

# Hackleton Parish mag



Your Hackleton Parish News

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## London to Paris



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



Butterfly Patch  
Longland Meadow

All together now . . .

## 🎵 Neighbours . . . everybody needs good neighbours 🎵

Village dwellers are different to townsfolk and this makes village life different than living in town. When new families move into the parish, you hope that they will settle into village life and will rub along nicely with everyone and not do too much to upset the status quo. But as the removal vans come and go, there is always that niggling concern that the 'newbies' may not 'fit' our village. And so it was when new neighbours arrived in our street. However, there was absolutely no reason for concern – anyone who introduces themselves with a bottle of wine in hand is going to fit right in. Yea, yea, new neighbours I hear you say, but what about the wine? I have to admit that I'm not usually a great fan of sparkling wine. After a couple of sips of champagne at the very occasional wedding that I've been unable to avoid, I very quickly tire of the taste. However, the eye-catchingly labelled Prodolce is something different. We opened it to celebrate our son and partner moving into their first house and, I have to say, the wine was lovely. I'm not a wine expert but, as the saying goes, I like what I like . . . and we all liked Prodolce. We liked it a lot more than champagne or other proseccos, but be warned . . . it is very, very quaffable.

So a very warm welcome to Prodolce, sorry, I mean a warm welcome to Jenny, Andrew, Xcena and Zac to life in Piddington.

I hope you enjoy the August Mag (hic).



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**Cover**  
Lindsay Cox has done it!

### Submission Date

**First week (or so) of the month preceding publication month**  
For the September issue please submit your material as early as possible in August.



# The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

## Wellidog thanks you

I just want to thank all the people from the villages who continue to support Wellidog, your generosity is really appreciated and makes such a difference to our small charity. We have a waiting list of over twenty dogs waiting to be relinquished, as well as a steady stream of stray dogs from various pounds around the country. The latest intake is a trio of fourteen week old lurcher puppies who were found together, abandoned. Their time was up at the pound and with nobody offering to take them, they were due to be put to sleep. Wellidog is full to bursting but Vicki, our kennel manager couldn't let that happen and rearranged the premises to make space for them, and this is why the support we get is so important, so thank you kind folk.

Sylvia Newnham

## Speeding cars are an issue here as well

The long piece about safer roads from Mark Reeve made me smile when he said that living in Piddington, we might not suffer from speeding issues. If only this were true! So often going round the bend (comments not necessary!) by the factory, a vehicle will come from the opposite direction at speed and on the wrong side of the road – this is an accident waiting to happen!

Cars do speed in Piddington and even in the small cul de sac where I live, the occasional visiting car drives erratically at speed, it's crazy. We also have problems with people parking on the junction with Forest Road making it unsafe for the residents coming and going. Piddington is a fabulous place to live and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else so maybe people reading this might like to go slowly round the bend, like I have!

Sylvia Newnham

# Hackleton Parish Council cares

Response to Wootton Resident: *Who cares about us??*

Hackleton Parish Council cares deeply about all residents and areas of our parish. You will be aware of our Neighbourhood Plan which champions the creation of an off-road cycle and footway through the neighbourhood area to link the villages to the Wootton area of the Parish. Funding and development opportunities for this are constantly under review.

We have regularly advertised prior to elections and when vacancies arise for councillors to come forward to represent Wootton and St George's Fields and have tried to engage wherever possible. Unfortunately without a councillor representing this particular area it is difficult to understand issues or try to resolve them. All of our meetings are open to the public and the agendas published on our website and advertised on our noticeboards (of which two are located in Wootton).

The open grass areas to which you refer are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and residents pay additional charges to the maintenance companies to have these areas looked after. If the Parish Council was to do additional works to these areas then our precept which is funded through your council tax would have to increase to cover the additional costs and therefore you would be paying for the same service twice. We have regularly contacted the developers requesting

them to put pressure on their contractors to improve the open green areas. I am sure you know from personal experience that they are hard to communicate with but we do continue to try.

The Parish Council has installed two noticeboards, a grit bin and three dog waste bins in this part of the parish however negotiations proved to be very difficult with the developer and additional dog waste bins were not permitted by them. The Parish Council has also agreed to take on the ownership and ongoing maintenance of all street lights but this transfer of responsibility cannot take place legally until the roads have been adopted.

