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Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back to the printed copy of the Hickling Standard. The online copy kept us going through lockdown but we know the printed copy is popular and hope that you enjoy reading it.

You may not be aware that the Standard has been in production since December 1998. When it started it was called the Hickling Newsletter until a village competition gave it its current name.

The reason we have a newsletter is because I was at a Village Hall meeting in the autumn of 1998 and mentioned that Hickling used to have a newsletter, but had not had one for a long time. Everyone said it was a really good idea and as I had brought up the subject I had better do something about it! So I did, and here we are more than 20 years later.

Maggy Jordan, who has been putting the Standard together for almost twenty years, has finally handed over the editor's hat. We would like to thank her very much for all her hard work over such a long period. She has done a brilliant job. We would also like to thank her partner Andrew Terry, who organises the advertising and printing. He will continue with this and Jane Fraser has taken on Maggy's role, for which we are very grateful.

We would like to thank the Parish Council who recently gave us £1000. Over the last few years printing costs have risen and our advertising revenue has declined, as local businesses come and go. Their support will allow us to continue and to provide the Standard free of charge to Hickling and The Pastures.

Finally, many thanks to those villagers who deliver the newsletter to you in all weathers.

Happy reading everyone. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tim McEwen

PS. Any comments on how the Standard could be improved would be appreciated.

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Everyone has their own reason to leave the house on a Monday evening and join us; whether it's to meet new people, coach others, support the community, have some gentle exercise, eat biscuits and drink tea, or natter about the state of the nation. Everyone is welcome....

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The Royal British Legion Vale of Belvoir Branch Remembrance



Our 100th Anniversary Remembrance Service this year was held at St Luke's Church, Hickling, conducted by Rev. Maggie Woodward. We had a full congregation

including Legion members and the Scouts group commemorating the courage and self-sacrifice of the fallen in both World Wars and recent conflicts.

Maggie's service was directed towards engaging the younger members of the congregation in the meaning of Remembrance. She included a wide range of topics,

including the founding of the Legion in 1921, the adoption of the red Lombardy Poppy as the international symbol of remembrance, and the importance of the young continuing to honour fallen heroes in the future.

The Roll of Honour for our villages was read by Keith Oxby and, to mark the two-minute silence, the Last Post and Reveille were played by bugler Jim Woolley. Tina Combellack laid a wreath in Church for Rushcliffe Borough Council. Afterwards members of the Legion and Scouts Groups with their Standard Bearers proceeded to the War Memorial. On rejoining the remainder of the congregation there, Last Post and Reveille were again sounded, and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Hickling Parish Council and Scouts. Refreshments were provided at the Village Hall by Pauline Chell and her helpers. On Thursday 11th November, Headteacher Simon Parramore, staff and pupils of Kinoulton Primary School gathered in front of the Village War Memorial for their now traditional annual commemoration. After a short address

by Barry Roberts, which included reading of the names of the fallen, a one-minute silence was observed. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Kinoulton Primary School, Kinoulton Parish Council and the Scouts.

The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal was again organised by Norman Evans in Kinoulton and Pauline Chell in Hickling. It is not possible to announce the result of this year's collection due to the short deadline for publication. But we will report this in the next edition. We are very grateful to all our volunteers collecting in Kinoulton and Hickling, and to you, our donors for your generosity in supporting the many thousands of needy and injured members of the armed forces community. In addition, we should like to thank those who decorated Kinoulton village with Lamppost poppies for the first time.

Michael Chapman



Breaking news...Kinoulton Scout Group has just reached 100!

100 local young people, aged 6– 18, enjoy being Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts...we are bigger than most of the West Bridgford groups which is just incredible.

The young people are supported by established teams of wonderful volunteer leaders who bring their own skills, talents and humour to the weekly section



meetings.

What does being a volunteer leader or section assistant involve?

We meet during the school term which is 39

weeks of the year. Within this time, a leader planning/training meeting is scheduled on the first week of each full term.

The weekly meetings in Kinoulton Village Hall are 1.50 – 2.25 hours (set up and pack away time included) on a Monday or Tuesday evening depending on the section. By having teams of leaders in each section there is flexibility so there is no need to commit to every week unless you want to and can spare the time.

Weekends

We aim to organise two camp opportunities a year which usually run from Friday early evening until Sunday midday, during term time. We rarely offer a week camp these days due to leaders having to use precious holiday days. All camps are organised on a flexible basis for leaders with a rota in place to cover the time we are away so if you can only commit to the Saturday night that's fine. If you really don't like camping you could be a daytime leader and head home at bedtime and come back for your breakfast! – our camps are generally local.

In the spring or summer term we take the opportunity to take part in a daytime water activity session offered to us by the Nottinghamshire Scouts Adventure team on a lake near Hoveringham.

Are you tempted? You don't need to be Bear Grylls to play an active role in YOUR community...come along and join us for a four-week challenge (bring a friend) and see what we do. You've nothing to lose but so much to gain...

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Speedy the Snail - a tale both strange and true.

