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It's still panto!!

- we have kept to the Panto ideas of a Dame, a villain, a hero and a heroine, lots of singing, dancing and laughing!
- we will usé our vampires to tell a story of falling out and making up and of pulling together when monsters break loose ...
- we have picked up the old, old story of Romeo and Juliet and mixed in bits of more modern versions of the tale such as West Side Story and Grease, removed the tears and added lots more laughs then added in a little Rocky Horror and more ...

The Hickling Panto is traditionally a family show for kids and adults - we may be doing Dracula but it's still panto and not a horror show - our villains will be villainous, our fools will be foolish and our hero will be heroic just as in the fairy tales!

This year we've got lots of new ideas and plans to make the Hickling Panto even more fun - we're going to keep the **free wine/soft drinks and** this year add some **free goody bags** to help you join in! There will be all kinds of special effects and, of course, the usual highly talented team of local thespians!

A – HA – HA!

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DRACULAH – HA – HA – HA - HA! THE PANTO!

Look out for plenty of "batty" jokes ...

Vampire superstitions:

- Vampires can't cross running water (no problems with the canal then ...)
- Vampires have no reflection when they look in a mirror
- Vampires must be back in their coffins by dawn
- Vampires carry their home earth everywhere with them - A Hickling vampire would probably have his own box of Hickling cow muck ...
- Vampires are frightened of any Christian symbols – especially crosses
- Vampires hate garlic—so, it's rather a shame that the Dame in the panto loves it!!!.

VAMPIRE SUPERSTITIONS

The real count Dracula can transfer his thoughts in to other people's minds, even hundreds of miles away - nice trick!!

The original tale by Bram Stoker is rather too gruesome for panto - silver bullets, stakes through the heart, cutting off heads, kidnapping children etc!

By contrast, our Pantomime Vampires are (mostly) reformed characters - the real baddy combines (in his own sweet way) Einstein, Boris Karloff & Dr Frankenstein - but it's OK - the results of his worst experiments end up in Kinoulton as usual ...

Where Do Pantomime Stories Come From?

Story telling is an ancient entertainment which began around the fire in the dark and inhospitable environments of centuries gone by. Making up and telling stories was all about giving shape to life's experiences—the world itself is big and confusing and disorganised but by processing it and shaping it through stories man began to take control of his environment, his feelings and experiences.

It is said that there are actually only 5 (or 7, depending on who you ask) different stories! But there is an infinite variety within each type and they are all about shaping our understanding of life. In this way, Snow White was originally a response to the brutal world of living in Mediaeval Bavarian Forests—the story was a warning about the brutality of the lives people led and was full of the most awful gruesome details!!

As the centuries have progressed life has become safer and safer and our story-telling reflects this. These days, children can reasonably be protected from the 'nasties' of life until deemed old enough to choose whether or not to enjoy that frisson of danger contained in many stories (whether, on tv, it's Miss Marple, Die Hard, Prime Suspect or Hammer Horror!). Even so, all children love a bit of a fright as long as the story structure of a 'happy ending' can be relied upon!

That's where pantomime comes in! Pantomime is all about mixing up the villains and the clowns; the romances with the dangers; the frights, the laughs & the songs!

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Dracula: A Victorian Fairy Tale?
& Great Material For A Panto!

Dracula by Bram Stoker is very much a story of its time and that it continues to fascinate us 110 years after it was first written (in all its re-written forms) tells us as much about ourselves and our world as it does about the Victorians! Fairy tales all have their origins in the fears and concerns of their original listeners - this is certainly true of Dracula!

(Extracted from the Usborne children's version of Dracula with notes by Anthony Marks):
The author of *Dracula* , Bram Stoker, was born near Dublin, in Ireland, in 1847. Only Dracula, of the many books and stories he wrote remains well known. It is one of the most powerful horror stories of all time. Stoker began making notes for it in 1890 while visiting the North Yorkshire seaside town of Whitby, and it was eventually published in 1897. Since that date it has never been out of print. It has been translated into nearly 50 languages. Count Dracula remains one of the most popular figures in contemporary horror fiction, represented in countless films, books & comics.

Dracula draws its inspiration from many sources. Its dark, brooding style, and episodes of bloodthirsty terror, resemble the horror and suspense stories (known as Gothic novels) that became popular in the previous century. Tales of blood-sucking monsters can be found in various ancient civilisations, including China, Greece and the Babylonian and Assyrian empires. Mediaeval vampire legends were common in such Eastern European countries as Albania, Hungary and Romania, and vampire stories had already been served up to British readers in the form of works like Polydori's *The Vampyre* (1819) and the anonymous *Varney the Vampire* (1846).

There were also several historical characters that Stoker may have been familiar with. These included a 16th-century Eastern

European count, Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler), who was also known as *dracul,* the local word for 'devil', and the Blood Countess, a 16th-century Hungarian aristocrat who liked to bathe in the blood of animals and young women, because she believed it would keep her young. All these elements combine in Stoker's book to create a dramatic portrayal of evil.

But *Dracula* was far more successful than other vampire novels, before or since. There are two main reasons for this. Firstly, from the middle of the 18th-century, people had been taught that science, reason, industry and wealth would solve the world's problems. But during the Victorian era, many people bagan to doubt this, feeling that industry and technology had created the horrors of inner city slums and that science and wealth had failed to eradicate disease and decay. *Dracula* tapped into these fears by including a scientist, a lawyer and an aristocrat in the group of people who are challenged to conquer the vampire. It is noticeable that up-to-date medical knowledge cannot help them (for example, blood tranfusions do not help Lucy). Instead they have to rely on Dr Van Helsing's obscure library research, and on other more traditional values, such as the physical strength of Jonathan Harker and Arthur Holmwood, and on Mina Harker's bravery.

Secondly, by beginning his novel with Harker's visit to the vampire's castle in Transylvania, Stoker drew readers in by appealing to their appetite for exotic places. The Victorian era saw a huge growth in foreign travel, as well as a boom in travel writing. But he did not allow the terror to remain a distant fantasy. Instead he brought the vampire to England and eventually to the heart of London, placing unimaginable evil right on the doorsteps of his readers. While most earlier horror tales were set in the past, or in remote places, much of the action of *Dracula* happened in the Victorian reader's own time and place. And though the world has changed since the book has written, our fears have not - which is why *Dracula* remains a classic.

From Gruesome Fairy Tale to Pantomime:

In the middle of rehearsals for Snow White two years ago, Mark & I went to see a stage production of Dracula at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. As always, at that stage of each pantomime production, panto bits 'n' bobs where foremost in my mind—I wasn't allowed a night off, even in the midst of gothic horror!

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At the most ominous and dramatic of moments, Dracula loomed up (high above stage) and over his latest victim - the auditorium waited in silent suspense for his next move when a bright spark called out, "He's behind you!" The whole audience giggled nervously and the actors visibly deflated - a classic theatre moment!!! At that moment, Mark whispered to me, "Any of your panto lot here tonight?" And so, a panto was born!

