and also received awards for their Hungarian Vizsla Dogs at the Hickling Country Fair over the years.

Both have performed at the various village pantomimes and Sylvie has also learnt Maypole dancing - thanks to the lovely ladies of Hickling who taught her.

Sylvie and Olivia have particularly enjoyed the wonderful annual Hickling Scarecrow weekends and one September they created a scarecrow -who was supposed to be Gandhi – known to them as 'Andy'! (Other creations have been Bob the Builder, Teletubbies, The Count of Monte Cristo and Lazytown's Stephanie....)

The family have enjoyed living in Hickling since 1999 and have enjoyed many activities at the village church including the Nativity events at St. Luke's. They have also had pleasure from the various bellringing opportunities ... Seeing the Bell being made at Taylor's Foundry in Loughborough in 2013 has been a real highlight for the whole family.

Philip and Jane **Dodd** and their sons:

Marcus and Alex **Dodd** and their children Freya and Toby

Simon **Dodd**

After our children left school we moved to The Green in Hickling in September 2001 from West Bridgford. We had always wanted to live in the country and with our sons at University it seemed the right time to move. Philip is a self-employed Chartered Surveyor and works in Nottingham as did Jane, up until January 2010.

Eldest son, Marcus, now lives in Thame with his wife and two children and following a career change away from retail management with Waitrose he now works in Milton Keynes soon to qualify as a Chartered Surveyor. Youngest son Simon lives near Basingstoke and is in the RAF. He serves as aircrew with 18 Squadron based at RAF Odiham the home of the UK's 'Chinook' heavy lift helicopter force.

A 2012 London Olympics experience: We were lucky enough to unexpectedly acquire two tickets for a day at the Olympics to watch some men's hockey. Like many, our minds had been filled beforehand with negative thoughts from the press coverage and the G4S episode. The day came and the whole experience was amazing and everything was so well organised. London Transport and their staff were great, the forces and the gamesmakers were great and the atmosphere was beyond belief.

Most importantly, however, not long after entering the Olympic Park we were overcome by a real sense of being very proud to be British - a feeling absent for some time. Having seen things at first hand, Seb Coe is spot on – 'We did it right' – Not Half!!

Cedric **Ford** OBE LLD and Gillian **Ford**

Gillian and myself have lived at East Hill Farm on Bridegate Lane since 28th February 1976. My business was in property development and I was Chairman and owner of Cedric Ford International; the company has been involved in several landmark developments in Nottingham, including the Albert Hall complex, Clifton Blvd Cinema and Leisure complex, the Royal Hotel in Nottingham and re-developments of the Raleigh site, Syerston Hall, and in Cinderhill and Bulwell amongst others.

I received an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Nottingham in 1992 in recognition of exceptional services



and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law in July 2002. I have been a long-standing friend and supporter of the University and I have been a development trustee of the University. I was a major donor to the Arts Centre Appeal and a practice room has been named after me in appreciation. The School of Education has named the Cedric Ford Art Prize in honour of my continued support to the study of Fine Art at the University of Nottingham and I facilitate the annual Cedric Ford Art Prize and Exhibition. I have also made substantial gifts to the Medical

School Research Fund, as well as donating to the new medical library facilities.

My OBE was awarded for services to the City and University of Nottingham. In 1994 I was President of the Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society and the Cedric Ford Pavilion was named after me in commemoration of my enabling the re-building of the old pavilion. During our time at East Hill we have successfully bred pedigree sheep, pedigree Charolais cattle and racehorses. We have enjoyed every minute of our time at East Hill and have been very fortunate to have shared in village life.



Mark, Jane, Lizzie and Katie **Fraser**

We were both born and brought up in the Vale of Belvoir area, Mark in East Bridgford where his father was the local GP and Jane in Scarrington and Whatton where her father was vicar of the Cranmer Group. Coming from opposite ends of the British Isles (Seaford in Sussex and Forres in Morayshire), both fathers worked closely together and the families have been friends for nearly 50 years. Mark began his working life with NatWest Bank and is now working for himself with St. James's Place Wealth Management whilst Jane started out as an Academic Bookseller and then, to fit in better with family life, became an English teacher and now helps out with Mark's business.



