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Hickling Scarecrows

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SCARECROW WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 12th-13th

In aid of Meningitis Trust, Air Ambulance & Village charities

The Scarecrow Weekend is once again in our minds. This year the theme is **Countries**, which gives everybody plenty of scope for making a scarecrow. If you aren't sure how to approach it please read on....

Making your Scarecrow

1. Choose your country – some ideas listed below
2. Fetch straw – (bale at the Old Post Office – help yourself)
3. Make a cross with old pieces of wood if doing a person and tie straw to the arms. Put on old clothes and tie with bale twine to the frame.
4. Paint faces with any paint you can get your hands on or make them out of pillow cases or Hessian sackings
5. Add accessories
6. Give your name to M Woolley so that Rushcliffe can provide light for your scarecrow – no charge
7. Please tell M. Woolley which country you are doing so that it can be listed in the competitions answers and to prevent duplicates. It is not quite so crucial this year that people do different countries as there can be many ways of representing a country eg. National dress, sport, famous citizens, customs, their head of state, play on the country's name, past events, stereotypes...it would however be better to have a range of countries.

Scarecrows have also been successfully made by moulding chicken wire, using coat hangers, paper mache and disguising random pieces of junk. Let your imagination run riot. If you hit a block or need advice or have any other enquiries please phone Doreen Faulks or Margaret Woolley (822319) who have much experience in bluffing their way through this.

Special Plea to Hickling Pastures
Thanks to those who have done Scarecrows in the past – we believe it draws people in even though you don't get included in the competition so please help us grab people's attention and make a Scarecrow this year.

PLEASE DO A SCARECROW

I know you'd have to be really indecisive or very young not to be able to come up with a country but for those who are struggling here are some possibilities....

I'm not going to list every country – but you could decide by spinning the globe jabbing a finger to see where you land (keep doing this until you hit land). Equally you could open an atlas and see which country you happen to have opened up on. Alternatively Wikipedia has a list.

There are less mundane possibilities though. A country as we know it is a relatively new phenomenon. Nation states based on sovereign territory were rare until a few hundred years ago. Britain was a collection of tiny kingdoms, dukedoms and fiefdoms etc, or (partially) part of a huge empire (Roman) as was much of Europe. This allows us to look at possibilities like Mercia, Northumbria, Wessex, Sussex, Essex (I wonder how that could be done). Cornwall is recognised as one of the Celtic nations and, remember still has its own national flag and language.

There is also the world of Fiction which gives us Lilliput, Neverland, Eurasia (1984), FourBecks (diseworld), or mythical countries such as Camelot and Atlantis.

States continue to change borders and names - the USA is a great source of ex countries eg: Texas- cowboys, oil, George Bush- are just 3 of the totally unconnected ways of looking at it. China is also great for absorbing countries so you could also look at Tibet and Taiwan.

There are the countries that have now broken up like Yugoslavia and USSR, and where is Persia now, or Rhodesia.

There are also dependencies like British Virgin Islands and Tonga. There are former states like Bavaria (now Germany) and Piedmont (now Italy) but don't forget some of the obscure ones. Vatican City is the world's smallest country and largest church

Country also refers to political divisions such as Black Country or West Country.

We shall have the competition again this year, guessing the country represented by the scarecrows and making its debut this year – the Children Character Competition

There will also be a prize for the scarecrow that the people like the best, voted for by you. The Mayor will judge the Scarecrows in a separate competition Sunday afternoon.

We are as usual asking for TOMBOLA prizes – desperately needed this

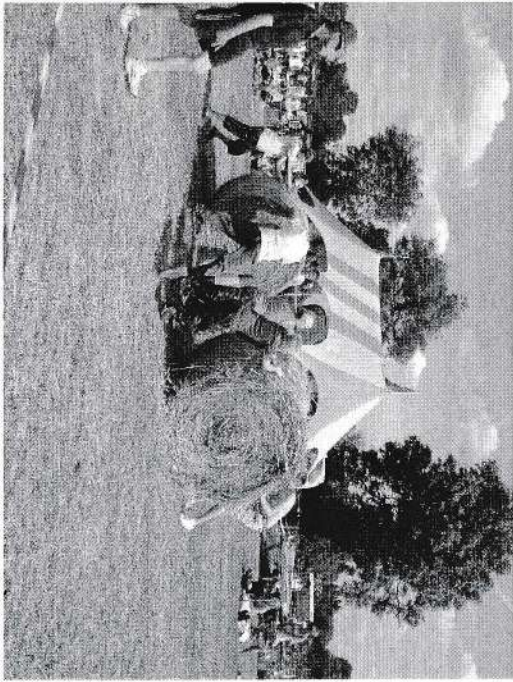
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If there is anyone who would like to put a stall out in their gateway we will very pleased, it all adds to the atmosphere and a small donation would be very much appreciated.

And finally....
There is an open meeting about the Scarecrows on Monday 20th July at the Plough. Nicola Pearson will be attending as Rushcliffe Borough Council are providing support again this year. Please come along and give us ideas, offer your services, have a nose, you're all welcome.

COUNTRY FAIR 2009

The weather helped to make this a wonderful year. The Companion Dog Show saw many beautiful entrants and the Corn dolly Challenge and Fun Run as usual got the whole Fair off to an early start - Well Done Cherna - great first year. There was some surprise local talent with Chris Cartmell now being officially the fastest person in Hickling. Two disappointments: the Marching Band and the Fly Past were both cancelled fairly late on, though these were replaced by some home-grown initiatives. Bale Rolling turned out to be the surprise star-turn with a closely run, though not entirely above board, final between two Hickling teams. Jay, with his wonderful Birds of Prey display, and the Flying Angels Gymnastics Team were both, as ever, breathtaking crowd-pleasers.



The rollers survived but the bales were wrecked!

As always the event is funded entirely by the generosity of the many sponsors and volunteers. On behalf of everyone the Country Fair Committee would like to thank all the people who gave up their time to man the car park and gate, run the stalls and provide refreshments (both cooking and serving), organise the event and of course participate in them, people who donated prizes, local radio and magazines for advertising, also the many generous sponsors who fund everything from toilets to rosettes. A

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This year, though the recession did seem to have an effect on spending habits the Fair raised around £6000 (actual total to follow), which is on a par with previous years so hopefully this shows what good value for money the Fair is.

For the future.....

This year was the first year, the first event EVER where we have not had enough prizes to run a Tombola. We weren't warned about this in any of the Treasury analyses. Please everyone, the Tombola is a big earner, often generating in excess of £500, please pass on your unwanted pressies and bottles of wine you wouldn't normally drink. We would like to run both a Bottle Stall and a Tombola for Scarecrows.

And finally, thanks to Mrs Foulkes for organising the Open Gardens this year and donating the proceeds to the Country Fair pot. This adds over £1000 to the total this year which will go to the Meningitis Trust, Air Ambulance and our village charities.



Corn Dolly Challenge and Fun Run 2009



Despite the hot temperatures, Hickling had yet another fantastic turn out for both the Corn Dolly and Fun Run with 96 and 129 entrants respectively. It appears the race is becoming well established on the running circuit with many entrants from far afield, we even had two entrants from Surrey! (No doubt someone will tell me they have family in Hickling!). Overall, it seems everyone had a great time and despite my worries we had no injuries (well none to my knowledge!) The feedback has been good, "best organised race I have been in"; "great, lots of Marshalls, water stops, liked the cake and tea, other races take note!"; "great to have the Country Fair at the end". Obviously, we would like to take all the credit ourselves especially the bit about organisation. (Alistair said he has never organised anything bigger than a Friday night out on the town so, with that in mind I think we did well!) But I think we have to hand any praise on to Emma and John the previous race organisers and Jim and Mike whom preceded them. We merely followed the rule book! A big thank you also to the 50 Marshalls who did a fantastic job on the day, Chris White for his running commentary and witty comments and to the cake makers who stood in at the last minute, very nearly our first disaster! Now to finances we are still awaiting the final balance but profits look to be about £1800 which will be split between Country Fair charities and Kinoulton PTF. A significant chunk of this money was raised via sponsorship so a big thank you to this years' sponsors for their generous donations: Dr Cedric Ford; Prima Solutions; Banner Solutions; The Vale Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic and The Plough Inn.

Race Results

Corn Dolly Challenge - trophies presented by Mr and Mrs Cedric Ford

Male

1. Mark Greenwood Beeston
2. Bruno Nikolof Loughborough
3. Glenn North Loughborough

Female

1. Gemma Steele Whitwick
2. Katie North Wymeswold
3. Laura Madhloom Leicester

Fun Run - trophies presented by Mr and Mrs Cedric Ford

12yrs and over category - male 12yrs and over category - female

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Paul Warden Kinoulton | 1. Hannah Walker Clipstone on the Wolds |
| 2. Jacob Watson Kinoulton | 2. Deborah Rivers Kinoulton |
| 3. Alex Moore Lawford | 3. Emma Beckwith Kinoulton |

Under 12 category - male

Under 12 category - female

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Jamie Hetherington Hickling | 1. Nicole Golding Southwell |
| 2. Lewis Rivers Kinoulton | 2. Kate Robinson Saffron Walden |
| 3. Connor Ratcliffe Colston B | 3. Rowan Aston Kinoulton |

Local Hickling Parish Winners - trophies presented by Councillor White on behalf of the Parish Council



Corn Dolly

Male - Chris Cartmell

Female - Alison McBride

Fun Run

Male - Mike Playle

Female - Daisy Todd McIntyre

The Race Committee are already looking at ways we can develop and improve the race for next year if you have any feedback or comments please contact one of the race committee

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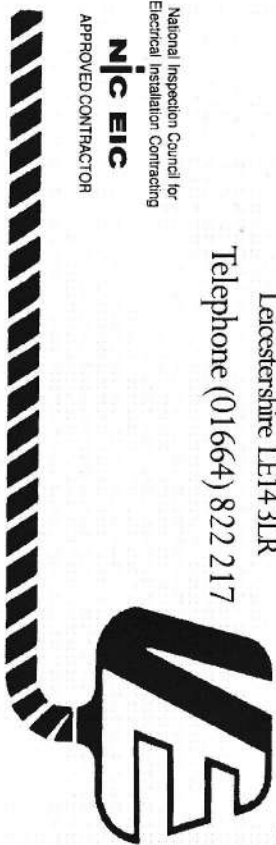
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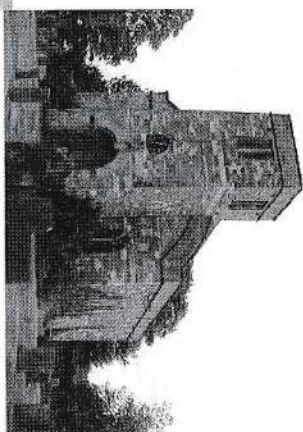
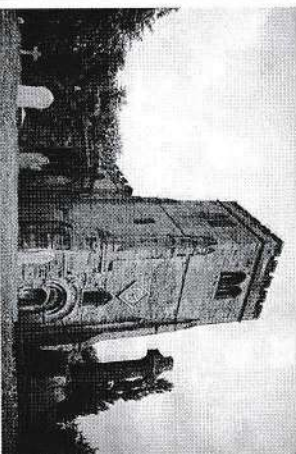
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The last reported case they have was in the Skegby area. The problem is they need to find where this trader may be working through other means rather than complaints, with a view to further investigation.

