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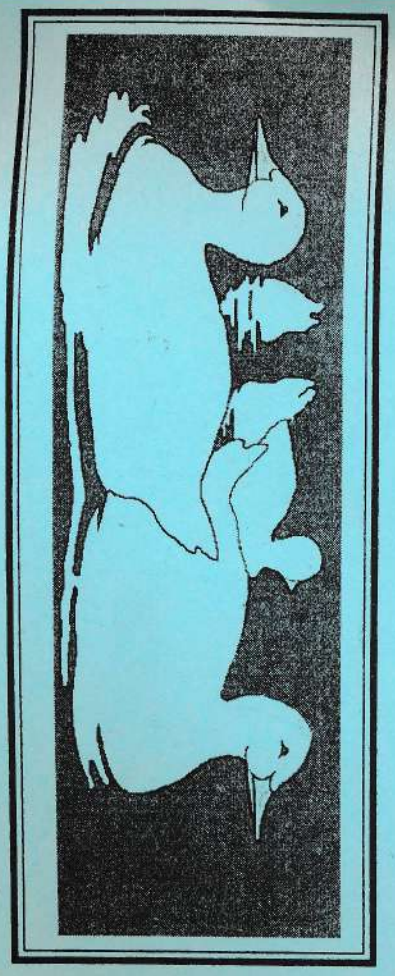

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Welcome again

Welcome to the second edition of the Hickling Village Newsletter. There has been a very positive response to the first edition and we hope that we will manage to keep up the high standard that we have set ourselves.

We have decided to have a competition in order to select the most appropriate name for the Newsletter. All suggestions, however ribald, are welcome and the person who provides the one we decide to use will receive a bottle of wine. Please let any members of the committee know of your suggestions.

We are in the process of applying for Lottery funding, under a scheme known as Awards For All, to try and obtain some new computer equipment, including a printer and a scanner, for producing this Newsletter. If we are successful in our application this equipment will be made available to all groups in the village. We may decide to set up a website for Hickling, as there are several of these already, in the UK and abroad, and it is now cheap and easy to do so, or so I am led to believe.

As part of this Lottery application we need to have a Constitution for the Newsletter. This will include the possibility of any profits that we make being reallocated to other non-profit making groups within the village.

Thank you for the encouragement that you have given to the Newsletter and we look forward to your future support.

Tim McEwen

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If you would like to add your organisation (or make any changes) to the Village Directory please contact a member of the committee.

IN THE GARDEN

Spring Notes

March is for me the most exciting time of the year. The dark days of winter are long gone and tiny shoots appear tantalisingly above ground. The bulbs, which are painstakingly planted in the autumn, are rewarding our efforts with carpets of golden yellow, enhanced by the spring sunshine as they dance in the breeze. Clumps of vegetation reach keenly to the light. Some emerging plants remain unidentified, as carefully placed labels have long since faded. Here in Hickling we are blessed with a heavy clay soil, which can be greatly improved by adding the *well-rotted* by-product of our many dairy herds. With enthusiasm in abundance and together with nature's help we hope we can create our own piece of Heaven on earth.

Plant for Spring

Euphorbia polychroma, sometimes known as *Euphorbia epithymoides*, is one of the best of the Euphorbias. They do not grow more than eighteen inches high and are a perfect foil for spring bulbs. The stems begin to show golden-yellow buds in early spring and by April have bright golden/green heads, the colour only fading in late spring. The plant, a long-lived perennial, is relatively trouble-free and widely available.

Try planting with *Alchemilla mollis* (Lady's Mantle) and some Red Riding Hood tulips - I'm afraid, however, that you would have had to have planted those before the end of last year. In true gardening tradition "There's always next year!"

Debbie Chambers

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Village Hall Quiz

The first Village Hall quiz evening was held in November and raised £72 for the hall funds. Due to the success of the evening another quiz is planned soon - so please watch out for details and give your support to a fun event.

The result of the quiz was in the balance until the last question of the last round (a bit of poetic license here? ed.) when the "Neighbours" team captained by Ken Cadogan-Rawlinson won after Ken was brave enough to admit he knew the name of the red-light district of Hamburg... A piece of ex-serviceman's knowledge that John Munks was able to confirm!

Many thanks to all who participated in a most enjoyable evening!
(Quizmaster, Church Gates)

This Month's Brainteaser

On an archaeological dig, a mummified body is dug up. The body is perfectly preserved and on unraveling the bandages, it is immediately obvious that it is Adam. Why? (ps it has nothing to do with the number of ribs.)

Answers to last month's quiz

1. Canberra	2. Sheffield	3. Bahrain
4. 6-12 months	5. Prague	6. Notts County
7. Hull	8. River Severn	9. H.G. Wells
10. Rumpelstiltskin	11. Berne	12. Brian & Michael
13. The Victory Symphony	14. 42	15. Willow
16. Apples	17. Denim (de Nimes)	18. Benito Mussolini
19. Mary Quant	20. Catch 22	

Congratulations to Maggy Jordan and Andrew Terry from Ivy House who won the quiz! (only 4 wrong...) and we're pleased to hear its got you reading Catch 22 - your bottle of wine is on the way!

Wordsearch answers; bridge, canal, ducks, village hall, hen, swan, cricket, football, post office, shop.

Antiques Brain Teasers

A) How many legs has a cricket table?
B) On what would you find a crinoline stretcher?
C) For what is Emile Galle famous?
D) A scrimshaw is made from what?
E) Who made the Crocus pattern on ceramics famous?

If anyone has a question regarding antiques or collectables - please write in to the editor and the answers will be published in the next edition.
(David Malpas)

Query

Having had my flu and tetanus injections - can anyone tell me me when I should be innoculated against the millennium bug? (Mr Babbage)

Answers;

A) 3
B) A chair (normally a windsor chair)
C) Art Glass (French)
D) Walrus tusks (sometimes bone or shells)
E) Clarice Cliff
NB. Charles Babbage (1791-1871) mathematician & inventor, pioneer of the first computer.

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Kinoulton Primary School

The Autumn Term at Kinoulton Primary School drew to a close with several events. We held a Carol Service in Hickling Church which was very well attended by pupils and parents. Pupils performed a poem 'This is the Star' by Joyce Dunbar and the handbells band performed two carols, for which the Church provided a fitting setting. Thanks are due t Reverend Stephanie Fahie, to Mrs Rawlinson and everyone else for the beautiful decorations in the Church and to Mrs Kirk, Mr and Mrs Naismith and Mrs Gunn for providing refreshments.

All pupils enjoyed end of term entertainment by a story-teller, and the younger pupils were delighted by an early visit from Santa.

Congratulations are due to Amy Vernon, Gemma Brown, Fergus Cuthill Alice Hudson and Louise Waller who were awarded the Saynor Cups this term for achievement in reading.

This term we have welcomed eight new pupils to the Reception class, bringing the total number on roll to 130. Topics to be studied by the pupils will include food and festivals (Classes 1 and 2), the Weather, Solids, Liquids and Gases (Classes 3 and 4).

The athletics club have started practising for their next competition, and all pupils are benefiting from the new top play/top sport equipment we now have in school. This half term, junior pupils are enjoying using hockey equipment.

Vouchers Needed

Can you help? We are collecting the vouchers for free books for schools from The Times, The Sunday Times, The News of the World, The Sun and all varieties of Walkers Crisps, including Lites, Doritos, Quavers, Monster Munch etc.
If you are able to collect any of these tokens, please pass them to any of the children, or to parents of children who attend the school.
Alternatively, they could be posted through the door or handed to the secretary.

Thank you.
(Mrs C. Botham, Headmistress.)

Kinoulton School PTFA Newsletter.

First of all a Happy New Year to all of you from the PTFA committee and we hope that 1999 will be another good year for Kinoulton school. As our regular readers will recall, the main emphasis for PTFA fund raising projects this school year is to provide the specialised books and materials to help support the 'Literacy Hour', so we thought you'd like to see how we spend your hard earned cash:

So far we have managed to buy two Cassette Playback machines each with six listening stations and plan to buy shortly a CD playback machine, also with multiple listening stations, with plans for further similar purchases soon.

