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## HICKLING VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

FIZZ & MINCE PIES

**Sunday December 3rd**  
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**ALL WELCOME**

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**Bookings / queries Pauline 01664 822835**  
**Barbara 01664 822834**



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The carols will take place undercover in our marquee, where you can snuggle up with our cosy blankets and a hot chocolate or mulled wine to listen to the band, choirs and join in with the popular songs.

Refreshments will be available for purchase along with a selection of cards, crafts and gifts.

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## HICKLING VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 6.30PM

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## CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

MULLED WINE and MINCE PIES to keep out the cold!

ALL WELCOME!



## Kinoulton Allotments

During Covid lockdown and the later restrictions, the allotments were all fully let, a peaceful haven where we could exercise and wave to our socially distanced neighbours on nearby plots. As we return to something like normality there are now a few plots available. Several Hickling residents already have plots but recent arrivals in the village may be unaware of how the allotments run. Autumn is a good time to take over a plot. We have a society strimmer which we provide free to members, along with fuel and safety gear. This will help tame an overgrown plot. Strim in autumn and the grass will stop growing over the winter, giving an opportunity to mark out paths and beds. Autumn rain softens the soil for digging and, when that job is done, it is a good idea to cover the cleared beds to keep them weed-free till spring. Cardboard is a cheap and eco-friendly option. Recycle all those Amazon boxes. Spend the cold winter evenings browsing seed catalogues planning the delicious vegetables you will grow next year. We also have a community orchard whose fruit is shared between members. Last year branches broke under the sheer weight of fruit but supporting that quantity of fruit, along with the exceptionally hot summer, stressed the trees. This year they are mainly recovering and resting. They have appreciated the summer rain and have lots of fruit buds for next spring - their way of adapting to our variable seasons. My blackcurrants and raspberries also loved the rain and the late sunshine in September ripened the sweetcorn. I managed to pick it before the deer found it this year! Butterflies have also been abundant. Lush growth (including weeds, unfortunately) has provided food for their caterpillars and autumn sunshine has meant lots of late nectar-rich flowers in the wildflower areas.

The Allotment Society offers various plots from full size to mini ones. If you are intimidated by the thought of taking on a plot on your own, consider sharing with a friend/neighbour. Or join our community allotment (contact Carol Savage - [casavage1@aol.com](mailto:casavage1@aol.com)) where a group meet to share the work and the produce.

For more information contact Rita Piper ([rita@chez-piper.net](mailto:rita@chez-piper.net)).



## TO OUR SISTER COMMUNITY OF FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from HICKLING

We send our best wishes to everyone in Farmington and hope they have an enjoyable Christmas.

The Covid Pandemic seems such a long time ago now but no doubt it left its mark on you as it has done with us here in Hickling. We hope the museum did not suffer too much due to events and activities having to be cancelled. Have you managed to now return to functioning as an attraction and historic centre for the people of Farmington?

This year has seen Hickling events and village activities returning to pre- pandemic times. The Scarecrow Festival in September was a huge success; the monthly Breakfast still draws in the crowds and the film club has even begun showing films once more.

The History Group has embarked on many projects to ensure the history of the village will be recorded for future generations. We hope you look regularly at our website –

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

Hopefully, with your permission we can have a link on this to your museum and Fred Maltby's Home in Michigan.

We managed to install the first information board in the village in 2023. This is placed outside of our village hall, the building which was once the village school. Information Boards are seen in many English villages and they display photographs and text about the life, buildings and history of the village. Hickling is hoping to have at least 6 boards placed near interesting parts of the village.

The 2nd information board for which we have just raised enough money, will be of particular interest to you. The board will be placed in the churchyard where the cherry tree planted by Fred's descendant still flourishes. The story of Fred's journey from Hickling to becoming Governor of Michigan will be told on our 2nd Board. As soon as it is installed, we will send you photographs.

Fund raising has now started for board no 3 which will be installed by the Canal. Hickling has the Grantham to Nottingham Canal passing through and although not used as a canal today is a haven for wildlife and flora. Photographers and painters find this part of the village a perfect place to produce images of the English countryside.

We hope you can find some Stilton Cheese in your supermarket to have at Christmas for as you know the milk for this cheese is produced here in Hickling. Our local milk goes to the Long Clawson Dairy which makes Stilton Cheese, some of which is exported by them to America. We find it fascinating that Fred Maltby became known as the King of Cheese and in England, Stilton Cheese is known as the King of cheese.

WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2024 From your friends in Hickling



## 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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We are very sad to share the news that Christine Richardson has died. Everyone's thoughts and best wishes are with her husband, family, friends and neighbours.

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We are very sad to share the news that Sheila Walker has died. Everyone's thoughts and best wishes are with her family, friends and neighbours.

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*Wishing Everyone in  
Hickling and Hickling Pastures  
A  
Very Happy Christmas  
And a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

**OUR APOLOGIES** that this issue is later than usual.

**We really are looking for a New Editor—we need your HELP!!**

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 at the moment, but that can change
  - Help & support will be given by the team
  - Involves 8-10 hours every two months (6 issues per year)



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# Winter Reading!

## Spellbound

**Emily Brontë**

The night is darkening round me,  
The wild winds coldly blow;  
But a tyrant spell has bound me  
And I cannot, cannot go.  
The giant trees are bending  
Their bare boughs weighed with snow.  
And the storm is fast descending,  
And yet I cannot go.  
Clouds beyond clouds above me,  
Wastes beyond wastes below;  
But nothing drear can move me;  
I will not, cannot go.

## Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

**Robert Frost**

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.  
My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.  
He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.  
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

*Poems appear in A Poem for Every Night  
of the Year, edited by Allie Esiri (Pan  
Macmillan)*

## Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind

**William Shakespeare**

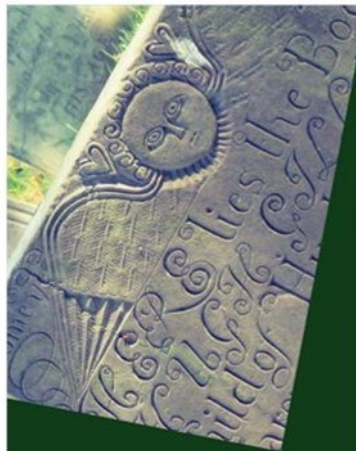
Blow, blow, thou winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As man's ingratitude;  
Thy tooth is not so keen,  
Because thou art not seen,  
Although thy breath be rude.  
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green  
holly:  
Most friendship is feigning, most loving  
mere folly:  
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!  
This life is most jolly.  
Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,  
That dost not bite so nigh  
As benefits forgot:  
Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp  
As friend remembered not.  
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green  
holly.  
(As You Like It, Act II Scene VII.)

## The Darkling Thrush

**Thomas Hardy**

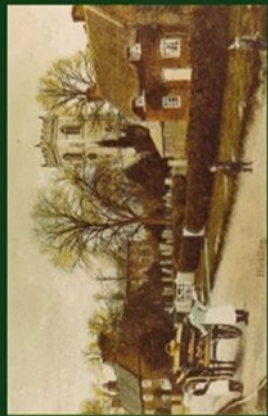
I leant upon a coppice gate  
When Frost was spectre-gray,  
And Winter's dregs made desolate  
The weakening eye of day.  
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
Like strings of broken lyres,  
And all mankind that haunted nigh  
Had sought their household fires.





