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Village Newsletter for Hickling and Hickling Pastures.

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Hickling Local History Group

A Pat on the Back!!!

We were very proud recently when our Chairman was "requested" to attend a mysterious evening in Lowdham - here he was presented with this certificate and a cheque for £25. Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter and helped us to this success!

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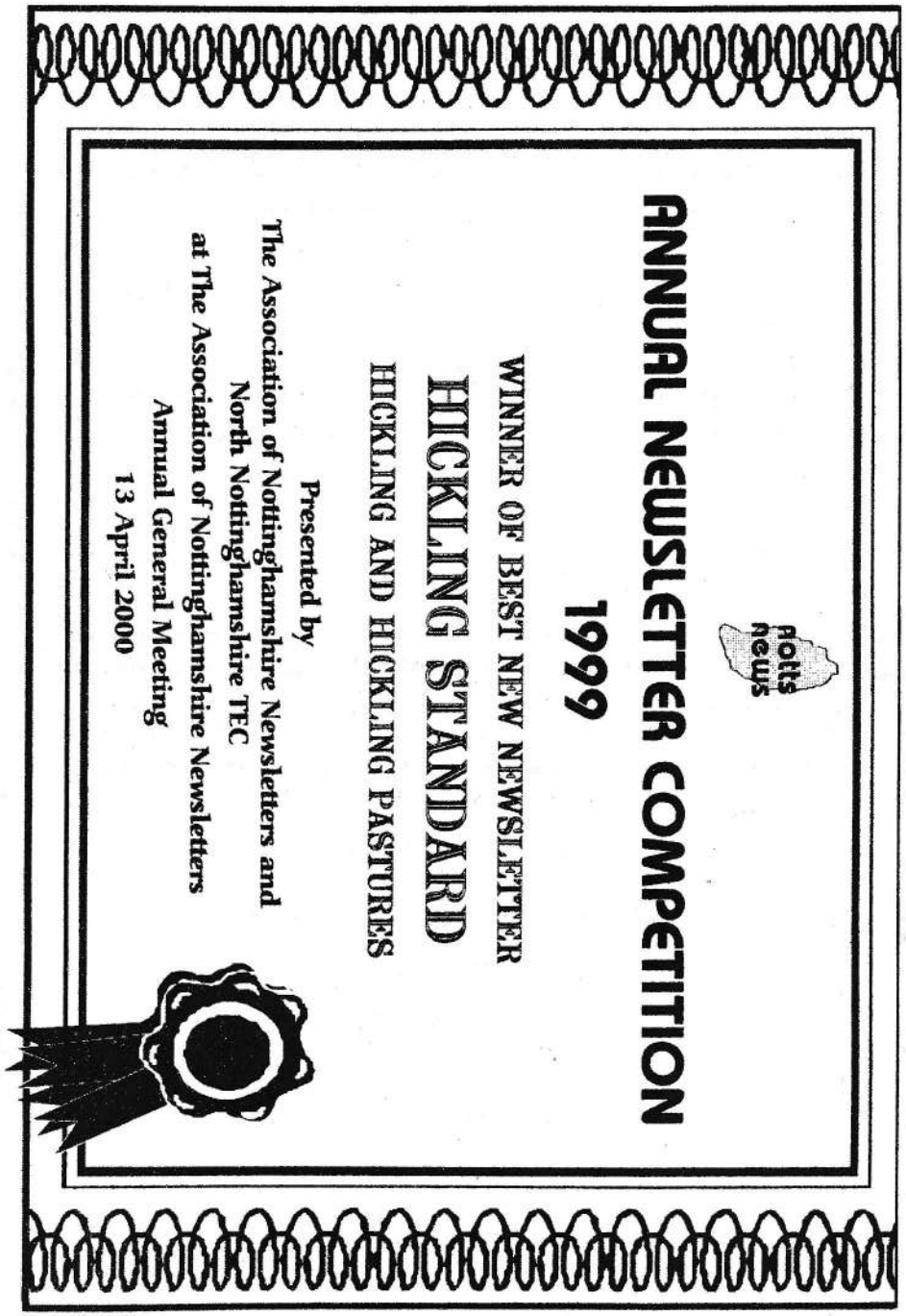

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100 Years of Farming

Sunday 3rd September 2000.

A celebration of our farming heritage.

- A procession of farming vehicles through the ages - vintage and modern.
- Decorated floats Passenger trailers
- The tour will start in Hickling and visit Kinoulton, Cropwell Bishop, Langar, Harby, Hose, Long Clawson and return to Hickling.

Any Village organisation interested in decorating a float please contact Will Walker on 01664 822342.

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The Hickling Standard has wone the prize for the best new newsletter in the annual competition run by the Nottinghamshire Association of Newsletters. We have won the princely sum of £25 and the free use of a website for one year. The Nottinghamshire Association of Newsletters has been so successful that it now covers not only this county but most of the East Midlands so, for example, a newsletter from near Chesterfield also won a prize this year.

We have to decide what to do with the £25 and we will let you know in the next newsletter - we may instigate a competition. Any ideas would be welcome.

Other news of interest is the start up of the Local Food Link by which you can support local farmers and go green(ish) at the same time by cutting down on unnecessary pollution, transport and packaging. All the food will come from this area and the article in this newsletter explains how you can have mainly Farm Fresh and organic food delivered free. Please make use of this service. It will help cut down on the ever increasing number of large trucks that pass through the village, which so many people complain about. The most pessimistic prognostications of the IPCC suggest that, if we keep on producing CO_2 at the same rate, the Greenland ice cap could melt and there could be concomitant rise in sea level of several tens of metres, so the coastline could be just down the road. The future of Bingham is in your hands!

TWCFM (off Bridegate Lane) at 87.7 may not be to everyone's taste. You can, however, be part of the radio station by becoming a member, you can advertise on it and many of you can probably see the aerial mast from your back garden. It also has good heavy metal. Have a look at their website at *twcfm.co.uk*.

Hickling Local History Group

Last Post

Mid afternoon off I went
Really feeling quite content
On that sunny, but fateful day
That changed somehow our village way

The sun on my face, oblivious to events
I approached the familiar bright red vent
And found my missive would not fit
Unless of course, I folded it

Had I wanted it to bend,
And thus the reader to offend,
It would have served me better
To have written a shorter letter

In any case I needed to be sure
The man from Melton had not, as before,
Already been and filled his poly sack
And as I stood, hastened his way back

As in the past I wandered in
By now accustomed to the dogs din
Trying not to buy a ticket or a bun
Aimed at involving me in village fun

I know now I should have guessed
Never before, greeted with such zest
Something really sinister was a foot
As deftly on the scale my letter I put

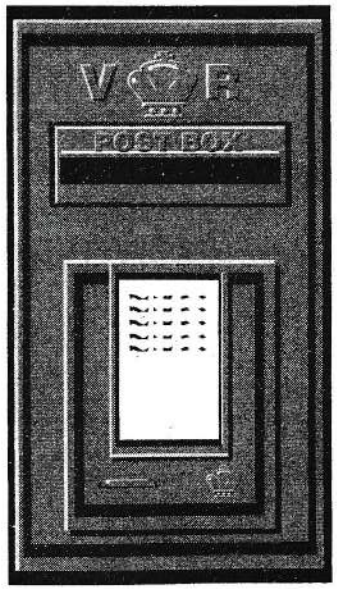
"You've missed it Matey" that's for sure
And as time goes by you'll miss it more
At that moment I knew I would regret
The Last Post of Ian and Margaret.

