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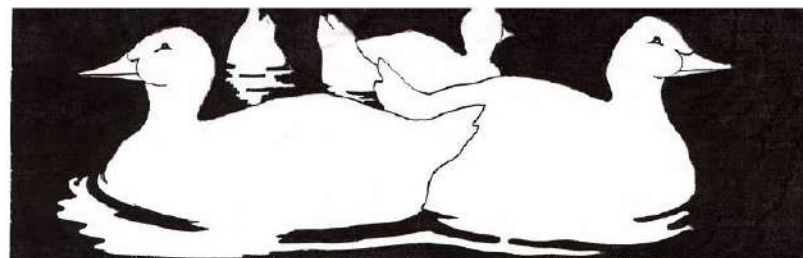
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HICKLING CANAL BASIN

Those of you who regularly visit the canal basin in Hickling will have noticed it underwent a transformation during April and May. What started off as my "Summer Project" to improve its appearance ready for Scarecrow Weekend resulted in 6 weeks of activity due to the lockdown and the good weather.

I would like to thank everyone for their lovely comments on my hard work and hope everyone in our parish and visitors alike enjoy the improved surroundings for many years to come. Whilst it was a solo project to begin with, I would also like to thank the following people (alphabetically) for their help and assistance:

Alan Thomas - varnishing the benches
 Andy & George Baker - railings & posts outside Rosedene
 Chris & Ben Grice - cleaning of rails & posts outside The Old Wharf
 Jez (Plough Inn landlord) - railings outside Plough Inn
 Kyle (Ashtrees) - use of his electricity
 Neil Clarke - jet-washing benches
 Paul Hartland - ongoing grass cutting
 Simon Lane - grass cutting and gatepost replacements
 Terry Faulks & team - sweeping pathway and road
 Tim Thomas - weedkilling around benches & basin
 If I've forgotten anyone, then you too!
 And finally...
 Cathy (the wife!) - sustenance & gardening

Contrary to rumours, the activity was NOT due to me being a naughty boy and having to undergo 100 hours of Community Service!

Scott Hetherington (Yew Tree House)

To be regularly found in what some people are now calling "Scott's Corner", waiting for the Plough Inn to re-open!

Lockdown Project Scott the Painterman!

A WORK IN BLACK AND WHITE
with his Wife's blessing for the poetic licence

There was a young man, from Hickling
Tired of his wife's lockdown bickering
Chose, rather than paint the town red
Conventional, black and white instead!

For many a day he toiled at the Wharf
Whilst others tramped back and forth
All admiring his apparent artistic flair
Almost Van Gogh with paint in his hair

Accepting two tones alone looked cold
He returned next day and added gold
Thereby ensuring, the powers that be
Realised he'd done their job for free

Rumour has it, the whole things a ploy
Thus whilst villagers his efforts enjoy
The halcyon man in question right now
Sits fondly gazing towards The Plough

(Eric Wood)

Scott Hetherington had been planning to rejuvenate the railings around the Wharf area as a summer project but when lockdown came at the end of March and the sun began to shine, his work began in earnest. It is almost finished now and it looks amazing - genuinely as good as new! So; many thanks from us all to Scott in particular and also to Neil Clarke for powerwashing the benches and to Alan Thomas for varnishing them.



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Kynance
Hickling
17th April 2020

I feel very privileged and lucky to live in such a rural village as Hickling. It still has 4 working farms in the village supplying milk for our breakfast and cheese. Most of the surrounding villages have lost theirs. We don't get the cows walking the village, more's the pity that they still don't as it would slow the traffic down.

Apart from the war years I have lived here all my life, having been born here!

I was lucky enough to marry a girl who was also born in the village. They told me the Church was full at her funeral. With donations, over £500 was collected for Alzheimer's Research.

In 1959, I took 2 big gambles. I got married and I started my own business. Neither turned out to be a gamble. Married for 60 years and we had 2 wonderful children. Patrick is now running the business, still going strong and Fiona is also running her own business. My son Patrick is the fifth generation on my mother's side to live here.

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Wharf and Canal Basin Planning Application for Holiday Lets & Tearoom Extension—update

The plans to add holiday let barges and to extend the tearooms with a wide-beamed barge on the canal basin is currently at the Appeal stage having been rejected by Rushcliffe's planning committee in July 2019.