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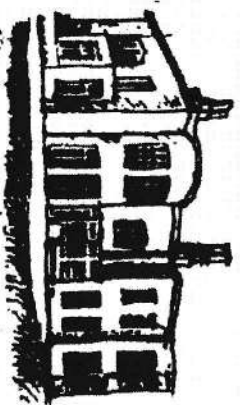
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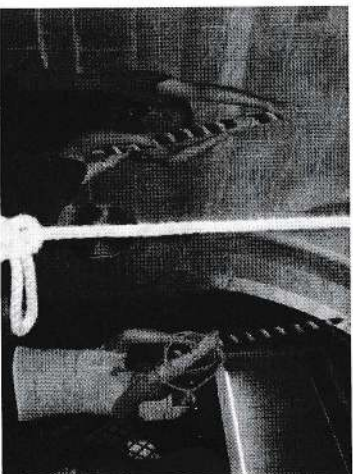
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On 26th June 2009 Will, Patrick, Claire and Chris all ventured down to Hicking Church to try their hand at Bell Ringing. No one was quite sure what was involved but all were willing to give it a go. After learning some of the terminology such as 'The Sally, Backstroke, Handstoke and Ringing up', teacher Lyn, along with her 2 willing assistants; David and John, literally showed them the ropes !!!! All realised there was far more to this Bell Ringing lark, and the concentration on their faces said it all. After an hour and a half of pure enjoyment (I think!) they all sought liquid refreshment at the Plough.

I went along purely to be the reporter for the night and what a good night was had by all. Many thanks to the Hicking Bell Ringers for letting everyone have a go.

Sue Bloor

Hickling Open Gardens 2000 GARDENING QUIZ

What is the distance between the two village signs at either end of Main Street, Hickling?
 1/4 mile 3/4 mile 1 mile 1 1/4 miles

Put the following Gardener's World presenters in the order in which they appeared on the programme (earliest first):
 Moery Don Geoff Hamilton Joe Swift Alan Titchmarsh

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

March the following garden 'pests' with their garden predators:

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Ladybirds | Slugs |
| Song Thrushes | Blackfly/Aphids |
| Hedgehog | Caterpillars |
| Toads | Snails |
| Robins | Aphids |
| Lacewings | Slugs |



Composting as a way of building soil fertility was introduced in Britain by:

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Bronze Age Settlers | Romans | Vikings |
| Elizabethans | Georgians | Victorians |

Approximately what percentage of UK household refuse is made of compostable garden clippings and kitchen waste?

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|-------|--------|---------|------------------|-----|
| 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 60% |
| 4,000 | 40,000 | 400,000 | 4,000,000 tonnes | |

March the following common garden names to their latin nomenclature:

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| Daffodil | Lonicera |
| Maple | Quercus |
| Cherry | Narcissus |
| Christmas Rose | Hellebore |
| Honeysuckle | Acer |
| Snowdrop | Ilex |
| Holly | Pennis |
| Oak | Gallanthus |



The language of flowers: match the following fruit/flowers with their meaning:

- | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Temperance | Intoxication | Love | Austerity | Discreet |
| Vine | Rose | Lavender | Thistle | Apple |

Match the following tree quotations to their originators:

1. Trees cause more pollution than automobiles.
2. Except during the 9 months before he first draws breath, no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does.
3. The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now.

You will now have 3 spare speakers whose opinions have not been recorded here! - make up what you think they may have said; bonus marks for good suggestions!

- Chinese Proverb
 Ronald Reagan
 George Bernard Shaw
 Alan Titchmarsh
 George W Bush
 Oscar Wilde



4.
5.
6.

Fill in the missing words:

- (superstition) - don't pick up flowers toward lying on the floor; Pick Up Flowers; Pick Up S_ _ _ _ _ (1 + 3)
- (superstition) - 'Against the Ford Fiends the H_ _ _ _ _ bush and the churchyard Y_ _ _ _ _ were certain antidotes.' (4 + 2)
- (Lewis Carroll) - 'The tune has come, the Waltz said, 'To talk of many things: of shoes - and ships - and sealing w_ _ _ _ of c_ _ _ _ and kags;—and why the sea is boiling hot - and whether pigs have wangs.' (2 + 7)



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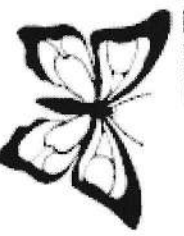
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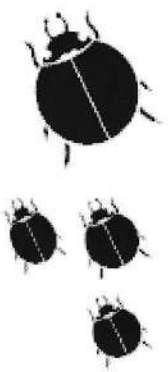
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- (Shakespeare) - There's a _____ for you; and here's some for me ... There's a d_ _ _ _ _ . I would give you some v_ _ _ _ _ , but they all withered when my father died. (2 + 4 + 6)
- (A.A. Milne) - Jonathan Jo _____ full of surprises
Has a mouth like an 'O'
And a w_ _ _ _ _
- If you ask for a bar
Or something like that
He has got it, whatever the size is! (10)
- (Barnet Rortel) - First he ate some l_ _ _ _ _ and some F_ _ _ _ _ beans; and then he ate some r_ _ _ _ _ . And then, feeling rather sick, he went to look for some g_ _ _ _ _ . But round the end of a frame, whom should he meet but Mr M_ _ _ _ _ .
(7 + 5 + 7 + 6 + 7 + 7)



Answers on page 75

Country Fair Raffle Prize Winners

- Armagnac – 251, James Smith
- Wine – 483, C Faulks
- Writing set – 228, Maya
- Men's toiletries – 38, P and R Stanley
- Spa toiletries – 401, James Parkes
- Incense set – 441, John Walker
- Camera – 41, Chris Slater
- Chocolates – 424, Dixon
- Large teddy – 338, Tim McEwen
- Badminton set – 365, Mike
- Leicester City FC tour – 65, David @ Sherwood
- Malt whisky miniature – 460, Dodd
- Small teddy – 43, Danbury
- Beach mat – 400, Peapod Nursery

Many thanks to all who bought tickets and donated prizes



HICKLING PLANT & PRODUCE SHOW

**HICKLING VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
2.00PM – 4.00PM**

AFTERNOON TEAS

SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORM

Welcome to the Hickling Plant and Produce Show. We are hoping that many of you will take part, in a spirit of friendly competition, to celebrate all the growing, making and baking that happens locally. There will be prizes, but please don't be put off from entering if your apples are a little scabby or your painting less than perfect. Just enter for the fun of it!

HOW TO ENTER

Entry forms are on the back of the schedule and should be returned as directed. If you are under 16 please put your age on the form. (There is a designated children's section, but children may also enter any of the other classes.) Entries are 20p per class in advance. (50p on the day) and must be brought to the Village Hall between 10am-12am. No late entries can be accepted. Judging will take place from 12am- 2.00pm. Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1st prize - 3 points
- 2nd prize - 2 points
- 3rd prize - 1 point

(A small prize will be given to each child who enters the Children's classes but doesn't win a prize.)

A Junior Cup and a Senior Cup will be awarded for the most points gained from entries.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (under 6, 6-12, 12-16)

1. Picture, any medium, theme "Village Life."
2. Garden in a biscuit/cake tin.
3. 5 Decorated buns (decoration only to be judged.)
4. Gingerbread man, theme "Farmer Giles."
5. Vegetable animal (vegetables only, no man-made accessories except cocktail sticks.)
6. Model made from Lego, Duplo, Meccano etc. (no more than 30cms. square.)
7. 5 Squares plain flapjack
8. Largest sunflower head

PRESERVES

- Jar of Stoned Fruit jam
- Jar of Soft Fruit jam
- Jar of Strawberry jam
- Jar of Marmalade
- Jar of Lemon curd
- Jar of Chutney

CAKES

(*Recipes / sizes given at end of class lists)

- *Fruit cake
- *Victoria Sandwich
- *Carrot cake
- Apple Tart (pastry base & top)
- 5 Fruit scones
- 5 Squares plain flapjack

BREAD

- Brown loaf
- White loaf
- 5 Bread rolls

EGGS

- 6 Hen eggs
- 6 Bantam eggs

FLOWERS

- Dahlias - 3 large
- Dahlias - 3 small
- Chrysanthemums (spray) 3 stems
- Roses (any type) - 3 sprays, any variety
- Roses (Hybrid Tea) - 3 blooms, any variety
- Most fragrant rose – one bloom
- A potted pelargonium / geranium in bloom
- A foliage houseplant
- A flowering houseplant
- A fuchsia.

FRUIT

- 5 Dessert apples (any variety)
- 5 Cooking apples (any variety)
- 5 Dessert pears (any variety)
- Heaviest Bramley

VEGETABLES

- 5 Runner beans (any variety)
- 3 Carrots (any variety)
- 3 Beetroot (any variety)
- 3 Potatoes (any variety)
- 3 Onions, without tops (any variety)
- 5 Tomatoes (any variety)
- 3 Leeks (any variety)
- Heaviest marrow
- Heaviest pumpkin
- Most curiously shaped vegetable (any variety!)