Ian and Margaret.

On Saturday 13th May Ian and Margaret Woolley closed their shop and Post Office after some thirty or more years of service to Hickling and all its parishioners.

Over this period they have proven themselves to be committed to the life of the village and to the various bodies represented in it, whether they are local fundraisers or national charities - always alongside their 'day jobs' as Post Office and shop operatives.

Ian's many years of involvement with the Parish Council and Margaret's unstinting work throughout several years on the Village Fair committee are just two of the ways in which these two villagers have given such alot to this part of the Vale.



We of the Village want to take this opportunity to thank you both for all your years of help and support and especially we want to wish you both the very best in all that you do in the future and that you may enjoy your retirement for at least as long as you ran the Post Office!

Well done!

On behalf of the Village and Parish of Hickling.

Ps. We don't mean to imply anything with the VR post box - it was the best picture we could find!

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Hortor's Recipes

Bacon and Herb-wrapped Corn-on-the-Cob.

2tbsp olive oil
3tbsp chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley, chives, basil and marjoram
4 corn-on-the-cob
8 rashers streaky bacon, rinded and seasoned.

Mix together the oil, herbs and seasoning.
Roll the corn in the oil mixture to coat them.
Stretch the bacon with the back of a knife.
Wrap bacon in a spiral around the corn, securing the ends with a skewer.
Grill or barbeque the corn for about 7—10 minutes, turning occasionally until the bacon is crisp and the corn tender.
Serve immediately.

(recipes taken from Hortor's recipe book on sale at Hortor's!)

Stuffed Peaches.

3 peaches.
Filling;
2oz ground almonds
2ox caster sugar
1 egg yolk
Few drops of almond essence
Sauce ingredients;
2 heaped tbsp apricot jam
Juice of half a lemon
1 level tbsp caster sugar

Halve and skin the peaches, remove stones.
Blend together the filling ingredients and spoon into each hollow of the halved peaches.
Place in buttered dish with lid and cook in centre of the oven (180c/350f) for 20 mins.

Can be eaten hot or cold with cream or the following sauce.;
Put 2 heaped tbsp apricot jam and juice of half a lemon in a pan with 1 tbsp water and one level tbsp of caster sugar.
Stir until boiling and thickened, this takes about 2 mins.

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Open Gardens 2000

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Sunday July 2nd
11am - 5pm.

As there is no Hickling Fair this year, can I appeal to anyone with excess energy to spare, to help on the Open Gardens day. We require helpers on programme sales, teas, car parking.

Home-made cakes will be very welcome for the teas, please give to either Doreen Faulks or Jessie Munks.

There will be a bric-a-brac stall at Church Gates so anything (preferably with a gardening theme) you wish to donate, please let us know.

Best wishes,
Becky Malpas (822818)
Sue Heblik (823901)

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Hickling Playgroup.

(Anna Moreland)

Hickling Playgroup AGM took place on 11th May. The three essential committee positions have continued from alst year - we wish them luck! All the other positions have been successfully filled, so Playgroup is able to move on for another busy year.

Dates for your Diary.
Playgroup Open Day.
Saturday 20 th May at Hickling Village Hall, 10 am to 12, everyone is welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat, to see some of the children's work and to find out more.

Kinoulton Show.
Saturday 24th June.
Come and see us at the show, we will have lots of fun activities for the children and are looking forward to an enjoyable day.

Hickling Playgroup is OFSTED inspected, we have places available on most days.
For further information contact Mary Smith 01664 822559.

Dance & Movement Classes.

A new club has started in Hickling Village Hall! A young dancer, Katie Hart (who has danced in the Playhouse pantomime for the last two years) is taking half-hour lessons (4.15-4.45 p.m) every Tuesday for 2-5 year olds (girls and boys! Please phone if your older child is interested). There is lots to learn but these classes are really about the fun and enjoying dance and movement.
Please phone Katie for details or simply call in any Tuesday.
(Katie Hart, 01949 875854.)

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Kinoulton Primary Schools trip to the Millennium Dome.

On Thursday 16th of March at 7:30am 181 Pupils, Teachers and Parents from Kinoulton Primary School set off on four coaches to the Millennium Dome. After a two and a half hour journey and one service stop we arrived.

The first zone class five (Mr Savage's class) visited was the Journey. It had all different vehicles and ways of transport through the ages. It was quite good, you could sit in the cab of a train and pretend to drive the train. On a little screen you could see where you were going, and it made you feel quite dizzy looking at it.

Secondly we went to the body zone, it wasn't as good as I thought it would be,but it was alot bigger and different to what I expected. The bit in the body that I liked most was the heart. All of a sudden you would hear a noise as the body started running, which made the heart beat faster.

We also visited the rest zone which was like a big igloo, the walls kept changing colour which made it quite relaxing.
In the rest zone you had to be silent, if you spoke you got sent out, no-one in my class got sent out.

We had our lunch while we were watching the Millennium show, I thought the show was brilliant, espeically the way the people looked like they were just floating in thin air.

Living Island was also one of the zones we visited. It was a beach which had a couple of games on it. All of the games were based on looking after the environment. I quite enjoyed that zone but they could have made a few more games because on every game there were massive queues and some people didn't get a go on anything.

Then we went to the game zone. As you walked through a man gave you a millennium coin so whatever game you wanted to go on you just had to put your coin in. I thought this zone was good but they could have made it a bit bigger because it was so busy in there you could hardly move.

At the end of the day we went to the gift shop, then made our way to the coaches. It took us three hours to get home with no service stops. By the time we had got back to school it was eight o'clock.

I thought going to the Millennium Dome made a brilliant day out.
My favourite part was the show, but I would recommend the whole Dome to you all.

By Elizabeth Collishaw, aged 10, Waterlane Farm Hickling.

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HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

At our most recent meeting held on 9th May 2000 there were many concerns raised by both Parish representatives and members of the Parish who attended the meeting regarding the current state of affairs on the roads of Hickling, mainly at the junctions where Main Street meets Bridegate Lane and Clawson Lane.
As a result of these concerns it was decided that the Parish Council would write a letter to The Highways Manager at Rushcliffe Borough Council (Address below).

The points raised were;
a) The speed at which cars approach both junctions. It seems that the existing system of signage is insufficient to make drivers aware of the upcoming junctions and to make them act appropriately.
b) Many of the children of the village catch the bus for school at the bottom of Bridegate Lane. Between 8.15 and 8.45 am this junction is probably at its busiest and the risks to our children seem to be higher than they should be - more so during the winter.
c) There are a number of very large articulated lorries from outside of the village that pass through Hickling throughout the day. These vehicles appear to need more than half of the roads around Hickling as a norm and seem to need substantially more at the two junctions, causing disruption to the other users of the roads and damage to the road surface as these large heavy vehicles make their turns at the junctions.

Suggested solutions were;
Larger road signs for speed limits
Moving the signs for speed limits further out of the village
Erecting 'Children crossing' signs around Main St / Bridegate Lane
Painting the road surface with additional speed limit signage - similar to that installed around Upper Broughton

Should you wish to write on these topics then contact;

Mr Harrison
Highways Manager
Rushcliffe Borough Council
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Nottingham
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A Tale of Two Paintings.

