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Village Newsletter for
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Hickling Pastures!

With plans for this year's Scarecrow weekend well underway, we'd love this year to invite our neighbours on Hickling Pastures to join in the fun of making a scarecrow! There's plenty of room in the churchyard to display your works of art (or display along the road for all to enjoy), so please do join us.

The theme is Lords and Ladies, there is a list of ideas on the next page or come up with an idea of your own.

Anything goes!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact a member of the Scarecrows Committee if you can help with:

Refreshments
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Karen Buckley; Barbara McEwen,
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Jesus
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Lady Gaga
Little Lord Fauntleroy
Screaming Lord Sutch
The Royal Family
Any royal past or present
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Baron Trump
The Duke of Wellington
Lady Godiva
The Knights of the Round Table
Lady Guinevere
The Knights Templar
The Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell
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10 Lords a Leaping
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Earl Gray
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Law Lords
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Lords Spiritual
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lady Luck
Lord Baden Powell
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Lady McBeth
The Lady with the Lamp
Lord Lucifer
William the Conqueror
Queen Elizabeth I
Henry VIII

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Maquess of Carabas
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Lord Byron
Duke Ellington
Warlord
Drug baron
Dr Who - time lord
Lady Catherine de Bourgh
The Lady of the Lake
Our Lady (Mary)
Lord Snooty
Winston Churchill
Judge John Deed
The Monmouth Rebellian
War of the Roses
Ladybird
Duke of Weselton - Frozen
Lady Chatterley's Lover
Lady in Red
The Lady and the Tramp
The Lady is a tramp
Discworld eg Lord Vetinari
Lady Penelope Creighton-Ward
Lady Windermere's Fan
Lord Kitchener
Lord Krishna /Lord Vishnu
Lord Jim
Star Wars - Dark Lord
Count Dracula
Grand old Duke of York
Lady Nancy Astor
Lady Betty Boothroyd
The Lady of Shallot
Blackadder
Le Baron Rouge
My Fair Lady
Lord Farquaard (Shrek)
Lady Bracknell
The Duchess (Alice's Adventures)
Prospero
Lady Marmalade
9 Ladies dancing

Lord Mountbatten
Lady Colin Campbell
Lord Kinnock
Lady Mary Charteris
Lord Archer
Ladies Wot Lunch
Ladies in Lavender
Pub Landlord
The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy
Lady Bay Bridge
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Lady Anne MacKintosh
Aristocats
Lord Alan Sugar
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Scarecrow Ideas!





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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.

Hickling Standard - online edition

The Hickling Standard is also available as a pdf (pages now in the right order!) at: www.hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/hickling-standard/

Wadkin family—Alzheimer's Research fundraising

A pleasant evening was spent at The Plough, Hickling on June 21st when Patrick Wadkin, on behalf of his Dad, Keith Wadkin gave a cheque for £525 to Professor Morgan for Alzheimer's Research. That was on top of a sum of £900 sent during the pandemic. Donations amounting to £85 were also collected on the night. Professor Morgan gave a short talk on how the research is going. Keith has now raised close to £13,000 for Alzheimer's Research. Many thanks to the landlords for their hospitality. So many people are very generous—thank you, all! Keith.

For Sale - in aid of Alzheimer's Research:

- Cards £1 each - Windmill, Mill Lane, Hickling—watercolour by Mike Weston from an original painting by JL Laws in 1908.
- Books: Hickling Reflections of Yesteryear by H Wadkin.
- Books: Maggie's Memories by H Wadkin.

Contact Keith or Patrick or ask at The Plough.

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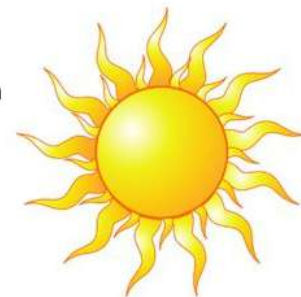
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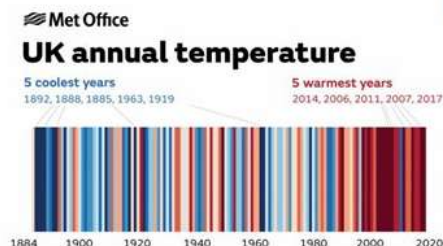
The Sands, Long Clawson

It was hot in July!

Hopefully, everyone managed the extreme temperatures in July without too many problems. At the time of writing (18th July) we're in the middle of it and temperatures are predicted to tip over 40°C in the next 24 hours. So, how extreme is/was it?



- The Met Office have been measuring temperatures since 1884. Until this week, the highest daily maximum temperature for the UK was recorded at 38.7°C on 25th July 2019 in the Cambridge Botanical Gardens.
- (18/7/22) The Met Office wrote: "... tomorrow [there is] a 70% chance of somewhere in England exceeding 40°C. A value of this level would exceed the current UK record by 1.3°C or more. This is akin to a marathon runner shaving 20 minutes off the current record."
- Met Office scientists say that the likelihood of over-40°C events is increasing; at present they have a likely return time of c.100-300yrs. Even with everything we are currently doing to tackle climate change, this return time is expected to drop to every 15yrs by 2100. Although such events do occur naturally, the 'frequency, duration and intensity' of these events has been firmly linked to human activity.
- Average world temperatures have risen by 1°C against pre-industrial levels—which doesn't sound much but the impacts of that 1°C are serious and extensive. We are now living in the hottest period for 125,000 years and the UK Health Security Agency reported that hot weather caused 2,000 additional deaths in the UK in 2020.
- Britain and Britons are made for temperature highs in the low-20's; temperatures in the low-30's are excessive for us - regular temperatures in the high 30's (or even low-40's) are incomprehensible. Have you ever heard the story of frogs in gently heating water?
- (Met Office) "Analysis of the annual UK temperature records from the Met Office shows that since 1884 all of the UK's ten warmest years have occurred since 2002; whereas none of the ten coldest years have occurred since 1963."
- And when compared to the 1976 drought and heatwave: in June, July & August 1976 the UK experienced a prolonged heatwave and drought registering the 2nd highest average temperature since records began. Temperatures exceeded 30°C for 16 days, 32°C for another 15 days and 35°C for a further 5 days. The hottest day was recorded in Cheltenham on July 3rd - 35.9°C.
- Climate change = more extreme weather events of all kinds: wetter (flooding), windier, hotter (wildfires), colder (remember the Beast from the East?). ([Top ten UK's hottest years all since 2002 - Met Office](#))



- Beginning with the hottest, the top ten warmest years in sequence are: 2014; 2006; 2011; 2007; 2017; 2003; 2018; 2004; 2002; and 2005.
- Beginning with the coldest, the top ten coolest years in sequence are: 1892; 1888; 1885; 1963; 1919; 1886; 1917; 1909; 1887; and 1962

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

VILLAGE HALL TRIP TO MIDDLETON HALL AND GARDENS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrated in Style (despite the weather)



What a wonderful weekend—nationally & locally; full of incredible moments—full of dignity and full of fun.