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Speak to: Carol Beadle, Gill Bloor,  
Pauline Chell, Jane Fraser.

### 'Carol-barking' by Laurie Lee

One by one they came stumbling over the snow, swinging their lanterns around their heads, shouting and coughing horribly.

'Coming carol-barking then?'

We were the Church Choir, so no answer was necessary. For a year we had praised the Lord out of key, and as a reward for this service – on top of the Outing – we now had the right to visit all the big houses, to sing our carols and collect our tribute.

To work them all in meant a five-mile foot journey over wild and generally snowed-up country. So the first thing we did was to plan our route; a formality, as the route never changed. All the same, we blew on our fingers and argued; and then we chose our Leader. This was not binding, for we all fancied ourselves as Leaders, and he who started the night in that position usually trailed home with a bloody nose.

Eight of us set out that night. There was Sixpence the Tanner, who had never sung in his life (he just worked his mouth in church); the brothers Horace and Boney, who were always fighting everybody and always getting the worst of it; Clergy Green, the preaching maniac; Walt the bully, and my two brothers. As we went down the lane other boys, from other villages, were already about the hills, bawling 'Kingwenslush', and shouting through keyholes 'Knock on the knocker! Ring at the Bell! Give us a penny for singing so well!' They weren't an approved charity as we were, the Choir; but competition was in the air.

Our first call as usual was the house of the Squire, and we tramped nervously down his drive. For light we had candles in marmalade-jars suspended on loops of string, and they threw pale gleams on the towering snowdrifts that stood on each side of the drive. A blizzard was blowing, but we were well wrapped up, with Army puttees on our legs, woollen hats on our heads, and several scarves around our ears.

As we approached the Big House across its white silent lawns, we too grew respectfully silent. The lake near by was stiff and black, the waterfall frozen and still. We arranged ourselves shuffling around the big front door, then knocked and announced the Choir.

A maid bore the tidings of our arrival away into the echoing distances of the house, and while we waited we cleared our throats noisily. Then she came back, and the door was left ajar for us, and we were bidden to begin. We brought no music, the carols were in our heads. 'Let's give 'em "Wild Shepherds",' said Jack. We began in confusion, plunging into a wreckage of keys, of different words and tempo; but we gathered our strength; he who sang loudest took the rest of us with him, and the carol took shape if not sweetness.

This huge stone house, with its ivied walls, was always a mystery to us. What were those gables, those rooms and attics, those narrow windows veiled by the cedar trees. As we sang 'Wild Shepherds' we craned our necks, gaping into that lamplit hall which we had never entered; staring at the muskets and untenanted chairs, the great tapestries furred by dust – until suddenly, on the stairs, we saw the old Squire himself standing and listening with his head on one side.

He didn't move until we'd finished; then slowly he tottered towards us, dropped two coins in our box with a trembling hand, scratched his name in the book we carried, gave us each a long look with his moist blind eyes, then turned away in silence.

As though released from a spell, we took a few sedate steps, then broke into a run for the gate. We didn't stop till we were out of the grounds.

## Winter Reading!







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## The Royal British Legion Vale of Belvoir Branch Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service this year was held at St Luke's Church, Hickling, conducted by Reader Sheila Hill. We had a very full congregation including a large contingent from the Scouts and Cubs, commemorating the courage and sacrifice of the fallen in both World Wars and recent conflicts. Sheila was assisted in her address by branch member Roger Barrett who spoke about the formation of the British Legion in 1921 and the services it provides for veterans today.

The Roll of Honour for our villages was read by Keith Oxby and, to mark the two-minute silence, Last Post and Reveille were played by bugler Jim Woolley. Afterwards, the members of the of the Legion, Scouts and Cubs with their Standard Bearers formed a procession to the War Memorial in Hickling. On re-joining members of the congregation there, Reveille was sounded, and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Legion, Hickling Parish Council and Scouts. Refreshments were provided by Pauline Chell, Alex Thomas and Liz Vear.

On Friday 10th November, Headteacher Simon Paramore, staff, and pupils gathered in front of the Kinoulton Village War Memorial for their traditional annual commemoration. The names of the fallen were read out, followed by a one-minute silence. The children sang a song about the fallen veterans. Then

### For Those Who Gave

Those that fell on foreign lands,  
Or in the desert Sands  
Or those that fell from the sky  
Or drowned in the roughened seas,  
We owe you more than we can give.  
For every life that passed away  
We have to thank you for today,  
For our freedom and what we can say.  
And now I thank you one and all,  
For our life you gave your all.  
And the going down of the sun  
And the rising of the sun  
We will remember them.  
[Poem by Barry Hill]

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the The Royal British Legion, Kinoulton Parish Council, and Scouts. And by tradition, the School Wreath was laid by the youngest and the oldest pupil.

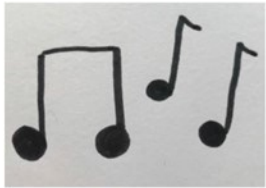
### The Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal was organised by Norman Evans in Kinoulton, and Pauline Chell in Hickling. We would like to thank all our volunteers in Kinoulton and Hickling, and to you, our donors for your generosity. The Royal British Legion supports around 2.5 million veterans in the armed forces community.

*Michael Chapman*







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## Table Tennis at the Village Hall!

Monday nights 8 – 10pm

It's been a great season for Village Table Tennis. There have been lots of new friendly faces and so much enthusiasm that we extended our season beyond the Easter break for the first time. Our ethos of 'simply social' is at the heart of our sessions which offer a friendly knock about or a more intensive game and, of course, the chance to socialise.

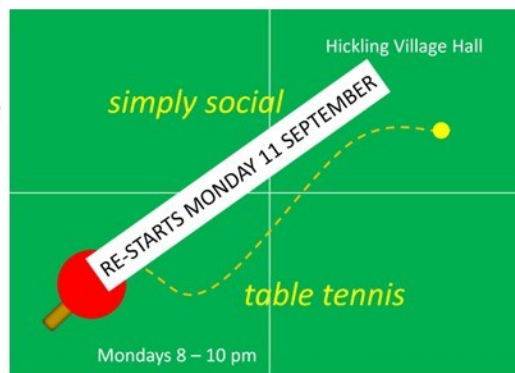
We'll be taking a break for the summer and will return to the Village Hall on Monday 11 September at 8pm.

For more information call Alison 822761, or Dave 820262.

- Whether your preference is to have a friendly knock-about, or to seek the challenge of an intensive game, our flexible sessions are perfect for you
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## 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)*

1877 Novr 27: During the last two or three weeks many of the children have been rather late in the morning. I attribute this to the dark mornings & the fault of the parents in not rising earlier.

Decr 4: Mary Parr the pupil teacher in charge of the infants was obliged to leave school at 10.30 this morning, bring very ill.

Decr 10: Mary Parr has resumed her duties.