(Becky Malpas)

As a temporary stand in for your usual antiques columnist, I was stuck for a story. Inspiration came to me after reading an article about a seascape that had been sold at auction for double its estimated price.

About five years ago, David returned from a local auction with a seascape, which he produced with a flourish from a brown paper bag.

To say I wasn't impressed was an understatement. I was looking at a dull, drab sailing ship on a dull, drab sea. On seeing my reaction, I was dismissed as "knowing nothing about antiques," this was a fine painting, probably worth considerably more than the £50 he paid for it. In fact, so valuable was the said picture it accompanied us on holiday snugly wrapped in a blanket (for security reasons).

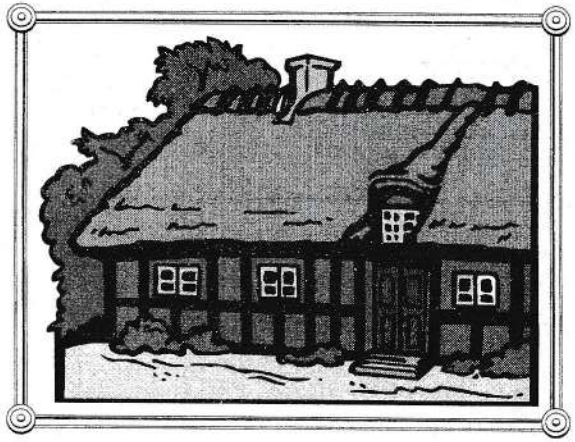
On our return David was excited at the prospect of making a lot of money on the painting. We wasted no time and took it to a posh gallery for valuation. You know the sort of place, you need to ring the bell, so they can vet you before letting you in.

The painting was unwrapped and reverently given to the gallery owner.

With a theatrical flourish he sighed and said "Oh, another of these imports worth about £25." With that we left hurriedly with very red faces. I have to admit that I have dined out on this story for years. David however wasn't amused and the painting was smartly put in the next auction.

Anyway, this brings me to the point of the story.

Some years later, I was rummaging round a dusty old junk shop, which your regular antiques columnist wouldn't set foot in, when I came across a dusty picture with a label saying "cottage print £12." On closer inspection I was convinced it was a water colour. It was duly purchased for £10.



Returning home I dismantled it and was delighted to find beneath the dirt a very pretty signed watercolour. Further investigation at the library revealed the artist was from a family of accomplished painters, and she had exhibited her work at the Royal Academy. The story was hotting up nicely.

More detective work found the value of my £10 picture to be £1,500 (not bad for a novice…), this is one that won't be going to auction!

Ps. Apologies to those tuning in to Bargain Hunt. The BBC gave us the wrong date and it was shown 10 days earlier.

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Newspaper Cuttings From 1900.
(Hazel Wadkin)

HICKLING.

Wesleyan School Anniversary.—On Sunday and Monday, June 24th and 25th, the anniversary of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School was celebrated. The pulpit was occupied on Sunday afternoon and evening by Mr. Banks, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, who delivered two thoughtful and inspiring addresses, to large and attentive congregations. The children sang special hymns, under the leadership of Mr. Alwyne F. Shelton, who also presided at the harmonium. On Monday afternoon, they were regaled with tea in the School-room, and afterwards proceeded to Mr. H. Dickman's home field, where they enjoyed themselves in various games until service time. A public tea was provided at 4.30, presided over by Mrs. J. Copley, Mrs. R. Copley, Mrs. H. Allen, and Miss Rose, and was well patronised. At seven o'clock, a meeting was held in the Chapel, Mr. Banks in the chair. The yearly report was presented by Mr. W. White, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. G. Warrington, of Mansfield, late of Long Clawson, and Mr. Godkin (Methodist New Connexion), of Nottingham. Special hymns were again sung by the children, the singing at all the services being well rendered and much appreciated. It is almost a proverb locally that at Hickling Club Feast it is sure to rain; and storms and showers on Friday, Sunday, and Monday somewhat marred the pleasure of young and old alike, and prevented some at least from coming to the Sunday services.

Club Feast.—This annual festival, which is usually held on the Friday following the 21st June, took place on Friday week, and brought together many happy gatherings of relatives and friends. Various forms of entertainment—ponies and donkeys, steam bicycles, swinging-boats, shooting-galleries, cocoa-nut shies, and stalls—were accommodated in the grounds of Mrs. Lamb and Mr. H. Parnham, and were well patronised, especially by the youngsters. The Foresters met at the Wheel Inn, where a substantial and ample repast was provided at mid-day, by Host and Hostess Munks. The afternoon was spent in transacting the usual business of the Society, and in conviviality. On the same day, the Old Sick Club, known as the Amicable and Frugal, kept their feast in the time-honoured manner—marching to Church at twelve o'clock for Divine service, headed by their banner and the Long Clawson Brass Band, the members wearing a piece of blue ribbon, the Club badge, and carrying staves. The service was conducted by the Rector, who delivered an earnest and practical address. On leaving the Church, the company paraded the village, returning to the Plough Inn about one o'clock, where an excellent repast, provided by Host and Hostess Parnham, awaited them. The afternoon was devoted to business. In the evening, the band, accompanied by a large company, played an excellent selection of music through the village, which was much appreciated, and concluded the day's proceedings with the National Anthem. On Saturday, a cricket match was played between Hickling and Rose, resulting in a victory for the home team, particulars of which will be found in another column.

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HICKLING.

Demise.—We regret to announce that Mr. William Miller Spencer, a native of this village, who a short time ago had the misfortune to break his leg, died of blood-poisoning and inflammation, at his residence, Queen's-walk, Nottingham, on the 1st inst., at the age of forty-five. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Nottingham General Cemetery. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, and many friends gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed. The deceased, who was a brother of Mr. H. Spencer, of Long-row, Nottingham, and Mr. Jos. Spencer, of Hickling, leaves a widow and two daughters.

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HICKLING.

Trip to Matlock.—On Thursday, 19th July, the Church choir and other Church workers availed themselves of the Midland excursion from Upper Broughton to Matlock. The date was somewhat unfortunate, as falling in the middle of the hay harvest, but, otherwise, in spite of the excessive heat, the visit to the shaded hill-sides that overlook the Vale of the Derwent proved very agreeable. The party was conveyed to and fro in a saloon carriage, entertained at Matlock in a scrupulously clean, though somewhat primitive, dinner and tea hall, bravely climbed the Heights of Abraham, and entered the Rutland and Roman caverns, surprisingly cool by contrast. In the evening, while some preferred a row on the river, the majority enjoyed a drive in a brake through scenes of exquisite natural beauty, past Willersley Castle and beyond the village of Cromford. To and from the home-station conveyances were considerately provided by the two churchwardens who accompanied the party, Messrs. Collishaw and Hopkinson, by Mr. G. H. Collishaw, and by the Rector.

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We have most certainly learned a little and have most definitely not profited since our first meeting. The clubs success could have easily been improved upon by simply standing on Trent bridge and making paper aeroplanes from a few banknotes and sending them off down the Trent.