The storyteller who came in to perform to Keystage 1 and 2 pupils as part of their Christmas Treat was also paid for by the PTFA, and was enjoyed by the children. New Home Corner play equipment has also been bought for Class 1.

By popular request we have decided to include the winners of the PTFA Hundred Club Draw in our newsletters. The December draw (which is a big one) was won by The Plough at Hickling (£100) and the runner up was Hickling Village Hall (£25). The January draw was won by Julie Vernon (£25) and the runner up was Sheryl Lloyd (£10).The three events advertised on our last newsletter have all now taken place.

The 'Grease' disco was a lot of fun and several embarrassing photos are still in circulation. It was also very successful and raised £500.

The 'End of term' disco was a big hit with the children and raised £100. Our infamous quiz sheets kept a lot of you guessing and also raised about £100, (the exact total has still to be calculated). The winner was Sheila Hill with a score of 100, she collects the prize of £25.

Now for news of some of our forthcoming events, which we hope, you will support:

Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night - 20th March at Kinoulton Village Hall
Nottingham Forest Match against Tottenham - 17th April
Children's sponsored 'Learn a Poem' - During the Easter Holidays.
May Ball Disco - 15th May in Kinoulton Village Hall.

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Hickling Playgroup

The Christmas party was enjoyed by all on the last day of term, most were spellbound by the entertainer. To the delight of the children Santa arrived after many choruses of Jingle Bells. As always Santa gave each child a very suitable present. A large quantity of party food was cheerfully enjoyed. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the party such a success.

We are all looking forward to another busy term. The Rising 5s Wednesday group will be visiting Kinoulton Primary School for a morning in the first half of term and those that move up to school at Easter will be involved in individual visits to school in the second half of term.

Forthcoming events;
1. Coming soon! After the huge success of the last **Mother and Toddler Table Top Sale** another will be held at Hickling Village Hall - look out for dates and details on the posters!
2. Also! A joint **jumble sale** with Hickling Village Hall Committee - date to be confirmed, so please save all your jumble and watch out for those posters!

We currently have places available at Playgroup. If you would like further information please contact Mary Smith - 01664 822559.
(Anna Moreland)

Toddler Group.

Toddlers meet every Monday during term time at Hickling Village Hall 2pm. - 4pm. It is an ideal opportunity for young mothers to meet with children as young as two weeks old, to school age. Mums/Dads have a cup of tea with a chat and the children can play with the wide range of toys. Children can also have a drink with a biscuit. It is an ideal opportunity to meet other people from Hickling and surrounding villages. Everyone is welcome.

In November 1998 a few friends got together to have a sale of baby and children's clothes, equipment and toys. It was a great success. So much so that another sale has been arranged for **Saturday 27th February** (morning) - so if you know anyone who needs any baby or children's items - nearly new, or would like to sell anything then please let us know. This time a small entry charge will be made. Cakes, tea and coffee will be served. Proceeds to Playgroup/Toddlers. (Chris Dingle)

Streetwize.

Streetwize are now meeting in Cropwell Bishop (since their van broke down) - details of future meetings will follow as soon as we have them.

Hickling Football Club.

Hickling Football Club was founded in 1970. They are members of the Nottingham Amateur League. They play on the Wharf House field on Saturdays - a pitch they have been lucky enough to use over the past four years.
As ever the club is always looking out for new talent! and they are always appreciative of local support. Unfortunately with Christmas we have left it a little late to bring you a full report, however by the next issue we hope to bring you up-to-date with how they stand in the league tables as well as some photographs!
If anyone would like to play please contact Mr B.H. Sweet - 822543.

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1st Kinoulton Brownies.

Brownie meetings are held every Wednesday 6 - 7.30pm in Kinoulton Village Hall during term time. There is a full pack of 24 girls aged 7 - 10 years all living in the surrounding villages (predominantly Kinoulton, Hickling and Upper Broughton). There is currently a waiting list and names can be down once your daughter is 6 years old.

The aim of our meetings is FUN whilst learning and making friends and we do this by a variety of activities including playing games (the noisier the better) singing songs, making things, discussions, cooking, sport, quizzes - to name but a few!

If girls have particular interests there are numerous badges that they can work on. Also there are various challenges that the girls work through during their stay in Brownies.

Other exciting activities that we undertook last year include a visit to the Fire Station (some girls came back saturated...), a picnic at Bluebell woods (a favourite annual outing), a guest speaker on parachuting, joining other Brownie packs at Snibstone Discovery Park, tracking and trailing through the village (you may have heard us!?!) and organising their own production of singing,dancing, acting etc. The performance of the girls in this production was excellent and it was all their own work.

Brownies is very much part of community life and a good way for girls who go to different schools to meet other local girls and make new friends.

We have enjoyed being involved with our local community by participating in Hickling Show (fabulous masks inspite of the rain), Carol singing at Northview Nursing Home, joining in with the Remembrance Service parade with the guides, scouts and cubs and helping out with Kinoulton Church cleaning.

Also, we have filled shoeboxes with toys, gifts and toiletries to send to children for Christmas in less fortunate countries and we have joined up with other Brownies to learn about different countries.

I have been involved in Brownies for almost 2 years and it has been both enjoyable and rewarding (and yes...hard work). Fortunately I have some very good helpers to help plan and run the meetings (and control 24 excited girls). I have seen the girls mature and take on responsibility, learn new things and make new friends.

The highlight of the year for me in 1998 was when we took the sixteen oldest Brownies on Pack holiday. We had a fabulous time making dream machines, dens in the wood and melting marshmallows on the camp fire. Just seeing the girls enjoying each others company and supporting one another made it worthwhile!

If you would like to be involved you would be very welcome as we are always looking for new faces and new ideas.

(Sue Hartland, 01949 81757, Fern Bank, Main street, Hickling.)

1st Kinoulton Guides.

We are called the 1st Kinoulton Guides because we follow on from 1st Kinoulton Brownies but we usually have our meetings in Hickling Village Hall. Our catchment area includes Hickling, Kinoulton and Upper Broughton. During the last few months we have had lots of different activities to keep us busy and we would like to tell you about some of them.

Last Summer we had a bike ride around the Vale of Belvoir (well not all of it). During the ride Emily managed to throw a shoe, not bad when you're pedaling hard, and Mary had a puncture and had to be rescued before it got dark.

Also during the Summer, some of us joined up with some Guides from Cropwell Bishop and we went to Sherwood '98, the International Scout and Guide camp at Walesby in North Notts. We joined thousands of other Scouts and Guides there, they came from all over the world and we made friends and swapped badges with lots of them. We were hosts to Guides from Malaya and others from Russia and we took part in lots of activities like climbing, canoeing, go-karting and bar-fly. We even celebrated "Christmas" and played carols on hand chimes to show how mad the British are.

During the Autumn we learnt about various aspects of safety; road safety, water safety and safety in the home and garden. We wrote and acted sketches, made a video and devised a quiz. We then organised an evening for the Brownies to demonstrate all we had learned.

You may have noticed that the Guides were not present at the Remembrance Service this year, this was because we were working for the National Trust at Hardwick Hall. We spent a weekend clearing undergrowth in woodland and learning about forestry. We stayed in some converted barns which were fine once the heating had been mended! We had time for some sparklers in the evening before we went on an orienteering quiz in the dark.

And one dark evening we walked up Hickling Standard by torch light so that some of our new members could take their Guide promise and be enrolled amongst the cows.

Before Christmas we had 2 evenings making crafts and cads. Perhaps 1 or 2 of you may have received the results of our handy work. We enjoyed it so much we forgot all about having to go home and that night kept our parents waiting quite a long time.

At the moment we are discovering about other countries, each patrol has to choose a country and plan a meal from there. We then cook the meal and eat it! We also have to find out about the country, its people and traditions and make an exhibition about it, sc if anyone has special knowledge of Italy, Greece or Mexico please let us know!