Decr 14: There are very few children present this morning owing to a horse race that is to come off at about 11 o'clock.

As nearly all the children have failed to come to school this afternoon owing to the horse & donkey races I am about to close school at about 3 o'clock therefore have not marked the register.

**Decr 21: Closed the school until the 24th inst.**

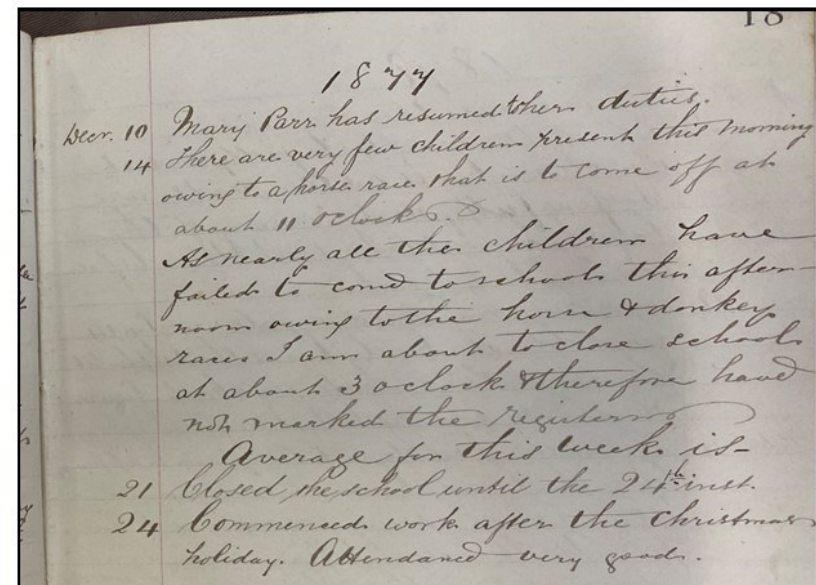
**Decr 24: Commenced work after the Christmas holiday. Attendance very good.**

1878 Janr 4: I have changed my usual monthly examinations to weekly & am about to have them every Friday.

Janr 8: At a Board Meeting last night I was authorised to see Mr Burnett about covering the pump and ventilating the class rooms.

Janr 23: I find it impossible to justly insist on clean boots as the roads are so fearfully dirty & many of the boys have outdoor work to do before coming to school.

Janr 28: Admitted Amy [March] a girl nearly 14 years old she barely knows the alphabet & knows nothing whatever about figures. She is only with us until May.



*The two Christmas dates appear odd: at this time, Christmas Day on the 25th December was a recognised public holiday and, in 1877, it fell on a Tuesday. The log book in future years show a week's holiday for Christmas with classes*

*resuming after the 25th. If anyone can help to explain this, we'd love to hear from you.*



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[info@hicklingnottlocalhistory.com](mailto:info@hicklingnottlocalhistory.com)

**Gatherings at the Plough Inn.**  
Dates for your diary—please look out for the posters for more detail: drop in, bring things, talk about all-things-Hickling!  
**Tuesday 30th April 2024 5pm-8pm**



## Field Mapping and Field Names Project


On the 23rd November we welcomed Susan Kilby and Becca Gregory from the University of Nottingham to introduce a project (which we hope we can get off the ground) to map and research the field names of Hickling and surrounding villages.

Many thanks to everyone who came along and for your enthusiasm! Using a similar project which is nearing completion in Shropshire, we heard how field names can tell us about the landscape and the people who have worked it—sometimes with hints going all the way back to Viking and Anglo-Saxon settlement. How names have changed and evolved and the importance of mapping and identifying fields names to support wider historical and language study and research. This is looking fascinating and fun!

If you would like to be involved or would like to find out more, please contact us on [info@hicklingnottlocalhistory.com](mailto:info@hicklingnottlocalhistory.com)

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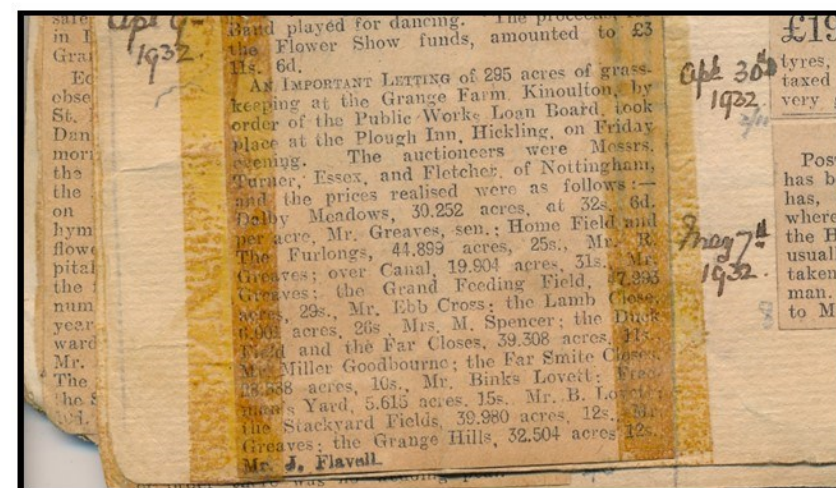
**Information Boards Project**



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## Dates for your Diary

**Belvoir Angels Weekend - May 18th & 19th 2024**

**Saturday: Open Day with events, activities & displays - Hickling Church**

**Sunday: Seminar - conversations about the Belvoir Angels - Hickling Village Hall**

**All details to be confirmed**



### SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR HICKLING W.I.

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[I understand that the fee should be £48 which Hickling WI Committee feel is far too much and so they offer Hickling members a reduced membership amount.]

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Carol Beadle, Treasurer, High Holborn, Folly Hall Lane, Hickling Pastures, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 3QB

THANK YOU AND THE COMMITTEE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE VARIED AND INTERESTING PROGRAMME PLANNED AND WOULD WELCOME ANY FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS.

### 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**



### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

14th Dec 10am—WI ITEMS to raise money for Blood Bikers auctioned at Shoulers

16th March 10.30am-3.30pm—SPRING FAYRE in Kinoulton Village Hall

18th April 7.30pm—FASHION SHOW in Hickling Village Hall

### PLEASE HELP HICKLING W.I. RAISE £1000 FOR THE BLOOD BIKERS' CHARITY

Blood Bikers are a local charity who deliver urgent NHS supplies across the area. They have saved many lives and only continue to do so if they get donations to pay for fuel and other expenses. The charity has no paid employees, and everyone involved is a volunteer.

The HICKLING WI have set a target to raise £1000 for Blood Bikers which will go a long way in helping them continue for another year.

To raise this money the WI have linked up with SHOULER & SON AUCTIONEERS in Melton Mowbray to do a Bargain Hunt Challenge. The WI have been locating items during the summer months by visiting car boots, antique fairs, jumble sales etc.

These items will be auctioned off by Shouler & Son at their County Auction Room on Thursday 14 December at 10am. Shouler & Son have kindly offered to support Hickling WI and have waived all costs and commission. Therefore, all money collected will go directly to Blood Bikers.

