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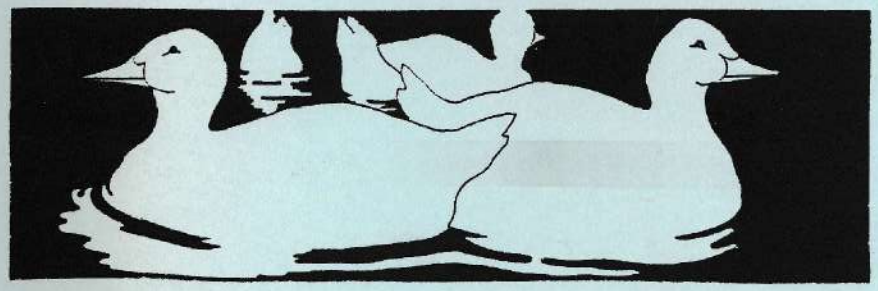

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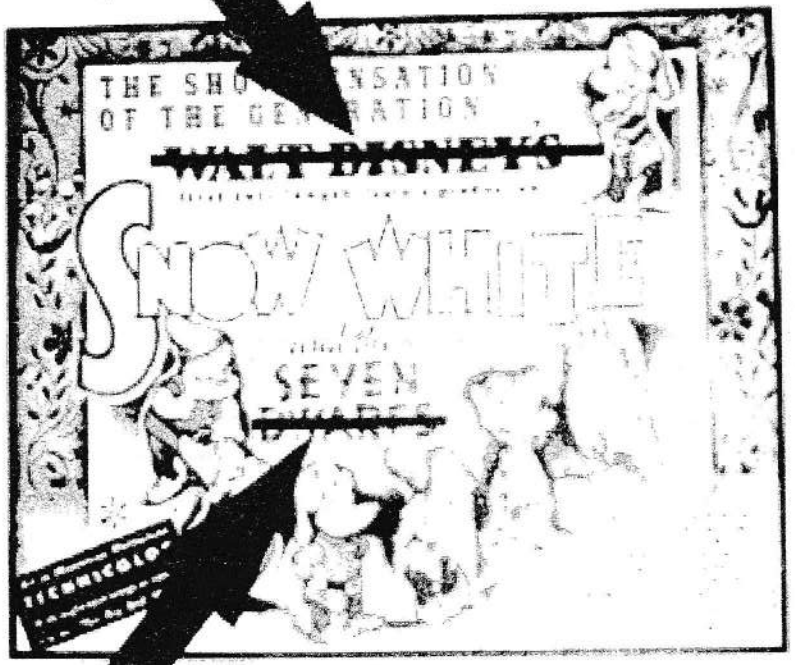

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A Date For Your Diary!

2005
Nativity Pageant

The current plan is to stick with the Sunday before Christmas as a regular date for the pageant.

Sunday December 18th 5.30 pm

We know this is a busy time of year
- so please put it in your diary now!!!!
And also ...

Thank You!

to everyone who helped with the pageant this year, to everyone who came along (and smiled at the camera ...) and to everyone who donated so generously to the collections.

Hickling Local History Group

A huge "thank you" to everyone concerned with the production of the Nativity Pageant. The whole event was truly magical, a wonderful beginning to Christmas time.

Keith and Hazel Wadkin

Nativity Pageant - an Apology.

I would like to apologise for the mistake which was made on the Nativity Pageant programmes.

At the time of printing the nominated charity was given as the Christian Aid fund for Darfur in Sudan. Between printing and the pageant we were offered the use of Ernie, the donkey. He came all the way from Risley in Derbyshire at the expense of time and money to his owners. The only thing they requested in return was a donation to the Brooke Hospital charity (to improve care and conditions for working donkeys in the developing world (see pages 48 to 51)). At this point we made a decision to share the collection at the pageant between these two charities and this seemed to be a very popular proposition among those we discussed it with at the time.

With hindsight, we should have reprinted the programmes; but at the time this seemed to be an unnecessary extra cost and we decided instead to make the change clear to everyone present on the night. I understand that not everyone heard the announcements and for this I apologise and would like to reassure those people that no offence was intended.

As it turns out, many people made donations specific to one or other charity. Rightly or wrongly, the only practical way to split the total was equally between the two charities. As it happens several people commented that they had already given substantial amounts to the Darfur fund and, therefore, favoured the donkey charity - it is my impression that the Darfur fund probably benefited from the equal split arrangement.

I hope that this explanation clarifies any misunderstandings and once again, I apologise for my part in this mistake. It would be a terrible pity if this genuine mistake should be allowed to spoil what was a lovely way for the village to celebrate Christmas.

Jane Fraser.

A Christmas Tail

(A tall story for the children of Hickling village and dog lovers)

Having considerable experience of being lost and alone I was quite concerned when my current owners unexpectedly became homeless. Christmas looked like becoming a nightmare, walking the cold city pavements until my paws became sore, scrounging scraps of food from bins and drinking the murky waters of the gutter.

Not that this was new to me, although I was really hoping I might have become part of this new family and had some security. When they put me in the rear of the car, (something I hate with a passion), I feared the worst. I did my best to chew through as many of the fittings as I could during the long journey, all to no avail. The vehicle relentlessly continued heading at an alarming rate, in what I sensed to be a northerly direction.

The drop in temperature was the first thing I became aware of when the vehicle eventually stopped and I was released from my cage on wheels. However, I was desperate for the loo and although there were some vaguely familiar persons close by, my first concern was to find somewhere where a dog of my social standing could answer the call of nature whilst maintaining some dignity.

It was dark, very dark, nothing like the brightness of the city at night and the scents were an overwhelming mixture I had not experienced before. I could feel movement and an oily scent close by, but could see nothing in the pitch black. I gave an impressive wuff and vowed to investigate at first light.

The night passed in great comfort and, although I did not recognise any of the surroundings, those familiar faces obviously knew how to make a dog feel at home. Very early on the first morning, I roused them in my normal manner and shot out to hunt down that strange presence which had been on my mind all night. What I found surprised even me!

I knew we were in a cold region, indeed I was grateful for my permanent thick coat, but I was not ready for the experience of what confronted me.

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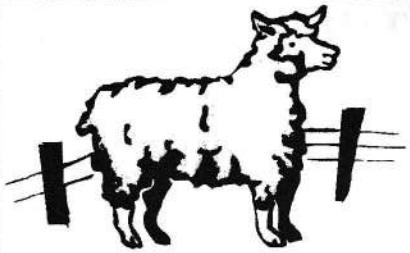


At least a dozen woolly cardigans on legs only a few yards away from me. I desperately tried to get closer and scooted up and down the intervening hedgerow looking for a gap. The woolly cardigans moved a little further away, bunched together, stared at me and then burst out laughing.

