

November 1907 Hickling Wesleyan Band of Hope commenced the winter season with a lantern lecture given in the Chapel by Mr. J.L. Laws - subject 'An Evening with the British Workman'. A collection taken in aid of funds for the Band of Hope.

February 1917 An Ice Carnival was held on Hickling Basin, refreshments were arranged by a small committee. Fancy skating was given by experts of the Art. A sum of £1. 7s was collected to provide funds to buy wool for the Council School girls to make comforts for village soldier lads.

July 1927 A very fine 4 valve wireless set with loud speaker has been fitted in the Council School. It was given by Mrs. Marsh of Chestnut House in memory of her husband. A suitable tablet with an inscription will be put up in the school.

May 1933 A successful concert arranged by Miss. Proudman in aid of the children's outing fund was held in the Council School - realised £3. 7s. 2d.

July The scholars outing accompanied by parents and friends numbered 69. They proceeded to Skegness by King's motor buses of Long Clawson.



Skegness boating lake - about 1920.

Ida Simpson, Mrs. Burton, Polly Shelton, Lilly Huffer (friend) Polly Harriman, Sally Parkes.

Hilda and Lily Burton

Barrel organ (circa 1920's) A man with a barrel organ would visit the village wheeling the organ along the road from house to house. He would turn the organ handle for the tunes, sometimes there would be a small monkey on the organ, once it was a brown bear fastened on a long chain and as the organ played 'A Dancing Bear' the bear would turn round in circles. Coppers would be put in the collecting tin-can.

Gypsies Gypsies were quite a regular sight in the village usually camping up Green Lane. They mostly had quite a number of ponies, very often piebald. The gypsies would go round the houses selling clothes pegs they had made, lace, buttons etc. and telling fortunes. They mostly wore bright clothes, headscarves, ear-rings and a shawl, they were very dark haired, the women and girls with long plaits. Their goods would be carried in willow baskets of their own making.

Feast Day in Hickling was held the last weekend in June, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Extracts from newspaper reports:-

Club Feast July 1902 The day was a general holiday with visitors to the village. Swing boats, cocoa-nut shies and stalls were held in Mr. Harry Parnhams paddock.

Club Feast July 1910 Held in the paddock at the 'Plough Inn'. Rain fell heavily until mid-day.

Village Feast November 1906 The Village Feast was quietly observed. There was a small gathering of the travelling fraternity, with cocoa-nut shies, etc. in the Navigation Yard. The old custom of making 'Furmity' was still observed by a few families.

Village Feast November 1908 Save for the practice of making 'frumity' for 'formity' no evidence of the feast was noticable this year.

Village Feast November 1914 The Feast was celebrated in a quiet way. The school children had a half-day holiday on Monday. In the paddock at the 'Plough Inn' Palmer's provided a skittle alley and a stall.

Village Feast November 1915 The Feast was observed this week in a very quiet way. The festival has very nearly died out.



Hickling Cricket Team - Season 1863

T. Magson - J. Marsden - T. Shipsides - E. Lovett - J. Herrick
 J. Hopkinson - G. Shipman - J. Rose - W. Collishaw
 A. Daft - T. Jeffrey - T. Meadows
 Photographer - Garside and Stevenson, The Studio, Long Eaton.



Hickling Cricket Club - circa 1907

Back row - Joe Spencer, Billy Copley, George Squires, John L. Laws,
 Mitchell Marshall, Albert Simpson.
 Front row - George Lakin, Ernest H. Shelton, Oliver Ginniver, Charlie Munks,
 G. Fred Shelton, Harry Keay, Alwyn F. Shelton.

CRICKET CLUB

Press cuttings show there was a thriving cricket club in Hickling as far back as the 1860's (note photograph of 1863 on previous page). The cricket field was then situated in the field beyond the spinney along the south side of the canal, it was reached either by a cart-track opposite Mill Lane or along the canal bank. Matches would be played against teams from villages throughout the Vale of Belvoir, players travelling either by cycle or horse and cart. The new cricket field, situated about half a mile from the village up Bridgegate Lane and owned by Mr. W. Woolley & Son, was opened in April 1959. The day dawned pouring with rain and continued such, this being the only wet day of a long, hot and very dry summer.

A new pavilion was opened in 1968. It was built by Philip Parkes and Don Gray, assisted by most of the players. The weather was more favourable for this event which was opened by a Mr. Gibson of the Nottinghamshire Playing Fields Association. A single wicket competition was played and won by Jim Fisher, runner-up Gerald Mackintosh. A sit down tea was provided on the field by the ladies.

Cost of the pavilion was £250 and a grant of £80 was given by the Nottinghamshire Playing Fields Association from the Lords Taverners' fund.

It is believed the old pavilion was erected in 1906. This was moved by tractor and trailer when the new ground was acquired.



Philip Parkes
David Brown - Jack Parkes - Keith Wadkin - Cliff Brown
Patrick Wadkin

Women's Institute

The institute was re-formed in 1947 after the war with Mrs. Muriel Ashworth of the Manor House president. Mrs. Windey was the first Hon. Secretary and Mrs. Timms the first Hon. Treasurer. Presidents until the present time were as follows:- Mrs. Ashworth 1947 - 1952, Mrs. Windey 1952 - 1955, Mrs. V.S. Walker 1955 - 1958, Miss. Mabel Salt 1958 - 1963, Mrs. Windey 1963 - 1967, Mrs. Morris 1967 - 1969, Mrs. J. Wadkin 1969 - 1973, Mrs. Vear 1973 - 1976, Mrs. Spackman 1976 - 1978, Mrs. Johnson 1978 - 1980, Mrs. Evans 1980. Mrs. Windey was at one time County Vice-Chairman and a V.C.O. for a number of years. Membership at one time exceeded 60. During the 34 years the Institute has been in existence a number of activities have taken place. There was at one time a choir and a drama group, classes have included :- embroidery, flower arranging, art, rugmaking, dressmaking, crochet and cookery. W.I. members have always been invited to take charge of the teas at the Royal British Legion Horticultural Show every other year when it is held in Hickling. The A.C.W.W (Associated Country Women of the World) Pennies for Friendship has always been supported. Saxondale Hospital has its own Women's Institute and birthday cards are sent to the members from Hickling W.I. and exchange visits have also taken place. Alternate years see an exhibition of arts, crafts and produce which are judged during the morning by outside independent judges and awarded points - gold stars 20, 19 points, silver stars 18, 17 points, red stars 16, 15 points. The standard of the exhibits is usually extremely high. In 1965 the National Federation of Women's Institutes celebrated their Golden Jubilee and to commemorate this Hickling W.I. presented the village with an 8ft. teak seat set overlooking the canal basin. The gift was handed over to Mr. W. Woolley, Chairman of the Parish Council, by the institute's president Mrs. M. Windey. After the ceremony the institute staged an 'At Home' session in the village school for those attending the presentation. To commemorate the W.I.'s Diamond Jubilee a Union Jack was presented to the Village Hall in May 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.



