

The

Hickling Standard

Village Newsletter for Hickling and Hickling Pastures

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The Hickling Standard: how it all started.

(Chairman Dec 2021)

The reason we have a newsletter is because I was at a Village Hall meeting in the autumn of 1998 and mentioned that Hickling used to have a newsletter, but had not had one for a long time. Everyone said it was a really good idea and as I had brought up the subject I had better do something about it! So I did, and here we are more than 20 years later.

How much do you know about our village newsletter?

We began with a number of guiding principles:

- Every household in Hickling and Hickling Pastures should receive a free copy through their letterbox
- We would publish every two months; this gap made it practical for volunteers to run the newsletter but wasn't too long that events fell out-of-date or were missed between editions.
- Our publishing year would begin Dec/Jan because so much happens in the village in December and a deadline in mid-October would be much to early for everyone to be planning Christmas events!
- Anyone could contribute anything which they thought would interest their
 neighbours and the tone and content should be interesting and informative but
 not controversial or inflammatory (we've had some discussions over the years
 about this including anonymous submissions these are fine as long as a
 member of the committee is aware of authorship ...)
- Any surplus funds raised through advertising would be returned to the village in support of local charities; sadly, we've never quite managed this!

To open up a bank account and apply for grant funding we had to set ourselves up properly; we have a constitution, we produce annual accounts and, in the early years, we had a most convivial public AGM in The Plough.

Imagine the shock when a non-committee member turned up one year with a
question – all turned out well when the chairman bought Mrs Fortey a drink and
she happily joined the general chat (sadly, we can't remember what her
question was ...).

The first issue came out at the beginning of December 1998; it was simply called the Hickling Newsletter but an appeal was put out to find it a proper name. (cont'd)

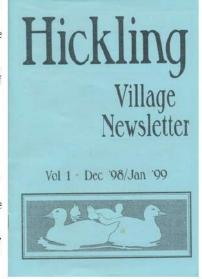
250 copies were distributed.

 Barbara McEwen's woodcut of Hickling ducks has been our newsletter logo since the first issue.

The only time that it didn't appear on the front cover was when a new local radio station was launched at the time of issue 15.

- Issue 4 was the first to be called the Hickling Standard everyone likes a pun ...
- It was an important but tough decision (!)
 and we picked pale blue as the colour for
 our front cover from the first issue and we
 decided to stick with the same colour
 instead of varying it issue by issue. In fact,
 over the years, we've had quite a range of
 pale blues, the occasional dark blue, one
 green and a few white covers printers
 have minds of their own sometimes ...
- In June 2000 we won an award for the 'Best New Newsletter'; a suitably civilised celebration was held in The Plough – and, no, we weren't the only entrant ...

In the early issues, our chairman wrote an editorial for the front page; in this issue he explained about the prize but, separately, he appealed to the village to do what we could about climate change (the fate of Bingham was in



our hands) - this is 20 years ago, how far have we come?

Printing costs have always been our biggest problem; we had a spell
photocopying it ourselves in the village (logistical nightmare!); then we used the
printroom at Whatton Prison (interesting drop-off, pick-up arrangements); then
the printroom at Southwolds School which served us very well for many years.
Since this option closed we have been using a professional printer instead.

It is tough to balance affordability with including enough interesting content to retain the spirit of the whole exercise; fortunately, the support of the Parish Council, the Country Fair and Scarecrow Committees and donations from individuals has kept us going – Thank you!

- During the Covid pandemic, the Hickling Standard was forced to move into eissues and was only available in an electronic version (issues 129-137, 2020 to 2021). E-issues continue to be available and they are widely read but the print issue delivered to every household in Hickling & Hickling Pastures is, thankfully, back up-and-running.
- Advertisers are incredibly important to the success of the newsletter; their

contributions mean we can offer a free copy to every household and hopefully they receive some extra business as well as offering the village community their support. We are grateful to all our advertisers (thank you!) but we think that these wonderful advertisers have appeared in every issue to date:

Keith Wadkin & Son; tree specialists William Hercock building supplies Vale Electrics

A&R Peet; fuel and heating supplies R&EL Birley Motor Engineers

Who's Who?

The founding newsletter committee set things rolling in 1998 and the format and structures have remained pretty much unchanged since then; they were:

Tim McEwen - chairman (& still our boss man, 23 years later!)

Ken Cadogan-Rawlinson - treasurer & advertising

Gwen Cane - distribution

Jane Fraser - editor

Barbara McEwen - copy

Christine Dingle - copy

We lost some members along the way as they moved to pastures new; Ken, Gwen and Christine – but they all kept in close touch with the village. Thankfully, we were also joined by Andrew Terry who has been treasurer and in charge of advertising for many years and Maggy Jordan editor from February 2003 until October 2021.

We know there were village newsletters published before the Hickling Standard began - can you help with information about any of these or even back issues that we could scan/copy?

Please contact us if you can help.

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Would you like to support the Hickling Standard with sponsorship?

Printing costs are an ongoing pressure for us but we are committed to delivering a free copy of the newsletter to every household in Hickling & Hickling Pastures.

We estimate that the costs are approx. £5 a year per household – great value for money!!

Please email <u>a.terry125@btinternet.com</u> if you are interested in making a small (or large!) contribution to our costs; payments can be made by bank transfer & we can include your name in a list of our supporters (or you can remain anonymous, if you prefer).

Thank you!



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Please contact us with your messages for future issues—we look forward to hearing from you.

Local family looking for a house to buy in Hickling. Cash buyer. Tel 822369.

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#### Service to celebrate the Life of Bill Oldham (from The Green)

There will be a Service to celebrate the Life of Bill on Monday 7th February 2022 at St Luke's Church, Upper Broughton at 11.30 am. To be followed by a light buffet at The Crown, in Old Dalby. All welcome, and thank you to all who sent messages of sympathy and support to me.

Please RSVP to dorothy@hollies-hickling.co.uk, if you wish to attend at the Crown.

Welcome!

No welcome messages for this issue: but if you have recently moved in to Hickling or Hickling Pastures and we haven't said, 'Hello!', we hope that you are enjoying living in the

village and your new neighbours look forward to meeting you.

#### Christine Norton.

Friends and former neighbours of Christine would like to pass on our thoughts and condolences to Christine's family following her death in January. Christine was born in Hickling and was very well known for her great involvement in the village and its events. Our thoughts are with her family and everyone close to her.

