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## HICKLING AND HICKLING PASTURES PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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**THURSDAY 2 JUNE**

**1pm: Town Crier Proclamation**

Starting at Hickling Village Hall and finishing at the Plough Inn.

**9pm onwards: Beacon Lighting**

Join us on The Standard for songs and music from the Hickling Choir followed by the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at 9.45pm.

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE**

**9-11am: Bucks Fizz Jubilee Breakfast**

To be held at Hickling Village Hall - reservations essential. Please call Pauline Chell 01664 822835 or Barbara McEwen 01664 822834 to book your place.

**12 noon onwards: Parish Picnic at the Pub**

Kindly hosted by The Plough, you are invited to bring your own food and join us for the Parish Jubilee Picnic. The afternoon will feature traditional games, including a parish tug of war contest, family fun activities, live music from 3pm and prizes for the *poshest picnic* and *best fancy dress*.



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Over the long Bank Holiday weekend, villagers are encouraged to decorate their homes in a red, white and blue theme.



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## HICKLING AND HICKLING PASTURES PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee from 2-5 June, the village will be holding a series of events and activities to mark the occasion.

We are looking for volunteers to support these events, including:

A photographer to capture the Jubilee Beacon Lighting event on Thursday 2 June, as well as a piper or similar musician to play *Diu Regnare* – a tune especially written for the Platinum Jubilee.

Event volunteers and village games organisers for the Parish Picnic at the Pub event on Sunday 5 June.

Volunteers to help decorate the village in advance of the weekend.

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If you can help with these events, or offer any other support, please contact a member of the organising committee.

Tracey Prosser 07890 584820, Barbara McEwen 01664 822834, Jane Fraser 01664 822845, Steve Green 07843 683365, Jack Adlam 07920 026223



## *Break Out The Bunting!*

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a wonderful chance to celebrate and it would be great to cover as much of Hickling & Hickling Pastures as we can with decorations & bunting:

Chat to your neighbours and plan what to do with your part of the village.

Make your own bunting and decorations or buy online. Contact the Jubilee committee if you would like some fabric to sew-your-own (while stocks last ...).

Contact us if you need any help with your decorations or want to volunteer to help others.

Can you help with putting up bunting in the days before - please contact us!

Barbara McEwen  
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## Messages

Please contact us  
with your messages  
- we look forward to  
hearing from you.



### 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.

**A Very Fond Farewell.** Jog and Dorothy Chahal are sadly leaving us all to pastures new 'up north'. They have been such amazing neighbours to us all and all their work for the village will never be forgotten; particularly the Table Tennis Club, The WI, The Village Hall, The Church and the Local History Group. We all hope that you will keep in touch and that you will visit us, too - we send you our love and wish you well for the future.

**Thank you to the Samworth Foundation.** We are incredibly grateful to the Samworth Foundation for their extremely generous donation to the Hickling Standard Funds. We have been struggling to make ends meet and we have been relying on a loan for some time; this donation enables us to continue including a range of articles and to deliver a paper copy through every letterbox in Hickling and Hickling Pastures. Thank you!

### LETTER TO FARMINGTON – FRED MALTBY'S BIRTHDAY 2022 GREETINGS FROM HICKLING VILLAGE

Please find enclosed 2 books for your Hickling Room at the Warner Museum in Farmington as a birthday gift to you on the occasion of Fred's birthday. We hope you will be able to celebrate his birthday in style this year now the Covid restrictions are lifted. These books entitled 'Around Melton Mowbray in old photographs' show many of the interesting buildings and homes in our area. Melton Mowbray is our large nearby town and this is where many of us go to do our shopping. Hickling is only a small village and does not have any shops. As I write this, we are all busy planning for the Queen's Jubilee celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne. Many of the villagers are busy making bunting which will be put up along the main street which runs from one end of the village to the other end. No doubt people will also decorate their houses and there will be lots of parties and events happening. I think we are all ready to have some fun after the last few years of lockdowns and restrictions on our social lives.

Please tell visitors to your museum to go to our History Group web page to find out more about Fred's early life and Hickling, the village where he was born. The site is being continually added to as we do further research.

[hicklingnottslocalhistory.com](http://hicklingnottslocalhistory.com)

Remember the invitation to visit Hickling is open to the museum volunteers and we hope to be able to welcome you in the near future.

Best wishes

Carol on behalf Hickling History Group



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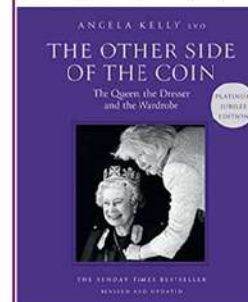
**Looking for a little something to commemorate the Jubilee?**



**"There Once is a Queen" by Michael Morpurgo:** A beautiful poetic celebration of Queen Elizabeth, in partnership with the Jubilee Pageant Committee (£9.99 h/bk book).

**The Queen's Gallery:** "This official range has been commissioned by

Royal Collection Trust to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. The design is inspired by the purple Robe of Estate worn by The Queen at her Coronation. The border decoration is based on the gold embroidery on the robe, which incorporates olive branches and wheat ears, symbolising peace and prosperity." (royalcollectionshop.co.uk)



**The Other Side of the Coin: The Queen, the Dresser and the Wardrobe (£20 h/bk book)**

'The book documents the unique working relationship between Her Majesty The Queen and the woman who has been her Personal Assistant and Senior Dresser for more than two decades: Angela Kelly. It gives a rare insight into the demands of the job of supporting the Monarch,

and we gain privileged insight into a successful working relationship, characterised by humour, creativity, hard work, and a mutual commitment to service and duty. Angela is a talented and inspiring woman, who has captured the highlights of her long career with The Queen for us all to share.' - Samantha Cohen, Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen (2011-2018)





## 70 Years on the Throne.

"On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth."

"Monarchy is the oldest form of government in the United Kingdom. In a monarchy, a king or queen is Head of State. The

British Monarchy is known as a constitutional monarchy. This means that, while The Sovereign is Head of State, the ability to make and pass legislation resides with an elected Parliament. Although The Sovereign no longer has a political or executive role, he or she continues to play an important part in the life of the nation. As Head of State, The Monarch undertakes constitutional and representational duties which have developed over one thousand years of history. In addition to these State duties, The Monarch has a less formal role as 'Head of Nation'. The Sovereign acts as a focus for national identity, unity and pride; gives a sense of stability and continuity; officially recognises success and excellence; and supports the ideal of voluntary service. In all these roles The Sovereign is supported by members of their immediate family. ([www.royal.co.uk](http://www.royal.co.uk))

**Three of the six longest reigning English Monarchs are women** and each of them has reigned over times of great change but also of relative stability. All 3 came to the throne 'accidentally' in that none of them were directly in line to the throne at birth.