In April 2011 Speedy the snail was rescued from the Jumble Sale and embarked on an epic road trip around the village.

So far, we know that he visited widely and **we have been trying to trace his journey - if you have any memories (or photos) of Speedy on his travels, please send them to us.**

Then, suddenly, he disappeared. Children

and those of a sensitive disposition should look away here ... Rumours began to spread that he had inadvertently wandered over the border to Kinoulton, lost his passport and wasn't allowed back. But a full and forensic criminal investigation followed and the sad (and brutal) fate of poor Speedy at the hands of an 'I didn't think it was funny' resident with a hammer to hand led to his remains being identified in a dustbin at the southern end of the village. It is with regret that Speedy's friends had to accept his fate - he had gone to the great compost heap in the sky but would ever be remembered with fondness by those who had known him.

Perhaps, some day, one of Speedy's friend will venture in our direction and renew Speedy's visits - perhaps someone is busy

writing "Speedy—the Pantomime"?!!!

My name is Speedy and I stayed behind after the Church Jumble Sale.

I have been holidaying at Hickling at Pauline's Porch in Marsh's Pad-dock and will be moving on shortly.

If you find me on your doorstep please let me stay a few days before helping me on my way to another house.

I like Hickling and I may decide to stay here.

Signed: *Speedy*



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These 2 photos mark Speedy's visit to the Simons' household on Harles Acres shortly before his disappearance; he was joined for a spell by his friend, Frosty.



With many thanks to those involved in the original investigations for their contributions (& wonderful wordplay) - your anonymity has been protected but you know who you are.



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Messages

Welcome!

Sadly, the last year or so haven't been conducive to offering a proper welcome to the families who have moved into Hickling and become our new neighbours. We would all like to say 'Hello!' and 'Welcome!' to:


Jo & Alex at Vale House Chris, Kirsty, Elke and the family at the Plough
 Ken and Jean at the Old Forge James and Becky at April Cottage
 Ben and Beth and the family at Glebe Cottage Gill at Old Mill Cottage
 Flo at Wisteria Lodge Katy and Aerlis and their families in Harles Acres
 Seona, Ant and family at the Brambles Jack at 3, The Green
 John and Tony at Jessamine Hugh at Church Gates
 Lindsey, Emma, Martin and family at Lilac Cottage Jay & Nikki on Long Lane
 The new family at Westholme. Steve and family at The Dovecote

We are really sorry that we don't know everyone's names yet and just as sorry if we have missed you from our message this time - welcome!

Barbara Herd.
 Friends and neighbours of Barbara would like to pass on our thoughts and condolences to Barbara's family following her death on November 12th. Barbara was born in Hickling over 90 years ago and her family have long been a part of our village. Our thoughts are with her daughter, Heather and her son, Alan and also with Martin, Chris and all the family.
 She was a wonderful lady and she will be remembered with great fondness.

Do you have a message that you would like to share in the village newsletter? Please contact us!

John Walker
 It is with great sadness that we heard this morning that John has died (25th November). His friends and neighbours will miss him terribly and our thoughts and condolences go to Sheila, Robert and the family.





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A Christmas Poem

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The wreath which had merrily hung on the door is scattered in pieces all over the
floor.

The stockings that hung in a neat little row, Now boast a hole in each one of the
toes. The tree was subjected to bright-eyed whims, And now, although splendid, its
missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them, be good I insist. They lick me, then run off to see what
they've missed.

And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me, That theirs is the spirit that
Christmas should be.

Should Children and Puppies yet show us the way, And teach us the joy that should
come with this day? Could they bring the message that's written above, And tell us
that, most of all, Christmas in Love!

Author Unknown.

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Nativity Pageant paraded through the village finishing in the stable at Malt House Farm (2001)

A little taste of Christmas Past



← 1930s Nativity tableau



↓ 2011 Nativity tableau

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The ultimate guide to Stir-up Sunday 2021

(and apologies if you missed it ...)

BY VICTORIA CHANDLER

(extracts - Good Housekeeping magazine 05/10/2021)

Sunday, 21 November 2021 is 'Stir-up Sunday', so put on your apron and gather family or friends to make a Christmas pudding. It's the day when wishes are said to come true, so get stirring!

What is Stir-up Sunday?

It is a tradition that harks back to Victorian times when the family would gather together to stir the Christmas pudding five weeks before Christmas. The opening words of the Book Of Common Prayer, used on the last Sunday before Advent, reads: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people," so the tradition stands that this is the day to get stirring!

The Stir-up traditions

Christmas pudding would traditionally contain 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples.

It is traditionally stirred (while making a wish) by each member of the family from East to West, to remember the Wise Men that visited Jesus in the Nativity Story.

The customary garnish of holly represented the crown of thorns. Be warned: the holly berry is very toxic, so instead adorn your Christmas pud with fake foliage!

Adding coins, originally charms, to the pud was said to bring luck if you found them in your portion on Christmas Day. The traditional lucky charms were a silver coin for wealth, a wishbone for luck, a thimble for thrift, a ring for marriage, and an anchor for safe harbour. Biting down on such a thing would surely cause a trip to the dentist with a cracked tooth, so we don't



recommend this.