Not a very impressive start and for some reason mint sauce sprang to mind. For me that was not unusual as food is never far from my thoughts and the sound of breakfast being prepared temporarily distracted me. Two ticks later and breakfast finished I was ready to explore more. The people looking after me seemed to have the right idea and we set off at a respectable speed for my first walk down Main Street. Wow this new territory was full of surprises. Smells galore and lots of friendly people who, although they knew I was different, seemed keen to make me feel at home and wish me a Happy Christmas.

I felt good. This place seemed to suit me, so I stuck out my chest (one of my best features) and strutted off weaving from side to side to take advantage of the grass verges and the hedge bottoms. Then I met Queenie! She is no lady I can tell you. Without a word of warning she was there behind me snapping at my heels. Time to assert my authority - nobody, but nobody, sneaks up on a bulldog and gets away unchallenged.

The matter remains unresolved as, restricted by my harness, I was hauled away towards a large stretch of water surrounded by railings. This was just as well for the strange creatures I saw there needed to be kept away for my safety. They never stopped talking as they shuffled around on ridiculously short legs waggling their bottoms at me and then making a plopping sound as one by one they seemed to fall into the water. Their scent was somehow familiar and reminded me of the days when I was a stray and used to scrounge for food behind the Chinese restaurant.

When it comes to legs (not my best feature) I was impressed as, with a strange clip clop sound, two large animals approached with legs that seemed to stretch up forever. Boy were they impressive and I stood drooling at the mouth, as these beasts, their lovely brown eyes watching me, daintily pranced by. I liked that because dainty is something I don't do!

Mud is also something I don't normally come across either, so it was quite a surprise when due to lack of experience, I sank up to my knees in the stuff. As I was speeding downhill when my legs became firmly stuck, I promptly fell on my nose making it appear more stunted than it already was. Good job nobody important was around to see me in this predicament.

My hosts cleaned me up, but it was a waste of time as I next encountered a range of buildings set around a courtyard which appeared to be entirely covered in a very heavily "scented" mud. The animals with large eyes, runny noses, permanently swishing tails and large ears, each with a tag on it, seemed familiar from somewhere in the distant past. I heard them being called "heifers", which meant nothing to me, but it felt so strange with their eyes never leaving me as they lowered their heads. I suspected we had met somewhere before - quite unnerving really.

On each walk I discovered more and more and, just as I was beginning to settle in and get the hang of the countryside, I spotted the same red vehicle approaching. I instantly knew what that meant - time to move on again! Isn't it always the same? As soon as you are really enjoying yourself you are dragged away, or sent to bed early. Still I had a brilliant Christmas, nothing like I had anticipated when I started out and, for a town dog, I think I made a good impression with all my new acquaintances.

Hopefully I will be invited back for my summer holidays and be able to meet all my new friends once more.

Oscar, The Bulldog

Hickling Local History Group

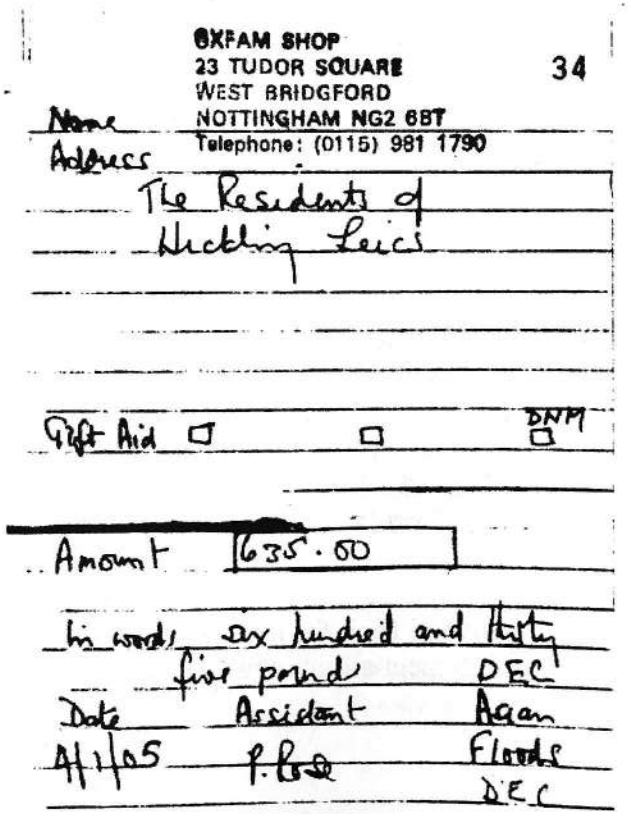
Tsunami

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Appeal Fund. A total of £635 was collected.

After speaking to Mr and Mrs Reid, the money was given to Oxfam, for clear water.

We thank you all.

Pauline, Wendy, Tania and Kirsty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Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale previously announced is now being run to raise funds for the Tsunami Appeal.

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(but, please, only two or three days before the sale)

Thank you also to all those who supported the Bingo fund-raising in The Plough. Over £500 was raised.

Any Ideas or Information?

Appeal organisers thought that it would be a good idea to sponsor a particular village in Sri Lanka, perhaps getting a contact there so that we could follow what was done with the money raised. Does anyone know how this could be done? Or has anyone any other ideas about using the money?

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2 large carrots, chopped into dice
110g (4oz) mushrooms
½ tablespoon wholewheat flour
½ tablespoon wheatgerm
1 teaspoon yeast extract
2 teaspoons peanut butter
400g (14oz) tin Italian tomatoes
1 bayleaf
2 tablespoons fresh parsley
1 teaspoon dried marjoram
½ teaspoon dried rosemary
½ teaspoon dried sage

Pre-heat oven to gas mark 6, 400 F (200 C).

Cover the kidney beans with plenty of water and leave to soak overnight. Rinse, then put in a large saucepan with plenty of water, cover and cook at a rapid boil for at least 12 minutes, then simmer for 45-60 minutes or until they are tender.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion and celery for 5 minutes then add the diced root vegetables, turn them in the oil and then add the mushrooms, either as whole buttons or quartered if they are large. Cook everything, with frequent stirring, for a further 5 minutes and then add the flour and wheatgerm. Stir well and then over a low heat add the stock (which you make by dissolving the yeast extract and peanut butter in ¾ pint boiling water) a little at a time, stirring constantly. Then, still stirring, bring the mixture up to simmering point and cook for 2-3 minutes

Finally add the tinned tomatoes, herbs and the cooked and drained kidney beans. Put everything into a 3½ pint (2 litre) casserole dish, cover and cook in the oven for 1-1½ hours. Serve with jacket or boiled potatoes and a lightly steamed green vegetable.