### Queen Elizabeth I

"Born: 7 September 1533 at the Greenwich Palace  
Parents: Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn  
Succeeded to the throne: 17 November 1558  
Died: 24 March 1603 at Richmond Palace  
Reigned: 44 years

**Elizabeth I was probably the most intelligent, and almost certainly the best-educated monarch, that England has ever seen, receiving an excellent education**

from the scholar Roger Ascham. Her intelligence manifested itself in her famous reluctance to marry, preferring to live and die a virgin, which became a central part of her identity and legend in her own lifetime. Elizabeth's tolerance, hatred of fanaticism, respect for her subjects' liberties, careful management of her finances and cautious foreign policies made her reign a Golden Age for the English, particularly in comparison with what came before and after. Even so, she was still prepared to stand up to the aggressive imperial power of Spain and support the Protestant rebels in the Netherlands. Her government faced a serious threat of invasion, and she presided over England's greatest naval victory to date – the Spanish Armada. Her reign also saw a great flourishing of English culture, especially literature and architecture, after the traumas and destruction of the early to mid 16th century." (*English Heritage*)



### Queen Victoria

Born: 24 May 1819 at Kensington Palace  
Parents: Edward, Duke of Kent and Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld  
Succeeded to the throne: 20 June 1837  
Died: 22 January 1901 at Osborne House  
Reigned: 63 years (*Eng Heritage*)

### Queen Victoria, ruled through a period of

**great change.** The Industrial Revolution and the expansion of the British Empire changed the world beyond recognition. As a young woman she was known for her lively, fun character but the early death of her consort, Prince Albert in 1861 means she is most remembered

for her extended period of mourning; the family's principles of family and domesticity largely defined the period. Stephenson's Rocket was invented just before her reign, the railways and then the motor car emerged during her reign. The Victorian era saw the Great Exhibition, the invention of photography and the foundations of modern science and medicine.



### Queen Elizabeth II

The New or Second Elizabethan Age is also characterised by times of great change; from the post-war years of the 1950s to the present day - the end of rationing and the re-building of Britain; the 1960s, popular music, fashion and the emergence of a new type of (non-deferential) media, TV and film industries. Space travel, computers—the growth of science, technology and pharmaceuticals. The Queen's personal involvement and guidance in national and international affairs has seen the successful evolution of the Commonwealth and supported era-defining changes in our social views, particularly in tackling prejudice of all kinds. Her reign has also been characterised

by the presence of a strong consort; the Duke of Edinburgh - their hard work and dedication alongside their sense of fun, their love of people, family and simple pleasures such as their horses and dogs are just some of the reasons that she is held in such affection.

*(image released to mark the Queen's 96th birthday in April 2022)*







# Are You Interested in Local History?

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

## HICKLING CHURCHYARD – MORE THAN JUST GRAVESTONES

Springtime is a good time to walk through the iron gates into Hickling Churchyard and spend some time discovering the wildflowers, foliage and wildlife in this secluded place.

A number of ancient churchyards were carved out of woodland or flower rich meadows. Over the centuries to the present day, the land around the churchyard has been 'improved' by the plough and artificial fertilisers or engulfed in housing and road development. However, inside the churchyard the grassland has remained comparatively untouched and locked in an ecological time capsule.

Some flowers which can be spotted in Hickling churchyard include cowslips, primroses, daffodils, orchids, bluebells, snowdrops, buttercups and daisies. As Hickling churchyard is now closed for new burials, the ground remains undisturbed. During the last 30 years the importance of churchyards as a refuge for wildflowers has been widely recognised. Now many churches have sections of their churchyard left uncultivated. A charity called 'Caring for God's Acre' was set up in 2000 to encourage the preservation and conservation of churchyard flowers and foliage.

The abundance of such species as primroses and snowdrops in churchyards, with Hickling being no exception can be partly attributed to the Victorians. Mothers grieving for their deceased young infants would plant these flowers as a memorial on their children's graves.

Three flowers found in Hickling churchyard have symbolic religious connections - Lily of the Valley - this flower found in the churchyard with its tiny white flowers is a symbol of purity and humility and is often associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. Violet- this little flower can be found growing under the hedgerow in Hickling churchyard. It is sometimes thought to remind us of the humility of Jesus when he came down to earth as a man.

Clover - these 3 leaved plants are very visible in Hickling churchyard. It is said that St. Patrick used a clover leaf as a visual aid when teaching about the Holy Trinity. Each leaf has 3 parts which are not three separate leaves but one leaf. Likewise, God is 'God the father', 'God the son' and 'God the Holy Ghost,' and yet he is not three Gods but one.

Wildlife is also seen in the churchyard. Several species of birds and bats as well as hares, rabbits, foxes, squirrels, badgers, field mice, voles, and hedgehogs have all been spotted. Even a pair of mallard ducks looking for a tranquil place away from the busy wharf have been seen.

The Hickling History Group endeavours to promote, protect, research and share the unique history of Hickling. To find out more about Hickling Churchyard go to their webpage- hicklingnottslocalhistory.com

This Group has now raised enough money for the first Information Board to be erected in Hickling near the Village Hall. Fund raising has already begun for Information Board No 2 which will be erected near the churchyard.

(Carol Beadle)





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The Task Force landed 4,000 troops, unopposed, at San Carlos and Ajax Bay in East Falkland from 21 May onwards. They faced a numerically superior but mostly conscripted Argentinian army. Lack of cover and air superiority forced the British to attack Argentinian positions by night. Goose Green was the first settlement to be taken by British forces (28-29 May). 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment fought a fierce battle, during which its commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert 'H' Jones was killed. Colonel Jones was one of two soldiers to receive a posthumous award of the Victoria Cross for gallantry during the conflict. The other, Sergeant Ian McKay, was killed during the Battle of Mount Longdon on 11-12 June.

British troops 'yomped' 56 miles across East Falkland through difficult terrain, enemy minefields and hostile weather conditions to the islands' capital, Port Stanley. Half of the troops completed the march on foot after the helicopters that were supposed to transport them were lost onboard the *SS Atlantic Conveyor*, which had sunk on 28 May. Media coverage of the war popularised the term 'yomp', which is Royal Marines slang for long-distance marching carrying full kit. After fierce fighting in the mountains overlooking Port Stanley, Argentinian forces surrendered on 14 June. British troops arrived in Port Stanley the same day to an enthusiastic welcome from the islanders.

Over 11,000 Argentinian troops were disarmed and repatriated to Argentina. The British also retook control of the South Sandwich Islands. Today, the islands are British Overseas Territories under the protection of British Forces South Atlantic Islands. 907 lives were lost during the conflict: 649 Argentinian, 255 British and three Falkland Islanders.

Veterans of the campaign, including Nick Steele of Kinoulton, and civilians who supported the Armed Forces, will come together for a commemorative event at the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 14 June.

Michael Chapman.

## The Royal British Legion Vale of Belvoir Branch

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falklands War 1982

The Falklands Conflict was a short, undeclared war, between Argentina and Britain over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands (known as *Islas Malvinas* in Argentina), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. It lasted 74 days and cost over 900 lives.

The islands are British Overseas Territories in the South Atlantic, 8,000 miles from Britain. Sovereignty over the islands has been contested by Argentina since 1833. The British had established a naval base where ships could be repaired and take on supplies. Unbeknown to them, about 75 French colonists were already there. The current Falkland Islanders are of British descent and have always opposed the Argentinian claim. On 2 April 1982, Argentine troops invaded on the orders of the President of Argentina, General Leopold Galtieri.