HANDICRAFT

- A sewn article
- A knitted article
- An embroidered article (hand or machine)
- A beaded article
- A wooden article

PAINTING

- A painting in oils or acrylics
- A watercolour painting

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Maximum size unmounted 7"x5"
- A photograph, theme "Village Life"
- Funniest photograph
- Best animal photograph

FLORAL ART

- Prettiest posy, seasonal garden flowers in any container.
- Flowers and foliage, theme "Country Living." Accessories allowed, preferably of a modest size!

PRODUCE STALL

We would like to have a produce stall as an added attraction, and also to raise a little money to put towards further shows. If anyone feels that they would like to contribute to this – surplus fruit, vegetables, small bunches of flowers or herbs, eggs, jam, cakes etc. it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the Hall on the day. Thank you.

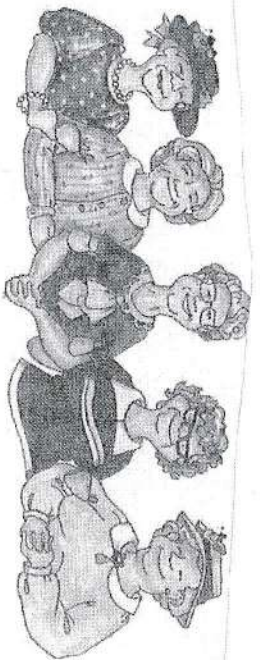
PRIZES

The Junior and Senior cups will be presented in the Hall at 3.30pm.

TEAS

Teas will be served during the course of the Show, from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

HICKLING W.I.



We are very grateful to Pauline Chell for the two events she organised. The narrow boat trip in Leicester was very much enjoyed by the 12 who went – a very relaxing day. Not so relaxing was the 7 mile walk down Harles Acres, through several fields (two with yellow rape towering above us), down a bridlepath, along the Long Clawson/Colston Bassett road, and return to Hickling along the canal. It was a wonderful May day, but even more wonderful was the tea and cold drinks in Pauline's garden at the end, with trays of homemade cakes.

Our theatre trip to see Mod Crop at The Theatre Royal will be one we will not forget. We met Steve Wallis, the Nottingham writer, and Dave Berry, the 60s popstar. He signed our programmes and we had our photos taken with him in the Encounters Restaurant, on Mansfield Road, where we had yet another excellent meal. The play was set in Nottingham in the 1960s and was about the lives of a few 'mods' with their scooters, and even a few 'bust-ups' with the 'rockers'. By the end of the play we (that is the fine ladies from Hickling W.I.) were dancing in the aisles as the cast came and danced round us. Brilliant. This was organised by Carol Beadle, and while on the subject of theatres, she has another one organised on Saturday 22 August. This time a double murder mystery. During lunch at our favourite restaurant we will do a murder mystery game, and then watch the Francis Durbridge thriller 'Suddenly at Home' at The Theatre Royal in which a man plots to get rid of his wealthy wife. It will be a great day out and if anyone in the village is interested in joining us please contact Carol or myself. Many thanks Carol.

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Namaste



June was a very busy month, because we had two coach parties and also a stand at the Village Fete. I try to play down the cakes element of the WI, but some people did a lot of baking, and we are very grateful for their support for our fundraising. It is wonderful to see visitors to the fete heading straight for our tent ensuring that they will take home delicious cakes, and even puddings (a new idea).

Our section of the WI banner was completed in June and embroiderers, Elizabeth Evans, Carol Nixon and Alex Thomas were highly praised, as they did an excellent job. Well done ladies, and thank you.

The highlight of the month for me was the attendance of the WI AGM at the Albert Hall in London. To see 5000 ladies representing their areas, singing Jerusalem, Land of My Fathers (in Welsh – phonetics were given) and the National Anthem actually brought tears to my eyes. I don't think I have ever felt so British and proud to be so. The day brought to me a new understanding of what it means to belong to the WI as there is a very serious side trying to influence the Government – this year it was trying to increase the funding for research into honey bees, working with Bristol University on research into violence against women in rural areas, participating in acquiring knowledge on offenders with mental health and learning difficulties ending up in prison without access to appropriate treatment, and the latest one on women and climate change which will include a march in Westminster.

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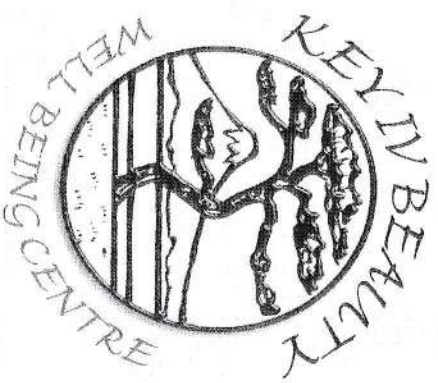
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ster on 5th December. The day was very well organised and each speaker held our attention, especially Maureen Lipman; Jonathan Wild, Chairman of Taylors of Harrogate whose company has been voted the most popular to work in; Eve Pollard, journalist, and Peter Stilgoe, composer, song writer and entertainer who also made us cry as he is now in charge of the Performing Arts Department at the Orpheus Centre in Surrey which helps young people with physical disabilities to become earners. Three of his apprentices performed for us. One blind and the other two wheelchair bound. They told a tale and sang. We wept. Stilgoe felt that we can all make a difference somewhere in our lives.

The demonstration of hand-raised pork pies was excellent and some of us got to take a pie home, which was very kind of the speaker. Beauty of Japanese Gardens was also well received and inspiring. What have we got in the future:

- July 7 – Tea in the Bishop's garden in Southwell.
- July 16 – Summer flower arranging
- August 20 – A Lighthearted Look a Rushcliffe Borough Council
- August 22 – Lunch at Encounters, and Francis Durrbridge play at the Theatre Royal
- Sept 17 – Bess of Hardwick

Do come and join us. You will be made most welcome.

The AGM was not totally serious as you would expect with Maureen Lipman being the main speaker. A little tale she told:

'A lady died and went up to heaven. St Peter told her that she was 33 years too early. She woke up back in bed in hospital thankful to still be alive. She decided while she was still in hospital to have some body repairs carried out – boobs, eyes, fat removal, hips etc etc. Looking fantastic she walked out of the hospital and was knocked down by an ambulance, and was killed. Back at the Pearly Gates she said to St Peter 'You said I had 33 years!' 'Yes', he said, 'but I didn't recognise you!'

Dorothy Chahal
President.

Thank you all.....



Our daughter Julia was married on Friday, May 8th in Hickling church. Julia was born at St Mary's in Melton, was baptised and confirmed in Hickling church; and sang in the choir and rang the bells. Since those adolescent years she has travelled widely and currently lives in Tel Aviv, but she has always loved the place where she spent her childhood and very much wanted to be married in Hickling church.

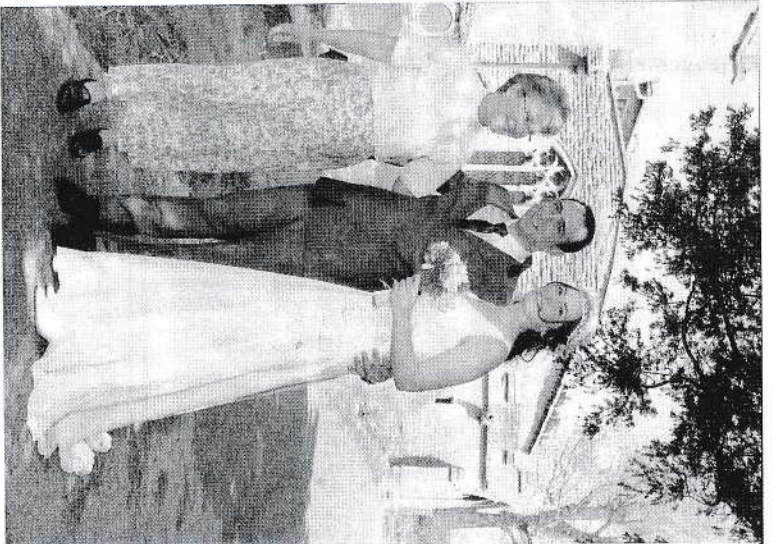
This was not without some complications. Julia's husband is an Israeli, special licences had to be obtained, many guests had never entered a Christian church before and were apprehensive about the format on the day, and for some it was their first visit to England.

We would like to say thank you to all those people who made our guests so welcome in the days they were in our neighbourhood. Locals at the Plough Inn soon became familiar with our new son-in-law and some of his exuberant friends, once we had weaned them off the Foster's lager and on to the Abbot ale!

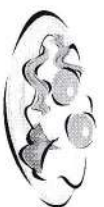
We extend a special thank you to the Rev. Stephanie Fabie for a beautifully balanced service which was very much appreciated by guests of all faiths. The organist was a friend of Julia as were most of the choir, which also included local girl Anita Kirkman. And thank you Pat and Roger Stanley for their huge input into the floral decoration of the church, and Kevin Williams for driving the minibus.

And finally, thanks to all friends and neighbours who offered help in so many ways. It was a memorable day for us all.

Mary and Alan Smith.



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Hickling Open Gardens

The Open Gardens last Sunday (June 28th) was a real success in spite of the inexperience of the organiser! We were extremely lucky with the weather and my thanks go to all the people who had their gardens open, everyone was very complimentary. We even had one gentleman who although was loathe to pay his £2.50 came back three hours later to say how wonderful the day had been and would not have missed it for anything!!

My thanks also go to all the people who helped me and put me on the right track, particularly Dorothy Chahal, my main back up, Margaret Wood and Margaret Woolley.

I would also like to thank Doreen Faulks and her team who once again did amazingly well with the refreshments. Also Pauline Chell (books), Carol Beadle (tombola) and Vera Haynes (plants). They all helped increase the profits.

My thanks also goes to Tim Thomas who very kindly agreed to let us use his field as the Car Park which worked extremely well.