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Messages

Thank You ...

To everyone who supported our Save The Children Fund pre-Christmas fund-raising efforts in any way. Our main event, the Festive Fair in Kinoulton Village Hall, was busy and successful, raising £2,300. We had an excellent range of stalls and are grateful to all those who took part. Using the hall was a new venture for us, and we were delighted by the positive response from both the stall holders and the supporters. It is a lovely building and we very much enjoyed our day there. On a smaller scale, we also took SCF goods to Fairfield School, Long Clawson Christmas Craft Morning and Coffee With Santa in Kinoulton Village Hall. These events raised approximately £320.

Save the Children
UK

Since these events, the Tsunami tragedy has served as a sad reminder of the need for organisations like SCF that can help to restore a semblance of normality for children caught up in disaster and give them some kind of future. Thank you again for your support.

Finally, we would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work of our Treasurer, Gwen James, who is moving away from Kinoulton and so leaving the committee that she helped to found more than twenty years ago. Gwen has always been there to help whenever needed and has been an excellent Treasurer. It is hard to imagine how we will manage without her. Thank you Gwen - we shall miss you.

Barbara McEwen

And Thank You Too ...

To all who supported the Scout Group tombola at Hortors' Farm Shop in December. £270 raised.

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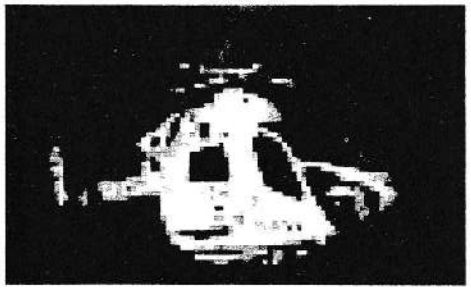
Amount raised for Air Ambulance January to December 2004 £618.00.



Thanks to all who supported our charity fund-raising with tombola prizes, raffle prizes and chutneys and jams etc.

Jill

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At the December meeting a few items of business were discussed prior to our Christmas party. It seems everyone enjoyed the food and also the entertainment which followed. The Chinese Auction, organised by Jean and unknown to most of us, was a great success. We rounded off the evening with a few carols.

At the time of writing our January meeting has yet to take place, when Mrs Briggs is bringing along her collection of bookmarks which I'm sure will be very interesting. Also still to come in January is our New Year meal which this year sees us having Sunday lunch at The Pullman. This is something I particularly enjoy as it doesn't mean any extra work! There's about 40 going this year. Our February meeting will be held on 24th February - a week later than usual, so the Pantomime Group can perform during half-term week. Rev. Christine Turner will be talking about her dancing days - and probably teaching us a few steps!

With the Annual Meeting in March (and a possible change of Committee) and Dutch Links in April, it brings us to the end of our current programme. Make it your New Year resolution to join your village WI for the coming year.

Gweneth Cane

(Honorary President)

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One of the most successful fundraisers was the 8 mile sponsored run undertaken by eleven Mums' at Hickling's Country Fair in June. After months of dedicated training the whole 'Vale Vixen's' team completed the course and in doing so raised an amazing £1200. Training is already underway for 2005 and new runners will be welcomed with open arms.

The Wine and Wisdom annual quiz evening raised a record £685 and Kids on the Katwalk £310. The end of term BBQ and sports day secured us a further £375.

One of our last events was a new adventure, the 'Christmas Tree Extravaganza'. As well as selling Christmas trees, there were a number of stalls selling wreaths, cards and decorations. We raised £600 and it is definitely an event for next year. Our thanks go to everyone who helped pull this together but particular mention must be made to Richard Collishaw for making us a Christmas tree netting machine – a real feat of engineering and to Cathy Hetherington for her 'live' session on the organ supplying us with festive music.

Finally, the Christmas disco raised £285.00. This was well supported and a special thank you must go to Andy Childs for his talented reincarnation as a DJ.

A huge thank you to all members of the PTFA, under the fine stewardship of our Chairman, Anita Wilkinson for their dedication and hard work over the year and to the many other valuable volunteers who have helped in so many ways with our fund-raising.

We are all looking forward to 2005 with some new and exciting fundraising taking place to help further support our local school.

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Good news at last - as I write this letter the Kinoulton Village Sign is being erected on the green. I would think very few of you will remember that we first announced our desire to donate a sign to the village in the March/April 2002 edition of the newsletter. We certainly never envisaged that it would take over 2½ years for our project to reach fruition. Obviously the numerous frustrating delays have given us more time to try to raise the money required but it has seemed a very long time indeed. At this moment only the frame and post is in position - this is entirely English oak. The circular base will be constructed with slate and the actual sign will be double-sided depicting four village scenes.

We would like to express our thanks to Edsons of Plumtree who made the post and carved frame. To Malcolm Lane Ltd of "The Old Mill", Cropwell Road who have produced the actual sign and who have given us wonderful support and advice. Also many thanks to Barry Roberts for providing all the designs and a great deal of his time. Our grateful thanks must also go to the late Peter James who encouraged and supported our efforts with so much enthusiasm. Finally we must thank those of you who have kindly contributed donations - much appreciated. We have, however, been obliged to partly finance this project by taking out a loan and we would therefore be most grateful for any donations. Cheques made payable to the "Kinoulton Village Sign Fund" may be handed in at the Post Office.

To our many supporters in Hickling and Upper Broughton we realise that the Kinoulton Village Sign is only of partial interest to you. However, the members of the Vale of Belvoir Branch of the Legion would like to assure you that we would be delighted to assist with a suitable project in your area.

Best wishes to you all.

John Burn

Secretary

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Hickling Pre-School News

At the close of 2004 we said goodbye to Conner Bunker and wish him well at his new school. We welcome Thomas Northedge and Oscar Parris and Abigail Greaves and Charlotte Jackson, both from Ab Kettleby following the closure of their Pre-School. We're sure you will all enjoy your new setting.

A number of fund-raising events took place and particular thanks to everyone who supported the Autumn Fayre in November. We hope Mr Sinderfin enjoyed the goodies in his hamper and also the tickets to the Donkey Sanctuary.