In response to the Argentinian invasion, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher authorised a military operation to retake the islands. Within days, a British Task Force was assembled, comprising 42 Harrier jets, 127 warships, submarines, requisitioned merchant ships, including Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth 2*, for carrying troops, aircraft, and equipment. They set sail for the South Atlantic on 5 April. The first objective was to regain South Georgia. It was restored to British control on 25 April.

The Task Force then turned its attention to the retaking of the Falklands. On 30 April a 200-mile Total Exclusion Zone was declared around the Falklands, prohibiting all aircraft and ships from any country from entering. British special forces, the RAF and Fleet Air Arm attacked Argentinian ships and defences. Two days later, Royal Navy submarine HMS *Conqueror* sank the Argentinian cruiser ARA *General Belgrano* with the loss of 300 crew.

On the morning of 1 May, a Vulcan bomber from RAF Waddington scored a direct hit with a 1,000lb bomb in the centre of the runway at Port Stanley Airport. It was a brilliant logistical operation, the longest-range bombing raid in the history of the RAF. Although the runway did not suffer a great deal of damage, it had a big psychological impact on the Argentine forces when they realised they were not out of reach.

Argentina's response was swift. On 4 May, Royal Navy destroyer HMS *Sheffield* was hit by an AM39 Exocet cruise missile fired from an Argentinian Super Étendard fighter aircraft. Twenty were killed in the explosion and resulting fire, which destroyed the ship.

The Argentinian Air Force continued to attack British ships with Exocet missiles and bombs, causing many casualties. In total, 7 ships were lost, and others were seriously damaged. These included landing logistic ships RFA *Sir Galahad* and RFA *Sir Tristram*, and the container ship *SS Atlantic Conveyor*, a devastating loss for the Task Force. She was carrying transport helicopters including Chinooks, along with ammunition and fuel. She sank while being towed to safety.

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## Married vs Single Cricket Matches

(May 2022; with thanks to RC)

The late Bob Collishaw married in 1947 and 6 years later played proudly for the 'married' against the 'single' in the Hickling Cricket Club Coronation match, played at that time in the field behind the Church and over the brook (and still known as the 'cricket field') – he played his highest scoring innings on the day and spoke fondly of the occasion over the years.

When the last issue of the Hickling Standard was published it included a beautiful handwritten schedule of events for the Coronation of George V and Queen Mary in 1911; when Richard read this it was the first time he had seen any reference to a 'married vs single' cricket match apart from his father's story. Has this been a Hickling tradition on these royal occasions?

Have these matches taken place elsewhere?

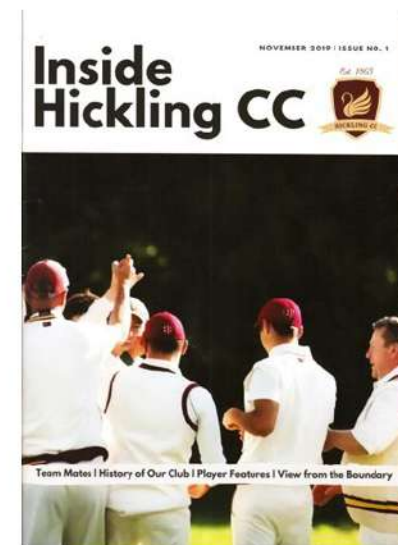
The only printed record we have is this one sheet of paper from 1911 but now we also know of a match in 1953 – could there have been other occasions too? Can we make this happen again?!

*(cont'd on the website)*

**Update:** Our very grateful thanks to Keith Wadkin for sharing his memories of these matches, too. He tells us:

- That, as an eighteen-year old, he played in this match with Bob Collishaw; he remembers bowling against Mr Collishaw who was having a wonderful time. Keith says that he hit all the bowlers around the field and that he scored an amazing 88.
- Keith also reports that the cricket field behind the Church/over the brook was a great surface to play on with a really good wicket.
- For a spell at least; the club played a Married vs Single match to open each season. Keith also remembers that Nether Broughton also played Married vs Single matches at times.
- As well as these matches, Men vs Women matches were played; the men were handicapped – right-handed players played left-handed (and visa versa) and men could only catch with one hand.
- Keith has an old scorebook from Hickling Cricket Club (and given to him by John Walker); it includes a record for his grandfather, Ernest Shelton (blacksmith) who took 8 wickets for 30 runs against Kinoulton. Many years later, Keith made similar inroads when he took 8 wickets for 36 runs – also against Kinoulton.
- When money needed to be raised to match a Cricket Association grant for the new ground on Bridegate Lane, Keith remembers the club starting with a few shillings in the bank account to reaching their target with whist drives in the front room of Elm Farm and jumble sales.

For more on Hickling Cricket Club: [hicklingnottsllocalhistory.com/hickling-cricketclub/](http://hicklingnottsllocalhistory.com/hickling-cricketclub/)



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## Five Little Brothers

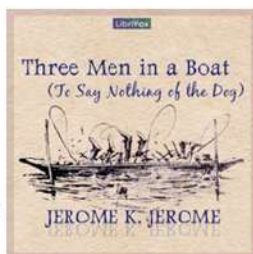
5 little brothers set out together  
To travel the livelong day,  
In a curious carriage all made of leather  
They hurried away, away!  
One big brother and 3 quite small,  
And one wee fellow, no size at all

The carriage was dark and none too roomy  
And they could not move about  
The five little brothers grew very gloomy  
And the wee one began to pout  
Till the biggest one whispered: 'What do you say?  
Let's leave the carriage and run away!'

So out they scampered, the 5 together  
And off and away they sped;  
When somebody found the carriage of leather  
Oh my, how she shook her head!  
Twas her little boy's shoe as everyone knows  
And the 5 little brothers were 5 little toes.  
(Anon)

## Summer Weather

The next morning  
we would read that  
it was going to be a  
'warm, fine to set-  
fair day; much  
heat'; and we would  
dress ourselves in  
flimsy things, and go  
out, and, half an hour after we had started, it  
would commence to rain hard, and a bitterly  
cold wind would spring up, and both would  
keep on steadily for the whole day, and we  
would come home with colds and rheumatism  
all over us, and go to bed.  
The weather is a thing that is beyond me  
altogether. I never can understand it. The  
barometer is useless; it is as misleading as the  
newspaper forecast.  
(Jerome K Jerome, from Three Men in a Boat)



Have you  
seen or  
heard a  
cuckoo  
this year?



Sadly, they  
are no longer the regular visitors that they  
used to be; we occasionally enjoy a  
passing visit but it seems years since  
cuckoos have settled in Hickling; it would  
be great to identify when this was - please  
contact us with your cuckoo memories.

## Sumer is Icumen In Lhude sing cuccu!

*(early English song c.1240)*

Summer has come in,  
Loudly sing, Cuckoo!  
The seed grows and the meadow blooms  
And the wood springs anew,  
Sing Cuckoo!  
The ewe bleats after the lamb  
The cow lows after the calf.  
The bullock stirs, the stag farts,  
Merrily sing, Cuckoo!  
Cuckoo, cuckoo, well you sing, cuckoo;  
Don't ever you stop now,  
Sing cuckoo now. Sing, Cuckoo.  
Sing Cuckoo. Sing cuckoo now!