Turning to the Summer Fete several requests were made for volunteers to come forward to join the organising committee. Unfortunately nobody from the Wootton area came forward or expressed any interest. Please do come along and get involved, we really do want to support community cohesion and all areas of our geographically large parish join together as one.



Date for your Diary

### LESLEY'S DANCERS' ANNUAL CHARITY CABARET

This year's cabaret later than usual! Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th October 2023. Hackleton Village Hall – 7.30pm. Further details in next month's Parish Magazine.



Have you got something to say?

Say it to [hackletonparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:hackletonparishmag@gmail.com)

Whilst contributions must be supplied with full contact details, articles can be published anonymously if preferred.



## Distributors Required

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

Please contact me at the Mag if you can help.

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THANK YOU



## And there's more

A great time was had by all of those attending the **Barn Dance** in July. The Occasional Few entertained with Adrian calling the steps. Lots of laughter but probably not quite so much correct dancing. Look forward to next July. Thank you to all those who helped setting up.

**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.

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

**Roy and the Saracens** will be performing again this year at our New Year's Eve event.

Thank you for your support

**Edward Kilpin** BEM  
Chairman of the Trustees

## Monthly Tote

Dudley Winterbottom Memorial Hall,  
Hackleton

### Winning Numbers for July 2023

£100	03/09	Mrs Dunkley c/o collector
£50	02/06	R & D James, Church Road
£25	07/24	Charlotte Harrison c/o collector
£10	00/18	Andrew Poynter, Main Road
£10	00/19	Mrs D Woods, Main Road
£10	22/24	Mr & Mrs Denham, The Drive
£10	04/26	Mrs E Dil, Wantage Close

### The next draw will take place 16 August 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.



## Hackleton Village Hall

## Regular Activities

Day	Event	Time	Where	Contact Details
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
	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
<b>Friday</b>	Group Eight	19.00-22.00	Main Hall	Frequent Thursday
	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

**Alison Benson** Clerk to the Council

This month's Parish Council meeting isn't until 25th July so it is too late to report on it in this edition of the Mag'. Meeting notes will be provided in the next edition. Below are a few updates.

### Fraud

We are aware of a fraud happening in PIDDINGTON, whereby an elderly couple were convinced to hand over a substantial amount of money by people claiming to be from the Police.

The couple were contacted by person(s) claiming to be from the Police, who convinced the couple to take a quantity of money out from a foreign exchange and then claimed the money they had taken out was counterfeit, and sent a courier to collect it. This was a significant financial loss to the elderly couple.

### Rogue Traders

The Parish Council has been made aware that rogue traders have been active in the HACKLETON area.

The trader called at the home address of an elderly occupant and offered to clean some gutters; they charged the resident £200 for the works completed.

### Recreation Ground

The play equipment installation is progressing well.

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](mailto: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.

### Open Spaces

Our ride-on mower was out of action for most of June so the additional grass mowing we undertake around the parish was delayed. Steve our Groundsman has worked hard to catch up now that the mower is back in full working order.

### Highways

We are meeting with the Safer Roads Team to look to increase the number of locations our Speed Indicator Device can be deployed around the parish.

### Finance & Governance

Bank balances	30 June 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£160,443.81
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£143,947.61
<b>Total funds held</b>	<b>£304,391.42</b>

### 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>

### Next Parish Council Meeting

5th September

To be held in the Annexe, Hackleton Village Hall.

# TIRED OF POTHOLES FLY-TIPPING LOOSE PAVING DOG POOP VANDALISM BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?

The Parish Council is not responsible for highways or footpaths within the Parish. Any highway or footpath related issues or defects should be reported via **Street Doctor**, which is Northamptonshire Highways public reporting system powered by **Fix My Street**

## REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH FixMyStreet.com

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

Visit the Parish Council website:  
[www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

For full meeting minutes and the very latest parish information.

Contact the Council:

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or telephone Alison on 07464 429630



Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole:  
[Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk)  
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# Land at The Green, Great Houghton

Roy Hawkesford attended the Visioning Workshop on 13 July 2023

You may be aware that Land at The Green is an 800 house project south of Great Houghton village, south of Brackmills Industrial Estate. It is a 40-hectare sausage shaped agricultural site in open countryside, separated from the existing village by the Ecological Enhancement Area. It is, basically, landlocked and served by tiny roads off the B526 and through the village to the A428. Like us, Gt Houghton has a Neighbourhood Plan (since 2022) and much reference was made to the fact.