She was a wonderful lady and she will be remembered with great fondness.

#### From the Parish Records:

The funeral of Mrs Barbara Herd was held in Hickling Church on Thursday 9th December 2021. Donations were made to the Motor Neurone Disease Charity.

The funeral of Mr John Walker was held in Hickling Church on Wednesday 15th December 2021. Donations were made to the Derbys, Leics & Rutland Air Ambulance.

Do you have a message that you would like to share in the village newsletter? Please contact us!

#### Swan deaths correction:

Please note: correction – (last issue) page 45; after testing, the swans referred to were identified as victims of avian flu.



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#### Hello Hickling and beyond

2021 has been an interesting year at the Plough Inn and looking back it seems unbelievable that after starting the year serving take away food and running as a village shop, we were soon to be flooded - not once but 5 times.



As a new family in the village, it was during this time that we were blown away by the generosity of the community who raised lots of money through crowdfunding. Money which turned out to be vital as it would be 5 months until we would be able to trade again. We thank you again for your great support during these times.

It was on May 28<sup>th</sup> that we were able to open our doors again, although covid still played a part it was great to have families and friends back in our garden and to be able to show off the new look pub. As restrictions were slowly lifted, we were able to throw a few events, our family fun day went down a treat, we had some great live bands in, a toned-down Scarecrow hop and a lovely sunny Oktoberfest weekend.

As the weather grew cold and the nights drew in it was nice for us to bring people back inside and start growing the atmosphere with the noise of chatter and glasses clinking making the Plough Inn sound like a pub again. We added a pool table and reinstated the dart board, started the weekly quiz and were able to show off our new craft beer wall to lovers of a delicious pint.

We have had some great feedback from our food menu too, keeping to a traditional pub menu with homecooked food and smaller bites, our Sunday roasts are going from strength to strength and our specials add a little something different to keep things interesting.

Over Christmas it was lovely to be able to hold some events at the Plough, with the Hickling choir making an appearance, and then a second social in the top bar, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hickling History night, a few music nights, our Quizmaster quizmas special, Christmas eve karaoke and then it was a great atmosphere on Christmas day with so many of you in for a Christmas tipple and the photo that will soon be hanging on the wall.

So, in review 2021 we laid some good foundations, we have learned much about the pub. we are keeping an eye on the water levels in the drains daily and are looking forward to getting stuck into 2022.

Coming up at the pub, on Mondays it's pie day all day where you can get a pie and drink for just £12.50, our quiz has moved to Thursday evenings from 8pm. We have a trip to Round Corner brewery on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and a beer festival pencilled in for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of March. We also now have a big screen in our top bar ready for this year's 6 nations and the football World cup later in the year. Mothering Sunday and Easter will be upon us soon so we will have some fun around them, and fingers crossed for a sunny summer.

As always, the Plough Inn is here for you, if you wish to use our facilities for anything please get in touch, our menu is available for take away, and if you give us some notice we can deliver to your door. If you would like to use our suppliers for meat, veg or even beer and wine let us know and we will do whatever we can to accommodate your request.

We hope to see you soon

Chris, Kirsty and team Plough,



#### Village Hall News

Now that Covid restrictions are easing we are able to plan events and activities in and around the Village Hall.

These include:

Village Hall Breakfasts starting again on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>; 9-11am. Film Club will be returning soon, once we have sorted out problems with a faulty amplifier.

There will be a Driveway Sale on June 26th.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are planning a village celebration for Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with a Parish Pudding competition.

The 150 Club will start again in the autumn. We are in the process of reorganising payment methods as a result of changes to bank charges and procedures.

As the plans for these are finalised we'll make sure that you are all kept up to date.

We are also resuming our plan of improvements to the hall. This spring the area in front of the War Memorial is being paved, with flowerbeds in the bays behind the railings to match the entrance area. The attractive (but very useful) block of concrete that holds the Christmas tree each year will also be enclosed to make it less of an eyesore.

In the meantime Pre-School continues, Table Tennis is on Monday evenings, Choir on Wednesday evenings (6.45pm) and Ballroom Dancing on Thursdays (couples only due to Covid restrictions.) All very welcome!

# HICKLING WI - SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022 10.30am until 3.30pm In KINOULTON VILLAGE HALL FREE ADMISSION

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The Sands, Long Clawson



Recently, we have been raising awareness of the need to reduce our waste at the preschool. In particular talking about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle.

We already do a lot of reusing in the preschool turning the cardboard cereal boxes and old birthday cards into the beautiful works of art. Last term we also made the lovely Elmer the elephant from old plastic milk cartons!!

We separate out any waste from lunches and now have four different bins on the go for clearing up, the pre-schoolers love to help sort out the different types of packaging.

To increase the amount of reusing and recycling we can do we have put together a list of the things that can now be recycled either through preschool or in the bins behind the village hall.

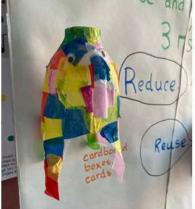
"Crinkly" plastic – such as crisp packets and other plastic food wrappers

Plastic bottle tops – like those of milk cartons

Rinsed out yoghurt pots

Glass bottles - behind the village hall



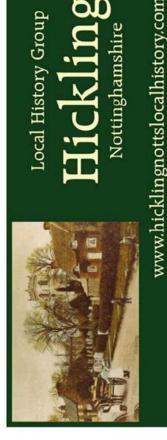


We are also always looking for cereal boxes and Christmas/birthday cards for use in the preschool.

We are located in Hickling village hall Monday – Friday 9.15am-3.15pm during term time you can visit our website hicklingpreschool.co.uk for more information on how to get involved or how to register your child.



Local History Group



# Are You Interested in Local History?

Research Transcribing Recording memories **Events** 

Old photographs **House Deeds** Family records Businesses/Clubs/Societies

We are looking for all kinds of involvement.

Please contact us: if you would like to be involved in the local history group or if you have any projects that you would like to work on or if you have material that we could add to our collections.

info@hicklingnottslocalhistory.com Facebook Speak to: Carol Beadle, Gill & John Bloor, Dorothy Chahal, Pauline Chell, Jane Fraser.