A cuckoo is a summer visitor to Britain,  
arriving from Africa in late March and  
April. Considered to be an early sign of  
spring, the song of the cuckoo sounds the  
same as its name: 'cuck-oo'. Cuckoos  
famously lay their eggs in the nests of  
other birds pushing out the eggs of their  
hosts. Their size and markings mean they  
are sometimes confused for a  
sparrowhawk and the call of a wood  
pigeon is sometimes confused with that of  
the cuckoo.

## Dandelion Clocks and Daisy Chains.

In the symbolism of flowers, the dandelion represents  
love and joy but it is also the source of many  
superstitions; woven into a bride's bouquet, it brings  
luck; dandelion clocks - the number of breaths taken  
to blow away the seeds from the seedhead tells you  
what time it is. Or, the tallest dandelion that a child  
finds in the spring will tell how many inches the child  
will grow that year. Or even, the number of seeds left  
when you blow a seedhead will tell how many children you will have. Better still; if you can  
blow all the seeds away in one breath your wish will be granted. Symbolically, the yellow  
flower represents the sun, the seedhead the full moon and the seeds, the stars. The name  
'dandelion' is likely to come from the French 'dent-de-lion' or 'lion's teeth' reflecting the  
shape of the leaves; often viewed as a weed it's highly important in herbal remedies (with  
references as far back as Ancient Egypt & Ancient Greece). Each plant produces up to  
20,000 seeds that will flower and seed in the same year. As sunflowers do, dandelions  
track the sun, opening an hour after sunrise and closing at dusk.



The dandelion has hundreds of colourful local names, mostly connected to clocks, its milky  
sap and even bed-wetting, as a result the diuretic effect of the leaves names - such as  
witch gowan, devil's milk plant, pissabed, golden suns, shepherd's clock and pissenlit on  
French menus. Eaten raw or cooked, the leaves are highly nutritious, thanks to the iron,  
magnesium, calcium, vitamins A and C and large amounts of potassium they contain and In  
the Second World War, roots were ground to make a coffee substitute. Dandelion-visiting  
bees produce brilliant canary-yellow honeycomb.



## Daisy Chains:

The world record for the longest daisy chain is held by  
the village of Good Easter in Essex who made a daisy  
chain measuring 2.12km (6980 feet, 7 inches) on 27th  
May 1985; it was made in 7 hours and the team was  
limited to 16 people. Daisy chains should always be  
closed into a ring, representing the sun, earth and circle  
of life.

The name "daisy" is derived from an Old English word that means "day's eye," because the  
petals of daisies open at dawn and close at dusk. The English daisy (*Bellis  
perennis*) is also known as bruisewort or woundwort; it is used to ease aching joints and  
surgeons accompanied Roman legions into battle with sacks full of daisies from which  
their juice would be extracted to bind wounds. Mediaeval Knights were given daisy chains  
by their ladies and were worn, for luck in battle.

It is a common folklore belief that daisy chains protect children; sometimes this is  
protection from being taken by faeries or just simply from harm in general. But it does also  
have a more unsettling symbolism—the inconstancy of love; Ophelia gifts Gertrude with a  
daisy in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. The daisy is also the flower used for young women to  
determine their love; pulling petals off, one-by-one, and chanting, 'He loves me, he loves  
me not,' or 'Richman, Poorman, Beggarman, Thief'.





## WI Say Farewell to their President

### Hickling WI Spring Fayre Hailed A Great Success.

Hickling WI were blessed with a beautiful sunny spring day for their main fundraising event of the year, 'The Spring Fayre' held at Kinoulton Village Hall on Saturday 19th March. The Fayre was declared open at 10.30am by Ruth Edwards MP and from then on the Hall was a hive of activity for local

businesses and charities who had stalls there. The WI Cake Stall and refreshments proved as popular as ever and visitors were able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine. The name the bunny was Flopsie.

The winner of the £1 in the bucket was Michelle Oxby who kindly donated her winnings to the Ukraine Appeal. On a more sombre note WI members were sorry to hear that Doreen Faulks' husband has passed away recently. They had been married for 65 years and had met in 1949 at a WI event at Hickling Village Hall.

Next year's Spring Fayre will be on Saturday 18th March 2023.



### WHAT IS HAPPENING AT HICKLING W.I. IN JUNE 2022

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN HICKLING

— the WI have been asked to help make some bunting for this event as it is hoped to have bunting throughout Hickling. If you feel able to make some bunting [all material will be provided] please telephone Barbara McEwen 01664 822834.

6<sup>th</sup> JUNE MONDAY 7.30pm DARTS AT THE PLOUGH non members welcome, telephone Liz 01664 822562 for more information

9<sup>th</sup> JUNE THURSDAY – HICKLING STROLLERS organised by Lynne 0115 9431008 meet 10.30 at Dove Cottage Stathern for a walk along the canal in the opposite direction to last time.

12<sup>th</sup> JUNE SUNDAY 3pm WOLD'S WI GROUP – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY in Kinoulton Village Hall—no charge bring a friend. Refreshments and raffle.

16<sup>th</sup> JUNE THURSDAY- GARDEN PARTY & OUTDOOR GAMES 4pm in Gilly's Garden 'Fieldview' Kinoulton Lane, Kinoulton, Notts NG12 3EQ. Afternoon tea refreshments will be provided

23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE THURSDAY – COACH TRIP TO WENTWORTH There are a few seats remaining Tele Pauline Chell for details and to book 01664 822835.

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE SUNDAY – HICKLING DRIVEWAY SALE 10am – 2.30pm The Hickling WI are having a stall just outside the entrance to the village hall. Rather than ask members to bake or make items, it has been decided to have a tombola as we have a few items left from the Spring Fayre. If you have any items suitable for our tombola, please let Carol Beadle or Pauline Chell have them. We will also sell jigsaws and children's scooters which have been donated to us to sell. If you are free to help on our stall, please contact Carol or Lynne.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN JULY 2022

4 JULY MONDAY 7.30pm DARTS AT THE PLOUGH – just turn up

12 JULY TUESDAY – 10.30am HICKLING STROLLERS Meet at Trent Lock for a walk along the River Trent – lift sharing from Hickling Contact Lynne if you are coming and for lift information 0115 9431008

21<sup>st</sup> JULY THURSDAY 7pm – SUMMER ENTERTAINING WITH ANNE –in Hickling Village Hall non-members welcome £5

26 JULY TUESDAY 7.30 LUNCHEON CLUB it has been decided that as the evenings are lighter that this month's club will be an evening meal rather than at lunch time.

### PROJECTS

CHILDREN'S QUILTS – work is progressing with these quilts but Gilly would like more squares completed if possible. Please contact Gilly if you would like to help with this project. Tele 01949 81202

THE STILTON COOKERY BOOK –more details will follow about this project which we have given ourselves a year to complete. Perhaps members can start putting together their original recipes using either white or blue Stilton Cheese.

### Hickling W I

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- a stop at Wentworth Arts, Crafts and Antiques Complex

Thursday 23rd June

Cost £35, National Trust Members £30  
Pick up Neville Arms, Keadon at 8.25am and Bridgiate Lane Junction, Hickling at 8.30am

Everyone welcome

For tickets or further information please contact

Pauline Chell - 01664 822835



Saturday 20th August 2022:

### Coach Trip to Skegness

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



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



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### On the Doorstep but Overlooked? The Rutland Water Ospreys.