## An exercise in futility?

I admit that I attended the workshop session in a sceptical frame of mind, sensing that it would be a "We want to hear what you have to say (but we'll do what we want anyway)" four-hour. The session was run by Homes England, a public body, sponsored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with the intention of speeding up the pace of house building across the country. As the project is already in WNC Local Plan Part 2, we were there not to debate whether or not it should go ahead, but to help form the 'vision' on what it will look like and how it will work.

The biggest difference between Homes England and previous largescale development organisations is that they follow through the whole process from Outline Planning and Reserved Matters through to the end; in short, they control the whole development and make sure that what is agreed is delivered by the developer.

In case you're wondering what this has to do with Hackleton Parish, just look at the map and you will see the relationship between the above site and the latest one on the radar, "Hardingstone Rise", a site for 1000 houses between that one and the B526, which would eventually comprise housing all the way along the north side of the B526 from Wootton to Preston Deanery.

## The big issues

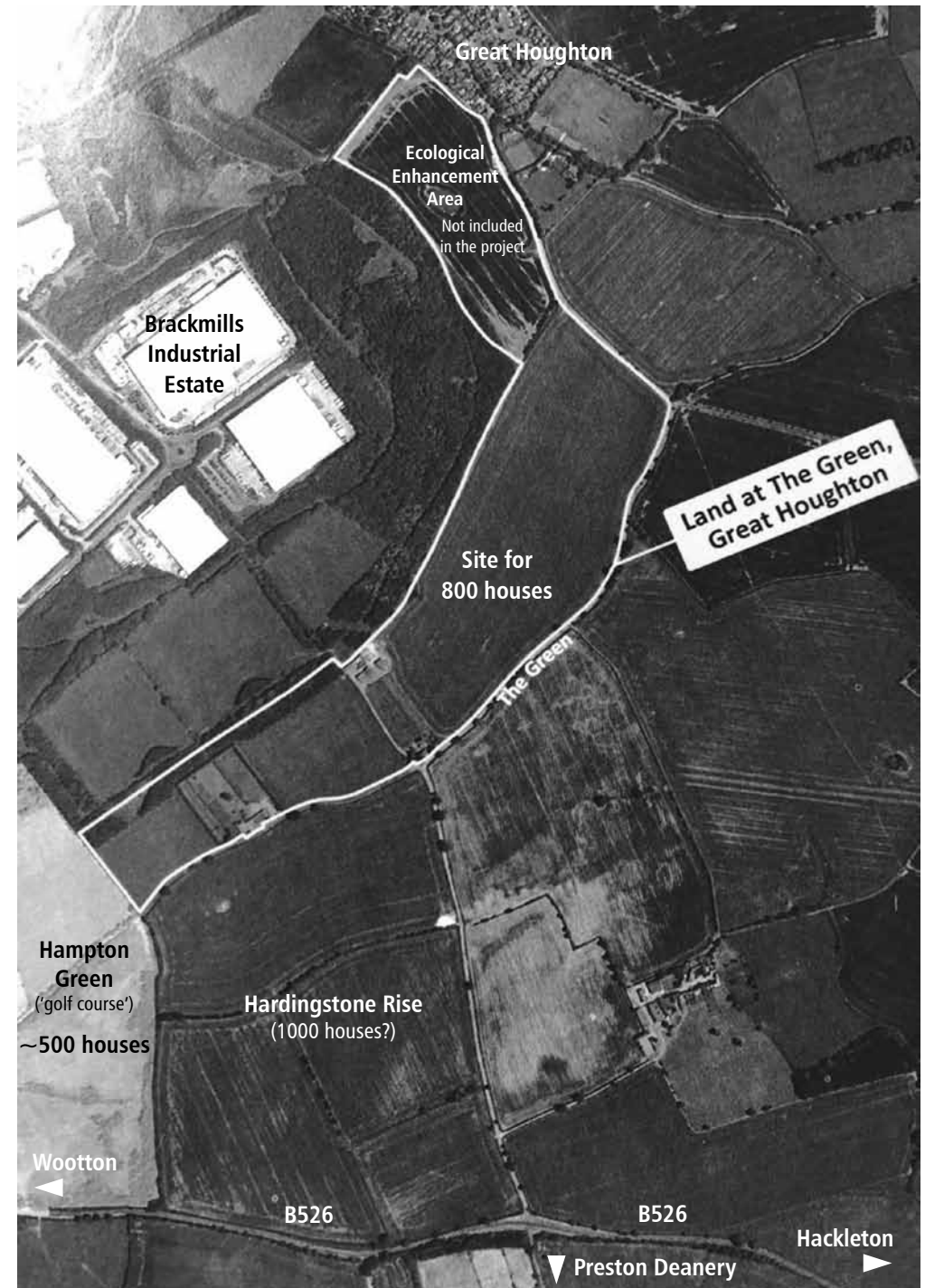
While there was discussion about facilities, the environment, housing type, etc, by far the biggest topic was – you guessed it – roads and public transport. Not being fobbed off with "Oh, people will use bicycles, e-scooters and even walk to work" (at Brackmills, presumably?), we made it clear that cars would add at least 1600 more cars to the existing road network. Any notion that public transport would be provided evaporated early on in the discussion.