Fund-raising starts again this year with our Boogie Night disco at Kinoulton Village Hall on 5th February.

On a serious note, Hickling Pre-School will be saying goodbye to a high number of pupils at the end of summer term ready for school in September. As a result of this, a number of the current committee members will be standing down and new members are urgently needed. The AGM will take place in May (date to be confirmed) and a number of positions will need filling. If you are interested, we'd love to see you at the next committee meeting in February/March (pre-school staff will have a note of the date).

Most parents will be aware that government funding is available for children attending pre-school and a number of places are still available. Please call in for a prospectus or a chat with a member of staff.

Hickling Toddler Group is an informal session held on Mondays during term-time at 2.00pm in Hickling Village Hall. We have welcomed a few new faces in 2004 and we look forward to seeing a few more in 2005. Help with opening/closing and setting up is needed so, if you are interested, we look forward to hearing from you.

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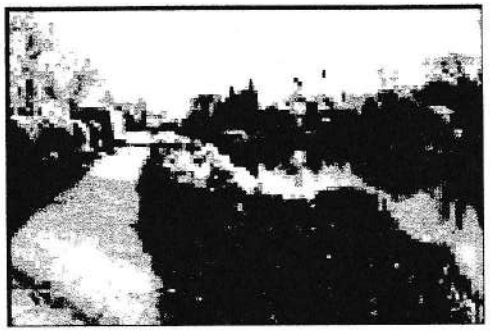

1. Peruse a piece of furniture (4.3)
2. Mad in the belfry (4)
3. The Wurzels sang about it (7.9)
4. Don't walk through the woods (4)
5. A colour in most villages (5)
6. To dump (5)
7. Bee's product feeding the baby (11)
8. Old MacDonald had one (4)
9. Drag along a walkway (7)
10. What dogs do when left alone (3)
11. Bob down with a water source (4.4)
12. Coloured ringers location (4.4.4)
13. Climate vanity (7.4)
14. You can lose your way in it (5)
15. Items of underwear found on a cricket pitch (5)
16. Cleric era (9)
17. Soirée on horticultural plot (6.5)
18. Trash and top of fingers (7.3)
19. Entrance to church yard (5.4)
20. Month with a greasy one (3.4)

Entries, to be in by 6th March 2005, to Mrs E Murden, Westholme, Main Street, Hickling, LE14 3AQ

The answers to Mrs Murden's Christmas Quiz are on page 56.

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We will be following the Diocesan Course called **'Ubuntu: we are better together'** with a global and practical focus & examples from South Africa.
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Week 2: Sickness and Health;
Week 3: Wealth and Poverty;
Week 4: Generational Relationships;
Week 5: Crime, Violence and Justice

There will be two groups : Daytime or Evening
This is to enable as many people to participate in the course.
Come to either group or a bit of both! You are very welcome!

Daytime group: **Wednesdays 12.30-2.30** with soup and a roll (donation to Christian Aid)
9th Feb at Field Farm, 64 Main St, Kinoulton
23rd Feb at Wharf House, Hickling
2nd March at Cromwell Field Farm, Main St, Hickling
9th March at Sulney Fields, Colonels Lane, Upper Broughton
16th March at The Rectory, Kinoulton

Evening group; **Thursdays 7.30-9.30**
10th Feb at The Rectory, Kinoulton
24th Feb at 19 Pinfold Lane, Kinoulton
3rd March at 8 Harles Acres, Hickling
10th March at The Paddock, Chapel Lane, Upper Broughton
17th March at 14 Newbold Way, Kinoulton

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CHURCH SERVICES
February – March 2005

DATE	DAY	HICKLING	KINOULTON	UPPER BROUGHTON
JANUARY				
30	Candlemas	10.30 United Service for all three parishes at Kinoulton Christingle Service with Holy Communion		
FEBRUARY				
6	Next bef Lent	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion 11.00 'Slugs'	10.45 Sunday Crew 4.00 Evensong
9 Feb	**Ash Wednesday**	7.30pm Service for the beginning of Lent at Kinoulton		
13	1st of Lent	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Family Service	9.30 Holy Communion
20	2nd of Lent	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
27	3rd of Lent	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
MARCH				
6	**Mothering Sunday**	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service	10.45 Family Service & Baptism
13	Passion Sunday	6.30 Evensong	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
20	Palm Sunday	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	4.00 Evensong
24	**Maundy Thursday**			7.30pm Holy Communion
25	**Good Friday**	2.00 Children's Workshop 7.30pm Evening Service	12.00 'An hour before the Cross'	2.00 'An hour before the Cross'
(British Summer Time begins)				
27	**Easter Sunday**	**11.00 Easter Family Communion**	**9.30 Easter Family Communion**	**10.45 Easter Family Communion**
APRIL				
3	2nd of Easter	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	4.00 Evensong followed by Easter Vestry & APCM
5	Tuesday	7.30pm Easter Vestry & APCM		

Please note changes to the pattern of services in March because of Easter!

ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY –MARCH 2005

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	REFRESHMENTS	SIDESMAN
6 Feb	Mrs E Murden	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Simpson	Mr Watts
13	Lent – no flowers	Mrs Parkes/Faulks		Mr Faulks
20	"	Mrs Simpson/Haines	MrsVear/Tarry	Mrs Wood
27	"	Mrs Walker/Chahal		Mr Malpas
6 March	"	Mrs Sexton/Wood	Mrs Sexton	Mr Watts
13	"	Mrs Brown/Kargl		Mr Faulks
20	"	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mrs Wood
27 Easter	Mrs J Benson & helpers	Mrs Parkes/Faulks	Mrs Simpson	Mr Faulks
3 April	Mrs J Harrison	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mr Watts
10	Mrs A Walker	Mrs Walker/Chahal		Mr Faulks

If the date you are rostered for is not convenient please arrange a swap. Thank you for helping keep the Church cared for and welcoming!

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One world, our world...

Globalisation is the word that we keep hearing; the aftermath of the Asian earthquake and tsunamis has brought that home to us in a very real way. What happens on the other side of the world affects us all. Through the TV footage we are witnesses to it all. But when we know someone involved then it is personal. I know so many of you are expressing your concern for the local families involved. Continue to hold them in your thoughts and prayers.

If at this early stage in the aftermath we can glean any signs of hope the first is the incredible public response to the appeals for financial aid. In many small local initiatives people in our three parishes have been very generous. I am sure that will continue.