1953-54

Edwin Wolley
Daphne Simpson
Hazel Doughty
Marion Walker
June Murrell
Sylvia Merry



Mother's Union on Rectory Lawn - 28th June 1951

Back Row Mrs. Murden, Mrs. Eva Parkes, Mrs. Donnie Simpson, Mrs. Tom Munks,
Mrs. R.W.B. Ashworth, Mrs. W. Parr, Mrs. Percy Collishaw, Mrs. John Wadkin,
Mrs. E.G. Richardson, Mrs. Edgar Herrick, Mrs. Oliver Smith.

Centre Row Mrs. Tom Starbuck, Mrs. Billy Marriott, Mrs. R. Salt, Mrs. Richard Copley
Mrs. John Parkes (Polly), Mrs. S. Walker, Mrs. W. Woolley, Mrs. Warrington,
Mrs. Jack Squires, Miss. Millie Cross, Mrs. Arthur Wright.

Front Row Miss. Pinchbeck, Mrs. Aston, Mrs. F. Parr, Mrs. H. Swanwick,
Rev. L. Foster, Mrs. L. Foster, Mrs. A. Herrick, Mrs. King,
Mrs. Harold Burnett, Mrs. George Walker.

Tennis Club For many years tennis was played on a very pleasant grass court at the back of the Rectory. Access to this was up the drive and through the rose garden passing a lovely stone sun-dial. Unfortunately, this club had to be disbanded in 1952. Following this, permission was obtained from the British Legion to rent a piece of ground at the top of the Dove-cote field and a tennis court was mown and fencing erected but this did not continue owing to lack of support.

Football (circa 1938) Hickling's football team was known at 'The Swifts' the manager being a Mr. Holland who lived down Faulks Lane. The team played in Robinson's field (opposite 'Elm House' now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. Windey). Football meetings were held in a loft over Simpson's butchers shop.

Village seats Two seats were placed by the Parish Council to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June, 1953, one about half a mile up Bridgegate Lane and one just beyond the cemetery on Clawson Lane. Relatives of the late Mrs. Ethel Armstrong of the 'Plough Inn' gave in 1956, the seat which is placed nearly opposite the Chapel. The one facing the basin was presented to the village by Hickling Women's Institute during the W.I. Jubilee Year 1965.

Allotments There were two separate fields of allotments which were rented to any parishioner. One field was known as Bridgegate Gardens and was situated about half a mile up Bridgegate Lane in the field before the present cricket field. The other was down Clawson Lane and known as the Parsons Gardens. People would walk to the gardens pushing a wheelbarrow to carry their tools etc.

Threshing Engine Great excitement would be in the village when the thresher came sometime during early winter. The noise from the drum was rather loud, dust and chaff everywhere and all the workers were very black and dirty, there were of course many rats. Farmers and farm workers went round helping each other until all was finished.

Mains Water was laid to the village during 1957. Previously people had wells or fetched water from neighbours wells by bucket. Soft water was collected in water tanks or butts. After the passing of Town and Country Planning legislation building permission could only be obtained if water was on the site.

Sewerage Commencement of the laying of sewerage pipes was in 1973 this taking three years to complete. Owing to the amount of water under Hickling there was great difficulty in sealing the pipes in places.

Tailors Shop Mr. Fred Shelton was the tailor and kept his shop in the house which is now the Post Office, he had two assistants. Later Mr. Shelton moved his business to Skegness and one of his assistants a Mr. Ted Willott set up a shop in a small building situated at the gateway of Holly House almost opposite the Village Hall.

Saddlers Shop Saddler was Mr. R. Copley of 'The Homestead' who later bought and carried on business at the house now known as 'Duisdale' on the North side of The Manor gate owned and occupied in 1976 by Miss. Gertrude Woolley.

Bakers Shop Mr. Harriman baker and flour dealer married in 1877 lived at 'Cobblestones' he later passed the business to his son Mr. Jack Harriman. At Easter time the baker would stay up all Thursday night to ensure everyone had hot cross buns for breakfast on Good Friday. Like many other tradesmen Mr. Harriman had a horse and cart. He was followed by Mr. Fred Copley who took over along with the grocery shop and post office.

At one time there was a bakehouse at what is now Sulney Cottage next to the Church gates owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H.B.Moulds.

Woodyard Mr. W. Burnett owned the woodyard and had horse drawn timber drugs. Tree trunks would be sawn by a steam driven engine. His business also employed joiners, builders, painters and decorators, a wheelwright, undertakers and blacksmiths. He lived in the house on the corner of Long Lane and part of his yard can be seen on the extreme right of the photograph of 'The Homestead'.

Milkman Milk was bought from local farmers, there being no delivery men. If cream was required an extra pint was bought, put into a basin and left to stand until the next day, then the cream taken off the top. Cows were often milked in the fields away from home and the farmer would carry his churn fixed between two large iron wheels and pulled by a long handle. If the farm was larger the milk was taken to Widmerpool Station by horse and float to go by train to Nottingham.

Milking was of course all carried out by hand. During the 1940's and 1950's a Mr. S. Barnes from Kinoulton had a milk round in Hickling bringing a churn in the boot of his car and measuring the milk into a jug at the door. If the



Doubleday's butchers cart.
Postcard date stamped 1904



Sally Parkes outside the Rectory gate. circa 1920

Kinoulton Lane was blocked by snow he brought the milk by horse and cart. It became illegal to sell milk straight from the cow and Mr. Barnes had to sell his round which was bought by the Nottingham Co-op during the late 1950's. Later all the village was supplied by Long Clawson Dairy.

Coal Merchants Coal was brought along the canal on barges and tipped into the Wharf Yard then re-loaded on to horse drawn carts. Following this, coal came by rail trucks and tipped at Old Dalby Station or occasionally Widmerpool, then collected by horse and cart. Delivery often took several days. Coal merchant was Mr. Harry Brooks from Hose and Mr. Malcolm King of Long Clawson who delivered on a specific day of the week. Today three coal merchants deliver in the village:-

Mr. John Grice from Hickling Pastures, Mr. Ernest Tinsley, Long Clawson (one time assistant to Mr. M. King) and Mr. Henry Coy from Harby who bought Mr. H. Brooks's business. In 1885 Mr. Bill Collishaw was a coal merchant and warfinger.

Policeman The village policeman lived in a police house at Kinoulton opposite the Neville Arms. In 1959 a new police house was built at the top of Pinfold Lane but was discontinued in the early 1970's and the police house sold. During the 1939/45 war Mr. Swanwick of Hickling was a Special Constable in the village and was extremely keen that no-one must have the slightest trace of light showing round the blinds after dark. He cycled about the village with his little dog 'Pam' in a cloth bag on the handlebars.

Scissor Grinder A scissor grinder would visit the village once or twice a year. The grinding contraption fastened on his cycle, he would sharpen scissors, knives, shears etc. working the grinding wheel with his foot.

Blacksmith Mr. Alwyn Shelton was at one time the blacksmith with the W. Burnett firm. The building still stands and runs along the path side just south of Long Lane. During the 1920's Mr. Shelton built himself a shop on a piece of land opposite the Manor gate. In May 1966 the shop and orchard in which it stands, the plot being approximately 1,175 sq. yds. was offered for sale at a price of £1,100. It was bought by the builders Hills and Little of Cropwell and converted to a bungalow. At the present time 'The Old Forge' is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D.Sallis. There was at one time another forge opposite the 'Little Green' the building end on to the road which has a large brick horseshoe built into the wall (next to the post box). The house is now called 'Forge Cottage' and is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M.Turner.