We were married in 1986 (in

Whatton) and began married life in Ruddington, but life in the suburbs didn't really suit us and we were quickly looking to move back in to a village. In 1990 we moved to Mill Lane in Hickling, in to one half of what had originally been four (one-up-one-down) farm cottages built in the 1850s. We have fields, orchards and the Lane around us and views up the Standard – lovely. In 2001 it looked as if, very reluctantly, we would have to move away to find a larger family-sized house but good timing and luck brought us the opportunity to buy the neighbouring cottage and combine the two to become Mill Lane Cottages.

Lizzie was born in 1996 and then Katie was born a year later in 1997. They both enjoyed Hickling Playgroup followed by the wonderful little village school in Colston Bassett, a short spell in Kinoulton and now South Wolds in Keyworth.

We have lived in Hickling for 23 years and we are very settled (even if we do still count as new-comers!). Much has changed; regrettably, there is no longer a Post Office and Village Shop, and just as regrettable, it is no longer a twice daily routine to see cows on Main Street and past the house on Mill Lane. But there are still Country Fairs & Scarecrow Weekends, there is an annual Produce Show, Nativities, village breakfasts,

pantomimes and celebrations for high days and holidays. Hickling is still a working farming village (thanks to Clawson Dairies and Stilton cheese) with a strong and close community rooted in the old Hickling families – a great place to live! It would be great to think there may still be a Fraser descendent in the village when the 6th is due for renewal again!

Robert and Madeleine **Graves** of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds and their son Philip, with his wife Rosamund and daughters Hannah, Isobel and Rebecca, of Kinoulton.

The Graves family connection to Hickling is fairly recent and is due to the bells and playgroup. Philip and family moved to Kinoulton in 1993, joining Hickling ringers; with Robert and Madeleine moving to Willoughby in 2003 and also

joining Hickling ringers.

Robert and Philip are both long time and prolific bellringers, well known throughout the East Midlands. Robert originally learnt to ring at Wilford after the second world war, then picking it up again in 1970 at Oaks-in-Charnwood, when Philip learnt to ring and Madeleine also learned. Both Robert and Philip have been tower captains in the past, Robert at Oaks-in-Charnwood and Philip at Eastwood and then Hickling. Rosamund also learned to ring at Oaks-in-Charnwood in 1981, (which is where she and Philip met). Hannah, Isobel and Rebecca all learnt to ring briefly at Hickling in the noughties.

Philip has rung over 1600 peals, conducting more than 850 of them – a peal consists of at least 5000 different changes of bell order and takes at least 2 ½ hours to complete, sometimes considerably more, his longest taking 4 hours 14 minutes at Exeter Cathedral. Robert has rung over 1000 peals whilst Rosamund has sensibly only rung 4!

As well as ringing peals, the Graves family has travelled the length and breadth of the British Isles ringing at different churches, with Robert and Philip each having rung at over 2200 different churches.

Tom and Peggy Herrick of Bridge View House, Main Street, Hickling and their children and families:

David and Sally **Herrick**, Thomas and Kimberley **Herrick**, and son Harry

Mary (nee **Herrick**) and Christopher **Copley** and son Alfie

Shirley **Stephenson** (nee **Herrick**) and partner Richard **Lambert**

Jennifer **Stephenson**, Rachel **Stephenson**, Martyn **Stephenson**

John and Fiona **Herrick**, Robert **Herrick**, George **Herrick**, Archie **Herrick**

David, Shirley and John Herrick are helping sponsor this bell in memory of their parents, Tom and Peggy Herrick, who moved into Bridge View House in 1956, as a temporary measure, until a house could be built on the land that Tom owned, now known as Jerico Farm. Bridge View House was formerly the Navigation Inn built in 1803 alongside the canal, opposite The Basin.



Tom and particularly Peggy were actively involved in village life. Peggy became a well known figure cycling up and down the village and around the Vale. She became a member of Hickling WI as soon as she moved to the village, having been a keen member since the age of 14, taking the post of treasurer on a number of occasions. She loved baking, jam making and knitting and contributed to WI and Village Hall teas and could always be relied on to arrive with tins of cakes. Peggy cleaned the church and did the flowers, she also was a member of the WI darts team. One of the highlights of her time in Hickling was representing the WI at one of the Queen's annual tea parties at Buckingham Palace. For Tom it was the visit of Prince Charles to Bridge View whilst hunting with The Quorn. At jumble sales she ran the toys/white elephant stall usually accompanied, in later years, by her grandchildren. For many years Peggy also delivered the Nottingham Evening Post.