The other thing you may have noticed is that Guides are trying to help boost the Blue Peter Appeal. This year they are collecting aluminium foil and cans (the non-magnetic ones) to try to help build schools and train teachers for Mozambique, one of the poores countries in the world. It takes a lot of aluminium to raise the funds so we would like everyone to help. There are collection bins outside the shop and village hall and at Hortor's Farm Shop which we empty each week. Please take your waste aluminium to any of these places.

We think Guides is very,very,very,very enthusiastic fun and we play games and do crafts as well!

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WARNING - TELEPHONE SCAM

This report was sent to us by **John Garner, Chairman, Neighbourhood Watch, Kinoulton.**

"I received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician who was conducting a test on our telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test we should touch nine(9), zero(0), the hash sign(#) and then hang up. Luckily, we were suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by pushing 90# you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place a long distance telephone call billed to your home phone number. We were further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails and prisons. I have also verified this information with UCB Telecomm.

Please be aware, this sounds like an urban legend – IT IS NOT!!! I further contacted GTE Security this morning and verified that this is definitely possible. **DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.** The GTE Security department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW. **Could you PLEASE pass this on. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters from organisations you are connected with, I encourage you to pass on this information."**

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Country Fair Committee

Thanks to all the villagers who came and sang round the village on Christmas Eve - we raised £244 which is the best so far! The money will go equally to Ashley Special School and the National Childrens Home.

Don't forget the **Auction and Promises on March 4th** start to sort out those unwanted items!

Country Fair - it is now that we need to think of new ideas to improve the Fair. Don't forget this one needs to be good as next year we will not be doing one!

Country Fair Committee;

Ted & Doreen Faulks	Jack Munks
Chris Norton	Bob & Mary Naismith
Chris & Karen White	Margaret Woolley

150 Club

Winners of the second draw held on 10/12/98 were;

1st Mr P. Hartland, Fernbank
2nd Mrs C. Benson, Meadowcroft
3rd Mr B. Green, Kinoulton
4th Mr R. Walker, Roselands
5th Mrs D. Faulks, Wharf House

(Hilda Fortey, Club organiser. 01664 823559)

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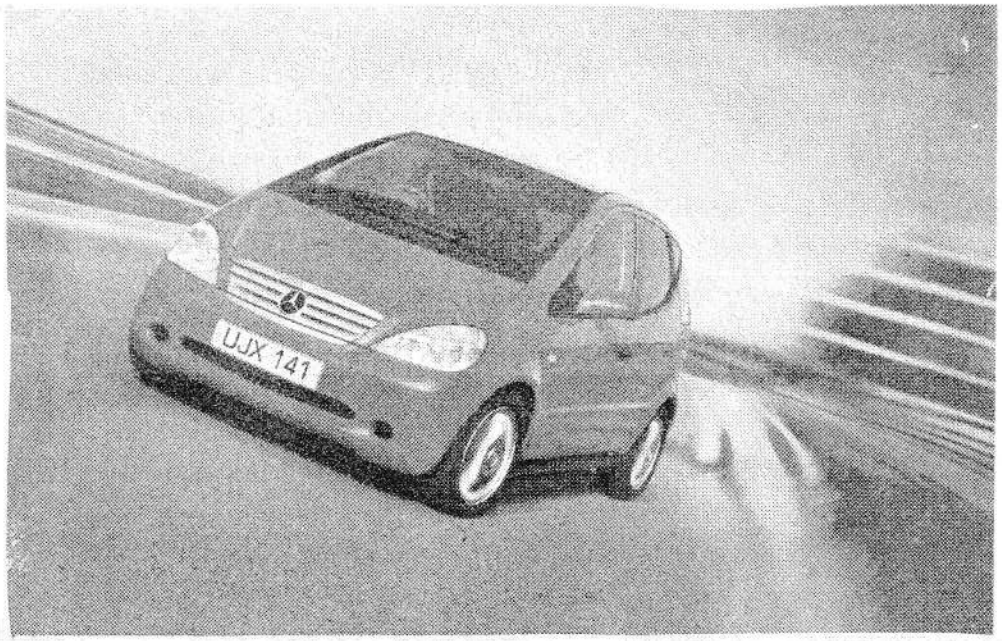
Are you ready to challenge convention?



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Hickling Open Gardens

This years date for the Open Gardens is;
Sunday 27th June.

After last year's success we hope to have one or two extra attractions on the day, so any extra helpers or extra gardens that would like to open please let us know.

When you are giving the garden a Spring clean, any perennials or cuttings or spare plants please pot up to sell on the day.

Sue and I will be in touch nearer the time, but any information you might need please telephone;
Becky Malpas 822818
Sue Heblik 823901

Best wishes and good gardening!

Once Upon a Time

There were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. (Anon.)

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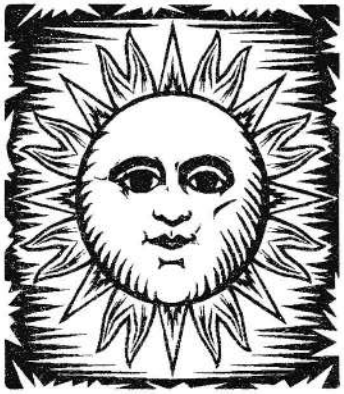
Millennium Sundial

How do you fancy putting your artistic or technical skills to use?

I'm looking for help and ideas for the village Millennium Sundial. The project isn't off the ground yet, so there is plenty of scope to be involved.



Input is required for deciding on materials, size, position, skills in creativity, design, technical drawing, structural know-how and knowledge of Hickling history, local heritage, surrounding geology etc.

As little or as much help would be appreciated.
Please contact Jane Knight tel. 823728 or drop a note in the Old School House, Main Street.
Many thanks,
Jane Knight.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome;
Kate Teal Scarborough who was born on 11th November 1998, weighing 6lbs 6ozs and congratulations to her parents John and Emma at Lilac Cottage.
Annette Shelton who recently moved into The Old Chapel on the corner of Bridegate Lane
Mr and Mrs P.J. Harrison and family who have moved into Ashwood on Long Lane.

A Doomsday Book for Hickling?

Twenty years ago I wanted to be a history teacher - 4 kids, 2 dogs, 6 cats and a pony put an end to that and meant a lucky escape for local children. My interest in all things historical is still very much alive though, and when thinking of suitable projects for marking the Millennium it was taking our own place in history that my thoughts turned to.

In Hazel Wadkin's marvellous books she has given us a great insight into past village life, with snippets of information and pictures painstakingly pieced together. Looking through these books I long to be able to see inside the houses and know more about the families who lived there. It struck me, therefore, that in the future people will be as interested in our homes and lives today as we are in the past.

Life changes very quickly in a village, people move in, move out, and in the case of several of us, move round the village. Houses are bought and sold and extended beyond recognition, and births, marriages and deaths mean people and places can be forgotten.

The basic idea I have is for a book written mainly for, about and by the villagers themselves. A pack will be delivered to every house, but taking part will be purely optional. It has been suggested that a photograph be taken of each house and, hopefully, the people who live there. People taking part can then write (brief!!) notes (don't worry we shall be providing guidelines) about their homes, families and lives. The information and photographs received will than be edited and compiled into a book, together with general scenes and 'famous sights' of the village, for example Margaret delivering the mail and Mrs Parkes the papers. Whilst the material may be edited, the original submissions would be kept for non-public viewing as achieve material.

The book would present an accurate picture of life in a Nottinghamshire village at the turn of the new millennium and, hopefully, would be of interest both today and in the future.

So, start thinking about how you would like to be remembered, take off your lens caps, sharpen your pencils and prepare to take your place in history!