Finally the total raised was £1,079.00

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Diana Foulkes

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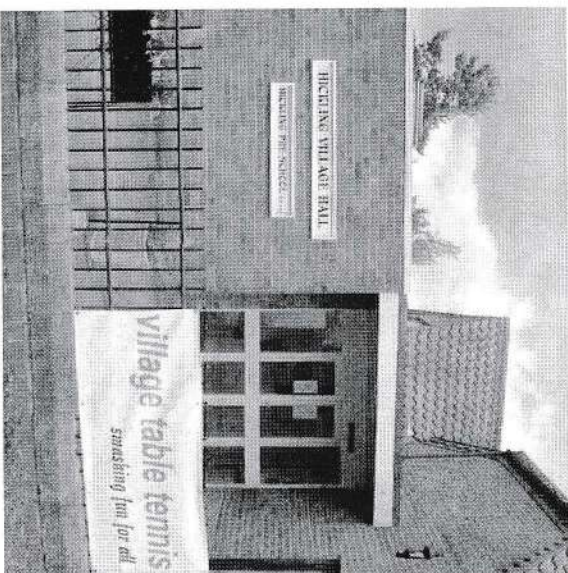
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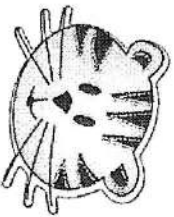
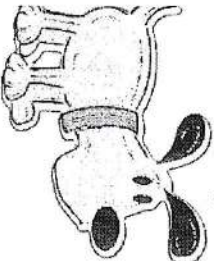
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The Young Adults and Seniors section we hope will benefit from our venture this summer into the Country Fair, where we had considerable success in attracting players from further afield, all keen to join us at the start of the new season.

The changes reflect our growing experience and if you would like more details contact either Jog on 01664 822369, Eric on 01664 822257 or simply ask for a copy of our general information brochure!

A quick reminder: Free session on Monday 14th September. Check out the new starting times! Reservation for a whole household still only £10. 'Pay as You Play' Juniors £1.00 Seniors £2.00

CHURCH SERVICES

		Hickling		Kinoulton		Upper Broughton	
Date	Day	Time	Service	Time	Service	Time	Service
2-Aug	8th after Trinity	6:30pm	Evensong	9:15am	Holy Communion	11:00am	All Age Service
9-Aug	9th after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion	11:00am	Family Service		no service
16-Aug	10th after Trinity	6:30pm	Evensong	9:15am	Holy Communion	11:00am	Morning Prayer
23-Aug	11th after Trinity		no Service	11:00am	Morning Prayer	9:30am	Holy Communion
30-Aug	12th after Trinity			10.30am	United Service Holy Communion		
6-Sep	13th after Trinity	6:30pm	Evensong	9:15am	Holy Communion	11:00am	All Age Service
13-Sep	14th after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion	11:00am	Family Service	6:30pm	Evensong
20-Sep	15th after Trinity	6:30pm	Evensong	9:15am	Holy Communion	11:00am	Harvest Festival followed by lunch in the Village Hall
27-Sep	16th after Trinity	11:00am	Family Service	11:00am	Harvest Festival & thanksgiving Ser- vice	9:30am	Holy Communion
				4.00pm	'T 'n Tarts' in the Village Hall		
4-Oct	17th after Trinity	5:00pm	Harvest Tea in Church	9:15am	Holy Communion	11:00am	All Age Service
		6.30pm	Harvest Festival				
11-Oct	18th after Trinity	9:30am	Holy Communion	11:00am	Family Service	6:30pm	Evensong

Church Rotas for August, September & October 2009

DATE	FLOWERS	CLEANING	REFRESHMENTS	SIDESMAN
2 Aug	Mrs A Kirkman	Mrs Wood/Chahal		Mrs Faulks
9	Mrs A Banner	Mrs Brown/Kargl	Mrs M Simpson	Mrs G Simpson
16	Mrs M Smith	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick		Mr J Bloor
23	No Service	Mrs G Simpson/Faulks		
30	United Service at Kinoulton			
6 Sept	Mrs S Sexton	Mrs Smith/Brooker		Mrs Faulks
13	Mrs M Simpson	Mrs Wood/Chahal	Mrs Parkes/Wood	Mrs A Thomas
20	Mrs C Hetherington	Mrs Brown/Kargl		Mrs G Simpson
27	Mrs M Wood	Mrs Collishaw/Herrick	Mrs Vear	Mrs Wood
4 Oct	Wedding & Harvest	Mrs Simpson/Faulks		Mr J Bloor
11	Mrs R Collishaw	Mrs Smith/Brooker	Mrs Faulks	Mrs G Simpson

Thank you for all that you do to help make St Luke's so welcoming! If you think you would like to help in any way with flowers or cleaning or refreshments please speak to Margaret Wood .

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Use it or lose!!

An ancient Greek proverb goes like this 'A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.' Not that I am an old man! I read that in Camden, London, people are putting their children's names down on the waiting list for allotments some of which have a 40 year waiting list on them! I wonder if this is the ultimate pension provision providing the parents and children still speak! In some cities developers who hold land are allowing limited planting and use by community groups in the short term prior to development taking place. It is true that gardening has seen a recent resurgence and particularly the growing of vegetables. There have been many reports of increased sales for garden tools and seeds. We are all being encouraged to grow our own or to buy local. It is also true that people have been retreating to their gardens and potting sheds to escape some of the insanity in the present economic woes. All this is a valuable trend reducing our carbon footprint and taking time to engage with the environment. When I returned from two weeks holiday my lawns were long but also very colourful! One particular section was full of purple self-heal (*prunella vulgaris*) in full flower, buzzing with bees and other insects it seemed a shame to mow it all down – I left it! What is a weed in the flower bed is beautiful in my species rich lawn!

Gardening aside the latest news on the environmental front is that one of George Bush's speech writers on environmental matters has changed his mind on climate change and has recognised the need for the reduction of CO2. All this in the lead up to the major summit on climate change in Copenhagen this Autumn.

Many of us will spend time away from it all over the summer holidays enjoying a new environment – fresh air, sunshine, the great outdoors, both in this country and abroad. Have a good time and discover more about the marvellous planet we inhabit! When you return to the normal everyday life of work and home let the memories inform your care of the what we have here in this part of Nottinghamshire. St Paul speaks of 'God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature' being displayed and seen in and through creation; there to make us wonder and draw us towards God. What a mess humankind has made of a great deal of it! Our awareness is so important in helping to change the future. May be even plant a tree for posterity!

St. Luke's Parochial Church Council

We did very well with our stall at the Country Fair with £140 being made. We had a good variety of things for sale and with the weather being so beautiful, there were a huge number of people on the field. Many thanks to everyone who supported us in any way by giving produce or helping on the day.

Dorothy's "Ascot Ladies Day" was very enjoyable with a wonderful £830 being raised. All the money will go towards the cost of repairs to the North & South aisle West windows. We were very fortunate with the weather, although not hot, at least it was dry. Very many thanks to Dorothy & Jog once again for hosting a fund raising event for us and to their many helpers - well done!

We will be losing our Bishop George of Southwell in July when he retires. The Rt. Rev. Paul Butler, currently Bishop of Southampton will be taking his place early next year and we hope he will be very happy in this, his new position.

As soon as you are aware of any newcomers moving into the village, could you pass on their details to John or myself to ensure they are given a warm welcome through the Hickling Standard.

Margaret Wood 01664 822257

John Bloor 01664 822682
Churchwardens

News from the Parish Council

Parish Council Vacancy

No one sought election to the Parish Council following the recent resignation of a Councillor. Members therefore now wish to co-opt a new Councillor. If any villager is interested in this and would like to know more about what is involved please contact an existing Member. If you do not know any of the Members please contact the Parish Clerk (Maggy Jordan, 01664 822088, a.terry125@btinternet.com) who will arrange for a Member to get back to you.

A46 widening

This work is being carried out by Balfour Beatty. They have set up a free telephone number to deal with enquiries from members of the public. This is 0800 917 0279.

Bus service

There have been complaints about the quality of the bus service in Hickling. This resulted in the Parish Council writing to the County Council, which gives financial support to maintain these routes. In view of the serious inconvenience that an unreliable service can cause, their response is printed in full.

“Thank you for forwarding the recent problems with service 29 operated by Veolia Transport. We were made aware of these issues at the time and have issued a number of penalties against the company. We have requested that all drivers are reminded of their duties and adequately route learned.

“The current contract for service 29 now ends in August when the service will be replaced by a new network of routes. The changes involve the current service 12, 29 and 63, all of which operate through this area. The tenders have been returned today, hopefully we will be sending a report to Cabinet shortly recommending the award of the new contracts.

“The new services will all be operated by low floor accessible vehicles and will provide improved links from the villages to Nottingham, Q.M.C as well as Keyworth and Cotgrave. Timetables and information will hopefully be available in a few weeks time.

“The performance in recent months has been below the standard we would expect, the new services will be monitored by our Inspectors to ensure reliability and restore the confidence of the bus users. We do have a number of regular contacts in the villages, their feedback is always welcome and does assist in targeting areas of poor performance.”

Grantham Canal

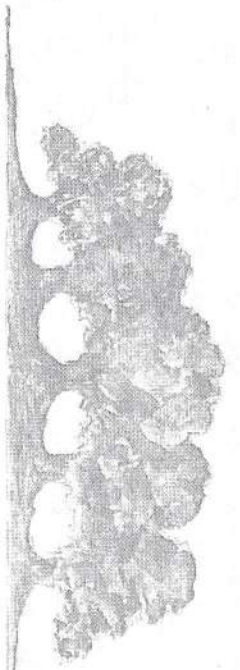
There is some interest in seeking to protect the future of the canal by managing it for wildlife. If anyone is interested in joining a small group to investigate this possibility please speak to a Member or contact the Clerk (Maggy Jordan, 01664 822088, a.terry125@btinternet.com).

A Church in Tasmania.

Children in the Sunday School wrote the following statements about the bible, with bad spellings and their own unique understanding, it is uncorrected:

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses
2. God got tired of creating the world. He took the Sabbath off.
3. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
4. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Acts of the apostles.
5. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
6. The Egyptians were drowned in the dessert.
7. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 ammendments.
8. Moses died before he reached Canada.
9. David was a Hebrew King skilled at playing the Liar.
10. When Mary heard that she was the Mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.
11. Solomon, one of Davids sons had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
12. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraception.
13. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decbles.
14. One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was also a taximan.
15. St. Paul cavorted in Christianity, He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

Thanks to Jane Fraser's mother for this contribution.