Our vampires will be frightening (and so will some of our humans ...) but we will also be undermining them and laughing at them at every turn! Look out for ingredients from all over the place - Village Life, the Country Fair, a bit of Tony Hancock, some Little Britain and a fair splash of Grease and West Side Story. Count Dracula will lurk and loom but he will also sing a duet and maybe, even, fall in love. There will be some TISWAS (you need to be a certain age to remember this but any age to enjoy it!) and some Rocky Horror - something for everyone, so book early and join the fun!!!!

We look forward to seeing you and we hope you enjoy it!!

The Hickling Pantomime Group.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have been enjoying a quieter time at the WI, having completed our last booking for teas on October 26th. Although this is a source of fund-raising it is hard work but very rewarding.

The September meeting was an amusing evening with Mrs Newton bringing along an assortment of "old games and pastimes", evoking memories of our younger stress-free days. How I wish we could all play those games again (we should be so lucky!!).

We had an excellent turnout for the group meeting at Kinoulton Village Hall in September and we were impressed by the speaker, Judy Coggins, a retired housekeeper from Chatsworth House talking about her working life at this beautiful home of the Duke of Devonshire.

At the October meeting Gordon Hastings addressed the group with a talk on the Tolpuddle Martyrs. A wonderful speaker who took us through the events of those harsh judgements and the conditions on the convict ships to Australia. It was a pleasure to see some non-members at the meeting.

We have managed to form a darts team this year and we had our first game against Kinoulton on 9th October. We are really enjoying these evenings but we definitely need some practice, particularly to finish on a double. It is the taking part that matters, or so we are told.

A team of four members took part in a music quiz at Hucknall on 13th October and had a respectable score, so well done to them. Hopefully we will be able to send a team to the County quiz at Bottesford at the end of February.

Our Christmas party is to be held at the Village Hall on 14th December, with our famous chinese auction, good food and entertainment and the Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 28th January (we have not chosen the venue yet).

We wish all the residents of Hickling a merry Christmas, good health and happiness for the New Year and a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us in the coming year.

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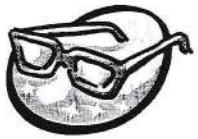

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The children are very busy as usual this half term, looking at Bonfire Night, winter and road safety, as well as raising money for children in need. They will then finish the term preparing for Christmas and their Christmas party. We have also welcomed three new children over the past few weeks, Jack Rowley, Emma Cartmell and Joseph Northedge. We hope that they all settle in quickly and make lots of new friends.

The staff have also been busy trying to update and replace equipment. A big thank you to anyone who has helped with fund raising recently. We do have to say goodbye to nine children who leave us at Christmas to go to Kinoulton Primary School. Very best of luck to James Bruce, Natasha Hankinson-Lawley, Honor Harris, Thomas Jarvis, Thomas Northedge, Charlie Overall, Oscar Parris, Rosanna Walker and Brad Williams. We hope they will be very happy there.

Hickling Pre-school is open Mondays - Fridays 09.30 - 12.00 in Hickling Village Hall. All children from the surrounding area, aged from two and a half to school age are welcome. We offer a stimulating, sociable opportunity for children to learn through play in a semi-structured environment. Government funding vouchers can be used.

Wednesday mornings is a 'Rising-Fives' session for those children due to go up to school in the next year. Our pre-school is affiliated with Kinoulton Primary School and during the year some Wednesday sessions are held up at the school so that the children are introduced to a school environment. If your child is due to go to Kinoulton Primary School, attending these sessions is a particularly good way of them meeting and getting to know their friends who will be going to school with them.

If you are interested in your child joining pre-school and want to find out more, please pop down any morning for a prospectus or to talk to a member of staff.

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We offer an informal setting inviting parents/carers to come along with their babies and pre-school age children on Monday afternoons, between 2.00 - 3.30 at Hickling Village Hall during term time. New members would be very welcome, feel free just to come along.

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The Legion were delighted to see so many of you at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12th November, especially the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Beavers and Brownies.

Also thank you for your generosity to the Poppy Appeal - the result is very good, £1,027.99 from Kinoulton and £364.68 from Hickling, making a grand total of £1,392.67.

The officers of the Legion would like to make a special thank you to Suzanna Youngson for her organising abilities at the church and at the wreath-laying at the War Memorial, to Pauline Chell for her work in Hickling and lastly to the Women's Institute for taking on the job of providing the refreshments.

John Garner

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Maggie's Memories

The publication of "Maggie's Memories" inspired this letter from Mary Lane, who lives in Lincolnshire.

Edith and Dora Collishaw outside The Elms

A step back in time, which aroused many happy memories and triggered more, which had been dormant for sixty five years or so. This was my reaction to Maggie's Memories.

My brother John and I spent many enjoyable days of our school holidays during the 1930s and early 1940s staying with our Grandmother, Edith Collishaw, who lived at The Elms - now known as Elms Farm - one name which springs to mind is Shelton Walker - with whom we

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had quite a bit of contact, when in his early days he was working with Percy Collishaw.

John's and my mother, Dora, was born in Hickling and lived there until 1927 when she married our father Cecil Lane who himself was a resident of Hickling for a short time - living at The Wheelhouse. Percy and Maud Collishaw who lived at Cesterern were our aunt and uncle.

Maggie's Memories brought alive again names and places from the past - things long forgotten - names of tradesmen, activities at church and chapel - the bus stop, the Post Office and the canal - all important to children as we then were - we are happy to have reminders of these days.

Mother lived with me during her latter years and she often talked with affection of Hickling and its people - how she would have loved to have read this book.

On reflection Maggie has given me much to appreciate and to learn from - the community of her era was made strong by the love and care each gave to another, especially during times of hardships, when care was outstanding. Of course there were "tiffs", there always will be, but in the main the local villagers were there for each other.

The church and chapel were a source of faith, places for worship and entertainment. Hard times and conditions, which today would leave many folk grumbling incessantly, were in Maggie's generation accepted and happiness was created by themselves for themselves in a very special way, not so much in evidence today. Yes there is much we could heed and act upon, from former days, to shape our communities as better places in which to live.

Thank you Hazel and Keith for enabling us to have this glimpse of the past from Maggie's point of view.

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Christmas Card Delivery Service

As with last year, the Scouts will be operating a Christmas Card delivery service for cards to be delivered in Kinoulton and Hickling areas. Cards can be posted in special boxes at Kinoulton School, The Post Office and The Shambles, Hickling Lane. Cost per card is 10p with all proceeds going to the 1st Kinoulton Scout Group. The cards will be delivered on Wednesday 13th December so please make sure that you post them before this date.

