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Hickling and
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The Coronation of King Charles III

- ↪ Village Hall Coronation Breakfast -
Sunday
- ↪ Chris & Kirsty at The Plough Inn will
be hosting events all weekend - look
out for posters
- ↪ **BRING OUT THE BUNTING!!**

Other events to be decided:

- ↪ Possible Beacon on Saturday night
- ↪ The Return of the Town Crier!

Please contact The Plough and/or the
Parish Council with your ideas and
suggestions





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The Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6th May 2023

The Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday, 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, after the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. Their Majesties will be joined in this procession by other Members of the Royal Family. At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

Sunday 7th May 2023

The Coronation Big Lunch; Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.

The Coronation Big Lunch will be overseen and organised by the Big Lunch team at the Eden Project. The Big Lunch is an idea from the Eden Project, made possible by The National Lottery, that brings millions of people together annually to boost community spirit, reduce loneliness and support charities and good causes. Her Majesty The Queen Consort has been Patron of the Big Lunch since 2013. Thousands of events are expected to take place in every corner of the United Kingdom this May as people take to their streets, gardens, parks and community spaces to join the Coronation celebrations and mark this historic occasion.

Free downloadable resources will also be made available online by the Big Lunch team at CoronationBigLunch.com, to help people and communities start their Coronation Big Lunch planning.

The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle in the evening; it will include 'Lighting up the Nation', when the country will join together in celebration as iconic locations across the United Kingdom are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.



Christine Simpson (Fanfare), John Walker (sweep), John Peet (soldier), David Redgate (Blackpool). Adult winners: Miss Janet Harwood and Miss Brenda Woolley (Roman soldiers on horses), Miss J Marriott and Miss H Moulds (Robin Hood and Maid Marion), Mrs Moulds (Britannia), Mr Hartshorn (Sleepless Night). At the children's tea in the Methodist schoolroom each child was presented with a china mug and tin of sweets. Adults' tea followed. An entertainment, "The Spirit of England" was given in the County School in the evening to a packed room. There were 50 performers. There were three historical plays, country dancing by the school-children, and choruses sung by an augmented choir. There were games and dancing until the early hours. A prize for the best decorated house was shared by Mr Kerry and Mr Hartshorn. On Sunday evening at the Methodist church a coronation service was held, and there was Holy Communion at the parish church on coronation morning."



Please contact us to share your Coronation memories of 1953 and 2023: www.hicklingnottlocalhistory.com/royalty/ or info@hicklingnottlocalhistory.com



Monday 8th May 2023
The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.



In tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend. <https://thebighelpout.org.uk>

www.royal.co.uk/coronation-weekend

70 years since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II On the 2nd of June 1953 at Westminster Abbey.

It was a rainy day in 1953 when Hickling celebrated the Coronation with a fancy dress parade, tea and entertainments but the sports events were postponed until the following weekend when they were held in the Manor Field.

(Grantham Journal): "Apart from postponing the children's sports until the week-end, the day's programme was held. The fancy dress parade entries assembled in the Wharf Yard and over 50 walked in procession. Each child who did not win a prize received a shilling. Prizewinners were: Mary Richardson (Coronation Rosette), Margaret Speed (fairy),



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(01664 822835),

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

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

## Messages

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



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.

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John Bloor. We are very sorry to share the sad news of John's death and our condolences go to his family, friends and neighbours. John was a kind and gentle person who did so much work for the village and for his neighbours over many years; his knowledge of the village and generally just about 'how things work', his gentle approach, his modesty and his humility—his laugh and his smile.

Gill and John have regularly hosted Local History Group meetings and John's, "Ah, now—yes! He/she was connected to ... or did such'n'such ..." always added much needed detail as well as leading everyone off down enjoyable diversions.

Whether it was John posting something through your letterbox or welcoming you to Church (where he was churchwarden and saw to the clock) or giving you a Church Tower Tour or at the cricket club; everyone will have their own memories of John. He was much loved and will be very sadly missed.

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**Scott Hetherington.** Many thanks to Scott who has kindly offered to step into John's shoes to do his Hickling Standard delivery round; it was very kind of you to think of us—thank you.

### We're Looking for a New Editor!!

After stepping in temporarily following Maggy's retirement from editing the Hickling Standard, we are now looking for a volunteer to continue the good work; please contact Jane at [frasermjlk@outlook.com](mailto:frasermjlk@outlook.com)

- The newsletter is collated on Microsoft Publisher
- Help & support will be given by the team
- Involves 8-10 hours every two months (6 issues per year)

## Historic Lincoln September 2023 - A Trip from Hickling

Details to follow: enquiries - Pauline Chell  
01664 822835  
(in aid of the Hickling Local History Group)





## Dr Lucy Jocelyn Burnett



We started from a simple mention of a Dr Burnett in a newspaper cutting about Hickling - no details of who Dr Burnett was but we were researching the Burnett family and business, so some further checking was done to make sure there was no family connection. Serendipitously, the next reference we found changed things completely; 'he took as Partner Dr. Burnett a lady, well that put the cat among the pigeons, it was the first time anyone local had anything to do with a Lady Doctor'

- Village Doctor &, from the various news reports, paramedic, too
- Famously, the owner of a little terrier named Christopher
- & just as famously—rider of a motorbike and driver of a sports car

Working from Colston Bassett Dr Lucy Burnett was a general medical practitioner whose work took her to villages across the Vale of Belvoir and, after the initial surprise, was viewed very fondly!

Grantham Journal August 3rd 1935. "Presentation. An interesting event took place at The Rectory on Tuesday when Mrs Foster and Miss Pinchbeck who had canvassed the village and the pastures for subscriptions, presented to Dr Burnett, the lady assistant to Dr Woolward, who is leaving the district, a cheque in appreciation of her services. Dr Burnett is highly respected and her departure is regretted."

(Maggie's Memories p.59) After Dr. Windley retired at Colston Bassett, Dr. Woolward took the practise, he was a younger man and a favourite with everybody, he was tall and very good looking, he took as Partner Dr. Burnett a lady, well that put the cat among the pigeons, it was the first time anyone local had anything to do with a Lady Doctor, but after a while she became a welcome visitor, she was a tiny slip of a thing she rode a motor cycle and her little dog rode on a special carrier always barking its head off. Dr. Burnett also had a fast sports car, I remember Slater Shelton fetching her when his eldest son was born, there had been a heavy storm and the roads were flooded, so Slater went along to Colston Bassett on his horse called Daisy and Dr. Burnett joined him on Daisy's back to come back to Hickling through the floods and deliver young John Shelton. When Dr. Woolward and his family left Colston Bassett, Dr. Burnett went along with them and Dr. Roche came, he was older, a good Doctor, and he stayed until his retirement.

(Maggie's Memories p.39) The Welfare Clinic has been held in the Sunday school since it first started (and still is) and that is forty one year's this year of 1976, and why I know, it was the year when Keith was born and he was only a few weeks old when the opening clinic took place, and I always say the Clinic, Cow & Gate Food, and Dr. Burnett (lady Dr. from Colston B.) saved his life, he was a poor little mite.