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#### **Local History Quiz**

#### We had lots of fun with this guiz at the Plough History Night in November; test yourself now - answers on p.18.

- 1) We have evidence of at least 7 pubs in Hickling; which of these Hickling houses has NOT previously been a public house?
  - a) Bridge View
  - b) Bowling Green House
  - c) The Wheelhouse
  - d) Beech House
- 2) When was the Grantham Canal brought in to use?
  - a) 1740s b) 1790s
- c) 1820s
- d) 1860s
- 3) There is a large stone at the end of Bridegate Lane and by the Chapel; what is it?
  - a) The Devil threw the stone at the Church but missed; the Chapel was built there as a rebuke to the Devil for his poor aim.
  - b) It is a glacial boulder, a remnant of the last ice age; it became a village feature and roads and buildings just went round it.
  - c) We can't be sure but we know a man who might ...
  - d) It was found in a field along Clawson Lane in the early 1800s and moved into the centre of the village as a young farmers' prank.
- 4) Roman history; which of the following artefacts has NOT been found in Hickling or **Hickling Pastures?** 
  - a) Roman urns found buried in a garden on Green Lane during renovations and re-used as planters.
  - b) The pillar from a Roman villa near Leicester was reused as a coffin lid in Anglo-Saxon times and is now on display in Church
  - c) A hoard of Roman coins dating from Vespasian's time was dug up in an urn by a farmer's son in 1771 much to the delight of the coin collecting vicar of the time, Henry Morris.
  - d) A 2,000 year-old road surface drainage system still in use outside the Plough last January.
- 5) The Dafts in Hickling were:
  - a) Historically, people who left Hickling and moved to Kinoulton
  - b) The first people to test the ice for skating when the Basin has frozen over
  - c) An old Hickling family representing 20% of the village population in the mid-
  - d) People visiting Hickling on a sunny day who park across drive, field and lane ends
- 6) A Belvoir Angel is:
  - a) The nickname for an Apothecary named Benjamin Ablewhite active in Hickling in the 1580s
  - b) The name given to distinctive carvings on gravestones from the early 1700s found in the Vale of Belvoir and concentrated around Hickling & the

- Broughtons.
- c) The local name for a mythical creature which protected the harvest from storms
- d) The landlord and landlady of The Plough when they call, 'Drinks are on the house!"
- 7) What is the correct name for the distinctive 'alternating stretchers and headers' brickwork used on farm cottages in Hickling in the mid-1800s?
  - a) James Bond
  - b) Brooke Bond
  - c) Flemish Bond
  - d) Basildon Bond

#### 8) What is a benchmark? (hint: there is a photo of one in the picture quiz)

- a) A place to show where workmen are allowed to set up their tools.
- b) A place where Christians knew that it was safe to meet.
- c) An Ordnance Survey mark indicating relative height against; for example, local landmarks or sea level.
- d) A mediaeval sundial; when the shadow of the sun drops below the horizontal line, workmen could 'down tools'/leave their 'benches' because there was insufficient sunlight to continue work.
- 9) During which war were the bullet holes in the Church Door made?
  - a) Boer War
  - b) Civil War
  - c) 1st World War
  - d) 2nd World War
- 10) What shape is the weathervane on top of the Church Tower?
  - a) a Cow
  - b) a Cockerel
  - c) a Ploughshare
  - d) an Arrow
- 11) The weathervane doesn't sit in the centre of the Church Tower; which corner is it
  - in? hint, Main Street runs north/south and the altar is almost always in the east of a Church building.
  - a) north west
  - b) south west
  - c) north east
  - d) south east
- 12) 1,290: what significance does this number have for Hickling?
  - a) Distance in metres between the village sign to the north and the village sign to the south
  - b) Height above sea level, in metres, of the trig point on top of the Standard
  - c) Number of barrels needed in the cellar of The Plough on Christmas Eve
  - d) Number of hours Scott spent painting railings during lockdown

#### Answers on page 18 (overleaf)





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#### Local History Quiz.

#### Questions 1-12:

1)d 2)b 3)c 4)d 5)c 6)b 7)c 8)c 9)b 10)b11)b 12)a

#### Answers to question 12:

- a) 0.8 of a mile = 1,410 yards or 1,287.5 metres
- b) 105 metres/344 feet above mean sea level (which is measured from Newlyn in Cornwall)
- c) anybody's guess
- d) unknown will pass into legend

#### Picture Quiz answers:

- 1. Slats on the bell tower of the Village Hall
- 2. Graffiti inside the Lengthsman's Hut
- 3. Benchmark on Wolds Cottage, Bridegate Lane
- 4. Tree of Life carved coffin lid (Anglo-Saxon) set into the outside wall of the Church

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- 5. Horse chestnut tree & lockdown message at Waterlane Farm
- 6. The horse on the Plough sign
- 7. Rare George V postbox outside the Old Post Office
- 8. Distinctive hatch & brickwork of The Forge opposite the Village Hall.

### The Royal British Legion Belvoir Branch The Poppy Appeal

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

It was not possible to announce the result of the Branch's 2021 collection due to the short deadline for the

November edition. The Poppy Appeal is set to fall millions of pounds short of its annual fundraising target because the presence of coronavirus has hit its Poppy Appeal. Very few door-to-door collections were made because of vulnerability.

Our 2021 total effort was £1662, including church collection of £353. This compares with £1807 (including church collection £302) in 2019, the last 'normal' year. We would like to thank all our donors and volunteers. 2020 was exceptional at £823 because of the pandemic restrictions.

Nationwide, the 2021 appeal has relied heavily on passing trade in public spaces such as railway stations and shopping centres, many of which were experiencing a dramatic drop in footfall as people work and shop more from home.

At the same time, like many other charities, the strain of lockdown and the crisis has driven an increase in demand for the legion's services. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on people's livelihoods and way of life, leaving some in the armed forces community in dire need of urgent help and support, as evidenced by the number of calls for help.

The full total of the 2021 Appeal has yet to be finalised as the income comes from various sources. Only then will we know the full impact of the pandemic.

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Michael Chapman

#### Why do we have special names for full moons?

(extract from The Royal Museums Greenwich; What are the names of full

moons throughout the year? | Royal Museums Greenwich (rmg.co.uk) |

#### ① Did you know?

The word 'month' takes its root from the Moon. A month was originally defined to be either 29 or 30 days, roughly equal to the 29.5-day cycle of the lunar phases. Some of our calendar months were later padded out with extra days so that 12 months would make up one complete 365-day solar year.

Over time, different cultures have given names to full moons across the lunar calendar. Many of the

Moon's nicknames have come to us from Native American culture because for their way of life, the cycles of the lunar phases were just as important a method of timekeeping as the longer solar cycle of the year (from which the modern Gregorian calendar is derived).