The Parish Council, our Ward Councillor and a sizable community group as well as individual members of the community have submitted their comments and the Inspector has now seen all of these (including those sent in the post).

Because of the current restrictions on travel during the coronavirus lockdown, the Appeal Inspector hasn't been able to make his site visit and so the Appeal is, effectively, on hold for a little while. However, when he is able, the process will continue and we must then wait to hear his decision.

Meanwhile, it seems worth sharing the photograph, below.

We have all welcomed the new tearooms as a great small business within the village but much has changed through a series of new applications over the last 5 years and it is worth remembering that each change ought not to be judged against the last change made but against how the area looked before these changes began. Although empty, it was well cared for and lovely in its own right.

(Jane Fraser)

(Photograph from 2006)



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From the St Luke's churches

Dear All,

These are not normal times. Our churches and much else have been closed for two months, and may remain so for a while yet. In past plagues the understanding of the spread of infection was not what it is now. The uncertainty about how this virus behaves is trivial in comparison with the total ignorance and consequent fear of the black death. Near where I grew up there is a church by itself in the countryside, because as a response to the black death the population had decided that they would be safer if they moved the village two miles away. We must be thankful that in recent years, largely in our lifetimes, our understanding has increased greatly, and techniques such as DNA sequencing have had a critical effect on progress towards a remedy (not necessarily total) for the illness. There are those who say that there must be a rift between science and Christianity, but the truth is that they are both concerned with truth. What represents 'love thy neighbour' more than using one's knowledge to alleviate suffering?

At many levels and in many ways people are living 'love thy neighbour'. I am aware of the efforts being made by the younger and healthier members of the population to help their older and less fit neighbours. If anyone would find beneficial having someone to talk to or to help them in a way currently unmet, the ministry team at the three St Luke's churches are only a phone call away.

Best wishes

Robert C Jones

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Also see the web site of All Saints, Cotgrave <http://allsaintscotgrave.co.uk> where Revd Paul Massey's contact details are also available.

VE Day 75th Anniversary

May 8th 2020

The events planned to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day all changed to accommodate the social distancing requirements of the coronavirus lockdown; the bunting and the flags all came out but the tea parties were held across streets and along verges. The sun shone and a lovely time was had - in many ways rather poignant in its own strange way.

The day began with the Red Arrows performing a fly-past over London (we narrowly missed them flying back to Lincolnshire as they took a route closer to Melton) and ended with the Queen addressing the nation at 9pm—deliberately at the same time as her father, King George VI, spoke in 1945.

The Local History Group would love to hear from you with:

- Pictures and stories from this 75th Anniversary
- Pictures and stories/memories from WWII and VE Day 1945

We will be adding a new page to the local history website to mark this anniversary, so please send us what you can!

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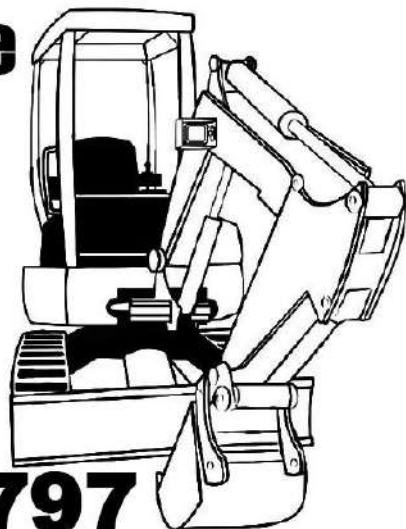
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VE Day: The UK holds two minute silence on 75th anniversary

Hickling During WWII

<https://www.hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/world-war-ii-1939-1945/>

Or: go to the local history group website homepage People & Families
Hickling at War click on the green WWII button.

Three men from Hickling died serving during WWII, Hickling itself was badly bombed in 1940 and then a fatal plane crash between Hickling and Kinoulton took the life of a young Polish pilot.