(cont'd) Lucy Jocelyn Burnett sounds like an extraordinary woman – she trained as a doctor at a time when this would have been very unusual; unusually, she worked in a rural practice; she (and her dog) rode a motorbike and drove a sports car; newspaper reports describe her place firmly at the 'business end' of the work. Anecdotes and news reports, despite the initial surprise, also show that she was much-loved and well respected.

Lucy Jocelyn Burnett was born in 1901 in Southampton; her father was a stockbroker and the family seem to have been prosperous. Her elder sister, Ellinor Marjorie Burnett also trained in medicine and became a house surgeon at the Royal Surrey Hospital. In 1921 Lucy Burnett is a medical student at the University of London and, by 1927, she is settled in a rural practice in the household of Dr Arthur Woolward in Colston Bassett – she is only 26 at this time. Their practice is based at The Yews, Colston Bassett – a property long associated with successive doctors in the village and their surgery would have been at the house. From here they ran clinics, were called out to patients around all the neighbouring villages in the Vale of Belvoir and, according to newspaper reports, they did the work we now associate with paramedics, too (frequently being first on the scene of accidents and tragedies; in 1932 she is called to a child scalded by boiling water and immediately drives her straight to the children's hospital in Nottingham).



Dr Lucy Burnett had a very distinctive style of her own; she did her rounds on a motorbike or in her sports car. Either way, she was always accompanied by her terrier, Christopher – best known for his barking and for winding up the village dogs as they passed. When Dr Burnett made her house calls, he would sit outside waiting for her to return. Christopher would ride pillion or in a basket on the motorbike and sometimes, it is reported, on the bonnet of the car – the sound of his barking was a sure sign that the doctor was on her way. She worked closely with the village communities that she served; running clinics and serving as





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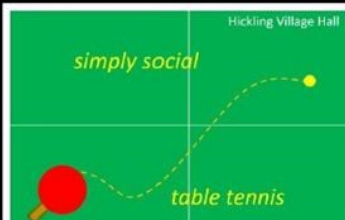
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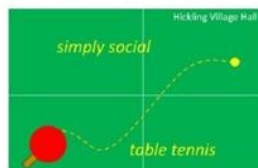
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(cont'd) President of the Cropwell Bishop WI. Accounts of her riding with a farmer on horseback through floods to deliver his child in the middle of the night, give a sense of her character and resolve.

Although she only lived and worked in the area for 8 years she made her mark; remarkably, she was only 26 when she first came to Colston Bassett and just 34 when she moved on. A hint of the difficulties she may have faced as a woman in this role can be found in newspaper cuttings which often refer to her as 'he' – an

unconscious expectation that any doctor must be male

In 1935, she and Dr Woolward moved to Clive in Shropshire (where his wife's family lived) and she remained practising medicine in the area for the rest of her career. Much of this time, she lived in the Elephant and Castle Hotel in Clive – she never married. Dr Burnett died in 1972.

So, what next?

Can you help us add to her story?

- More stories and anecdotes can be found on our website (including a wonderful portrait of her in an obituary written for the BMJ): www.hicklingnottslocalhistory.com/dr-lucy-burnett/
- We are in touch with the local history group in her Shropshire home and they are sending us more as it emerges - particularly as they are in touch with Dr Burnett's former medical partner, now aged 93.
- Keep an eye out for updates (perhaps there's a TV series in her story?)!

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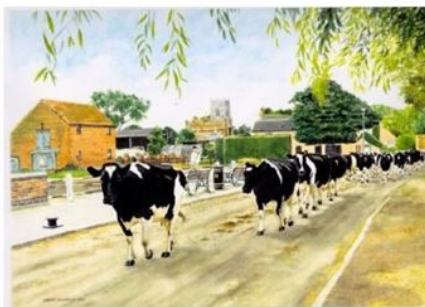


Information Boards Project

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Local History Group



We are exploring some new ideas—would you like to be involved?

- Email contact list: general news and updates about projects that we are working on. To join the mailing list, please send your name and details to us at: info@hicklingnottslocalhistory.com
- Would you be interested in Quarterly open meetings held at the Plough Inn? If you have any suggestions about how to run these or what we should include — please get in touch.

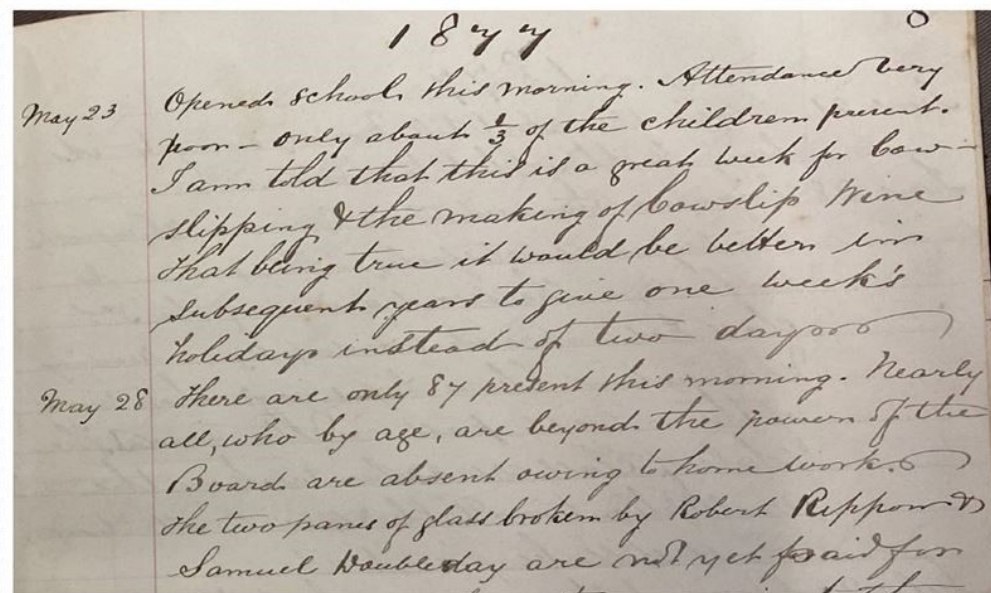
Headmaster's log book: 1876-1897

(one of our volunteers is currently transcribing the logbook which is full of the most fascinating snapshots of village life—in the meantime, a short extract)

(May 23rd 1877) Opened school this morning. Attendance very poor - only about 1/3 of the children present. I am told that this is a great week for cowslipping & the making of cowslip wine that being true it would be better in subsequent years to give one week's holidays instead of two days.

(May 28th 1877) There are only 87 present this morning. Near all, who by age, are beyond the powers of the Board are absent owing to home work.

The two panes of glass broken by Robert Rippon and Samuel Doubleday are not yet paid for.



A BENCH TO COMMEMORATE

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The Hickling WI has recently raised funds to purchase a 4 seater oak bench in commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles III. This bench is being donated to the Parish of Hickling from the Hickling WI members.

As it has been difficult to find a suitable place on grass verges around the village to position the bench, the bench will be placed in Hickling Churchyard. Permission has been granted for this from the Diocese.