Molly Collishaw

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Things you may have missed

There have been two theatre productions and one concert at Hickling Village Hall, as part of the scheme sponsored by Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, called "Village Ventures", which is designed to bring music and theatre to villages. The first was by a group called The Grand Theatre of Lemmings, though why they have this strange name is still unclear. Their act, which was entitled "Endangered Species", was eclectic and frantic and consisted of delights such as a man banging a 4 inch nail (a real one, honestly) up his nose, someone pretending to be shot from a cannon and some really good stunts with stilts. The Lemmings were excellent and the two dogs and the very young baby in the audience all said they really enjoyed it. It was a pity that more people did not come along.

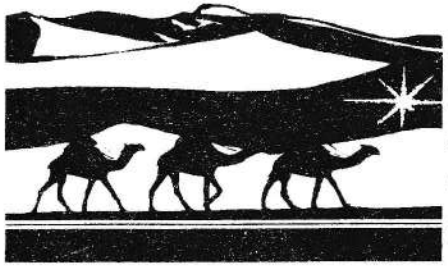
A few weeks later we had Quicksilver Theatre in Prospero's Children. This play was based on Shakespeare's The Tempest, but was designed for all ages from six upwards. It was all about the trials and tribulations of growing up. There was a beach, though with less sand then playgroup usually has, and even some water. The audience got wet and everyone enjoyed themselves. Anyway, what do you do when a half-drowned prince washes up on your favourite beach?

Between these productions there was Gordon Giltrap. Anyone who is more than forty may remember him for his guitar solos from as far back as the late sixties. He has been voted guitarist of the year many times and has just had a guitar named after him in Japan. More recently he was a troubadour in Heathcliffe with Cliff Richard. He was excellent in the Village Hall and sold lots of copies of his latest CD. I have got one if anyone would like to borrow it.

These events are extremely good value, as they are heavily subsidised by the County Council. Keep a look out for them, as there are likely to be some more in 1999.

Tim McEwen

Mirage to Mirage



Macmillan Cancer Relief is a national charity working to improve the treatment and care of people with cancer and their families. As with all charity organisations they have a constant battle to keep funds coming in to meet today's needs and future developments.

In November this year I will be taking part in **Macmillan's Sahara Hiking Challenge** - 100km across the Moroccan Sahara in the company of Toureg tribesmen and camels - to raise a minimum of £2,000 for the charity.

In the intervening months I will be looking to raise the necessary sponsorship. Ideas so far include a "guess the highest temperature in the desert" draw, tombola, bric-a-brac stall as well as various Corporate sponsorships.

Have you any ideas?
Would you like to get involved?
If so, please contact me on 822771.

Andy Baker (Rosedene).
(You may know me as the chap with the annoying habit of selling whisky streamers at the Country Fair!)

(ps. Andy won't be allowed to ride the camels as above - bad luck....)

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Royal British Legion
Vale of Belvoir Branch.

The Red Lion, Nether Broughton was the venue for the Annual Dinner just before Christmas. 21 members and friends enjoyed good food in comfortable surroundings.

The record amount of £819.53 was collected in this area for the Poppy Appeal - many thanks!

Anyone interested is welcome to the meetings held at the Neville Arms, Kinoulton 8.00p.m. on the second Monday each month.

Contact Mr N. Spackman on 01949 81362 for further details.

Children's Sayings.

3 year old "Granny can we go outside?"
Granny "Yes, we will go to the canal bank"
Walking along 3 year old "When are we going to the canal bank?"
Granny "This is the canal bank"
3 year old "Where do we get the money?"

Another time we went to the Canal Museum and then to Nottingham Castle.
Another 3 year old said "Granny, when are we going to the castle?"
Granny "We are there, that's the castle"
3 year old "Where do we bounce?"

(Gwen Cane)

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Curried Parsnip Soup

1oz butter
1.5lbs parsnips, coursely chopped
1 large onion, coursely chopped
1 large garlic clove, crushed
2 tsp mild curry powder
3 pints chicken or veg. stock
salt and black pepper
7 fl.oz. single cream
fresh chives to garnish

1. Melt the butter in a large pan, add the parsnips. onion and garlic. Cook gently, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins or until the onion is soft but not coloured.

2. Stir in the curry powder & cook for 1 min. blend in the stock & add salt & pepper to taste. Bring to boil, stirring then cover & simmer for 20 mins or until parsnip is tender.

3. Puree the soup, return to the rinsed-out pan, heat gently through, taste for seasoning.

4. Stir in the cream, reheat gently, garnish & serve.

Blue Stilton & Onion Soup.

1 pint milk
2 bay leaves
qtr tsp ground nutmeg
3 oz butter
2 lge onions, finely sliced
2.5oz plain flour
2.5 pints chicken or veg stock
salt & black pepper
5oz blue stilton cheese, crumbled
single cream to serve

1. pour milk into a pan with bay leaves, nutmeg - bring almost to boil. Remove from heat, leave to infuse 20 mins.

2. melt butter in a large pan add the onions, cook gently, stirring occasionally for 10 mins until soft but not coloured.

3. Add flour, cook, stirring for 2 mins. Strain the infused milk & gradually blend into the onion. Add stock, season , bring to boil, simmer, partially covered for 10 mins.

4. add cheese, stir over low heat until melted. Stir in cream(optional) & serve.

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JC 2000

A recent survey indicated that only one in six people in Britain know what the Millennium celebrations will be commemorating. Certainly there is no shortage of projects which are being given the Millennium tag and being partially paid for with money from the Lottery specially set aside for the commemoration. Then there is the so-called 'millennium bug' which seems to be causing a certain fear. How many machines are going to malfunction because their micro chips can't cope with the date?
How about *'The Dome'*? The controversy surrounding it seems to continue with rumblings over the *'Spirit Zone'* and what should be the particular focus. Every community and organisation seems to want to mark this great moment in history in some special way. That is good. Future generations will have much to remind them that for us this was a time of particular significance. **A**nno **D**omini - 'in the year of the Lord'. **2000 AD** The date which marks two thousand years since the birth of Jesus Christ. The birth from which we date our calendar. Jesus Christ whose teachings and followers have had a profound influence on the human race over the past two millennia. **J**esus **C**hrist 2000. What better way to prepare for the great date than to explore some of the teachings of Jesus? To get to know the Man himself?
If you would like to join a group doing so - details from me or the Church.
Rev Stephanie Fahie The Rectory, Kinoulton 01949 81657

From the Church Registers;

Baptism.

George David Marsh Collishaw 15th November 1998.

Deaths.

Mr Robert (Bob) Ellis Faulks died on Monday January 11th 1999 aged 75 years. A funeral service was held at St. Luke's Church, Hickling on Wednesday January 20th followed by a cremation at Wilford Hill, Nottingham.

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CHURCH SERVICES

February and March 1999

DATE	DAY	HICKLING	KINOULTON	UPPER BROUGHTON
FEBRUARY				
7	2nd before Lent	11.00 Holy Communion 3.00 'Sunday Club'	9.15 Holy Communion 11.00 'Slugs'	10.45 'Sunday Crew' 4.00 Evensong
14	Next before Lent	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion
17	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent		
21	1st of Lent	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
28	2nd of Lent	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.15 Holy Communion
MARCH				
5	Friday	'Women's World Day of Prayer'		7.30pm Service at Upper Broughton
7	3rd of Lent	11.00 Holy Communion 3.00 'Sunday Club'	9.15 Holy Communion 11.00 'Slugs'	10.45 'Sunday Crew' 4.00 Evensong
14	**Mothering Sunday**	11.00 Family Service	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion 10.45 Family Service
17	Wednesday	8.00am Holy Communion BCP		
21	5th of Lent	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
28	Palm Sunday **!Clocks Change!**	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.15 Holy Communion
APRIL				
1	**Maundy Thursday**		7.30pm Holy Communion	
2	**Good Friday**	2.00 Children's Activities service & hot cross buns 7.30pm Evening Service	12-1.00pm 'An hour before the cross'	1.30-2.30pm 'An hour before the cross'
4	**EASTER SUNDAY**	11.00 Easter Family Communion	11.00 Easter Family Communion	9.30 Easter Family Communion
11	2nd of Easter	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion

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ROTAS

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	REFRESHMENTS	SIDESMAN
Feb 7	Mrs Herd	Mrs Henderson/Sexton	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mr Watts
14	Mrs Blades	Mrs Pepper/Amos		Mr A E Faulks
21	Lent	Mrs Chahal/Chell	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mr Morris
28	"	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick		Mr Rawlinson
Mar 7	"	Mrs Faulks/Parkes	Mrs Simpson/Fraser	Mr Watts
14	"	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mr & Mrs Fraser
21	"	Mrs Walker/Chahal	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mr Morris
28	"	Mrs Sexton/Henderson		Mr A E Faulks
April 2	Good Friday		Mrs Simpson/Fraser(aft'noon)	Mr Rawlinson
4	Mrs J Benson & Helpers	Mrs Pepper/Amos		Mr Watts/Kirkman

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The Hickling Nativity Play

On December 20th 1998. Our Hickling Sunday club proudly presented the Grumpy Shepherd. A brilliant story written by Erin Naismith about a Grumpy Shepherd and how he found his happiness when he looked upon baby Jesus.