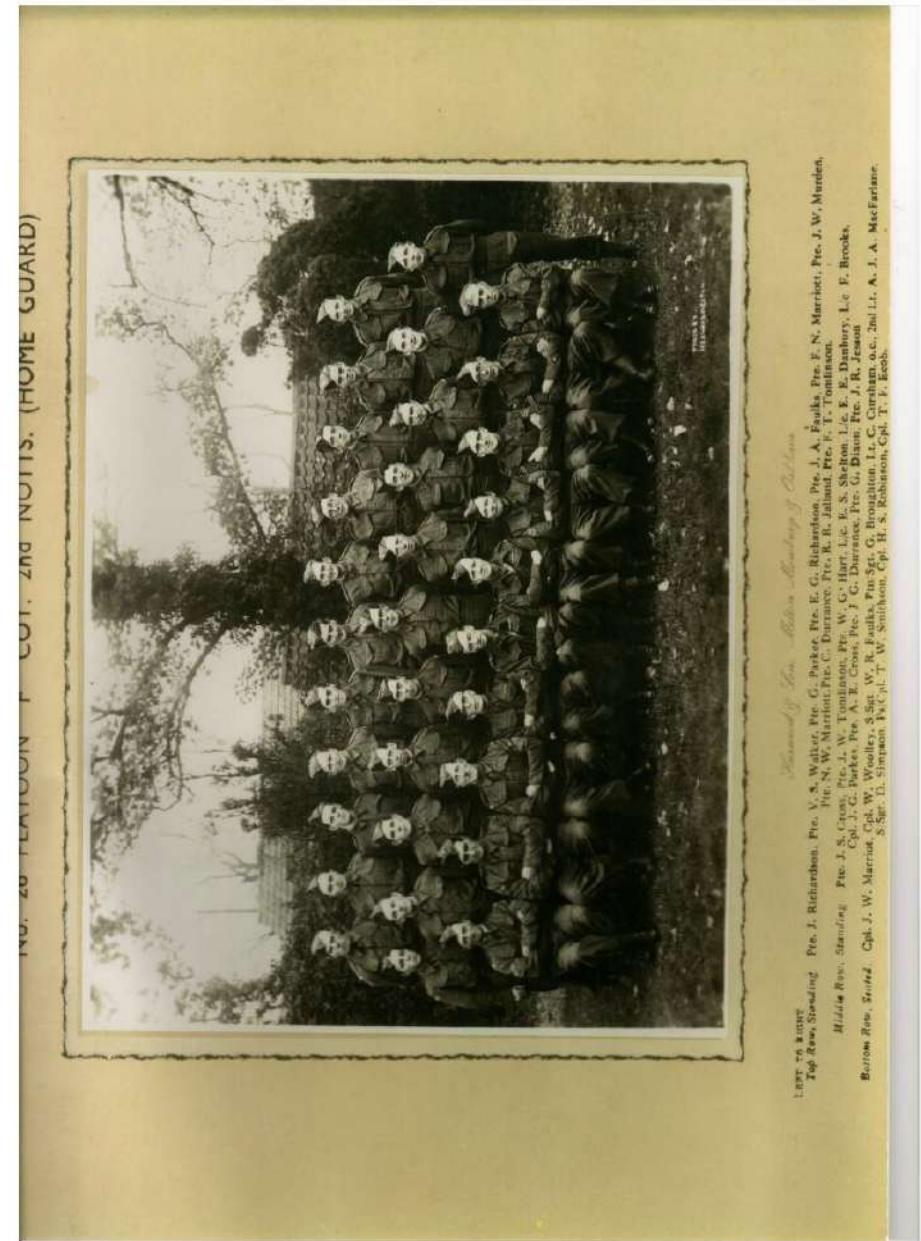
Please follow the links (above) to find:

- Margaret Wadkin's account of Hickling during WWII (including details of the bombing raid and the plane crash)
- Photographs of the Hickling Home Guard
- Photographs from the school, including the children evacuated to Hickling (if you can help us by adding names to these, we would really like to hear from you!)
- The individual pages and photographs for each of the Hickling men that died:

- ◊ **Cyril Ernest Hollingworth**
Flight Engineer
RAF 103
squadron; died
9th January 1943
- ◊ **Charles (Peter) Peters Wright** 5th
Battalion Leics
Regiment; died
22nd February
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- ◊ **Thomas Cecil Starbuck**
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Cyril Hollingworth and his sister, Dot