Where does Christmas pudding come from?

There is speculation about the origins of Christmas pudding. It is said to have been mentioned first in 1858, in Anthony Trollope's Doctor Thorne, although its beginnings apparently go back hundreds of years.

In the Middle Ages, a Christmas porridge called Frumenty was popular and may be a savoury ancestor of the Christmas pudding. The recipe evolved over the years into plum pudding, containing dried fruits, eggs, breadcrumbs, and beers or spirits to increase its shelf life. In the 19th century, Prince Albert declared his love for the Christmas pudding and made it fashionable – it was at this time that it became a Christmas staple.

Why not make Stir-Up Sunday a social affair with family and friends? You'll feel very smug about your get-ahead efforts when you triumphantly light the pud and make your entrance into the dining room on Christmas Day.

Do I have to make a Christmas pudding in advance?

But don't worry if you can't celebrate Stir-up Sunday. Some will swear that a matured pudding tastes better for having the time to mellow and develop. However, having made and unmoulded countless Xmas puds straight after cooking, to see if their flavour is on point before we commit to triple-testing them (all part of our recipe development process at Good Housekeeping), we can truthfully say that you can absolutely make a pudding closer to the time or even on Christmas Day.

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Unfortunately the Hickling Good Neighbour Scheme was unable to operate during the Pandemic. The scheme was established several years ago to support Hickling and Hickling Pastures' residents who needed transport to medical appointments.

Several people are no longer able to volunteer. We are therefore looking for new volunteers to join the group and give one morning or afternoon every few months. We are hoping to resume in the Spring of next year.

Please join us!

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Christmas at St Luke's

The PCC, Churchwardens and Rev Maggie invite you all to join with us to celebrate Christmas this December.

Sunday 19th

4.00pm Carol Service at Hickling

Friday 24th Christmas Eve

5.00pm Outdoor Carol Service at Kinoulton

6.30pm Carol Service at Upper Broughton

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Hickling

Saturday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Communion at Kinoulton

10.00am Morning Prayer at Upper Broughton



I love Christmas. I suppose that clergy all over the land would say the same. There is nothing better than the building anticipation throughout Advent, with Carols & other services, leading to the celebration of Midnight Mass and the delight of Christmas Morning. I also enjoy all the more secular aspects of the season. The decorations, the selection and giving of presents (although the wrapping isn't my strong point), the festive food & drink, and even the slightly 'cheesy' yuletide music puts me in a pleasant frame of mind.

Whilst calls for the simplification of Christmas (the reasoning being that the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child is being lost in the avalanche of 'seasonal tat') have their merit, I'm afraid that they don't make much of an impact on me. What would we give up first? The wonder of the 'Santa's Grotto' for the little ones, the proliferation of charitable Father Christmases collecting funds for good causes, Cliff Richard songs ... well ... perhaps that isn't the strongest point of my argument.

It all plays its part in building the atmosphere, in spreading the good cheer. The 'Babe of Bethlehem' is too powerful to be confined or obscured. Nothing that we do can push Him out of the picture. Rather His joy and delight are woven into every bauble, every carol and every mince pie, and in uncertain times this is needed all the more. So let us not be humbugs but grasp all that the season has to bring, and take to heart the closing words of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' regarding Scrooge, "it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!"

Revd Paul

2021/22 Service Dates for St Luke's Churches: Sundays unless designated

e	Kinoulton	Hickling	Upper Broughton
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ember 12	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
ember 19	9.00am Holy Communion MW	4.00pm Carol Service MW	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
ember 24	5.00pm Outdoor Carols SH/MW	11.30pm Midnight Mass MW	6.30pm Carol Service RCJ
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uary 23	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	6.30pm Holy Communion MW	9.00am Holy Communion MW
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uary 13	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH
uary 20	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
uary 27	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	6.30pm Holy Communion MW	9.00am Holy Communion MW
ch 2	7.00pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes Mission Partnership Service MW & PM	(no service)	(no service)
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Hark! The Biography of Christmas by Paul Kerensa

These are a few of the questions which end Paul Kerensa's book - answers on the next page but you'll need to buy the book for the detail!

