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Hackleton, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery and part of Wootton Fields

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Happy or Sad?

I can't make my mind up

I'm writing this on the day of the Summer Solstice – a day which I find to be both joyful and a little depressing, pretty much in equal measure. Whilst today marks the astronomical first day of summer (yippee) it also marks the longest day and shortest night of the year (booo). I tend not to measure my year by either the meteorological or astronomical calendars – the weather will be whatever it will be and the planets will continue to spin around in the heavens. No, my preferred calendar is the sporting calendar where the year is divided up into various sporting seasons where the outcome is unknown until the final whistle. The summer solstice reminds me that we are currently in one of the shortest seasons - the grass court tennis season. This season shines all too briefly and culminates in the greatest tennis tournament on our planet. But then it's all over (or I am getting my seasons mixed up here?) and we are forced to acknowledge the passing of time. We are now officially closer to the end of the year than the start. So get on with enjoying all that this year has yet to offer, before the next one comes around.

Happy Birthday

The first Hackleton Parish Mag was published four years ago. In July 2019, my mission was to make the Mag relevant, useful and entertaining. Four years and forty-five issues later I hope that I occasionally get something right. However, my message remains the same – the Mag is a community magazine and so it should be whatever the community wants it to be. Please send me your pictures and stories.

I hope you enjoy the July Maq.

Alan McDonogh



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Parish fete Chris Harris Braved the Shave

Submission Date

First week (or so) of the month preceding publication month

For the August issue please submit your material as early as possible in July.





The Soapbox Get things off your chest!

Keeping the 'old man' at bay



Dear Hackleton Parish

Clint Eastwood, now a sprightly 93-year-old, is often credited with the phrase 'don't let the old man in", or in other words 'Don't give in to age and stay forever young', and it seems to be working for him. I thought I was successfully keeping the 'old man out' too until the day of the "Hackleton Fete and Funday" on Saturday 10th June when I was scheduled to work with Mick Lee on an opening ceremony. It was only when I received a frantic phone call from Alison Benson, clerk to the parish council, inquiring as to my whereabouts, as the fete goers and poor Mick Lee were getting restless, that I realised to my horror that something had gone wrong.

It was at that moment, as I sped down the M1 to watch my grandson Freddie play cricket, that I realised that I had, at the age of 79, indeed let the old man in – for I mistook Funday for Sunday, and put the wrong day in my diary, to my enduring embarrassment.

Can I kick the old man back out, I wonder? I'll certainly try, but in the meantime, my apologies for letting down Alison, Mick and all other Hackletonians who were kept waiting. I am happy to hear that the fete was a great success, and was in no way diminished by my feeble diary keeping.

Best wishes Nick Hewer

Thank you!

Hackleton Pre-School Playgroup would like to express their sincere thanks to have been the beneficiary of a kind donation by the Whist and Wednesday Club. The village hall provides a wonderful space for many users groups and to be working together and helping each other at a time when we all need that extra support to keep going means the world to us. We have seen many children following the impact of covid-19 within Early Years who need additional support whether in terms of resources, one to one care or speech and language

development so this donation will go towards specific "special educational needs" training and some small sensory resources.

With many thanks

The Hackleton Pre-School Team



Who cares about us??

I live in part of the Wootton Fields estates which fall within the Hackleton Parish boundary. With some several hundred homes between our estates and those of George's Fields our estates most likely collectively contribute the most significant amount in revenue to the parish from our Council Tax.

But we see none of the benefit with Hackleton village reaping most of the reward it would seem. I would hazard that most residents in our estates feel more affiliated to Wootton than Hackleton, due to simple proximity. But perhaps also due to lack of awareness or any attempt by Hackleton Parish to make any effort to make us feel part of your community rather than Wootton's.

If we are to remain part of Hackleton surely more than a drop off of a newsletter should be done for our estates? Like regular cutting of the grass areas, maintaining/ creation of open spaces...a sports field even? If not, then let us join Wootton Parish. We make use of all their facilities so perhaps the additional revenue from our estates could help improve and maintain these or build more amenities which are within easy access of our estates.

Or is Hackleton Parish simply too happy to take our money and offer us nothing in return, other than having a pop, like on page 17 of the June edition suggesting we should adopt the "Hackleton way of doing things" for Coronation Lunch and Street parties? Of which may I mention there were plenty around Wootton and Georges Fields if your photographer took the time to look...of course Georges Fields won't have parties in their front gardens like Hackleton/Piddington, it's a new build estate with most of the houses there not having a front garden like the picture shows, so it's hardly a fair comparison (FYI neither picture was of Wootton Fields).

We're too far from Hackleton village to walk safely in to it to make use of any of the facilities there for which we are contributing. It's about time some of our money was spent on our end of the Parish for the benefit and use of our residents. Or let's agree to be friends, split amicably, agree the divorce settlement and we can both sail off in to the sunset.

Oh . . . and one last thing cause I've reached the end of the June Mag and spotted the advertisement . . .

The Hackleton Summer Fete free bus ride (funded by Hackleton Parish, which means our Council Tax), doesn't even run as far as Preston Deanery let alone Georges Fields or Wootton Fields. So again we're not being included in our Parish which we pay in to!!

Yours (breathing a sigh of what's the point) Wootton Fields Resident

The Mag cares

Thank you for contacting Hackleton Parish Mag with your comments.

I sincerely apologise if you think I have inadvertently misrepresented the St. George's and Wootton Fields areas of Hackleton Parish. I can assure you that this was not my intention.

On the day of the Big Lunch/Coronation celebrations, my wife and I voluntarily visited all areas of the parish in order to capture images of the celebrations throughout the parish. I think we visited every road in St. George's and Wootton Fields that fall within the Hackleton Parish boundary. We did not find any signs of celebration activities or preparations.