The bench will be delivered in time for the Coronation and hopefully will be used by parishioners as well as visitors to Hickling. Previously there has not been a bench in the churchyard and so the WI are delighted to have been able to provide one.



Hickling W.I.

Have you ever thought of joining Hickling W.I.? As a friendly and active group we meet at Hickling Village Hall every 3rd Thursday in the month & we're always looking for new members.

We arrange trips/visits in between our monthly meetings so why not pop along to a meeting or Pauline Chell 01664 822835 for further information.

By the way we don't sing Jerusalem or make jam.

Hopefully see you soon

From the Hickling W.I. committee

Some of the Hickling WI and friends with
MP Ruth Edwards on their recent visit to
Parliament



April

• Tuesday 4th 7.30pm - Darts at The Plough

Join us for darts at The Plough Pub in Hickling. Join us, it's fun, it's free and no expertise required! Members and non-members all welcome. ☎Liz Vear 01664 822562 for more information

• Tuesday 18th Day trip to Thornbridge Hall & Gardens & Matlock Bath.

☎Pauline Chell 01664 822835 or see her at the Thursday meeting for details & to book your place.

Seats are still available. £35.00 [coach, admission charges & guides]

• Thursday 20th 7.30pm: Join us at Hickling Village Hall for an evening 'Dancing with Mr Darcy', come along & have fun watching these dancers

• Thursday 27th 10.30am: Join us for our annual bluebell walk in Strelley Woods then for lunch at The Broad Oak pub, Strelley or just pop along for lunch only.

☎Lynne Spencer 0115 9431008 for further details

May

• Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm Join us for darts at The Plough Pub in Hickling.

☎Liz Vear 01664 822562 for more information — join us, it's fun, it's free and no expertise required! Members and non-members all welcome

• Wednesday 3rd 6pm Join us at Barnstone Bowls Club to have a game of bowls. Pop along, it's fun and no expertise required! Members and non-members are all welcome - email Carol Beadle for further information - carolbeadle49@gmail.com

• Tuesday 16th OR Friday 19th: Visit the recycling centre to learn more about the items that you put into your recycling bin.

☎Pauline Chell 01664 822835 or see her at the Thursday meeting for details about the visit & to book your place. A local bus will pick-up from the bottom of Bridegate Lane.

• Thursday 18th 7.30pm - Stilton Cheese Project

We joined forces with Long Clawson Dairy to create interesting and cost effective recipes using Stilton cheese. Join us for a tasting session of some of the recipes.

Trips in June

• Friday 9th Day trip to Chesterfield town to spend free time in the morning then the coach will go onto Bolsover to visit the Castle with time allocated to visit the shop & antiques centre

• Thursday 29th evening visit to Stuart Dixon's garden at Stoke Bardolph [he's radio Nottingham's gardener]. Entrance fee £5 [includes refreshments]. Members and non-members all welcome.

☎Pauline Chell 01664 822835 or see her at one of the Thursday meetings for details & to book your place[s].



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Three Little Pigs by Roald Dahl

The animal I really dig,
Above all others is the pig.
Pigs are noble. Pigs are clever,
Pigs are courteous. However,
Now and then, to break this rule,
One meets a pig who is a fool.
What, for example, would you say,
If strolling through the woods one day,
Right there in front of you you saw
A pig who'd built his house of STRAW?
The Wolf who saw it licked his lips,
And said, 'That pig has had his chips.'
'Little pig, little pig, let me come in!'

'No, no, by the hairs on my chinny-chin-chin!'
'Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!'

The little pig began to pray,
But Wolfie blew his house away.
He shouted, 'Bacon, pork and ham!
Oh, what a lucky Wolf I am!'
And though he ate the pig quite fast,
He carefully kept the tail till last.
Wolf wandered on, a trifle bloated.
Surprise, surprise, for soon he noted
Another little house for pigs,
And this one had been built of TWIGS!

'Little pig, little pig, let me come in!'
'No, no, by the hairs on my chinny-chin-chin!'
'Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!'

The Wolf said, 'Okay, here we go!'
He then began to blow and blow.
The little pig began to squeal.
He cried, 'Oh Wolf, you've had one meal!
Why can't we talk and make a deal?
The Wolf replied, 'Not on your nelly!'
And soon the pig was in his belly.

'Two juicy little pigs!' Wolf cried,
'But still I'm not quite satisfied!
I know how full my tummy's bulging,
But oh, how I adore indulging.'
So creeping quietly as a mouse,
The Wolf approached another house,
A house which also had inside
A little piggy trying to hide.

ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RHYMES



with illustrations by
QUENTIN BLAKE

'You'll not get me!' the Piggy cried.
'I'll blow you down!' the Wolf replied.
'You'll need,' Pig said, 'a lot of puff,
And I don't think you've got enough.'
Wolf huffed and puffed and blew and blew.
The house stayed up as good as new.
'If I can't blow it down,' Wolf said,
I'll have to blow it up instead.
I'll come back in the dead of night
And blow it up with dynamite!'
Pig cried, 'You brute! I might have known!'
Then, picking up the telephone,
He dialed as quickly as he could
The number of red Riding Hood.

'Hello,' she said. 'Who's speaking?
Who?
Oh, hello, Piggy, how d'you do?'
Pig cried, 'I need your help, Miss Hood!
Oh help me, please! D'you think you could?'
'I'll try of course,' Miss Hood replied.
'What's on your mind...?' 'A Wolf!'
Pig cried.
'I know you've dealt with wolves before,
And now I've got one at my door!'

'My darling Pig,' she said, 'my sweet,
That's something really up my

street.
I've just begun to wash my hair.
But when it's dry, I'll be right there.'

A short while later, through the wood,
Came striding brave Miss Riding Hood.
The Wolf stood there, his eyes ablaze,
And yellowish, like mayonnaise.
His teeth were sharp, his gums were raw,
And spit was dripping from his jaw.
Once more the maiden's eyelid flickers.
She draws the pistol from her knickers.
Once more she hits the vital spot,
And kills him with a single shot.
Pig, peeping through the window, stood
And yelled, 'Well done, Miss Riding Hood!'

Ah, Piglet, you must never trust
Young ladies from the upper crust.
For now, Miss Riding Hood, one notes,
Not only has two wolfskin coats,
But when she goes from place to place,
She has a PIGSKIN TRAVELING CASE.

Letter from St Luke's

Dear All,

We seem to make Christmas the centre of our joy for the year. Jesus' birth was wonderful, and marked the work of God in freeing us from our past limitations, but the most important and transformational act of God took place at Easter. Without the death and resurrection of Jesus we would be condemned to a world without hope, where all that is evil in us and the world around us would weigh us down. The first Easter is the point at which we are granted hope through the conquering of sin for the present and the future through the grace of God, a hope that is realised within us when we are open to the working of the Holy Spirit.

The hymn 'This joyful Eastertide' sums up the joyous transformation of the world thanks to the events of the first Easter:

This Easter we say farewell to Revd Maggie Woodward, who has ministered to us in Kinoulton, Hickling and Upper Broughton for almost nine years. We wish Maggie and Noel a happy and more healthy retirement, and thank them for all that they have done in ministering to these parishes.