Cobbler Mr. Tom Watchorn - known as 'Crutchy' - was at one time a cobbler in the village. He worked and lived in what is now a shed but was a black hut inside the gate of 'Bridge View' when it was the 'Navigation' Public House.

Carriers in 1885 were John and William Mann who travelled to Melton on Tuesdays and Nottingham on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The carrier had a horse and cart and would take potatoes, fruit, eggs and poultry or anything people wished to have taken into town. The carriers wife would fetch any shopping or change goods as needed. In later years the carrier had a small lorry.

The Post Office In 1885 post, money orders and savings bank were at Mr. Robert Collishaws, Grocer and Postmaster. Letters arrived via Melton Mowbray at 9 a.m. and were despatched at 3.45 p.m.

April 1900 There were 16 people present at a meeting to consider the question of a telegraph office.

November 1900 Large poles were erected along Long Clawson Lane for a telephone to be connected with the Clawson line.

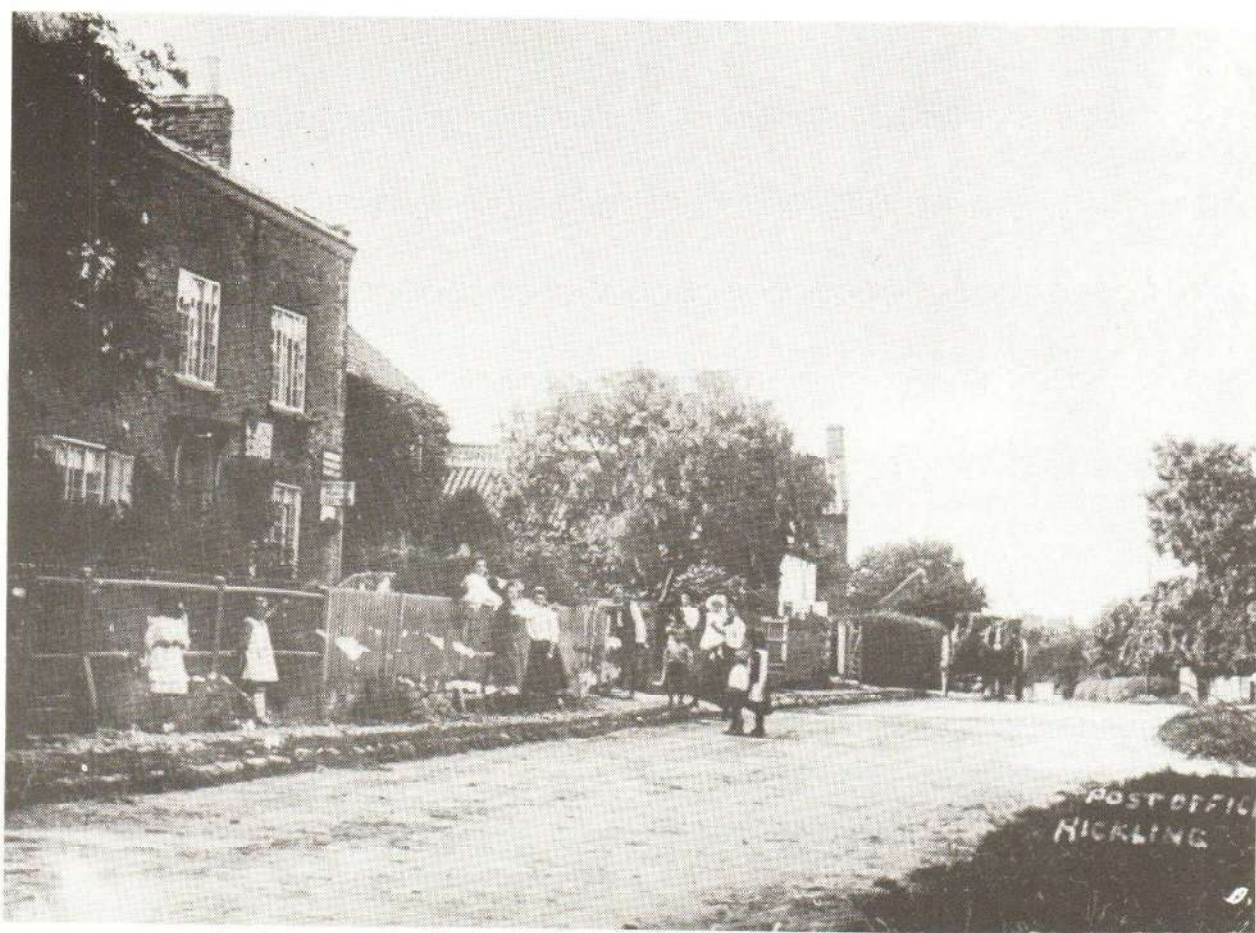
December 1900 The telegraph business now open:-
weekdays 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

May 1906 Arrangements have been made for a second despatch of letters from Melton Mowbray to Hickling via Upper Broughton arriving by train at 3.35 p.m. and conveyed to Hickling by the rural postmaster. The letters will not be delivered but may be obtained from the Post Office about 5 p.m.

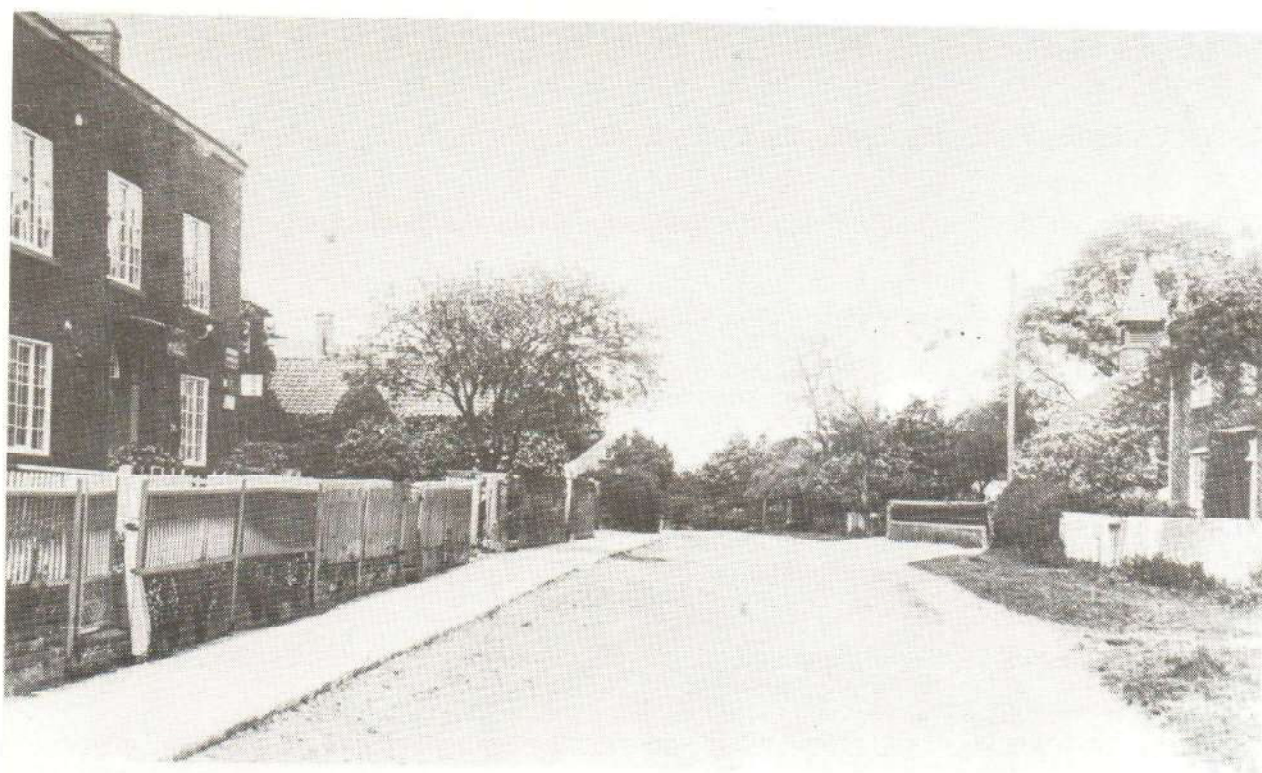
1906 - 1909 Mr. A.G. King was rural letter carrier between Upper Broughton station and Hickling.