As a consequence, I found myself in bit of a dilemma - should I or should I not include St. George's and Wootton Fields in the magazine article? I decided that your area should be included as I wanted the Mag to be as inclusive as possible. I did not think that appearing to ignore these areas was the right thing to do.

I'm sorry if we accidentally missed any celebrations in your area, our intention was to record images from

all corners of the parish. If you have any pictures or editorial comment of the Big Lunch/Coronation celebrations, I would be delighted to put the records straight and publish them in the Mag.

My overriding objective with the Mag is to make it a useful and relevant publication for all residents of Hackleton Parish. As St. George's and Wootton Fields are geographically separate from the rest of the parish, I would love the Mag to play its part in helping integrate the entire parish community. I have always stated that Hackleton Parish Mag is a community magazine and, as such, it will be whatever the community wants it to be. Please feel free to contribute any articles you would like to see in the Mag – I am always looking for content.

Thank you for your interest in the Mag and I hope this response goes some way to addressing your concerns.

Alan McDonogh

Editor

Distributor Required

The Mag needs distributor(s) to deliver in St George's Fields

Please contact me at the Mag if you can help.

Alan McDonogh 01604 870390 HackletonParishMag@gmail.com THANK YOU A letter in the June Mag from "Incredulous of Piddington" has prompted some responses.

To Incredulous of Piddington

Firstly, I wanted to offer my Congratulations. What a lucky individual you are – to live so close to such a beautiful school as Hackleton Primary. I know many a family that would love to be in a house within walking distance!

Secondly, I offer my deepest sympathies, as you are clearly very stressed and agitated by the parents of the school and I can only nod my agreement that the parking situation is indeed dire. Though, one might argue "in our local scheme of things residents must understand" that a school will inevitably mean parked cars. Perhaps you could amend your own timetable, or close your curtains, for that particular half hour each day, in order to help with your anxiety?

I thought perhaps I might offer some insight on the demographics, which you are clearly unaware of, and entice some empathy for the poor, frazzled parents of Hackleton, on their morning school run?

In my own child's class of 30 children, only 9 are lucky enough to live in the Hackleton/Piddington villages. This leaves 70% of their class commuting from surrounding areas, such as Preston Deanery, Great Houghton, Stoke Goldington and Wootton & St George's Fields. I assume you're not suggesting that it would be ok to walk that distance along the Newport Pagnell Rd? Extrapolating that 70% across 7 classes would suggest it's slightly more than the "one or two" parents that you acknowledge "have issues that necessitate the use of a car".

For those families that do live in the village, there is a very high chance (to afford to live in such a wonderful place) that both parents work. It's a tragedy of our times! It may be that, while the walk is certainly feasible from home, it is, in fact, a stop on a longer commute. Or maybe it's just freezing cold and raining. Dripping wet and bedraggled is an awful way to start a day of learning!

Unfortunately, there are no parking options at Hackleton, or even a pick-up/drop-off zone and this is neither the fault of the parents, or the school — which does a wonderful job with the budget that they have. I have absolutely no doubt that all parents would much rather a safer place to decant their little ones, but we are restricted to what we have and, if we want to keep our brilliant village school alive, we must accept these commuters into our school community.

For those of us that do walk - if you've ever witnessed the swarm along the main road at 3:15pm you'll know that there are MANY – the speed with which traffic moves on the Main Rd is terrifying. Our erratic, clumsy children are inches from the tires of speeding cars and trucks who are mostly oblivious to the little lives so close to their wheels. The only "safe" crossing from the school leads you to an uneven footpath half-restricted by resident's cars and sometimes bins – rendering it unusable for those of us with buggies, bikes or scooters. This leaves us crossing at other points along the road which, as you acknowledge, is "major" and "going to be a risky business". I suspect that guite a lot of those parents would wholeheartedly support any methods used to slow down the traffic – speed traps, traffic calming devices, or just another crossing with some lights further down the village. This danger is even worse at any time outside of the school drop-off, as the non-parent cars are even less likely to be slow.

Please don't be offended by those of us who, whilst run off our feet trying to balance the demands of being parents/grandparents, employees, friends of the school and active supporters of the parish also – somehow – find time to try and make it safer. I would love to think that someone with your passion for writing a solid letter might even champion the school to the local council/ government to find a solution to the parking, rather than blaming the parents who, as evidenced above, probably don't live in the catchment to receive this magazine and haven't read your complaint anyway.

Yours Truly Mother Bear

Safer roads benefit everyone!

I read the recent letter by "Incredulous of Piddington" on the topic of road safety in our Parish with both interest and disappointment. To be honest, I was also a little confused! What started out to be someone sharing their genuine concerns about road safety related to the parking issues seen in Hackleton at school time, turned into a bit of rant! One that was clearly directed at people in this community who genuinely care and are trying to do something positive to make our local roads safer. I am sorry if you don't consider speeding to be as important as the school parking, but for many of us it is a major concern.

The initiatives I wrote about in a recent issue are all related to making our roads safer for everyone, not just the residents of Brafield Road. I find it hard to comprehend why anyone living in our Parish may be against such initiatives. I understand if you live in Piddington you may not suffer from the issues of speeding, as the village is a no through road, but it is a problem elsewhere and it is not pleasant having cars thunder pass your door often doing twice the legal speed limit! Speeding is a problem on Brafield Road, the main road through Hackleton and even Denton Road. I have even personally experienced being over taken through Hackleton on more than one occasion, which is both incredibly stupid and extremely dangerous (and by the way this kind of dangerous driving is the very thing Operation Snap was set up to capture, it is not there to "snoop").