Still, all is not doom and gloom. Some of us have had the dubious pleasure of making our fellow members squirm over the performance of their recommendations. A few of our stocks are just about holding their own but others have plumbed what can only be described as subterranean depths of loss. To focus these questionable pleasures we have instituted a monthly award system. To the person whose stocks have been most athletic goes the engraved high quality tankard for quaffing their favourite brew. To the luckless wight whose choice now lies in intensive care with poor chances of survival goes the dog bowl from which they can lick their slops. So at least you should be able to spot our least fortunate member when he is at the pub.

The club has seen another unfortunate event - the closure (temporarily we hope) of Basin Instinct HQ , otherwise known as The Plough. This circumstance has seen our little band wandering the pubs of the Vale like nomads, always finding out new beers, and things... One thing this share club business does is broaden your mind - why else would we have travelled outside of the village?

More news from the B.I.I.C. next time

ps so far we have made much less than an ordinary Building society account would have yielded but next month one of us says he has a sure fire winner.....

Hickling Local History Group

VILLAGE PICNIC

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH, 1 P.M. ONWARDS

I hope that you've all put Saturday 24th June in your diary for Hickling's Millennium picnic. The fun will start early afternoon, around one o'clock, at **Ted's field behind the wharf.**

Bring along a picnic, use the communal barbeque and share some nibbles in the marquee. During the afternoon there will be plenty of games ranging from the classics like 3-legged races, tug-o-war to welly wanging (handbag hurling for the ladies!). We plan to finish with an all-in rounders match.

Or you just may want to relax and spend the sfternoon chatting with your friends and neighbours - the choice is yours!

The afternoon is for the Village to share the Millennium celebrations and I hope to see you there. Bring your family and friends to make yet another Hickling day to remember.

Don't forget to bring a shirt, hat and suntan lotion - it's going to be hot! We look forward to seeing you there!

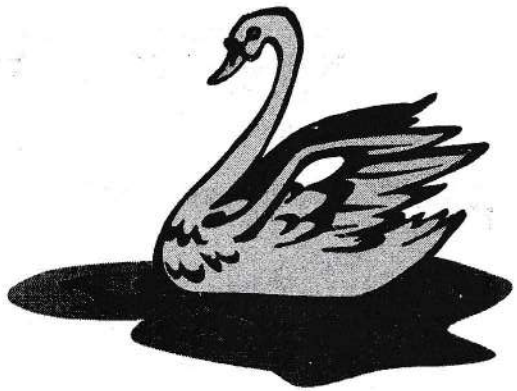
Please call Andy Baker on 822771 for more information or if you would like to get involved in the preparations.

Sad News About the Swans.

May 2000.
Sad news about the swans. At this time last year we had still the old cygnets and several more about. There is just the Cob and Pen left and it doesn't look as if they will have any cygnets!

It was seven weeks since the Pen laid her first egg and just one week before the eggs should have hatched when she left them. The eggs got broken with fully formed cygnets inside. I think something frightened her, one day there were two hand fulls of feathers, it looked as if the mink had had a go at her.

We had trouble with mink a few days before, killing three hens. I saw one bring a fish out of the canal, two were seen chasing ducklings. The mink seem to have moved on now, the mink hounds came with a large number of foot followers but didn't have any sport. The hounds went on to Widmerpool where they were also having trouble with mink.



Will keep you informed if the swans lay again.

(Peggy Herrick.)

p.s. two mink seen in the basin, so seems they are still around.

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'A breath of fresh air....'

What a difference the sunshine and warm weather makes! We have just been enjoying a few days of early summer. Of course the grass has been growing apace which means more mowing, but good for farmers! It is a wonderful encouraging time of year. So much so that it is hard to be in the office! This year the Christian Festival of Pentecost or Whitsun falls on June 11th. It is when the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first Disciples on the Day of Pentecost. Often it is referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church' because it was following St Peter's sermon that day that 3000 people were converted. The small band of Believers suddenly became a growing company and began taking the Good News of Jesus Christ risen from the dead to other parts of the known world. The task still continues today! The Holy Spirit is the Helper; the power of God enlightening, enabling and encouraging, strengthening and comforting the Christian in everyday life.

Encouragement is like a breath of fresh air. It is all too easy to find fault and home in on what is not the way we would like things to be. Much harder is way of encouragment. Looking for the good and commenting in such a way as to build the person up. Then if something needs correction it is so much easier to receive. I remember a Sunday School teacher in my childhood teaching us a song with the line *'Count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!'* A few years ago I was grateful to recall the words as I returned from work to find the builders had created a 'bombsite' in the house and cheerfully greeted me with 'It can only get worse'! After surveying the damage; threatening to leave home, I set about trying to clear up and found myself repeating the line through gritted teeth! Surprisingly I was able to find the encouragement of 'blessings' (though not immediately obvious!) It is said that Winston Churchill remarked at a difficult time *"There are hundreds of people telling me what is wrong. I need to know what is right!"* Perhaps we feel like that at times! For the Christian the breath of the Holy Spirit is the encouragement of God so vital to renewing life.

At this time of bursting new life in the countryside a prayer for Pentecost

'Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew;
That I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.'

Rev Stephanie Fahie The Rectory, Kinoulton Tel 01949 81657

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CHURCH SERVICES
June and July 2000

DATE	DAY	HICKLING	KINOULTON	UPPER BROUGHTON
JUNE				
1	Ascension Day	7.30pm Holy Communion		
4	7th of Easter	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion *11.00 'Slugs'*	6.30pm Evensong
7	Wednesday	Deanery Confirmation Service 7.30pm at Upper Broughton		
11	Pentecost	6.30 Songs of Praise	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion *10.45 'Sunday Crew'*
18	Trinity Sunday	11.00 Family Service & Baptism	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
21	Wednesday	8.00am Holy Communion BCP		
25	1 after Trinity	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.15 Holy Communion
JULY				
2	2 after Trinity	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	*10.45 'Sunday Crew'* 6.30 Evensong
9	3 after Trinity	8.00pm Open air Service Salvation Army Band	10.00 '*Slugs*' Breakfast & Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion
16	4 after Trinity	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
19	Wednesday	8.00am Holy Communion BCP		
23	5 after Trinity	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.15 Holy Communion
30	6 after Trinity	**********5th Sunday in the month United Service ********** 10.30 am Holy Communion at Upper Broughton		1.00pm Wedding
AUGUST				
6	Transfiguration Sunday	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	6.30 Evensong

CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE AND JULY

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	REFRESHMENTS	SIDESMAN
June 4	Mrs B Walker	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mr Watts Mr Faulks
11	Mrs J Fraser	Mrs Walker/Chahal		
18	Mrs M Simpson	Mrs Sexton/Wood	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mr Scarborough Mr Malpas
25	Mrs G Collishaw	Mrs Brown/Kargl		
July 2	Mrs J Woolley	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Chahal/Sexton	Mr Watts Mr Faulks
9	Mrs J Bloor	Mrs Parkes/Faulks		
16	Mrs P Herrick	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Simpson/	Mr Scarborough Mr Malpas
23	Mrs D Faulks	Mrs Walker/Chahal		
30	Mrs C Pepper	Mrs Sexton/Wood	United Service at Upper Broughton	
Aug 6	Mrs B Walker	Mrs Brown/Kargl	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mr Watts

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Parochial Church Council.

Forthcoming Services and Events.