October 1906 The telephone at the Post Office may now be used by the public for 3 minutes for a fee of twopence.

July 1907 Trunk calls may now be made from the Post Office to Derby, Leicester, Loughborough, Market Harborough and Nottingham for a charge of 3d. instead of the usual 2d.



1907 The girl leaning on the railings in the group of three with her arm down onto her skirt is Miss. Dot Munks.



Photograph taken sometime after the path was concreted in 1912 but while the Post Office was kept by Mr. Harriman at house now known as 'Cobblestones' and before the Post Office moved next door in 1932 to be kept by Miss. M. Stokes.

1912 In connection with the Shop Act the Post Office will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

September 1919 Mr. Bert Wilson a discharged soldier was appointed the new postman.

At one time the post office was kept by Mr. Harriman at Cobblestones'. Miss. Stokes took the post office in 1932 in the house it is in today. After she retired it was moved to 'Forge Cottage' under the management of Mrs. Starbuck who also held the Off Licence. Mr. E.T. Timms followed as sub-postmaster around 1945 and moved back again next door during the mid 1950's. Mr. Ian Woolley (nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Timms) took over in November, 1963.

1885 Mr. John Featherstone was a tax collector.

1912 Village Improvement The old boulder causeway is to be removed and a new concrete one laid to extend from the 'Plough Inn' to the end of the village a length of 1,050 yards thereabouts. Contractor for the work Mr. W. Burnett, cost £100. Work to commemorate the coronation of George V.

Shire horses The shire horses were a wonderful sight to be seen working in the fields or pulling the timber drugs belonging to Mr. Burnett.

Burnett's Timber Yard. Circa 1900



Left. Edgar and Horace Burnett making punt. Old sawpit under pantile roof on right.

Below. Harold Burnett by cart. Father, Wm. Burnett, at front. Joiners shop at back.





Mrs. Sarah Copley, her son John and Great Grandson William.

Mrs. Copley was born at Croxton Kerrial in 1805, she celebrated her hundredth birthday on 8th June, 1905, and received a letter from Queen Alexandria. There were four generations, as above and also Grandson Richard. The house was known as 'The Homestead'.



Mrs. Dickman and daughter Jessie

Note the shop window - late 1920's or early 1930's

Tradesmen

Tradesmen to Hickling from the first world war until 1977.

Mr. Johnny Warden, greengrocer and fishmonger from Keyworth came with a horse and dray, he had an extremely loud voice and would shout his wares.

Mr. Barratt also came from Keyworth selling hardware, pots, pans and paraffin travelling with a horse and dray.

Mr. Grain from Cropwell Bishop, draper and haberdashery, he had a horse and wagon with a black waterproof hood.

Mr. Wilson from Owthorpe selling haberdashery. He walked his rounds and carried his wares of boot and shoe laces, buttons, studs, elastic, mending wool etc. on a tray which hung from a strap round his neck.

Mr. Jack Marson from Upper Broughton, greengrocer came round with a van, his son now carries on with the business but doesn't come to Hickling.

Mr. Wheatcroft from Willoughby-on-the-Wolds came round Hickling every Monday for many years first with a horse and dray and later with a van. He sold hardware, paraffin, vinegar, groceries and did shoe repairs. During the 1914-18 war Mrs. Wheatcroft and daughter carried on with the business whilst her husband was on active service.

Travellers from possibly Gloucestershire came once every two years. They would arrive in six to eight wagons pulled by horses, the wagons having black tarpaulin covers like curtains open at the back. They sold farm and garden implements, buckets of every kind, brushes, all sizes of nails sold by weight. They stayed in a local farmers field at night.

Mr. Hemmington and Miss. Scott came round for many years once a fortnight from Pullmans of Nottingham in a private car.

Doncasters from Bingham, Drapers. Their representative was a Mr. Harry Castledine and one could order furniture from Nottingham through him.

Hardstaff and Brown also from Bingham, Grocer. Representative was a Mr. Huskinson who would call for the order on Monday and the goods were delivered on the following Thursday. This was a monthly visit.

Miss. Disney from Wysall cycled round the villages during the 1920's selling stockings made by her father.

Heaford - grocer came round from Upper Broughton.

Dan Wright from Keyworth - Hardware. This is now the 'bus company' which operates taking the senior children to school at Keyworth. Wrights used to take the senior children to school in Melton during the late 1940's and 1950's.

Mobile co-op grocery van came round for a long time on a Saturday morning but was discontinued in 1973-74 owing to the rising cost of petrol.

During the mid 1970's a choropodist from the County Services attended the village enabling people of pensionable age to have their feet attended to. In 1976 the number of patients was such that there were no free places and a waiting list had to be kept. This visiting service was discontinued to the village in 1980.

A mobile library from the County Hall at West Bridgford comes fortnightly stopping outside the Village Hall and the Church.

Transport

During the 1800's goods were transported by a carrier on certain days each week, these were as follows:-

1832.. Richard Copley to Nottingham on Saturdays leaving at 4 a.m. and to Melton Mowbray on Tuesdays leaving at 7 a.m.

1841.. Richard Copley, Nottingham 4 a.m. on Saturdays and Melton 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jn. Marsh to Nottingham on a Saturday at 6 a.m.

1864.. Richard Copley to Nottingham on Saturdays and Melton on Tuesdays, Richard Mann to Nottingham on a Wednesday and Saturday.

1894.. John and William Mann to Nottingham on a Wednesday and Saturday.

Hollingworth's business in cattle transport started in the late 1920's by Mr. E. Hollingworth with his motor-bike and sidecar. On market days he would collect from the farmer either one calf or one sow in his sidecar and take it to Melton then return to collect the piglets.