The number of Moon names differs slightly from tribe to tribe, but many assign either 12 or 13 full moons to the year. These names were then adopted by the Colonial Americans and have entered popular culture; below you can see a few alternatives alongside the most popular names for each month's full moon.

#### January: Wolf Moon

January's full moon is named after the howling of hungry wolves lamenting the scarcity of food in midwinter. Other names for this month's full moon include old moon and ice moon.

#### February: Snow Moon

February's typically cold, snowy weather in North America earned its full moon the name snow moon. Storm moon and hunger moon are other common names.

#### March: Worm Moon

Native Americans called this last full moon of winter the worm moon after the worm trails that would appear in the newly thawed ground. Other names include chaste moon, death moon, crust moon and sap moon, after the tapping of the maple trees.

#### April: Pink Moon

Northern Native Americans call April's full moon the pink moon after a species of early blooming wildflower. In other cultures, this moon is called the sprouting grass moon, the egg moon, and the fish moon.

#### May: Flower Moon

Many cultures refer to May's full moon as the flower moon thanks to the abundant blooming that occurs as spring gets going properly. Other names include the hare moon, the corn planting moon, and the milk moon.

#### June: Strawberry Moon

In North America, the harvesting of strawberries in June gives that month's full moon its name. Europeans have dubbed it the rose moon, while other cultures named it the hot moon for the beginning of the summer heat.

#### July: Buck Moon

Male deer, which shed their antlers every year, begin to regrow them in July, hence the Native American name for July's full moon. Some refer to this moon as the thunder moon, due to the summer storms in this month. Other names include the hay moon, after the July hay harvest.

#### August: Sturgeon Moon

North American fishing tribes called August's full moon the sturgeon moon since the species appeared in number during this month. It's also been called the green corn moon, the grain moon, and the red moon for the reddish hue it often takes on in the summer haze.

#### September: Full Corn Moon

September's full corn moon is so called because this is when crops are gathered at the end of the summer season. At this time, the Moon



appears particularly bright and rises early, letting farmers continue harvesting into the night. This moon is also sometimes named the barley moon, and it is often the nearest full moon to the autumnal equinox, earning the title of 'harvest moon'.

#### October: Hunter's Moon

After the harvest moon comes the hunter's moon, in the preferred month to hunt summer-fattened deer and fox unable to hide in bare fields. Like the harvest moon, the hunter's moon is also particularly bright and long in the sky, giving hunters the opportunity to stalk prey at night. Other names include the travel moon and the dying grass moon.

#### November: Beaver Moon

There is disagreement over the origin of November's beaver moon name. Some say it comes from Native Americans setting beaver traps during this month, while others say the name comes from the heavy activity of beavers building their winter dams. Another name is the frost moon.

#### December: Cold Moon

The coming of winter earned December's full moon the name cold moon. Other names include the long night moon and the oak moon.

#### What is a blue moon?

The Moon completes 12 full cycles of its phases in about 354 days—which is 11 days short of a calendar year. Every two and a half years or so the difference adds up to an extra, 13th full moon occurring during the year and this relatively rare occurrence is sometimes referred to as a 'blue moon'. However, the precise origins of the term are uncertain: it was originally the name given to the third full moon of a season containing four full moons, and today 'blue moon' is also sometimes applied to a second full moon occurring within a single calendar month.

#### What is the harvest moon?

The harvest moon is one of the most familiar Moon names and refers to the nearest full moon to the autumnal equinox. The light of the Harvest Moon enables farmers to work late into the night, helping them to bring in the crops from the fields. This usually falls in September.

\*'wax' = grow & 'wane' = reduce\*



# LADY FRIDAY Are you short of TIME?

I could support you when you're working or on holiday

Regular or occasional dog walking & pet care at your home

#### **CHILDREN & ELDERLY RELATIVES**

Meet children from school or take them to their recreational activities\* Accompany elderly relatives to appointments or shopping, or whatever

#### HOME

Water plants, take mail in & generally check all is well

Do not hesitate to ask - I am mature and versatile! References available on request, inc DBS\*

Angela Sallis, 6 Melton Road, Long Clawson, LE14 4NR 01664 822597 angela\_sallis@btinternet.com











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Suite G, Cotgrave Business Hub, Candleby Lane, Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire, NG12 3US.

Reverend Maggie and the Ministry Team at the St Luke's Group of Churches invite you to join with us at the following special services.

#### Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The Annual Ash Wednesday service will this year be held at All Saints Church in Cotgrave at 7.00pm where ashes will be imposed onto the foreheads of those who wish to receive them.

#### Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate this very important day and to say a big thank you to everyone everywhere, our churches will be holding special family orientated services in all three of our churches. Upper Broughton at 10.00am

Kinoulton at 11.00am

Hickling at 6.30pm (including Holy Communion)

#### Easter Sunday 17th April

Plans are in hand for this special day.

They will include a family service and children's activities, including "Hunt the Easter Eggs".

More information in next month's magazine, and on our church website.

Local History Group

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Thank you to everyone who seet in their photographs - full galley on the webstel
Last few left—great VILLAGE SOUVENIR



Hickling Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Tina Combellack for the generous donation made towards the "Cricket Springer" which has recently been installed on Walkers Green. The Parish Council has had to wait a considerable amount of time to get this piece of equipment installed, and we wish to thank all the people who have been patient while we waited. We hope that this new addition to the play equipment on Walkers Green will be enjoyed by many for vears to come. Hickling Parish Council.