If you have any item you would like to sell or donate for this challenge, please contact Pauline Chell 01664 822835 or text Carol Beadle 07983 486695

Smaller items and anything perhaps not suitable for an auction will be sold on a local stall with all proceeds also going to the Blood Bikers. Please support us by bidding for our items either online or by attending the auction at

**THE ANTIQUES, VINTAGE & COLLECTABLES AUCTION- THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 10AM**

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## A Letter from Hickling WI

As the end of 2023 approaches, the Hickling WI reflect upon a busy and interesting year with membership almost 40. Our members not only come from Hickling Village but from many of the surrounding villages which do not have a WI such as Long Clawson, Nether Broughton and Upper Broughton. We have been delighted to welcome new members into our group this year.



Wherever Hickling WI members live, they often wear many hats when it comes to being involved in the local community. Hickling WI members are seen at the Hickling Village Breakfasts, the Scarecrow Festival, at Church Events, in the Choir, litter picking, in the History Group and at the Village Quiz to name but a few.

Although not a political nor religious organisation, our WI does campaign on local issues which affect the community. Through one of our members, we ensure our concerns reach the very heart of Government at Westminster. One particular concern has been the lack of public transport particularly for those members who live on Hickling Pastures, in Nether Broughton and Upper Broughton.

This year, to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, the Hickling WI bought a bench. It was a wish of the late churchwarden, John Bloor, to have a bench in the Churchyard and so this is where the WI bench has been placed.

We support local charities wherever we can. Sometimes this can be as easy as collecting used ink cartridges for Breast Cancer Charities, or used stamps. We hope our Bargain Hunt Antique Challenge supported by Shouler & Sons in Melton will raise lots of money for the local Blood Bikes Charity at the Auction on 14 December 2023. People have been very generous sourcing us items to auction. Also, to help us you can come to the auction or bid for items online.

Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for letting us hire the Hall for our monthly meetings and it is lovely to have such a warm, well-equipped venue to use. Our meetings are advertised on the noticeboard and are open to non-members—including men!! The recycling evening early in 2023 proved to be very popular and this was followed with a trip around the recycling plant near Mansfield. Our 2024 programme will be advertised in the Hickling Standard and other village magazines.

Sadly, Kirsty and Chris at the Plough in Hickling feel that they can no longer accommodate our monthly darts group. After 20 years of using The Plough in Hickling this was very disappointing news. Therefore, for 2024, we hope that we can come to an alternative arrangement.

For 2024 we have some coach trips planned. These are popular as the coach picks up and drops off in Hickling and other local places. If you are interested in our coach trips, please contact Pauline Chell on 01664 822835.

We have two big events in Spring 2024 and everyone is welcome. On Saturday 16 March we have our annual Spring Fayre in Kinoulton Village Hall from 10.30am and on Thursday 18 April we have a Fashion Show in Hickling Village Hall at 7.30pm.

If you would like to join Hickling WI please contact Pauline Chell or ask any member of the WI for details. Membership costs just £30 per year.



## Letter from St Luke's

As the nights draw in the daylight, so abundant and taken for granted in the summer months, becomes increasingly precious and valued. It is not surprising therefore that lights, fireworks and candles feature greatly in the festivities occurring in this season as we try to create light and colour in the darkness.

In the Christian faith the symbolism of light has always been important. In Christian writings Christ is often referred to in terms of light, a light bringing warmth to our hearts and illumination to our minds, and this finds expression in our worship through such events as the lighting of the Easter Candle, the Christingles in Advent and the individual candles of those baptised into the Christian family. Candles are also often used as an aid to reflection and prayer, and in many churches, a place is provided in which candles can be lit and prayer offered.

Christmas festivities are surrounded by the symbolism of light, whether it is the candlelight of events in church, the electric sparkle of decorations in the shop windows and in our own homes, or even just the flicker of the television transmitting 'Christmas favourites'. This artificial light draws us closer to a recognition of Christ's true light, close to his love for us, and our hearts are warmed by it. Seasonal events aid our remembrance of his coming into the world on that first Christmas, coming not in glory but in the form of a vulnerable child. Loving us so much that he wanted to be with us, to experience what we experience in the trials, joys and even the monotony of daily life. This act of divine love is an event with such power and significance for humanity that the joy of its occurrence about 2000 years ago still has the ability to touch us today in what we often identify at this time of year as the 'Spirit of Christmas'.

Its effect is a wonderful sense of liberation. It frees us from the self-centred way of life that our day-to-day routine often demands of us, inspiring us to be our true selves, greeting others in love, looking with compassion toward the needy and unfortunate in our society, putting the interests of others above and beyond our own, and acknowledging God as our loving Father. In this way we come closer to God's plan and purpose for his children.

Once this is experienced it can never truly leave us. Whilst the festivities of the season may diminish to a dim remembrance in the rest of the year as once again light becomes commonplace and minds are fixed on events such as summer holidays, the Christmas experience of Christ's love never goes away.

So as we embrace the spirit of Christmas, and the way of life it brings, let us endeavour to keep it with us not just to illuminate our lives and warm our hearts for the duration of the festivities, but on our journey throughout the coming year.

Rev'd Paul

### St. Luke's Church - Dates for the Future

|                      |                                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 3rd December 6.00 pm | Family Carol Singalong                    |
| 24th December        | Midnight Mass                             |
| 29th March 2024      | Good Friday Walk                          |
| 27th April           | Concert with the Bridge Singers           |
| 18th May             | Belvoir Angel Day; Hickling History Group |

## Services at St Luke's Churches in December 2023 to Candlemas 2024

| Date   | Day                                | Kinoulton          |                                                         | Hickling |                   | Upper Broughton |                |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|        |                                    | Time               | Service                                                 | Time     | Service           | Time            | Service        |
| 26 Nov | Feast of Christ the King           | 11:00 am           | Morning Prayer                                          | 9:00 am  | Holy Communion    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 3 Dec  | Advent Sunday                      | 9:00 am            | Holy Communion                                          | 6:30 pm  | Evening Prayer    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 10 Dec | 2nd Sunday of Advent               | 11:00 am           | Morning Prayer                                          | 9:00 am  | Holy Communion    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 17 Dec | 3rd Sunday of Advent               | 11:00 am           | Morning Prayer                                          | 10:00 am | Morning Prayer    | 9:00 am         | Holy Communion |
| 24 Dec | 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve | 4:00 pm<br>6:00 pm | Christingle<br>Carol Service                            | 11:30 pm | Midnight Mass     | 6:30 pm         | Carol Service  |
| 25 Dec | Christmas Day                      | 9:00 AM            | Holy Communion                                          |          |                   | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 31 Dec | 1st Sunday of Christmas            |                    | 10:30 am Mission Partnership Holy Communion at Cotgrave |          |                   |                 |                |
| 7 Jan  | Epiphany                           | 9:00 am            | Holy Communion                                          | 6:30 pm  | Evening Prayer    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 14 Jan | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany             | 11:00 am           | Morning Prayer                                          | 9:00 am  | Holy Communion    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |
| 21 Jan | 3rd Sunday of Epiphany             | 11:00 am           | Morning Prayer                                          | 10:00 am | Morning Prayer    | 9:00 am         | Holy Communion |
| 28 Jan | Candlemas                          |                    |                                                         | 6:30 pm  | Candlemas Service |                 |                |
| 4 Feb  | 2nd Sunday before Lent             | 9:00 am            | Holy Communion                                          | 6:30 pm  | Evening Prayer    | 10:00 am        | Morning Prayer |

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## St. Luke's Church

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Sunday 3rd December 6.30 pm

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## Weekly Coffee Mornings on Thursdays from 10.30am.