Transport during the 1920's was mainly by train, to Nottingham from Widmerpool station and Melton from Upper Broughton. To reach the station people walked, cycled or were given a lift by horse and cart or milk float when taking the churns to the station. The first bus was Barnetts from Widmerpool which called through the villages on a Tuesday. Seating was the length of the bus and held 14 passengers who usually had to alight to push the vehicle up the hills. Mr. Malcolm King from Long Clawson ran the first regular service from Melton to Nottingham twice weekly then each week-day (not Sundays). Barton's eventually bought the business from Mr. King. A weekly workman's ticket was issued by Barton's in the latter part of the 1940's but only on the 7.40 a.m. to Nottingham, this was discontinued at the end of 1950 and replaced by a daily workman's return ticket at 1/8d, ordinary fare during the day 2/-.



Circa 1895 Outside the butcher's shop - Rose Cottage

Charlie & Albert
Simpson

Bert
Woolley

George
Simpson
(Owner)

Fred
Parr

Mrs. Sarah
Ann Simpson

Lettie
Dickman

Ida
Simpson

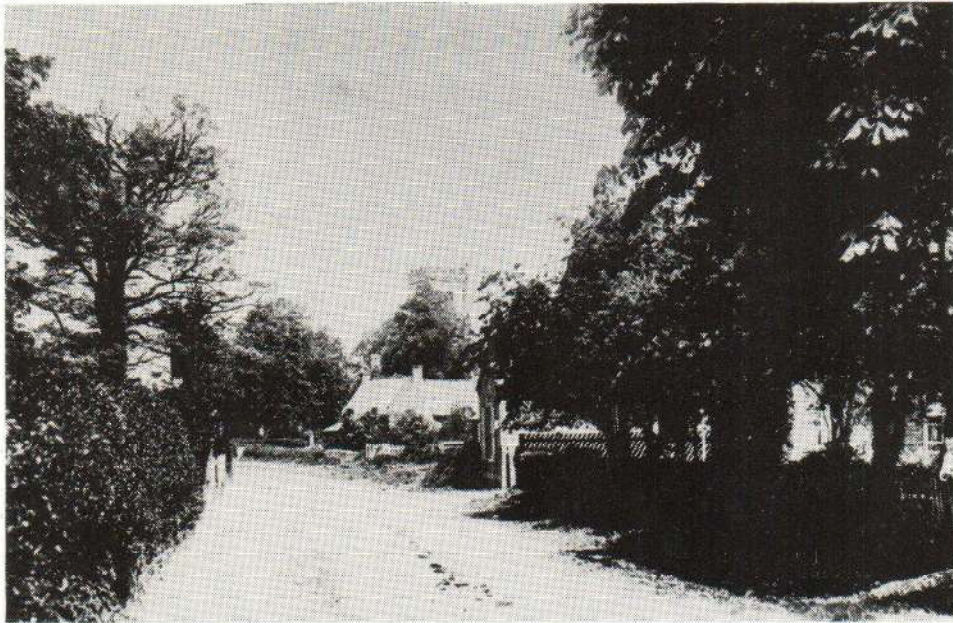
Cecil
Simpson

Emmie
Simpson

Lily
Simpson

Donnie & Rowley
Simpson

Butcher's shop and buildings taken down around 1963



1920's

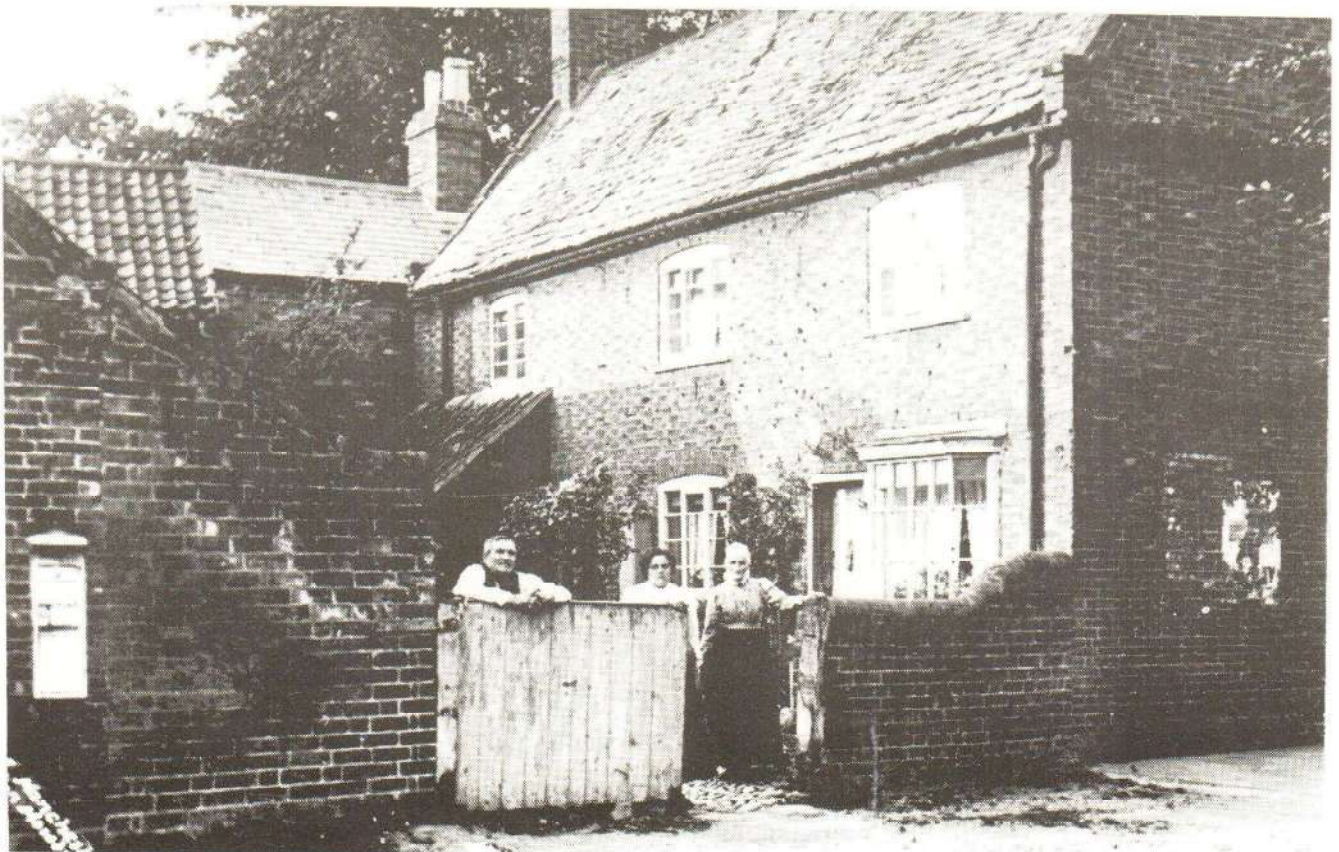
Lady on extreme right of picture is Mrs. George Simpson
at Rose Cottage.



Postcard date stamped 1929.



Mr. Robert Daft cycling past the Rectory gates. Mr. Daft was involved in a collision with a car at the meet of the Quorn Hunt at Widmerpool on 27th January, 1934, and died in March 1934 aged 86 years.