The service started at 11.00am and at 10.30 it was a mad rush to get everybody dressed in their costumes, finally we were ready, thanks to all the parents that is.

That morning there was a wonderful turnout of people.The cast performed brilliantly, we even had a pony and two sheep which behaved very well, apart from afew scenes where there was a little accident concerning the sheep luckily we were well prepared with a dustpan and brush! Apart from acting the children also sang, showing multiple talent. The short carols were chosen so that they would fit in nicely with the story.

After the nativity the congregation sang many traditional Christmas carols, and there was a reading about the chrictmas story read by one of the children in the nativity.The service that morning was very exciting and enjoyable not to just the congregation but to the children as well.

After many weeks of constant rehersals and a couple of singing lessons we brought together a fantastic play. All thanks to the Hickling children and their parents

By Emma Kirk

Parochial Church Council
St. Luke's Parish Church, Hickling

Thanks for the excellent support over the Christmas period. We had some lovely services including the Salvation Army Band helping with our Carol Service, the Nativity Play (brilliant) and a moving Midnight Mass.
Since our last report, the leaks in the lead roof have been successfully repaired; including some more that appeared after heavy rain and strong winds.
The designs for a new lighting scheme brought lots of helpful comments and at the last meeting it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with a modernisation of the present excellent style of lighting. With modern fittings and dimmers we could have the brightness we have come to expect, control of intensity of light for plays and special services, a good saving on our electricity bill and a safe Church! A grant has been applied for with ENTRUST.
A £5,000 grant has also been applied for to "Awards for All" (an East Midlands version of the lottery funding scheme) for installing toilet and kitchen facilities. We will know within 3 months if we are successful.

Rosemary and Steve (Churchwardens)

In addition £43.00 was given to one of our nominated charities - Family Care - from the sale of Christmas cards and this was accompanied by a big bag of toys.

A "Spring Cleaning Day" will take place in the Church on Saturday 27 March starting at 10 am. Everybody welcome.

This year's Easter Vestry and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th April in Church. *(Secretary to the PCC)*

Never work with children and animals!

This year's nativity service in St. Luke's Church proved just how wrong this saying is! "The Grumpy Shepherd" was a runaway (thankfully not literally) success.

At the November meeting of the Sunday Club Erin Naismith kindly

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(and rashly...) volunteered to re-write our script. All of a sudden the village went into preparation overdrive and this year's nativity play came to life. We had;
- shepherds with attitude
- angels who swept down from the pulpit shouting "wheeeee"
- sheep which went "baa, baa, humbug!"
- and a glittering star running up the aisle for the shepherds to follow

And the animals? Rosemary trained two of her sheep to walk on a leash and they led Kate Collishaw's beautifully behaved grey pony, carrying Kate as Mary, in to Church to join the shepherds on their pilgimage.

We would all like to thank all the children and families who helped. I think we all had a very entertaining time - there was a lot of noise, a lot of chatter and a lot of laughter throughout! (not to mention the amount of coffee drunk and biscuits eaten...). We would particularly like to thank Erin for writing the script, Bob Naismith for directing us all, Barbara McEwen and Mary Ann Naismith for the costumes, Margaret Woolley for keeping the sheep (real and human) under control, Molly Collishaw for encouraging their pony to perform and especially Jane Kirk for organising everything (who will ever forget her skillful work with a mop and bucket as the sheep left Church?). As in all the best awards ceremonies there are far too many people to mention - thankyou everyone!

Photographs of the rehearsals are on display in Church - if you would like copies of any of them please contact Jane Fraser on 822569 (there are some spare copies available free of charge too).

Sunday Club.

At our January meeting we had 14 children (and almost as many adults). We had a very lively post-Christmas time making figures of the Wise Men (5 in all - we got carried away...), reading the story and finishing off with a seasonal rendition of "We Three Kings" for Epiphany. Drinks and biscuits rounded off the occasion nicely.

The next meetings will be;
Sunday 7th February
Sunday 7th March
Good Friday (details to be confirmed)

These meetings are likely to focus on Mothering Sunday and Easter but we also have several other ideas which we are working on;
- a Mystery play
- a Summer outing and/or picnic
- a Summer children's concert

If you would like to help with any of these or if you have any ideas yourself please get in touch with us or bring it up at the next Sunday Club.

These are very informal gatherings where there are activities for children of all ages and a chance for adults to chat (you don't need to be accompanying a child!)

Everyone welcome!
This is a club run by children and parents for children and parents - everyone is welcome and we welcome ideas and suggestions.
Please Join Us!
For more information contact Jane Kirk on 01949 81049 or Jane Fraser on 01664 822569.

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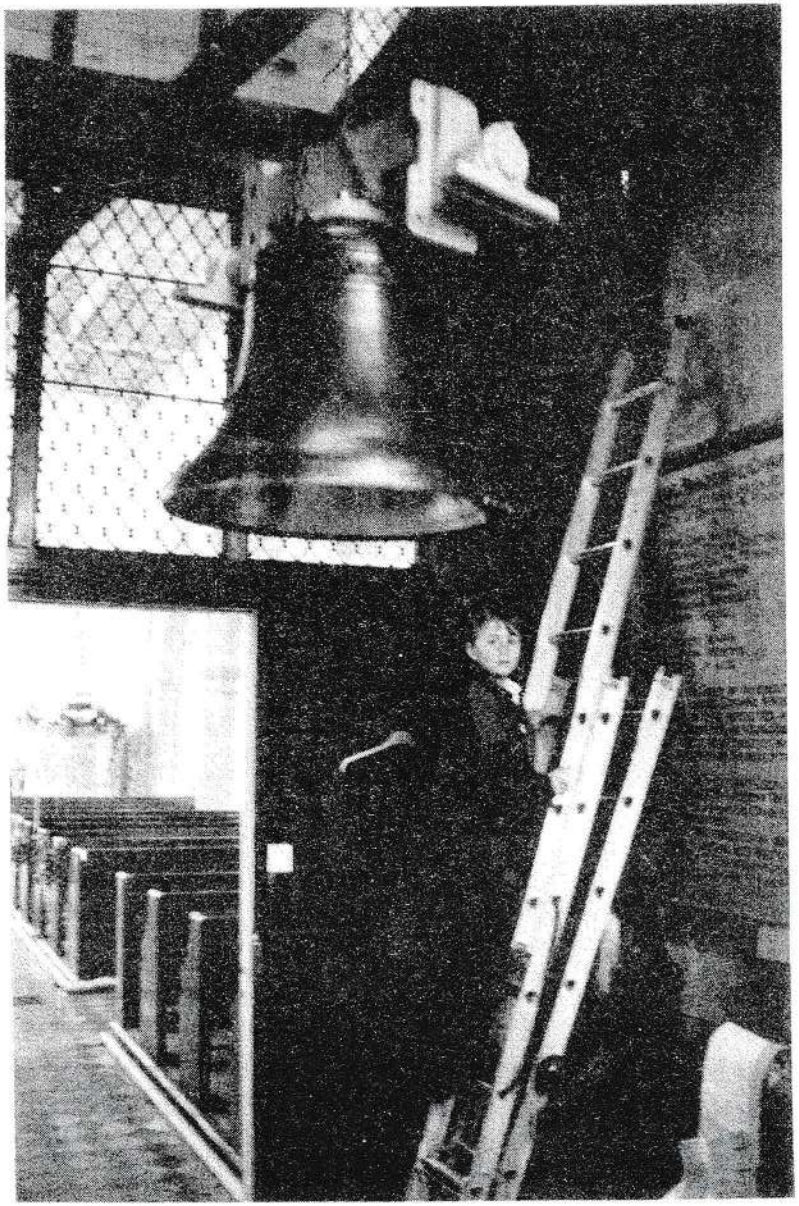

Hickling Bells

A new treble bell (which is the lightest bell) was installed in the tower on 30th December 1998. The bell was cast by John Taylor & Co. Bellfounders of Loughborough.