Service Dates for St Luke's Churches: Sundays unless designated

| Date                                              | Kinoulton                                                 | Hickling                                                                                                                                   | Upper Broughton                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| February 6                                        | 9.00am Holy Communion                                     | 6.30pm Evening Service                                                                                                                     | 11.00am Holy Communion                     |
|                                                   | MW                                                        | RCJ                                                                                                                                        | MW                                         |
| February 13                                       | 11.00am Morning Prayer                                    | 9.00am Holy Communion                                                                                                                      | 10.00am Morning Prayer                     |
|                                                   | RCJ                                                       | MW                                                                                                                                         | SH                                         |
| February 20                                       | 9.00am Holy Communion                                     | 10.00am Morning Prayer                                                                                                                     | 11.00am Morning Prayer                     |
|                                                   | MW                                                        | SH                                                                                                                                         | RCJ                                        |
| February 27                                       | 11.00am Morning Prayer                                    | 6.30pm Holy Communion                                                                                                                      | 9.00am Holy Communion                      |
|                                                   | SH                                                        | MW                                                                                                                                         | MW                                         |
| March 2                                           | 7.00pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes               | 7.00pm Holy <u>Communion &amp;</u> Imposition of Ashes                                                                                     | & PM                                       |
| Ash Wednesday                                     | Mission Partnership Service at All Saints Cotgra          | Mission Partnership Service at All Saints Cotgrave MW & PM                                                                                 |                                            |
| March 6                                           | 9.00am Holy Communion                                     | 6.30pm Evening Service                                                                                                                     | 11.00am Holy Communion                     |
|                                                   | MW                                                        | SH                                                                                                                                         | MW                                         |
| March 13                                          | 11.00am Morning Prayer                                    | 9.00am Holy Communion                                                                                                                      | 10.00am Morning Prayer                     |
|                                                   | SH                                                        | MW                                                                                                                                         | RCJ                                        |
| March 20                                          | 10.00am Holy Communion s<br>This is a Mission Partnership | 10.00am Holy Communion service to be led by Bishop Andy, Bishop of Sherwood This is a Mission Partnership Service to be held at Kinoulton. | dy, Bishop of Sherwood                     |
| March 27<br>Mothering Sunday<br>Clocks go forward | 11.00am<br>Mothering Sunday Service<br>SH                 | 6.30pm<br>Mothering Sunday Service<br>with Holy Communion<br>MW                                                                            | 10.00am<br>Mothering Sunday Service<br>RCJ |
| April 3                                           | 9.00am Holy Communion                                     | 6.30pm Evening Service                                                                                                                     | 11.00am Holy Communion                     |
|                                                   | MW                                                        | RCJ                                                                                                                                        | MW                                         |

Rev Maggie Woodward Rev Paul Massey Sheila Hill Robert Jones

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When you read this, we will probably be in the early days of February. After the uplift of Christmas, the gloom of January may have been softened by your looking for tell-tale signs of growth and rebirth as you waited for Spring to arrive. On the other hand, unless you have a pleasant event to look forward to in February, like a birthday or anniversary, you may feel, like me, that this month is just an extension of January's many dreary days.

With that in mind, I decided to do a bit of research on February to find out if it has any redeeming interesting features. Some of what I found out was quite a surprise. For example, did you know the following?

February was the last month to be added to the early Roman calendar in 713 BC. At one time it had as few as 23 days. (This all changed when Julius Caesar revamped the calendar in 46 BC.)

Old English names for February include 'Solmonath' which means 'mud month' and Kale-monath, which means 'cabbage month'.

More attractively, in Finnish, the month is called helmikuu, meaning "month of the pearl". When snow melts on tree branches, it forms droplets, and as these freeze again, they are like pearls of ice.

It is the only month which can pass without a single full moon.

The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".

In terms of noteworthy dates in February, the most well-known must be the 14<sup>th</sup>, when you might be lucky enough to receive a Valentine card – or even more than one, if you have a secret admirer! The celebration originated as a Christian feast day honouring one - or maybe two - early Christian saints named Valentine. Although there are other martyrdom stories associated with saints called Valentine, this one is probably the most well-known. In 296 AD, Saint Valentine of Rome was imprisoned, before being executed, for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. It is said that he performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry. His Feast day was not established until over 200 years after his death, and its central theme has always been the celebration of love, even through to mediaeval times when it was linked to the time of year when birds mated.

Today, as we all know, the day hosts a significant celebration of romance and love throughout the world, albeit with the commercialism and consumerism which have arisen in our modern times.

Whatever, there is nothing wrong with celebrating love, especially in our current circumstances. In a book I use which has a collection of readings for the festivals throughout the church year, it says this for 14th February. 'For Christians, this day marks an acknowledgment of an all-loving God who blesses those who love one another, as Jesus implored his own disciples to do.' Over the course of the pandemic, we have seen countless examples of that, both in, around and outside our church. Something indeed to celebrate.

Sheila Hill

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| Friday evening 5pm-10pm                   | Friday evening 5pm-10pm                   |
| Saturday 10am-6pm                         | Saturday 10am-6pm                         |
| This role equates to 18.25 hours per week | Sunday 10am-6pm                           |
|                                           | This role equates to 15.25 hours per week |
| JOB 3                                     | JOB 4                                     |
| Wednesday 9am-5pm                         | Thursday 9am-5pm                          |
| Thursday 5pm-10 pm                        | Plus 1 weekend every 4 weeks =            |
| Plus 1 weekend every 4 weeks =            | Friday 5pm-10pm                           |
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- . A love of dogs (I have four) and a willingness to help me train, groom, go to shows etc.
- A full clean driving licence; I am always out and about in my adapted vehicle
- An NVQ in Health and Social Care desirable but not essential as training will be given

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- I will require two references and a satisfactory DBS check
- Up-to-date COVID vaccinations
- Each role also requires up to 5 nights overnight cover per year

If you are interested, please contact Fiona at fionachlds@yahoo.co.uk

#### WHAT CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DOGS!

We often expect dogs to behave impeccably around children no matter how they are being pushed, <u>pulled</u> or teased. However, I am a big advocate of teaching children to respect dogs as well as the other way around. More children are bitten by a dog they know so I thought I'd write about the lessons we should be teaching to keep children safe.

#### The 6 Golden Rules:

- 1. Be polite and kind to a dog at all times –stealing their toys, teasing or sitting on them is rude. Dogs do not like being ridden either, it hurts.
- 2. Teach children the signs dogs give to show they are unhappy licking lips, yawning, showing the whites of their eyes are early indicators.
- 3. Teach children not to wake a dog or approach its food bowl. We can be grouchy if we are suddenly woken, so can a dog. <u>Its</u> also polite to let a dog enjoy their dinner in peace.
- 4. Dogs do not like being hugged, kissed on the <u>face</u> or patted on the head. It may be tolerated but not appreciated. Teach petting under the chin or chest if the dog will allow.
- Running around squealing, waving hands excites a dog and they are likely to jump and nip arms and legs. Loud screaming can frazzle humans; dogs are also extremely sound sensitive.
- 6. Teach children to Always ask the owner's permission before petting their dog and don't be upset if the owner says no.

These are fundamental life lessons for children; there is plenty more to learn but following these simple rules will keep children safe and the inevitable implications for the dog if a bite were to happen.