Jessie and Mrs. Dickman
early 1920's



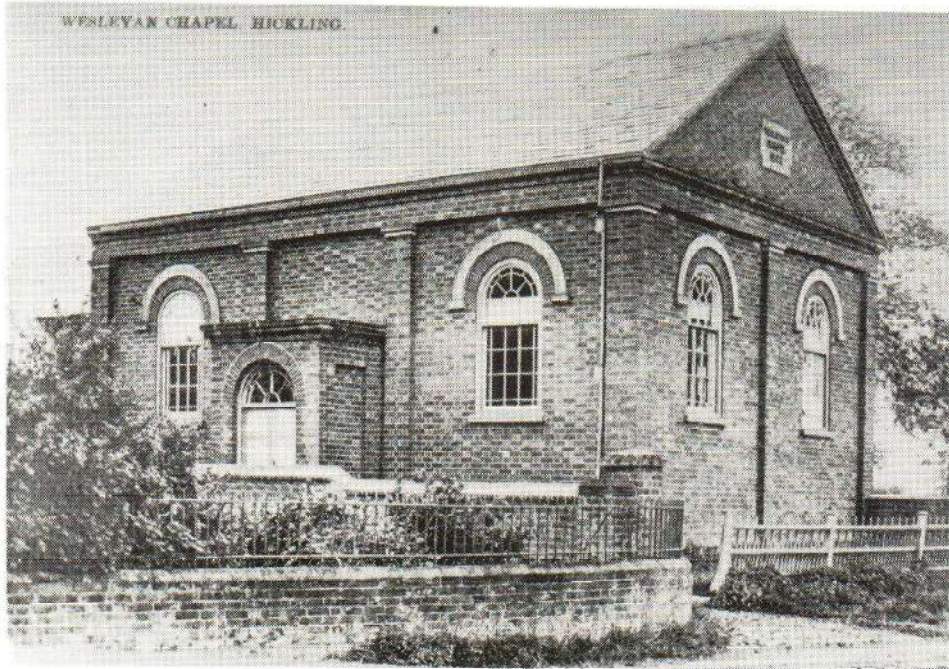
'Pedlar's Parade' Chapel Sunday School pupils
garden party in Home Field 'Elm Farm' home of
Mr. & Mrs. V.S. Walker. 5th July, 1947.

Edwin Woolley

Keith	June	June	Hazel	Joan	Cweneth	Brenda
Wadkin	Rose	Marriott	Doughty	Squires	Shelton	Woolley
	Oliver		Marion			
	Smith		Walker			



From Clawson Lane corner



The Chapel before the porch was taken down and re-built on the front.

Methodism arrived in Hickling in 1799 and services were held in private houses. The first chapel was a small comfortable building built in 1804 at a cost of £150 largely given by residents. The present day chapel replaced this in 1848 and when land became available at the back a schoolroom was added in celebration of the 50th anniversary in 1899. In later years the porch was moved from the side of the building to the front facing the road. During 1909 an estimate was given by Mr. Burnett for replacing the seats in the chapel with modern ones at a cost of £170-£180.



1908 - Teenager Lizzie Marson (Cox) with Eric Laws - Schoolmaster's son who was later to become curator of the Nottingham Castle Museum. Note the Chapel before the porch was built onto the front and also the cobble footpath.

Legend has it that the devil threw a large boulder at the chapel and missed but it still remains just outside the railings on the corner.



1950's



The Chapel Sunday School pupils with
teacher Alwyn Shelton 30th June, 1930.

Top row - Alan Hall, Johnny Walker, Eva Shelton, Jessie Murden, Evelyn Squires.

Middle row - Olga Burnett, Nancy Robinson, Margaret Walker, Lily Burton,
Beryl Hall, Alwyn F. Shelton, Hilda Burton, Mary Robinson,
Terry Copley, Beryl Murden, Les Crump
Harry Murden

Front row - Peter Marriott, George Wright, Cecil Rose, Eva Robinson, Freda Copley,
Arthur Robinson, Lorna Marriott, Dorothy Marriott, Charles Shelton,
Jim Wright, Dick Copley,



Smithfield Lane is now known as Bridegate Lane.

Copy of a drawing by Mr. Laws who was the school headmaster.



1910 - Mrs. Albert Simpson (Venie) and Ivy taken outside White Cottage on Smithfield Lane as Bridegate Lane was then known. White Cottage can be seen on the extreme right on the drawing above and it was pulled down by Mr. & Mrs. Grove in 1963.

Floods

Hickling has always been known for flooding. Outside Water Lane Farm, Church Farm, Bridegate Lane corner, Clawson Lane where the Dalby brook runs under the road and at the top of Faulks Lane were, and indeed still are, the places affected by flooding after continuous rain.

On August Bank Holiday 1922 the 'Church and Chapel' flood joined and the water reached the front doorstep of 'Rose Cottage' and the top step of 'Yew Tree House' opposite, the bridge over the brook on Clawson Lane was washed away. A number of houses had water in the downstairs rooms, animals and poultry were drowned. Although the floods have joined a number of times since this was the highest water level anyone can remember.

Clawson Lane was quite often closed and traffic diverted round by Nether Broughton.

Consecration of the new cemetery in 1955 had to be postponed from January to May because of flooding on the lane.



The Bridge on Clawson Lane
after the August 1922 flood.



View from Chapel looking North



March 1975 - Mothering Sunday
extremely bad flooding following
24 hrs. continuous rain.



View taken from outside 'Elm
House' (Mr. & Mrs. Windey)
looking North.



HICKLING FIRE SERVICE

Hickling Fire Service was formed around 1947 the headquarters at West Bridgford. The fire tender was kept at Whittaker's at Beech House then at Miss. Wakelin's before a piece of ground was bought on Chapel Lane from Miss. Proudman, School House and a special building erected. Practices were held on Sunday mornings. Water had to be drawn from the brook or canal as there was no mains water. The service was disbanded and the tender taken away at the beginning of 1956 but the hose and other articles were not collected until 1973 when they had completely perished. The building then became the garage belonging to the School House owned by Mr. & Mrs. R. (Bob) Spencer (nee Miss. Proudman).

PARISH COUNCIL

March 1898 At a Parish meeting the following gentlemen were duly elected members of the Parish Council, viz., Messrs. G.H.Collishaw, Charles Dickman, Henry Dickman, Thos. Drake, William Mason, Jos. Parr and Geo. Simpson.