The hanging of this bell now completes the work on the bells which was first contemplated some ten years ago. Hickling now has a ring of eight bells hanging in a new galvanised steel frame.

The oldest bell in the tower is the seventh of the eight bells. It was cast in 1602 and the inscription on the bell reads;
Be yt knowne to all that doth me see that Newcombe of Leicester made mee 1602

The sixth and eighth bells were cast by Henry II Oldfield of Nottingham in 1618. The eighth bell (or tenor as it is called) is the heaviest of the ring and has the inscription;
All men that heare my mornfull sound repent before you lye in ground 1618
The inscription suggests that this bell would have been tolled to mark a death in the Parish (the Passing Bell as it was known).

The addition of the final bell completes a fine peal of bells in a new frame and with modern fittings. Many thanks are due to so many people who by their hard work have made this possible.

There is always the need to teach new Bellringers to ensure that the bells continue to ring regularly. It requires a regular commitment to practice each week and to ring for the Sunday service and other special occasions.

Would you like to learn? If so please contact Trevor Kirkman (822270). You will be very welcome.

The photograph on the facing page is of Oliver McEwen helping with the recent installation of the new treble bell.

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Fossils

Imagine tending an arable field somewhere in the Hickling area during the Middle Ages. After a violent thunderstorm, a belemnite guard appears on the surface of the field. What more logical explanation is there than this "thunderbolt" was hurled to the ground during the thunderstorm? We now know that belemnite guards (Figure 1) are the internal skeletons of extinct squid-like molluscs, and that the sudden appearance of these fossils after thunderstorms can be explained by the heavy rain washing away the overlying soil. Belemnites can be found in Hickling and are particularly common around Holwell in one of the old ironstone quarries. Similarly, the appearance of devil's toenails (gryphea) and portions of ammonites (Figure 2) on the top of Hickling Standard are due to rabbits and badgers digging in the sandier soil that is present on the far side of the trig point.

Ancient beliefs about belemnites as thunderbolts persist even today in some parts of rural Britain, and have been incorporated into folklore. The folklore of fossils provides numerous examples of unusual convictions about the origins of different fossils, as well as their alleged medicinal and magical powers.

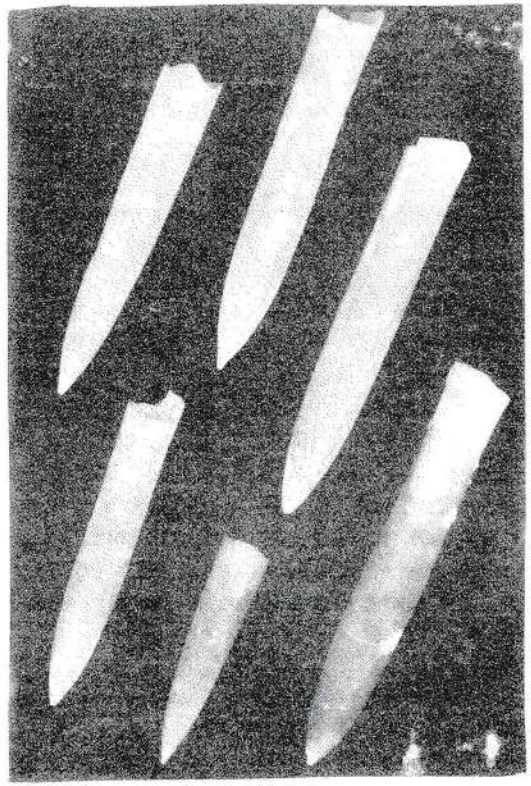

Figure 1. "Thunderstones" - belemnites, these ones are from the Norfolk Chalk, but you can find similar ones here.

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Steno, whose real name was Niels Stenson, a Danish naturalist, physician and theologian working in 17th century Florence, and who was the first person to explain the true origin of fossil animals, was familiar with tonguestones, and noticed their close similarity to the teeth that he had seen in a stranded shark.

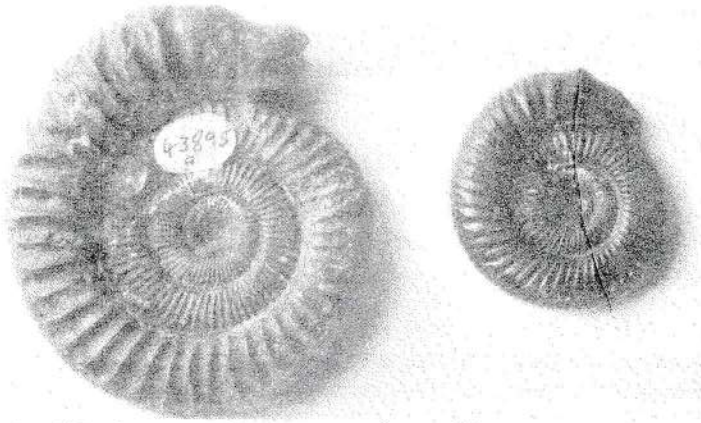

Figure 2. "Snakestones" - ammonites. These ones came from Whitby and have carved snake's heads. Pieces of ammonite can be found around the rabbit warren on the top of Hickling Standard.

Steno's theory was contrary to the prevailing view around the Mediterranean at the time, but he is still buried in the tomb of the Medici in Florence, as he became famous for being able to explain the function of the ovaries. Now we know that the large tonguestones really are the teeth of an enormous extinct shark. These fossils provided the basis of a flourishing export trade from Malta, where the tonguestones were believed to be effigies of the tongue of St Paul. St Paul had been shipwrecked on Malta in AD 60, the Maltese had shown great kindness to him and, in return, he had blessed the rocks of the islands, giving them the power to generate "formed stones".

Very different myths have evolved around ammonites in Britain and they are commonly known as snakestones. This relates, of course, to their resemblance to coiled snakes. One popular legend concerns the 7th century abbess St Hilda, who is said to have turned to stone the snakes inhabiting the site of her new convent in Whitby.

The Coat of Arms of Scunthorpe features two shells of the Jurassic oyster Gryphea arcuata, (the devil's toenail), which is also common around here (Figure 3). These fossils are particularly abundant in the old ironstone quarries and underground workings around Holwell, which were operating until the 1960s, mining the same type of rock that provided the source of the iron ore at Scunthorpe.

These fossils are also known as "Crouching Stones", "Cuckoo Shells" and "Milner's Thumbs". According to the diary of Abraham de la Pryme for April 10th 1696, burnt and powdered Milner's Thumbs could cure the sore back of a horse in two or three days.