Which climactic conditions inspired the writing of "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!", "The Christmas Song" & "Sleigh Ride"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A Baltimore Blizzard b) A Hollywood Heatwave c) A Manhattan Monsoon
One letter-writing private at the 1914 Christmas Truce went on to write which animal-based book?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fantastic Mr Fox b) Tarka the Otter c) Jeffrey the Weasel
What was the only new carol permitted by the Church of England in the 1700s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks b) Joy to the World c) Happy Christmas Cromwell
What featured on the first Christmas card in 1843?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A child drinking booze b) Prince Albert giving 2 thumbs up c) A crib scene with 4 wise men
Jester Roland Le Pettour was lured out of retirement by Henry II for what Christmas day routine?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A leap, a whistle and a fart b) Juggling hedgehogs c) "I hope my tunic doesn't catch fire ..."
Which of these was Christmas NOT called in England in the 1640s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Boxing Eve b) The Profane Man's Ranting Day c) The Multitudes' Idle Day
The composer of "Little Donkey" also wrote which other animal-based song?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ox and Ass and Gerbil b) One More Sheep till Christmas c) I've got a Little Whippet
What Christmassy substance was said to emanate from St Nicholas' bones?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gold b) Frankincense c) Myrrh
Which one of these song facts is NOT true?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) "Jingle Bells" was the first song in space, as part of a Santa/alien prank b) "White Christmas" was the warning alarm for US troops to leave Saigon c) "Silent Night" was the first song to top the charts in Klingon
What's the traditional response to "Whassail!"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) "Who's there?" b) "Whassail who?" b) "Drinkhail!"

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But in 1931, Coca-Cola commissioned illustrator Haddon Sundblom to paint Santa for Christmas advertisements. Those paintings established Santa as a warm, happy character with human features, including rosy cheeks, a white beard, twinkling eyes and laughter lines. Sundblom drew inspiration from the 1822 poem by Clement Clark Moore called “A Visit from St. Nicholas” — commonly known as “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.”

Santa Has Been Featured in Coke Ads Since the 1920s; the first Santa ads used a strict-looking Claus, in the vein of Thomas Nast. In 1930, artist Fred Mizen painted a department-store Santa in a crowd drinking a bottle of Coke. In 1931 Coca-Cola commissioned Michigan-born illustrator Haddon Sundblom to develop advertising images using Santa Claus — showing Santa himself, not a man dressed as Santa. For inspiration, Sundblom turned to Clement Clark Moore's 1822 poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" (commonly called "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"). Moore's description of St. Nick led to an image of a warm, friendly, pleasantly plump and human Santa. (And even though it's often said that Santa wears a red coat because red is the color of Coca-Cola, Santa appeared in a red coat before Sundblom painted him.) From 1931 to 1964, Coca-Cola advertising showed Santa delivering toys (and playing with them!), pausing to read a letter and enjoy a Coke, visiting with the children who stayed up to



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decades to follow, Coca-Cola advertising featured images of Santa based on Sundblom's original works.

In the beginning, Sundblom painted the image of Santa using a live model — his friend Lou Prentiss, a retired salesman. When Prentiss passed away, Sundblom used himself as a model, painting while looking into a mirror. Finally, he began relying on photographs to create the image of St. Nick.

People loved the Coca-Cola Santa images and paid such close attention to them that when anything changed, they sent letters to The Coca-Cola Company. One year, Santa's large belt was backwards (perhaps because Sundblom was painting via a mirror). Another year, Santa Claus appeared without a wedding ring, causing fans to write asking what happened to Mrs. Claus.

The children who appear with Santa in Sundblom's paintings were based on Sundblom's neighbors — two little girls. So he changed one to a boy in his paintings.

(*Five Things You Never Knew About Santa Claus and Coca-Cola - News & Articles (coca-colacompany.com)*)



Christina Rossetti: A Christmas Carol.

In the Bleak Midwinter
Frosty Wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Throng'd the air,
But only His mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.





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HICKLING /FARMINGTON CONNECTION

The Hickling History Group continue to keep in touch with our Farmington friends in Michigan, USA. The 'Fred Maltby Warner museum' was formerly Fred's home. It is a large mansion in beautiful grounds. The volunteers who work at the museum are always delighted to receive information, gifts and books about our village which was the birthplace of Fred.

Each Christmas we send the museum a gift for them to display. The museum now has a large collection on display illustrating life in Hickling both past and present.

The 2021 Christmas gift has just been posted and contains a poster size map of old Nottinghamshire and the Hickling 2022 calendar [This calendar has been produced by the Hickling History Group and is on sale now – tele –01664 822835]

It is always interesting to hear from Farmington, During the past 2 years, we have been told about their experiences of the pandemic and how it has affected their social and economic climate as well as people's health. All very much a parallel to life here in Hickling.

If you have anything of interest which you think the museum would like for their display about Hickling, please give to Carol Beadle, Jane Fraser or Pauline Chell. Thank you.

(November 2021; letter from Martha at the Warner Mansion Museum in Farmington)
Greetings to our friends in Hickling!

Life in Farmington has been very difficult during the Covid-19 pandemic, as it has been everywhere in the world – and we have all shared similar experiences during our lockdowns: jobs moved to remote – or lost for many – school changed to online and activities cancelled, including all programs and regular events at the Governor Warner Mansion. Fortunately vaccines have been made available and many have taken the opportunity to receive them. As the number of people vaccinated continues to increase and cases decline, restrictions in Michigan have gradually been relaxed. We were quite excited to recently be allowed to hold a few socially-distanced, outdoor events at the Warner Mansion! An introductory quilting class was held on the lovely expansive porch. We also had a delightful outdoor fashion show, featuring clothing from the 1700s thru to the 1970s. Hopefully there will be allowances for more events soon!