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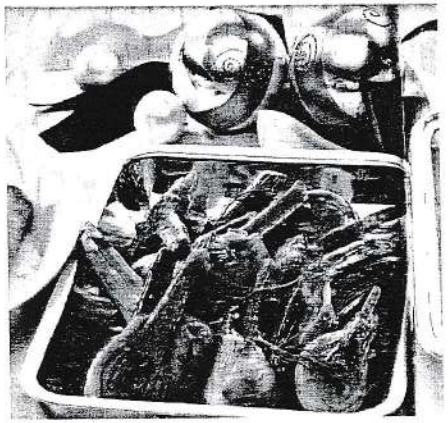

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570 ml (1 pint) vegetable stock
1 small onion, finely chopped
150 ml (5 fl oz) single cream
150g (5oz) blue cheese, rind removed and crumbled
Salt and freshly milled black pepper
110g (4oz) thickly sliced white bread, crusts removed and cut into small cubes
4 tab walnut oil

Clean celery and slice thinly. Melt butter in large saucepan and stir in celery, potato and onion so that everything gets a good coating of butter. Cover pan and sweat vegetables for 10 minutes at minimum heat. Uncover, add stock and bring to simmering point. Cover and cook gently for 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Meanwhile, make croutons by heating oil in large frying-pan and frying bread cubes until golden brown.

Remove soup from heat and stir in cream, then liquidise soup with cheese, return to rinsed-out pan and re-heat gently (but do not allow to boil). Season with salt and pepper and serve with chopped celery leaves and crisp croutons.

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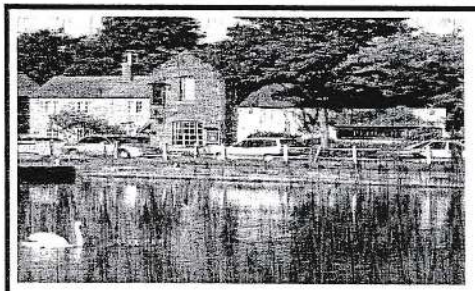

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Recycling

Did you notice when you received the new timetable for bin collection from November - added to those items listed as recyclable inside the lid of the blue bin are yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and ice cream tubs.

50s – 60s Night
Saturday 3rd March

The Village Hall Committee are arranging a
50s – 60s Night
on
Saturday 3rd March 2007

DJ Tarry will be preparing an entertaining and nostalgic evening and the Committee will be preparing some fantastic food.

More details in the next issue, but mark the date in your diary – Saturday 3rd March – 50s/60s night!!!!!!!!!

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Hickling Cricket 2006

Mikey Playle, Player of the Season, Kinoulton CC

Do you read the first paragraph of a story or article and then quickly turn to the last page to impatiently discover the ending. Yes. OK. Well beofre you do, here is your ending to this season's story. Hickling CC won the South Notts Division 1D league title and were promoted to Division 1C. Hickling CC were also champions of the Belvoir League Division 1. Now, if there is anyone with the patience to read on, I will go back to the start.

Winter 2005/6 saw the retirement of Steve Wright after 25 years playing cricket for Hickling! The all-rounder from Hose has been a key team member for a quarter of a century and would be greatly missed. Fears of a weakened squad were eased by the signing of two new players, who quickly showed in pre-season nets that they knew which end of the bat to hold. Harvey Fenwick came with a big reputation from Notts Unity Casuals. Wayne Daniel came from Australia! Just because you are Australian, it doesn't necessarily follow that you are going to be good at cricket. However Wayne is Australian and Wayne is good at cricket. In any case, it's great for "street cred" having an Aussie in the team.

After typically losing the first game of the season in sleepy style, we woke up to compete and quickly started winning and winning well. In his first match Wayne hit a swashbuckling 71 and then after 5 matches he had built an average of 330 (helped by several "not outs"! In one early Belvoir League fixture Old Dalby set us 146 off 16 overs and walked off counting their chickens. Out walked our Aussie to hit 82 off 37 balls and quickly wrap up victory well before any eggs had even thought about hatching.

The Saturday league developed into a three horse race with Hickling top for most of the season, being chased by Wilsons and Long Whatton. On 29th July we blobbed it in a top of the table clash with Long Whatton. We had a

bad day and the title chase was wide open. The following Saturday we went to Wilsons for a match which had gone from important to crucial if we were to win the league. We set them a massive 288 off 45 overs with Harvey Fenwick scoring 123! He walked, after hitting what looked like a bump ball to square leg, and I am convinced that he just wanted to have a sit down. Still, I suppose he'd earned it! A great team performance saw us home by 66 runs with Richard Heygate taking 5 wickets. It was a big win and after that we just kept winning and winning.

Our reputation as a strong bowling side was reinforced by skittling out Farndon for just 64, but it was our batting that was so improved this year. Although the two new signings have obviously made a difference, the whole squad played their part with runs and wickets. Even captain Ian Fisher contributed, weighing in with five fifties and topping the league batting averages. The day we won the Saturday league was something of an anti-climax with the game being rained off before it began. However, every cloud has a silver lining, at least we could start celebrating early!

We won Division 1 of the Belvoir League by winning every game, including two victories over the mighty Plumtree. There was a special moment at Plumtree when Yogi Patel got three of their main men out in three balls to complete a fantastic hat trick. Hickling youngsters Will Collishaw aged 13 and Michael Playle aged 9 played their part in the victory that evening.

Last year our only silverware was the Frank Woodhead Cup. In this year's competition we met local rivals Kinoulton in a typically fiery contest. The game ended in a tie, 148 each, with Kinoulton going through on the grounds that they had lost fewer wickets.

Other Hickling cricket reports

Two fixtures were played by a Hickling Social XI. On 3rd September Hickling Social XI took on Hickling CC. In sharp contrast to last year's scorching weather it was the the day Hurricane Hickling came to town. Cricket and high winds don't mix, but nevertheless the game was played. Many thanks to a very cold David Malpas for his creative umpiring. What is all the confusion with the lbw laws? David and I both understand them. If it hits the pads you're out! Hickling CC won the day, which was

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dominated by youngsters. The youngest youngster was Jack Playle, proudly walking out to the crease aged 6. He lasted a lot longer and scored considerably more than his dad! Will (I don't like batting) Collishaw was outstanding, scoring 28 runs against Hickling CC, including several fine boundaries. "What did you say about batting Will?" Tom Holmes led the bowling very well and somehow managed to swing the ball against the wind! Michael Playle and James Clark showed promise while Michael Marsh, aged 13, did what no-one else could do all season and clean bowled Aussie Wayne Daniel. Well done boy!