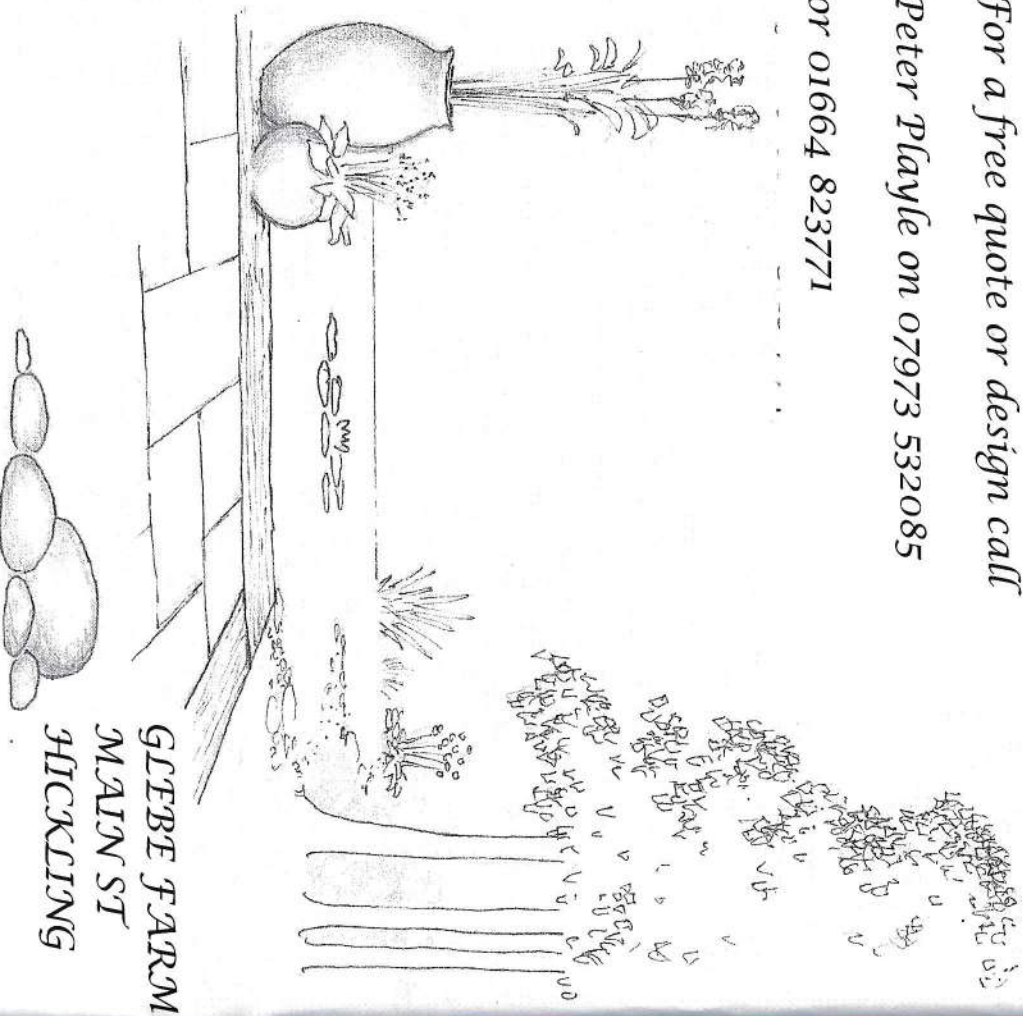
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Explorers

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Why not come along to Hortor's Nurseries at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th September for the inaugural meeting. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet and discuss an autumn programme, including activities and dates (Thursday meetings are provisional only). We welcome anyone from Kinoulton, Hickling, Upper Broughton and the surrounding villages.

The activities programme will depend on the interests of members, but camping, walking, kayaking and climbing are some of the many pursuits of other explorer units.

The plan for September is:

- Thursday 10th Sept. Initial meeting and BBQ
- Thursday 17th Sept. Putting up tents and basic camp rules
- Sat 26/Sun 27th Sept. (Provisional) overnight camp in either Holwell or Hollygate

If you would like further information or intend to come along on 10th September, please contact:

Peter Hortor (Explorer Leader) -
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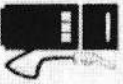
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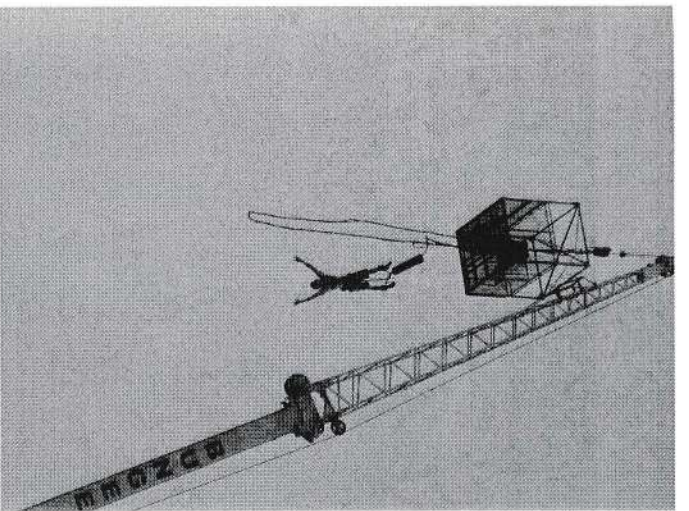
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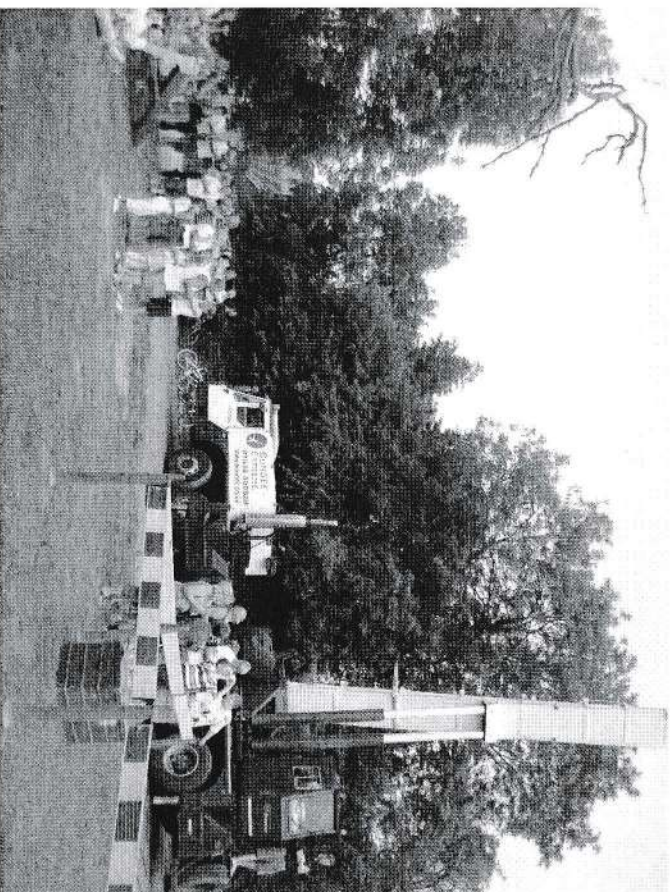
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Race For Life 2009 Castle Donington - July 7th

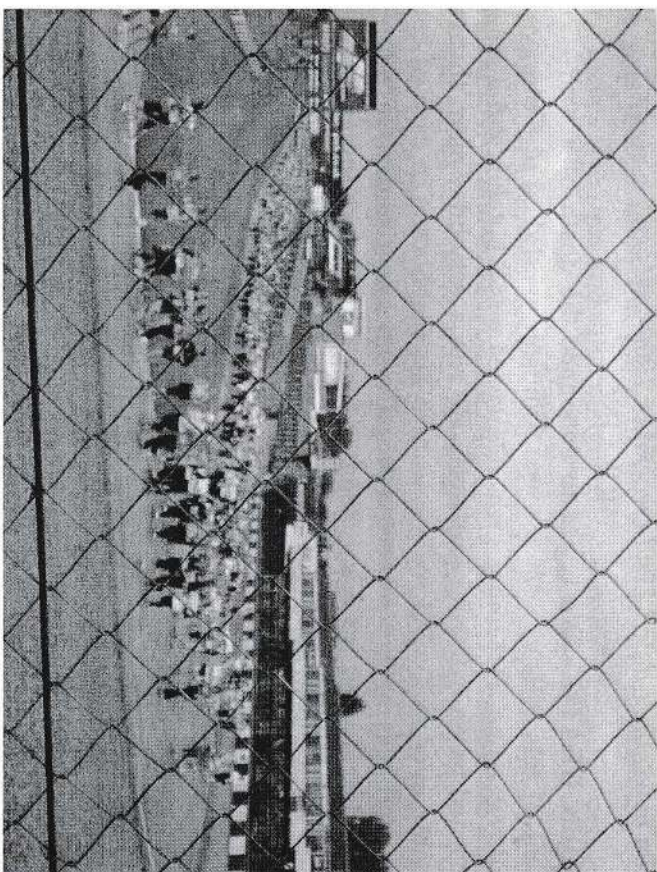
Race for Life



Once again, Hickling was ably represented in this year's 5 km Race for Life Campaign! The runners at Castle Donington started in pouring rain but the sun was out and even shining by the time they reached the finish line. It was an incredible sight to see 2,200 runners (most of them in pink!) coming around the first bend of the race track - really quite a tear jerker!

There were lots of fancy dress costumes including one lady in a

Scooby Doo suit and another in full pink driving leathers and a helmet - Stigette! Many of the runners pin a message on their backs in memory of friends or family who have died of cancer but also celebrating cancer survivors! Most poignantly was the lady who began right at the back of the field on pink crutches, her young daughter walked with her, pushing an empty wheelchair ready for her Mum to transfer when it all became too much.



It's a wonderful event with Races being held all over the country and open to everyone - runners, joggers and walkers (with or without dogs or teddy bears!) - a massive fundraiser for an incredible cause, especially in these new days where there is so much more hope for cancer sufferers and their families, thanks to the help and support of such charitable efforts.

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From the Archives

(aka Chez Wadkin)

Many years ago Keith Wadkin's mother was given some scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings relating to Hickling and its inhabitants around the turn of the nineteenth/twentieth century. The following pieces relate to one of Keith's great-grandfathers.