Tom and David were briefly bell ringers and Tom and his brother in law, Will Walker of Lincoln Lodge, Bridegate Lane, were part of a team who scythed the churchyard. David, Shirley and John all attended the village school until it closed in 1966. John Herrick, now an electrician (Vale Electrics) is always on hand to provide an electrical supply at fetes and village events.

This 'temporary measure' lasted over 50 years (there must be something good about the village), while they raised their family ... and they never did move out and since Peggy's death in 2011 her daughter Shirley is resident again at Bridge View House.

Chris and Jan **Hortor**

Andrew **Hortor**

Peter **Hortor**

The Hortors began farming in the area in the early 1950s and moved down to Grove Farm from Keyworth in the 1960s once Douglas James (Jim) Hortor had built a family home. It was a mixed farm in the early years and went fully arable in the 1980s. Chris (Jim's son) farmed the land until 1999 and at the time of writing rears turkeys for Christmas.

Jim Hortor built a number of glasshouses at Grove Farm as the family were originally market gardeners. Jill Hortor (Jim's daughter) developed a farm shop and nursery business separate to the farm. We re-opened this part of the business in 2011 to cater for the villages of Hickling and Kinoulton as their only shop.

Over the years we have been involved in the Playgroup, the Sunday School, the Scouts and some of the varied village events that Hickling is so good at putting on.

Paul **Irving**, Lynn **Irving** (nee **Woolley**), Maddy **Irving & Irving** currently know as 'Bump'.

Lynn grew up in Hickling Post Office, one of the Woolleys. Down the road was Auntie (Bessie Timms) and Uncle Tom. My memories are of goats, chickens, cows always walking through the village, early morning newspaper deliveries, working on Parker's farm, jumble sales, choir and a village up in arms about proposed development and the thwarted attempt by BT to nick the phone box. Paul was raised in Jarrow, Tyne & Wear. They met at Newcastle University in fresher's week – aah! Paul was initially a bit shell-shocked with Hickling, bats swooping at him at night, cows walking down the road 'looking' at him, the way everyone thought it was their business that we were going



Maddy; Diamond Jubilee Maypole Dancing

out or assumed that he would be helping at all the crazy village events. After about a decade though we knocked him into shape and he came to consider himself an adopted Hicklinger. Paul is an accountant with EY in London. Lynn is a teacher, though currently a stay-at-home mum. Eventually we moved back to the Vale, to Long Clawson, and Maddy was born in 2006. She feels as though she has the best of both worlds as she can join in everything in both villages. She's already been in every Panto, nativity, dance she possibly can and loves Scarecrow Weekend.

Lynn learnt to ring ages ago in St Luke's and Lynn and Paul now regularly ring at Hickling and enjoy the hospitality of the Plough afterwards. Lynn is Tower Captain after being told to be by Anita Kirkman – she must have seen this cracked bell coming. These days we are the only Woolleys not living in Hickling – Joanne Cartmell and Jim Woolley (Lynn's brother and sister) both live in the village with their families. The connection with Hickling goes back further than any records that we know of – not an adventurous family - and hopefully stretches way into the future.

Maggy **Jordan** and Andrew **Terry**

Maggy and Andrew moved to Hickling in 1997 and live at Ivy House, almost opposite the Church. Andrew is an indirect tax consultant and Maggy was a tax consultant but 'retired' in 2005. She has edited the village newsletter for about ten years but her main pastime is quilting. They moved to Ivy House on a Thursday evening to the sound of bellringing practice, so this always reminds them of when they first came here.

Thomas Arthur **Kirkman** - 1912-1970

Clarice Mary **Kirkman** – 1921-2013

Anita and Trevor Kirkman (son of Thomas and Clarice) moved to Hickling in 1976 following their marriage. We were both ringers and thought that at the time the tower was silent. However, soon after moving into the village, one Sunday evening, we heard the bells ringing and went to Church to find the bells being rung for Harvest Festival by Messrs Will Walker, Ted Morris, Ron Walker and Tom Herrick. We joined in with them and having chatted with Will, decided to have a practice the following Friday. Practices have continued since that time, for some years on a Friday evening, changed some years later to a Thursday evening.