May 28th	3 p.m. Rogation Service.
June 11th	Teas in the Church Old Rectory Gardens Open 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise.
June 17th	Cello duet in the Church followed by glass of wine at the Old Rectory Garden (Rushcliffe Music in Quiet Places.) (Tickets available from Rushcliffe Leisure Services or Mar garet Wood.)
July 9th	The Salvation Army service on the Wharf.
Sept 16th	Bridge Singers Concert in the Church
Sept 24th	Harvest Services - morning Family Service and Evensong
Oct 8th	Harvest Lunch

St. Luke's Parochial Church Council
Open Meeting - July 18th, 8pm.

An Open Meeting will be held to discuss the new Church of England orders of Service to be introduced in December this Year. We hope you will join us and help us to decide on the best forms of Service for our Parish at this time of change and help us to understand your views on the work of our Church.

Easter Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 11th April 2000.

This year the PCC said farewell to Rosemary and Ken Cadogan-Rawlinson amidst our very grateful thanks for the enormous amount of work they have carried out for the Church over the years. We also saw the resignation of Jane Kirk as Treasurer and Steve Turner as Churchwarden (although he jumped out of this role and became our new Treasurer instead!). Both Jane and Steve also received our very grateful thanks for their hard work.

As well as farewells we also greeted new members Mary Collishaw, Kathy Hetherington and Dorothy Chahal and we wish them luck and enjoyment in their new roles. The PCC also voted in (with great pleasure) two new Churchwardens - Richard Collishaw and Margaret Wood.

The current members of the PCC are;

Revd. Stephanie Fahie	Revd. Trevor Kirkman
Mr Richard Collishaw (C/warden)	Mrs Margaret Wood (C/warden)
Mr Steve Turner (Treasurer)	Mrs Jane Fraser (Secretary)
Mr John Bloor (Electoral Role)	Mrs Dorothy Chahal
Mrs Mary Collishaw	Mrs D. Faulks
Mrs Kathy Hetherington	Mrs Jane Kirk
Mrs Eva Parkes	Mrs Muriel Simpson (Deanery Synod

A copy of any of the reports made at the meeting is available to anyone who is interested in seeing them. The meeting was a very positive reflection of the achievements of the past year, the work involved in refurbishments to the building and also our success with many special Church services and events. We have raised and also spent a lot of money over the past year and we still have a number of large projects to look forward to;

- Repairs to the fabric of the building (including the roof)
- Restoration of the Saxon Coffin Lid and Vaux Tombstone
- New Boiler
- (Possible repairs or replacement of the Organ and possible re-decoration)

The next year also brings with it many challenges for our Church Mission with the introduction of new Orders of Service in December, fund-raising for our designated charities (including Family First, CMS and the sponsorship of a medical mission in Kenya) as well as focussing on the role of our Church within our own Church.

Meeting of the PCC, May 16th.

As usual there are a number of projects currently running, including work on anew plot for the burial of cremated remains and the supervision of the work on Jessamine Cottage where it encroaches on Church boundaries. Whilst our funds are understandably stretched at the moment we are considering a number of new projects (see above) too.

We are aware that arrangements for collecting keys for access to Church are a

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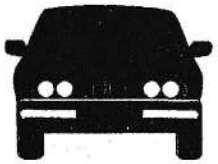

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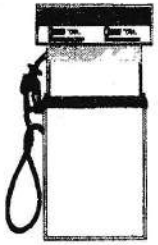

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little unclear at the moment and we would ask anyone needing a key to check the noticeboard in the Church porch for information.

Steve Turner brought news of new arrangements for donating money through the Gift Aid scheme - there is no longer any minimum value for donations. If you would like to discuss this scheme please speak to Steve.

We would all like to offer our thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in bringing us John Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday! The performance itself was wonderful and very moving. Our particular thanks must go to Margaret Woolley and Christine Norton who were the driving force behind the project and, of course, to John Quine for his musical direction. A huge amount of time and energy went into the Service and we are so pleased that the enjoyment (and hilarity?!) of the rehearsals resulted in such a wonderful evening.

There are a number of fund-raising events and special services coming up so please keep an eye on the adverts and support us if you can. We also look forward to welcoming the prestigious historical group - The Thoroton Society to Hickling on June 24th when they come to view the Saxon Coffin Lid and the new Village Sign before meeting in the Village Hall.

Songs of Praise

June 11th 6.30 pm.

Teas in Church ~ Old Rectory Gardens Open

If you would like to suggest any hymns for our Songs of Praise, please add your ideas to the list in Church or contact Steph!

Music in Quiet Places.

A Cello Duet in Church followed by a glass of wine in the Old Rectory Gardens.

Tickets £6 from Margaret Wood (822257) or Rushcliffe Leisure Services.

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Sunday Club!

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If you have any suggestions for a Summer outing for the Sunday Club please contact us. Dates? Places? Events?

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May 28th ~ Rogation Service

A tour round the farms and fields of Hickling, in celebration!

Why not bring your pet (real or pretend!) Or something that you have grown?

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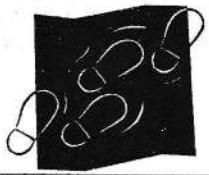
~ Craft Activities ~ Stories and Singing ~ Refreshments ~

Very informal, please just come along!

For information or with ideas please contact
Jane Kirk 01949 81049 or Jane Fraser 01664 822569



Please Join Us!

Messages

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The Late Bob Chaplin.

Bob's family wish to extend their sincere gratitude for all the messages of sympathy, cards and letters which have been of comfort during the difficult time after losing Bob so suddenly.

They also wish to extend heart-felt thanks to so many friends who have always been ready to give a hand in times of need and a final thank you, especially to farming friends and neighbours, for so many years of happy association and whose company Bob enjoyed so much, as they well know.

God bless you all.

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Congratulations to the Hickling Standard.

This, our very own Newsletter, has won an award for best new Newsletter from the Nottinghamshire Council. The area covered by the award is greater than just Nottinghamshire so this award has even greater significance.

Well done to the whole Newsletter team - many thanks for an informative and enjoyable Newsletter and keep the Standard up!

Bob Naismith - Chairman, Hickling Parish Council.

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We would like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to Kathy, Scott and Alicia Hetherington on the birth of baby Jamie in April - CONGRATULATIONS!

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We would be very grateful if everyone in the village could keep an eye out for messages for us in the Newsletter! Do you have a new neighbour? A special celebration? A new baby or a wedding?
Please let us know, we'd love to hear about it!
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Letter Page

Mrs Rosemary Cookson.
This is a letter to say thank you to all those kind people in the village, friends and neighbours for their support and cards of sympathy.

My Mother, Rosemary Cookson from Smethcote Farm, Shropshire, died on May 7th 2000. She was diagnosed with cancer on January 4th this year. It has been a very difficult time for us all seeing someone we love so much slowly slip away.

Cancer is something that I had never really been affected by personally before. It is a terrible disease that can affect anyone at any age and so many families have lost a loved one. We all lead such busy lives but please take five minutes to see your parents or give them a ring. You only have one Mum and one Dad.

I always sent a village newsletter home as they enjoyed reading what we are up to in this part of the country. My Mum helped us find and move into this house three years ago and enjoyed coming to visit.

My thoughts are now with Paul and Jane Frost at Green Gates. Paul's mother is also very ill with cancer. Both Amy and Lucy are involved with the Keyworth School of Dance Show on June 17th and 18th in aid of cancer charities.