With regard to speeding, here is some interesting data from RoSPA . . . "approximately two-thirds of all crashes in which people are killed or injured happen on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less. And in 2018, the majority of the 456 pedestrian fatalities and 5,782 serious casualties occurred on built-up roads. Cyclists are also vulnerable in built-up areas, with more than half of cyclist deaths (62 of 99) and serious cyclist casualties (3,402 of 3,707) occurring on built-up roads".

The so-called "piggy bank van" is there for a good reason – to police the speed limit and reduce the number of "offenders" on our roads, therefore reducing





the potential for speed related accidents. They are only deployed where there are known to be issues and all the revenue generated is re-invested into making our roads safer! Even if they catch nobody speeding, their presence alone has a positive impact as it is certainly very effective at traffic calming. I question the six locations by the way, I only know of three in our Parish (Brafield Road and two locations on the Newport Pagnell Road). Anyway, the more the merrier I say as they definitely help and in a roundabout way we all benefit. If anyone feels persecuted or harassed by their presence then perhaps their driving style needs to be adjusted and you start to see them as a positive thing for the local community!

Community Speed Watch is a voluntary scheme and is used to help support the police in educating any speeders caught (they receive warning letters, with no requests to contribute to the piggy bank initially)! The fact we are taking part puts out the message that this Parish does not tolerate speeding and dangerous driving. Some residents of Horton, Hackleton and Piddington by the way, feel strongly enough to support this initiative and give up their valuable free time (and it is up to us as individuals what we do with our spare time at the end of the day).

As for parking our cars in the street, there is always a risk wherever you live that is true, but for many there is no choice and nobody should feel concerned about parking outside their own home. The Brafield Road residents have experienced significant losses over the years and most of that is simply down to the speed in which motorists travel along this road. Excessive speed has been the cause in virtually all cases. Accidents will always happen but you take speed out of the equation they are far less likely to happen in the first place and when they do the impacts are less severe.

Now to the topic of the parking at school time and the valid concerns shared by Incredulous of Piddington. I have tried to help here and taken the time to speak with one of our local PCSO's as well as members of the Parish Council, and they report that numerous things have already been discussed and explored to help reduce the problem. The new head teacher is also concerned about the impact the parking is having on local residents.

The main issue is that there is simply not enough parking for the number of cars and this is a nationwide problem, not just in our Parish. The catchment area for Hackleton school, which extends to some areas in Wootton Fields, is such that it is just not practical for all parents to be able to walk their children to school. I am sure those who can avoid using their cars do so already.

PCSO Jen Harrison has patrolled the area giving out advice to parents about parking and two Parish Councillors have also been putting postcards on windscreens explaining that the driver may be committing an offence and asking them to park elsewhere (perhaps Incredulous would like to contact the Parish Council to volunteer to support this activity?).

Football parking has also been an issue and the Parish Council has just negotiated a deal between the school and the football club for the home team to park in the teachers car park (several come from outside the villages having been raised here but now not able to afford to live here). The Parish Council has also grant funded some cones and the football club will marshal the parking using the cones from the new season so we will see if that is successful.

For more information on what has been discussed regarding the parking issue, please refer to the minutes of meetings which are posted on the Parish Council website – https://www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Safety of the roads in our Parish is important and to the benefit to everyone, so get involved if you feel strongly about it, like the people taking up the Community Speed Watch program, but please don't be disrespectful to those who are trying to do their bit to make our Parish safer.

Mark Reeve

Have you got something to say?

Say it to **hackletonparishmag@gmail.com** Whilst contributions must be supplied with full contact details, articles can be published anonymously if preferred.

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Your report will be logged, sent to the right team and you will receive updates of what they are going to do and why.

Some lesser-known issues you can report:

Rights of way e.g. gates, stiles, overgrown vegetation

Fallen trees or branches

Signs missing or obscured by vegetation

FixMyStreet.com

https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Longland Meadow Butterfly Patch

After several months of looking very sorry for itself, the newly seeded butterfly patch by the pond in Longland Meadow is bursting into growth. By the time you read this there might even be some flowers! The area has been sown with a mix of bee and butterfly friendly perennials plus a celebratory red, white and blue annual meadow mix for this our Coronation year. Although the official footpath from the stile crosses this area please don't use it at the moment. Rather use the easier, more accessible, open gate near the information board. When the plants are bigger we will reinstate the narrow path crossing the patch from the stile to the main meadow itself. Thanks to Guy Ward who prepared the site, the Parish Council who purchased the seed and to the small group of locals who came along, raked the area and hand sowed the seed a few weeks ago.



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Not to be missed

At the time of writing this, the sale of tickets for the **Barn Dance** on 15th July are going well. We look forward to having 'The Occasional Few' together with Adrian our caller. Tickets are £12.50 each which includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be booked by telephoning Edward on 870764. Look forward to seeing you on the night.

Cream Teas in August will be on the 6th and 20th not every Sunday as in previous years. Teas available from 2pm until 4pm. This is a lovely social occasion where people come along for a chat and a laugh. Mary will be hosting this with help from friends.

Don't forget that the **Lincoln Noel Trio** will be entertaining us on 14th October

Thank you for your support

Edward Kilpin BEM Chairman of the Trustees



Dudley Winterbottom Memorial Hall, Hackleton

Winning Numbers for June 2023

£100	01/02	Mr & Mrs Glover, Captains Court
£50	21/27	Mrs Ansell-Pearson, St Johns Way
£25	19/31	Mr Atkinson, Elm Way
£10	09/24	Mrs Renshaw, Old End
£10	01/28	Mr Scott, The Drive
£10	05/24	Mr Streeter, Old End
£10	11/24	Mr Kilpin, Chapel Lane

The next draw will take place 12 July 2023

The Tote raises funds for the maintenance of the hall. If you would like to join please contact **Barbara Bayes** on **870889**. For just £1 per month you can be part of the Tote which has seven prizes ranging from £100 for the top prize followed by £50, £25 and four of £10.