Happy Easter!

Robert C Jones; St Luke's, Broughton Sulney

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Kinoulton.

On Sunday 5th March my early retirement, due to ill health, from Parish Ministry was announced in our three churches of St Luke.

It was not an easy decision but one that was brought on by my ongoing health issues and the fact that I am not as young as I once was! I have been your assistant priest here in the villages of Kinoulton, Hickling and Upper Broughton for the past 9 years or so and Noël and I will miss you all, whether it be meeting you in church, in the street, at coffee morning or at events in and around our three villages.

Noël will for a short period continue as Benefice Administrator and Treasurer at Kinoulton until his replacements have been appointed.

My last service will be on Easter Sunday at Kinoulton Church although I will be taking a wedding a couple of weeks later. For the time being should you need to talk to anyone in the church please contact one of your churchwardens or Rev Paul Massey who is the Priest in Charge of our three churches. Contact details are on the church notice boards and online on our church websites.

I shall miss working here in our three villages and once I am feeling a little better and have had yet another operation on my arthritic hand I hope to be able to continue my ministry in new and less tiring ways.

Wishing you all God's peace.

Rev Maggie.

Services at St Luke's Churches in April and May 2023

Date	Day	Kinoulton		Hickling		Upper Broughton	
		Time	Service	Time	Service	Time	Service
2 Apr	Palm Sunday		no service		no service	9.50 am	Palm Sunday Procession from Chapel Lane
3 Apr	Monday of Holy Week	7:00 pm	Reflection			10:00 am	Passion and Holy Communion
4 Apr	Tuesday of Holy Week					7:00 pm	Compline
5 Apr	Wednesday of Holy Week			Service at Southwell Minster			
6 Apr	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altars				
7 Apr	Good Friday		Walk of Faith: Starting at 12:00 at Upper Broughton with short services at each church and refreshment, ending at Kinoulton circa 3:00pm				
9 Apr	Easter Day	10:00 am	Holy Communion with childrens activities				
16 Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	Holy Communion	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	11:00 am	Morning Prayer
23 Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	11:00 am	Morning Prayer	6:30 pm	Holy Communion	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
30 Apr	4 th Sunday of Easter			10:00 am	Holy Communion		
7 May	5 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	Holy Communion	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer	11:00 am	Morning Prayer
14 May	6 th Sunday of Easter	11:00 am	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Holy Communion	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
18 May	Ascension Day		7:00 pm Holy Communion for the Ascension at Owthorpe				
21 May	7 th Sunday of Easter	11:00 am	Morning Prayer	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Holy Communion
28 May	Whit Sunday (Pentecost)	11:00 am	Morning Prayer	6:30 pm	Holy Communion	10:00 am	Morning Prayer

St Luke's events leading up to Easter Sunday.

Lent began a couple of weeks ago, that time in the Christian year when we think about Jesus being tempted in the desert by Satan and begin to prepare for what is a momentous event in the Christian calendar: EASTER DAY.

Palm Sunday 2nd April at Upper Broughton Church

Is the time we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey and crowds of people welcoming him with shouts of Hosanna and the waving of palm branches. To celebrate this story the three St Luke's Churches will be joining together for a short walk to church. We shall start from opposite the Village Hall, at the end of Chapel Lane at 9.50am and walk to St Luke's Church giving out Palm Crosses to all we see. At church we will collectively read the Passion of St Matthew to be followed by a service of Holy Communion. We extend a very warm welcome to you all to join us at church.

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday.

The Thursday of Holy Week is Maundy Thursday (6th April) where our King gives out the Maundy Money and commemorates the time that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

There will be a service at Kinoulton Church where following Holy Communion the altar will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday 7th April

Good Friday is the day that, despite the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate being able to find no fault in Him, Jesus was crucified upon the Cross on Golgotha. To remind us of this journey and sacrifice Jesus undertook for us all, there will be a Walk of Faith from St Luke's Church at Upper Broughton to St Luke's at Hickling and then along the footpath to St Luke's Kinoulton. There will be readings and Passiontide Hymns sung at each church and to ensure we don't "pass out" along the way refreshments will be served at each church. The walk starts at 12.00noon at Upper Broughton Church and will conclude at Kinoulton Church with a time of silent reflection. We extend a very warm invitation to everyone to come along and join with us for some or all of the walk.

Easter Day: Sunday 9th April

In the Christian calendar Easter Day is remembered at the day Jesus rose from the tomb after his crucifixion. It is perhaps the most important event in the church year and at least equal to Christmas Day.

There will be a Group Service at Kinoulton Church at 10.00am on Easter Sunday where there will be lots of exciting Easter activities for children to take part in. We offer you all a very warm welcome to come along and join us at St Luke's to celebrate Easter.

May I on behalf of all the congregations of all three Churches of St Luke, wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Rev Maggie

John Bloor Churchwarden

It was with a heavy heart that I received the news of John's death last month.

John was Churchwarden at St Luke's Church in Hickling, a post he held, along with Gill, all the time I was the Associate Priest of the St Luke's Benefice.

Although I am not the priest in charge of the Benefice, that post being held by Rev Paul Massey, it was more often than not my privilege to have the day to day contact with him.

John I felt was more of a "man's man", being far more comfortable chatting to

Noël than to me about everything from bowls and cricket to the state of the church roof, the failing heating system or our resident bats! More often than not I had to break up their conversations as we were already late for my next service!

John could always be relied upon to help out when he could, often quietly and often behind the scenes, he was never one for the limelight. He would be there opening church, ensuring the heating came on (well at least when it felt like it!) mending things, replacing light bulbs and guiding folks round the church. His duties as Churchwarden were varied and far reaching but he always carried them out with a smile and good humour even if it did include carrying out dead mice!

John and Gill had already decided that their tenure as Churchwardens at St Luke's was to come to an end and they were to retire this Easter. Sadly John did not make it and both he and Gill will be sorely missed as stalwart Churchwardens.

May John rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev Maggie.



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Cllr. Tina Combellack

Mayor of Rushcliffe

TOWN & PARISH FORUM UPDATE

Having just left the above event I give you a quick overview of what was a very interesting and informative forum.

The leader opened saying that the Parish and Town Council are so important in making Rushcliffe what it is, living up to the Rushcliffe strap line "A Great Place, Great Lifestyle, Great Sport"

Carbon Clever - Rushcliffe country park visitor centre is net Zero and Rushcliffe re support 3 Parish councils on their journey to Zero impact.

Devolution consultation – showed a majority in favour. We are assured that Rushcliffe as a debt free council will remain independent and no be subsidising the other councils, which are in debt, which was reassuring.

UKSPF grant funding – this in effect replaces the European leader funding and amounts to £2.5 million over 3 years

Community, groups and Parishes are invited to apply for the fund the investment priorities being Communities and place, Business support, and people & skills with emphasis on green and blue spaces, events, and participatory programmes where improvements have to be seen.

THE GCWRG The Grantham Canal Water Restoration Group bid via Canal and River Trust was already on the table and ready to roll, hence we have seen the very immediate response to our bid. There is a deadline of 19th May for bids but more information will be published, maybe later today. There is also a webinar at the end of March.