As well as the environmental impact, the link roads are narrow and unsuitable for larger volumes of traffic, lorries and buses. There was no clear plan to how the new site would be linked to the two main roads, except for, possibly, a new road through Brackmills. The impact on the B526 was reiterated, as well as the knock-on effect through Wootton to the A45 and M1. This would be considerably worse if Hardingstone Rise were to be built! Especially during construction, would the preferred route from our villages into Northampton be along Brafield Road and Bedford Road?

Another issue regarding the site at Gt Houghton was how it would identify itself. It's in open countryside, not directly linked to the village; unless it had sufficient facilities would it not – like Wootton Fields – identify with Wootton, putting pressure on an already well-used centre?

In terms of traffic, none of the above will appeal to the residents of our villages. How Homes England will get round the issues raised, I have no idea... and I don't think they do either. But their task is to deliver houses, in this case a dormitory estate with a poor road network and no public transport. Yes, they will have full control over the development and they did listen to what we had to say; I just hope they deliver and not leave us even more sceptical than we were beforehand.

Roy Hawkesford



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## Picnic In The Park

On Sunday 9th July Horton House Cricket Club held our first ever Picnic In The Park at Denton Road. We were lucky enough to have the Northampton Male Voice Choir perform for us in front of well over 120 members and friends of the club. Our President and choir member Trevor Finch lead the charge and kept the crowd thoroughly entertained with a number of hits, ending

in some hand clapping show songs as the sun set on Denton Road. Thank you to the choir, all attendees and all the volunteers who made the day possible.

We are already planning next year's event!

**On the day we raised over £1200 for the Prostate Project and for junior cricket.**



*Basking in the sunshine with good food and great music . . . all in a fantastic setting – what a lovely event!*



Pictures courtesy of  
Peter Elliott and Paul Das



THE AIM OF THE GROUP IS TO PROMOTE LIVE THEATRE IN THE COMMUNITY TO THE MUTUAL ENJOYMENT OF MEMBERS AND AUDIENCES ALIKE.

## Happy Summer all

The members of Group Eight normally have a bit of a break over the summer, but not this year.

This being our 50th anniversary, we are preparing a Cabaret for September. This will feature songs, sketches and much more from all the decades that the group has existed. From the 1970s onwards!

This show is on the 8th and 9th September at Hackleton Village Hall. Tickets are very reasonable at £9 and £7 for concessions. They are on sale now on the secure ticketing site TicketSource and you can easily find the by visiting our Ticket Booking page on our website at [groupeight.co.uk](http://groupeight.co.uk).

Watch out for our posters!

The group successfully attended the family funday, reprising the ever-popular human fruit machine, then later in the afternoon performing some group and solo songs on the stage.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Cabaret Night and we may even know by then what we will be doing as a Panto in December.

### Alan Campbell

Chairman, Group Eight Theatre Company

**Please note** that our updated email address::  
**[groupeight1973@outlook.com](mailto:groupeight1973@outlook.com)**.

We also have a new version of our website which will now show a padlock meaning that it is secure in your web browser.



Group Eight entertaining the audience at the summer fete.

## Numbers not your thing?

West Northants Council are offering free adult numeracy courses. The Multiply programme supports adults to improve their numeracy skills.

## Multiply

Feeling confident with numbers helps in every aspect of life, from measuring food ingredients, mixing hair dye and checking invoices, to helping the children with their homework or even setting up in business.