Colston Bassett, keen for revenge after last year, played host on a very showery August Bank Holiday. The day started with a Kids' Kwik Cricket game which was enjoyed by some very young participants. The main match was delayed by rain but eventually Hickling came out to bat and, despite three golden ducks, we reached 149. Colston, in reply, were well contained by some impressive bowling by young Tom Holmes, Will Collishaw and Michael Playle. The highlight had to be Richard Collishaw's spectacular diving catch, although Adrian Overall's similar feat came a close second. Adrian was, however, guilty of the most "over the top" celebration of the day. On bowling out 13 year old Samuel Robinson he punched the air with such force that he span 360 ° on one foot and landed flat on his face. Umpire Mark Samworth, shaking his head, said he should have called a "no ball" for his theatrics. Scott Hetherington was awesome in the field. His unorthodox style involved kicking back with his shins any ball struck very hard at him. He either has a very high pain threshold or has had some dodgy surgery in the past.

Like last year, the match went to the final over. Colston Bassett needed 5 to win with two wickets in hand. Up stepped "wicket taker" Adrian Overall for the pressure role of bowling the last over. With his fourth ball he dismissed the danger batsman and cue another totally over the top celebration. This time, however, it was his teammates who dived on top of him to create a huge "pile on". When he finally got to his feet the jubilant Overall, arms aloft, had to be restrained and told that he had not in fact won the game but still had two balls to bowl. Four to win off two balls. Out came Colston's last batsman to face his first ball (probably ever; his only other cricket experience being 10 minutes of beach cricket in a previous life). In comes Adrian, intense, focused, fully pumped. He

"softens up" the new batsman with a screaming beamer that strikes him on his left ear. No helmet either! Horror. Glancing blow though, he's OK. Nevertheless, it's a "no ball". Still 2 balls to come but now three to win. Calm down Adrian, come on, just bowl it straight. He runs in again. He bowls. It's straight(ish). The batsman swings, misses, and it's in the keeper's gloves. Phew!. One ball left, still 3 to win. Come on Adrian. He takes his time – fierce concentration. He runs in and he bowls. Oh no, it's wide. We could literally throw it away. Still one ball left, now 2 to win. It's got to be straight, just straight. Here it is, big moment, big effort. It's straight! The batsman swings, he misses. It hits the pads, bit shout, but no. Somehow they manage to scamper a desperate single. The match is incredibly a tie, 149 each. It was a good game and everyone had a bat and a bowl, except those with golden ducks.

Good memories of Hickling cricket in summer 2006. Now it's winter let's hope we can enjoy the Ahses as we look forward to the 2007 season. This winter will see the construction of a new practice net at our ground on Bridegate Lane, whilst the wicket continues to improve thanks to the relentless work by Phil Parkes.

Many thanks to all those who have supported the club this year by taking part in the 200 club lottery. Let's hope we get a big £700 winner in the village. Other fundraisers will include another "Spring Fling" in April. Again there will be a live band, bar and disco and the legendary "Charles Hogg Roast" buffet! The previous two events have been successful with last year being particularly popular. The venue will be Hose Village Hall again as it has the size and facilities to cope with the numbers.

Next summer we have decided to enter a team in the Melton Borough League on Tuesday evenings. The format will be like the Belvoir League, ie 18 overs. Hopefully this will provide a perfect opportunity for new players, particularly youngsters, to come and play for Hickling in a competitive situation and have a chance to bat and bowl.

Pre-season nets will commence in February at Trent Bridge again and anyone wishing to take part can contact either Phil Parkes (Manager) 822370, Ian Fisher (Captain) 500069 or Pete Playle 823771.

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CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS
December 2006 – February 2007

DATE	DAY	HICKLING	KINOULTON	UPPER BROUGHTON
DECEMBER				
2	Saturday		7.30pm Christmas Concert	
3	Advent Sunday	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	6.30 Advent Carol Service
10	2nd of Advent	6.30 Carol Service	11.00 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 10.45 Sunday Crew
17	3rd of Advent	5.30 Nativity Pageant	9.15 Holy Communion	11.00 Nativity Service
20	Wednesday			7.30pm Christmas Concert
24	**Christmas Eve**	**11.15pm Holy Communion at midnight**	**4.00 Children's Christmas Crib Service** **6.30 Carol Service**	**6.30 Carol Service**
25	*Christmas* **Day**	*10.45 Family Service*	*11.00 Christmas Family* **Communion**	*9.30 Christmas Family* **Communion**
31	1st of Christmas	10.30am United Service for all three parishes at Kinoulton		
JANUARY 07				
7	Epiphany	11.00 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Sunday Crew 6.30 Evensong
14	2nd of Epiphany	6.30 Evensong	10.00 'Slugs' 11.00 Family Worship	9.30 Holy Communion
21	3rd of Epiphany	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Family Service
27	Saturday	7.30 Promise Programme Supper in Village Hall		
28	4th of Epiphany Candlemas	6.30 Thanksgiving Service	11.000 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion
FEBRUARY				
4	3rd bef Lent	11.00 Family Service	9.15 Holy Communion	10.45 Thanksgiving Service & Promise Programme Lunch in Village Hall

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ROTAS FOR December 06 – February 07

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	REFRESHMENTS	SIDESMAN
3 Dec	Mrs G Wilkinson	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mrs A Thomas
10	Mrs M Simpson	Mrs Walker/Chahal	All helpers	Mr D Malpas
17	-	Mrs Sexton/Wood		-
24	Mrs M Kirkman	Mrs Brown/Kargl		Mr D Malpas
25				Mrs Wood
31	Joint Service at Kinoulton			-
7 Jan	Mrs D Brown	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mrs G Simpson
14	-	Mrs Parkes/Faulks		Mrs D Faulks
21	Mrs M Wood	Mrs Simpson/Haines	Mrs Simpson	Mrs A Thomas
28	Mrs B Herd	Mrs Walker/Chahal		Mr D Malpas
4 Feb	Mrs D Chahal	Mrs Sexton/Wood	Mrs Sexton	Mrs Wood
11	Mrs A Walker	Mrs Brown/Kargl		Mrs D Faulks
18	Mrs P Jacks	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Vear/Tarry	Mrs G Simpson

From the Registers

Baptisms: 5th November Benjamin Charles Norton, Jamie Daniel Shaw and Ryan Christopher Shaw
19th November Twins! Grace Isabella Doolan and Rebecca Lauren Doolan

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Christmas - Crackers!

The collapse of the Christmas savings company 'Farepak' has brought into sharp focus the amount of money that is spent at Christmas time. No one would fault the prudence of those, who over the year, save money for spending. It is often those who are on lower incomes. *'What kind of Christmas are we going to have?'* is the rather despairing comment from some of those effected. Their loss and the prospect of not enough money to spend is totally overshadowing their 'Christmas'. (Over?) Spending at Christmas seems to be vital for both the economy and our ability to celebrate the season but is that what it is really all about? I came across this poem which celebrates the birth of the one who St John calls 'The Word' 'Who was in the beginning with God and became flesh and dwelt among us.' Jesus is worth celebrating.