Community Safety and Rural Crime. Rushcliffe's 158 square miles is largely rural hence our emphasis on rural policing. The message is we must have more confidence in our police that they are doing something and ring 111 or 999 with the slightest suspicious incident.

Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group RCVSG, which I attend regularly, is an independent body challenging the police and councils regarding their priorities, figures and patrols. It involves RBC, Police, Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Watch. We need more input from the Parish Councils and invite a PC representative to attend each meeting. You could make a difference. Communication is the key to crime reduction.

Envirocrime

John Dunne from **WISE (Waste investigations, support and enforcement)** Ran through compliance and enforcement procedures. Areas of responsibility Littering, dog fouling, fly tipping, waste on private land investigation, Household responsibility, business waste inspections, commercial waste bins, domestic waste bins, waste carriers, highways offences, fly posting and much more.

In the last 6 months there have issued 168 penalties, and 70 fines totalling £67,000

Like suspicious incidents, reporting is vital, contact Rushcliffe Borough Council 0115 981 9911 or Streetwise 115 914 8408

Regards Cllr. Tina Combellack



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COUNCILLORS NEWS LETTER SPRING 2023

For Langar, Colston Bassett, Hickling, Kinoulton, Hickling Pastures and Upper Broughton.

From Cllr Tina Combella

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Rushcliffe Community funds

Shared amongst the villages – memorial bench in Langar, interpretation board in Colston Bassett, computer in Upper Broughton, play equipment in Hickling, and reading books in Kinoulton

MONSTER PHONICS

As a former Literacy volunteer I was delighted to help fund Phonics reading books for Kinoulton school and see how they helped the young readers when I visited.

SPRINGER

More fun for the children of Hickling now they have a new 'froggy springer' in their Walker's Green play area

HISTORY CHEST

What a find – Upper Broughton have unearthed a chest full of very old and historic records that are being uploaded to their History Web site. I was thrilled, loving the history of villages, to offer a grant from my Community fund to help.

Sadly, I have to tell you that the Councillors have had their funding halved in order to help protect front line services at Rushcliffe. I have helped with so many worthwhile community requests in the past.

TREES

Rushcliffe has now planted over 11,000 trees throughout the Borough but, as I keep saying, 'we have to look after the trees', those already planted, but particularly the young ones. Water is vital in those early years. Perhaps residents could adopt a tree in their area to look after, particularly in hot, dry summers – just a thought.

PLANT MORE TREES is the message from Woodland trust.

'They're one of our best defences against the climate crisis, our vital emergency response that helps to lock up carbon and keep our planet healthy for people and wildlife'.

CORONATION WOOD A resident of Kinoulton is planning to plant a

5 acre Coronation Wood with 2/3000 Native broadleaf, fruit and conifer trees, part of the Greenwood, Trees for Climate Scheme.

IVY – friend or foe

Unfortunately this stately tree on the left, came down in



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(cont'd) high winds recently. The canopy had become burdened with ivy which caught the wind. It is permitted to cut ivy away from the tree at a convenient point, usually at the base, not killing the ivy but pruning it

RUSHCLIFFE COUNCIL TAX – to remain the same for bands A-D . D+ will see a 2% increase.

RURAL CRIME – We held a meeting with farmers and landowners plus police and the Borough Council at Oddhouse Farm, Owthorpe. The police set out their plans for monitoring Rural Crime. Mobile CCTV cameras have been set up to monitor Anti Social behaviour helping keep streets safer but will also help in tracking suspicious vehicles providing on-going intelligence. Remember to report any suspicious vehicle or incident no matter how minor - ring 999 or 111. It may be part of a pattern.

The Neighbourhood Officers are committed to visiting all farmers in the area over the course of the coming months to talk about security and concerns regarding criminal activity.

To keep up to date with safety advice and crime in your area go to alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk and sign up to Rushcliffe Farm Watch to view and publicise suspicious activity BUT STILL REPORT ON 999 or 101. If you wish to join Farm Watch contact Jo McQuat on 07790846111

Fly tipping - since the Borough have engaged 'WISE' we have increased enforcement notices to 3000, brought prosecutions and crushed vehicles.

The WISE contract - 'Waste Investigations Support & Enforcement (WISE) will provide Environmental Enforcement Services with regards to the investigation of all submitted dumped waste complaints and enforcement against the offences of littering, dog fouling, fly tipping and household duty of care. The WISE waste enforcement team will also complete routine waste inspections on businesses across the borough and issue notices to businesses who cannot provide a copy of waste transfer notes'.

DOG FOULING the perennial issue - with the lighter nights and spring weather we have seen the return of dog fouling on many village streets, play areas and canal towpaths. There are also lazy dog owners who seem to think village residents are 'Dog Poo fairies' and will pick up their pretty poo bags – pink purple, yellow, white and green, decorating hedge rows, walls and trees. Leaving them is just further litter in the countryside and falls under the WISE enforcement contract - BAG IT, TIE IT, BIN IT.

BINGHAM ARENA – As Mayor, I opened the Bingham Leisure centre. It is a wonderful purpose built amenity, with great gym facilities, dance studios, and pool providing lessons, lane swimming and public sessions. There is a very well equipped community hall with stage and lighting plus projection facilities and fully equipped kitchen. I can't wait to see a school play or concert there. All the infrastructure is directed towards low carbon impact and energy conservation. There is also an enterprise zone offering fully serviced offices with a rolling 6 monthly rental scheme. If you are looking to open a business this is the place to be. Rushcliffe have done a wonderful job in very difficult times, during and following Covid.

Wishing you a Happy Easter

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| Apr | Silver bangle making, Easter chocolate experience, Photography walk, Nettle foraging and open fire cooking, Mixed media art, Sew the Hanwell hare! |
| May | Spinning ring making, Pencil portrait, Evening wood whittling, Silk painting, Willow obelisk, Acrylic painting, Smart phone photography, Stained glass, Felt flowers, |
| Jun | Lino printing, Bentwood chair, Stained glass mosaic stepping stone, Willow weave a duck, Basket willow, Spinning ring, Evening wood whittling, Silk painting, Felt flower, |

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Parish Council for Hickling & Hickling Pastures.