Enclosed is a gift to Hickling in honor of Fred Warner's birthday. A local artist created this collage of significant historic Farmington buildings, many which have ties to the Warner family:

Governor Warner Mansion – Fred's lovely home in downtown Farmington.

Oakwood Cemetery – location of the Warner family burial plot.

Masonic Lodge – Fred was a lifetime member of the Masons.

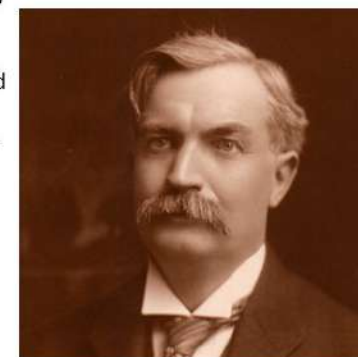
First United Methodist Church – attended by the Warner family. Fred donated the beautiful stained glass windows at the front of the sanctuary.

State Bank Building – founded by the Warner family, Fred was involved with the business.

Cook and Company Building – shopping area that was owned by the Warner family. During World War I, Fred donated the use of these buildings to the Red Cross while his wife, Martha, donated her time to the organisation.

We are so grateful to be Friendship Cities with Hickling and will be thinking of you on Fred's birthday. Warmest wishes from your friends in Farmington! Martha.

(hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/fred-maltby-warner/)



Hickling WI Visit Local Dairy Farm



Members of Hickling WI visited Parkes Dairy on 7th October where they enjoyed learning how cattle are being reared to produce Wagyu beef, and how carefully their diets are monitored to ensure they get all the essential nutrients they need. Members were then invited to see the cows being milked and were amazed at how much milk a cow produces in its lifetime.

The next area of interest was learning what happens to the milk once it leaves the farm and James Parkes introduced Kim Kettle from Long Clawson Dairy who make cheese from milk collected from the farm. Kim gave an interesting talk on cheese making and members were offered samples of cheese from the dairy that proved to be very tasty.

The farm is now being worked by the fourth generation of family farmers, and it was interesting to see how enthusiastic the fifth generation youngest family members were about the farm too. James' grandmother Eva Parkes had been a lifelong member of Hickling WI.

The visit was just coming to a close as one of the cows was just about to give birth and members were able to witness a new life coming into the farm.

Over all this was a really interesting visit enjoyed by all members.

If you are interested in joining Hickling WI Dorothy Chahal (telephone 01664 822369) would be pleased to hear from you .



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Hickling WI Enjoy Clog Dancing Evening



On 14th October members of Hickling WI met at Hanwell Vineyard for an entertaining evening, learning the art of clog dancing.

Karen Buckley kindly organised a group of clog dancers to come and demonstrate this traditional form of dance.

The WI members had a great time with every member joining in enthusiastically.

It was an uplifting and fun evening enjoyed by all.

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Hickling WI Enjoy An Evening At The Plough

Twenty one members of Hickling WI enjoyed an evening meal at The Plough.



Everyone would like to offer their grateful thanks to Chris and Kirsty for a lovely evening.

Councillors Newsletter for the end of 2021

Hickling, Kinoulton, Upper Broughton, Langar & Barnstone, Owthorpe,
Hickling Pastures and Colston Bassett.

Cllr. Tina Combellack

Cllr tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Christmas is coming the Goose is getting fat (we hope)

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Village Events

Langar & Barnstone

Vale Market Café is up and running again at Barnstone Village hall on the 2nd Saturday in the month. Next month 11th December will be a Christmas Café with music, festive songs and carols.

Colston Bassett

Just a quick note of thanks; The Friary were overwhelmed by the generosity & kindness from those in the village who gave food and other goods at the village Harvest Service held recently in St John the Divine; the “offerings” filled more than 3 pews.

Kinoulton

Their annual PTA Christmas Tree Sale is on Saturday 4th December – raising valuable funds to buy interactive white boards, computers and garden and play equipment for the School.

TOWN & PARISH Forum –

An event held at Rushcliffe for all Parish and Borough Councillors.

It was a very informative event albeit still on Zoom, with keynote presentations from the Council Leader Simon Robinson, the Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry & Inspector Rob Lawton, also Sanjit Sull the Borough Council Monitoring Officer.

Rural Policing

I was pleased to hear that after applying much pressure, Rural Crime has been set as one of two priorities for the next 3 months – so again I urge the reporting of any suspicious incidents or crimes on 101 or 999 even vehicle shunts not involving the police but indicative of traffic issues. I received an assurance from Inspector Lawton that speeding in Rural areas would be addressed and that rural roads/lanes with 60mph limits could be looked at; e.g. Hall Lane Colston Bassett, Clawson Lane, Hickling, C28 Langar, Station Road, Upper Broughton, Hickling Lane Kinoulton to name but a few.

For up to date information on policing and local forces go to www.nottinghamshire.police.uk which will bring up a YOUR AREA page

Governance and Code of Conduct – items of particular interest to town and parish councils was addressed with emphasis on training for new Councillors.