But if you feel uncomfortable when thinking about numbers, you're not alone! The good news is that there is no such thing as someone who 'can do maths' and someone who cannot. It's learning in the right way for you that will help you get on in life.

This could be applying for a new job, improving career prospects, budgeting at home, helping the kids or saving for the future. You don't need to become a maths expert to do this.

With the current increase in the cost of living, it adds up that now is time to improve your own skills in working with numbers.

If you're one of the 49% of adults underconfident when it comes to anything about maths, you'll be able to get the support you need in the way you need it from the Multiply programme. From flexible online courses to one-to-one mentoring, learn how you want, when you want.

Multiply has been launched as part of the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme, by the Department for Education, in partnership with West Northamptonshire Council.

To be eligible you need to:

- Be a resident in West Northamptonshire, aged 19 and over
- Not achieved a maths GCSE of at least a Grade C or equivalent
- Want to develop numeracy skills for work
- Want to brush up and develop their numeracy skills

Full details at:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/multiply>

West Northants Council are also offering the following Community Forums:

- Disabled People's Forum
- Diverse Communities Forum
- LGBTQ People and Allies Forum
- Women's Forum
- Youth Forum

For further information please visit:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/community-safety-and-emergencies/community-forums>



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# I've actually gone and done it!

Lindsay Cox reports on her epic cycle ride from London to Paris

Just over 300 miles on a bike from Greenwich Park to The Eiffel Tower and £1880 raised for Cure Leukaemia and I couldn't be happier or more proud of myself.

A few months ago this was just a crazy idea but I can honestly say I've just had the best four days I could have hoped for and I will never forget it.

The highlight for me was riding into Paris on a sunny Sunday afternoon, the streets and cafes were overflowing with people enjoying their afternoon and not expecting to see 170+ riders, all dressed identically in yellow tops, to come riding past two by two. We were led in on closed roads by lead cars and motorcycle escort amid cheering crowds all the way up to the Eiffel Tower. My smile could not have been bigger and any aches or pains I may have had over the last four days were forgotten.

Three days earlier we left Greenwich Park at 7.30am on a very chilly Thursday morning. This was my first time riding in a group of more than a few people and, together with riding through the streets of London in rush hour, I was understandably very nervous. We were split into 4 groups with our group consisting of around 60 riders. Once out into the Kent countryside I relaxed and started to enjoy myself.

75 miles and many new friends later we arrived in Folkestone ready to board the Eurostar to Calais. Our bikes were handed over and once in Calais we boarded

coaches to be taken to our hotels for dinner and a very welcome bed, ready for the very early start in the morning for our next day – Calais to Abbeville.

The following three days in France were amazing, very hilly, extremely hot, so much fun, unbelievably organised and also very moving at times. Each day we rode in our groups until the last 15 miles or so when we would all ride as one huge group into the destination for that day.

The last day in Paris was unimaginable and I will never forget it.

On the evening of the last day we all attended the Gala Dinner hosted by Cure Leukaemia. It was here we watched videos, heard very moving stories and met some incredibly brave people who have had personal experience of blood cancer, either themselves or by people close to them. We also heard from Matt Gant who ran the full distance in five days rather than four. He ran three full marathons a day for four days and then one last marathon on day five to meet us at the Eiffel Tower at the same time. Matt had lost his son at the age of 6 years old only a short time ago. It was stories like this that made the whole event incredibly real and worthwhile.

I must now say a very huge thank you to everyone who donated. My target was £1500 and I have raised almost £400 more than that. I moved to Hackleton



**cureleukaemia**  
the blood cancer charity

## Please help

We can still support Lindsay on her challenge and help her raise as much money as possible for Cure Liukemia by making a donation via her Just Giving page:



[www.justgiving.com/  
fundraising/lindsay-cox7](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lindsay-cox7)

or scan this QR code:



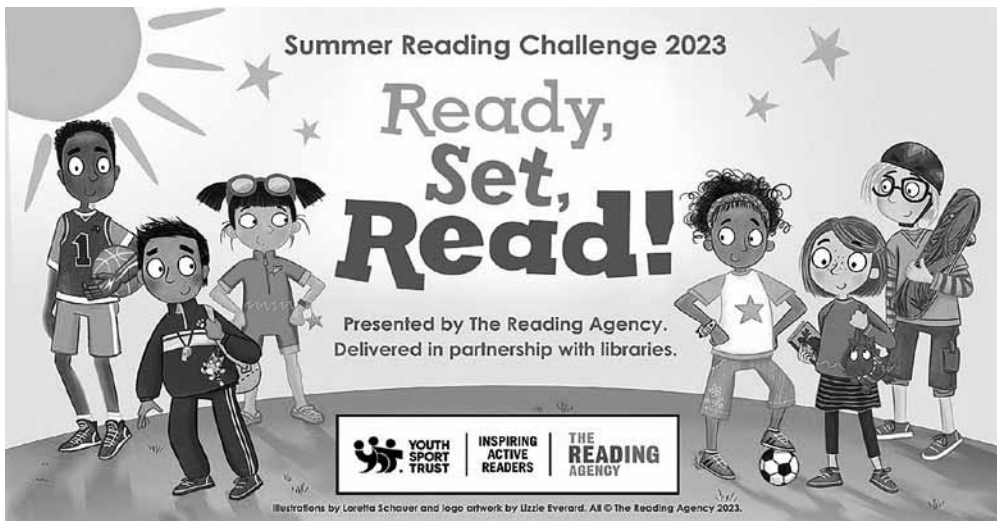
just over 10 years ago and the support and generosity from everyone both in Hackleton and the surrounding villages has been incredible. Thank you once again for your kindness and help for such a worthy cause.

The event in total so far has raised a massive £230,000 and the funds are still coming in. Donations are still being accepted until September this year if anyone is interested.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Lindsay Cox**





# Ready, Set, Read!

West Northants libraries launch sport-themed Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, children aged 4 to 11 can visit any West Northamptonshire Library to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots and get involved in a Summer Reading Challenge themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The Challenge, which launches on Saturday, 8 July, invites children to read six books over the summer holidays whilst tracking their reading via a fictional summer obstacle course – brought to life by children’s author and illustrator Loretta Schauer.

Participants will be rewarded with a medal and certificate upon completing the challenge. The Library Service has also partnered with local leisure centres to provide a voucher entitling children to a free swim or badminton, table tennis or squash court hire, depending on location.

The Challenge runs until Saturday, 9 September and aims to increase children’s reading engagement and confidence whilst supporting their health and wellbeing and introducing families to their local library.

Cllr Adam Brown said: “This summer we are inviting children to swap screen time and smartphones for reading books. Research shows reading in children can ‘dip’ over the summer months and we want to help change that.

“By participating in the challenge, young people will have the opportunity to explore new reading material, develop skills, and discover new interests whilst also keeping active.

“It’s free to take part and I would encourage families across West Northamptonshire to sign up and discover the many books and services available in our local libraries.”


Sign up to the Challenge in any library branch from 8 July. Further information around the Summer Reading Challenge and library events and services can be found on the Libraries webpage.



West Northamptonshire Council

Communications Team


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# Ready, Set, Read!

## Events at Wootton Library

<p>27th July 11am – 3pm <b>Design a sports kit and shaker</b></p> <p>3rd August 11am – 3pm <b>Question of sport quiz</b></p> <p>10th August 11am – 3pm <b>Balloon activities</b></p>	<p>17th August 11am – 3pm <b>Board games</b></p> <p>24th August 11am – 3pm <b>Library Olympics</b></p> <p>31st August 11am – 3pm <b>Sporty story time</b></p>
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Telephone  
01604 361422

**LibraryPlus**  
**WOOTTON**

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woottoncml@gmail.com



## The Parish Council has been made aware that ROGUE TRADERS have been active in the Hackleton area.

The trader called at the home address of an elderly occupant and offered to clean some gutters; they charged the resident £200 for the works completed.

Rogue traders will often use common tactics such as props to convince occupants that there is a problem with their properties which need urgent attention. This can include buckets containing broken roof tiles, debris/rubble, nests or dead birds to suggest that they have come from their roof space

Rogue traders tend to be quite assertive, albeit very pleasant to start with, and will happily walk homeowners around the exterior of their properties, pointing out elements of work which need attention. Once they have convinced the homeowner that work needs to be carried out, they will always escalate the original quote, manufacture extra work or offer to take them to a bank or cash machine to withdraw money. If you or someone you know finds themselves in such a situation and have any doubts, please call the police.

Please be vigilant for potential rogue traders operating and encourage elderly or vulnerable relatives to call you should any tradesman insist work needs to be carried out or are demanding money.