(Extracts from: [About the Rutland Ospreys | Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust \(lrwt.org.uk\)](#))

"Ospreys are an incredible bird of prey. They live exclusively on fish, have a wingspan of just over 1.5 metres and can turn one of their toes a full 180 degrees! They dive into water feet-first to catch fish, using power talons to catch their prey. Ospreys in the UK migrate south to Africa every winter - a journey of over 3,000 miles to Senegal and the Gambia - and they do this without their parents. They can live for around 20 years.

"The Osprey was once a common sight in the UK. Intensive persecution and habitat loss during the 18th and 19th centuries led to the extinction of Ospreys as a breeding bird in England in 1847. A fragmented population remained in Scotland with breeding last recorded in 1916. Ospreys were still sighted as passage migrants and in 1954 the natural re-colonisation of Ospreys in Scotland began with individuals thought to have been Scandinavian in origin. Ospreys have been using Rutland Water as a stop-off during their migrations to and from Scotland for many years, almost as long as the reservoir has existed. However, despite a healthy and growing Scottish population, it was estimated that it could take at least 150 years for Ospreys to naturally re-colonise the whole of the UK.

"In 1996, a translocation project began, which involved moving Osprey chicks from nests in Scotland and releasing them at Rutland Water with the aim to create a self-sustaining breeding population of Ospreys in central England. The project reached a milestone in 2001, when 03(97), a male Osprey that had been translocated to Rutland Water Nature Reserve in 1997, raised a single chick with a metal ringed female from Scotland, close to the reservoir. This was the start of a huge conservation success story. Today, over 200 young Ospreys have fledged from nests in the Rutland Water area since the first chick in 2001. We now have a self-sustaining population, with some fledged individuals even breeding in other parts of England and Wales. Most of the nests are situated on private land, however, one pair breed at Rutland Water Nature Reserve in Manton Bay, which can be viewed from a couple of bird hides at the Lyndon Visitor Centre and Nature Reserve."

**2022: By the end of April, 19 adults had returned to the Rutland area with further 'first time returnees still expected - the Manton Bay/Rutland Water pair were incubating 3 eggs. They can be seen from the middle of March through to their migration back to Africa at the end of August.**

We are fortunate to have many interesting places on our doorstep but, because they're on our doorstep, we often forget to go there: contact us to share your 'On the Doorstep' recommendations.



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Kinoulton</b>	<b>Hickling</b>	<b>Upper Broughton</b>
June 5 Day of Pentecost Platinum Jubilee	11.00am Celebration for the Queen's Jubilee with Holy Communion Group Service MW	(no service)	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
June 12 Trinity Sunday	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH
June 19 Fathers Day	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
June 26	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	6.30pm Holy Communion PM	9.00am Holy Communion MW
July 3	9.00am Holy Communion MW	6.30pm Evening Service RCJ	11.00am Holy Communion MW RCJ pr
July 10	11.00am Morning Prayer MW	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH
July 17	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer SH	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
July 24	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	6.30pm Holy Communion MW	9.00am Holy Communion MW
July 31	(no service)	(no service)	10.00am Holy Communion Benefice Group Service MW

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Easter seems to have sped past really quickly and Trinity season is looming ever nearer. Easter was a fantastic experience for us all at St Luke's but especially being able to have an Easter Sunday group combined service this year held at St Luke's Church in Hickling. Whilst the adults were inside taking part in the Easter Service with Rev Maggie the children were outside in the glorious sunshine hunting for Easter Eggs cunningly hidden around the churchyard, making Easter cards and enjoying lots of other Easter craft activities, carefully supervised by some very helpful teenagers and the odd adult or three. A great time was had by all, especially when it came to the refreshments after the service when the Easter Eggs disappeared faster than they could be unwrapped!

As I write the day is bright and the sky is blue with hardly a cloud to be seen unlike this morning when it was dark, grey and pouring with rain. Let's hope the weather gets all the cold, rain and clouds over and done with before the summer arrives and we can look forward to lots of warm, dry and glorious days. Especially for the forthcoming extended Bank Holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, where I am sure our three villages will offer us all many and varied opportunities to celebrate this "never happened before" occasion with fun, excitement and enjoyment for everyone.

As you prepare for your holidays I wish you all safe journeys and hope you have a restful and peaceful time. Considering what we have all gone through in the past couple of years I think we all need a break, a time to rest, a time to relax and a time to recoup our energies. Have fun and enjoy.

Proverbs 16:9 says "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps"

I look forward to seeing and maybe meeting you at the many and varied events at our three villages over the summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need to talk about a baptism, a wedding or just feel I might be able to help. My contact details are below.

"O God our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole of creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from very danger; and bring them safely to their journey's end, though Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen".

Rev Maggie



# HICKLING VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS

## TRIP TO MIDDLETON HALL AND GARDENS THURSDAY September 1st 2022

MIDDLETON HALL was rescued from demolition by a determined group of volunteers and today you can see part of the building dating back to 1285. The Hall was owned for many years by the Willoughby family of Wollaton Hall. The grounds include a walled garden dating back to 1717. Hidden behind the Tudor Barn are converted Victorian Stables which have independent retailers and a café. The Robert Peel Museum is housed on the site and entry to this is also included.

There are plenty of picnic places if you do not wish to use the café.

The cost is £35 a person, to include tea and coffee on arrival, all tours and talks and all admissions.

Pick up at Neville Arms, Kinoulton at 9.25 and at the bottom of Bridegate Lane, Hickling at 9.30.

**To book and for further information please contact  
Pauline Chell 01664 822835**

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## VILLAGE HALL TRIP TO MIDDLETON HALL AND GARDENS

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2022**

### A Big Thank You from St. Luke's

As you know, we are raising funds for the roof alarm, which was needed in order to give insurance cover for the lead roof of this Grade 1 Listed building.

We have had an amazing response of just over £4000 including a wonderful grant of £1000 from Hickling Parish Council.

Our Afternoon Tea and History Tour was also very well attended by very generous people, and we raised £405 in donations.

The members of the PCC have been very encouraged by people's support for the church, which is a beautiful building in a wonderful location.

### We Have More To Do

**Still needed: £1500 to cover the total cost**, so more events to come, including a **Driveway Sale stall, selling homemade cakes**. VAT is another £900, but we hope to get that back, but cannot guarantee it yet.

**If you would still like to contribute, you can donate by:**

- ♦ Cheque to "PCC of St. Luke's Hickling" to Juniper Cottage, Main Street.
- ♦ Internet banking to "The Parochial Church Council of St. Lukes Hickling". (Please note new account name and no apostrophe- the bank's decision).

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- ♦ "Just Giving" page: [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/roof-at-risk](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/roof-at-risk)

Questions to [alex28thomas@btinternet.com](mailto:alex28thomas@btinternet.com) or 07788 518156  
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### Weekly Coffee Mornings on Thursdays from 10.30am.

Come and meet your friends, enjoy homemade cakes etc. and a warm welcome. No set charge, just a voluntary donation if you can.