Platinum Jubilee – street parties and beacons.

Helpful advice was offered regarding the celebrations over 2nd-5th June next year. with links to relevant web sites

www.edenprojectcommunities.com/biglunch

www.queensjubileebeacons.com

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Platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events

GREEN REWARDS

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- walking to work or school instead of taking the car
- Cycling or using public transport
- Putting your recycling bin out with all the correct recyclables
- Switching off a light or switch at home
- Taking a shower of four minutes or less and many, many more!

A full list of how you can redeem points is available on the app or at <https://notts.greenrewards.co.uk/> and when you accumulate sufficient points you can then earn the discounts, vouchers and prizes.

There's also £20 worth of vouchers for the top two residents in each council area who earn the most points each month, to claim at local businesses, donate to worthwhile causes or projects and in some districts and Boroughs there's prizes too for the top points earning wards

The mobile app lets people collect points for logging the fact they have done their recycling, walking instead of using a car, as well as doing quizzes [to learn more about climate change](#).

One such independent retailer taking part is Slades Florist in West Bridgford Manager Joshua Slade says: "This helps support businesses, including those in Melton Road. You get 10% which helps you and helps us too."

LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND -

replacing the County Council Local Improvement scheme.

Eligible organisations can apply for one-off Capital grants up to a maximum of £20,000 per organisation in any funding year.

- to address local priorities, e.g. improving access to new or existing services such as sports and leisure, protecting the environment, reducing loneliness, improving physical and mental health
- to improve local places and spaces that are important to communities
- to bring people together and involve them in the design and implementation
- to help to address climate and environmental change and/or minimises any negative impact on the environment.

TREES

Just a reminder that Parish Councils can order their free trees and once again residents have the offer of 2 free trees for their gardens.

Keep Planting for the future.

West Bridgford Christmas Lights Switch On

music and performance bill confirmed!

West Bridgford's free Christmas Lights Switch makes a long-awaited return on Saturday November 27 from 10am until 6pm and its bill of live music, local groups and performers has now been confirmed!

Seasonal festivities will take place on Central Avenue in the town throughout the day with a food and gift market, other great local retail shops open all day, street theatre entertainment and a firework spectacular after the lights are turned on at 5pm by Mayor of Rushcliffe Cllr Sue Mallender.

Music and street art performances will be on offer on the Main Stage based on the Croquet Lawn adjacent to Central Avenue and the Street Performance Zone close to Tudor Square.

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season

Cllr Tina Combella

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and is made up of representatives living within the local community who have an interest in community matters and who make decisions on behalf of the Parish.

Your Parish Councillors are listed below with their positions of responsibilities:

Sean Barrett; Highways & Street Furniture/Assets

seanbarrett@btinternet.com

Simon Lane; Environment

simon-lane@tiscali.co.uk

Peter Playle; Environment/Highways & Street Furniture

peterplayle@hotmail.co.uk

Tracey Prosser; Finance & Administration

tjprosser67@gmail.com

Martin Smith; Assets

m.b.smith@lboro.ac.uk

The Parish Council is made up of seven councillors but currently there are **two vacancies** so if you have been an elector of the Parish for more than 12 months or if your principal place of work has been in the Parish for more than 12 months and would like to represent your community, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

The Parish Council is here to help; however, many issues encountered in the Parish do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and you should contact the relevant authority in the first instance to assist you.

For issues relating to:

- Roads and pavements including potholes and obstructions.
- Roadside verges
- Road gullies or drains
- Streetlight faults
- Trees on public land
- Footpaths
- Bus services

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- Waste – including fly-tipping
- Electoral matters.
- Council Tax

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If you have an issue and you are unsure of who can help, or a previously reported issue remains unresolved then contact the Parish Clerk –

hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 held in Hickling Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors: Lane (Chair) Playle Reid
Barrett Prosser

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Tina Combellack, The Clerk – Jo Cartmell and three members of the public.

Election of a meeting Chair: It was AGREED that Simon Lane would be elected Chair.

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Cllr. Smith and Notts. County Cllr. Cottee.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Lane and Cllr. Prosser registered an interest in relation to the late planning application received and not listed on the agenda - 21/02740/FUL and 21/02741/LBC

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021

It was AGREED that the minutes be accepted with the following amendments:
On two occasions under Item 5, it was written that 'Cllr Reid noted...' it was AGREED that this should be changed to Cllr. Reid 'reported'.

Item 8 - It was noted that the Ward member reported on a bee friendly verge scheme by the Borough Council. This should read 'by the County Council.'

Item 7. Hedgegrows: The additional hedge encroaching on the pavement was on Main Street, not Bridgegate Lane.

Open session to address matters raised by the public limited to 15 minutes.