The second is that the UN and world governments are seeking to work together to tackle the problems of rebuilding the devastated communities both immediately and for the long term. We must pray and lobby that this will continue; that it won't be a selfish pursuit by individual nations for power and influence but rather governments can rise above the 'national interest' and act for the good of all. That way this horrific natural event will bear fruit for the peace and co-operation of nations which will be world-changing in a positive way.

There will be many stories and eyewitness accounts of the tsunamis and the life changing effect it has had – we in our way have witnessed it from afar but still must play a part not only in what we have given financially but in holding our government to account for the future rebuilding of the devastation. Let us not forget that what happens the other side of our world matters to us here.

Rev Stephanie Fahie

The Rectory, Kinoulton
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St. Luke's Parochial Church Council.

The Carol Service on the 12th December was very well attended with a good choir presence to lead the singing. Lovely refreshments were enjoyed afterwards.

The Nativity Pageant this time was very different. Everyone assembled in church first, where it was warm and cosy then all going outside where the Christmas Story unfolded. Everyone then processed down Main Street to the Wharf where the enactment continued. The new route and good use of appropriate buildings, together with a fine night made for an enjoyable evening. A photographer from local BBC TV was also on hand to record the event – which was broadcast the following day. The approximate amount of £155 was raised, with the money being split between the Sudan Appeal and Donkey Charity.

We have had letter No.14 from our Mission Partners. Laura has been preparing mentally for a 100% increase in her class size in January – a very full class apparently! Visitors from CMS Australia were visiting on Christmas Eve with plenty of singing and drumming through the night in the village and again for a typical three hour service on Christmas Day.

Could friends or neighbours of newcomers to the village inform Richard or myself when they are expected to move in.

Our telephone numbers are:- Richard Collishaw 823069
Margaret Wood 822257

Margaret & Richard
Churchwardens.

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HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2004. A full copy of the minutes can be found on the Parish noticeboads.

Matters Arising

- Parish Grant and Precept. Councillor Harrison attended a briefing on future plans for the precept and grant arrangement. It was felt that although there are going to be changes to the system the financial impact on Hickling Parish Council would be minimal.
- The clerk has been in contact with Weldhall and they have agreed to send someone out to rectify the temporary fix to the post and gap in the concrete path.
- East Midlands Airport flight path proposed amendments. Councillors submitted their feedback.

Action: Clerk to write a response to the consultation document by Jan 10th 2005.

Correspondence

- British Waterways have contacted the Parish Council with regard to the death of fish along a stretch of the canal from the Basin towards Long Clawson.
- Notts County Council has written asking the Council to submit any plans for this scheme.
- A letter was read out from Notts County Council in response to the Parish Council's request to address a number of highway issues in the village.
- Notts County Council's reply to a letter from Mrs Hazel Watson was read. Their reply related to a number of speeding issues in the village and particularly along Bridegate Lane.
- A letter from Notts County Council was read out which clarified the issues that have been raised in relation to the A606 resurfacing through Hickling Pastures.

A discussion followed relating to the above highways matters and how best to proceed.

Action: **Clerk to contact Richard Butler to seek advice on how to present our concerns and requests to the County Council and how best to submit the petition that has been collected relating to the state of the roads.**

Planning

- Planning permission was granted by Rushcliffe Borough Council for:

Mr M Samworth, Old Rectory, Main Street, Hickling
Ref: ***04/01429/LBC***

Mr and Mrs Collishaw, Malt House Farm, Main Street, Hickling
Ref: ***04/01440/COU***

Mr and Mrs Overall, The Wheelhouse, Main Street, Hickling
Ref: ***04/01510/FUL***

- Planning permission was refused by Rushcliffe Borough Council for:

Dr Chowdhury, Hillside Farm, Melton Road
Ref: **04/01084/FUL**

- New planning applications have been received for:

S&N Enterprises, Plough Inn, Hickling
Ref: **04/01595/FUL**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Walker
Seconded: Coun. Faulks

Mr and Mrs McEwen, Cobblestones, Main Street, Hickling
Ref: **04/01722/FUL**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Sallis
Seconded: Coun. Faulks

Mr B Annable, Heather Cottage, Melton Road
Ref: **04/01756/FUL**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Sallis
Seconded: Coun. Harrison

Mr Doolan, Bowling Green Cottage, The Green, Hickling
Ref: **04/01758/COU**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Sallis
Seconded: Coun Faulks

Mr and Mrs Clark, Cherry Trees, Main Street, Hickling
Ref: **04/01702/FUL**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Walker
Seconded: Coun Faulks

Mr Cowley, Dell Cottage, Green Lane, Hickling
Ref: **04/01716/LBC**
The Parish Council did not object
Proposed: Coun. Walker
Seconded: Coun Faulks

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Payments and receipts

- Receipts: None
- Payments: £12.50 NALC for annual subs to magazine
  £9.95 Clerk for purchase of spring bulbs
  £22.45

  Proposed: Coun. Faulks
  Seconded: Coun. Walker
- Transfers None
- Balance on 07.12.04 Current Account £369.05
  Capital Reserve £4612.58

Cemetery

It was agreed following a meeting with Mr R Collishaw that the Parish Council would plant 3 trees during Feb 2005.

Action: **Clerk to purchase 3 trees, stakes, ties and guards.**
Parish Council to arrange the planting of the trees.

AOB

- It has been reported that the Bridegate Lane sign and the Hickling sign on the Pastures are badly bent.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways to arrange for them to be fixed or replaced.

- The drain on the road at Church Farm is still not fixed and heavy puddling of water is occurring.

Action: Everyone to contact Notts County Council Highways to get them to attend the problem ASAP.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th January 2005 at **7:45pm**, St Lukes.
Meeting Closed at 9:30pm

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The Macmillan team totalled 122 and around £300,000 will be raised for the charity. Thanks for all the donations from around the village I expect to have raised around £2,300 in total.

If you haven't had time to make a donation, my fund raising website www.justgiving.com/andybaker is still active or please drop off cash or a cheque, to 'Macmillan Cancer Relief' c/o Andy Baker, Rosedene, Main Street, Hickling. All proceeds go directly to Macmillan.

I'm now looking for a down-hill marathon to retire on!