Galleries (& videos) can be found at:
www.hicklingnottsllocalhistory.com/the-queens-platinum-jubilee-2022/

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HICKLING CHURCHYARD – MORE THAN JUST GRAVESTONES

In Hickling Churchyard is a section of ground where there is no evidence of graves and this area has been a clear grassed area with no plants or trees as long as people can remember. There are no official records to explain why and unlike many churches, Hickling Church Records do not contain a map of early burials in the churchyard.

Earlier Guide Books for Hickling Church have reported that this area was the 'cholera pit' where people who died during the cholera outbreaks were laid to rest quickly in a mass grave. However, the Parish Records for Hickling do not record many deaths during the major cholera outbreaks in the 1700's and 1800's, to warrant such a mass grave, so perhaps this is not true.

However, evidence does all seem to point to the fact that this area was where several bodies were buried together. Disposal of the bodies of those who died in the major epidemics of the early modern period undoubtedly presented huge problems.

The Hickling Parish Records and Bishop's Transcripts records the names of residents who were buried in the churchyard at Hickling. The Parish Records start in 1621 with the earlier documents difficult to read. After 1646 the records appear more complete but with gaps during the Civil War period. There are no periods in the existing Parish Registers which show large numbers of people dying within a short period. Therefore, if this area was the site of a mass grave it is likely to have been dug in the early 1600's.

It is now believed this area was in fact a 'plague pit'. A plague pit is the informal term used to refer to mass graves in which victims of the Black Death – thought to be a combination of bubonic, pneumonia and perhaps septicaemic plague, which swept across the country in the early part of the 1600's. The plague of the 1660's in London and the large number of mass graves within the City are well researched and documented. Parishes throughout the country were faced with a similar problem of how to dispose of their dead quickly.

At this period an individual grave was standard, though two or three individuals might share a grave. Traditional funeral practises and internment in which family and friends played (cont'd on page 15)




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Why July?

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The Roman politician and general was born in 100BC in the Roman month of Quintilis.

The Roman calendar originally had 10 months, and the months Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November and December corresponded to the latin words for the numbers five to ten. The months of January and February were added later.

Quintilis was renamed Iulius (July) by the Roman Senate in 44BC—the year Caesar was assassinated.

This red chalk portrait of Julius Casear shows the Roman general and statesman's head in profile, sketched from an engraved gem. It was produced in about 1710 by French painter & printmaker Elisabeth Sophie Cheron

(British Museum 2nd July 2022)



(cont'd from p.13) an important role in their desire for commemoration came into conflict with the Parish Officers who would have to cope as best as they could with the pressures of burying bodies as quickly as possible. Large pits for communal burials became a critical necessity when the Parish needed a quick burial space for the victims of the plague. The ground was often treated with quicklime and there was generally an understanding that these grave pits should not be disturbed.

The stories of where these 'plague pits' were situated in the churchyard was passed down the generations [perhaps with a little embellishment] even though there may be no official documentation. This may be just what has happened in Hickling.

There is further proof that the story may be true. Plague was rife in the area around Hickling in the early 1600's. Existing records seem to indicate that an epidemic of the plague affected one village at a time. In 1609 many hundreds of people died of the plague in the city of Nottingham. The city continued to have outbreaks of the plague during the first half of the 1600's. In fact, Goose Fair was cancelled in 1646 for fear of it encouraging the further spreading of the plague. Cotgrave, which is not too far from Hickling had outbreaks of the plague in 1616 and 1626 but in the year 1637, the largest one happened between April and September of that year. 93 people out of probably a village with only 450 people died that year of the plague. Colston Bassett records show the plague in the village in 1623 and 83 people dying. The plague reached East Stoke in 1640. Stathern also had to deal with the plague in the early 1600's with the Hacker family of Stathern Hall losing a child to the plague.

It is also thought that during the Civil War the Parliamentary soldiers carried the plague from place to place and the Newark outbreaks have been credited to them. A Parliamentary soldier who was killed in battle at Newark was taken to his home village of Collingham to be buried and a few days later this village had an outbreak of the plague.

Therefore, it can be assumed that the plague may have reached Hickling at some point between 1610 and 1646.

Some of the wealthier families living in Hickling during the late 1500's left documents which has enabled researchers to understand how the village operated and who lived here. In the late 1500's, Thomas Noble resided in Hickling and had a large family. He had a least 5 sons, Nicholas, Oliver, John, William, and Edward, who would have been Thomas's heirs and would have had families of their own. This complete family disappear from all records and while it could be expected that one or two of the sons moved away, the whole family would not have done so. Other old Hickling family names also disappear at this time including the Hopkinsons and the Hewitts. Were they victims of the plague?

One other theory put forward is that soldiers killed in the Hickling area during the Civil War were buried together in a large pit in the Churchyard. There would certainly have been casualties in and around Hickling and these would not have been recorded in the Church Records.

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HICKLING W.I.

Many people turned out on Wednesday 8th June to see the MIKRON THEATRE COMPANY perform 'Raising Agent' at the Plough Pub in Hickling. This was a play about a WI group and perhaps conveyed to the audience that the WI is more than 'Jam and Jerusalem' and does not deserve this image so often portrayed.

The WI was founded by Adelaide Hoodless in 1897 in Canada. It was not until 1915 that WI's opened in Great Britain, the first being on Anglesey. The group brings together women in friendship and offers support.

If any woman feels aggrieved about anything in society which affects her and her family's well-being, she can call upon members to do something about it. The power of many thousands of women coming together to make a government



Early in the month members enjoyed the Annual Bluebell Walk through the woods at Strelley followed by lunch at The Broadoak.