There were five bells at that time and they were rung from the ground floor and were not easy to ring, not least because of the distance between the ringers and the bells. The bells were hung anti-clockwise. Over the years much work has been done to the bells and the tower. The first step to improve the bells was the fitting of new bearings to the clappers. Then a floor was put in to create an upstairs ringing chamber and the rope-circle was improved. A bell was added (the present 3rd of the eight) which came from the redundant bells at Kinoulton (which happened to fit in with very little tuning!) to make a ring of six. Then a major decision was made to try to augment the bells to eight. A new steel frame was installed in 1996 to replace the old wooden frame and a further bell added. Finally a year later, the final bell was added to create the octave, the present ring of bells.

Trevor was for many years the tower captain, lay reader and chorister. Anita has run the choir for many years and did a stint as tower captain and helped Hickling come 3rd in the district round of the Crawford Cup this April. Both have frequently helped out with playing the organ. Trevor is a partner in a firm of solicitors, also the district coroner. He was ordained in 1996 and is now vicar of the Parish of Plumtree. Anita was for many years, a teacher. Elizabeth followed Anita into this profession, and Tom followed Trevor into law, via a stint playing rugby at Newcastle.

Our children Elizabeth and Thomas, both born in Hickling, learned to ring. We still return to Hickling on a Thursday evening when we can and look forward to many years of further ringing on these fine bells – including the new sixth bell.

Tim **McEwen**
Barbara **McEwen**
Isabelle **McEwen**
Oliver **McEwen**

Tim and Barbara moved to Hickling from Oxfordshire in 1983 when Tim's job with the British Geological Survey was transferred to Keyworth. They live at Cobblestones, which used to be both the village bakery and the post office for many decades from about 1860. Tim is still working as a geologist, though now he works for himself at home, and Barbara, who taught art at Hollygirt School in Nottingham for many years, retired last year. They have two children, Isabelle, who now lives in West Bridgford, and Oliver, a chef, who still lives at home. Both Tim and Barbara are involved in many things that take place in the village, including the Village Hall (they're both on the Village Hall committee), the Hickling Standard, which Tim helped to start in 1999, the Flower and Produce show, which Barbara helped to start in 2010, and last but not least, the new café at Hortors, which Barbara helped to start in 2013.

Mr Reginald **Meakin**

Mr Meakin's family had a timber business, "Meakins of Nottingham", he worked as a School's Health Inspector in Nottingham. He saw many deprived children, and often used his own money to help them. He was a member of the Boy Scouts, and led their camping holidays. He was very interested in local history and he travelled widely in Europe. He was very musical, he taught the last Duke of Rutland the cello. He bought Jessamine and Church View Cottages many years ago to spend holidays and weekends there. After his tenant in Jessamine Cottage died in a fire, he closed the cottage and lived in Church View until a fire there too; he had one electric light, a cold water tap, and was the last person to use a privy in Nottinghamshire. He looked after his Mother, and then an aunt in Lenton, he inherited her house. He moved to a home in Nottingham after the fire in Church View Cottage.

James, Sara, Michael, Charlie, Max and Will **Parker**

Philip Parker came to Kinoulton Grange in 1943 to a predominantly grass farm. During the war large areas had to be ploughed up. Philip imported one of the first combines in Nottinghamshire which came from America in boxes to be assembled.

Philip married Jane in 1952 having four sons, James, Martyn, Tim and Andrew.

In the 1940s, along with the increasing egg production we reared capons for the Christmas market, grew potatoes and sugar beet along with cereals, having to go daily with a lorry to Nottingham to collect mainly Irish workers to help with the work.

Today we are mainly arable, producing wheat which we process to feed our hens and we employ only local people.

James and Andrew now farm together and all of their children have been christened at Hickling Church.

Eric John **Parkes** (DOB 4/4/47, son of JG & EEM **Parkes**) married Beverley Margaret **Parkes** (nee **Taylor**, DOB 11/3/51) from Toton in Nottingham on 11/9/74.

Eric Parkes was born in Hickling in 1947 at Woodbine Cottage and has lived in the village all his life, mainly at Church Farm, though. He was christened in St. Luke's Church and attended the Sunday School. Eric continued the family dairy farm after the death of his father John in 1979 and Eric and Beverley have worked together on the farm ever since. On 21/10/77 their first child was born (James Robert Parkes) then on 13/4/79 their second (Sarah Jane Parkes) who were both christened in St. Luke's Church in 1979. Their son, James, married

Emma Young in St. Luke's on 7/8/10 and they

now have two children, Harry and Evie. Their daughter, Sarah, also married in Hickling Church to Owen Marriott on 6/8/11 and they have a daughter Charlotte, known as 'Lottie'. At both weddings the Church bells were rung to celebrate their marriages.