### This is your Village Church.

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John or Gill Bloor at [cesterern@btopenworld.com](mailto:cesterern@btopenworld.com) or

Alex Thomas at [alex28thomas@btinternet.com](mailto:alex28thomas@btinternet.com)

**Could you offer a cake occasionally? Help with cleaning**

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**Help at events etc?**





**Hello Hickling and Hickling Pastures,**  
Exciting times ahead!  
We are very much looking forward to celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations together. We have some great events to help fill your bank holiday calendar, it would be great to see you here!

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - We are having a **Jubilee Special Quiz** at the earlier time of 6pm, which after we will be closing the pub. Then walking to the standard together to join in the fun and see the lighting of the beacon.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - We are joined at 5pm by blues act the **Mousehouse Cats**. Hopefully the weather will allow a performance in the garden.

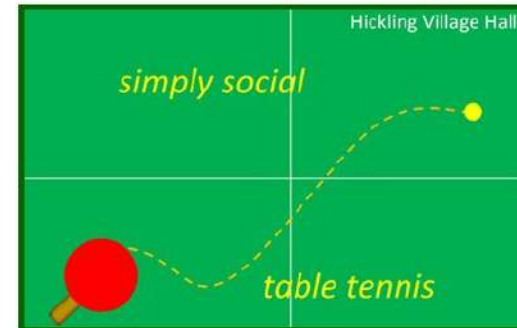
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Fingers crossed for sunshine as we're having an all-day barbeque with **live music** from **Paul Nose** at 4pm and **Mike Hardy** at 6pm.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - We can't wait for the **fun** and **games** in our garden for the **Parish Picnic at the Pub** from 12 noon. Stay around afterwards as we bring the weekend to a close with **music** at 3pm from the amazing 7 piece, **Contraband** with a load of singalong classics to get stuck into.

Hot on the heels of the Jubilee fun we have a visit from Mikron theatre in the garden on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June with their 2022 play "Raising agents" celebrating 100 years of the WI. There's no need to book tickets as a 'pay what you feel' collection will be taken after the show. The pub will be open from 5pm for food and drinks. In other news our Summer food menu is now available with some lighter options available and as soon as we have perfected our toppings we will be launching pizza Fridays available to eat at the pub or take home.

From June we will be open again on Tuesdays with 'Ten Pound Tuesdays' offering lots of meals and drink offers discounted to just £10 so you don't have to break your budget to visit the Plough Inn. You can also join in a winners take all pool tournament, darts and even get a gent's haircut. With more fun to be added.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Plough Inn.**



## Table Tennis Returned

We ended our 21/22 season on a high, and a low. We enjoyed the company of a number of new players; Eric would have been thrilled to see the new faces and smiles, and to hear the jokes and laughter on a Monday evening. In February we had a coached session; Gordon bought something new to everyone's game, and we certainly earned our tea and biscuits that night.

We were sad to say goodbye to Jog in April. Jog and Eric established Village Table Tennis back in 2008 after a successful, and very determined, attempt to win grant funding to buy the tables we still use today. Before he left Jog gave me copies of the Standard that he had saved from those days!

We must also say a big thank you to Austin who helped us to set up for the evening as part of his D of E volunteering.

I continue to meet people whose children (now at University) have fond memories of the coached junior sessions, and of Eric and Jog's enthusiasm. Sadly we don't have anyone at the moment with the time or skills to run a junior session. If there is anyone out there who does, please get in touch.

We've taken a break for the summer, and to enjoy the lighter evenings playing golf/ cycling/ gardening and the like (we're a busy bunch). We will be back for more Table Tennis on Monday nights in the Village Hall from mid-September. In the meantime, if you have any questions do get in touch with either Alison 822761 or Dave 820262.







## Her Majesty the Queen and her dogs.

In the Jubilee month I thought I would write a little about our monarch's lifetime love of dogs. Although the Queen is known for her love of horses she is also a true dog lover and has never been without one or more throughout her life.

I was fortunate enough several years ago to interview the late Martin Deeley, renowned gun dog trainer, who had worked with the Queen. He spoke in glowing terms about her ability and natural affinity with her dogs.

Queen Elizabeth was given her first Corgi as an 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday present in 1944 and called her Susan. This led to a lifelong love and she has been breeding them ever since. Apparently, she even took Susan on her honeymoon, much to Price Phillip's despair.

So, what is life like for the royal dogs? The Queen has 4 dogs including 2 corgis, one corgi cross and a cocker spaniel. Her Majesty walks them twice a day when she can and there are two footman to look after them.

They are fed fresh food prepared daily by the chef consisting of beef, chicken, rabbit, liver, cabbage and rice and the Queen feeds them in order of seniority. They sleep in wicker baskets in their own room and have their bedsheets changed every day. The Queen is known to have a firm but fair attitude to them and they follow her wherever she goes.

Prince William commented that her pets have been the secret to keeping his grandmother happy during her reign and I think we can all identify with that.

Lynne Marshall

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**Scouts**  
1st Kinoulton

Hello, my name is Isabelle Dwerryhouse and I am a member of 1st Kinoulton Explorer Scouts. I have been part of Scouting for 6 years and in

January, I was offered the opportunity to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree which is taking place in the stunning scenery of Korea in 2023. To start the application process, I had to fill out a form which also included a personal statement type essay about myself. This led to a selection weekend where 180 Scouts from across Nottinghamshire were whittled down to just 36 participants, which now makes up the 'Nottinghamshire Oaks' unit. The World Scout Jamboree takes place every four years and is held in a different country around the globe. It offers young people the chance to learn new skills that they can use in other aspects of their life as well as campaign for change on key world issues that matter to them and it will be attended by 40,000 young people from almost every country in the world. Between now and 2023, I must raise £3,600 to secure my place. This also helps to support Scouts from less advantaged backgrounds to have the same amazing experience as me. I have done many different activities for my fundraising so far, including a cake, coffee and ice cream sale, which I hope to hold again in August.

Myself and four other participants from Rushcliffe District of the

Nottinghamshire Oaks unit are also hosting a quiz and chilli night on Friday 8th July at East Bridgford Village Hall. £10.00 per person Please email Steve Cumberland (below) for more details.

If you would like to support my World Scout Jamboree fundraising please make a BACS payment to: Kinoulton Scout Group Nat West Bank 54-21-47 08707553 With the reference WSJKorea

Thank you.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRI 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**

East Bridgford village hall @ 7:00 meet for 7:30 start

Raising money for the World Scout Jamboree 2023

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**Please BOOK by Friday 17th June**

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## Councillor's Newsletter Summer 2022

Keeping

Hickling, Kinoulton, Upper Broughton, Langar. Colston Bassett, Hickling Pastures & Owthorpe

up-to-date with news in your Ward and across the Borough of Rushcliffe.

Cllr. Tina Combella

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I am still collecting Bottle Tops in Hickling and collections continue in the villages for this very worthy cause, valued by Rushcliffe residents.

### RURAL POLICING

Our Neighbourhood policing team welcomes Chief Inspector Brett Price who will be based at Cotgrave and Constable Kelly Carlisle who takes up the vacancy created when PC Howard Shinn, who I am sure you all remember, retired.

I attended a Rural Crime event, recently, where I learnt we now have more officers in the force than in 2011, so let's hope we see them out and about in the Nevile Ward. We also have 3 off-road badged, Rural Crime vehicles added to the fleet Helping the team demonstrate to the public that they



are taking seriously the crime that is coming to light and are able to respond to the issues that are of importance to the local farming and rural community, who have been victims of plant theft, and other issues.