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As Charles de Gaulle famously once said, "Comment voulez-vous gouverner un pays qui a deux cent quarante-six variétés de fromage?" "How can you govern a country which has two hundred and forty-six varieties of cheese?" Perhaps the

reason Boris is having trouble is because there are now even more than this number of artisan cheeses in the UK!

There will be six different types of cheese to taste: fresh cheese, mould-ripened cheese, blue cheese, washed-rind cheese, semi-soft cheese and hard cheese and probably two or three samples of each



of these cheese types. The cheeses will be accompanied by oatcakes, sourdough crackers, sourdough bread, Lincolnshire Plum bread, tomatoes, fruit and various forms of pickle and other similar extras that go well with cheese. There will also be information sheets about the cheeses you are tasting.

In addition to the cheese, the company that supplies The Plough with wine will also be in attendance. You will be able to taste examples of their wine, buy and drink their wine and perhaps order some for future drinking.

In order to know how much cheese to buy it will, obviously, be important to know how many people are coming to the tasting event well in advance. In order to persuade you to buy tickets well in advance, there will be two prices for tickets: £8 if you buy your ticket(s) before February 14<sup>th</sup> and £10 if you buy your ticket(s) later than this.

Tickets are available at the pub and I will also have some tickets. Please pay by cash, if possible.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please contact Tim McEwen (tmcewen@globalnet.co.uk and 822834).



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### HICKLING HISTORY GROUP HICKLING/FARMINGTON CONNECTION

William and Frances Maltby lived in Hickling in the mid 1800's, with William making his living as a grazier/cottager. The couple had 4 children who were all born in Hickling, John Henry bp 8 May 1855; Emily bp 4 July 1859; Clara bp 13 February 1864 and Fred who was born 20 July 1865. In 1865, the Maltby family made the decision to pack up and leave Hickling and go to America.

William and Frances left their relatives and friends in Hickling and with their very young children made their way to the Port where their ship was waiting. I doubt if William and Frances had ever ventured far from Hickling prior to embarking on this venture. Many questions have been raised concerning this emigration from Hickling to America -

How did the family arrange the trip? Who informed them of the opportunities awaiting them in America? How did they finance the trip? What luggage could they take with them? How did they make the journey to the Port of departure – possibly Liverpool? What was life like during the many weeks on board the ship? When the family arrived who was there to meet them?

William and Frances must have left Hickling full of hope, excitement and ambition to make a good life for themselves in America. Sadly, this did not turn out as planned.

Shortly after their arrival, Frances Maltby died, leaving William in a strange country with 4 young children to look after. He found he could not cope and he would have had no family network to help him.

William made the difficult decision to have his 3 youngest children adopted. Adoption did not exist as a formal framework in America at this time and so any adoption would have been made by an arrangement between the two parties.

The 'baby' Fred was taken by P.D.Warner and his wife, Rhoda who were in their 40's and already had an adopted daughter but wanted a son also.

Fred Maltby by a change in fate and circumstances was given an opportunity he may not have had otherwise. Through determination and hard work, he made a success of his life which had started out so sadly.

His home, a large Mansion in Farmington, Michigan USA, is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places in America and is open to the public.

Recently, our 'friends' in Farmington sent two wine glasses to us. The Warner Mansion is

engraved on these glasses. As Hickling has nowhere officially to display such gifts, we have given them to the PLOUGH INN to display.

Next time you visit the PLOUGH please take a moment to look at these glasses and reflect how the son of a poor cottager from Hickling became the owner of this large and impressive mansion.

### Carol Beadle [Hickling History Group]

Why not join the Hickling History Group and help to record the lives and families of previous inhabitants of Hickling.



#### WI Outings 2022.

To book: call Pauline Chell 01664 822835

#### Monday 23rd May 2022:

#### Visit to Bakewell & Cascade Gardens with Afternoon Tea

The coach will take us to Bakewell where it is Market Day. There is also lots to see and do in this Derbyshire town, including having a coffee in the hotel where the famous Bakewell pudding was first made (albeit by accident); sitting by the River or in the Park, visiting the Museum house, going to the Bakewell Tart shop etc. Have lunch or a picnic here.

In the afternoon we will visit the Cascade Gardens near Bonsall. It has a spectacular natural setting of cliffs, streams, waterfalls and woodland with ruins of an old corn mill and lead mine. The Meditation Garden was inspired by Japanese gardens and Buddhist philosophy. Plants are available for sale in the nursery offering a wide range of herbaceous perennials that include hosta, hellebore, grasses, hebe, conifers, dahlias etc.

Here we will have afternoon tea.

£30: includes talk at Cascade Gardens, admission & afternoon tea.
Pick up: Neville Arms, Kinoulton at 8.25am
& Bottom of Bridegate Lane, Hickling at 8.30am.

#### Thursday 23rd June 2022:

## Wentworth: Wentworth Woodhouse House, Walled Garden, Garden Centre, Arts/Crafts/Antiques Centre

The visit will begin at Wentworth Woodhouse House; one hour guided tour of the formal rooms of this enormous house which is often used in dramas and films eg Gentleman Jack. The coach will then drive us to the beautiful gardens much of which dates back to the 1700s—many seating areas.

The Garden Centre (next to the gardens) can be part of your visit; it is an independent garden centre which has many plants and shrubs at reasonable prices and a 250-seater restaurant with an extensive menus.

The coach will then drive us to the Wentworth Arts/Crafts/Antiques shopping complex where we will spend 45 minutes; time to have a drink, use the facilities before returning home.

£35; includes the guided tour and all admission charges (£5 reduction for NT members)

Pick up: Neville Arms, Kinoulton at 8.25am

& Bottom of Bridegate Lane, Hickling at 8.30am.

#### Saturday 20th August 2022:

#### **Coach Trip to Skegness**

£20 (Hickling WI Members free) Pick up: Neville Arms, Kinoulton at 8am & Bottom of Bridegate Lane, Hickling at 8.10am.

Coach will drop-off near the Tower Clock in Skegness; we will be leaving for home at about 4pm.





Several members of Hickling WI Strollers braved a frosty January morning to walk three miles around Rushcliffe Country Park, followed by lunch at Cherry Lane Garden centre.



#### JIGSAWS REQUIRED BY HICKLING W.I.

Do you have any unwanted jigsaws in good condition; if so can you please let Hickling WI have them

You can leave them in Pauline Chell's porch [Marsh's Paddock] or give them to a WI member to hand to Pauline.