A morning at the Greyhound Stadium at Colwick was a really entertaining as members got to grips with how to pick a winner.



act can be quite overwhelming for politicians; as Tony Blair discovered to his detriment in 2000. In 1920 they campaigned for the 'Bastardy Bill'; in 1922 for education to prevent venereal disease; in 1931 for an improvement in Maternity Care [an ongoing campaign!!!]; in 1969 to conserve more of the countryside for the whole community; in 1974 they called for a policy for reclamation, reuse and recycling of waste and in 2018 a campaign was launched for parity between mental and physical health and asked for better support for those who need it.

Hickling has a WI group which includes members from not only Hickling but also from Upper Broughton, Nether Broughton and further afield. It would be nice to welcome new members and a list of all the activities can be seen on the noticeboard outside Hickling Village Hall,

plus in the village magazines.

For almost 50 years the WI has been at the forefront in the campaign for reducing the use of plastic and recycling. On Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm in Hickling Village Hall, there will be a presentation entitled 'WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH'. We will discover exactly what happens when we put something into the recycling bin. Non-members are welcome to attend £5.

Also, in October we are having a trip to the Observatory at Nottingham Trent University and a visit to the Greyhound Stadium at Colwick There is a coach trip to Skegness on 17 September, a monthly walking/strolling group; darts at the Plough and regular monthly meetings with interesting speakers and demonstrations.

A year's subscription is just £30 and if you would like to join or find out more, please contact Jeanne Watts, Christine Ellis [Nether Broughton] or Pauline Chell for an information pack [01664 822835].



On June 23rd members went on a coach trip to Wentworth House and gardens. They had a guided tour of the house and then had time to wander through the gardens and the excellent garden centre.



Hickling W.I. Members enjoyed a sunny afternoon garden party at Field View Kinoulton where they had a superb afternoon tea, followed by games on the lawn.

COACH TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT & PALACE OF WESTMINSTER TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2023

This trip is open to anyone who would like to participate in the Visitor Experience at Westminster. There will be a talk and tour with an expert guide visiting both Chambers; the State Rooms and St

Stephen's Hall

Afterwards there will be free time to spend in London before returning home.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Pauline Chell 01664 822835 and reserve your place.



Saturday 17th September 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.



A coach trip to Bakewell market provided the opportunity for some retail therapy followed by relaxing downtime at The Cascade Gardens at Matlock. Members were able to stroll through the

beautiful gardens and ended the day with afternoon tea at the gardens.

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HICKLING W.I. - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8 AUGUST MONDAY 7.30 at the Plough Hickling – DARTS. Non members welcome. For more information contact Liz Year – 01664 822562

10 AUGUST WEDNESDAY 3pm – A coach party booking for afternoon tea in Hickling Village Hall. Volunteers needed to help with the catering etc

10-11 SEPTEMBER – HICKLING SCARECROW WEEKEND – The Hickling WI will be having a fund raising stall – ideas please and volunteers to help

17 SEPTEMBER SATURDAY = COACH TRIP TO SKEGNESS for further details and to book your place please contact Pauline 01664 822825. Non members £20 [free for members]

6 OCTOBER THURSDAY 10am– TRIP TO THE DOGS a FREE event

13 OCTOBER THURSDAY – EVENING VISIT TO THE OBSERVATORY AT NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY –£5 - non-members welcome- please let Pauline have money and names asap [01664 822835]

18 NOVEMBER FRIDAY Hickling WI supports the local MacMillan Charity and will be selling tickets for a **TRIBUTE NIGHT with Rod Stewart & Diana Ross**, in aid of this charity. Tickets are £12.50 each which includes a raffle. Venue Cotgrave Miner's Welfare at 8pm. Tickets available from Pauline Chell -[cheques payable to Hickling WI] Open to non members.

PROJECTS

STILTON CHEESE RECIPES Further information about this exciting project will be given at our meeting on 16 June and we hope everyone will participate

CHILDREN'S QUILTS-the first quilt is almost finished and when it is Gilly will bring it to a meeting for everyone to see. She still needs more squares embroidering so please contact Gilly if you can do one or two Tele 01949 80202

e	Kinoulton	Hickling	Upper Broughton
7	9.00am Holy Communion MW	6.30pm Evening Service SH	11.00am Holy Communion St Oswald MW RCJ pr
14	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
21	9.00am Holy Communion MW	10.00am Morning Prayer RCJ	11.00am Morning Prayer RCJ
28	11.00am Morning Prayer SH	6.30pm Holy Communion PM	9.00am Holy Communion MW
t 4	9.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Service	11.00am Holy Communion
t 11	11.00am Morning Prayer	No Service <i>Scarecrows Weekend</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer
t 18	9.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Morning Prayer
t 25	11.00am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Holy Communion	10.00am Harvest Festival

Letter from St Luke's

At this time many of us are taking holidays and visiting places both new and familiar. The world is diverse, and there is much to learn and enjoy about it. Some things we observe may help us to understand better the countryside and community around us. To my surprise, parishioners have been able to understand better things in our church at Upper Broughton from what we have seen elsewhere. In one case we have a plaque commemorating a benefaction to our church about 200 years ago, and an identical plaque was found in a church in East Sussex. Investigation showed that the benefactor was a relation of the Rectors of both parishes. I found a book in a bookshop in Norfolk which explained a strange carving on a pillar in our church, and dated it to the early Norman period – earlier than the building of the present church.

There is much to be said for 'church crawling', where we can see the many ways in which buildings have been created and decorated to the glory of God. You do not have to have a copy of Pevsner's Buildings of England for whatever county to appreciate the inspiration of those who have created these marvellous buildings – just a time of quiet to let the building speak to us.

I hope that you have a good time away and come back refreshed, and with a deeper appreciation of the world around us.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it;

for he has founded it on the seas,


and established it on the rivers.

Psalms 24 vv1-2

Best wishes

Robert C Jones, St Luke's, Broughton Sulney

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INSURANCE	4,000
UPKEEP OF CHURCHYARD	1,500
TOTAL	14,200
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St. Luke's Hickling and Hickling Pastures

Covering Core Costs

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

We are writing to inform you about our new Promise Programme and why it is needed, setting out the challenge we face to keep the heritage building going and how we can each play a part.