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

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

**Help at events etc?**



### Watercress and Stilton Soup

#### Ingredients

25g/ 1oz butter  
1 onion chopped  
2 garlic cloves chopped  
850 ml /1 and a half pints chicken stock  
450g potatoes peeled and diced  
2 bunches of watercress  
Freshly grated nutmeg  
Salt and pepper  
75g/3oz blue Stilton  
200ml double cream

#### Method.

1.Heat the butter in a large heavy based saucepan and add the onion and garlic and fry gently, stirring until softened( around five minutes).Taking care not to let them burn.  
2. Add the stock and potatoes and bring to the boil.Simmer for 20 minutes until the potatoes are tender.  
3. Add the watercress and nutmeg and simmer for 2-3 minutes.  
4. Blend the soup in a food processor, adding the Stilton in batches until smooth.  
5.Add the cream and blend adjusting the thickness of the soup with a little more stock if needed.  
6.Gently reheat the soup, check the seasoning and serve .Decorate with a sprig of watercress.

### Stilton Cheese Loaf

This is a moist savoury loaf which is ideal for afternoon tea,a lunch bag or picnic.  
It can be made in the microwave as well as the oven and is ideal for freezing.

#### Ingredients.

100g whole meal flour  
100g self raising flour  
1 tsp dried mustard  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
50g butter  
1 medium egg  
135ml milk ( add an extra 50ml if cooking in the microwave)  
100g Blue Stilton cheese  
2 sticks of celery  
50g chopped walnuts ( can be replaced with sunflower seeds )  
Poppy seeds for sprinkling on the top(optional).

#### Method

Heat the oven to 190c / gas 5 / or 375f.

1. Line the loaf tin.
2. Finely chop the celery
3. Put the flours ,mustard and baking powder in to a bowl and rub in the butter with finger tips.
4. Crumble the Stilton cheese and rub in.
5. Add the finely chopped celery and walnuts or sunflower seeds
6. Beat the egg and milk together and add to the bowl.
7. Mix well to give a fairly stiff consistency.If very stiff beat in a little more milk
8. Spoon mixture in to prepared loaf tin or microwaveable dish ,sprinkle with poppy seeds if using.
9. Bake for an hour until a skewer comes out clean or microwave on full power (650 watts) for 12 minutes.
10. Allow to cool before turning out.

Serve sliced spread with butter or cream cheese.



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[hicklingpreschool.co.uk](http://hicklingpreschool.co.uk) for more information on how to get involved or  
how to register your child.

Working with Long Clawson Dairy, Hickling WI have  
produced 12 new Stilton recipes, to see you you through  
the year: here are the first 3!



### Oven Baked Leek and Stilton Risotto.

#### Ingredients.

10g butter  
1 leek finely chopped  
1/2 a red pepper deseeded and chopped  
1 clove of garlic crushed.  
150g risotto rice  
600ml vegetable stock  
65g baby leaf spinach  
50g blue Stilton.

#### Method.

1. Wash and finely chop the leek.
2. Deseed and dice the red pepper
3. Put the butter in a pan and melt over a gentle heat.
4. Add the leek , garlic and red pepper and cook for 10-12 minutes until soft.
5. Add the risotto rice to the pan and stir in to cover the rice with the juices.
6. Add the stock and stir gently
7. Transfer the contents of the pan to an ovenproof dish with a tight fitting lid and place on the middle shelf of the oven preheated to 200c/180c fan/ gas 6. for 20 minutes.
8. Remove from the oven when all the stock has been absorbed and add the spinach and Stilton
9. Stir through until the spinach is wilted and the Stilton is melted.
10. Serve immediately



# Hickling Film Club

**Films in Hickling Village Hall. Free drinks and posh nibbles. No fixed charge – just pay a reasonable sum.**

**Belfast** - Nightmarishness meets nostalgia as Jamie Dornan and Judi Dench star in a scintillating Troubles-era coming-of-age tale. Excellent reviews. Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30.



**The Fabelmans** – Steven Spielberg, the director, goes back to his childhood for an endearing, if overlong, film with an Oscar-tipped Michelle Williams as his mother. Generally good reviews. Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.



**Parallel Mothers** – Pedro Almodóvar delivers an emotional bundle of joy with this film. His poetic conviction and creative fluidity flow through this moving baby-swap drama about two single mothers and buried secrets from the Spanish Civil War. Fantastic reviews. Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.



**Are you there, God? It's me Margaret** - Abby Ryder Fortson and Rachel McAdams are remarkable in a thoughtful and funny expansion of the 1970s teen novel. The film is an entertaining comedy that also happens to be a stunning evocation of the fear and yearning that come with standing on the precipice of adulthood. Generally, very good reviews. Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.





## Helping wildlife in winter (RSPCA)

We can all struggle with the changing weather. Our wildlife friends are no different. Here's how you can lend a helping hand to wildlife this winter.

**Feeding birds in winter:** Birds may find it harder to find their normal food in winter, but you can help them to stay strong by leaving out extra food for them. Never try to use antifreeze or salt to thaw frozen ponds, birdbaths or any water container used by animals.

**Helping badgers in severe weather:** Badgers don't hibernate, but they do sleep through most of the severe weather. They have a tough time finding their favourite food of earthworms when the ground is frozen. They'd welcome nibbles such as lightly cooked meats, cheese, peanuts and fruit.

**Melting frozen ponds:** Toxic gases can build up in frozen ponds, killing fish or frogs that may be hiding at the bottom. If you have a pond, check it every day for ice. If the pond does freeze over, carefully place a saucepan of hot water on the surface to melt a hole. Never tip boiling water onto it or break the ice with force, as this can harm fish.

**Hibernating hedgehogs, frogs and mice:** Before lighting bonfires, check wood or leaf piles carefully for wild animals such as hedgehogs, frogs and mice, who like to hibernate in these cosy spots. If you find wild animals in hibernation, be sure to leave them be.

## WINTER WILDLIFE WATCHING: WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN TO SPOT (by Sally Bavin, Woodland Trust)

Winter can be tough for people and wildlife, but it's not all bleak – the season has a beauty all of its own. It's important for our mental health to stay connected with the natural world, even during the darkest, coldest months. While some species have flown south or tucked themselves away for the winter, you needn't do the same. Here's our guide to wildlife you can see at this time of year, plus where and when to find it: [Winter Wildlife: What, Where and When to Spot - Woodland Trust](#)

Step out into that crisp winter air and take a wander through a woodland. Notice the details which are unveiled now that the trees stand bare. Look for intricate cow parsley stems sparkling with frost and laced with frozen spider webs. Peer between the tree trunks to spot a deer, nibbling frosty brambles, who lifts her head to stare back. Discover a range of fascinating bracket fungi clinging to naked trunks and branches. Take time to absorb and appreciate a magical winter wonderland with these special sights and more.