At least I had chance to tell my Mum I loved her very much,
many thanks,
Christine Dingle.

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Give us a Byte!

Kinoulton PTFA Newsletter May 2000

Hallelujah for some warmer weather now we are in May!.

To celebrate the end of the Spring term an "Easter Bunny Drive" was held after school on Wednesday 12th April. Nearly 100 children joined in the games and Easter bonnet competition. A noisy, good time was had by all! The sponsored read over the Easter Holiday helped to raise funds – thank you to all who contributed. Also, many congratulations to Mr Warden, whose successful completion of the London Marathon has raised funds for the football team's new strip.

The May meeting of the PTFA was taken up with discussions of our summer calendar of events. Discos, beach day, Bars(!) and tractor rally – we hope we have thought of something for everyone! Planning for the school playground continues – with luck the warm weather will help the Basketball posts to sprout and grow *this* month! Look out for an information board at forthcoming events to find out more of our plans.

The May 100 club draw was won by an Unsold ticket, so the £25 goes back to PTFA funds. Jenny Cuthill was runner up (£10). The April draw was made at the Easter Bunny Drive – Hickling Village Hall won the £25, and the £10 was another unsold ticket. If you are attracted by the good odds of winning, contact Susanne Youngson to buy an "Unsold ticket"!

The next PTFA committee meeting to which all are welcome is on Tuesday 13 June, the venue is yet to be organised.

Forthcoming Attractions.

- Children's Summer Disco — 23rd June
- Kinoulton Village Day – Bar — 24th June
- Family Beach Trip — 15th July
- End of Term Disco — 21st July
- Float on the Tractor Rally — 3rd September

STOP PRESS!!!
We have just been able to confirm that we have booked a BIG BAND to play on the school playing fields on Saturday September 9th. Put the date in your diary, more info. later!

Kinoulton Primary School News

The first half of the summer term is unusually short, and has resulted in an extra busy time for pupils and staff. Children in Year 2 (age 6/7) started the term with their National tests, and this week it is the turn of pupils in year 6 . Pupils in the other Junior classes also have assessments to complete so that we can identify the next stages of learning for each child.

To balance the constraints of the tests, we have many exciting things planned for the children. As part of our European partnership work, we are celebrating St Georges day(a month late, as the actual day fell during the Easter holidays). St George is also the patron Saint of Catalonia, and at this time , the streets are filled with stalls selling roses and books, the tradition being that if given a rose as a token of friendship, in return, you give a book. The children are busy preparing plays and stories for the visit of our Spanish colleagues.

As part of the school/PTFA drive to improve the school grounds and social activities at playtime, we plan to teach the children some more playtime games. Do you have fond memories of a play time game- a ball, skipping or chasing game for example? We would be very pleased to hear from you, and you will be welcome to our Playground games extravaganza on Friday 7th July.

Following the success of our whole school trip to the Millennium Dome, we have some other visits planned to enrich the school curriculum. Pupils in year 5 and 6 are going on an extended visit to Brixham in June, pupils in Classes 1 & 2 are making a pilgrimage to Southwell Minster, and pupils in Years 4 and 5 are going orienteering at Bestwood Park.

Finally , we are having an open day on 28th June. The school day will be run as normal, giving parents and visitors the chance to be "a fly on the wall" during a lesson.

News from South Wolds June 2000

Insight into Industry Year 10

A two day event is planned for all Year 10 pupils on the 8th and 9th of June. The students, working in Tutor groups accompanied by their personal tutors, will experience seven 'Workshops' which are being provided by representatives of local industry, commerce, training and employment. These include the Construction Industry Training Board, the Nottinghamshire Constabulary, South Nottingham Training Agency, New College Nottingham and Nottingham University.

Head of Careers, Mrs Sue Welch, is hopeful that the students will have a better understanding of Career opportunities in the workplace and be motivated to think further about their own future's and career prospects.

Year 11 Examinations

Year 11 were given a fine send off before half term and by now are in the throws of their G.C.S.E. examinations. In their last Assembly they were presented with their National Record of Achievement documents and awards were made to many pupils who had contributed a great deal to the Year and South Wolds School.

Many students arranged class meals in Nottingham with their Tutors and group colleagues as a celebration of their last five Years. On the final day of Tuesday 16th May, they spent an enjoyable afternoon at Smiling Sam's as a final treat and social event before the rigors of the G.C.S.E. Their Year Book, a final momento of their time at South Wolds, was give out during the examination period.

German Exchange 2000

A party of 47 students and 4 staff returned from Weinsberg after a most enjoyable stay with the families of their penfriends. Year 12 student Lucy Mulloy reported that the whole trip was immensely enjoyable. They had been welcomed by the Mayor at an official reception where a commemorative mug had been presented to the school. Enjoyable trips had been made to the medieval town of Rothenburg, a cooperative winery, and a slate quarry where they searched for fossils. Other activities, often taken individually with host families, included swimming, visiting a Criminal Museum and Aqua Park. Many students also visited the neighboring towns of Heidleberg and Stuttgart.

"My German has improved and I can't wait for next October when my pen friend comes to stay in Kenilworth," said Lucy.

Sports News

South Wolds students from years 9 to 12 competed in the East Notts Athletics Championships held at Bingham in May. Several students were selected to represent East Notts at the County Championships at the Harvey Haddon Stadium.

Many students have begun to take part in the Millennium Games. So far Year 8 and 10 Netball teams have competed in a tournament with 6 students selected for Rushcliffe at the Nottinghamshire Millennium Tournament on June 11th. A Year 8 boys' basketball team and a girls' football team are about to compete and many individuals students are going for trials in Tennis and Swimming.

Congratulations go to Year 7 student, Robert Chambers, who became Singles Champion of the Nottinghamshire UPONOR 2000 Tennis Junior Open Tournament, during the Easter break.

Friends of South Wolds News

So far this school year £7,500 has been raised of the target of £10,000. The 'Friends' efforts over the Summer Term are geared towards the selling of Summer Prize Draw tickets which boasts cash prizes worth a £1000 with a first prize of £250. The draw has been supported by many local organisations but they are particularly grateful to Bunny Appliance Warehouse for their generous sponsorship. The draw for the 20 prizes will take place at the Keyworth show by a local celebrity! Anyone wishing to buy or even sell tickets should contact either the School Reception or Nic Seller on 9149535

The successful Casino Night held in April was great fun, over £400 being raised on the night, and the Lottery Club continues to bring in funds as well as paying out over £750 to prize winners.

The Friends have also been busy spending the hard earned cash and have, over the last two years, committed over £20,000 to school projects. The latest priority is the refurbishment of the Lower School and Library which will significantly enhance the quality of accommodation. Other major items funded include, 16 new electronic keyboards, kit for a thriving girls football team, additional outdoor benches, a carpet for the Reception area and equipment for the Languages Department.

"Whatever you may hear about schools getting more cash there is always a need for more as the demands of the curriculum increase year on year. Please try and support the 'Friends' in whatever way you can," says Chair Nic Seller.

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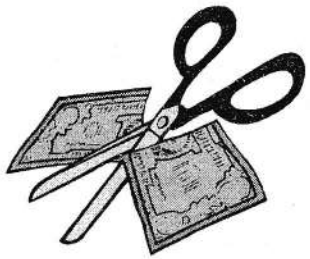
Auction

Was it a Flop or not?