Who is this Christ of Christmas? By Dan Pelletier

He sprinkled the stars 'cross the black velvet sky;
And rolled out the carpets of wheat, oats and rye.
He poked up each tree thro' the hard crusty ground;
And pushed up the flowers at His whim all around.

He scooped out the seas with one swipe of his hand;
And sculpted each dune of the crystal sea sand.
He fluffed up the clouds in the daysky so blue;
And please don't forget, Friend, He shaped even you!

But what have we done with this babe wrapped in white?
We've forgotten His wisdom, His power and His might.
We've traded the one who said , "Let there be light!"
For a man dressed in red with a chin bearded white.

The air cracks and crinkles with folks all uptight
"We've seven parties next week and one tonight!"
And onward we go, and all start to worry,
"Have I left out a gift or a card in the hurry?"

If you've taken time for this moment's reflection,
You've made a good start in the needed direction.
In this Blessed Season, let's worship the One
Who made this creation.
He's God's Holy Son!

May you realise the Joy and Gift of Christ this Christmas. Jesus costs no money but brings the most incredible Peace! May he who is The Word made flesh bless you all.

Stephanie Fahie, The Rectory, Kinoulton tel 01949 81657

St Luke's Parochial Church Council

The Harvest Lunch was well attended with £280 being made. Produce from the Harvest Service again went to Skylarks in West Bridgford, for which they were very grateful.

A reminder that the Carol Service is on the 10th December at 6.30pm and the Nativity Pageant on 17th December starting at 5.30pm.

As always, as soon as you are aware of any newcomers moving into the village, could you pass on their details to me to ensure they are given a warm welcome through the Hickling Standard.

Margaret Wood
Churchwarden 01664 822257

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the parish council held in the Parish Church, Wednesday August 15, 2006 at 7.45pm

Councillors

Robert Naismith (Chairman)	Jane Faulks
Judith Harrison	Anthony Walker (A)
Tina Combellack	Angela Sallis
Evelyn Parkes (A)	

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Ken Keyworth.

1] **Appointment of Chairman:** The retiring chairman Coun. Bob Naismith agreed to take the meeting.

2] **Appointment of vice chairman:** No names were put forward and the position was left vacant.

3] **Apologies**
Received from Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee.

4] **Declarations of Interest**
There were none.

5] **Minutes from previous meeting** held on July 6, 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Councillor Robert Naismith.

6] **Clerk's Report**
The clerk Mike Elliott reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council had advised of a presentation for the waste reduction scheme in which we are involved with Kinoulton and two other parish councils. It would take place at 10am on Monday August 21 at the Civic Centre at West Bridgford. Any money award to the village would be spent, amongst other ideas, on a scheme to refurbish the

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British Waterways Line side hut, thought to be one of only two remaining in the county.

7] **Open session for the public limited to 15 minutes**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to take part at 7.55pm.

A resident had asked for the matter of the village bus shelter to be raised, pointing out no buses now passed where it was sited. It was agreed not to raise the matter with Notts County Council because it could mean to it being taken away and not replaced elsewhere.

The meeting resumed in council at 8.01pm.

8] **Correspondence**

Notts Rural Community Council advised of a training opportunities scheme for parish councillors. Coun. Mrs Combellack expressed disappointment at the standard of the recent planning event she had attended, saying she felt it had only been an advert for a commercial organisation.

There were no names to put forward for the Notts Association Local Councils long service award scheme. Rushcliffe Community partnership awards scheme for 2006 was announced and members agreed to put forward any suggested recipients names they felt worthy.

Notts County Council Hickling wrote in regard to footpaths 1, 2 and 3 and sought help on land ownership for them. The clerk was to write with information.

The council agreed to seek a reduction in the speed limit on the A6506 road, from 60mph to 50mph for its entire length in the parish. Notts County Council was, the meeting was told, looking at revising the limits on some roads.

9] **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications:

06/01172/ful. Mr Collishaw, formation of agricultural slurry storage lagoon, OS Field 2836, Mill Lane. Do not object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

There were none

10] **Cemetery**

The chairman said that Mr Garry Watts had discussed with him the proposals for work on the cemetery extension and had suggested the entire area should be fenced rather than a section of it as proposed by the council. The clerk was asked to ascertain from Rushcliffe what would constitute a "start' on the scheme once planning permission had been granted.

The condition of the hedge was felt in need of attention and Mr Watts was to be advised of this.

11] **Parish Plan**

Good progress is being made and as part of the Plan activities a Village History Walk is to be held on September 24 – starting from The Basis at 2pm -- with a Children's event taking place on October 1, the latter being one way in which the Play is attempting to engage the interest of younger people in the parish. The clerk was to advise the Insurance Company of the walk.

12] **Environmental matters**

Nothing was raised

13] **Finance and payment of accounts**

The parish council approved payment of the accounts as per the schedule:

14] **Chairman's matters**

The date for the next meeting was provisionally arranged for October 3 at 7.45pm.

Coun. Naismith reported on a discussion he had held with the royal British Legion in regard to a seat they were to place in The Basin in memory of Mr Ted Morris. Mr Mark Spruce had taken on

the arrangements for the matter following the death of Mr John Burns.

A meeting of the parish council was held in the Parish Church, on Tuesday October 3, 2006.

Appointment of Chairman: Coun. Mrs Judith Harrison was appointed chairman for the meeting. Coun. Ms Jane Faulks said she would be willing to take on the chairman's role for the next meeting.

Open session for the public limited to 15 minutes

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to take part at 7.57pm.

The matter of the missing signpost arm on Bridgeate Lane was raised and the clerk was asked to contact Notts County Council again.

The meeting resumed in council at 8.00pm.

Correspondence

Rushcliffe Borough Council said they were to undertake a review of the Hickling Conservation Area and would be seeking help from the parish council once an initial survey had been carried out. The review could mean either new area being included in the designated areas or existing ones being deleted from it.

Nottinghamshire Police advised of a Crime Expo 2006 being held at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont on October 10 between the hours of 2pm and 8pm. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of the planning permission for an extension to the village cemetery. An existing permission ran out two years ago and a new application was to be made at the appropriate time. The clerk was asked to investigate the position in respect of grave spaces availability and produce a report for members. The council would decide at a future meeting as to when to resubmit their application for planning permission for the extension.

Coun. Mrs Judith Harrison said she would be happy to represent the council at the Annual Reception for chairmen and clerks given by Rushcliffe Borough Council and being staged on October 27.