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Wishful Thinking

Growing rather tired of listening to my own voice
When lockdown's eased and I'm offered a choice
Musing over which forbidden sin I should do first
Have long overdue haircut or go quench my thirst

I'm acutely aware this is merely wistful thinking
For to date, we do not have the slightest inkling
When either of these indulgences, might return
With Parliament addressing our health concerns

However for the sake of the population's sanity
There is a desire, to emerge from this calamity
Harbouring notions we'll soon be able to indulge
In simple pleasures, as the PM may soon divulge

I beg you Mr Johnson don't make we oldies wait
Not until the autumn as that's certainly too late
To share your 'sunshine at the end of the tunnel'
When we need a haircut, drink and a mass cuddle

Eric's Poems About Lockdown!

CORONA

As sung to 'The Swan' Chorus

Last night as I sat by my window, wistfully dreaming
Remembering days before being confined
Oh, to be free
Allowed once more, to wander wherever I please

Chorus

No - no - no Corona
When will this be over
My gardens tended, rid of weeds galore
Yet I can't stand, watching T.V. repeats any more

Young ladies, offering their services, oh so freely
Can't imagine what they see, in this silver oldie
Oh, were I just twenty
When, as I recall, Ladies were not very forward at all

Chorus

No - no - no Corona
Now I'm feeling older
Tempting me with sweet angels
Whilst I forlornly ponder on what might have been

Boris, decreed we must maintain social separation
Dashing my hopes of feminine temptation
Oh, poorly leader
Can you make an exception for me, just one more time

Chorus

No - no - no Corona
All my dreams are over
As now I stand alone, marooned and so dismayed
As I watch the maidens all wave and go on their way

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*It's always been, a short back and sides
Clipped off the ears and out of the eyes
A subtle polish of the shiny patch on top
Job's done: five quid and that's your lot*

*Like a hedge, kept short to grow strong
However, stuck in lock down for so long
It is beginning to resemble Boris' mop!
Except - I've not got that much on top*

*As likely to be cooped up for yet a while
I am considering adopting a lady's style
It is alright for you, to laugh and choke!
This is a very serious matter for a bloke*

*I'm needing advice from the fairer sex
On precisely which style to choose next
Do I opt for pigtails, page boy or a bun?
Or consider red silk ribbon just for fun*

*Afore it meets with the sprouting beard
Another phenomenon, recently appeared
Urgently need the Ladies to help me out
If you have the solution give me a shout*

*Can't ask my mates, as they will all plump
For Mohican or quiff, making me a chump
'Cos they're afeared I will steal the girls
With my newly acquired, soft silver curls*

A pattern for a face covering:

(a wholly unofficial, lay-person's view)