From a newspaper dated 22nd December 1900

HICKLING

SUDDEN DEATH - We regret to announce the death of a well-known resident of this village - Mr George Simpson, who died at Cotgrave on Saturday evening, December 15th. Deceased was a butcher and a grazier, and carried on an extensive business. He was a very busy man, always at work, but ever ready and willing to help his neighbours in case of emergency, and was highly respected by all who knew him. On Saturday morning last, he left his home about eleven o'clock, accompanied by his son Cecil, to go the usual round with the butcher's cart, through the villages of Kinoulton, Owthorpe, and Cotgrave. He appeared then in his usual health and spirits. At Cotgrave, where the deceased's mother resided, it was customary to stay for tea, and on Saturday last he arrived there about four o'clock. Tea was in readiness for him, and while he was partaking of it, his mother noticed him lift his hand to his head, and on asking him what was the matter, he could not speak, but burst into tears. A doctor was quickly summoned from Radcliffe-on-Trent, but medical aid was of no avail, and deceased died from apoplexy about three hours afterwards. His wife was informed of the sad occurrence about 7.30 by Mr Haines, of Cotgrave, who accompanied the son home with the cart, and she, with other members of the family, at once proceeded to Cotgrave, but life was extinct before their arrival. The funeral (arrangements for which were carried out by Mr Hardy, of Cotgrave) took place at Hickling, on Tuesday last, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathising friends. The Rector (Rev. Canon Skelton) officiated. Many beautiful wreaths were placed upon the grave. Deceased, who was forty-eight years of age, was a member of the choir at the Wesleyan Chapel, and passionately fond of music. His widow has received numerous letters of sympathy from friends in the district, for which she desires to return her sincere thanks.

And from a newspaper dated 29th December 1900

HICKLING

THE LATE MR GEORGE SIMPSON - In our notice of Mr George Simpson's death, published last week, we omitted to mention that suitable hymns were sung during the funeral service in the Church. The organist, Miss Corner, played the "Dead March" as the procession left the sacred edifice. At the grave, the Wesleyan choir, of which deceased was a member, sang "Would Jesus have the sinner die?" to the tune "Sovereignty", a favourite tune of the deceased. A wreath under a glass shade was placed upon the grave by the members of the choir. Deceased leaves five sons and three daughters.

On March 16th 1901 an auction, to be held at Hickling, was announced of "valuable live and dead farming stock, including four registered shire mares and fillies". The farming stock comprised sixteen cattle, eleven sheep, two pigs and nine horses. The auctioneers advertised that "the dairy cows are excellent milkers and the young animals in good store condition. The Shire Mares and Fillies are specially worthy of attention, being good, sound animals, and by the most noted sires of the day".



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An Acknowledgement

Donations in lieu of presents from our recent Golden Wedding Anniversary and sales of "Maggie's Memories" raised a total of £500. This amount has been divided equally between Long Clawson surgery and Nottingham City Hospital Breast Unit. There are a few copies of "Maggie's Memories" left.

Keith and Hazel Wadkin

The moment your life changes

I guess when most people think about life changing events it tends to be the more obvious ones such as marriage, divorce, death or the birth of a child. There's no doubt that those events are all significant. However I was thinking the other day about my life now and tried to trace back in my mind to the significant point when this path all started. This led to a startling realisation.

Back in June 1983 I had moved up to Salisbury from Devon and was living temporarily in an old friends spare room. One Saturday morning I was wandering aimlessly around town when I happened to pass an estate agents with a sign in the window that read "rooms to let". I'd almost walked past when on the spur of the moment I thought I would have a quick look in as I couldn't stay in my friends spare room forever. The estate agent took me to a single room in a shared house. There was room for a bed and a wardrobe and not much else but it was affordable on my meagre wages at the time so I took it and moved in the following weekend.

I didn't know any of my other four new housemates but they seemed friendly enough and it turned out one of them was the new manager of the Cathedral Hotel just down the road. It wasn't a place I would ever normally have gone into but as she said she could pull us the occasional free pint in the hotel bar that was recommendation enough!

Once I'd become a semi regular at the hotel bar I met a new barmaid who was quite shy at first (even shyer than me!). However I persuaded the manager to ask her if she might fancy going out with me for a drink one night, a cowardly approach but it worked! Thirteen months later we got married.

Two years later we moved up to the midlands, eventually settled into our present jobs, had our two sons and got to where we are today living happily in Hickling. The thing is none of this might have happened if on that morning in June 1983 I hadn't made the split second decision to walk into that estate agents office. It's worth thinking about sometime. Maybe the moment your life changed was as mundane as mine. It's never recognised at the time and its true significance only becomes apparent 25 years later!

Mark Spruce

Hickling Pre-School

We welcome Philippa, James, Anya and Jennifer to pre-school we hope you settle in well and enjoy your time with us. We say a fond farewell at the end of the summer term to Tom, Ryan, Jack and Oliver as they will be starting school in September, good luck!

Our topics over the summer term have been planting and growing and we are currently in the middle of a competition to see who can grow the biggest sunflower, the winner to be announced in September!

For our summer trip we visited Manor Farm Animal Centre and Donkey Sanctuary in East Leake. Molly the donkey accompanied us around the farm and the children looked at all the different animals that were there. We visited the arena where the owls were housed and some of the children even stroked an owl. We had great weather for our day out and enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine.

Hayley one of our pre-school assistants has now gone on maternity leave as she is expecting her second baby. We wish her lots of luck and hopefully not too many sleepless nights and we look forward to having her back on the team next year.

We had a great time in the sunshine running the children's tombola at Hickling Country Fair and we raised a grand total of £173.00 to buy resources and equipment for pre-school.

In September the children will be making a scarecrow for Hickling Scarecrow weekend on 12th/13th September and we will also be running children's games and activities.

Hickling Pre-School is open Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12 in Hickling Village Hall. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday we run a lunch club until 1 pm, which enables children to stay and eat a packed lunch for an additional charge of £2.10. We provide a safe, stimulating and happy environment for children to learn through play. Government vouchers can be used.

If you are interested in your child joining Pre-School and would like to find out more, please come in and see us for a prospectus or talk to a member of staff on 07788 932829 (Pre-School hours only).

HICKLING TODDLER GROUP

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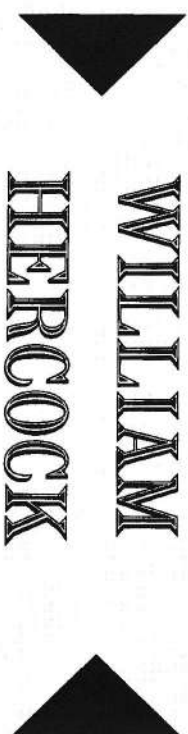
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Open Mic Night

I get to the Plough between eight and eight thirty. I edge through the crowd my guitar case leading the way and look up to see Chris, Jim and Andy are all there; the regulars at the open mic night held down at The Plough every other Thursday. The white board is up at the end of the bar with 15 minute time slots marked out. After placing my guitar carefully on the side I add my name to the next free slot, buy myself a pint and sit down to engage in conversation with some good friends. Someone is usually already singing and playing their guitar. Whilst I chat with some of the other performers about what they are going to play I am listening to their replies with one ear whilst the other listens to the person up performing.

The performer finishes their set and the growing and appreciative crowd applauds. The next performer gets up to play and there is usually a short delay while sound levels are checked before they launch into their first song. I'm on next and now the adrenalin starts to rise. I've decided what to play for the first set, I've practised at home and they all sounded fine. But as the performer sings his or her songs and the audience applauds there is the gnawing doubt that I've picked the wrong songs!! The audience will not know them or will be indifferent to them. Should I change what I was going to play? Should I go for some old well known favourites?

All too quickly it is my turn to "face the music". Chris usually does the introductions and by now thirty to forty people can be in the top bar and they are all looking in my direction! My mouth goes dry and once again this is the point of no return. I strum the first few chords and I can feel my heart beating fast. Now all I have to do is hit the first note in the right key. I feel like a jockey in the Grand National thundering up towards Beches Brook. There is no backing out now and there will be no second chances. I have to get this right first time. Thankfully I usually leap over successfully and now the race is on. The song seems to be progressing without incident but I know there is an awkward chord change coming up. If I look down to check my fingering my voice will drift off the mic. But if I don't I might just fluff the chord. All the time I am singing and thankfully the words seems to fall out of my mouth automatically.



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Again the chord change passes without incident and magically my fingers seem to have found their right positions. I look up briefly and note that some people are still listening intently whilst others have returned to their conversations. In some ways it is easier if people are not paying too much attention as somehow the pressure to get it right seems less. Eventually my last song is finished. The audience applaud and I feel a huge sense of relief and gratitude. I guess that's why I keep going back every other week. The group of regular performers are always supportive. They all know what it's like up there in front of the audience. Coming off the mic, to a few comments of "well done" and "I liked that last one" are so reassuring.

All too quickly it's time to sit down, return to my pint and sit back to enjoy the next performer. I've earned my spurs tonight and I can sit here and relax. Sometimes there are occasional guests from further a field. Nick has been attending now and then from over in Attenborough. Recently he bought over a 16 year old girl called Livi who got up on a stool and sang a couple of Katie Melua songs a cappella. Her voice was stunning and it was a magical moment to sit there whilst the whole pub fell into reverent silence, hanging on her every note as her voice filled the bar.

Most of the performers live or work in our village. They all have full time jobs and performing at the Open Mic nights is a hobby to look forward to. Personally it feels like a privilege to be amongst other performers. We all have different styles and varying degrees of talent but we so enjoy the opportunity to get up there and perform. The number of people who come down on a Thursday night seems to be increasing which is gratifying to all of us and good for our pub. There is a wonderful sense of camaraderie amongst the performers and when everyone joins in with the chorus of a well known song it is a wonderful feeling to be part of the community. If you have not been down yet then give it a go one Thursday. I am sure you will go home feeling better than if you had just sat home in front of the TV.

You can listen to some of the regular performers on our website at www.myspace.com/theploughopenmicnights

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Our next fundraising event is our Summer BBQ on Friday 7th August between 6.30 – 9.00 p.m. Tickets are available now on 01949 860303 and cost just £7.50 for a 2-course meal. Please bring your own drinks.

We were delighted so many people turned up to our Summer Fete at the end of May, despite rather inclement weather. It's very humbling to know we have the support of so many people. A good time was had by all and we managed to raise over £4,000 towards our running costs.

If you are having a clear out at home, don't forget the second of our twice yearly auctions is on Saturday 19th September. Items are accepted a week before the auction. This really is a fun event, well worth coming along and bidding for a bargain.