Coun. Mrs Combellack raised a number of points in a letter, including asking for details of a traffic census she had seen in progress in the village on September 28. The clerk said it had been in connection with a survey on the use of Main Street by heavy goods vehicles. The clerk was asked to write to Wheyfeed again to seek their co-operation in asking their drivers to use the designated route and not travel through the village. The matter of planes from the Nottingham East Midlands Airport flying over the village was also raised by the member and the clerk was asked to write to the Director to seek comments on whether or not this was to be a regular occurrence although no undue concerns were expressed by members.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications:

06/01004/FUL Mr Chambers; Use of land as garden; Elm House, Main Street. No Decision

06/01136/FUL Newton Greenwood Architects; Single storey rear extension (revised scheme); Hiddesen, Main Street. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions:

6/01136/FUL Newton Greenwood Architects; Single storey rear extension (revised scheme); Hiddesen, Main Street. Grant Permission

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Proposed Removal of Trees:

Removal of Ash Tree, on the boundary of Weir House and Ambleside, Hickling Conservation Area. The Borough Council did not require a tree preservation order.

Parish Plan

Coun. Mrs Combellack had reported that good progress was being made. The Village History Walk held on September 24 was well supported and thanks were being given to David Malpass and Hazel Wadkin for their efforts towards it. A Children's event had taken place on October 1, it being a way in which the Plan organisers were attempting to engage the interest of younger people in the parish. Thanks in regard to that event were offered to Barbara McEwen.

Rushcliffe Borough Council officer Glyn Pilkington in conjunction with the Rushcliffe Youth Action Network group was staging an activity evening with Pizza on Tuesday October 24 for teenagers and through this he hoped it would again involve them in the Parish Plan.

Coun. Mrs Combellack said the whole project would come together with a final Action Planning Evening on Tuesday November 24 at the village hall which she hoped would be fully supported by members.

Environmental matters

It was reported that only one of the three trees that had been planted in the cemetery extension area had survived, with one being dead and the second looking to be in difficulties. Rushcliffe Borough Council had been seen in the village on the day of the meeting undertaking street cleaning work.

The chairman reported the village had received £1000 as its award in the Recycling Waste event undertaken by Rushcliffe Borough Council and Notts County Council. The money was to be spent on refurbishment of the British Waterways Lineside Hut and the painting of the railings in Hickling Basin. The clerk was asked to contact British Waterways to ask if they would give financial help towards the hut restoration.

The matter of landownership records for footpaths 1, 2 and 3 in the village was discussed and the clerk was given information to forward to Notts County Council.

The clerk was asked to ascertain information from Notts County Council as to when tarmaccing work on the Main Street was to be completed.

Finance and payment of accounts

The parish council approved payment of the accounts as per the schedule:

The council agreed to meet a cost in the region of £20 for the clerk to attend the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks being held in Plymouth at the end of October.

It was agreed to invite officials from the Village Hall to the next meeting of the council to allow discussions to take place in regard to possible financial help from the council on an ongoing basis.

Steps were to be taken to bring the council records with the bank up to date, and members agreed to make the necessary visits to the bank to provide their personal information as required.

Chairman's matters

The date for the next meeting was provisionally arranged for November 21 at 7.30pm.

It was agreed a letter be sent to Mr Gary Watts to offer condolences to him on the death of his father Mr Stanley Watts.

The council agreed to meet the cost of purchase of wood for a memorial seat being erected in The Basin through the Royal British Legion and for which Mr Mark Spruce was making arrangements.

A reminder was given that elections for the parish council would be held on May 4 next year and

Hickling Parish Plan

Consultation Summary report
Autumn 2006

Were you among the 150 people who completed the Hickling Parish Plan Questionnaire in May? If so, thank you!

Volunteers from the Parish Council and the community designed, distributed and collected questionnaires.

The results from the questionnaires have been collated and are summarised within this leaflet. In addition results from the consultation work with children and young people held in September and October have also been collated.

The steering group has identified the following issues:

- You are concerned about the re-routing of emergency calls and difficulties over hospital attendance
- You feel traffic goes too fast through the village, and are concerned over the number and speed of HGVs using the roads through the village.
- Heritage and environment
- Community safety
- Community facilities

How will the results be used?

- They provide a starting point for the development of the parish plan
- They provide information which can be used in future projects, grant applications and discussion with strategic bodies.

Results show a stable community with 80% of respondents living in the village for six years or more, while nearly two third have spent 15 years or more in the parish.
People like the rural setting, the house they live in and the community spirit. Transport, lack of shopping facilities and of facilities for children are seen as the major drawbacks.

Environment

A very large majority of respondents use the footpaths and would like to get involved in conservation activities. They would like information about the footpaths on a notice board, at the pub and in the Hickling Standard. They are

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happy for the village to continue with its entry for the Best Kept Village Competition.

Dog dirt was the major concern of a third of respondents.

Traffic and HGVs and airplanes at night seem to provide the greater annoyance. Nottingham East Midland Airport environment@nottinghamema.com is happy to receive reports of low flying aircraft. Flight path maps are available on the website: http//www.nottinghamema.com

Residents are concerned about the state of the roads through the village, mentioning potholes in particular. Concerns are raised over general tidiness and cleanliness throughout the village. Dog dirt is also a concern.

You feel that the village should remain very much as it is, with its green open spaces. You would like the church, canal and basin to be protected. You mention the Lengthman's Hut at the canal in particular. The village has won funding to renovate this in the near future.

Health and social care

You are generally pleased with the service you receive from your health centre. A few people have said that they had difficulties accessing hospital and prescriptions. Difficulties have been identified with accessing the correct emergency services, due to the Leicestershire postal address.

There is support for the idea of a good neighbour scheme, and for provision of first aid equipment and a defibrillator.
There is an identified need for some help with keeping the garden tidy.

Housing

In almost equal proportions you feel that there is no need for more housing, and there is a need for housing for young people. Altogether a larger proportion felt there was need for housing than didn't., as long as this was in small groups, preferably infill or conversions.

The Hickling Standard and the village notice boards are your main means of finding out what is going on. A large number of people admitted to not listening to the local radio Eye FM. In the main you feel there are enough notice boards,

You generally feel secure living in Hickling Parish, although speeding vehicles

are a concern. A large majority are in favour of the reintroduction of Neighbourhood Watch...as you perceive a lack of police presence in the village. You would like to see speed limits brought down in most locations around the village, and maybe a pedestrian crossing at the village hall.

You are generally happy about the way the parish council conducts itself and feel that it publicises its actions and decisions fairly well.

You are generally concerned about the suitability of the facilities, amenities and footpaths for people with disabilities and parents with pushchairs. You generally however feel that the Plough provides acceptable facilities.

You find roadside car parking in the village often dangerous or at least inconvenient and feel that there should be car parking provided at Hickling Basin. 10% of respondents would like to see the church open to public activities such as exhibitions, concerts etc... Suggestions regarding the mobility of the pews have been made. Could a post office be run at the Church?

Just under half the respondents would be interested in a community shop, although a large number feel that it would not work. Interested people may like to visit http://www.ruralaffairs.org.uk/newsletter2/page4.htm

You would like to see holiday play schemes, evening classes and some computer training in the and feel that generally facilities for young people in particular are poor.