Dates for 2023 Events your diary 15th July - Barn Dan 6th & 20th 4

15th July – Barn Dance with 'The Occasional Few'

6th & 20th August – Sunday afternoon Cream Teas

14th October – 'Lincoln Noel Trio'

31st December - New Year's Eve Dance

Hackleto	on Village Hall			Regular Activitie
Day	Event	Time	Where	Contact Details
Monday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Rainbows	17.00-18.00	Main Hall	
	Pilates	19.00-20.00 2010-21.00	Main Hall	Sue 07587 155 018
	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
Tuesday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Annex	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Liz Harrison Room	Mary 01604 870885
	Bowls/Short Mat	13.15-16.00 19.00-21.00	Main Hall	Phill 01604 491969 John 01604 870388
	Parish Council	19.00-21.00 Usually 1st Tue	Annex	Alison clerk@hackletonparishcouncil. gov.uk
Wednesday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Wednesday Club	14.00-15.30	Liz Harrison Room	Maureen 01604 870126 Evelyn 01604 870332
	Brownies	18.00-19.30	Main Hall	
	Film Show	20.00-21.30 Usually 3rd Wed	Main Hall	David 01604 870037
	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
Thursday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Trustee Meeting	19.30-21.00	Annex	Edward 01604 870764
	Women's Institute	19.45-22.00 3rd Thur	Main Hall	Jane 01604 870203
	Group Eight	19.00-22.00	Main Hall	Frequent Thursday
Friday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	17.00-21.00	Main Hall/Annex	



They discussed what!!?

Parish Council Notes

13 June 2023

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on 13th June. Ten councillors were in attendance together with Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

Recreation Ground

The play equipment installation should have started on 19th June and will last for approximately 5-weeks. The play equipment will be fully closed during this time.

The Parish Council is looking into installing new seating near to the outdoor gym. If you have any suggestions as to what should be installed, please contact the Clerk **clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk**

The Parish Council is aware that the gate and post into the Recreation Ground from Main Road needs repair or replacement.

Speed Indicator Device

A second speed indicator device (SID) will be purchased and the Parish Council will liaise with Highways and the Safer Roads Team to try and obtain their agreement to increase the number of locations the SID's can be installed around the Parish.

Fete/Funday

A huge thank you to everybody that attended the Fete/ Funday and all those who gave up their time to make it such a great community event.

Piddington Airstrip

There have been some complaints about safety, noise and behaviour at the airstrip.

Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment

The Churchyard Management Plan which includes the addition of a 1 metre strip of unmown grass close to the boundary wall with the Cemetery, log piles, a sunken pond and a birdbath has now been approved.

Wildflower seed packets are to be purchased for each household for distribution Spring 2024.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 May 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£171,477.12
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£143,141.51
Total funds held	£31461863

The following payments were approved:

Item	Amount £
Salaries (2 months)	8260.52
Professional Fees	6.00
Electricity	287.93
Administration	200.16
Fete	443.30
Annual Parish Meeting	40.75
Subscriptions	258.32
Grass Mowing	2467.50
Dog Waste Bin	289.21
Grants/Donations	500.00
Open Spaces	504.73
Recreation Ground Annual Rent	680.00

A grant in the sum of £1000.00 was approved for Hackleton Pre-School to develop cookery classes for the children, provide resources, enhance their allotment project and to increase practitioner training within SENCO mental health and speech and language.

A grant in the sum of £150.00 was approved for AFC Hackleton to purchase cones to improve parking in Hackleton on match days.

Next Parish Council Meetings

25th July (please note amended date) 5th September

All meetings will be held in the Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall.

Planning

All planning decisions are made by the Planning Department at West Northants Council. It is very important that if residents would like to comment on an application, they do so directly with the planning department:

https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/Search/Results

The Parish Council is consulted by the Planning Department and below are the most recent responses.

Grange Farm, Cottage Grange Farm, Newport Pagnell Road, Preston Deanery NN7 2DT

2023/5262/FULL – First floor extension over existing single storey aspect. Two storey front entrance gable and porch. Two storey rear extension to Southern aspect. Replacement of windows with some existing openings adjusted. Removal of 1 no. chimney. Internal alterations and associated external works to create new parking areas. RESOLVED: No objections

Visit the Parish Council website:

www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

For full meeting minutes and the very latest parish information.

If you would like to contact the Council please either email Alison Benson, Clerk to the Council:

clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone Alison on 07464 429630



If you would like to contact Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole: Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk or call 07977 501573



A very brave Big Shave



Scan this QR code to see more pictures and videos to get a real flavour of Chris' Brave the Shave experience.



My Big Shave took place on the afternoon of Monday 24 May. I was a little nervous about the hairdressing skills of my totally unqualified barber but by now I was way passed the point of no return. Tea and cakes were laid on, which probably explains the brilliant turn out.

We enlisted the help of Nick Hewer to do the shave and we all had a good laugh as Nick wielded the clippers in great comedic style. Nick really entered the spirit of the occasion but when he donned a Sweeny Todd like butcher's apron, heavyweight gloves and armed himself with some industrial shears my apprehension levels soared to new heights!

In tribute to MacMillan Cancer Support and to help raise awareness of their fantastic work, I dyed my hair bright green as part of this adventure.

Nick enthusiastically set about his work. He first 'styled' my hair into a reverse mohican before continuing to remove all signs of my green hair. Thank you Nick.

At present, my shave has raised over £3,500. The donation link will remain active for a while, and I am hopeful that we can collect enough to push the total closer to $\pounds4,000$.

Thank you to all those who have supported me in my adventure.