Hickling Film Society

Film	Date
Quantum of Solace	August 4th
Milk	September 1st
Australia	September 15th
Gomorrah	September 29th

Quantum of Solace - He's back. Daniel Craig allays any fear that he was just a one-Martini Bond, with this, his second 007 adventure, the perplexingly named Quantum Of Solace. Under the direction of Marc Forster, the movie ladles out the adrenalin in a string of deafening episodes: car chases, plane wrecks and motor boat collisions.



Sean Penn as Harvey Milk in *Milk*.

Milk - celebratory portrait of pioneering gay activist Harvey Milk shows him earning his place in history, in 1977, by being elected to the San Francisco board of supervisors, the first openly gay man to hold public office in the US. He is played here by Sean Penn with the kind of ferocious virility and detailed concentration that only Penn can bring to a role.



Nicole Kidman, with her feet firmly on the ground, gazing up with wonder at Hugh Jackman (the Drover), as well she might, in *Australia*.

Australia - Nicole Kidman plays Lady Sarah Ashley, a British aristocrat who flies in September 1939 to Australia, where her errant husband runs a cattle station in the Northern Territory. Meeting her in Darwin to escort her to the farm is "the Drover" (Hugh Jackman), a tough, independent wrangler. Initially hostile to each other, the pair develop a mutual respect and romance inevitably follows. This occurs when Lady Ashley's husband is found dead (murdered by thugs employed by a rival cattle baron) and to save the station's fortunes, she and the Drover must take a herd hundreds of miles to be shipped out of Darwin. *Australia* has been described as an epic love story, and a quite extraordinary piece of kitsch - everything about the film is wildly over the top.

Gomorrah - a film about the power and reach of the Neapolitan mob: the camorra. The action takes place mostly in and around the tenement buildings of Scampia in Naples. The mob has been split by a turf war, called a "secession", signalled in the film's first minute by a grisly gang hit on some camorristi in a tanning salon - the resulting war divides loyalties, and creates ruptures and fissions that discharge individual stories like jetsam. *Gomorrah* is not a mob film in the classical vein, because there is no Scarface or central boss figure with whom we are tacitly allowed to become fascinated. It is very violent and presents a depressing view of southern Italy.

**All films are on Tuesday at 7.30 in Hickling Village Hall
Everyone is very welcome**

LADIES DAY AT ASCOT

It all started with a phone call! "What are you doing tomorrow?"

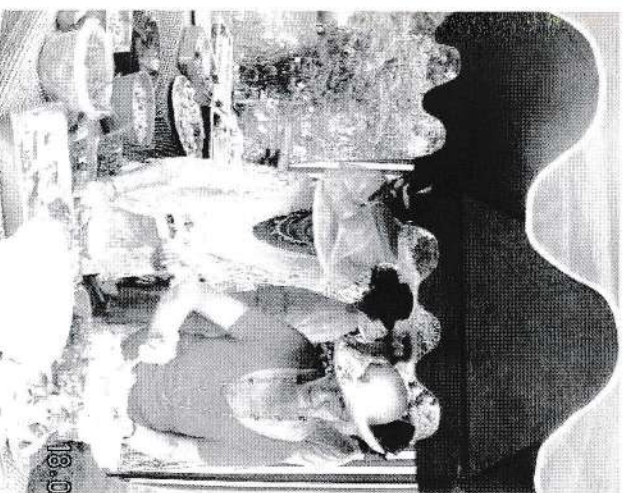
"Chilling out after the Country Fair - unless you have something else in mind!"

"I need marquees up in time for Ladies Day at Ascot!"

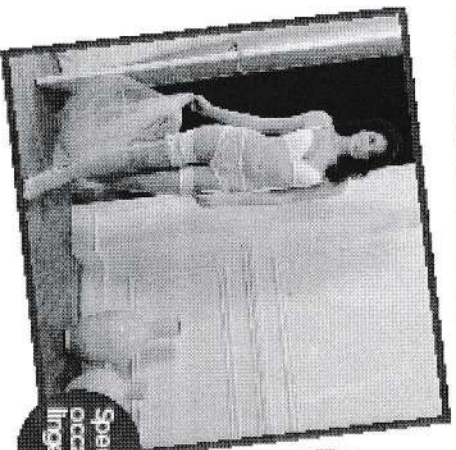
Now Ascot has been on the racing calendar since time began - surely they don't need the likes of me to erect marquees!

Never underestimate the Chahals! Dorothy it appears decided Ladies Day would be celebrated in Hicking. To do that in style, she needed marquees – lots of them.

Many others had experienced similar calls and as a result not only were the marquees in place, but they were filled with beautifully decorated tables laden with food. Even the weather, which to say the least, had been typically erratic the day before, behaved itself!



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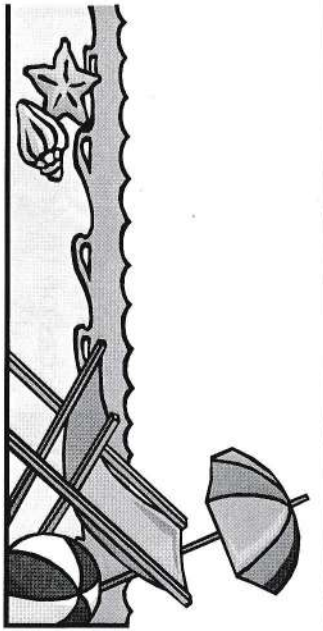
Their accompanying escorts, in an attempt to avoid stealing the limelight, diplomatically settled

for the more laid back approach.

With champagne corks popping and scrumptious food seeming to appear from nowhere, the afternoon flourished becoming ever more lively. As soon as the racing started, these same genteel ladies, showed their true colours as they studied racing form before energetically urging their chosen steed on to victory.

Funny thing this horse racing: I placed my bet on the winner and still ended up paying out money! Must be a case of creative accounting because at the end of the day, the Church Window Fund was the outright winner!

Thanks Dorothy and Jog for a fabulous day at the races!



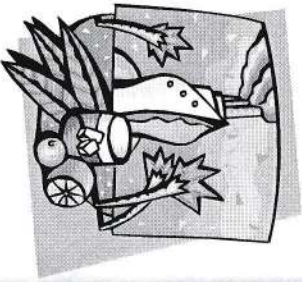
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We've had some great times this last year and we'd like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us as well as all the young people who have come along and joined in!

The Games & Film Nights are always fun but we've also had treasure hunts (in monsoon conditions ...), apple picking in the dark and All Saints activities, bellinging, bowling, golf, walks and den making, cooking and crafts and we hope to make a start on some charity fundraising and lots of other projects in the months to come!

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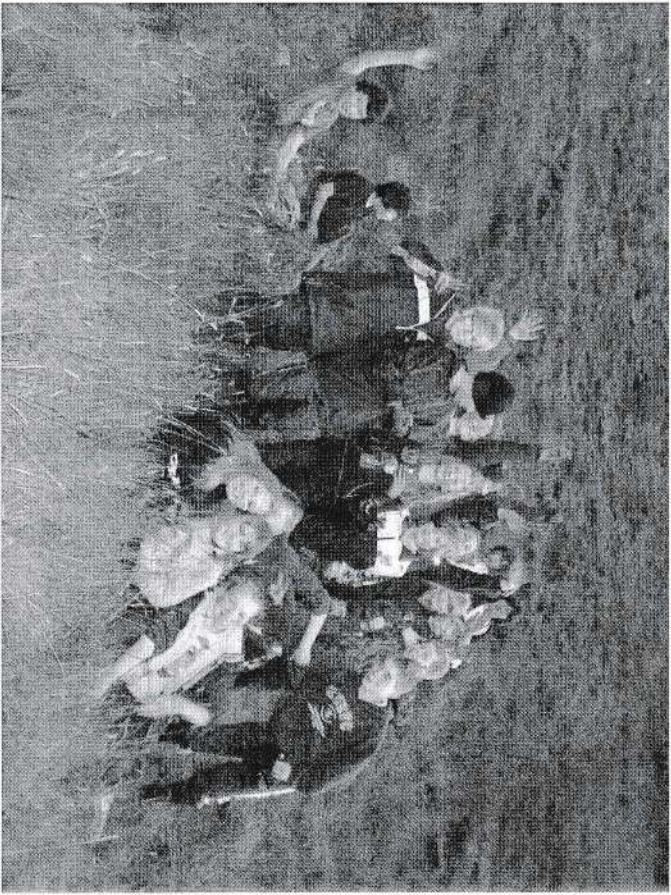
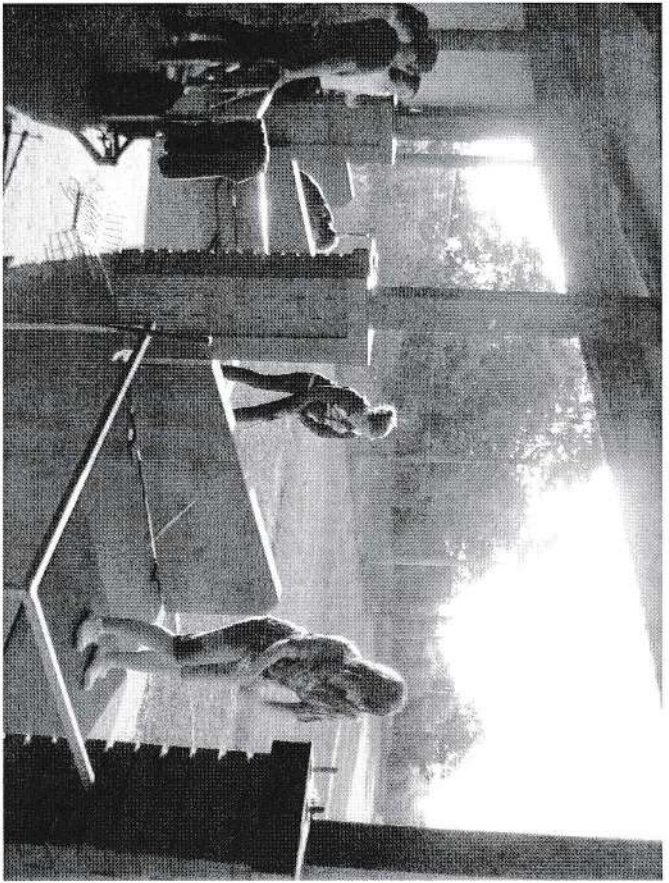
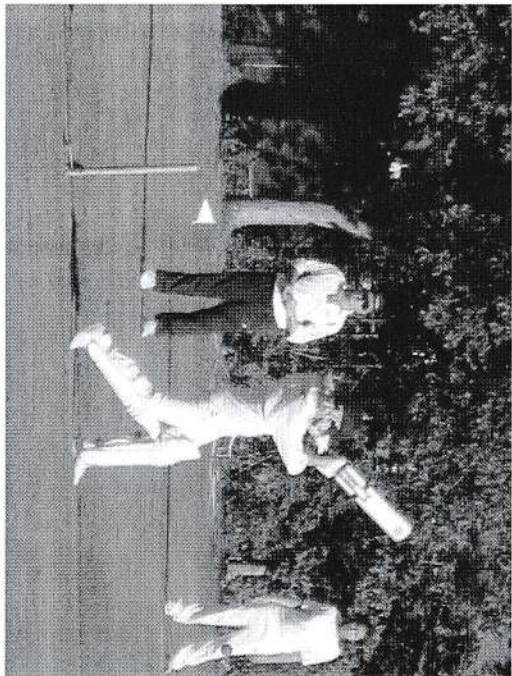