Summary of minutes from meetings held on 10th Jan, 24th Jan and 28th Feb (draft) Full Minutes are published on Parish Noticeboards and at <https://hicklingnotts.org/parish-council/>

Raised by parishioners:

- (10/1) Parishioner asked for the Minutes of the December Meeting to be changed to make clear that the proposed ACV (Asset of Community Value) application will not include the area occupied by the Faulks business.
- (10/1) Parish Survey: a query was raised about the deadline for replies and the difficulty of using the Village Hall to return forms when the Pre-School occupy the VH on weekdays. Cllr Lane reported that he had received several replies including 15 from the Village Hall. The deadline was fixed for the end of January 2023 (to be advertised by the Clerk).
- Several parishioners from Hickling pastures attended the meeting hoping to speak to representatives from The Heliport and the Air Ambulance about their concerns; it was understood that both organisations had accepted invitations to attend this meeting but they were not in attendance. Residents' concerns were discussed and it was agreed to renew the invitations for the meeting in February.
 - ◊ Parishioner said that had experienced the rattling windows at their property when the Air Ambulance comes over so low. Another parishioner said that the return flight seems to come back around 9.30/10pm, which is not following the flight path, they should follow the railway line (not over properties). It appears that the Air Ambulance is stationed somewhere else in the day. Parishioner says it goes towards Tollerton direction. Cllr Lane has contacted Castle Donnington Parish Council to ask their advice with regards to aviation law and the Air Ambulance should be stationed near where they are based. A parishioner asked about the additional hangers, and Cllr Combellack said that there was a planning application for further hangers, but nothing mentioned about the flights.
- (24/1) The History group has a website separate to the Parish Council; the work is carried out by volunteers but there are basic costs of approx. £250pa. The Hickling History Group's request for support in funding their website was discussed: a grant of £300 for the financial years-ending 31.03.2024, 31.03.25 & 31.03.2026 and agreed unanimously (the Parish Council had already paid £150 to the History Group in 22/23).
- (24/1) Parishioner requested the Parish Council to apply pressure on Highways to meet to discuss the traffic and parking problems around the Wharf and Basin and to push for the previously requested full traffic survey.
- (24/1) Parishioner referred to two recent retrospective planning applications (The Brambles and The Cottage) and asked that the Parish Council be consistent in its approach with all retrospective applications that are received.
- (24/1) Parishioner asked the Parish Council what it is going to do with the £15,000 funding that it has and why can't the PC fund the entire magazine (The Standard), as Langar do, as it did not want to be like Upper Broughton and ask Parishioners to pay for the magazine. Clerk handed out the Budget and Precept information copies to advise the Parishioner that the £15,000 is accounted for, and that £3,000 of the amount mentioned had been historically put aside for various items around the Parish. Parishioner would like the Parish Council to consider a grant of £500 per year for 23/24, 24/25 & 25/26 – unanimously agreed.
- (28/2) Cllr Lane asked if any parishioners were attending for any other reason apart from the Heliport, none were, so the open session began with the gentlemen from Central Helicopters and the Air Ambulance. Dan explained that the Heliport was a family run business that was started in 2014, they do training flights, and the Air Ambulance is stationed there, he explained that he had attended the meeting to answer questions. Phil from Air Ambulance then introduced himself, since 2021 he has held the position of head of operations, he used to be stationed at East Midlands airport, now at Widmerpool. There are two aircraft that cover Derby, Leicester, and Rutland, re mutual aid can go into Lancaster.
 - ◊ Central Helicopters provide flights, training sessions, and pleasure flights, only 2/3 per day go from the Heliport.
 - ◊ Q Parishioner asked their flight path – as per planning authorisation.
 - ◊ A have a circuit plan, stay on train line, circular area, red circular area towards Hickling Pastures. Traffic coming from a different area joins the circuit at some point, will avoid unnecessary flights over the area. Unforeseen circumstances might be for example due to weather conditions which means that there are slight changes to the flight path. Aircraft might come in on a divert, you will see other traffic over the area which is nothing to do with the Heliport. When Air Ambulance is on an emergency flight, they don't have to stick to the flight exceptions. Rushcliffe Borough Council have said that the flight paths do not apply to the Air Ambulance. The training flights operate in a designated within the permitted areas which is circular pattern, no further than Hickling Pastures avoiding the red shaded area on the flight plan.
 - ◊ Q Parishioner asked about a flight that is coming over her house at 9.30pm each Sunday night.



Hickling Parish Council backs the National Campaign urging residents to become a councillor to MAKE A CHANGE.

Hickling Parish Council supports the national campaign encouraging residents to stand in the local Parish Council elections. The Make A Change campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about their local area to put themselves forward.

Hickling Parish Council is urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

The work the Parish Council does is exciting and rewarding. An integral part of a councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups, and businesses to determine their needs, making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward, and getting involved to ensure services meet the community's needs.

Find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor; please be aware that forms need to be submitted to the District/Borough Elections office after they display their Election Notices on the 20th March and before 4pm on 4th April, please note that an appointment needs to be booked at the Borough Elections office, for more information please visit MAKE A CHANGE - (nalc.gov.uk) for nomination papers visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-ama/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england>

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- ◇ A This is not one of our flights, as we do not fly at night.
- ◇ Q How many emergency flights are there a day.
- ◇ A On average 3 per day. Air Ambulance will fly northwest as it approaches the Heliport, and try and join the flight path as soon as possible, depending on weather conditions. 300 metres from the shaded area, flight plan area.
- ◇ Q I have video evidence that do not stick to flight path.
- ◇ A there is a lady who lives at the top of the test track who complains if the aircraft are over her house. If south westerly wind would not want to approach that way.
- ◇ Q None of the houses at Hickling Pastures are nearer.
- ◇ Q What time is classed as after dark.
- ◇ A Half an hour after sunset, sometimes the Air Ambulance would come back after dark from an emergency.
- ◇ Q My windows rattle at night, what is the best way to engage with you to ask if they are your pilots.
- ◇ A Ring.
- ◇ Q Could some parishioners visit heliport, could you share your info with us.
- ◇ A We will not go through our flight plans to give you what flights have been made as it is public information, you can find out when made and flight path.
- ◇ Q If you want support from Hickling Pastures, you will give us the information. Cllr Rowe asked if he could meet with Dan and Phil with some parishioners at the Heliport.
- ◇ A Yes, happy to meet up, heliport was set up in 2014 and flights have decreased by 1/3 since moved in, we have a new hanger – which a few people complained about the application, but we wanted it for helicopter maintenance / storage of helicopters.
- ◇ Cllr Lamb advised that the Air Ambulance tracks all their flights and agreed all information is there regarding flights for parishioners to access if they wished.

Planning:

22/02120/FUL: the erection of five new residential dwellings (Use Class C3), and associated landscaping and highways works - Land South of Bridegate Lane, Hickling Pastures. The Parish Council would look favourably upon development on this site if its concerns were addressed; however, they object on a number of grounds including over-development, over-looking of neighbours, lack of detail for foul drainage, concerns about access and turning for vehicles, conflict with the Neighbourhood and Local Plans.

22/00545/VAR: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/00052/FUL with regards to the design and height of the single-storey rear extension - The Brambles Main Street Hickling. The owners of The Brambles attended the meeting and explained the circumstances behind the application. Parish Council – no comment.

22/02035/FUL: Erection of new two storey dwelling, Willow House, Melton Road, Hickling Pastures - application withdrawn 16th December 2022.

22/01907/FUL: (revised) To retain existing open sided covered area, bin store and permeable surfacing, Old Wharf Tea Rooms Main Street Hickling. Four parishioners had emailed their objections prior to the meeting. Cllr Playle explained that the grass matting that is proposed around the seating area is generally used for car parking, as it makes the ground stable for vehicles. Historically we have objected to the proposed changes. It is a major problem with the number of covers and the number of parking spaces. It is important that this area is returned to the open green space, which was there prior to the overdevelopment of the site, therefore, the Parish Council would like to see the removal of the covered seating area, the seating, and the bin store. All councillors agreed to object.