In winter, **small birds** rove the woodland in large mixed-species foraging parties. Their quiet 'tit-tit' contact calls give away their presence. Look up to see blue tits, coal tits, great tits, long-tailed tits, or chaffinches and bramblings flitting between the bare branches. While most other birds have given up their song for the winter, robins redouble their efforts. This makes winter a perfect time to really get to know the robin's whistly tune. By spring, you'll be able to pick him out in the dawn chorus.

**Hazel catkins**, like little cigars, are exposed by the leaf fall. Watch them from January as they transform into yellow lamb's-tails. The tiny female hazel flowers are a speck of hot pink against the grey palette of winter, but you'll have to look closely to find them.

**Winter Gnats:** you might witness a magical courtship dance, performed on the wing, by clouds of individuals who gather in woodland glades. Each male ascends slightly, then floats back down to the group before repeating his display. Their clear wings catch the low winter sunshine as they dance. It's easy to imagine you have stumbled upon a party of tiny fairies; in fact this is the lekking behaviour of the winter gnat as they gather together and put on a competitive display to try to attract a female. One of the few insects active in winter, these gnats don't bite so don't be afraid to take a closer look. I can't say the same about fairies.

Winter is a good time to keep an eye out for **mammal footprints** in the mud or snow. Look for signs of badgers, deer, otters, foxes, squirrels, mice and voles.

**At dusk**, starlings, in their spotty winter plumage, gather in mind-boggling murmurations before dropping into their night-time roosts. In the bare treetops, rookeries are revealed and jackdaws, rooks and crows make a noisy spectacle on their way home to roost every evening.

Partially frozen lakes, rivers and streams force kingfishers to stay and hunt in the same spots for longer, giving us the chance to catch more than a glimpse of electric blue. Redwing and fieldfare feast on hedgerow berries. Early winter twilight means you are more likely to encounter a barn owl hunting along country roads on your way home.

# Winter Reading!



## COUNCILLORS NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE Neville & Langar Ward COLSTON BASSETT, HICKLING, UPPER BROUGHTON, HICKLING PASTURES, KINOULTON, LANGAR cum BARNSTONE.

**I wish you a Merry Christmas and hopefully  
a Prosperous New Year.**



## The Recent Town & Parish Forum was well attended and informative.

There was a good presentation on Planning which included the apportionment of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies to villages and communities. (CIL is imposed on new developments and should benefit the local area)

- The value of Neighbourhood plans,
- Tree Wardens
- Imposition of local by-laws
- Bio Diversity

Paul Phillips, the Borough Environment office, spoke regarding local bio-diversity and need for Parishes to plant and look after trees, and to include Bio-diversity in their Neighbourhood Plans To carry out an audit demonstrating the value of nature in their area. Under latest planning regulations developers need to demonstrate 10% more hedgerow on site following development. Something to consider when commenting on planning applications.

## FUNDING - There is money out there if you need to improve you locality

There are lots of funds available for community and environmental projects. If you have a planned idea which will benefit your village and want help with funding, I might be able to point you in the right direction The UKSPF and REPF funds are open until January 19th.

e mail me at [Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

## POPPY DAY (Armistice) - Remembrance in the villages (just some of the many images)





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## RURAL CRIME

I attended a very engaged meeting with local farmers and landowners plus the new Neighbourhood policing inspector, Tim Cuthbert and police and Borough Council representatives plus the Police Commissioner. New high tech detective equipment was discussed including drones.

The recent arrest of criminals involved in farm machinery thefts in the area was discussed plus environmental crimes and fly tipping. These meetings are very productive and demonstrate the need for continual reporting of suspicious events, however minor, on 101 or 999 if serious, as all information adds to the jigsaw. There was also a presentation by the Woodland Trust on Agroforestry.

We are looking for all local farmers to engage with these meetings - your input is invaluable.

You can join the **Local Farm Watch Whats App group** by contacting

**Jo McQuat 07860790511 the co-ordinator**

Any information of suspicious activity is then immediately passed to other local farmers. Please stay informed and connected.

## PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Please make sure you park considerately.

I have discussed this matter with the Rushcliffe Portfolio holder and Neighbourhood Policing team

It is an issue in the Borough and villages but is not an offence.

However, it is an offence to obstruct a right of way, pavement or road. Too many vehicles are parking on pavements and forcing pedestrians, invalidity scooters and push chairs into the road. Please park with consideration of other road users.

Please make sure contractors attending your property do not obstruct the pavement.

**Stay warm and  
safe this winter**

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As the clocks go back and temperatures drop, now's a good time to get our homes ready for winter. It's important to think about how to stay warm and protect yourself against plumbing emergencies.

**WaterSafe**, the UK's register of approved contractors backed by all water companies and drinking water regulators, works in partnership with the Met Office to share winter advice.



**WaterSafe Director, Julie Spinks**, said: "Every winter, our members see first-hand the misery burst pipes can cause. But taking these five simple steps to get ready for winter now can make a big difference when it comes to protecting your home."

Using a **WaterSafe approved contractor** means work will be carried out by someone who is competent and qualified."

**Remember these five top tips to get ready for winter:**

- 1) **Fit foam lagging on your pipes** and an insulated jacket on your outside tap to prevent the water inside freezing and bursting the pipes
- 2) **Make sure you can find and use your stop tap** to turn your water off in an emergency - it's usually located underneath your kitchen sink
- 3) **Find the number of your local WaterSafe-approved emergency plumber** and save it in your phone or stick it on your fridge - just in case
- 4) **Arrange a boiler service to help keep it running smoothly**, using an engineer registered with both WaterSafe and Gas Safe
- 5) **Keep an eye on your water use**; a third of energy costs come from heating water, so saving water means saving on your water and energy bills too.

**Did you know?**

**WaterSafe** provides a register of qualified, approved, plumbers and water contractors who are trained in the water regulations, are insured, and hold relevant professional qualifications. [Visit their website for more advice and guidance!](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

If you have any queries, please contact me at Rushcliffe  
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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Jan | Felt bowl, Marquetry, Spoon carving, Glass fusion jewellery, Bookbinding, Stacking ring, Pencil drawing for beginners, Sewing workshop – duck & fox, Silver bangle... |
| Feb | Stained glass, Duck/Obelisk/Basket Willow weaving, Earring making, Wool weaving, Silver bangle, Silk painting..                                                       |



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## **Parish Council for Hickling & Hickling Pastures.**

### **Parish Council for Hickling & Hickling Pastures.**

Summary of minutes from meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and agenda items from 14<sup>th</sup> November. Full Minutes are published on Parish

Noticeboards and at <https://hickling-pc.gov.uk>.