On May 6th we held a 75/25 auction at the village hall. If you sold something you collected 75% of the hammer price and 25% went to the village hall and playgroup, very simple.

So many people have said since that they didn't know it was one or 'we forgot, when is the next one?' Do you read this newsletter? Or the noticeboards?

We had 100 lots, ranging from T.V.s to tables, antiques to doors, paintings and a stuffed bird! David Malpas was the auctioneer and what a good job he did too. The highlight of the sale was a glass vasaline strawberry dish which surprised us all and made £75. Those that bought items went home very happy. Those who sold things had (or will have) some money in their pockets and some money was raised for charity - even the village hall doesn't keep open on fresh air alone. Those that attended had an enjoyable afternoon, it made a change from a jumble sale and we raised about £350!



However, it is all left down to the same few to do all the hard work. This is a large village, please support it - we don't want the village hall to close as well!

Local Sailor Makes Good?

Tracking the history of a house.

Health warning! This story is long! If you want to get to the sailor story go straight to the end!!!

When trying to track the history of a small (and historically insignificant) cottage all you seem to come across are blank walls - legal documents destroyed and the irregularity of map-making being the most frustrating.

I decided about a year ago to try to find out more about Mill Lane Cottages - particularly when they were built and something about why they were built:

- were they built to coincide with the canal development? (there are tarred over patches on the canal side which may cover notices or adverts)
- were they attached to a particular farm and which one?

The general opinion is that they were built in the 1850s but no-one seems to be able to explain this theory with firm facts.

We discovered, for example that they are built using a distinctive Flemish brickwork style - similar to work in Owthorpe firmly dated to the 1850s. Unfortunately, this brickwork style has been used for centuries and is still occasionally used now. It may be a clue but couldn't be taken as firm proof.

The cottages don't appear on the Enclosure Map of 1776 - Mill Lane is shown with the Mill at the top, but no houses at all. The next map of Hickling doesn't appear until 1884. This shows the Mill (plus a residence marked 'p') and 5 cottages - presumably the 4 cottages plus toilet block. By 1900 the map simply shows the 4 cottages (plus Mill and residence). The attached land registration gives Charles Munks as owner and the tenants as Thomas Hives, Mr Marshall and one cottage empty - it implies that Charles Munks is also living in one of them. They are given a gross annual value of £3.00 each.

(This is the long-winded bit...)
The census returns don't give road names until 1871 (although they don't appear in 1881 either...). These returns proved fascinating in themselves with names coming and going and occupations changing - all very brief information but promising fascinating stories in themselves. Throughout the census returns - 1841 up to 1891 - and electoral rolls from 1887, the same names keep appearing. By trying to match known names and houses and taking the census progress as a logical move up the village (along Main Street, down Mill Lane and back along

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Main Street) some assumptions could be made.
In 1841, 4 households are listed consecutively;
Thomas (20), John (20) and Sarah (13) (milliner) Hives
Sarah Bomford (20, F.S.), Samuel Burnett (20, miller), John Randall (50, boatman), James Winslow (50, boatman), Henry Wing (20, boatman).
John (75, farmer), William (25, cottager), Mary (25), John (3), Anne (1) Hives - grandfather, son, wife and children?
There is no linking these people to Mill Lane apart from the implied link with the Mill and the occasional sequence of entries following Thomas Munks whom we can definitely link with the Wheel Inn at the top of Mill Lane. Significantly the Hives name continues to be linked with Mill Lane beyond the turn of the Century (although there is no further mention of Thomas Hives as Miller)

In the 1871 census the Faulkes family (headed by George) appears on Mill Lane - most significantly the entry mentions Anne (mother) and Annie (daughter and tambourer). These two names are definitely linked to the cottages beyond 1900. They first appear in the census of 1851 but there are no locations given at this time. Other names reappear (such as Caroline Stevenson) but there is nothing (because of the poor quality of the records) that can link anyone definitely to Mill Lane any earlier than 1871 - there is no way of distinguishing between the Mill and any possible cottages as dwellings.

This left me with the mortgage transfer documents of 1887. This states that on 9th October 1887, Thomas Munks takes out a mortgage for £300 to buy land which includes;

> 4 messuages cottages or tenements situate at Hickling aforesaid and built by the said Joseph Starbuck upon land in farming…"

We know from the censuses of the time that Thomas Munks was a cobbler and publican of the Wheel Inn (now the Wheelhouse) at the top of Mill Lane. The Munks family owned and often lived in the cottages until 1969 when Mabel Annie Munks (of Rosedene, Hickling) sold them as 2 cottages for renovation. The conversion from 4 cottages to 2 is believed to have been undertaken by Mabel Annie Munks in the 1940s.

What is most interesting about the mortgage is the mention of Joseph Starbuck. Census returns for the nineteenth century are full of the Starbuck family (at least 6 different families in 1861), although they are mostly listed as farm labourers or even paupers. Working around this mortgage date there was no Joseph Starbuck listed in 1891 - had his death precipitated the sale of the cottages?

In the 1881 census the information began to get interesting:

> Joseph Starbuck aged 69, labourer, born in Hickling
> Ruth Starbuck (wife) aged 83, born in Shepshed

This didn't seem to be the description of a landowner or landlord. Thomas Munks is listed on the electoral roll as an owner but Joseph Starbuck doesn't appear as either owner or occupier - unfortunately the earliest electoral roll available is 1887, the same year as the mortgage document and possibly, therefore, after his death.

In 1871 Joseph and Ruth reappear (ages 60 and 68 this time…) listed as cottagers with an address on Main Street. The entry follows immediately after the Mill Lane entries so they may have lived nearby. Joseph and Ruth do not appear in the census of 1861 (approx. age 49) or 1841 (approx. age 29). We knew that Joseph built the cottages but it seemed implausible (for example, does built equate with owned?). Then we found the following entry for 1851:

> Joseph Starbuck (head), married, 39, sailor.
> Ruth Starbuck (wife), married, 50.
> George Howell (apprentice), taylor apprentice

These are the bare facts, but **could it be possible that a young boy from a Hickling farming family could have gone to sea?** (he is described as a sailor and not a boatman), returning in the 1840s with a small fortune (won at sea, like so many in that period) and that he spent it building 4 cottages on Mill Lane—providing himself with an investment and an income? Did he return to sea having built them so that he didn't appear in the 1861 census? (and where was Ruth? In Shepshed with her parents or at sea with Joseph?). Do his fortunes then decline and why? In 1871 as a cottager he may have been living off his rents, by 1881 (at the age of 69) he works as a farm labourer. By 1887 he seems to be dead and his cottages are being sold.

This seems to be an impossibly romantic interpretation but it may be possible. Does anyone know anything about the Starbuck family? or have you heard anything that could help support or dismiss these ideas?

Hoping to hear from you with some more information!

Jane Fraser, Mill Lane Cottages.

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Killing Time (Simon Armitage)

The first section of his controversial millennium poem.

There's a new freak in the ape-house,
some monkey gone wrong,
loud-speakers for earlugs,
a microphone tongue,

fibre-optics for body hair,
a mouse for a hand,
a fax-machine derrière,
a joystick gland,

two screens for eyeballs,
a microchip brain,
a power-point in its navel
for batteries or mains.