- There is a second retrospective application for the Wharf, an extension has been granted until the 28th March, so this will be on the agenda regarding the windows at the Wharf.
- Cllr Cottey advised that he had contacted Nottingham County Council asking them to carry out a traffic survey, and he had passed this to a parishioner and copied the Clerk into the email, he had received an update on 21st February to say that they are still waiting for comments.

22/02120/FUL: Development comprising the erection of five new residential dwellings (Use Class C3), and associated landscaping and highways works, Land South Of Bridegate Lane, Hickling Pastures – application withdrawn 27th Jan.

22/01793/FUL: Proposed new field stables building with rolled stone entrance, turning, car parking (2 spaces), Land Off Bridegate Lane, Hickling Pastures - Decision: Grant Planning Permission.

22/00619/REDEM & 22/00604/FUL: Demolition of industrial buildings, Land South West of Wharf House, Main Street, Hickling. Decision: Grant planning permission.

Ward Member report:

(10/1) Cllr Combella advised that the consultation on devolution ended yesterday. Regarding the Hickling Standard, Cllr Combella suggested that the committee contacts other parish council magazines committees to see how they are funded (the committee had already done this – combination of advertising, subscription and Parish Council funding. The Hickling newsletter is mainly funded by the cost of the advertising within the magazine, however when they have increased their cost previously they have lost advertisers).

(28/2) Cllr Combella reported that the levelling up fund for special projects had donated £100,000 for reed clearance in the Canal. Also that there is a Rural England Fund as well as the UKSPF (Special Projects Fund), if further information is required regarding this the person to contact is

cevens@rushcliffe.gov.uk. No increase in council tax for band A-D properties over 2% increase. Green Waste fee has been frozen, as has car parking fees. Bingham Leisure Centre was opened on 28th Feb, they have a community hall with a stage, there is an enterprise area for start up companies, the lease is a rolling 6 months, these are eco-friendly. Rural Crime Meeting was held, disappointed that local farmers did not attend.

Fly tipping, a new agency has been appointed and has issued over 3,000 enforcement notices. We must all report any fly tipping / crimes by either ringing 111 or if emergency 999.

Finance & Assets:

(10/1) Defibrillator site checks completed, costs approved - £318.00

(24/1) The Clerk read out the following email received from Cllr Prosser prior to going through the financial documents: -

"We need to try to prevent the current trend of overspending and therefore must get much better at seeking and securing any / all grants available if we are to agree to this reasonably conservative budget ... the alternative is obviously to seek a higher % precept if we are to continue to support our local parish community groups and to support the Village Hall and St Luke's Church which benefit so many residents. Bearing in mind the current 'cost of living' crisis and the impact that this is having on our community groups, I would recommend a higher % precept in order to maximise the precept application and to negate the level of overspend. Our budget details annual projected expenditure for 23/24 of £15,455.00 - we cannot clearly make an application for the full amount as this would be deemed excessive, but I would suggest seeking as high a precept as Councillors are comfortable with (15 - 20%). Even with a 15% precept of £10051 we would still currently be £5404.00 adrift and this would have to be funded by grants if we are to achieve a balanced budget. A 20% precept of £10488 would leave a deficit of £4967.00."

- The budget for Hickling Parish Council for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and the Precept to Rushcliffe Borough Council in respect of the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 to meet the expenses payable by the Council were approved.
- Full detail can be found on the Hickling Parish website: <https://hicklingnotts.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/final-minutes-24.01.2023-website-pdf>
- Five scenarios were discussed; increases in precept at 4%/8%/12%/15%/20%. Councillors agreed to recommend a 15% increase in precept.

(28/2) Cllr Prosser wanted to reiterate her views regarding the current financial situation, budget review of 22/23, proposed budget for 23/24 and the precept setting for 23/24 that had been read out by the Clerk, in her absence, at the Extraordinary Meeting on the 24th January. She wished to remind councillors that the 23/24 budget agreed at that meeting was in excess of current anticipated income, even with a 15% precept application. She advised that grant funding would need to be sought to cover any capital expenditure so that the Parish Council could continue to support local parish community groups in the coming year. Regarding current ringfenced monies, Cllr Prosser advised that the Parish Council would need to seek approval from relevant donor organisations if they wished to reallocate any of these monies, i.e., grants received from Rushcliffe Borough Council or Nottingham County Council.

(28/2) **Assets of Community Value**; information circulated in associated paper prior to the meeting. Cllr Prosser advised that the Plough Inn's asset of community value listing expires in June 2023 and suggested that this be renewed/reapplied for. With regard to the Wharf and the surrounding canal basin area, it was agreed that this application be referred to a sub-committee/steering group to be made up of Cllr Lamb, Cllr Prosser and a volunteer parishioner.

(28/2) **Elections**; information from NALC circulated in associated paper prior to the meeting. If councillors wish to remain on the Parish Council, paperwork to be with the clerk by 20.3.23, or they can take to RBC by hand before 4pm on the 04.04.23. If any members of the public wish to join the Parish Council please contact the clerk or look on the RBC website for the application form, parishioners can take their own paperwork to RBC by 4pm on 04.04.23.

(28/2) **Standing Orders**; information circulated in associated paper prior to the meeting. The members of the Parish Council agreed to the addition of the NALC paragraph to be added to the existing Standing Orders.

Environment:

(10/1) **Roadside verges update**. Cllr Playle has spoken to the Nottingham County Council ecologist, Cllr Playle will contact the parishioners who have been maintaining the areas and will cc Cllr John Cotte in on any correspondence with NCC.

(10/1) A Parishioner mentioned that there is a problem with a dip in the road by the Orchard – Cllr Cotte contacted and the following reply has been received:

- NCC Senior Compliance Inspector has raised this with STW as a defect under consequential damage and asked for a further investigation. Via Drainage Manager has confirmed that our Drainage Team have had no previous involvement and no outstanding jobs, he has also raised it with the Severn Trent Water Catchment Leads, whilst STW may have checked their foul system, there are two surface water sewers also, one directly underneath the area of damage by the look of it (map included).

(28/2) Cllr Playle updated the council on the Roadside verges, at Widernpool some verges have

been cut, he was advised that a cut would be done end of January, however this did not happen. On the Southern side part cut has been done, but not completely. Northern side has not been cut for 4/5yrs. Unfortunately, there has been fly tipping on Bridgegate Lane, tried to phone it through, ended up having to email it though. Bagged it up and put it on Clawson Lane, rubbish was then picked up by Streetwise.

Highways & Street Furniture:

Cemetery: denotation of unconsecrated area of parish cemetery update looked at by Cllr Playle; estimated cost of materials would be approx. £70.00. Councillors agreed that this should proceed. **Cemetery maintenance**: Cllr Playle raised concerns that only one of the four companies approached quoted for the 3 year cemetery maintenance tender; the Parish Council had received a letter with critical comments regarding the state of the Cemetery from a company that had declined to quote. The correspondent was of the opinion that the Parish Council should improve oversight of the maintenance of the cemetery and hopefully companies in the future will want to work for the Parish Council. Cllr Prosser asked if any other members of the Parish Council would like to get involved with the maintenance side as she felt that Cllr Playle and Cllr Lane would have knowledge regarding the upkeep due to their line of work. Cllr Playle and Cllr Lane agreed to meet to look at the Cemetery. Cllr Prosser reminded the Parish Council that the maintenance contract is due to be renewed on the 31st March, and it was agreed that it would be an agenda item for March.