Thanks again for your support,

Andy Baker

Team Macmillan

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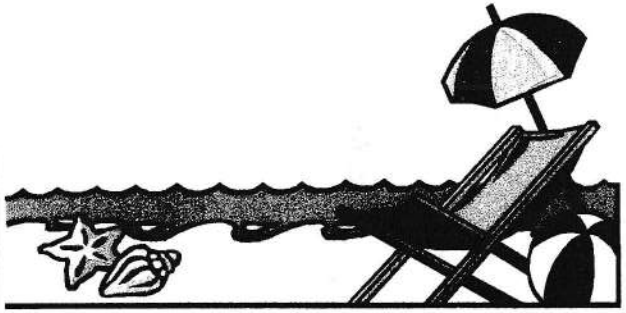

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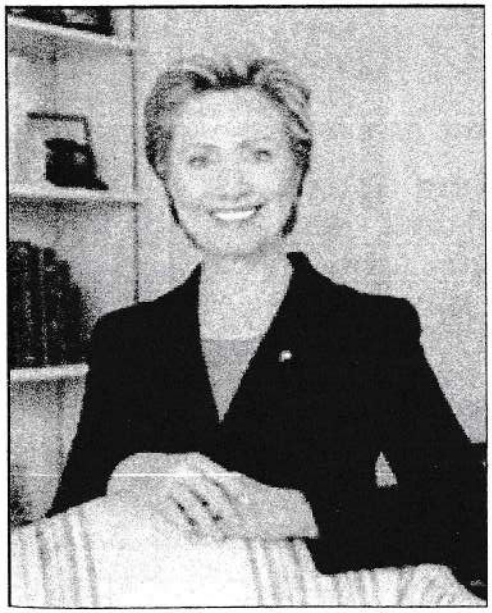
A plane is about to crash. There are 5 passengers on board but only 4 parachutes.

The first passenger says:

"I am Ronaldo, the best football player in the world. The football world needs me and I cannot die on my fans."

He grabs the first parachute and jumps out of the plane.



The second passenger, Hillary Clinton, says:

"I am the wife of the former President of the United States; I am the senator of New York and I have a good chance of being President of the United States in future."

She grabs a parachute and jumps off the plane.

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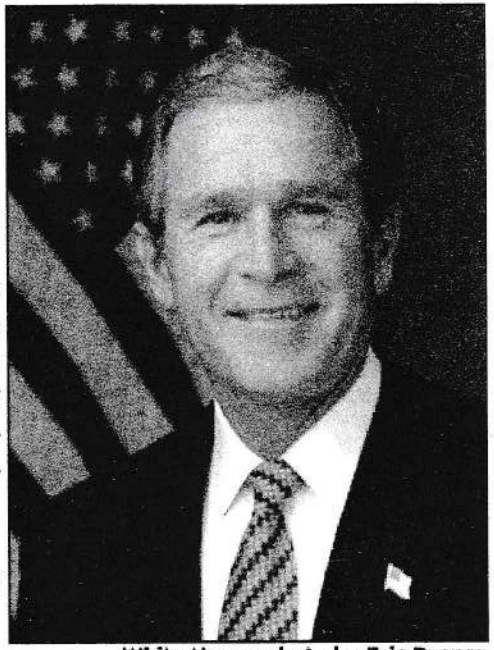
The third passenger, George W Bush, says:

"I am the President of the United States of America. I have huge responsibilities in the world. Besides, I am the smartest President in the history of my country and can't shun the responsibility to my people by dying."

He grabs a pack and jumps off the plane.



White House photo by Eric Draper

The fourth passenger, the Pope, says to the fifth passenger, a young boy:

"I am old. I have lived my life as a good person as a priest should and so I shall leave the last parachute to you; you have the rest of your life ahead of you."

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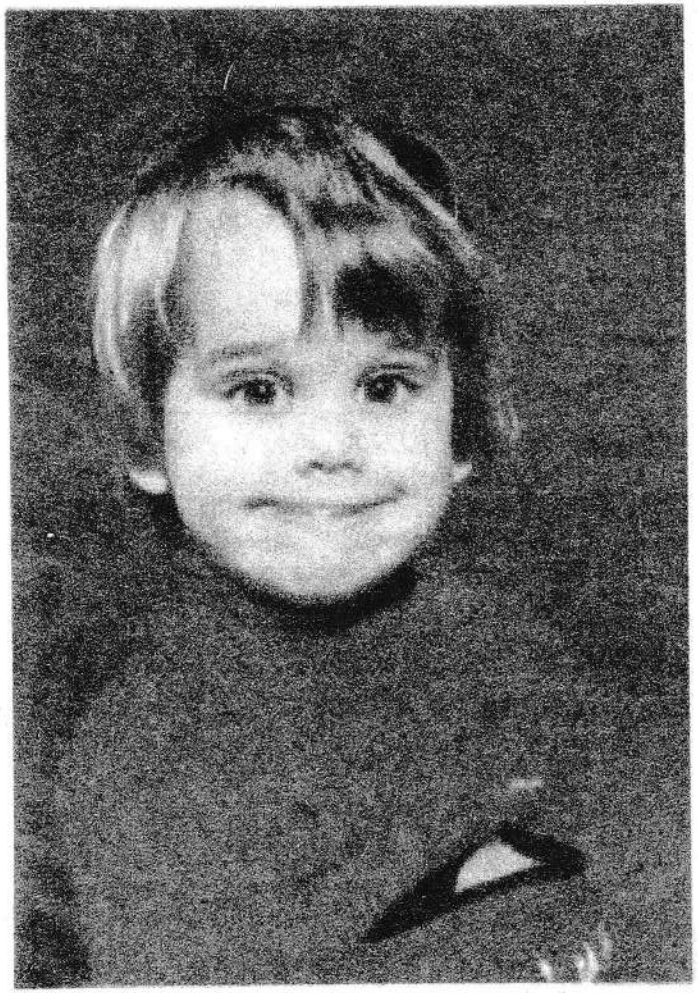

To this the little boy says:

"Don't fret old man ...

There is a parachute for each of us!

The smartest president of America took my schoolbag .....

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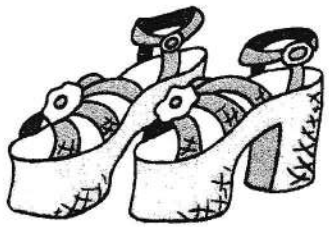

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Pageant - Thank you letter.

A letter to thank you, and everybody who donated towards the Brook Hospital. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the donation. Please could you also convey my thanks to the gentleman … who gave me a donation on the night of the pageant.

I found it very enjoyable, if slightly nerve wracking. Animals can be quite unpredictable, as I'm sure you know. I hope Ernie 'performed' suitably for you.