#### **Raised by parishioners:**

**Dates of meetings:** parishioner stated that she could not find the agendas or minutes on the website, also that they had not seen a Facebook notification, however, they were on the notice board. The Clerk explained that they are circulated to the distribution list the week prior to the meeting and put on the website (clerk asked parishioner for email address so could ensure she is notified). Cllr Combellack said that she could not see them on the website. Cllr Green explained that we were transitioning from the old website to the new website which would be up and running soon.

(see also Ward Councillor report, below)

**Administrative:** no updates

#### **Planning:**

**23/01411/FUL: Erection of detached timber frame garage building** at Glebe Farm Cottage Main Street Hickling.

Application withdrawn on 18th September 2023.

**22/01989/FUL Venari Land Limited, Erection of Roadside Service Area (RSA)** on land at Junction of A606, Widmerpool and Fosse Way, Hickling Pastures.

Decision Notice: Granted planning permission.

**Reference: 23/01651/FUL:** Mr. Paul Frost, Replacement of existing structures and units on site with 2 no. detached houses and 2 no. semi-detached houses alongside additional open green space. Change of use to residential dwellings (class C3). Detention pond at A E Faulks Ltd, The Wharf, Main Street, Hickling. Consultation deadline – 20th November

**23/01813/FUL:** Mr. David Taylor, new agricultural building to be used as cattle shed at Turnpike Farm, Melton Road, Hickling Pastures. Consultation deadline – 20th November

**23/01955/FUL:** Mr. C Grice, proposed use of a wide beamed canal boat for additional seating for existing tea room with associated additional parking at Old Wharf Tea Rooms, Main Street, Hickling. Consultation deadline - 20th November.

#### **Appeals lodged – awaiting further details from RBC:**

23/00317/LBC - Regularisation and retention of uPVC windows and doors at Old Wharf Tea Rooms, Main Street, Hickling

22/01907/FUL - To retain existing open sided covered area, bin store and permeable surfacing at Old Wharf Tea Rooms, Main Street, Hickling

**23/01953/AGRIC:** Mr. Rob Holt, development: Agricultural storage barn at Agricultural Field To



The West Of Main Street, Hickling Road, Hickling. Consultation deadline date – 16th November

**APP/HGW/535** Turnpike Farm, Hickling Pastures, Melton Mowbray LE14 3QG.

The application ref: 21/00190/HEDGE, dated 25 October 2021, was refused by notice dated 02 December 2021. The proposal is to remove 109 metres of hedgerow. The appeal is dismissed.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Section 211, **Notice of Proposed Works to trees** in Hickling Conservation Area: Reduce and Thin 2 Cherry Trees, Fell Holly, Apple and Pear at 14 Harles Acres **Ward Member report** (given during the public session):

**Cllr Combellack** expressed a concern that the information that she supplied prior to the last meeting (as she had given her apologies), had not been mentioned at the meeting and that the Borough Councillor/County Councillor section on the minutes said no information from the Borough Councillor. Clerk apologised and explained that she was in hospital with a relative and that Cllr Prosser had kindly stepped in at very short notice – therefore, Cllr Prosser did not have any of the Clerk notes to convey at the meeting.

Cllr Combellack mentioned the previously discussed **Lengthsman Scheme** and felt it would be beneficial to the Hickling Parish, as the Lengthsman scheme would mean that there would be someone in the parish that could do all the maintenance jobs that arise, such as removal of grass growing in cracks in pavements, cleaning street signs etc.

Cllr Lamb explained that this had been discussed in length in a previous meeting, and the PC decided not to pursue this. Cllr Combellack said that it was funded by the County Council, (however, the information that had been circulated previously had mentioned matched funding), as this is the way the Government are funding minor works via grants. Action Point: Clerk to re-circulate the Lengthsman Associated paper that was discussed at the meeting on the 5th September.

Cllr Combellack advised that Langer Parish Council have obtained £400,000 of grant monies to build a new village hall.

She wished to comment on **the priority traffic calming matter that was discussed at that last meeting** - the minutes state that this would urbanise the village - she did not agree with this assertion, as this has been used successfully in other local villages. Cllr Lamb advised that it had been discussed at the last meeting and agreed not to pursue.

Cllr Combellack left the meeting at 7.25pm.

Cllr Playle was concerned about the **speeding traffic** around the basin and the speed that he has seen school buses going along the road by the basin. He suggested that the PC write to the bus companies and schools to raise this concern.

It was agreed that letters should be sent to the following school/bus companies that offer transport to Kinoulton Primary School, the Beckett School, Loughborough Grammar School, Grantham Grammar School, and Toot Hill School.

Action Point: Cllr Playle to draft letter to schools / bus companies and circulate to the PC.

#### **Finance & Assets:**

**Assets of Community Value;** no update

**Conservation Area Appraisal – Review;** no update

**Co-opting of Parish Councillor(s):** Mike Conway co-opted as a new Parish Councillor at the meeting held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. One vacancy remains.

#### **Noticeboard Relocation:**

Estimated date for noticeboard to be positioned in Hickling Pastures is 6th October TBC - it will be positioned by the A606 bus stop (northbound) in Hickling Pastures. RBC permit had been received enabling the works to proceed and a final cost of £200 had been quoted for the relocation works.

**Parish Cemetery:**





**Terms and Conditions for items put on graves such as planters/vases:** Clerk had recently attended a cemetery training session and circulated the suggested terms and conditions of Memorial Permit Conditions to be supplied when a plot is reserved, this was proposed by Cllr Playle and seconded by Cllr Lane, agreed by all.

**Walkers' Green:** Cllr Lamb to carry out monthly inspection.

**Environment:**

**RBC Community Tree Scheme;** no interest from landowners, so no application has been submitted this year.

**Roadside Verges:** Cllr Playle has contacted Laura Trussler at RBC as the roadside verges should have been cut in September, but there is a problem accessing the machinery.

**Highways & Street Furniture:**

**Works to be carried out** - information from Cllr John Cottey: Draining issue works outside the Orchard are booked to take place 08:00am 26/9/23 - 17:00 28/9/23 by Severn Trent Water.

**Community Engagement:**

**Website:** Cllr Green advised that the old website had been paid for by a parishioner, this will be suspended from middle of 2024. A re-direction can be put on the old website to connect to the new website once the invoice has been paid. Access rights can be given to local groups, it was mentioned previously that the History Group did not want access, however, it could possibly be linked to their website.

**Correspondence:**

Letter of thanks received from the Hickling Standard for the grant of £500 from the Parish Council.

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

Balance of accounts – 30.08.2023: Current Account; £15,467.77 Reserve Account; £3,861.19

**Other items:** None.

**Date of next meetings (tbc):** 19th December.

**The Wise Child of Wysall is one of the unusual names given to a young boy who lived in this pretty Nottinghamshire village in 1623.**

People from as far afield as Wollaton and Trowell (which would have been around a 5 hour walk away) were said to have trekked the distance to be healed by him. This goes to prove how well known the Wise Child would have been in the area at this time, as people had obviously heard of his healing powers and would have been desperate for a cure. Unsurprisingly this would not have been popular with the authorities for various reasons, including the suspicion of witchcraft which was common during this period. The church did not approve as they believed it was contrary to God's word, and up to twenty people were brought before the ecclesiastical courts for visiting the Wise Child for healing. This included a man from West Bridgford who apparently carried his child there. The villagers all pleaded guilty but were thankfully dismissed and never charged. The Wise Child himself remains an enigma, as he was never formally charged of witchcraft and appears to have disappeared into obscurity. This seems almost unbelievable when you think of how his fame spread so quickly, for him simply to disappear and never be heard of again. But perhaps this seemingly quiet end to the tale ended up being for the best, and the Wise Child of Wysall lived out the rest of his days in peace.