Chris Harris Preston Deanery



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Please Donate

Check out my shave page by scanning the QR code above or using the link below:

https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/ chris-harris3

Thanks for your support.





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What! Why! No!!

Words fail Alan McDonogh on a recent visit to Salcey Forest

During a recent walk in Salcey Forest, Echo and I were shocked to come across a sight that literally stopped us in our tracks. In truth, whilst I was genuinely shocked, 'indifferent curiousity' would probably more accurately describe Echo's attitude.

So, just what brought us to this shocking standstill? A most disturbing case of fly-tipping! Deep in the forest on a remote bridleway a long way from any sort of vehicular access point, there was a large dump of domestic rubbish that must have been brought to the site by van or similar vehicle. What? Why? Who? All sorts of questions came to mind (my mind that is, as Echo wasn't too concerned). What sort of irresponsible person dumps their rubbish in this remote beauty spot? The answer may lie right in front of us. Amongst the unsightly rubbish was an Amazon delivery carton with a clearly legible delivery address. Excellent, with this evidence something can be done.

Banged to rights?

Echo and I continued our stunned walk and came across a team of Foresty England (FE) workers to whom I reported the fly-tipping incident. One of the workers confirmed that they were aware of the rubbish – two days earlier (3pm Sunday) a witness had seen a van leaving the site but had failed to get the registration number. I was told that I should report the fly-tipping to West Northamptonshre Council (WNC) via "Fix My Street" as it would be the Council's responsibility to take any action against the offending fly-tipper, whilst the responsibility for clearing the site lay with Forestry England.

Upon returning home, Echo went for a lie down leaving me to continue with this issue. Not holding out a great deal of hope, I dutifully reported the fly-tipping on Fix My Street and I called Forestry England who claimed to have also reported the incident to WNC. Two days later, I surprisingly received a phone call from Environmental Health/Pest Control at WNC. The WNC warden sent out to investigate couldn't find the dumped rubbish. Also, WNC had no record of the fly-tipping incident being reported by Forestry England. I began to feel a little frustrated that we were getting no where. OK Echo it's back to you and me, where's your collar? We returned to the forest to discover that the site had been cleared. All nice and tidy and returned to its pre-dumped condition.

More phone calls. WNC confirmed that as their warden hadn't personally seen the fly-tipped rubbish they couldn't take the matter any further. Forestry England confirmed that they had cleared the site but were unable to comment on their apparent inability to liaise with WNC. My levels of frustration rose alarmingly. I thought we had a possible fly-tipping offender banged



to rights only for the two parties responsible for taking any coordinated action, failing miserably to do so.

A very sorry tale

Sunday 30 April	A walker sees a van leaving the fly- tipped site.
Weds 3 May	• I initially came across the fly-tipped rubbish.
	 Verbally reported the incident to Forestry England.
	 Logged the issue on "Fix My Street".

FridayWNC couldn't find the reported rubbish.

- I re-visited site: All clear well done FE.
- WNC confirmed they could take no further action.
- FE confirmed they had cleared the 'evidence' but had not liaised with WNC.
- **On-going** Fly-tipping offenders have got away with it and are presumably defiling other areas in our parish. They may well be back to our forest.



The outcome

Not very encouraging. I suppose we must award full marks to Forestry England for their rapid action in clearing the unsightly mess from our beautiful forest, but then deduct all those marks for failing to liaise with WNC which may have led to action being taken against the offender.

Come on Foresty England and West Northants. Council, get your acts together, we deserve better.

The Salcey Forest car park users certainly deserve better, but that's another story . . .

Alan McDonogh



If you're worried about flooding, help is at hand

Introducing the RAIN project

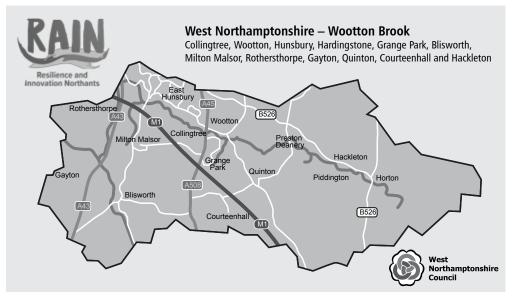


Climate change is increasing the likelihood of flood events, and, over the years, we have seen incidences of flooding in Hackleton, Preston Deanery, Piddington and Horton.

For those concerned about flooding, you may be interested in learning more about a project that has launched in our area that is focused on developing new approaches to improve flood resilience in communities across Northamptonshire.

The Resilience And Innovation Northants (RAIN) project is led by West Northamptonshire Council, in partnership with North Northamptonshire Council. It is one of 25 flood innovation projects nationwide, which is being funded by the Government's Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Project. For residents in Hackleton, RAIN's expert team will be visiting households and taking part in community events to provide tips on how to create flood plans for both your homes and the wider community. They will also show what adaptations can be made at a property, as well as show how natural flood management works.

Right now, we are calling out to anyone who is concerned, worried and/or has previously flooded. We want to hear from you to ensure we do not miss anyone. The project team have already had an amazing, engaging experience from Hackleton Parish Council and Residents we have met when out and about in the area, but we do not want to miss anyone. If you have previously flooded, and/or are worried and concerned about flooding, please contact us, we are happy to come and meet you to discuss your experiences, worries and how we can help build resilience in the area.



Flood Wardens needed for Hackleton Could you help?

We are interested in recruiting flood wardens for the area, who would receive training to be equipped to respond in the first instances of flooding events in the parish. We have heard how the community have come together in previous flood incidents and would be great to build upon this and ensure preparedness is in place.

If you are interested in volunteering as a flood warden please get in touch.

Flood Wardens are volunteers who help their communities to become more resilient and to be prepared for flooding. They do this by:

- monitoring the condition of drains, culverts and other watercourses and reporting defects or blockages
- raising local awareness of flood risk
- passing on flood alerts and warnings
- providing relevant agencies with local information during a flood event.