Thanks to your donation and calendar sales we have now topped £3,500 which is very pleasing after only 12 weeks. I am sending the money directly to the Brook Hospital in Cairo.

Yours sincerely,
Sheila Matthews (Risley Saddlery)
ed. Sheila very kindly brought one of her donkeys (Ernie) all the way from Risley in Derbyshire for the Nativity Pageant in December.

Brooke Hospital

www.thebrooke.org
(information taken from this website)

Who We Are.

Since it was founded 70 years ago the Brooke Hospital for Animals has helped millions of working horses, donkeys and mules and the countless people who depend upon them.

Operating in Egypt, India, Jordan and Pakistan, the Brooke **delivers** a unique blend of direct and very practical veterinary and welfare services **through a network of mobile teams and field clinics**. With more than 500 staff working in the field, the Brooke is by far the largest charity of its kind.

Between six and twenty people may depend upon a working horse, donkey or mule to make a living. By treating these animals and training their owners, the Brooke's vital work also makes an enormous difference to millions of poor people.

The Brooke actively seeks to prevent health and welfare problems from arising in the first place, by educating and training the people who rely on their animals for survival. In addition to the veterinary work, our teams also undertake practical research to ensure the Brooke solutions remain effective, appropriate and sustainable. We want to help more animals and the people who depend upon them. The Brooke will achieve this by forging partnerships with other organisations working across the world in poor communities that depend upon working equines.

The Brooke is committed to sharing solutions which have proved to be most effective in alleviating the suffering of working animals. It is this suffering which motivates us and our many supporters.

How We Started.

In 1930, our founder, Mrs Dorothy Brooke, travelled to Egypt's capital, Cairo, where she encountered thousands of ex-cavalry horses being used as beasts of burden on its streets. Many of them had seen service in the First World War… when the conflict ended in 1918 they had been sold by the British Army into a life of hard labour.

Mrs Brooke was tormented by the memory of the pitiful creatures she saw. On her return to England she wrote a letter to the *Morning Post* – which later became the *Daily Telegraph* – exposing their plight and appealing for funds to help her save them. The public was so moved they responded with the equivalent today of £20,000 to help end their suffering.

Within three years, Mrs Brooke had set up a committee to help fund the purchase of 5,000 of these tragic animals. Most were old and in the final stages of collapse and had to be humanely destroyed. But, thanks to this remarkable woman, they all ended their lives peacefully with love and dignity.

In 1934, Dorothy Brooke established the 'Old War Horse Memorial Hospital' to provide a free veterinary clinic for all the working horses and donkeys of Cairo.

From such simple but profoundly compassionate beginnings the Brooke has grown into the international equine lifesaver it is today.

From 1961 our operations in Egypt started to expand, and in 1988, we received a royal invitation to work in Jordan, from her Royal Highness Princess Alia al Hussein. We began working in Pakistan in 1991 and in India the following year.

Today, although the original hospital which Mrs Brooke established in Cairo's Bayram El-Tonsi Street, still known locally as "The Street of the English Lady", is our oldest clinic, it has all the modern equipment to help the city's working animals face the traumas of the 21st Century.

The 500,000 horses, donkeys and mules the Brooke reaches each year are a living testimony to the dedication and compassion of an extraordinary woman.

Brooke Facts.

- Our work reaches around 500,000 working horses, donkeys and mules every year.
- We work in Egypt, Jordan, India and Pakistan
- 95% (over 500 people) of our staff work 'in the field' and are nationals of those countries.
- We operate 15 clinics and 43 mobile veterinary teams.
- Our veterinary treatment is free.
- Between six and twenty people might depend upon one working equine animal for their survival.

The Brooke is the first organisation in its field to *scientifically* measure its work - essential if we are to share solutions with partner organisations.

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- Around 80% of ailments suffered by working equine animals are caused by owner ignorance and poverty: they are therefore preventable.
- Teaching good equine care underpins our work: by working alongside owners we find practical solutions that last.
- We train farriers, saddlers and harness-makers, as well as the animal owners themselves.
- Brooke methods are simple, inexpensive and can be learned and implemented by local people.
- We build water troughs and shade shelters.
- We don't prosecute, campaign or get involved in politics.
- We are forging new partnerships all the time with other organisations as far afield as Afghanistan, Guatemala, South Africa, and Kenya.
- Animals in work can enjoy companionship and social interaction with people and their own species.
- We believe that working animals should be rewarded with consideration, care and relief of suffering.
- Teaching kindness to animals is at the heart of what we do.

COURSES FOR HORSES

TAKE PART!

Saturday June 11 2005

What is *Courses for Horses*?

Courses for Horses is set to become one of the events in the racing and equestrian calendars, involving riding clubs, racecourses, breeders, owners, riders, jockeys, race-goers and countless people who simply love horses. It will be a day when 10,000 people across the UK raise anything from £25 to £25,000 through thousands of events to help the Brooke reach more of the millions of working horses that suffer most in poor communities around the world.

Courses for Horses is all about raising money to help working horses overseas. The Brooke is encouraging everyone taking part to hold their own '***course for a horse***' to raise money. It could be something you organise with colleagues, a club, group or school – or even get your local community together by organising a larger event. You can interpret the word '***course***' in any way you want, but here are some ideas:

- Hold a race night and get friends and neighbours betting together in a good cause...
- Organise a sponsored ride on a special *course*, with your riding club, stable and friends...
- Throw an exclusive 'Ladies' Day' lunch or dinner, or 'Bookie's Breakfast', and share a *course* or two with friends…

- Show your horse - design a new competition *course* , and have sponsored classes and charge for entry....
- Get your work place, school or club involved doing something everyone can enjoy…
- Offer a *course* in your own particular skill?

When is *Courses for Horses*?

The day we have chosen for ***Courses for Horses*** is June 11th 2005, but it doesn't matter which date you pick just so long as you join in! You can choose the best time for your event so that family, friends and colleagues can take part in the fun. And your event can be big or small – anything from a single participant right through to a thousand guests or more.

Why should I take part in *Courses for Horses*?

Everyone who gets involved in Courses for Horses will be raising money to help working equine animals toiling in some of the toughest environments on earth, from Luxor and the Nile Delta in Egypt to Peshawar on the far flung border between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Brooke was founded in 1934 and today reaches more than 500,000 working horses, donkeys and mules in developing countries, bringing free veterinary care and training to their owners on good animal welfare.

Courses for Horses aims to raise between £25 to £25,000 from every event held by people who care about equine welfare. Organising a ***Courses for Horses*** event is a great way to show that *you* care.