A representative from the Hickling Standard explained that due to Covid, the advertising income had reduced significantly and there was a deficit in the figures with money owed to the previous editor who had paid out of personal funds for the first paper edition to be printed since the COVID restrictions were introduced. The Council were asked to provide funding for the magazine to assist with printing costs until advertising revenue increased. It was noted that several Parish Council's provide financial support for their Parish magazines. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would provide £1000 of funding to pay for the Parish Magazine to cover the printing costs of the next few issues. The representative from the Hickling Standard was invited to return in four months when the financial situation would be reviewed and a plan for financial assistance would be reconsidered.

A resident asked that the Parish Council consider holding a similar event to that held in Upper Broughton. The Parish Council there had organised a Meet Your Neighbours event where everyone had a name tag and any village group that they were a member of, to enable people to chat about the groups in the village. There was a Hog Roast, refreshments, and ice cream van plus entertainment like skittles and a hook-a-duck. Councillors liked the idea of holding an event and it was noted that although the Annual Parish Meeting had attempted to encourage a similar gathering, it would be good to hold an event independently of the formalities of the Parish Council.

Councillors were asked to consider this prior to the next meeting with a view to discussing formally.

Planning Matters.

Applications to be discussed.

None at time of publication of the agenda, but four applications had subsequently been received which were delegated to the Clerk to formulate a response.

21/02740/FUL and 21/02741/LBC

Development: New car port and swimming pool

Location: Bowling Green Cottage, The Green, Hickling

21/02715/FUL & 21/02783/LBC

Development: Construction of side extension includes 2No. conservation velux roof lights. Erection of detached toilet facilities and vehicle charging points

Location: Old Wharf Building Adjacent Wharf House, Main Street, Hickling.

Applications discussed between meetings.

21/02552/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for new dwelling and garage within the grounds of 'The White House'.

The White House Main Street Hickling

No objection

21/02488/FUL Extension to existing garden store.

Manor House Main Street Hickling

No objection

Portfolio group reports.

Finance and Administration (Cllr. Prosser)

Clerk vacancy – The position had been readvertised and it was hoped that there would be applicants shortly.

Councillor vacancy – Resignation of Cllr. Baker.

The vacancy had been advertised and the Borough Council would be in contact after the election period.

Neighbourhood plan update

The Examiners report had raised a few points which needed to be considered further with the possibility of further consultation. The Council would update Parishioners at the earliest opportunity regarding the next stage of the Plan progression.

Environment (Cllrs Playle and Lane)

National Clean-up – Cllr. Lane and Playle asked for a risk assessment to be provided by the Clerk, plus a safety brief.

Wildflower seed planting.

Cllr. Playle had been looking for suitable sites for the distribution of the wildflower seeds as these required special management particularly in relation to mowing. Currently, the County Council contractors were carrying out a single cut at the end of the growing season but due to litter and waste, the grass cuttings are left instead of being collected. Cllr. Playle informed the meeting that it was important that cuttings were lifted to enable the wildflowers to flourish. Cllr. Playle continued to look for solutions to the issue including litter picks prior to mowing, removing areas from the NCC mowing programme and mowing the area earlier in the season.

Cllr. Playle to report back at the next meeting.

Highways and Street furniture (Cllrs. Barrett and Playle)

A list of repairs was compiled by the Highways Portfolio councillors and four cases were reported to the relevant authority with case numbers obtained. Due to the resignation of Cllr. Baker, Cllr. Playle had agreed to join the Highways Portfolio team.

Assets (Cllrs Barrett and Smith)

- Springer installation.

The Clerk was asked to obtain further quotes with the deadline being on Friday 22nd October before liaising with Councillors for a final decision.

Cemetery gates and benches.

Three quotes were expected imminently for the bench repairs.

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The Clerk had not heard from the Volunteer regarding the method statement for the repair of the cemetery gate repairs. She was asked to contact them.

Points of action for the next meeting.

Clerk to ask for a Speed Survey to be carried out in the village.

Cllr. Playle to speak to the PCC regarding replacing the dead tree in the Churchyard

Ward member reports.

Rural Crime Meeting – There were several issues highlighted to representatives from Notts and Leics Police Forces which included improved cross border communications. An email network had been set up to improve the flow of information. Cllr. Combellack took the opportunity to remind parishioners that they should report every incident no matter how small.

Cllr. Combellack noted that during recent cleaning of the Smite feeder, a bag of Hares was recovered which indicated that Hare Coursing was taking place, this had been reported to the Police.

Cllr. Combellack asked the council to consider taking advantage of the grant scheme for a Covid memorial; this could be a bench or a tree.

Cllr. Combellack also reminded the Parish Council that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was next year and organisations within the village were looking to mark the occasion so could the Parish Council consider doing the same.

The Ward Member referred to the minutes of the last meeting and requested a public apology regarding the allegation that she had not responded to a parishioner's request for assistance. Cllr. Combellack had provided an email trail with the individual who had alleged to Cllr Reid that the correspondence sent, had been ignored.

Cllr. Reid responded that he had had to listen to the comments of the individual involved and had merely relayed a conversation and was not the person who had made the allegation. Cllr. Reid stated that he did not intend the relaying of information to come across as accusatory and if that was how it appeared, he apologised.

Correspondence.