Although you feel the village hall generally provides for the needs of the village you also feel that it could be improved, internally in terms of disabled access and facilities, as well as car parking. You would like it brought up to 21st century standard with a good kitchen and sports facilities...

Half the respondents felt that a play area for young children would be an welcome addition to the village. This could be located by the basin or somewhere else on main street. Facilities for young people to play were also seen as a need for the village. There was support for a community computer facility, but not as much for computer training.

See page 51 for report back after consultation meeting of 14th November.

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Hickling Village Hall Management Committee
Chairman's Report – 2005/06

Roger Stanley gave the following report at this year's AGM:

The Committee has met regularly over the last year and has three new members to swell its ranks: Val Faulks, Tony Hand and Alan Thomas. The latter two are relative newcomers to the village and it is good that they have shown interest in becoming involved in village life so soon after their arrival. Tony and Alan will be assets to us with their obvious interests in maintenance matters. On the deficit side we said goodbye to Hilda Fortey last November after several years of valuable service, mainly running the 150 Club, which is a valuable source of revenue. We thank her for her efforts.

We now have the benefit of a regular cleaner who has made a considerable difference to the appearance of the interior of the Hall. In addition, committee members and other villagers interested in the Hall's appearance have been spending some of their spare time to weed and prune shrubs in the 'grounds', mainly in the car park; and their enthusiasm is most encouraging. Members of the committee and family members met together one April Saturday afternoon to sort out and clear the interior of the Hall, and that 'spring clean' has certainly made a difference. Alan and Tony have subsequently rehung various framed mementos which we wanted to keep as part of the record of the Hall and the village.

Events held in the Hall this last year have been varied. We have continued our support of the Village Ventures events funded via Rushcliffe BC. Most of them have been of a very high standard and most enjoyable, except for one which proved to be a disappointment, despite the rave reviews it had received elsewhere. We organised a bottle stall at the Scarecrow weekend and this bought in a handsome profit, even though we were rather too generous with the number of bottles of wine.

November saw a WW II 60 years celebration with real nostalgia, music, food and outfits of the era, and even a scale model of a Spitfire suspended from the ceiling. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The Pantomime group staged their now annual event in February, which en-

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able the sell–out audiences to admire the new stage curtains and enjoy the sound and lighting equipment provided by the latest Lottery grant. The sound and lighting equipment has proved most useful in subsequent Village Ventures events.

We sold pop quiz questionnaires at the Rock the Vale event over the May Day weekend, but the revenue was disappointing, despite the best efforts of the committee members.

Having opened the Hall to allow visitors use of our toilet facilities for the Open Gardens day in June, we benefited from a share of the profit from the day, a generous gesture by the organisers Becky Malpas and Jane Frazer. Future events in the pipeline include more Village Ventures events and a 50/60s night; a champagne tasting evening, a quiz night and a casino evening have also been suggested. There is also the possibility of a film club being set up, though this depends on the receipt of a Lottery grant.

The 150 Club continues and will bring in valuable revenue again this year. Liz Vear and her loyal band of helpers, some of whom are not committee members, continue to do a sterling job.

We have had to increase the rates for the hire of the Hall from September 2006, to take into account the inflationary effects of heating costs. This will be the first increase for some time and the Hall still represents good value for money compared to the other local village halls.

Thank you to all the committee members for their hard work over the year. If any parishioner would like to see a particular event organised, and might even like to help organise it, then please get in touch with me or any other committee member.

Finally, but by no means least, thank you to all who have supported us this year in whatever way, financial or otherwise. In particular, we remember Mrs Murden who died during the year. She believed that the Village Hall should continue to function to the benefit of the village, and her bequest came as a complete surprise to us and will be put to good use in her memory.

Roger Stanley, Honorary Chairman

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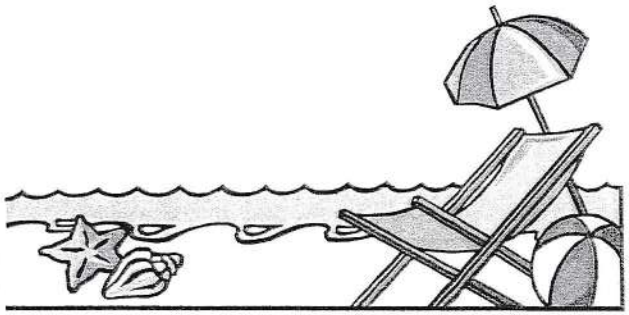

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The Action Planning Meeting held on 14th November in the Village Hall was a tremendous success bring together many Parishioners and Community Partners . It was a productive and very enjoyable evening producing many sound and innovative ideas for research and action by the Plan Steering Committee. This is by no means the end of the consultative process and we hope you will take part in the next stage to validate the action plan.

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Be assured your views count as is borne out by a recent Government White paper on the future of Local Government and I quote: "consultation of citizens and communities over the shape of local services and policies by using surveys, focus groups or neighbourhood and **parish plans"** is encouraged. And further the promotion of local charters for neighbourhoods were "greatly enhanced where there is a process of neighbourhood or **parish planning** in operation".

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All this is positive news for Hickling and I would urge you to watch the local notice boards and Hickling Standard for more dates when you can get involved and have fun producing The Hickling Parish Plan.

Thank you for your support

Tina Combellack
Chairman .

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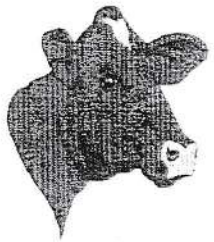

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Problems With Your Telephones? And/Or Problems With Your Broadband Service?

In Hickling we have two telephone lines running from the Upper Broughton Exchange which service the whole village. **These lines are extremely old and, it would seem, are more than overdue for replacement!**

We are currently in the middle of a wrangle with BT (six weeks and still counting—you really don't want to know the details ...) to try and sort out problems with our broadband and land line to the house. Both have worked well in the past but now they aren't ... We have a crossed line so that we are often party to other people's conversations and, at present, we have no broadband signal at all (although for a while it was intermittent).

Naturally, we have been through changing bits of wiring/connections/computer equipment but to no avail—the problem seems to be the incredibly poor quality of the phone lines into the village (although one line is, apparently, slightly better than the other) . Whilst moaning (as you do ...) to neighbours on the subject we have discovered that **many** (and it really is 'many'!) **people in the village are experiencing identical problems.** The purpose of this article is to find out how many of us there are!

Are you experiencing any of the following?

- crackly or noisy phone lines/crossed lines?
- does your broadband connection disappear and reappear (or simply disappear altogether!) without warning?
- are these problems worse in bad weather conditions?
- have you changed service provider or modems etc only for the

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problem to re-materialise?