We have to ensure that the building is useable and safe, so we have to have an inspection by an approved heritage architect every 5 years. We have to cover our core costs plus any unpredictable events, such as work on dangerous trees, leaks etc.

We need to have a known regular income to do this, which means we need lots of people in Hickling and Hickling Pastures to give monthly, quarterly or annually, ideally by Standing Order. We can then claim 25% Gift Aid tax refund on any donation from a taxpayer. You can of course change your giving at any time.

Remember we do not receive any outside financial assistance or state aid towards the running and upkeep of this church building. All income is provided by the generosity of the Parish, community and fundraising.

The Parish Share largely remains unpaid. This is the sum to be paid to the Diocese to cover clergy salaries and pensions, upkeep of the housing, also all training of employees and PCCs, fees to Professional Associations, Safeguarding training and support for each church and much more. We also benefit from being part of a purchasing group, especially for insurance on a Grade 1 Listed building valued at £11.75 million, which literally saves thousands. **We still get all these benefits and more because some churches pay more than their share to support others like us.**

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Throughout many generations many people have played a part in funding our village gem and now we need to ensure that it can continue into the future.

Yours sincerely,

John and Gill Bloor (Wardens)

Alex Thomas (Treasurer)

On behalf of the PCC of St. Luke's Hickling with Hickling Pastures

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St. Luke's Church Promise Programme WHAT IF?

If you are interested in our promise programme, but still have questions, PLEASE READ ON:

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Alex Thomas, (Treasurer)

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Please Can You Help Us?

Scarecrow weekend 10th /11th September
St. Luke's Church will be open at the church and in the churchyard this year, selling the usual range of sweet and savoury food.

If you are able to offer a cake or a savoury, prepare filled rolls at home,
or
serve food for a 1 or 2 hour slot in the church during the weekend, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm
or
help with setting up on Friday 9th at 5.00 pm
or
with clearing up at 4.30 pm on Sunday 11th

Please let me know as soon as possible on 07788 518156 or at alex28thomas@btinternet.com
Hoping it will be a lovely village weekend!

Weekly Coffee Mornings on Thursdays from 10.30am.

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John or Gill Bloor at cesterern@btopenworld.com or
Alex Thomas at alex28thomas@btinternet.com

**Could you offer a cake occasionally? Help with cleaning twice a year by rota?
Help at events etc?**

Foxes: friend or foe?

Of our countryside neighbours, foxes probably divide opinion more than any other species of wildlife; to some they are vermin, they kill for sport, they stink and they're destructive. To others they are beautiful, clever, independent and misunderstood (or just cute and cuddly?).

Either way there is a danger in anthropomorphising animal behaviour and adding further layers of misunderstanding to the debate. This article won't change any of those strong opinions and doesn't offer any solutions but may provide some food for thought.

The facts:

The red fox (*vulpes vulpes*) is the UK's only native/indigenous wild member of the dog family. A male fox (dog) makes a barking noise, females (vixens) make a spine-chilling scream, particularly in the early part of the year. Red foxes live in a burrow system called an 'earth'. They scent-mark their territorial borders with urine, creating a very strong, recognisable odour. They also have scent glands on their feet to mark well-used trails so they can follow them easily at night. Their scat (poo) is also incredibly pungent – as anyone with a dog that likes to roll, knows ... They are 'opportunistic omnivores'; foxes feed on small mammals, birds, frogs, worms, fruit, berries and carrion; they eat mice, rats and rabbits – all fast-breeding mammals that cause problems if their populations grow out of control. The fox is an apex predator and an integral part of the natural balance necessary to maintain a healthy biodiversity. They are clever and that makes them naturally cautious of humans; in their natural habitat (in the open countryside) they will avoid contact with humans and will normally stay away from anything related to humans as much as possible.

The fox in the hen house:

This is the characteristic image/reputation; it is repeated anecdotally, in fables, in fiction, by hearsay. It is also true; if a fox gets into an enclosed hen house it will kill as many chickens as it can as quickly as it can.

Like many predators, foxes are 'feast and famine' creatures; if there is an abundance of food they will take advantage of this – eating what they can immediately then taking and burying surplus to be unearthed and eaten later.

If a fox manages to get into a henhouse, it is presented with an abundance of food; the



killing spree is quick and frenzied and noisy. Because it is noisy and because hen houses are (by definition) close to people, the fox is frequently interrupted at this point – leaving a scene of carnage and giving the impression of 'killing for sport'. However, wildlife documentaries have filmed uninterrupted raids and these show that after the killing frenzy the fox will remove the hens one-by-one and bury them to guard against future famine.

The BTO report that fox numbers have halved in the last 25 years – largely because of human factors. However, many farmers are now changing their approach; for example, predator-proof fencing is being erected around chicken ranges; "As a result, foxes will catch rodents and rabbits that would otherwise damage crops (...). This kind of commitment to animal husbandry – instead of reaching for the gun, snares or poison – sets an example for how we can farm alongside wildlife in this country." (BBC Wildlife May 2022)

What happens when a fox is removed from its territory unnaturally?

(road kill, human intervention)

Crucial to this is an understanding of how foxes breed and establish their territories; they are self-regulators. Breeding and territory are inter-dependent and both are linked to the amount of food available. The size of territory is determined by the amount of food available; the more food there is, the smaller an individual fox's territory will be (hence the density of urban fox populations). Foxes also regulate their breeding in line with the availability of food; more food = more cubs, no food = no cubs.

A complex, natural, balancing act.

- The vixen is able to reabsorb unviable foetus during pregnancy; reacting to the availability or non-availability of resources that make the litter viable.
- Young vixens unable to move into their own breeding territories remain under the control of their mothers and can't breed themselves. If/when a territory becomes available young vixens are released into such territories to begin breeding themselves.

In simple terms; when a fox dies, its territory becomes available and the neighbouring populations adjust to take it over – through movement and breeding, to accommodate that space. In this way, the size of a fox litter is limited by the availability of food and territory - a natural balance which controls against unsustainable over-population.

The foot and mouth outbreak of 2001 came at a time when the population management of foxes was being hotly debated. With the outbreak, all types of hunting were suspended for almost a year opening up the opportunity to monitor any changes in fox populations against previous benchmark data. Research was carried out by the independent scientific group The Mammal Society and published in the journal Nature; in summary, fox populations did not increase during the ban as had been expected (in fact, there was a statistically insignificant decline).