Rural Crime continues to be a concern and will remain a Police Priority for the foreseeable future.

Speeding is also high

on the agenda and I have put in a request for checks in all the Nevile & Langar hot spots. Random speed check operations are already taking place across the Borough - so keep an eye out.

### COVID

Is gradually on the wane, but we should still remain vigilant and practice the rules we learnt hands, face, space. Everyone is advised to consider wearing a facemask in crowded enclosed spaces, continue good hand washing practices, let fresh air in when meeting indoors and ensure you are vaccinated.

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We are all very aware of the on-going crisis in Ukraine and I joined a rally in West Bridgford recently highlighting the plight of the refugees.

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### JUBILEE

Rushcliffe Customer Service Centre thanks The Queen for her 70 years of service.

All the villages have arranged individual celebrations and

Communities across the Borough are celebrating with picnics, concerts, fancy dress parades, beacons and street dressing campaigns, many of which have received funding support from the Rushcliffe Parish Jubilee Grant Scheme. Look out for opportunities to take part, volunteer and have fun in your villages.



### TREES

Spring into Summer and the newly planted trees across the Neville Wards, under the Rushcliffe free tree scheme or Platinum Jubilee commemoration, are beginning to come into leaf.



We have had a very dry spring and these trees will need watering.

Can I appeal to you to look after your trees. They are planted for the health and wellbeing of all.

### FLOODING – safety and signage.

All our villages have been affected at some time or other and with climate change, will, no doubt, be affected again.

I attended a NCC Flood Warden training event where the dangers of floodwater, even that flooding a road or pavement, football pitch or field, were highlighted. The big message was respect the water and do not go near or attempt to walk or drive through, you can never tell what is underneath and, the retreating waters are even more dangerous than the rising, because of the syphoning effect which has tremendous power.

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Cllr. Tina Combella

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### Hickling Parish Council

#### Summary of Meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> April (Extraordinary) and 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Annual Meeting) 2022

*(Full Minutes from these meetings can be found on Village noticeboards and Hickling Village website)*

**5<sup>th</sup> April:** Councillors Lane (Chair), Adlam and Prosser and 20 members of the public

**3<sup>rd</sup> May:** Councillors Lane (Chair), Adlam, Brown, Prosser and 9 members of the public  
**Councillors.**

- (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Mr William Brown was co-opted to the Parish Council; he moved to Hickling Pastures 10 years ago, has teenage children and works freelance for a TV company in London. Proposed by Cllr Prosser and seconded by Cllr Adlam.
- (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Election of Officers: Cllr Prosser explained that over the last year there had been a revolving chair since the chairperson resigned. Cllr Prosser proposed that Cllr Lane becomes permanent chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Adlam. Cllr Adlam proposed Cllr Prosser as Vice-Chair seconded by Cllr Lane.

#### Matters arising from public sessions:

- Hickling Parish Council and Hickling parishioners were not consulted about the expansion of the Heliport in Upper Broughton parish (permission now granted); residents of Hickling Pastures are affected significantly and historically they have been consulted. The Clerk advised that RBC have been contacted and that they would consult with Hickling PC & residents in future. Cllr Combella noted that the air ambulance would only use approved flight paths and would not conduct training flights.
- Parishioners raised concerns about the most recent planning application at The Old Wharf Tearooms and asked the Parish Council to take these concerns into account when responding. Note was taken of a petition that had been submitted by residents to the landowners, the Canal & River Trust; 204 signatures in 7 days, 127 from 88 separate households in Hickling Parish. A parishioner asked Councillors not to take account of the petition as they had dis-regarded support for his own application from people outside the village and consistency of approach should be maintained. Concerns were raised by near-neighbours that they had not been informed of the application by RBC. Cllr Combella agreed to raise this with RBC. Further detail of the public discussions can be found in the full Minutes.
- Parishioner commented that the bus service has been cut - Hickling bus service - bus no. 19 from Melton / Nottingham has ceased and Hickling's 'little bus' had altered its route and timetable. The bus company had not shared the new timetable/route with the parish, and it was not publicised at any bus stops - it was agreed that this fell under the Highways portfolio & that Cllrs Lane & Playle would make enquiries with the bus company in order to advise parishioners.
- Cemetery - parishioners were experiencing continued difficulty in gaining access to the cemetery due to the failing gates - Assets portfolio Cllrs Prosser & Adlam - it was agreed that Cllr Prosser would arrange to contact the parishioner who had previously kindly offered to repair the gates with a view to arranging for him to carry out the work.
- Neighbourhood Watch - do we still have one/who is the admin for this etc. Communication - Cllr Adlam to contact the parishioner who used to have this role and to report back.
- A606 road repairs - patch repairs have been carried out again but appear substandard. Have the repairs been inspected by RBC, what was the purpose of the road survey strips (on the road near the roundabout), Clerk to make contact with NCC Highways and advise that the repairs were not fit for purpose on this very busy stretch of road. Clerk - to email John Cottee for comment & remedial works if necessary.

#### Planning.

- 22/00539 /FUL. Erection of replaced detached summerhouse at Conifers, The Green, Hickling. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed no objections.
- 22/ 00594/FUL. Single storey rear flat roof extension and associated rear patio area at 23 Harles Acres, Hickling. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed no objections.
- 22/00545/VAR. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/00052/FUL to add a WC to the rear of the sun room at The Brambles, Main Street, Hickling. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed no objections.
- 22/00398/FUL. Proposed change of use of the site area for the mooring of a wide beamed canal boat for additional seating for existing tea room at Old Wharf Building Adjacent Wharf House, Main Street, Hickling. Cllr



Adam felt that the Wharf is an asset to the village and would like it to be a successful business, he added that he understood what the village wants and needs and considered that this application did not meet these needs. The Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that they wished to object to this application. Grounds included; quality of the application which they found to be weak, vague and lacking; the validity of an application which isn't significantly different to 19/00045/COU; insufficient detail to make an informed decision; adding a permanent structure – heritage & Conservation Area concerns; lack of necessary surveys – environment, ecology, traffic, noise; lack of design detail for proposed barge; planning history on this site. The specific grounds for objection and further detail can be found in the full Minutes.

- 21/01121/FUL. Construction of new General Purpose Farm Barn (including housing for cattle) at Church Farm Main Steet, Hickling. Decision: grant planning permission
- Reference Number: 21/03024/FUL. Render application to existing property to all sides excluding the garage east facing elevation at 8 Harles Acres, Hickling. Decision: grant planning permission.
- 22/00688/CLUPRD. Certificate of proposed lawful development for single storey rear extension to existing dwelling at Willow House, Hickling Pastures. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed no objection.
- 22/00095/FUL. Demolition of a bungalow and erection of four 2 storey dwellings with access (Resubmission of 20/00619/FUL) at The Orchard Long Lane Hickling. Application withdrawn.
- 22/00213/PAQ. Prior approval application under class Q to change use of existing agriculture building into a single dwelling at Hilltop Farm Melton Road, Hickling Pastures. Decision: prior approval not required
- 21/03024/FUL. Render application to the existing property to all sides excluding the garage east facing elevation at 8 Harles Acres, Hickling. Decision: grant planning permission
- 21/00105/FUL. Replace roof material and raise roof height of conservatory roof at 1 Harles Acres, Hickling. Decision: grant planning permission

#### Financial:

- (5<sup>th</sup> April) End of year accounts – information to be sent to the accountant. Balance of Accounts: Current Account £ 14,975.80, Reserve Account £3,829.45. The bank has still not supplied a replacement cheque book; consequently, some payments outstanding.
- (3<sup>rd</sup> May) Balance of Accounts: Current Account £ 14,975.80, Reserve Account £3,829.45.