Notice had been received from the owner of Japonica House that they had been discussing the removal of the ivy hedge to the North of their property. The hedge was extremely wide and had been poorly maintained and they were proposing to replace it with a new hedge of native species.

Cllr. Lane noted he had been to see the owners and understood the reasons for removal and would support the replacement of the hedge with native species.

Finance:

Balance of Accounts: Current Account £14,975.80 Reserve Account £3,829.45
Payments due: None.

Items from members for the next agenda: to be forwarded to the Clerk a week prior to the meeting.

Date of next meetings: 30th Nov, 11th Jan 2022, 8th Mar, 3rd May, 28th Jun, 6th Sep

Cllr. Playle wished to bring to the Parish Council's attention the difficulties faced by the Cricket Club. The Club had been in the village for generations and after the recent success of league promotion, now faced difficulties as the Club didn't have enough players to field a team.

The cost of running the club was in the region of £5,000. It was hoped that by highlighting the difficulties faced, that the Club could attract some additional players to enable it to continue.

Cllr. Prosser volunteered to speak to a neighbouring club about possible solutions and there were a few suggestions shared about how to advertise the Club locally and hopefully attract more players.

No further business – meeting closed 9.05pm

Hickling Village Newsletter - Committee

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Please get in touch with any of us if you have any comments or suggestions; we would welcome any contributions for future issues - articles, opinions, reports, recipes, poems, brain-teasers - whatever you would like to see in print!

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Personal wanted/for sale adverts are FREE.

We are very grateful to everyone who supports the village through placing adverts in the newsletter—you make all the difference!

Diary

(All events subject to the Coronavirus situation)

25th November	The Plough	Local History Night
26th November	Old Dalby	Christmas trees open
30th November	VH	Parish Council meeting
5th December	Dove Cottage	Carol Service
9th December	St Luke's	WI - Christmas celebration
11th January	VH	Parish Council meeting
8th March	VH	Parish Council meeting
19th March	Kinoulton VH	WI Spring Fayre
3rd May	VH	Parish Council meeting
2nd-5th June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	
28th June	VH	Parish Council meeting
6th September	VH	Parish Council meeting

Village library	every Sunday 12-4pm	Church
Table Tennis	every Monday 8-10pm	Hickling Village Hall
Coffee Morning	every Thursday 10am-12.30pm	Church
Strictly not Dancing	every Thursday 4-6pm	Hickling Village Hall

Beaver Scouts 6-8 years, Tuesday 6.15-7.15pm;
Cub Scouts 8-10.5 years, Monday 6.30-8.00pm;
Scouts 10.5-14 years, Monday 7.30-9.00pm
Explorer Scouts 14-18 years, Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm
All at Kinoulton Village Hall

Contact for ALL sections:

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gslkinoulton@gmail.com

Look After Our Wildlife!

Sadly, we seem to be going through one of those awful spells when local wildlife is under threat from people (rather than nature).

- Hare Coursing has been reported close to the village
- 2 dead cygnets found by the canal
- Dead foxes; reported to have been shot and left under hedges

Report wildlife crime to the Police Wildlife Officer on 101 or via Crimestoppers

If the crime is urgent and/or ongoing, dial 999



Village Directory:

150 Club	Liz Vear	822562	Kinoulton School PTFA	Sarah Parris	01949 823925
Beavers	Susanne Youngson	07884 136890	Neighbourhood Watch	Chris White	822152
Bellringers	Lynn Irving	07388 348341	Nottinghamshire Police		
British Legion	lynn.irving74@gmail.com		Control Room; non-emergency number	101	
Councillors	Colin Henson	01949 81453	Parish Council	Jo Cartmell (Clerk)	822866
	John Cottee (County)		Parochial Church Council		
	cilr.john.cottee@nottscs.gov.uk		Rector	Maggie Woodward	01949 81183
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Cubs	TCombellaack@rushcliffe.gov.uk		Churchwarden	John Bloor	822682
	P. Parkes	822370		Gill Bloor	822682
Film Society	Susanne Youngson	07884 136890	Treasurer	Alex Thomas	823420
Gardening Club	Tim McEwen	822834	Secretary	Dorothy Chahal	822369
	Mr B. Baxter	01949 81374	Scarecrow Committee		
Good Neighbours	Mrs B. Grundy	01949 81442	Karen Buckley (Chair)	07729 768366	
Scheme	Liz Vear	822562 or 07805 407229	Sally Jenkins (Secretary)	07971 520711	
Guides	Kay Hand	822612	Scouts	Susanne Youngson	07884 136890
Hickling Pre-School	Alison Poplewell	01949 81604	Vale Readers	Elizabeth Evans	01949 81501
Hickling Standard	Nick	07950 558608	Village Hall	Barbara McEwen (Chair)	822834
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	Dorothy Chahal	822369		John Robinson (treas.)	822762
	Carol Beadle	822195		Phillipa Jacks (bookings)	823622
	Jane Fraser	822845	Village Singers	Lynn Irving	07388 348341
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