The conclusion reached was that foxes do regulate their own populations. When a fox dies or is killed the gap is filled from the resident population and the numbers remain stable as determined by environmental factors (such as the availability of food) – rather like water

finding its level.

If this is the case, artificially removing a fox from its territory is pointless because another fox will simply migrate in and take over that territory, breeding to maintain population levels/fill the gap.

What happens if we intervene by feeding foxes artificially?

The most significant impact is 'loss of fear of humans'; once an individual animal loses its natural caution around people its behaviour has been modified and it becomes a nuisance. A situation amply demonstrated by urban foxes.

As discussed (above) foxes don't need supplemental feeding, they have evolved to manage their population in line with the availability of the food they need. When people put food out for foxes, the individual foxes concerned lose their fear of humans; they begin to associate humans with food and they absorb the human locale into their territory – this has consequences.

- Individual territories reduce in size (potentially increasing the overall population and/or upsetting the local balance of populations)
- Foxes gravitate towards humans instead of keeping their distance
- There will be a significant increase in the predation of domestic poultry (easy prey)
- There will be conflict with domestic cats. One distressing side effect of foxes becoming used to picking up food near houses is that they come into competition with domestic cats; particularly when an owner leaves food for their cat outside. A fox that perceives a domestic area as its territory will view that cat food as belonging to the fox – too often cats are killed defending their food because it is outside and in fox territory.

Without a fear of humans, the fox (understandably) takes the easy options – they are opportunistic.

"The Fox Project, a UK-based charity dedicated to protecting the red fox, state that in 29 years of work and 15,000 foxes rescued, they are 'yet to find a starving adult fox' "
(Natural History Museum ref.).

Urban foxes.

The subject of urban fox populations is a whole different area for debate; in this context though, it is useful to compare them with their country cousins:

- Territories are small and overlap because food is plentiful and easy to find
- They have largely lost their fear of humans and 'cross boundaries' in many unacceptable ways; we've all heard the stories of foxes found in children's bedrooms, for example.



- Urban foxes are evolving to become significantly bigger than rural foxes; plentiful food leads to lack of conflict and cooperative social structures (including shared parenting) – bigger, stronger, healthier.

You may have heard this before, but this is a Hickling story from about 20 years ago:

- A lady from the village was driving down Bridegate Lane one evening when she spotted a white van parked in the entrance of a field full of sheep – the van had its rear doors open. She stopped and approached the van to ask what they were doing.
- "Oh, it's fine" came the reply, "We're relocating urban foxes from West Bridgford and just letting them out here."
- "But it's a sheep field, there are lambs!" retorted the lady.
- "They're urban foxes, trust us, they wouldn't know what to do with them." was the reply.
- Following this incident there was an identified surge in hens and poultry being taken by foxes in the village (it is presumed these were the relocated foxes seeking to find their way around ...).

Who knows whether this kind of thing still happens but the problems are obvious:

- Urban foxes have no natural fear of humans, they gravitate to known sources of food – people (& their henhouses).
- They are more used to scavenging than hunting – conflict with the community is inevitable
- They don't have a local territory or any awareness of the local network of territories – disruption of the local natural balance is inevitable.
- Removing foxes from the urban environment won't relieve problems in the urban location because foxes self-regulate their breeding and will fill the gaps created.

Lastly:

Because foxes are apex predators (ie. nothing preys on them) it is argued that they will breed unhindered and population management by humans is essential; however, fox populations are self-regulating and the issues are complex.

Of course, there is room to debate population management – but perhaps we should also be talking about whether humans need to intervene at all.

Can we trust to nature's balance? Can we alter our behaviour to reduce conflict?

It is certain that foxes don't need our help but perhaps we don't need to persecute them either.

(JF)





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The most important skill is to teach your dog how to control their own behaviour. An easy way to start this is to teach the Stay command. This, of course, is not natural for a dog. This month I'll cover how to teach this skill as well the benefits you can expect to see.

Ask your dog to sit and then take one step back. Step forward immediately and reward your dog with a treat taken from your pocket. Repeat this exercise taking more steps back building up the distance slowly. If your dog stands up and walks towards you, simply set your dog up again without offering the treat. It's amazing how fast a dog will then cotton on to this new skill.

Once proficient in the house, train in the garden and then in a park where there are more distractions. Next try walking in a circle around your dog, once you are behind them, they may move out of position.

So how does this help? Firstly, it teaches a dog self-control whilst focusing on you. It also provides the basis for many other skills such as waiting patiently as visitors arrive, sitting and not jumping at people, being calm before a walk to name just a few.

Happy training this month!

Lynne Marshall

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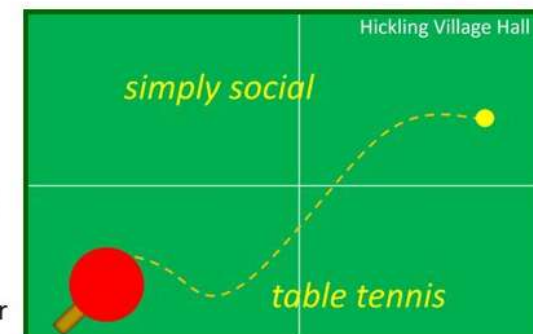
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We've had a busy summer term at preschool; the children have done lots of baking and are compiling

their own "Prechool Bake off" book. In June we learnt all about Elizabeth II, we made Union Jack flags and red, white and blue pictures to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and then we tested our baking skills with an afternoon tea.



We've spent lots of time outside exploring our village and our eldest children have been for taster afternoons at Kinoulton Primary school to prepare them to start school in September. We will miss our leavers and wish them good luck for their new adventures in reception class.

We have had lot's of new children enrol at preschool recently and some of our sessions are full, so if you'd like your children to attend in the autumn or winter term its worth getting in touch early.

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.



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The Grantham Canal

Local History Group—website updated

One of our bigger projects as a local history group has been to record the history of the Grantham Canal and its impacts on our history. A relative latecomer to Hickling, the construction of the canal in the late 1790s coincided with the Enclosure Acts and the emerging Industrial Revolution - a move away from a largely self-sufficient rural economy and evolving with the changing times to combine the old with the new. We have built a network of pages which we hope you will enjoy exploring!