Hickling is a lovely, rural, friendly village to live in and the lighting of a beacon on the Hickling Standards to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee is a special memory from 2012.

"Whenever I hear the bells of St. Luke's it always makes me think of my childhood, not being able to get to sleep on a Thursday night when it was bell practice!!" (Sarah Marriott, nee Parkes.)



Eva **Parkes**.

I was born Evelyn Emily Mary Townsend and we lived on Bailey's Row, Kinoulton until I was 4 years old. We then

moved to the beer-off in Hickling. My mother, Evelyn Gladys, then decided to make it into a shop selling groceries & sweets. I went to the school when I was 5 years old (then a few years later along came Raymond). My Dad worked at Holwell Iron Works to which he cycled every day, roughly 8 miles each day and he did eventually get a motor cycle. It was hard work especially when the weather was bad. My Dad, Harry, suffered from bad health and I remember the night very clearly when my mother sent me to call the Doctor at Miss Stokes' – not many people had phones, I ran to Miss Stokes, who ran the Post Office, with no shoes on to hear the Doctor say, "Your mother knows just what to do." When I got back, he had died. My Dad used to cut people's hair and help in any way possible. God Bless You, Dad, from us all.

I started going to Sunday School very young and then straight to Church where I used to sit with the vicar's wife.

Hickling is a lovely Church, there is always something needs doing, people and newcomers all say it is a welcoming church.

The school (now the Village Hall) was attended by a lot of children, coming all year from 5-14 years. Some of the scholars had to walk and bring a pack lunch. It was good when the weather was fine in the spring and summertime but not so good in the winter. There were different things going on in all the seasons – I particularly remember the ice skating on the frozen basin. There was a high bridge going over the canal then, which had to be taken down. Another memory I have is of the Hunt meeting several times a year and I also remember there was a group of men and boys who used to mow the Churchyard but that changed when we had to have the new cemetery which was eventually purchased on Clawson Lane, this has been



extended.

John Parkes and I, Evelyn Townsend, eventually married in St Luke's Church and had 3 children, Eric, Alan and Christine. I was so sorry we didn't have longer together, that is one thing that cannot be predicted.

John was churchwarden and rung the bells. I have been involved in all aspects of village life and have been on the WI committee ever since it started, the year I got married.

Christine Norton (nee Peet)

As a very small child I have many happy memories of the village, especially the church. I remember being regularly taken to church whilst my Auntie Dot (Florence Munks) carried out duties. I used to love the calm and tranquillity of the church and do so still to this day.

Most activities in the village were connected to the church or chapel. I remember garden parties on the rectory lawn (Rev Foster), sausage and mash suppers at the chapel, gymkhanas and whist drives. During the coronation, I was very proud to represent the Rose of England in the village Coronation concert where I recited the poem "And this is England" and I can still recite it to this day.

Most of all, I looked forward to the annual Egg and Flower service. This always followed on from the chapel anniversary when all the children from both Sunday Schools joined together for a service in church to which children took gifts of eggs, fruit, veg and flowers. We would sing hymns, special little songs, recite poems and readings. The collection from these services provided us with a Sunday School outing which was greatly looked forward to.

David and I were married at St Lukes in 1966. David was born in Leicester and spent most of his childhood on the East coast. He had just started work on a farm at Wolla Bank when disaster struck in January 1953 when the East coast floods washed the farm away. David moved in land to Cropwell Bishop where we met in 1962 and married in 1966. Ruth was born in 1968, Rebecca 1973 and Rachael 1976. All went to Kinoulton Primary school, were baptised at St Luke's church, and joined the church choir. Ruth became a bell ringer and Rebecca was church organist at Kinoulton between 1985 - 1990. All three thoroughly enjoyed their childhood in the village and loved taking part in all the village events such as the village pram race, door to door collections for a Leprosy charity, Maypole dancing and helping with the Crabtree farm visits.

Like my mother, grandmother and great great grandfather, I was a member of the church choir for approximately 35 years. I was also a Sunday school teacher and a member of the mothers union.