Walkers' Green Weekly Inspections: Walkers' Green Inspections need to be done each week.

Community Engagement:

(10/1) **New website** – progress update. Cllr Green is waiting for the company for an update, they will be supplying email addresses for the members of the parish council.

(10/1) **King Charles III Coronation** – update re. wrought-iron plaques. Cllr Lane has spoken to a parishioner with regards to this, also Cllr Combella has said that there are a lot of companies advertising plaques on the internet. (28/2) Was suggested that a wrought iron plaque was produced to mark the Coronation, a parishioner has said that he would be able to produce a plaque - Cllr Lane will investigate this within the week, as a request for the grant needs to be in by 14th March.

(28/2) Cllr Lamb said out of the 250 questionnaires circulated only 12 were sent back, main issues raised were parking at the Wharf and the traffic congestion around the Wharf. Parishioners would like to see improvement and establishment of the green spaces. What would you like to find out more about – Planning applications and Community events, a parishioner asked if flyers could be dropped through letterboxes regarding meetings – as not everyone has an electronic device to access websites.

(28/2) **Community Speed Watch** - associated paper was circulated prior to the meeting, this item had previously been discussed. Cllr Lane advised the Parish Council that he had attended a recent training session and a Chairman for another Parish Council had purchased a speed gun and which was calibrated by the Police for a fraction of the cost that the Community Speed Watch quote for equipment – total quoted is £450. It has been suggested by Upper Broughton Parish Council that it could be split three ways, if Hickling and Kinoulton Parish Council divided this quote, so it would be £150 each Parish Council. Cllr Playle felt that speeding is an issue through Main Street. Clerk explained that Upper Broughton's scheme is being run by three volunteers and this is the suggested that Parishioners run this group, not the Parish Council. A parishioner said that they would be interested in joining the group. The members of the Parish Council voted and decided to defer this item. to another agenda, clerk to advise the clerk of Upper Broughton that Hickling will not get involved in scheme at the moment.

(28/2) Another matter relating to traffic issues and resulting in major disruption is the regular hunts that disrupt the local community. The congestion resulting in inconsiderate hunt followers is becoming a major issue.

Correspondence:

(28/2) **Conservation Area Review**: meeting arranged - email was passed to a member of the History group who is going to attend, unfortunately no one else has shown interest in attending. Meeting is being held on Wed 8th March at 9am at the Wharf, Cllr Prosser will also attend.

(28/2) **Defibrillator Training**. Clerk had been contacted by a member of the WI asking if the Parish Council could arrange this training and asking the Parish Council to fund this; training is carried out by East Midlands Ambulance Service in return for a donation to Vale First responders. A donation of £50 was agreed. The training session to take place on Thursday 16th March.

Finance and Account balances: see full Minutes on Parish Noticeboards and online.

Other items: None.

Date of next meeting, 24th January (Extraordinary meeting – 2023/4 Budget & Precept setting).

2023 Meetings: 28th March, 9th May, 13th June, 25th July, 29th August, 3rd October, 14th November, 19th December.

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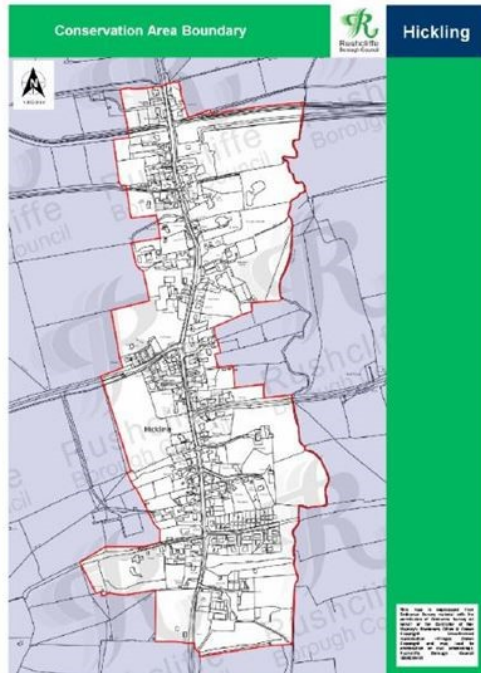
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- Bankruptcy.
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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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) plus Environment portfolio - simon-lane@tiscali.co.uk

Tracey Prosser: (Vice Chair) plus Finance & Administration & Assets portfolios - tjprosser67@gmail.com

Steve Green: Highways/Street Furniture portfolio, Grant Applications & Snow Warden - steve.j.green@gmail.com

Chris Lamb: Community Engagement portfolio - c.m.lamb@me.com

Peter Playle: Environment and Highways/Street Furniture portfolios plus Snow Warden - peterplayle@hotmail.co.uk

Ivor Rowe: Hickling Pastures, other roles tbc - ivor@rowepeople.net

Vacancy: for one councillor

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

hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com

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.

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www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or call 0300 500 8080 - Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm for issues relating to:

Roads & pavements including obstructions and potholes/roadside verges/road gullies or drains/streetlight faults/trees on public land/bus services.

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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; hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com

If you wish to comment on a planning application:

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Or you can write to:
Planning & Development
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushcliffe Arena
Rugby Road
West Bridgford
NOTTINGHAM
NG2 7YG

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Please copy your comments to the Parish Council and Borough Councillor, Tina Combella so that we can take your views into account in our decisions.

Diary

2nd April	Village Hall Breakfast
4th April	WI Darts at The Plough (see p.19)
7th April	Good Friday Walk of Faith - Upper Broughton to Hickling to Kinoulton
9th April	Easter Day
18th April	WI daytrip to Thornbridge Hall & gardens and Matlock Bath (see p.19)
18th April	Mayor's Charity Q&A with local sporting heroes (see p.27)
20th April	WI Dancing with Mr Darcey (see p.19)
27th April	WI Annual Bluebell Walk (see p.19)
2nd May	WI Darts at The Plough (see p.19)
3rd May	WI Barnestone Bowls Club (see p.19)
6th May	Coronation of King Charles III
7th May	Coronation Breakfast—Village Hall & Events at The Plough
8th May	Coronation Big Help Out/Volunteering Day
9th May	(tbc) Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall—7pm
14th May	Dove Cottage Summer Fete—11am-3pm
14th May	Mayor of Rushcliffe—abseiling challenge
16th & 19th May	WI visit to recycling centre
18th May	WI Stilton Cheese Project (see p.19)
9th June	WI Day Trip to Chesterfield (see p.19)
13th June	(tbc) Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall—7pm
29th June	WI Stuart Dixon's Garden at Stoke Bardolph (see p.19)
(Sept tbc)	Historic Lincoln Trip

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