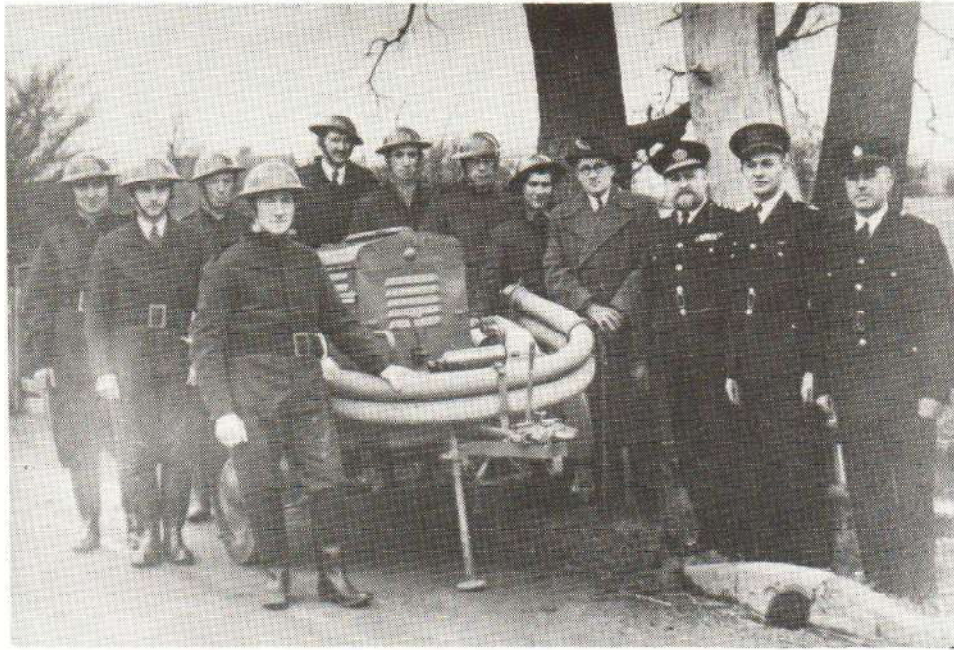
March 1904 Seven nominations, the required number were handed in, the following were declared re-elected, George Henry Collishaw, James Wright Collishaw, Chas. Dickman, John Dickman, Thomas Drake, William Marvin, and Joseph Parr, Mr. George Henry Collishaw was re-elected District Councillor.

March 1907 The Rector (The Rev. F.J. Ashmall) presided and the following persons were duly elected to form the Parish Council. Messrs. Geo. H. Collishaw, Jas. W.Collishaw, Chas. Dickman, John Dickman, Thos. Drake, Wm. Mann and Jos. Parr. Mr. G.H.Collishaw was re-elected District Councillor.

March 1922 The following were re-elected for the Parish Council. Messrs. J.W.Collishaw, John Dickman, Thos. C.Rose, Alwyn F.Shelton, Thos. G. Wiles, L.M. Woolley and H.W.Woolley. Mr. John Dickman was re-elected District Councillor.

May 1973 Chairman Harry S. Robinson, Vice-Chairman Jon Vear, V.Haynes, R.Collishaw, Mrs. Gweneth Cane, Mrs. Hazel Wadkin, Mr. Norman Marriott (who died in May 1975 and his place was filled by the clerk Mrs. R.Spencer).

May 1976 Chairman Harry S. Robinson, Vice-Chairman Ian Woolley, John Walker, J.Parkes, R.Collishaw, Mrs. Gweneth Cane, Miss. Muriel Buckley. Clerk Mrs. D.Bevington.



Left to right:-

Harold Hartshorn, Wilf Parr, Jack Parkes, Fred Payne,
Bill Murden, Bob Collishaw, Fred Wiles, Ted Faulks,
R.W. Baker Ashworth, West Bridgeford Firemen



Firemen 'in action'. Photograph taken on the Dalby Brook bridge
on Clawson Lane.

The road was widened and the corner taken off at the cemetery
during 1966.

HICKLING SECTION, No. 26 PLATOON "F" COY. 2nd NOTTS. (HOME GUARD)



Left to right.

Standing - Pte. J. Richardson, Pte. F. T. Tomlinson, Pte. V. S. Walker, Pte. F. N. Marriott,
Pte. J. W. Murden, Pte. N. W. Marriott, Pte. G. Parker, Pte. J. W. Tomlinson.

Seated - Pte. C. Durrance, L/c F. S. Shelton, Cpl. J. W. Marriott, S/Sgt. D. Simpson,
Lt. C. Cursham o.c., 2nd Lt. A. J. A. MacFarlane, Cpl. J. G. Parkes,
Cpl. H. S. Robinson, Pte. J. G. Durrance.

DISTRICT NURSE

December 1907 A meeting was held to ascertain the feeling of parishioners as to join the proposed Nursing District comprising of Old Dalby, Upper Broughton, Nether Broughton and Hickling.

1916 It was resolved at a largely attended meeting of residents from Upper Broughton, Nether Broughton, Old Dalby and Hickling to unite and join the Nottinghamshire Nursing Federation to which our District Association would be affiliated, and help in selection of a nurse and provision of a bicycle and medical dressings. District cost would be approximately £70 per year each parish paying an annual £18. Families desiring benefit would become members with subscriptions as follows:-

Labourers - wages not exceeding 20/- per week a minimum of
2/6d per annum

Artisans & small trades people - 4/- - 5/- per annum

Trades people and farmers 5/- - 10/- per annum

Nurse to reside at Nether Broughton. Services to be free to members and their families and those in receipt of Parish Relief except in cases of confinement and infectious cases, the latter may be nursed at a special fee of 5/-. A Parish Meeting to be called to ascertain the views of the parishioners.

ELECTRICITY

A public meeting was held in 1930 to discuss the possibility of electricity being brought to the village.

July 1932 The Derbyshire and Nottingham Electric Power Company, Ilkeston under the East Nottinghamshire Electricity special order 1928 are erecting huge poles for carrying the wires for supplying electric light to the village. At the beginning most people only had electric lights installed downstairs in the rooms used and it was quite some time before electric cookers were in general use. It was not until the mid 1950's that street lighting was erected along the main street. Previous to this people would carry a lantern filled with paraffin and cyclists used carbide lamps which had a very unpleasant smell. Carriages had a lamp (which held a thick candle inside) one on either side. These usually had brass rims or were all brass and were kept highly polished.

Lane Letting

The lanes leading out of the village were let annually for grazing.

April 1902 Letting took place at 'The Plough'.

Clawson Lane - £5. 10s. Od. Smithfield Lane - £6. 2s. 6d. Green Lane £5. 0s. Od.

Broughton Lane - £3. 12s. 6d. The Fosse 8s. Od. Folly Hall Lane 4/6d.

April 1918 - Bridegate Lane (Mrs. A. Collishaw) £6. 15s. Od. Green Lane

(Mr. F. Woolley) £3. Broughton Lane (Mr. T.G. Wiles) £2. 10s. Od.

Clawson Lane (Mr. H.W. Woolley) £4. Waste pit garden (Mr. T.W. Jeffery) 2/6d.

April 1919 - Bridegate Lane (Mrs. A.L. Collishaw) £6. 15s. Od. Green Lane

(Mr. F. Woolley) £6. Broughton Lane (Mr. C. Shelton) £5. 5s. Od.

Clawson Lane (Mr. E. Parr) £6. Folly Hall Lane (Mr. T. Elliott) 1/-.

April 1922 - Bridegate Lane (Mr. T. Elliott) £4. Green Lane (Mr. Noel Marriott) £4

Broughton Lane (Mr. Arthur Shelton) £4. 12s. 6d. Clawson Lane (Mr. T.G. Wiles) £4.

Folly Hall Lane (Mr. T. Elliott) 1/-.