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Members of
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December
lunchtime
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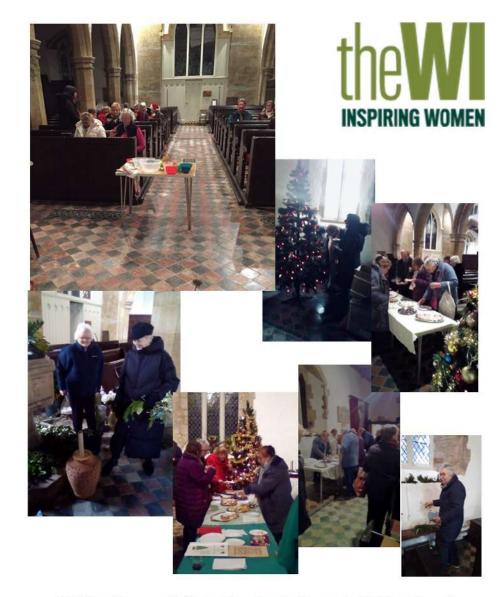
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#### Hickling Community Come Together to Decorate Hickling Church

On Wednesday 8th December members of several of the village groups including the History Group and the WI worked together to decorate the Church for Christmas.

The following evening the WI held their Celebration of Christmas in the Church with Christmas Hymns, songs and poems read by members and rounded off the evening with light refreshments.

#### HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 held in Hickling Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Councillors: Barrett (Chair) Lane

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Tina Combellack, The Clerk - J Holland, and six members of the public.

- 1. Election of a meeting Chair: It was AGREED that Sean Barrett would be elected Chair, and he signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.
- 2. Apologies: Were received and accepted from Notts. County Clir. Cottee.
- Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Playle and Cllr. Smith registered an interest in relation to the planning application received -
- Acceptance of minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2021
  It was proposed by Clir Prosser and seconded by Clir Lane that the minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting and AGREED by all.
- 5. Appointment of Clerk

Jo Cartmell advised the Parish Council that she formally handed over the role of the Clerk to Julie Holland from the 22nd November 2021, Jo has agreed to the request from the Parish Council to support the new Clerk for approx. 2hrs per week until January. The Parish Councillors unanimously agreed.

Open session to address matters raised by the public limited to 15 minutes A resident stated that he had reported a leak on Bridegate Lane to Severn Trent Water on the 25th November (ref 200444068),

he had been told that STW would attend within 4/5 hours. Action: Clerk was to contact STW and NCC. (Clerk contacted STW and was advised that they attended 25.11.2021 at 8pm and could not see a leak and that a visit was needed in day light. As this had not been arranged STW asked that the Parishioner contact STW again, Parishioner contacted STW and was given another ref 2005451978 to be linked to original ref number and was advised that they would do visit in day light.

Parishioner enquired concerning the bench that was in disrepair and was advised that this is an agenda item and will be discussed once the meeting is opened

Parishioner asked for update concerning a notice board for the village, Clirs Barrett and Smith advised that item will be put on

Action: Clerk to add Notice Board to the Agenda for January's meeting

Meeting was formally opened at 19.38

Planning Matters.

Application to be discussed.

Development: Outline planning application for the demolition of existing industrial buildings, construction of 5 houses and garages with provision of highway, drainage and biodiversity infrastructure (with landscaping reserved) Location: A E Faulks Ltd The Wharf Main Street, Hickling, Melton Mowbray

Two members of the Parish Council had declared an interest in this application. The remaining members of the Parish Council discussed this application and wished that the Clerk contact RBC to ask for an extension as no comments from parishioners had been received by RBC concerning this application.

Clir Combellack had contacted RBC to ask if there were any comments from Parishioners that had not been validated and were waiting to be up on the RBC planning portal and none had been received.

Action: Clerk to contact RBC to ask for an extension to the date of the 14.12.21

21/02740/FUI

Development New car port and swimming pool. Location: Bowling Green Cottage, The Green, Hickling, NottinghamshireLE14 3AE No quorate response available

21/02741/LBC

Development. New car port and swimming pool. Location: Bowling Green Cottage, The Green, Hickling, NottinghamshireLE14 3AE No quorate response available

I have lived in Hickling for over a year with my wife and two young children. Having grown up just down the road in Kinoulton, I knew that this village was the place that I would one day like to make my home.

I have many happy memories of Hickling - the village hall is where I used to attend the Scouts group, the Standard is where I would go sledging with friends when the weather allowed, and the Plough is the place where I used to work behind the bar and in the kitchen.

As a young family who have recently moved to the village. I want to make sure that the place where we live and raise our children is the best that it can be. I want it to be the cleanest it can be, the safest it can be and offer activities and facilities that make a positive difference to all of us. That's why I joined the Parish Council - to make a difference - not just for my family, but for yours too. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can do that or would just like to say hello, please do get in touch at jack adlam@hotmail.com or on 07920 026 223



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#### COUNCILLOR'S NEWSLETTER

For the Nevile & Langar Ward and villages of Hickling, Kinoulton, Colston Basset, Hickling Pastures, Owthorpe, Upper Broughton, Langar.

#### A Happy New Year to Everyone.

Cllr. Tina Combellack Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk

#### Rushcliffe offer free timers

that enable residents to leave a light on in their properties, which helps to deter criminal activity, are available from Rushcliffe Customer Service Centre and contact points.

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#### FLOOD PREVENTION & RIPARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

As a result of concerns raised in the last 2 years regarding flooding which particularly affected villages in the Nevile Ward the County Council have issued the following advice

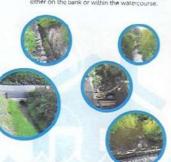
Watercourses help manage surface water, prevent flooding and improve habitats for wildlife so it's important to keep them clear and well maintained.

Rivers, brooks, streams, culverts and roadside ditches are all watercourses even if they don't contain water all year round. If you have any of these running through, underneath or next to your property it's your responsibility to look after them. The legal term for this is Riparian Ownership.



#### What are the common problems that can affect a watercourse?

- Installing culverts/pipes that are too small and
- Not keeping culverts/pipes/trash screens clear. · Allowing silt to build up, which can reduce the
- Capacity and block the watercourse Failing to keep vegetation under control.
- Disposal of garden waste and domestic rubbish.



#### RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP



It is sad that I once again find myself repeating this message, to pick up after your dog and responsibly place the bag in the nearest bin. Do not allow your dog to mess on pavements, footpaths and spaces used by the public. It is also not acceptable to leave dog poo in farmer's fields – think what happens at harvest time.

Some people seem to think under the cover of darkness it is acceptable to leave dog mess on pavements not considering the person, mother with pushchair or toddler on a cycle who unwittingly walk

or wheel through it. We may get snow before the Winter is out and that too is not an excuse for leaving your dog's mess behind.

Please, please pick up after your dog and place the bag in a waste bin and not on the nearest garden wall, tree or gate.

Thank you.



#### RUSHCLIFFE GETS OUT OF A STICKY MESS

Rushcliffe's Grounds Maintenance partners, Streetwise, now have a new Gum Ranger tool on hand to evaporate unsightly chewing gum in seconds on our high streets and public areas for cleaner streets across Rushcliffe.

#### Bulbs, wild flowers and trees

Rushcliffe gave out bulbs and wild flowers last year so keep your eyes open this Spring and Summer for a wonderful display.

- your Parish Councils and local residents have been busy planting these bulbs and wild flowers to brighten our lives.

In addition Parishes have been able to get further free trees to help green our Borough, planting in



hedgerows, along footpaths, in churchyards and along roadsides. All of which will help in combatting climate change and improving air quality.

#### TREES IN RUSHCLIFFE

Rushcliffe has seven ancient woodlands that have existed since at least 1600 AD but woodland covers only 5.75sq km (1.04%) of Rushcliffe, so all the trees we have are important.

The reason for the low woodland cover in Rushcliffe, is partly due to its fertile soils

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and its high value for agriculture, having often been cleared 1000's of years ago. The historic land use has led to the development of important ecological resources being more concentrated on wetland, grassland, hedgerow and agricultural habitats, these resources can be valuable in their own right and it would be inappropriate to replace them with woodland. Rushcliffe is typically regarded as a 'green' borough, but this is largely due to habitats other than woodland.

Within Rushcliffe woodland and trees are more common in the Nottinghamshire Wolds area, on ridge lines e.g. between Kingston on Soar, Gotham and Bunny and East Bridgford to Flintham, and the area between Radcliffe on Trent to Cotgrave Forest.



In other areas of the borough, large scale tree planting could be detrimental to local landscape character and due to the lower density of existing woodland provide lower ecological gain. Outside of these areas, tree planting would be best limited to trees within hedgerows, field corners, along riparian and highway corridors and around the periphery of settlements, if important ecological habitats do not already exist.

Trees benefit both people and the environment – they provide homes for wildlife, help to absorb pollution and reduce breathing-related health problems and produce fuel and wood products. Trees also play an important role in counteracting climate change by providing a barrier to strong winds, helping to reduce flooding and preventing soil erosion. (Rushcliffe Borough Council Web site)

#### Hedges, shrubs and tree maintenance.

Hedges and shrubs which the Council is responsible for are cut annually from October to March. To report problems you can complete the <u>trees</u> or <u>hedges</u> form on the Rushcliffe web site. However some hedges are not the responsibility of Rushcliffe Borough Council. In the first instance contact your Parish Council who can take the following action.

For hedges on roads and pavements - contact Nottinghamshire County Council
For hedges on allotments - contact the allotment secretary
For hedges on private land - contact the householder/landowner.
For hedges on housing association land - contact the housing association.
Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy 2022

Cllr. Tina Combellack Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk

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### YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and is made up of representatives living within the local community who have an interest in community matters and who make decisions on behalf of the Parish.

Your Parish Councillors are listed below with their positions of responsibility:

Sean Barrett - Highways & Street Furniture/ Assets

seanbarrett@btinternet.com

Simon Lane - Environment simon-lane@tiscali.co.uk

Peter Playle – Environment/ Highways & Street Furniture

peterplayle@hotmail.co.uk

Tracey Prosser – Finance & Administration

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Martin Smith - Assets m.b.smith@lboro.ac.uk

Steve Green - tbc steve.j.green@gmail.com
jack Adlam - tbc jack adlam@hotmail.com

Your Parish Clerk is Julie Holland and she can be contacted:

by email - hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com

by phone - 01949 823902.

The Parish Council is here to help however many issues encountered in the Parish, do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and you should contact the relevant authority in the first instance to assist you.

For issues relating to:

Roads and pavements including potholes and obstructions.

Roadside verges

Road gullies or drains

Streetlight faults

Trees on public land

Footpaths

**Bus services** 

PLEASE CONTACT NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or call
 0300 500 8080 - Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

For issues relating to:

Planning

Waste – including fly-tipping

Electoral matters.

Council Tax

PLEASE CONTACT RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL: <a href="www.rushcliffe.gov.uk">www.rushcliffe.gov.uk</a> or call 0115 9819911

If you have an issue and you are unsure of who can help, or a previously reported issue remains unresolved then contact the Parish Clerk.

#### **Hickling Village Newsletter - Committee**

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Please get in touch with any of us if you have any comments or suggestions; we would welcome any contributions for future issues -

articles, opinions, reports, recipes, poems, brain-teasers - whatever you would like to see in print!

#### 2022 Copy Dates;

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### Diary

(All events subject to the Coronavirus situation)

7th Feb WI Darts 7.30pm in the Plough Inn

17th Feb Hickling WI meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm25th Feb Cheese Tasting Evening—Plough Inn

17th March Hickling WI meeting in Village Hall 7.30pm

19th March WI Spring Fayre in Kinoulton Village Hall FREE ADMISSION

3rd April VH Breakfast 9-11am

21st April Hickling WI - Have a go at Bowls

19th May Hickling WI meeting

23rd May Coach trip from Hickling to Bakewell & the Cascade Gardens

5th June Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Village Celebration

23rd June Coach trip from Hickling to Wentworth House, Gardens, Garden

Centre & Antiques shopping Complex

26th June VH Driveway Sale 21st July Hickling WI meeting

20th Aug WI day trip from Hickling to Skegness

15th Sept Hickling WI meeting 20th Oct Hickling WI meeting

17th Nov WI - 7.30pm in Village Hall - Lesley Taylor Talks Rubbish - [recycling] 15h Dec Hickling WI 7.30pm Village Hall - Christmas wreaths & decorations.

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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

Explorer Scouts 14-18 years, Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm

All at Kinoulton Village Hall

Contact for ALL sections: Susanne Youngson 0788 413 6890

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