As we unfortunately no longer know where the Wise Child actually lived in Wysall, I have included a photo of their lovely church instead!

**Joanna Jackson-Cowell has two books out** "Travels with The Reluctant Ghost Hunter " and "Travels in Nottinghamshire with The Reluctant Ghost Hunter" . Available from The Bookcase in Lowdham or Five Leaves in Nottingham.

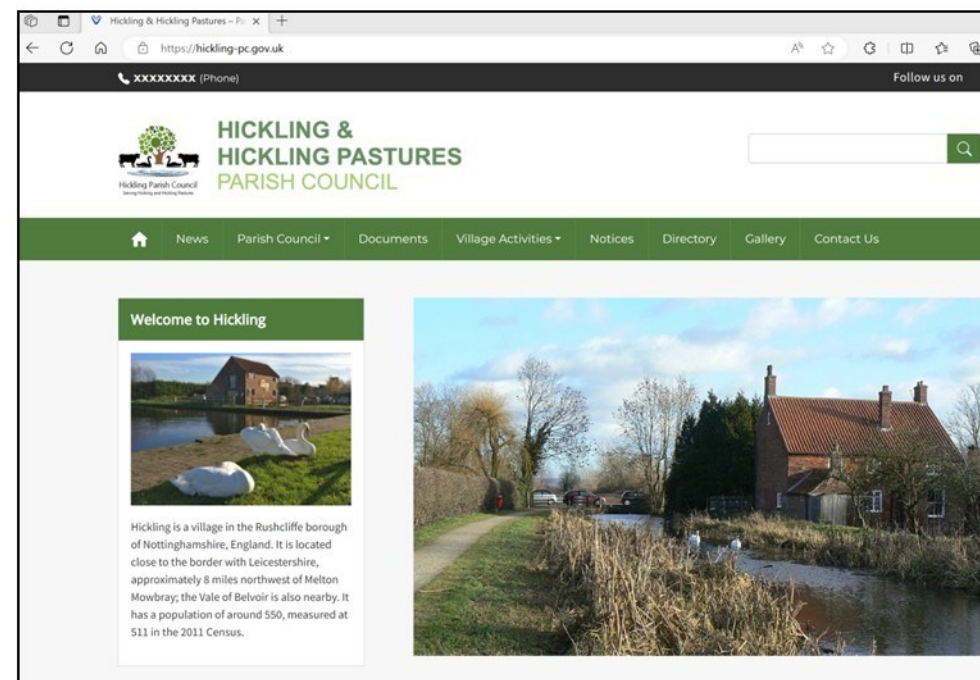


## NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

**The new Hickling & Hickling Pastures village website is now active:**

**<https://hickling-pc.gov.uk>**

We hope that the website will gradually grow over time and that it will be easier for residents to catch up with Parish Council business and to contact Parish Councillors. The website also has sections for village news and for village groups—please keep visiting the website to see what is going on in your village!



**Upper Broughton Parish Council**

**Vacancy for a Parish Clerk**

**Please contact David Hill: 07985 461053**

**or johndavidhill3@gmail.com**



# 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:**

**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

**Mike Conway:** Harles Acres, roles tbc

**Vacancy: for one councillor**

**Your Parish Clerk** 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.

**PLEASE CONTACT NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL:**  
[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://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.

**PLEASE CONTACT RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL:** [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk](http://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; hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com

## If you wish to comment on a planning application:

**You can comment online** by searching for 'Rushcliffe Planning' - go to 'simple search' type in 'Hickling' and scroll to find the application.

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

Always remember to quote the planning reference.

**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

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd Dec         | Village Hall Christmas Breakfast 9-11am                     |
| 3rd Dec         | St. Luke's Church—Family Christmas Carol Singalong 6.30pm   |
| 3rd Dec         | Christmas at Dove Cottage 12-4pm                            |
| 12th Dec        | Film Club, 7.30pm—The Fabelmans                             |
| 14th Dec        | WI: Blood Bikers auction at Shoulers                        |
| 16th Dec        | Village Hall Carols round the Christmas Tree 6.30pm         |
| 19th Dec        | (tbc) Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall—7pm               |
| 24th Dec        | (tbc) Children's Nativity Play, St. Luke's Hickling, 4.30pm |
| 16th Jan        | Film Club, 7.30pm—Parallel Mothers                          |
| 30th Jan        | Film Club, 7.30pm—Are You There, God?                       |
| 16th March      | WI: Spring Fayre, Kinoulton VH 10.30am-3.30pm               |
| 18th April      | WI: Fashion Show Hickling VH                                |
| 30th April:     | Local History evening at The Plough 5pm-8pm                 |
| 18th & 19th May | Belvoir Angels weekend, Hickling                            |

**Every Thursday at 10.30am:** Coffee Morning in Church (please check venue during winter months  
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

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| <b>Beavers</b>             | Susanne Youngson 07884 136890                                            | <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>       | Tracey Prosser<br>tjprosser67@gmail.com                                                                                  |
| <b>Bellringers</b>         | Lynn Irving 07388 348341<br>lynn.irving74@gmail.com                      | <b>Nottinghamshire Police</b>    | Control Room; non-emergency number 101                                                                                   |
| <b>British Legion</b>      | Colin Henson 01949 81453                                                 | <b>Parish Council:</b>           | Clerk—Julie Holland 01949 823902<br>e.mail: hicklingparishclerk@gmail.com                                                |
| <b>Councillors</b>         | John Cottee (County)<br>cjl.r.john.cottee@nottscc.gov.uk                 | <b>Parochial Church Council</b>  |                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Cubs</b>                | Tina Combella (Borough)<br>TCombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk                   | <b>Priest in Charge</b>          | Revd Paul Massey                                                                                                         |
| <b>Film Society</b>        | Susanne Youngson 07884 136890                                            | <b>Email:</b>                    | 1revdpaul@gmail.com Tel: 01159 892223                                                                                    |
| <b>Gardening Club</b>      | Tim McEwen 822834                                                        | <b>Churchwarden</b>              |                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Good Neighbours</b>     | Mr B. Baxter 01949 81374                                                 | <b>Treasurer</b>                 | Alex Thomas 823420                                                                                                       |
| <b>Scheme</b>              | Mrs B. Grundy 01949 81442                                                | <b>Secretary</b>                 |                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Guides</b>              | Liz Year 822562 or 07805 407229                                          | <b>Scarecrow Committee</b>       |                                                                                                                          |
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|                            | Pauline Chell (fundraising) 822835                                       | <b>Vale Readers</b>              | Elizabeth Evans 01949 81501                                                                                              |
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