Full training and support is provided.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more, please get in touch.

We are also calling out for farmers and landowners in the Wootton Brook area. We are working to bring together landowners and farmers with the aim to identify pockets of land where funding could be available for nature-based solutions, which creates a joined-up ecosystem and helps towards flood prevention for surrounding communities. Please contact the RAIN team or our Land Advisor directly at **tristan@ neneriverstrust.org**.

For more details, visit **www.rainnorthants.co.uk** or email **RAIN@westnorthants.gov.uk**.



More recycling, less land fill



Rev. Jennie is providing a drop off point for empty pill blister packs which cannot be recycled by normal means and which have always had to be put in the black bin. There will be a dedicated collection box in Coffee@ Carey for these used blister packs. No pill boxes or bags please, just the empty pill blister packs. They will be taken to the pharmacy at Superdrug in town which offers a collection service prior to delivery to a recycling centre.





An enormous THANKYOU to the Committee

Almost a year in the planning, but oh my goodness, it was worth it!

At the de-brief meeting in the pub (where else?) following the success of the Jubilee Fete in Longland Meadow in 2022, it was decided to keep our committee going and put on a Parish Fete in 2023.

Committee meetings started in August last year and the Committee met almost every month until the event itself.

The amount of work and effort needed to put on these events is enormous and everyone really got stuck in. We were there during the evenings before the Fete, and at the hall until everything had been taken down on the Saturday evening. The success of the event and the tremendous feedback we have had from the parish residents made the hard work all worthwhile. On behalf of Hackleton Parish Council I would like to say an enormous thank you to all those committee members for the excellent day event we put on for the residents of Hackleton Parish. A thank you also to those who turned up on the day and helped the Village Hall run the bar which was so busy, and also to the village hall team for all their help.

The weather was scorching, the games were entertaining, the stage shows were brilliant, the venue perfect and the residents were smiley!

So much effort by so many people, what more could we have asked for.

Well done Committee, well done Parish – Great Job!

Tina Charteress Parish Councillor



The Planning Committee worked tirelessly to organise a fantastic 2022 Parish Fete and Funday.

An assault of a wife on her husband

Local historian, Maureen Williams, brings us another snippet of social history from the archives

In 1839, The Rural Constabulary Act gave permission for counties to set up their own police force if they so wished, and the Northamptonshire County Constabulary was formed the following year. However, our villages didn't get a resident police constable until sometime between 1861 and 1871. The 'Constabulary Station' in Hackleton was the white house opposite the White Hart. The constable would have dealt mainly with petty crime, poaching, theft, people being drunk and disorderly, or fights, but there were two tragic cases only two years apart in the early 20th century, one of attempted murder and suicide and the other of murder and suicide.

In a less serious case, Mary Kightley of Hackleton was summonsed for assaulting her husband George on 13th June 1868. While domestic abuse is no laughing matter, the way in which the case was reported in the Mercury and Herald made me smile.

Mr White, counsel for the claimant, George Kightley, stated that:

'On the day in question, after he had returned from Northampton Market, he and the defendant, who is his third wife, had some words about one of the children. Defendant used some offensive expression towards him, which he resented by a reply more offensive still. From words they came to blows, defendant hurling the sugar bason [sic] at his head, followed by the tea-pot, containing hot water, complainant retaliating by putting out his hand, which came in contact with complainant's nose, causing the blood to flow. He then left her, and had not lived with her since, though he had contributed to her and her children's support. – In cross-examination by Mr. Becke, he admitted having called her a -----, but this was after she had thrown the sugar bason and tea-pot at him . . .

... Mr. Becke, in defence, contended that his client had been much abused, and expressed a hope that, if the Bench were of the opinion that an assault had been committed, they would think there were faults on both sides. – The Bench dismissed the case, advising the parties to live separately, if possible.'

Born in 1835, George Kightley had become a shoemaker like his father John, and was just 17 when he married Mary Measures Old, the 18-year-old daughter of Felix Old, toll collector. Sadly, she died about five years later, and in 1859 George married Catherine Westley, a widow. She died in 1865. No record has been found of his third marriage to Mary (maiden name unknown), who was born in Yardley Hastings in 1833, but the couple did not take the court's advice and were still living together in 1911 when they were in their late seventies.

Next time: The Hackleton and Piddington Feasts



Thank you Maureen for another facsinating insight into our local history.



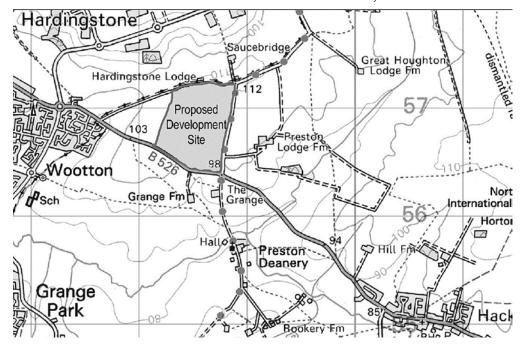
Is this the right kind of development for this location?

As a member of the steering group that helped develop the Hackleton Parish Neighbourhood Plan, Maz Woolley has very strong reservations about this proposed development.

A developer has proposed a development of up to 1,000 new homes, a two form entry Primary School, a local centre, a locally equipped area for play (LEAP), allotments, and associated development for this site at Preston Deanery Crossroads. Careful reading of the proposals shows that the elements of community benefit are not certain, *"Primary School would likely be provided . . ."*

The submission notes that there are already seven other applications for development closer to Northampton, several already having at least outline permission. These will already provide for many new homes. The proposed site is a large wedge of rural land outside Northampton's boundary, and the existing West Northants Joint Development area round Hardingstone and Brackmills. Neither the recently passed Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan support building a large freestanding development creating a 'new village' with no bus connections or guaranteed safe new links along the B526. Site entry and exits onto the B526 will create traffic issues at a point in the road where accidents have occurred in the past.