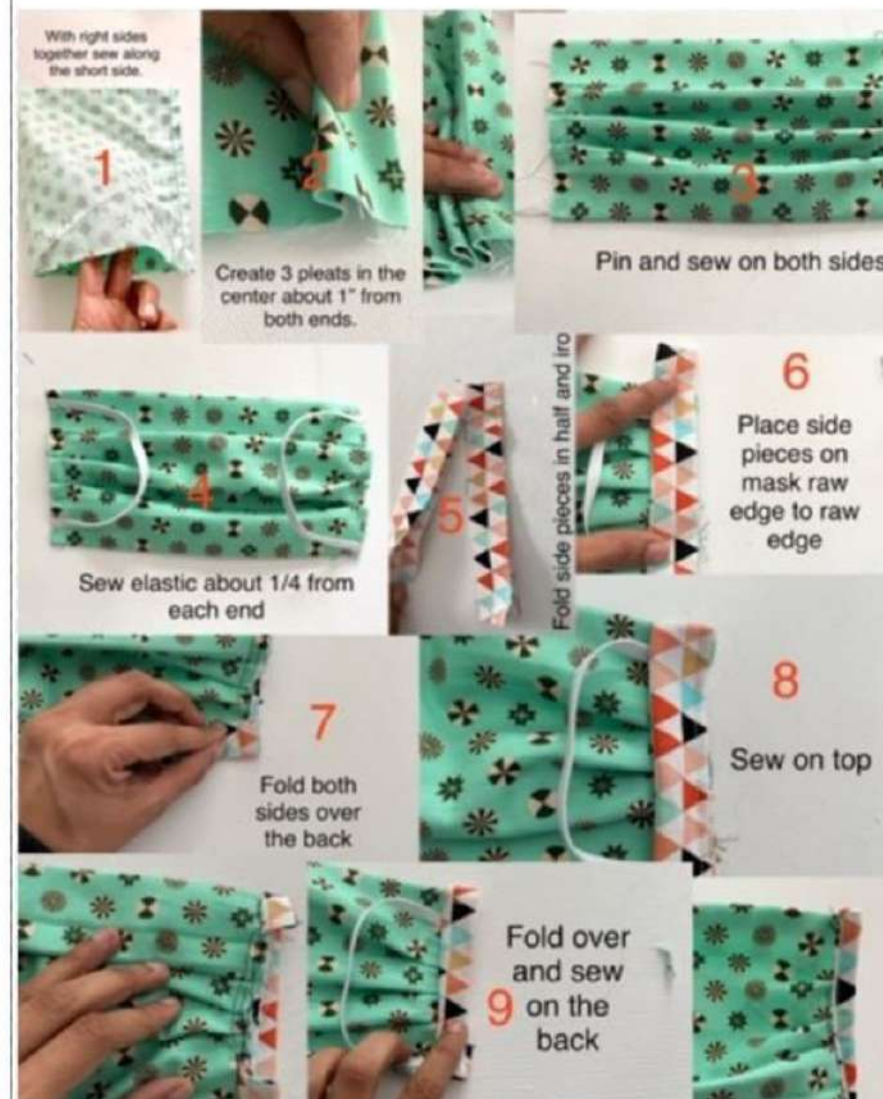
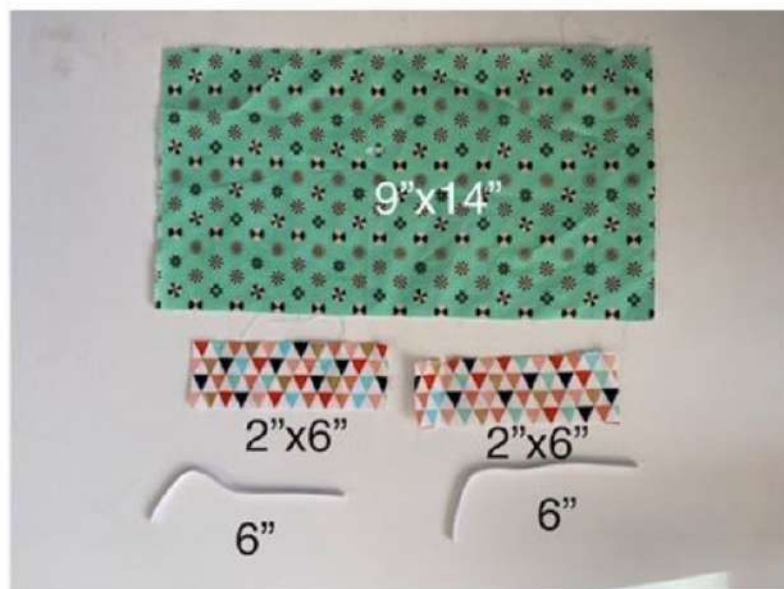
Quite rightly, proper medical grade protection (PPE) against the Covid-19 virus should be prioritised for those working in medical and care settings. But we may soon come to a time when some kind of home-made face covering might be used in busy places such as on public transport or in busy shops.

Government guidelines are very clear that we should be cautious about the benefits; home-made masks don't offer full protection & the concern is that wearing face masks makes the wearer feel too safe & that they take risks. Most importantly, if you have possible symptoms, the mask may offer protection to others from your infection.

This pattern has come from:

<https://thestitchingscientist.com/2020/03/how-to-sew-a-face-mask.html>

(Note: this face mask won't protect you from infection)



THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020

LETTER TO FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

Dear Martha and All the Volunteers at the Warner Mansion

What turbulent times we are living through at the moment and life here in Hickling is far from normal. The plans we all made in January and the worries we had, now all seem a trivial and distant memory.