It has no nerves or tear-ducts,
no spleen and no heart,
it has no hang-ups or secrets,
just a huge appetite.

First they tried it on porridge oats,
then they tried it on rusks,
they tried Black Forest gateaux,
threw it a few dried crusts,

they tried everything on the shelf,
they even tried it on booze,
but the thing wasn't itself
till they fed it the news.

The news — that's what the monkey loved
it ate like there was no tomorrow,

had a particular taste for anything live
and a thirst for sorrow.

So they left no stone unturned,
put fingers in every pie,
left no darkness unwormed,
let no sleeping dogs lie.

Daily it needed three square meals,
liked to be fed with a spoon,
wanted the meaty bits chopped up small,
once nearly choked on a bone.

Sometimes they had to spin news out,
sometimes they let news rot,
it was piled on a plate through famine or drought,
newsworthy or not.

Then they all sat down at the monkey's feet,
switched on and tuned in.
After booting up with a virtual fart,
it flickered, and started to sing.

Self Pity

(D.H. Lawrence)

I never saw a wild thing
Sorry for itself.
A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough
Without ever having felt sorry for itself.

A Spike of Green

(Barbara Baker)

When I went out
The sun was hot,
It shone upon
My flower pot.

And there I saw
A spike of green
That no one else
Had ever seen!

On other days
The things I see
Are mostly old
Except for me.

But this green spike
So new and small
Had never yet
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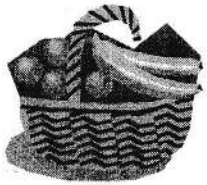

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A selection of the produce currently available from this service is listed below: (Further details are available on their website (*www.farmshop.net*) or by phoning 0800 169 7009. Delivery is free in Hickling and the surrounding area.)

- Flour (several types, all organic) from Whissindine Windmill, Five-sale Windmill, Alford
- Bread, of various types, from Paul's Bakery (Melton), Bakery Di Stabia (Willoughby on the Wolds)
- Cakes (Celebration Catering, Nether Broughton)
- Pork pies (Baileys) and Elizabeth King (Cropwell Butler)
- Milk (various sources)
- Eggs (hen, duck, free range)
- Cheese (Webster's, Long Clawson, Ulceby Grange)
- Meat (beef, bison, pork, chicken) (John Holmes, Plumtree; Hoylands Farm, Tollerton; Baileys: P J Onions, Shelton; Bouverie Lodge, Nether Broughton)
- Vegetables (organic), Eden Farms, Bollingbroke
- Deli: Aslockton Honey farm, Julia's hand-made food (Ibstock)
- Water (Swithland spring)

The organisers are interested in knowing if you would like them to deal in other foods. Please let them know. Remember, you don't need to spend large sums of money driving to the supermarket and paying their excessive prices for many fresh products when you can have superior products delivered free.

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Women's Institute.

Our May meeting is the most serious of the Year. We discussed and voted on the resolutions which are being put to the Triennial meeting in London in June. A report on the Council Meeting in June was also given.

Next month the talk at the meeting on June 15th will be on walking sticks - if you would like to come along please do so. The meetings begin at 7.30 pm with business followed by the talk soon after 8 pm. Visitors are charged £1 which includes refreshments.

In June we will be providing teas for members of the Thoroton Society who are visiting the Vale of Belvoir.

Gweneth Cane.
Secretary, 822680.

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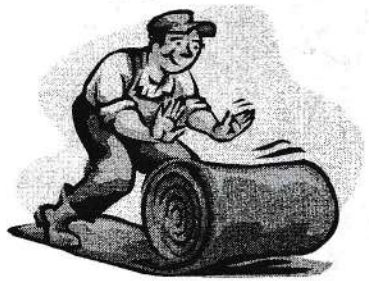
THANKYOU!

All the playgroup parents and helpers would like to thank **West Bridgford Carpets** for their extremely generous donation of two new carpets for the children to sit on during Playgroup sessions. They look so much better and are so much safer than the old ones - we are all extremely grateful, THANK YOU!



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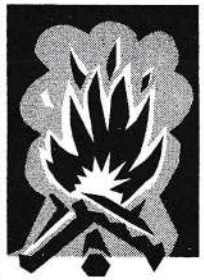

Summer Bonfire and Ozone Alert.

As we sit and wait for Summer to come,
It's an inconsiderate time for some!
To sit in the garden, after a hard day at work,
A small minority - wait - hover and lurk!

Forget people in gardens and washing on the line,
They must think - "The Smokiest Bonfire Will Be Mine!!!"
They don't check the wind or what way it will blow!
A smoke filled Summer's Day or Evening is all we know!?!

We don't mind if they are lit very, very late!!!
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The Royal British Legion Vale of Belvoir Branch.

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The date is **Saturday 15th July** and the venue this year is **26, Newbold Way, Kinoulton.** Our most grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Henson for offering to host this event.

Tickets are £4.00 each which includes a buffet lunch and a glass of wine. There will be plants available at very reasonable prices, a "bargain buy" stall, cakes, jams etc. a raffle and numerous other swindles!! We start at **12.00 noon until 2.30 pm** - tickets are available from Kinoulton Post Office or telephone 01949 81168.

We do hope you will be able to support our efforts and very much look forward to welcoming you on July 15th.

With Best Wishes,

John Burn (secretary).

A Few Hints From Early in the Last Century.

Removing Stains:
Ink marks on linen are best covered with made mustard and left for half an hour before sponging with cold water.
A little hot beer rubbed on oak furniture will remove any stains and thoroughly cleanse it. Polish afterwards in the usual manner.

Household Hints (1903):
Soda water, with a slice of fresh lemon is a good cure for an ordinary headache.
Hiccough can be stopped at once by eating a sugar lump saturated in vinegar.

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Diary

28th May	3 p.m.	Church (start)	Rogation Service
11th June	p.m.	Teas in Church	
	?	Old Rectory gardens open	
	6.30 p.m.	Church	Songs of Praise
15th June	7.30 pm	Village Hall	W.I. (talk: walking sticks)
17th June	evening	Church	Cello Concert
23rd June	?	Kin. PTFA summer disco	
24th June	1 pm onwards	Hickling Millennium Picnic	
24th June	?	Kinoulton Show	
26th June	all day	Kinoulton School Open Day	
1st July	?	Kin. PTFA family beach trip	
2nd July	afternoon	Village	Open Gardens
7th July	?	Kinoulton School sports extravaganza	
9th July	evening	Wharf	Salvation Army service
15th July	12 - 2.30	26, Newbold Way	British Legion cheese & wine
15th July	all day	Kinoulton PTFA Family Beach Day	
16th July	?	Elm House Open Garden (Yellow Book, National Gardens)	
18th July	8 pm	Church	Open PCC Meeting
21st July	evening	Kinoulton PTFA end of term disco	
3rd Sept	100 Years of Farming		
9th Sept	?	Kinoulton PTFA Big Band	
16th Sept.	evening	Church	Bridge Singers Concert
24th Sept	am & pm	Church	Harvest Festival services
8th October	lunch	Village Hall	Harvest lunch

Village Directory.
We apologise that the village directory has not appeared again this issue. We continue to feel that it is a valuable part of the Newsletter but unfortunately we have received very few contributions. Please do send in the details of your organisation so that you can be contacted easily by anyone in the village!

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