West Northamptonshire has already given planning permission for the construction of thousands of houses across the county which more than meet the



Government's target for new homes. Locally, whilst creating the Neighbourhood Plan for Hackleton Parish consultants looked at the local housing need for the Parish Council and the recent development at the top of Lyne Walk was large enough to meet the identified need with the small number of infill developments also likely during the plan period.

There is a clamour in the press and on TV about the need for new housing. But it seems to me that the real need is new housing suited to the young, newly married, and people who struggle to even pay the high rents currently on offer. The types of properties which will form the bulk of any such proposed development will be unaffordable to lower income groups even if 'bought to rent'. This housing would not address the need for housing of the young and poor and would force everyone to run cars to get to work from this disconnected development with no public transport links.

Get ready kids!

Construction of the brand new play area has begun



West Northamptonshire has already provided for sufficient housing growth and Hackleton Parish does not need this development either. This is a totally out of place attempt to make money at the expense of the rural nature of this Parish. I suggest that if you share my feelings, you should register your objections to the proposals which can be found by entering **2023/5030/ SCR** to search for the application on this webpage **https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Search/ Results**. Please at least read the proposal and make yourself aware of the impact it would have if given permission to proceed and make your opinions known.



Maz Woolley

What do you think of this proposed development?

Now is the time to speak up.



St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

Maintaining a warm welcome is expensive and time consuming

We would like to thank everyone who turned up to support our fundraising with the Bangers and Boules event which was held in the Faulkner and Golden families lovely garden overlooking Horton Park.

People often wonder what we are raising money for and all the events we put on raise money for what we grandly call the church fabric, for all us ordinary folk, all that means is the actual building. Families have worshipped in our church for over 800 years, and have willingly given to building and maintianing our church.

Building and maintaining a church is an act of faith in itself, praying that we will have the money for repairs when we need them. Like routine maintenance on a house we have a list of jobs that need doing. A lot of people in our community help with some of the regular jobs and we are very appreciative of the time and talents they give willingly to the church. We know that the chancel (where the choir sit and the altar is) roof will need repairing soon to stop the rain coming in.

It is not just church members who use the church. The church is open every day the for private prayer, contemplation or just to take time out in peace in the midst of busy lives. You may also take time out to sit in the churchyard or cut through the churchyard with your dog. We know that many people come and go during the week and we are really pleased that people feel they can come and go and if anyone wants to explore their faith more, then please feel just as free to join our services as we would love to see you, you can be certain to receive a warm welcome and a good coffee and biscuits or cake if you are really lucky!



Don't forget our next event will be the **Harvest Quiz**. Tickets available as advertised and sales are strong, so be sure not to miss out and get your tickets soon.

Services in July

Sunday 2nd July 10am Sung Communion led by Rev Chrys Tremththannor

Sunday 16th July 10am Sung Communion led by Rev Stuart Moussir Harrison

Midweek Service every Wednesday 7pm



In aid of St John the Baptist Church Piddington with Horton

At Hackleton Village Hall

Sat 30th September 2023

7.30 for 8pm start (prompt)

Teams of 4

£8 per adult (or £5 for school age children)

including ploughman's supper



To book tickets call: Jane Ward 870203



July 2023



Schoolchildren of all ages in Northamptonshire are being asked to display their creative skills and share what inspired them about the King's Coronation by taking part in the countywide Coronation Art Competition.

His Majesty's Representative in Northamptonshire, the Lord-Lieutenant is inviting pupils to create a work of art based on their take on the Coronation celebrations that took place across the country in May.

There are four age categories for children with ages between four and sixteen with a cash prize of £100 per category, to be awarded at the final exhibition that will take place at The Stables at Lamport Hall on Thursday, 26 October. The top ten contestants in each category will be invited to exhibit their artworks at the exhibition. Residents, entrants, and their families will be welcome to visit the exhibition, which will run from Thursday, 26 October until Sunday, 29 October.

Entries must be sent to: coronationart@outlook.com

by Wednesday, 30 August, and include the entrant's name, age, the school, and the school's postcode.

- The possibilities are endless: you can submit drawings on size A3 canvas, paper, board, or you can use oil or water-based paint, pencil, pastel, crayons, collage, and photography to show what Coronation meant to you and remember you're limited only by your imagination.
- Being Northamptonshire I expect we'll see plenty of creative ways to use shoes and boots, and if you're not creative with your hands, write a poem or a song or send across your computer graphics.
- We are looking forward to receiving some wonderful and colourful submissions and I cannot wait to see the entries displayed at the final exhibition that will take place during the October half term.

James Saunders Watson Esq

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire

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'Alan Bennett's NHS drama is a pot-banging success

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July meeting Thursday 20th July Ramble at Stoke Bruerne followed by Supper at "The Boat Inn"

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Forthcoming meetings:

17th August at 7.45pm **Living & Working in Zambia for 50+ years** Speaker: Wenda Dill

21st September At 7.45pm

An Update on West Northants Council, with A Focus On Waste & Recycling Speakers: Councillor Stephen Clarke and David Heathcote

We meet on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year at Hackleton Village Hall. Guests are very welcome – £5.00 per meeting to include tea/coffee and delicious cake!

Contact **Jane Ward** President on 01604-870203 or any Committee Member

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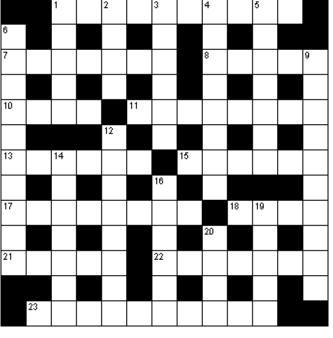
Take a Break

Put the kettle on, make yourself a brew, settle down in your favourite chair and take a break with these puzzles.