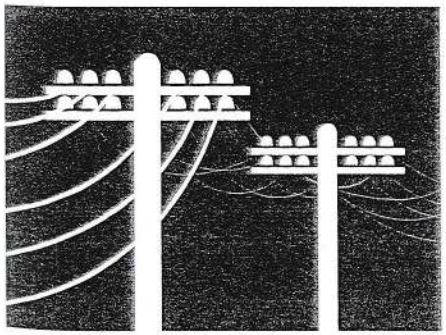
- been told by the BT faults team that it is your wiring/equipment/computer that's the problem & not the line but still not found a solution?
- any others?!

When we finally managed to get an engineer in to look at the problem (he hasn't solved it ...), he came up with a very bleak prognosis for us all:

- whoever your service provider is, the lines are owned, run and maintained by BT
- there is a massive shortage of BT engineers covering faults raised by all the different phone service providers—BT, AOL, Orange, whoever ...
- They are very stretched and only have time to patch with temporary solutions
- The two lines into Hickling are over-burdened and long, long overdue for complete replacement
- **BT will only replace these lines if the majority of the village campaign loudly for replacement**

We were reassured by one faults operator today that we are fortunate that our problem is only 5 weeks old -one customer had to wait 43 weeks! In fact, most people just give up, since dealing with BT is definitely a 'head against a brick wall' process. I already know of a significant number of people who share these difficulties in the village and this number, it would appear, is only likely to grow.

Essentially, until the lines from the exchange into the village are replaced and properly maintained the telephone service into the village is simply going to get worse and worse.



- At what point do we all feel the problems have reached unacceptable levels?
- And how do we achieve a quick and final (not botched) solution? (We did consider kidnapping the

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engineer, but unfortunately, we can't get one here to kidnap in the first place ...)

I realise that this is probably just a frustrated rant, and if we were the only ones affected, I would fume in private. It is also fair to say, that we don't know the actual cause of our difficulties yet and it might not be the line (...) . Nevertheless, whatever turns out to be the solution to our particular difficulties this time, there is quite clear (if anecdotal, since the experts are all employed by BT ...) evidence that the telephone lines are well beyond their sell-by date and it seems reasonable to try and get them up-dated!

To this end, I have written to the Parish Council, to ask them to take up this problem on behalf of the village. We have also printed a form on the next page—please take a few moments to answer the questions and send it through either to me, or direct to the Parish Council.

Sorry to rant - but we pay high prices for a poor service and, I'm afraid, the system isn't geared up to listening to individuals only to large groups!!!

Some time ago, a well organised and comprehensive petition managed to get the roads resurfaced in the village. Some years ago, coordinated protest from villagers prevented the telephone box from being removed. Please can we try for a third success!?

I hope you feel you can help!

Jane Fraser
Mill Lane Cottages, Hickling.

Problems With Your Telephones?
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Please only complete as much or as little of the questionnaire as you wish!

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone no. .....

Are you currently experiencing problems with your phone lines? Yes/No

Nature of problem:.....

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I am concerned about the condition of the existing phone lines and I would like to sign a petition asking BT to replace/up-date the telephone lines into Hickling:
Yes/No

I would be prepared to help collect signatures for a petition to BT: Yes/No

Do you have any additional comments/suggestions which may be helpful? .....

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Please return this form to the Parish Council or to:
Jane Fraser, Mill Lane Cottages, Hickling.

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Kinoulton Primary School - Girls' Football Team: Runners-Up at the Nottingham County Championships!

On Saturday 11th November the Girls' Football Team from Kinoulton Primary School were asked to represent Rushcliffe in the Nottingham County Championships. Whoever won would go on and play in the National Tournament.

In the team there were: Georgia Wilkinson, Rebecca Graves, Emma Beckwith, Lizzie Fraser, Amy Frost, Mollie Zalas, Sophie Beckwith, Charlotte Faulks and Elly Jones. Our coach was Mr Warden who was amazing, he kept us all up and lively and ready to get out there and just enjoy ourselves to pieces.

Our first match we drew 0-0 and also we drew 0-0 for the next two matches. None of the teams had won, everyone had drawn 0-0. Ours was the second to last match. If we scored then we were through to the Semi-finals. Unfortunately in the first half the team we played scored a goal. It was 1-0. In second time Emma Beckwith with 3 minutes left scored a goal and then again in the last 1 minute it was 2-1 to us. We were all jumping up and down, we were so excited we didn't think we would have been able to do it. We were all rolling down muddy hills and slide tackling no one but there was one match still to come. If one of those teams scored 3 goals we would struggle. We decided though that we didn't think they would and we were right. We were through to the semi-finals!! We went to practise penalty shoot outs in case it got there after extra time. We were glad we practised because in the semi-finals it was still 0-0 after extra time. Scores were

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level after the first three (& brilliant goal keeping from Becky) and then we brought Elly on, if she scored this we had won and were through to the finals against Abbey Road. She ran up, kicked it and..... SHE SCORED!!!!!!
We all ran wild and everyone was jumping up and down with excitement. Mr Warden was so pleased and got us on there warmed up and ready for action. Again it was 0-0 so we went into extra time and unfortunately Abbey Road scored. So that made us Runners-up Nottingham County Champions!!! We all went to collect our medals and all talked and went over and talked to Abbey Road and then we all went home. Abbey Road have now won here 8 years (I think) in a row.
Thank you everyone who came to support us and Thank you Mr Warden for being such a great coach.

Lizzie Fraser

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Thanks to everyone who was involved - the last jumble sale in the Village Hall raised £743 less expenses for the Trauma Unit at the QMC.

From Jim Woolley - I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped with and supported our Bingo Night in the Plough Inn on Tuesday 3rd October. In the end we managed to raise £253.30 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, a good sum earned for a very deserving cause. Special thanks must go to all who helped, Margaret Rastall, Christine Norton and not forgetting Ken Rastall who gently pulled my balls out. A great many prizes were donated which made the night such a success and all I can do is thank everyone who gave so generously.

Thank you very much to everyone who came to our annual Festive Fayre in Kinoulton Village Hall on Wednesday, 18th October. The day was well attended and raised in the region of £2,200, including orders which are currently being processed. As you may know, this, together with SCF week, is our main fund raising event and we greatly appreciate your continued support. We received help from numerous people which really made the day run smoothly. In particular we would like to thank Mandy Crowe who runs the Breakfast Club and who very kindly gave us access to set up stalls in the morning so that we could be ready on time. We are also very grateful to Rebecca Blades who runs the After School Club and who heroically moved into the school hall so that we could stay open until six o'clock. Thank you both, you made our lives so much easier! If anyone still needs Christmas cards or wrapping paper we have limited stocks of both. Please call either Rachael Henson (01949 81453) or Barbara McEwen (01664 822834) if you would like any last minute supplies. *Barbara McEwen (on behalf of the Kinoulton Branch of SCF)*

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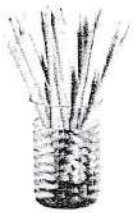

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Elizabeth Evans
Lantern Cottage, Kinoulton.

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