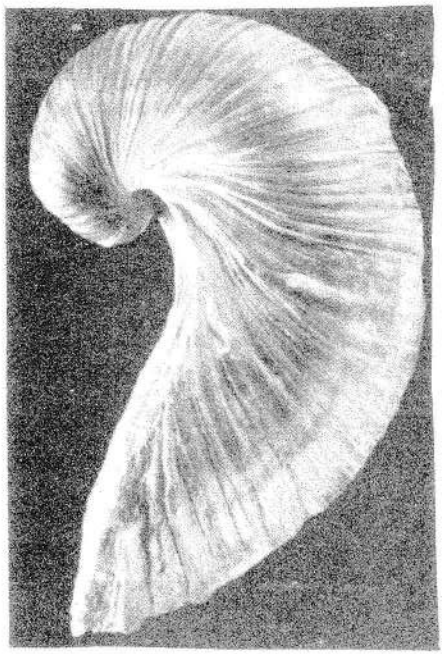

Figure 3. "Devil's Toenail" - the Jurassic oyster. This one comes from the Liassic of Gloucestershire, but similar ones are very common around here.

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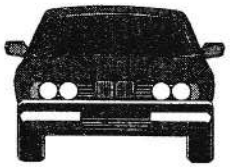

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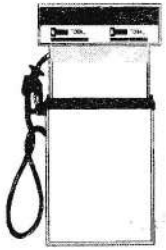

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Women's Institute.

Meetings are usually held monthly on the 3rd Thursday in the Village Hall. The **Annual General Meeting** will be on 18th March at 7.30pm. In January we enjoyed a visit to a local restaurant - this year the Charde at Tollerton.

Join us for our February meeting on the 18th when we will be welcoming Rosemary Cadogan-Rawlinson who will talk to us about her recent trips to **New Zealand.**

On **Saturday 13th March** the ladies of the W.I. are organisin a coffee morning as part of the **National Coffee Morning for the National Meningitis Trust**. This will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs M. Simpson, Cromwell Field Farm, between 10am and 12 noon.

As part of the **Millennium** celebrations the W.I. are hoping to put together a **W.I. scrapbook.** If anyone has any old photographs or literature relating to past events and would be prepared to let us take copies we would be very grateful. Please contact Gweneth Cane if you can help.

Want to find out more about the W.I.? Call Gweneth Cane (secretary) on 822680 or Carol Nixon (President) on 01949 81436.

Hickling and Upper Broughton Conservative Association.

Meetings are held regularly with our Annual Meeting coming up in March.

New members would be welcome. For further information call Ian Lacey on 823389 or Gweneth Cane on 822680.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Following the comments in the previous issue of this newsletter, readers may be interested in the local crime statistics for the 1990s.

Of the nine villages covered by our local policeman, P.C. Don Greenwood, Hickling comes 4th in the league table of reported crimes, averaging about 15 per year. Twice as many crimes were reported in Kinoulton and about half that number in Upper Broughton over the same period.

About one third of the crimes in Hickling were thefts from buildings and another third were thefts of or from vehicles (including trailers). The remainder consisted of assaults, damage to property and other types of theft.

Although vehicle crime generally occurs at night, thefts from houses and other buildings quite often takes place in broad daylight. So, beware of strangers and secure your homes and vehicles carefully.

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LETTERS TO THE NEWSLETTER

KEEP GREEN LANE GREEN!

Are people aware that Green Lane has recently become a dumping groun for garden rubbish? My reason for concern is after seeing the appalling mess that the gypsies have made of the beautiful wide verges in Willoughby and the fact that they even made hay on them. How sad it looks today! The gypsies have dumped so much garden rubbish that the Council have deemed it necessary to dig trenches to stop the tipping. Apparently it cost £18,000 to clean the mess up and prevent it from happening again. This has apparently happened because the Council now charge for tipping rubbish at the tip. I do not want to get into politics about what people do with their rubbish, however I am concerned about our environment. The wide verges are an ideal area for wildlife, create space for walking and riding. Once they have gone the landscape would b ruined forever.

The only thing that I can suggest we can do is to be more aware. If you s anyone dumping anything then take a note of vehicle registration number then report them. Also if anyone offers to do a cheap job who you do not know, think twice!! There are some good gardeners in the village.

Take a walk up Green Lane and help to keep it GREEN!

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TWO LETTERS ON THE SAME THEME;

DOG FOULING.

I feel I must put pen to paper to write about the amount of dog mess in and around Hickling. I live at the Nether Broughton end of Hickling and have to walk to Bridegate Lane on school days to catch the bus. From when we get on the pavement it is a continuous "watch the dog mess" an sometimes you can't have eyes everywhere and before you know it your pram wheel has gone through it or worse your child has trodden in it and there you are in a situation where your child is very upset, smelly and wants to take their shoes off. Not a funny matter on a cold wet morning any morning for that matter.

Walking down the canal is another place which is full of dog faeces. I

LETTERS CONTINUED.

know that a lot of people who live outside Hickling walk their dogs here - maybe there should be more prominent signs against dog fouling and more dog poo bins provided to encourage people to clear up after their dogs.

I am not anti-dog - I think they are great but I am a parent and have to run the gauntlet of dog poo daily. Owners must be more responsible and carry poop scoopers. There are residents that do and I admire their responsibility.

Lets not forget that it is against the law to let dogs foul the pavement and a fine is possible, but let us not forget most importantly that dog faeces are a major health risk to children of which one strong risk is blindness - please dog owners take note.

(Nicki Grayson, Sycamore House)

DOG FOULING - CONT'D.

In Hickling we are used to cow and horse deposits on the roads and pavements - an occupational hazard in a farming village and not particularly offensive.

The same cannot be said of dog dirt!

Toxicara is a disease transferred to humans through a worm infestation found in dog's faeces (information from the RSPCA)

If a child gets dog dirt on their hands or clothes and it is not thoroughly cleaned there is a risk that the child can be infected. This is no vague possibility - there are young children in playgroups in West Bridgford, for example, who are blind or brain-damaged as a result of such contamination - it is a serious threat.

Of course some dog dirt is inevitable but it is getting worse - on pavements, by the canal, I have even seen dog owners allowing their dogs to relieve themselves in other peoples gardens and driveways!

I don't want to sound too hysterical about this but there is a real risk for children in the village which we should be aware of. Many dog owners are very responsible about the care of their dogs and I would simply ask everyone to take sensible measures to make life more comfortable for everyone.

(Jane Fraser, Mill Lane.)

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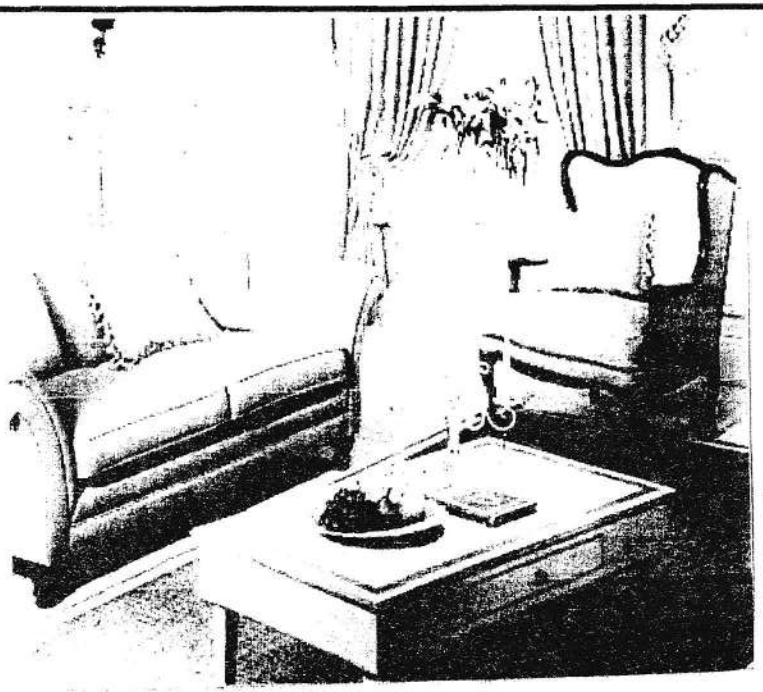

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February meetings will be held on the 3rd and 17th at 2.30p.m. Contact Mrs Spackman on 01949 81362 for more details if you are interested.