How are you getting on with these puzzles? Have you progressed yet from the Quick to the Less Quick Cryptic?

Solutions in next month's Mag - so no cheating, you've just got to persevere until you've finished them!

Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Darling (10)
- 7 Conflagration (7)
- Substantial (5) 8
- 10 Dog noise (4)
- 11 Catastrophe (8) 13 Servile follower (6)
- 15 Noon (6)
- 17 Opposite (8)
- 18 Winged insect (4)
- 21 Slack (5)
- 22 Large crustacean (7)
- 23 Branch of mathematics (10)

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Down

- 1 More secure (5)
- 2 Merit (4)
- Cancer or Capricorn (6) 3 Rapturous (8)
- 4 5 Akin (7)
- 6 Fiendish (10)
- 9 English county (10)
- 12 Worshipful (8)
- 14 Frankness (7)
- 19 Relating to sight (5)
- 20 Assist in a crime (4)

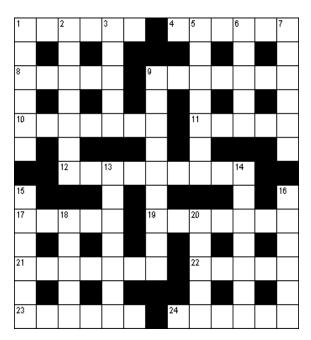
The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

Across

- Scattered letters in a press (6) 1
- 4 Climbed like a fish? (6)
- 8 Scare causing a number to prepare for war (5)
- Caribbean island that could be a danger 9 (7)
- 10 Grief at destruction of warship (7)
- 11 Quickly taking one step (5)
- 12 Weed growing wild under logs! (9)
- 17 Collection I'm backing for little children (5)
- 19 Poison scare in mess (7)
- 21 Transported girl goes to end of road (7)
- 22 Paint roller covers preliminary section (5)
- 23 Swamp in which ghouls wander (6)
- 24 Heads of studs (6)

Down

- 1 Employees on a Scottish island (6)
- A graduate with zest? Incredible! (7) 2
- 3 American uncle taking bachelor to dance (5)
- 5 Islanders can rest at sea (7)
- 6 Animal found in village centre by mother (5)
- A trader who will give a gambler a hand? 7 (6)
- The Emerald Isle? (9) 9
- 13 Expulsion got us in trouble (7)
- 14 Medicine was our connection, we hear (7)
- 15 Enthusiastic kisses or corporal punishment (6)
- 16 Rearranging cast or parts for players (6)
- 18 Trunk carried by a motor somewhere (5)
- 20 Empty shell with which I leave port in Ireland (5)



Sudoku

The object of the puzzle is to insert the numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through 9 exactly once.

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- 16 Refuge (6)



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I know you don't need the solutions to last month's puzzles, but here they are 'just in case'.

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Hackleton, Horton, Piddington and St George's Fields

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Go to **www.northantsnhw.co.uk** and when prompted enter your postcode to see the four available local schemes:

Local Co-ordinator

Hackleton

July 2023

Barbara Bayes • barbara.bayes@yahoo.com

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Click on your local scheme and when you see the map showing the area covered by the scheme, scroll down and click on the 'Apply to join' box. $\label{eq:complete} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Complete the details requested} - \mbox{your membership will} \\ \mbox{be confirmed by e-mail.} \end{array}$

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your local co-ordinator.

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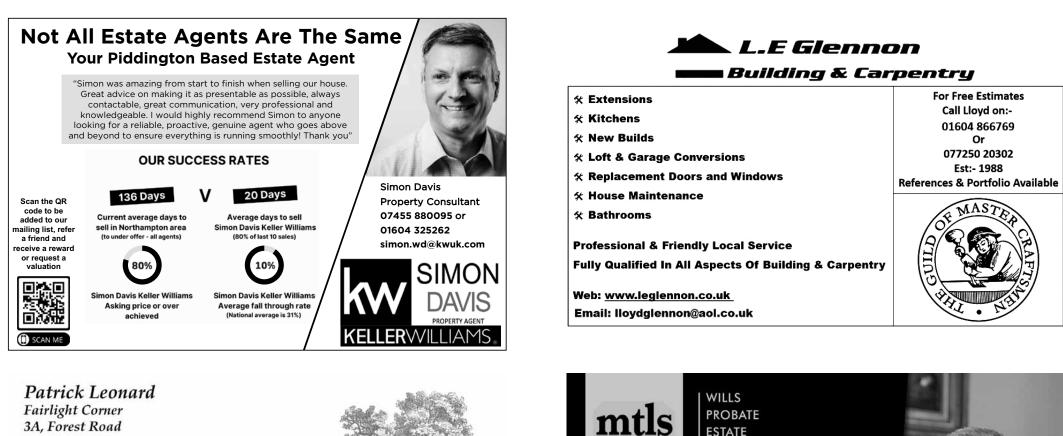
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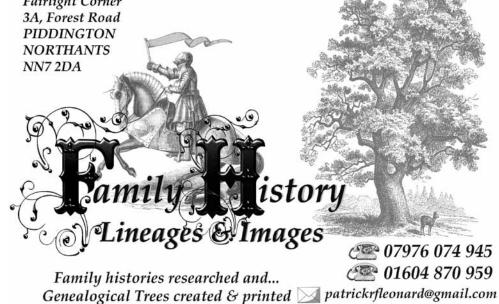
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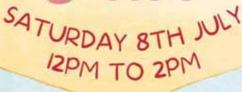
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