- The Grantham Canal—this is the main page and includes all kinds of shorter articles; introductions to the canal, wharf & basin; the Navigation Inn; Trent Barges; Night Soil (& clay pipes); Canal Weighing Office; Waymarkers; Smite aqueduct; A black cat called Min & Hickling Fishermen; WWI, the Machine Gun Corps, Belton & the canal; Tommy Watchorn (Crutchy); transcripts of two articles, one from 1916 and one from 1935.
- We plan to add to these pages as new research and documents emerge; there are some fascinating maps and details of the people involved are emerging from house deeds and legal papers.

www.hicklingnottsllocalhistory.com/grantham-canal/

Further pages add more detail:

- The Lengthsman's Hut
- Skating on the Hickling Basin
- Hickling Basin & Wharf Building (& the Hickling Whale)
- Grantham Canal - from the Wadkin Archives
- Grantham Canal: History & Timeline to the present day.
- Navigation Inn
- &, in the near future, we plan a separate page focusing on the wildlife, trees and plant life of the canal.

If you are able to add to or clarify any of our research, we are always pleased to hear from you!

Please contact us via FaceBook
or by email to

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or speak to any member of the group. **Thank you!**



COUNCILLORS NEWS LETTER
IN THIS SIZZLING hot SUMMER of 2022
FOR

HICKLING , UPPER BROUGHTON, KINOULTON, COSTON BASSETT, HICKLING PASTURES,
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

GLASTONBURY!

The Borough and Local communities seem to have decided to put on their very own Glastonbury Events. So many communities have come out to celebrate their regained freedom – there has been such an effort from all the volunteer groups and Parish councils who need a big thank you.

Proms in the Park in West Bridgford a celebration for Armed Forces Day, brought out amazing Musical acts culminating with a stunning performance by the Queen Tribute Band. Over 8000 people enjoyed this free family event in Bridgford Park. What can they put on next year? Lets wait and see.

RAISING AGENTS a performance featuring the rise of the Women's Institute by the Mikron Theatre Company brought some fun to the garden at the Plough Inn Hickling in June in spite of the rain.

Radcliffe on Trent had their annual carnival event again with even more floats and lots of children in fancy dress. They themed the event around "My favourite book"

Kinoulton – KBNI - Had their big night in with some really wonderful music from our well-known local bands.

JUBILEE – All this on top of Queen's jubilee street parties, picnics, beacons, fancy dress and more in all the villages.

Rushcliffe is really out celebrating and making up for lost time.

Many more events to come. Keep an eye on Rushcliffe reports and your local Parish News.

SCARECROW WEEKEND in Hickling 10th/11th September is back we hope even bigger and better. **LORDS & LADIES** is the theme so we hope the village will all join in and put out their scarecrows dressed in their tiaras, pearls and glad rags.

WILDFLOWERS & TREES

Everywhere is looking very parched so please, please help by watering any wild flowers displays or community trees.

This is a picture of the trial Wildflower bed planted last year at Grove Farm Kinoulton and now beginning to bloom. A further 10 acres have been sown along with 100 trees



attracting pollinating insects and wildlife including the return of the Barn Owl. Brilliant environmental effort.

GCWRG (Gratham Canal WATER RESTORATION Group)

Of particular interest to those in Kinoulton, Hickling and Colston Basset but of benefit to all who visit the Canal and value its calming waters and wildlife.

As Mayor of Rushcliffe this is now one of my charities.

The group is trying to raise awareness of the issues of maintenance and keeping water in the Canal. Water is now acknowledged beneficial to mental health and Doctors are 'Blue prescribing'.

Rushcliffe Borough Council agreed to a motion brought to Full Council in July receiving, unanimous cross party support.

To receive Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No.12 Council resolves to pledge its support to the maintenance and health of the Grantham Canal in the Borough of Rushcliffe as an integral wildlife and wellbeing corridor, and asks Communities Scrutiny Group to oversee the following actions:

- To raise awareness of the importance of the Grantham Canal with the wider community, the County Council, and other relevant agencies to ensure water is retained in the watered section of the Canal within Rushcliffe, to benefit the environment, Mental Health, Wellbeing and Sport.
- To raise awareness amongst the adjoining authorities through which the Grantham Canal passes.
- To review the Service Level Agreement with the Canal and Rivers Trust to include specific reference to water retention (it is due for renewal in 2024 and is being considered by Communities Scrutiny Group on 21 July 2022).
- To write to DEFRA requesting that it reclassify remainder waterways in order that they may benefit from Government funding in light of the health benefits of the canal environment which have been proven during Covid and the consequent lock down.



INTRODUCING THE GCWRG CAMPAIGN

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Stay cool in this hot weather – have a good summer

Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Update from Hickling Parish Council

Hickling Parish Council represents the interests of people living in Hickling and Hickling Pastures on all matters which impact directly on our community. We are committed to keeping you informed about our work.

You can keep up to date with the latest news from Hickling Parish Council by following us on Facebook and Nextdoor or visiting our website (www.hicklingnotts.org/parish-council/) for notice of our upcoming meetings and minutes.

New Chair and Vice Chair

At our Annual Parish Meeting in May, Simon Lane was elected as Chair of Hickling Parish Council and Tracey Prosser was elected as Vice-Chair. Simon and Tracey will serve in their roles until March 2023. We also welcomed a new Parish Councillor - William Brown - who has lived in Hickling Pastures for more than ten years.

Marking the Platinum Jubilee

As Her Majesty the Queen marked 70 years on the throne, we were pleased to organise and support a number of events to mark the occasion. We are grateful to everyone who turned out for the beacon lighting, proclamation, Jubilee breakfast and parish picnic (despite the weather) and want to thank all the volunteers who supported us. We also planted a copper beech tree in Walkers' Green to mark the occasion. It is the same species of tree planted by The Queen and Prince Charles in the grounds of Balmoral last year to signal the formal beginning of the push to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Grant awarded for St. Luke's Church

We are pleased to award a grant of £1,000 towards a new roof alarm at St. Luke's Church. The alarm is needed to protect the lead roof from being stolen on the 14th century building. The Church is an important feature of the community and in the recently adopted Hickling Neighbourhood Plan, St. Luke's churchyard is designated a local green space.