How can I get started with *Courses for Horses*?

If you would like to let us know that you, or an organisation you are a member of, could be interested in participating in this great national event, all you need to do is call our dedicated hotline on **0845 367 0999.**

And, if you do register for ***Courses for Horses***, next spring you'll receive a free fundraising pack including posters, invitations, balloons, stickers, a collection box and lots of wonderful ideas and advice to make sure your ***Courses for Horses*** event gets off to a running start!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries, comments or feedback, by calling our supporter services team on (0)20 7930 0210, or fax us on +44 (0) 20 7930 2386.

Alternatively you can write to us at:
Brooke Hospital for Animals
21 Panton Street
London
SW1Y 4DR

Ernie, who carried 'Mary' in our Hickling Nativity Pageant was raising money for the Brooke Hospital Fund: "A Donkey Working for Donkeys"

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Financial Statement Year Ended 30th November 2005

Receipts	**£**	**30/11/03**
Advertising Revenue	961.00	574.00
Photocopying Income	137.63	87.02
Donations etc	30.00	0.00
Total	1128.63	661.02
Payments		
Printing Costs	659.80	700.43
Photocopier Charges	137.63	118.04
Postage and Stationery	51.01	33.71
Sundry	10.00	42.99
	858.44	895.17
Surplus (loss)	270.19	(234.15)
Balance brought forward	367.41	601.56
Closing bank balance	637.60	367.41

The Hickling Philophaster

The (anonymous by request) Hickling Philophaster informs us that a philophaster is "a superficial philosopher" which (s)he says "is pretty accurate in my case". (S)he also says that "spell check does not like it!", which is certainly true. Anyway, here are a couple of thoughts which crossed the mind of this eminent citizen during 2004.

Politicians and those holding public office speak the truth. However, what they do not say makes what they do say untrue.

Clearly I have no riches, yet I have great wealth, in as much as I continue to remain in good health.

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FROM HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL
IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(including changes to key numbers)

The Parish Council, following discussion with the Police and County Council, have been advised that all non-urgent or non-emergency calls for the Police should be directed to Nottinghamshire Police on 0115 945 5999 (this number is in the Village Directory). For all emergency calls you should continue to dial 999. Because our telephone area code originates from the Leicester exchange your call will automatically be diverted to Leicester Police by the BT operator. We have been advised that the County or Borough councils and police do not have any say in this matter.

The Parish Council has provided this list of numbers for key departments at Rushcliffe Borough Council and Notts County Council which may be of use if people need to report problems.

Street Lighting	0115 878 6000
Gritting	0115 982 3823
Highways – road problems	0115 878 6000
Footpaths	0115 977 2166
Roadside trees	0115 977 4392
Seven Trent Water (Customer Service Line)	0800 7834444

Alternatively seek out your nearest Parish Councillor.

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Answers to Mrs Murden's Christmas quiz.

1. Donkey
2. Fairy lights
3. Boxing day
4. Sack
5. Shepherds
6. Reindeer
7. Mince pies
8. Yule log
9. Noel
10. Goose
11. Sleigh
12. Wise men
13. Angel
14. Stuffing
15. Brandy butter
16. Carol singer
17. Pantomime
18. Inn
19. Presents
20. Tinsel

There was a tie, with two people getting 19 correct answers. The final winner was therefore chosen by draw at the WI Committee meeting. So well done, Mr Brown!

Village Directory

150 Club	Liz Vear	822562
Beavers	Sue Youngson	01949 81688
Bellringers	Phil Graves	01949 81005
Brownies	Sarah Hartland	01949 81757
Church Choir	Anita Kirkman	822270
Conservative A.	Gweneth Cane	822680
Country Fair Committee		
	Margaret Woolley	822319
	Bob Naismith	822191
Cricket Club	P. Parkes	822370
	JD Walker	822244
Cubs	Jean Roper	822416
Gardening Club	Mr B. Baxter	01949 81374
	Mrs B. Grundy	01949 81442
Guides	Jean Tarry	822568
Hickling Pre-School	Mary Smith	822559
Hickling Standard	see back inside cover	
Kinoulton Post Office	(& newspapers)	
	Peter & Alison Davis	01949 81324
Kinoulton School	Mrs Botham (head)	
Kinoulton School PTFA	James Morley	01949 81173
Neighbourhood Watch	Derek Bevington	822066
	David Chambers	822928
	Paul Hartland	01949 81757
	Richard Page	822089
	Gary Simons	822445
Nottinghamshire Police		0115 945 5999
	PC John Neale	ext 6264
Open Gardens	-	
Pantomime	Bob Naismith	823293
Parish Council	Bob Naismith (chairman)	822191
	Emma Scarborough	823481
Police	-	
Royal British Legion	-	
Parochial Church Council		
Rector	Stephanie Fahie	01949 81657
Churchwarden	Richard Collishaw	823069
Churchwarden	Margaret Wood	822257
Treasurer	Steve Turner	01949 81304
Secretary	Dorothy Chahal	822369
Save the Children Fund	Barbara McEwen (chair)	822834
	Angela Sallis (sec.)	822597
	Molly Collishaw	823115
	Liz Smith	823428
Scouts	Glyn Pilkington	823258
Silver Jubilee Club	Maureen Jackson	01949 81325
Streetwize	c/o Mary Collishaw	823069
Sunday Club	see PCC	
Toddlers	Cheralynne Todd	823055
	Dawn Rowley	01949 81958
Village Hall	Roger Stanley (chair)	822661
	Tim McEwen (sec.)	822834
	John Robinson (treas.)	822762
Women's Institute	Sue Aitchinson (bookings)	822426
	Gweneth Cane (Pres.)	822680
	Judith Harrison (Sec.)	822884
	Susan Sexton (treas)	822831

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Diary

20th January	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Bookmark Collection
25th January	7.45	St Luke's	Parish Council meeting
29th January	2.00	Village Hall	Tsunami Appeal Jumble Sale
5th February		Kin Vill Hall	Hickling Pre-School Boogie Night disco
10th February	7.30	Kin Prim Sch	Kinoulton School Fashion Show
24th February	7.30	Village Hall	WI
17-19 Feb		Village Hall	Pantomime
3rd March		Village Hall	Flanders and Swann night
16th March		Village Hall	The Old Rope String Band
May			Hickling v Kinoulton Ryder Cup
11th June			Country Fair Dance
12th June	All day		Country Fair
10-11 Sept	All day All over!		Scarecrow Weekend
18th December			Nativity Pageant

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