May 1925 - Broughton Lane (Mr. J. Dickman) £1. 10s. Od. Clawson Lane

(Mr. T.G. Wiles) 10/-.

Bridegate Lane (Mr. E. Salt) £4. Green Lane and

Folly Hall Lane (Mrs. N. Marriott) £2. 5s. Od. and 1/-.

April 1928 - Bridegate Lane (Mr. Job Flavell) £7. 10s. Green Lane (Mrs. Noel

Marriott) 15/-.

Broughton Lane (Mr. H. Robinson) 10/-.

Clawson Lane

(Mr. T.G. Wiles) 10/-.

Folly Hall Lane (Mr. E. Scott).

March 1929 - Bridegate Lane (Mr. D. Simpson) £6. 10s. Green Lane (Mrs. N.

Marriott) £3. 10s. Broughton Lane (Mr. H. Robinson) £3. 8s. Clawson Lane

(Mr. G.A. Faulks) £1.

Charities

December, 1902 - Distributed at Christmas and two other times of the year,

6d. loaves to the widows and widowers most needy - 16 in number this year.

December 1905 - The Dole of Bread derived from the Anderson Charity distributed

in quarter loaves to the 13 most needy persons in the parish.

December 1908 - Widows and widowers each received 5 cwts. of coal from Rev.

Ashmall and 5 cwts. from Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Collishaw also 6 lbs. bread from

the Anderson Charity.

January 1925 - Half-quarter loaves were distributed to the widows and

widowers and from Mr. Wm. Collishaw they also received 5/- each.



1927

Lunchtime in 'Swingey Nooks' (over 2nd swing bridge)

Vince Walker, Maud Collishaw, Shelton Walker,

Percy Collishaw, Mr. Egglestone

Dog - Major



1930

Percy Collishaw, Mrs. Jim Collishaw, Shelton Walker.

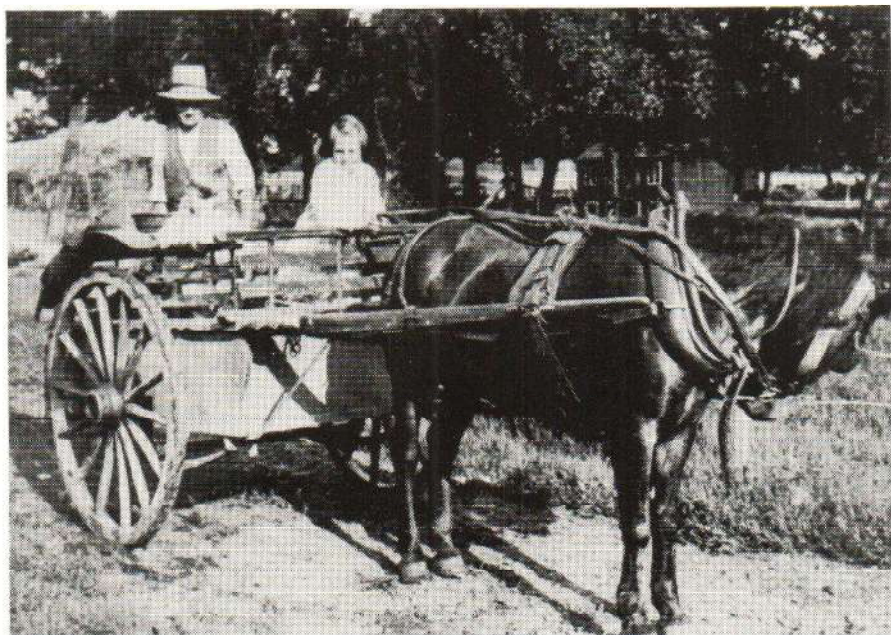


Percy Collishaw 1923/4
Wiles lived in the Church
Cottage and the thatch was
taken off shortly after
this photograph was taken.

Mr. & Mrs. Carr (Mrs.
Collishaw's parents) and
Percy. 1930 Horse - Polly



1945 Brenda and Edwin Woolley on the horse, the land girls
standing at the side. In the yard at Barland Fields.



1945/46

Percy Collishaw

John Walker, Marion Walker.

Taken where the milking parlour is today (1978).



1958

Edwin Woolley Wilf. Woolley

Barland Fields - Standards in background.

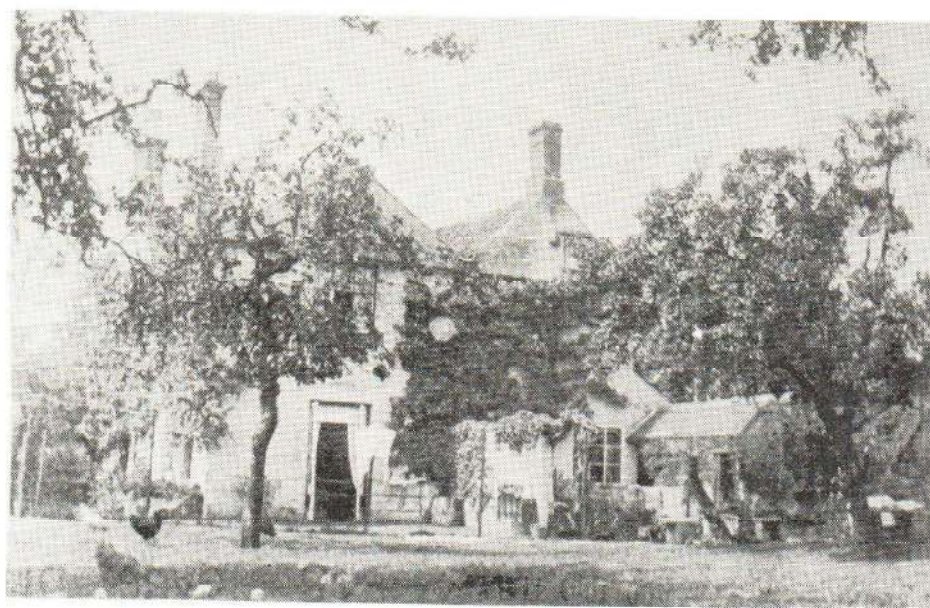
Schools In Hickling

During the middle years of the 19th century children could be educated at several schools in the area provided they had the money.

A National School founded on trust was opened on 29th September, 1837, £30 being contributed by the National Society towards the building. Later in the century this became the village school and continued as such until it closed in 1966.

In 1848 John Featherstone bought and lived in the house shown below which was then known as Weir House. Here he opened a school known as Weir House Academy. The school room was the large room with the french windows open. Payment was one or two pence per week to cover the cost of books, slates and slate pencils etc. Mr. Featherstone died in 1898 at the age of 85.

The house is now called Hill View and is the home of Mrs. Alwyn Shelton, her daughter Gweneth and son-in-law Peter (Cane) and their daughter Elizabeth.



In addition to the above schools some children attended the Long Clawson school until the new Board School at Hickling opened in 1876.

On the 3rd December, 1873 the Parish made an application to the Board of Education for the building of a new school and the necessary forms containing the regulations to be observed were sent to the Rev. H.W. Edwards. The first meeting of the School Board was held on Thursday 14th May, 1874 and the following