Representing the views of our community

We have hosted two extraordinary parish council meetings to give parishioners the opportunity to comment on the latest planning application for the Wharf. Both meetings were well attended, and parishioners expressed their overwhelming objection to the plans. As a parish council representing the views of our community, we formally submitted our objections to Rushcliffe Borough Council. The application has now been withdrawn.

New measures to improve local facilities

In response to concerns raised by parishioners about the bird mess on the swings in the Walkers' Green play park, we will install bird deterrent spikes on top of the swings. Regular inspections continue to ensure the equipment and environment is in good order.

Hickling and Hickling Pastures Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Hickling and Hickling Pastures is now part of Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch

- NottsWatch, which works closely with local police teams to prevent and detect crime. Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme means that you will be kept informed of local crime that may affect you.

If you would like to receive information about the Hickling and Hickling Pastures Neighbourhood Watch scheme, including information about local crime that might affect you, please email our temporary coordinator Tracey Prosser at tjprosser67@gmail.com

New signs will be going up throughout Hickling and Hickling Pastures notifying people that we are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and we have lots of window stickers that can be placed in your homes. If you would like a window sticker, please email tjprosser67@gmail.com. We can even arrange to deliver them to your home.


Have your say on what matters most to you

Every year we make decisions on a variety of issues that affect people living in Hickling and Hickling Pastures. These range from commenting on planning matters, supporting local groups, managing parish council owned assets and spaces (such as Walkers' Green and the parish council cemetery on Clawson Lane), and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities. As you would expect, we want these decisions to be informed by our local community and we will be asking for your support in completing a short

survey to understand what you would like your parish council to prioritise over the next year and how we can communicate with you more effectively. The survey will be delivered to your homes next month and will be available to complete online too.

Our next meeting

We welcome all parishioners to our meetings, which are held in public every four to six weeks in Hickling Village Hall. We advertise our meetings in advance. **Our next Parish Council Meeting takes place on Tuesday 9 August from 7.30pm.**



Invitation to join Hickling & Hickling Pastures NHW

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:
Hickling & Hickling Pastures NHW (000083521)

As the current coordinator of the above scheme, I am personally inviting you to join and be a close part of our growing community. We are keen to build a safer and friendlier neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch has over 2.3 million members and thousands of schemes across England and Wales. Our charitable work brings many benefits, not least keeping you updated on local crime and incident issues, closer links with our neighbourhood police, and advice and guidance on crime prevention for yourself, your family and your possessions.



To accept this invite please [click this link](#).

Or copy and paste the below URL into your web browser:
<https://members.nottinghamshirealert.co.uk/Join/SchemeInvite/58D13F7F8E530A7A987A738B89166CC0>

If you require a new door/window sticker, please let me know & I will drop one off for you.

Kind Regards,

Tracey Prosser
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
Tel. 07890 584 820



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| August | Macrame Plant Hanger, Wool Weaving, Pencil Drawing for Beginners, Crochet Basket, Mixed Media Art |
| September | Silversmith Ring, Lino Print, Gel Plate Printing, Spoon Carving, Hanwell Hare Sewing, Stained Glass |
| October | Crochet Basket, Bookbinding Notebook, Kuxa Bowl Carving, Acrylic Landscape Painting |

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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:

Simon Lane – (Chair) also, Environment simon-lane@tiscali.co.uk

Tracey Prosser – (Deputy Chair) also, Finance & Administration

tjprosser67@gmail.com

Jack Adlam - roles tbc jack_adlam@hotmail.com

William Brown - roles tbc willbbrown@hotmail.co.uk

Steve Green - roles tbc steve.j.green@gmail.com

Peter Playle – Environment/Highways & Street Furniture

peterplayle@hotmail.co.uk

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.

PLEASE CONTACT NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or call 0300 500 8080 - Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm 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 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk or call 0115 9819911 for issues relating to:

Planning

Waste – including fly-tipping

Electoral matters.

Council Tax

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

Chair; Tim McEwen - tel. 822834 or tmcewen@globalnet.co.uk)

Treasurer/Advertising;

Andrew Terry - tel. 822088 or a.terry125@btinternet.com

Jane Fraser - tel. 822845 or frasermjlk@outlook.com

Barbara McEwen - tel. 822834 or barbara.mcewen01@gmail.com

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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e-mail address - frasermjlk@outlook.com

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(enclose payment with copy for the advert and give to a committee member before the copy date.)

Personal wanted/for sale adverts are FREE.

We are very grateful to everyone who supports the village through placing adverts in the newsletter - you make all the difference!

Diary

8th Aug WI - Darts at The Plough 7.30pm
9th Aug Parish Council Meeting; VH 7.30pm
27th Aug Hounds of Hickling at The Plough 12-4pm
1st Sept VH Trip to Middleton House & Gardens
10th & 11th Sept **SCARECROW WEEKEND**
15th Sept Strictly Why Not Dance? Restarts - VH 4pm
15th Sept Hickling WI meeting
17th Sept WI Trip to Skegness
6th Oct WI Trip to the Dogs 10am
12th Oct WI Trip to the Observatory at Nottm Trent Univ (evening)
20th Oct Hickling WI meeting: Lesley Taylor Talks Rubbish -[recycling] - 7.30pm VH
17th Nov WI - 12noon WI meal at Hill Top Farm, Melton Mowbray
18th Nov WI - Tribute Night with Rod Stewart & Diana Ross; Cotgrave Miner's Welfare (Macmillan Fundraiser)
15th Dec Hickling WI 7.30pm Village Hall - Christmas wreaths & decorations.

Every Thursday at 10.30am: Coffee Morning in Church (resumes after Easter)

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Beaver Scouts 6-8 years, Tuesday 6.15-7.15pm; Cub Scouts 8-10.5 years, Monday 6.00-7.30pm;  
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 [gslkinoulton@gmail.com](mailto:gslkinoulton@gmail.com)

### **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 [a.terry125@btinternet.com](mailto:a.terry125@btinternet.com) 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 to those of you who already support us;**

Hickling Parish Council Scarecrows Committee Samworth Foundation  
Peter and Philippa Jacks. Adam and Donna Taylor  
Ann Blades (PeaPod Nursery)  
& all of our advertisers.