Kinoulton Gardening Club.

Meets at 8pm. in Kinoulton Vilage Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month between September and May.
Forthcoming events;
Jan. 20th; Mrs Lucy Clemson will speak on "Famous gardens of England, Scotland and Wales."
Feb.17th; Mr David Farnes will speak on "Plant hunting in China."
Mar.17th; Mrs Hazel Kaye will speak on "A garden miscellany"
Apr. 21st; Mr Mark Foley will give a cookery demonstration on the use of herbs.
May 19th; Plant sale.

Summer outings have yet to be arranged.

Event;
Spring Bulbs and Flower Show to be held in Kinoulton Village Hall on Sunday 14th March 3pm - 4.30pm.
Entry is open to everyone and schedules will be available from Hickling and Kinoulton shops.

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The meaning of the name Hickling

There are several families in Hickling that have lived here for many centuries (just have a look in the graveyard and also see the wills in the two books on Hickling by Hazel Wadkin). None of them, however, is probably as old as the village itself, though some get quite close. The village probably dates back to at least the eighth century, when it would have been part of the Kingdom of Mercia. The most famous Mercian king was Offa, who ruled in the eighth century and who is best known for building Offa's Dyke. He also, incidentally, beheaded the King of Anglia, who had become too big for his boots. Following the main Scandinavian invasions, which started after about 800, Hickling lay within what was to become to be known as the Danelaw (the area influenced by the Danish invasions), which is typified by place names ending in *-by*, which means "settlement" in old Norse. Examples of such places are Ab Kettleby and Wartnaby and many place names in Sweden have this suffix. Hickling lay in an area of intensive Danish settlement, associated with a large influx of free peasants, which gave such a distinctive character to the later, eleventh century Doomsday economy. In the tenth and eleventh centuries Hickling was within, or at least close to, the most prosperous areas in Britain.

In early and middle Saxon times (*i.e. c.*500-850), before the Danish invasions, a rigid, class conscious society existed which was ruled by powerful monarchs. Around the king stood a retinue of nobles whose main function was to fight his battles. If their service merited it, he would in time reward them with grants of land, and they would form a territorial aristocracy supported by the rents and services of the tillers of the soil (known collectively the "*ceorl*" - men who were liable for military service), whom they were bound to protect and keep in order.

Maps of England are studded with personal names, followed by the suffix *-ingas*, now *-ing*. and Hickling is included within this group. The name of the village is known to have changed over the years from Echeling, to Hykeling to Hickelinge and then to its current spelling. For some reason the village was not included on the map of Nottinghamshire in John Speed's famous atlas of the Counties of

Britain, which was published in 1612, although Kynolton and Overbroughton were included. However, it was included on his map of Leicestershire and the surrounding counties, where it is spelt Hickling.

These village names with the suffix *-ing* constitute an early example of English place names and signify the kinsman or followers of the leader whose name they perpetuate. The expeditions, from what is now northern Germany and Denmark, and which effected the conquest and colonisation of Britain, would seem to have involved an organization in which each detachment had its captain and was known by his name. If this organization were kept up after landing, the name would be transferred to the settlement when the leader received his share of the conquered land. At the same time England (actually Wessex), having become Christian a couple of centuries earlier, was exporting missionaries to Germany. St Boniface is probably the most famous of these. As today, however, our trade balance with Germany was negative, though they were exporting what were considered by the English, at least initially, to be heathen brigands and we were exporting a much smaller number of missionaries and at least one saint.

So in our case a Saxon captain, called something like Echel or Hicel, led a band of followers who, neglecting the higher and better drained ground around Upper Broughton, settled close to the river. In this pre-Conquest time, there would have no Vale of Belvoir and no Dalby Brook, both of which are names derived from Norman French. Why he chose, or more likely was allocated, this particular piece of land we will never know.

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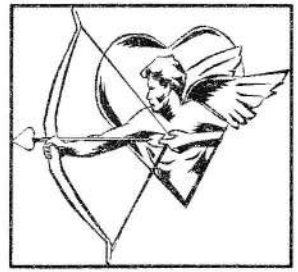
- ♥ *strong scissors*
- ♥ *strong adhesive*
- ♥ *card (preferably red)*
- ♥ *optional silver pen*
- ♥ *tissue*

1 *Roughly cut up the can (be careful not to cut your fingers). Then cut it into approx a 5cm square.*

2 *Put the shiny surface down onto a soft surface. Using the pen draw your design (I should plan this beforehand on tracing paper) (a simple heart with dots as a border is very effective) onto the can. Now turn it over - remember that any lettering will appear in reverse.*



3 *Fold and decorate the card according to your design. (One suggestion is to glue the can design onto tissue paper and then onto the card.)*

I hope you get your valentine!

(Chris Dingle)

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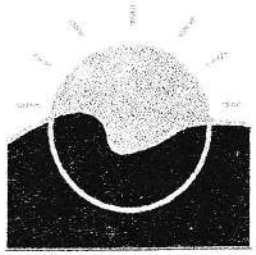

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The Canal (January 1999)

The New Year has brought an influx of swans to the very high water, there has been as many as 14 swans at one time. I think the Hickling swans are getting too old to put up much of a fight to get rid of the "strangers", no doubt they will all go before nesting time.

Lots of ducks and coots, over 40 at one count, one day there was a very pretty Mandarin duck swimming around but it didn't stay long!

I think the hard path has been appreciated by walkers in this very wet weather! It is rather muddy on the Kinoulton side!

(Peggy Herrick)

Find 10 words associated with Hickling!

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(See quiz pages for answers)

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3rd Feb	2.30pm	Thistledous	Silver Jubilee Club
6th Feb	day	Village Hall	Jumble - Save Children
7th Feb	3.00pm	Church	Sunday Club
14th Feb	lunch	Village Hall	Lent/Valentine's lunch
17th Feb	2.30pm	Thistledous	Silver Jubilee Club
17th Feb	8.00pm	Kinoulton Vill.Hall	Gardening Club - Plant hunting in China
18th Feb	evening	Village Hall	W.I. - New Zealand
20th Feb	7.00pm	Village Hall	Murder at Major Manor (Church Funds)
27th Feb	morning	Village Hall	Child equipment sale
4th Mar	evening	Village Hall	Village Auction
6th Mar	day	Village Hall	Jumble Sale - Church
7th Mar	3.00pm	Church	Sunday Club
13th Mar	10 - 12.00am	Cromwell Fields Farm (W.I.) National Meningitis Trust Coffee Morning	
14th Mar	3-4.30pm	Kinoulton Vill.Hall	Gardening Club, Spring Bulbs & Flower Show
16th Mar	7.30pm	Church	PCC meeting
17th Mar	8.00pm	Kinoulton Vill.Hall	Gardening Club - A Garden miscellany
18th Mar	evening	Village Hall	W.I. AGM
20th Mar	evening	Kinoulton Vill.Hall	PTA wine & wisdom
2nd Apr	2.00pm	Church	Good Friday children's activities and Hot Cross Buns (Sunday Club)
Easter Holidays		PTA children's sponsored "Learn a Poem"	
17th Apr	afternoon	PTA Nott. Forest Football against Tottenham	
20th Apr	7.30pm	Church	PCC APCM & Easter Vestry
21st Apr	8.00pm	Kinoulton Vill.Hall	Gardening Club - cookery demo - herbs
24th Apr	evening	Church	Melton Mowbray Singers
15th May	evening	Kinoulton Vill. Hall	PTA May Ball Disco
19th May	?	Kinoulton Vill. Hall	Gardening Club - Plant Sale
12th/13th June		Hickling Country Fair	
27th June	afternoon		Open Gardens

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Notices.

We would like to apologise to Liz Smith for the fact that her advert did not appear in the first issue as planned. We hope that this didn't cause too much inconvenience,
many apologies,
editors.

Please let us have any contributions, letters, whatever! by the copy date for the April/May issue - 15th March 1999. This is the last possible date and contributions made before this would give us more time...
Many thanks.

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