Usually at this time of year in Hickling the sky is grey, the wind is howling, the rain fall heavy and it is cold. This morning the sky is blue and without a cloud in sight; the sun is shining; and the temperature is 15 degrees. The newly born lambs are skipping around their mothers; the hares can be seen running across the fields; the birds are singing; the pheasants in their pairs by the hedgerows; the swans are gliding along the Canal and the daffodils with their golden heads stand proudly at the entrance to the village and in the grass verges. Hickling looks really beautiful this morning. However, the population is nowhere to be seen.

Corona Virus has spread from China and across Europe and has now reached our shores and it is on its way to America. We are being told we will hit our peak in about 3 weeks time. Every person in Great Britain is having a life changing experience. The over 70yr olds and those with health problems have already been isolating for almost 2 weeks. Schools, colleges, theatres, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, retail shops, universities, gyms, churches, leisure centres etc are all now closed. All sporting events have been cancelled. Unless you are a key worker [eg in the health service or in food production] you have been requested not to go to work. Many people are working from home and parents are schooling their children.

Wherever possible no one goes out of their homes unless it is for essential food shopping or to get fresh air and exercise. When we are out, we must keep at least 2 metres apart from each other. A vast army of healthy people have joined the Voluntary Service to help their local community and the whole country is pulling together to try to delay or to stop the spread of this deadly virus. A pandemic so large and so deadly has not been experienced in this country for hundreds of years.

In Hickling Churchyard there is a small area which is known as the 'Plague Pit'. It is believed that the plague reached Hickling in the early 1600's but how many died here is not recorded. A nearby village has records of 23 of its residents dying at this time due to the plague. Hickling may have lost a similar number who would have been buried quickly in a large pit. 400 years later the swift burial or cremation of those dying of the Corona Virus is a problem we will have to address shortly.

Now there is an effort to get thousands of ventilators manufactured and companies such as Dyson have turned their production over to the making of these vitally needed pieces of life-saving equipment.

Each day the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, along with specialist advisors speaks to the nation to inform us what the Government is doing; what they are requesting we do to keep safe; and to give us an update on the Corona Virus spread.

Technology is helping us all to keep in touch; helping to educate, socialise and inform.

Hickling is a small rural village but not immune to the virus which has now reached even the isolated Highlands of Scotland.

Hickling has always had an enviable community spirit and this is continuing throughout this crisis. We are extremely lucky to be in a rural area with no high rise flats and all homes have a garden. There is an active neighbourhood watch scheme where people are receiving regular e mails. One resident lives in the 'Old Bakery' house and has for many years been interested in traditional bread making techniques. He has been making daily loaves and leaving them outside his house for people to pick up. People have been telephoning, doing food shopping and picking up medicines for the elderly and those completely isolated. There are free book and DVD pick up and drop off areas. Everyone is supporting each other in the knowledge that many of us will contract the virus but hopefully no one will lose their life. We are all endeavouring to be careful and responsible.

We do not know how long this will last but on a positive note most of us find ourselves with a bit more spare time to do the tasks which we have been putting off doing for ages. We will all have clean and tidy houses and magnificent gardens!!!

Thinking of you all in Farmington during these uncertain times. Where possible keep isolated and stay safe and continue to keep in touch.

Yours sincerely
Carol & the Hickling History Gp

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Your dog then has a choice. Initially your dog will try to get the treat out of your right hand. Wait until your dog figures out what to do and soon they will touch your left palm with their nose. Immediately release the treat in your right hand. Repeat this exercise 4 times.

Gradually you will be able to move your left hand further away from your dog increasing the difficulty of the exercise. This is a great brain game as it really tires your dog mentally whilst being fun for all the family.

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Diary

All events subject to the Coronavirus situation

9 July			Trip to Middleton Hall and Gardens
16 July	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Summer Entertaining
5 September		Dove	Auction and Table Top Sale
12+13 Sept		All over!	Scarecrow Weekend
17 September	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Gardeners' Questions
15 October	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Spirits of Gin Lane
19 November	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Work of Vale First Responders
17 December	7.30	Village Hall	WI - Christmas Craft Evening

Beaver Scouts 6-8 years, Tuesday 6.15-7.15pm; Cub Scouts 8-10.5 years, Monday 6.30-8.00pm; Scouts 10.5-14 years, Monday 7.30-9.00pm
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