### **Hickling Standard - online edition**

The Hickling Standard is also available as a pdf (pages now in the right order!) at: [www.hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/hickling-standard/](http://www.hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/hickling-standard/)



# Village Directory:

|                            |                                                              |                                                          |                                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>150 Club</b>            | Liz Year 822562                                              | <b>Kinoulton School PTFA</b>                             | Sarah Parris 01949 823925          |
| <b>Beavers</b>             | Susanne Youngson 07884 136890                                | <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>                               | Chris White 822152                 |
| <b>Bellringers</b>         | Lynn Irving 07388 348341<br>lynn.irving74@gmail.com          | <b>Nottinghamshire Police</b>                            |                                    |
| <b>British Legion</b>      | Colin Henson 01949 81453                                     | <b>Control Room; non-emergency number</b>                | 101                                |
| <b>Councillors</b>         | John Cottee (County)<br>cjr.john.cottee@nottsc.gov.uk        | <b>Parish Council: Clerk—Julie Holland</b>               | 01949 823902                       |
|                            | Tina Combellaack (Borough)<br>TCombellaack@rushcliffe.gov.uk | <b>e.mail: hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com</b>             |                                    |
| <b>Cricknet Club</b>       | P. Parkes 822370                                             | <b>Parochial Church Council</b>                          |                                    |
| <b>Cubs</b>                | Susanne Youngson 07884 136890                                | <b>Rector Maggie Woodward</b>                            | 01949 81183                        |
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| <b>Gardening Club</b>      | Mr B. Baxter 01949 81374                                     | <b>Churchwarden John Bloor</b>                           | 822682                             |
|                            | Mrs B. Grundy 01949 81442                                    | <b>Gill Bloor</b>                                        | 822682                             |
| <b>Good Neighbours</b>     | Liz Year 822562 or 07805 407229                              | <b>Treasurer Alex Thomas</b>                             | 823420                             |
| <b>Scheme</b>              | Kay Hand 822612                                              | <b>Secretary Noel Woodward</b>                           | 01949 81183                        |
| <b>Guides</b>              | Alison Popplewell 01949 81604                                | <b>noel.woodward902@btinternet.com</b>                   |                                    |
| <b>Hickling Pre-School</b> | Nick 07950 558608                                            | <b>Scarecrow Committee</b>                               |                                    |
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| <b>History Group</b>       | Dorothy Chahal 822369                                        | <b>Sally Jenkins (Secretary)</b>                         | 07971 520711                       |
|                            | Carol Beadle 822195                                          | <b>Scouts</b>                                            | Susanne Youngson 07884 136890      |
|                            | Jane Fraser 822845                                           | <b>Table Tennis: Alison Rowe - alison@rowepeople.net</b> |                                    |
|                            | Gill & John Bloor 822682                                     | <b>Vale Readers</b>                                      | Elizabeth Evans 01949 81501        |
|                            | Mr Simon Paramore (head)<br>01949 81203                      | <b>Village Hall</b>                                      | Barbara McEwen (Chair) 822834      |
|                            | office@kinoulton.notts.sch.uk                                |                                                          | Tim McEwen (sec.) 822834           |
| <b>Kinoulton School</b>    |                                                              | <b>Village Singers</b>                                   | John Robinson (treas.) 822762      |
|                            |                                                              |                                                          | Phillipa Jacks (bookings) 823622   |
|                            |                                                              | <b>Women's Institute</b>                                 | Lynn Irving 07388 348341           |
|                            |                                                              |                                                          | lynn.irving74@gmail.com            |
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# MENU

## PIZZA

*If you would like gluten free base or vegan ricciarella please ask.*

1 BUFFALO MARGARITA £9.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, FRESH BASIL, BASIL OIL.

2 MARIKARA (VE) £7  
POMODORO, SLICED GARLIC, OREGANO, GARLIC OIL.

3 PEPPERONI £9.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, PEPPERONI.

4 ANCHOVY £10.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, ANCHOVIES, CAPERS.

5 HAM AND MUSHROOM £11  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, COTTO HAM, ROASTED MUSHROOMS, TRUFFLE OIL.

6 PROSCUITTO & ROCKET £11.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, PROSCUITTO, PARMESAN, ROCKET.

7 VEGETARIAN (V) £10  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, ROASTED RED PEPPERS, OLIVES, CHILLI, OREGANO, GARLIC OIL, ROCKET.

8 ARTICHOKE (V) £10  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, ARTICHOKE, RED ONION, OLIVES, CAPERS.

9 NOLLA £10.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, NOLLA, BASIL, GARLIC OIL.

10 MEATY ONE £12.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, PEPPERONI, COTTO HAM, ROAST CHICKEN, RED ONION.

11 SPICY ONE £12.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, PEPPERONI, NOLLA, CHILLI, JALAPENOS, RED ONIONS, CHILLI OIL.

12 OYSDON £12.50  
POMODORO, MOZZARELLA, ROAST CHICKEN, ROAST MUSHROOMS, RED ONION, CHILLI, ROCKET, GARLIC OIL.

£1.50 TOPPINGS - ARTICHOKE, RED ONION, CAPERS, ROASTED MUSHROOMS, ROASTED RED PEPPERS, OLIVES.  
£2 TOPPINGS - BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, PEPPERONI, ANCHOVIES, COTTO HAM, PROSCUITTO, NOLLA, ROAST CHICKEN.

## SIDES & EXTRAS

PLAIN FRIES £3.50, HERBY FRIES £3.50, FRIES WITH TRUFFLE OIL & GRAND PADANO SHAVINGS £4.50.  
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ADD ANY TOPPING FROM THE LIST ABOVE.  
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BUFFALO MOZZARELLA, FRESH TOMATOES & BASIL.

## TEN Pounds TUESDAYS

MEAL AND A DRINK\*  
FOR £10

MENU

DELI SANDWICH  
JACKET POTATO  
CHEESEBURGER  
SPICED LENTIL BURGER  
MEDITERRANEAN SALAD  
BANGERS AND MASH  
FISH AND CHIPS  
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

DRINKS

DRAUGHT PRAVHA, ASPALLS OR BLUE MONKEY ALE  
175ML GLASS OF HOUSE WINE  
SOFT DRINK



18th CENTURY

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HICKLING