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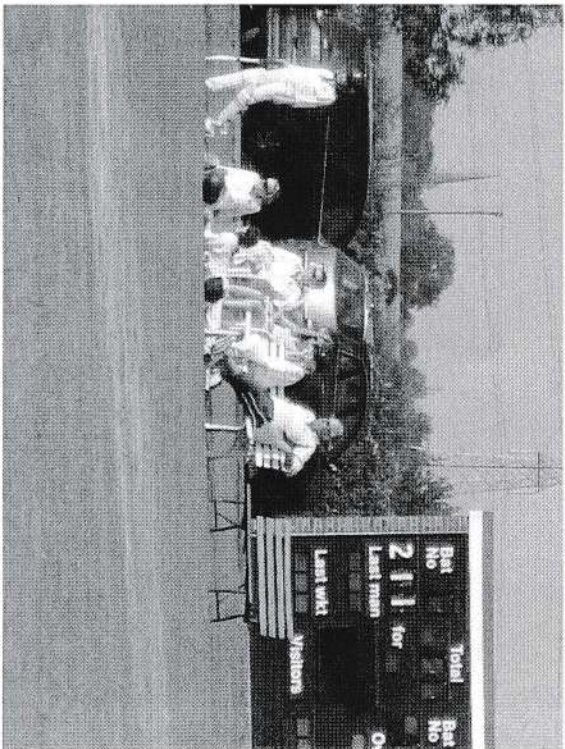
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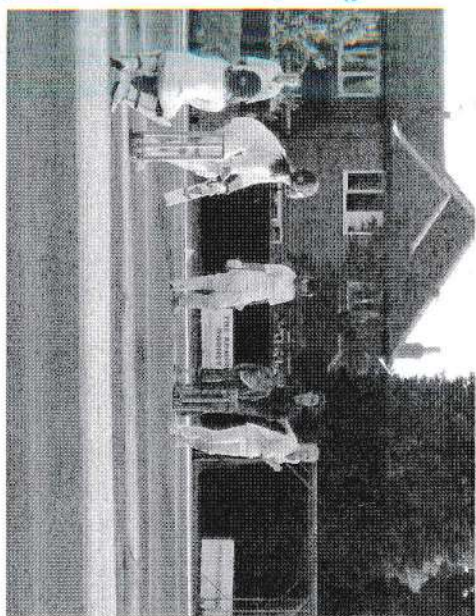
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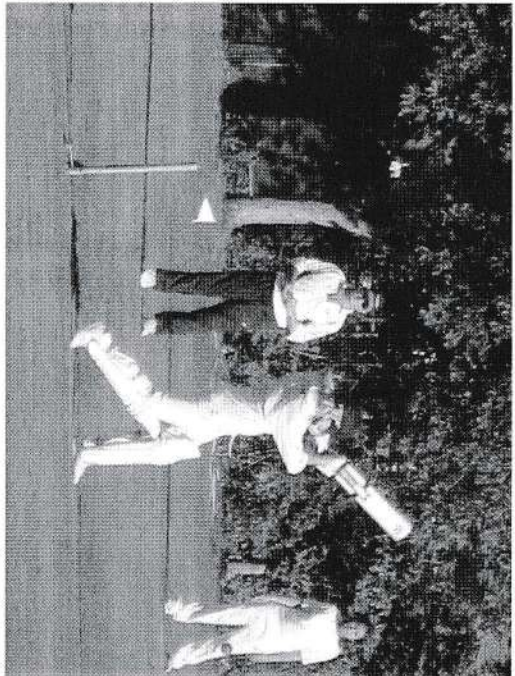


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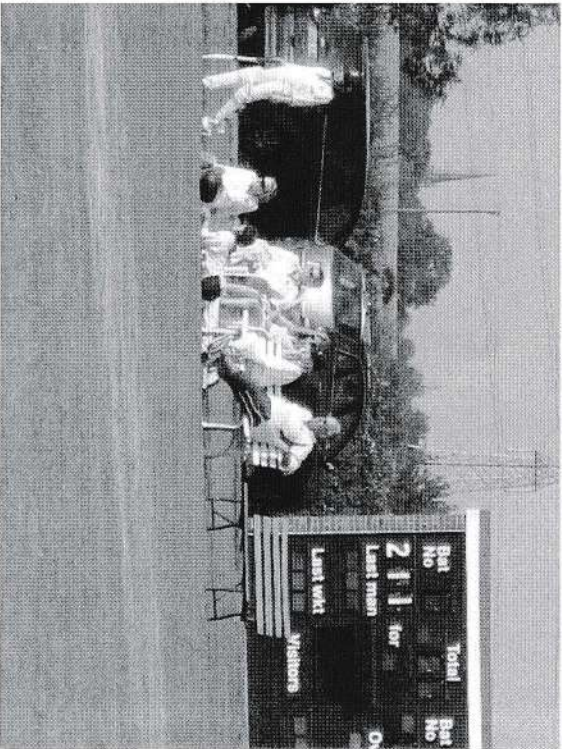
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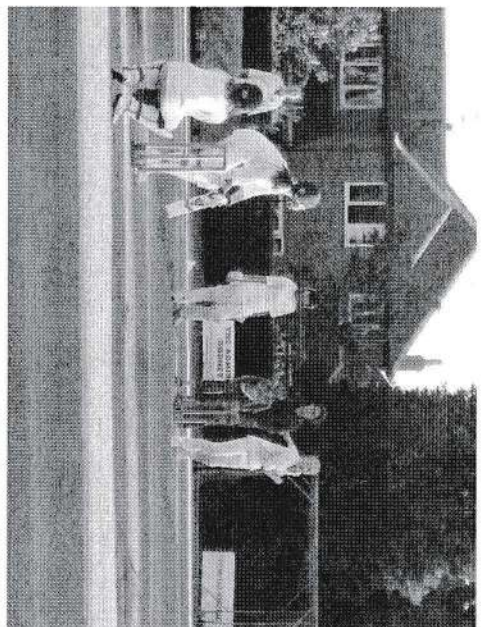
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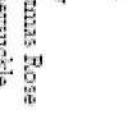

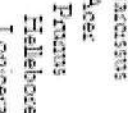



* The distance between the two village signs at either end of Main Street is approximately one mile.

* Gardener's World Presenters - Geoff Hamilton, Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, Joe Swift.

* Garden Pests: Ladybirds - Blackfly/Aphids, Song Thrushes - Snails, Hedgehog - Slugs, Toads - Slugs, Robins - Caterpillars, Lacewings - Aphids.

* Composting - Romans
Compostable Garden Waste - 30%

* UK annual amount of home composting 400,000 tonnes
* Match the common garden names:

	Daffodil	Narcissus
	Maple	Acer
	Cherry	Prunus
	Christmas Rose	Hellebore
	Honeysuckle	Lonicera
	Snowdrop	Gallanthus
	Holly	Ilex
	Oak	Quercus

* Language of Flowers:

Temperance	Apple	Austerity	Thistle
Intoxication	Wine	Love	Rose
Desire	Lavender		

* Match the following tree quotations to their originators:

Trees cause more pollution than automobiles. (Richard Rengier)
Except during the 9 months before he first draws breath, no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does. (George Bernard Shaw)
The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now. (Chinese Proverb)

* Fill in the missing words:

(superstition) - don't pick up flowers found lying on the floor: Pick Up Flowers, Pick Up Sickness (1 + 3)

(superstition) - 'Against the Fort Friends the Holly bush and the churchyard Yew were certain antidotes.' (4 + 2)

* (Lewis Carroll) - 'The time has come,' the Walrus said, 'To talk of many things: of shoes - and ships - and sealing wax - of cabbages and kings—and why the

sea is boiling hot - and whether pigs have wings.

(2 + 7)

(Shakespeare) - "There's rue for you; and here's some for me ... There's a daiv, I would give you some violers, but they all withered when my father died! (2 + 4 + 6)

(AA Milne) - Jonathan Jo

Has a month like an 'O'

And a wheelbarrow full of surprises

If you ask for a bar

Or something like that

He has got it, whatever the size is! (10)

(Bertie Potter) - First he ate some lettuces and some French beans; and then he ate some radishes. And then, feeling rather sick, he went to look for some parsley. But round the end of a cucumber frame, whom should he meet but Mr McGregor. (7 + 5 + 7 + 6 + 7 + 7)

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Diary

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4th August	7.30	Village Hall	Film Club - Quantum of Solace
7th August	6.30-9		Dove Hospice Barbecue
1st Sept	7.30	Village Hall	Film Club - Milk
9th Sept	7-8.30	Village Hall	Youth Group re-starts
10th Sept	6.30	Hortor's	Explorers' Initial Meeting and BBQ
12th Sept			Historic Churches Cycle Ride
12th Sept			Chilli Night
12+13 Sept		All over!	Scarecrow Weekend
14th Sept		Village Hall	Table tennis re-starts
15th Sept	7.30	Village Hall	Film Club - Australia
19th Sept			Dove Hospice Auction
27th Sept	2-4	Village Hall	Plant and Produce Show
29th Sept	7.30	Village Hall	Film Club - Gomorra
17+18 Oct			Friends of Southwolds Craft Fair

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