#### Portfolio Groups:

##### Finance – Cllr Prosser

- Cllr Prosser sought agreement to the PC spending £61.35 on leaflets and posters for the Village Queens Platinum Jubilee events, unanimously agreed to this expenditure. Cllr Adam will organise the printing.
- Clerk's hours, clerk is paid to work 8 hours a week however, due to current large council workload excess hours have been worked. Cllr Prosser suggested that the Clerk cut her hours to 6 hours a week, until the excess hours had been clawed back. Cllr Prosser advised that the Parish Council cannot afford to exceed our staffing budget, as there was a great deal of additional expenditure anticipated in other areas in the forthcoming year. It was asked that councillors try to take on more of the work on their portfolio remits as opposed to sending emails to the Clerk (for her to send emails on their behalf). Cllr Prosser reminded councillors that the Clerk was also the Responsible Financial Officer which was a new role for her, as was the managing of the cemetery and the other village assets, and so encouraged Parish Councillors to take on a certain amount of research of their own portfolio matters, so that, for now, the Clerk can deal with the urgent matters that arise.
- Standing orders required review and to be added to a future agenda for full council consideration / adoption.
- Code of conduct - awaiting RBC's final review before the council consider - to be added to a future agenda for full council consideration / adoption.
- Health & Safety Risk Assessment to be carried out around the village which includes a detailed walk around of the cemetery. Cllr Prosser to carry this out with the Clerk at a date to be arranged.
- Budget – in the new financial year, advised to carry at least a year's reserves, everything is costing more so money is very tight, and the Parish Council will have to watch expenditure carefully. A £500 grant has been given towards a new Noticeboard for a village. We have also requested grants for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and have approached Cllr Cottee and Cllr Combella.

- Grant Applications - Cllr Steve Green take on the official councillor role with regard to this responsibility and to apply / coordinate all fund / grant applications on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Environment- Cllrs Lane & Playle:** LNR status had temporarily stalled - administration matter being resolved, awaiting further information. Tree planting - 5 trees planted on Bridegate Lane and 5 more on Green Lane. Looking to plant more wildflower seed at other locations in the village – Cllr Lane to confirm where & report back. The Platinum Jubilee tree, a copper beech, had been planted at Walkers' Green - quotes to be obtained for a plaque by Clerk. Litter pick - was carried out in April.

**Highways – Cllrs Green & Playle:** Benches - the last minutes mentioned slats missing from the cricket club bench & also the EIRR bench on Bridegate Lane – quotes to be sourced.

**Assets – Cllrs Prosser & Adam:** Cemetery gates – a parishioner had previously kindly offered to carry out the repairs to the cemetery gates – Cllr Prosser to make contact to progress these repairs. Cllr Playle to look into ivy growing up the three trees at the cemetery. Walkers' Green; Cllr Adam has carried out an inspection – nothing to report.

#### Communication & Community Engagement – Cllr Adam.

Cllr Adam to produce a PC parish-wide survey to seek parishioners' opinions regarding the means the Parish Council communicates with them & to collate a database of email addresses of parishioners who wish to receive communication from the PC via this medium. Councillors discussed how they could simultaneously gather information with regard to how the council spends the Parish's precept, what projects they ought to be pursuing, what matters and capital projects were important to parishioners etc. It was agreed that Cllr Adam would merge the council's previously proposed annual survey (to collect the above information) plus the communication survey - to be issued to all parishioners in June/July for review & to inform parish council decisions for future budgets & priorities.

**Ward Reports:** none.

#### Other.

- Letter from St Luke's Church requesting financial support for newly installed alarm system. Discussed at length between Parish Councillors and members of the Village Hall Committee and it was agreed that the grant set aside for the Village Hall (2022/23 budget) would be re-directed to the Church for this purpose.
- Hickling Standard - A member of the newsletter committee asked whether the Parish Council had given further consideration to granting an additional donation to the Hickling Standard in 2022/23. To be reviewed once Platinum Jubilee spending requirements are known.
- Village breakfasts - anonymous letter received by post to the Clerk. The Village Hall Chair had had sight of the contents of an anonymous letter received by the Clerk which required responses with regard to various food, hygiene & administrative matters in respect of the monthly Village Breakfasts. The Village Hall Chair wished it minuted that the Village Breakfasts were not a personal profit-making enterprise for her but were a major source of funding for the Village Hall and maintenance thereof. All proceeds were correctly administered by the Village Hall Treasurer, the monthly breakfasts were regularly inspected by Rushcliffe Environmental Health to ensure compliance with all regulations. Denise Sawyer, Rushcliffe Environmental Health, carried out her last inspection on 03.04.22 and a 5-star certificate was issued (the highest achievable) - this is on display in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Chair had been personally very upset and dismayed to read the accusations in the anonymous correspondence and asked that the Parish Council convey her willingness to respond to the writer of the letter should s/he wish to make herself/himself known to her. The Parish Council commented that the breakfasts were a much-valued community occasion that brought neighbours together and were happy that all regulations & inspections were in order.
- Noticeboard - new notice board to Bogues field. Two quotes obtained to date, but still feels very pricey for what the village is getting. Parish Council to look to get quotes from local craftsmen / handymen to construct something suitable to seek a potential saving in this allocated area of 2022/23 spending. Noted that RBC have approved a £500 grant in respect of this, to be paid once we submit final invoices.
- Cllr Adam asked if there was an update concerning a proposed pre-school at Kinoulton Primary School. The Village Hall Chair advised that she had met with the Headteacher at the school who confirmed that this was in the very early planning / consultation stages & was not an immediate prospect.

**Date of next meetings: 28th Jun and 6th Sept 2022.**



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**2nd-5th June Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Village Celebrations:**

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6pm Plough Jubilee Quiz (closing early for Beacon)  
9pm Beacon Lighting on Standard (all welcome)

**Sunday 5th:** 9am-11am: Bucks Fizz Breakfast at the Village Hall (please book)  
12 noon onwards: Village Picnic, games & sports—Plough Inn  
12.30-1.30: Competition judging - poshest picnic, fancy dress, best-dressed pooch  
3.30pm: Tug of War Competition

8th June Raising Agents—100 years of the WI (Plough Inn)  
19th June Willoughby Open Gardens  
23rd June Coach trip from Hickling to Wentworth House, Gardens, Garden Centre & Antiques shopping Complex  
26th June VH Driveway Sale  
8th July Scouts Quiz - East Bridgford VH  
21st July Hickling WI meeting; Summer Entertaining cookery demonstration & tasting  
20th Aug WI day trip from Hickling to Skegness  
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