## How to spot a doorstep scam

- Someone knocks on your door that you weren't expecting warning that there's a problem with your roof or driveway that needs to be fixed without delay
- You're asked to make a payment upfront for work to be carried out
- You're convinced to go to your bank branch and withdraw money whilst they set up
- Additional problems are identified for which additional money is needed immediately

## Always remember

- ! Never disclose your PIN or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank card, financial information or withdraw cash
- ! Don't feel pressured. Don't agree to hand over money at the door. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust
- ! Only let someone in if you're expecting them or they're a trusted friend, family member or professional. Don't feel embarrassed about turning someone away
- ! Check their credentials. You should always check someone's credentials – a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you
- ! Take the time to think about any offer, even if it's genuine. Don't be embarrassed to say 'no' or ask them to leave (always get different quotes)
- ! Call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger. Call the police non-emergency number 101 if you're not in immediate danger but want to report an incident



## Open again

Restored Horton landmark hotel reopens

We are delighted to share our exciting news with the local community. After a period of renovation and preparation, our hotel is all set to reopen its doors on 29th July, welcoming guests once again.

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We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to fully integrate with the local community.

**Naima Kassir**

General Manager  
The French Partridge



## Hackleton and Piddington Feasts

Annual village feasts started on the second Sunday in July when the children had a week's holiday from school. Maureen Williams brings us this account of proceedings in Hackleton in 1881 as reported in the Northampton Mercury.

'The Feast has come and passed away. It made its appearance even before it was due, by the erection of merry-go-rounds, swings &c. On the Sunday two sermons were preached in the Baptist Chapel by the Rev. G. J. Moore, of Northampton, on behalf of the Sunday-schools, the proceeds of the collection going to the School Fund. There was the usual influx of visitors of nearly all ages, who generally make a practice of paying us a friendly visit during this season. The fact is, the feast seems more and more a week of arrangements for holidays of various kinds, for nearly every day now brings forth several forms of amusement; in fact, so numerous are the events that there has to be more than one for each day or they could not all be attended in one week. To give a detailed list would perhaps be advisable.'

There followed a list which included a cricket match, the Co-op anniversary tea, followed by sports, with the Piddington and Hackleton brass band 'in attendance', the annual tea for the Baptist Chapel Sunday-school pupils, a picnic in Salcey Forest and a public tea. The festivities finished on the Saturday with dancing to the Northampton Band.

The events were not always popular with residents, however. In 1890 the Mercury reported that the Hardingstone Highways Board had received a complaint: 'from certain of the inhabitants of Piddington calling attention to the nuisance caused by owners of stalls, &c., at Piddington Feast. The vendors placed their stalls near the Wesleyan Chapel, and are there all day on Sunday at the Feast. The language used in connection with the fun of the fair is objected to by the attendants at the chapel and by the inhabitants of the adjoining cottages. — The Clerk was empowered to see Supt Alexander on the matter'.



*The Piddington and Hackleton Brass Band. From the collection of the late Mrs Edith Rainbow née Gibson.*

The late Iris Sanders (née Longland) recalled that travelling showman Mr Strudwick would bring his caravans to Dairy Farm for the feast in the late 1920s and set up stalls on the field behind Russell Cottage, and once, when the field hadn't been harvested, in the farmyard itself. There would be stalls selling sweets and toys, a coconut shy, a shooting gallery, a barrel organ and a roundabout. Iris recalled: "I remember watching Granny Strudwick make 'spit-rock'. This was delicious cinder toffee, but she would spit on her hands as she worked, throwing the toffee to get long strands, hence the name."

Henry Arthur Strudwick, also known as Harry or Cockney Harry was born in London in 1862. He married Emily Hood who was from a fairground family in Berkshire. Harry spent most of his life touring Northamptonshire and the surrounding counties with his carousels, swing boats and games like 'Aunt Sally'. The family (he and Emily had ten children) spent the winter months in Burton Latimer. When Harry died in 1932 his second youngest son, John (1899 – 1994) took over the business, and this was the Mr Strudwick that Iris remembered.

Next time: The Martins of Church Farm, Piddington

# Health and Wellbeing

## West Northants leisure trust to deliver free health and wellbeing activities

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) has awarded £10,000 in funding to Trilogy Active to continue to deliver free sports and wellbeing activities in Northampton.

The activities run across different areas of Northampton and include walks to improve mental health and wellbeing as well as sports activities for young people.

The Northampton Wellbeing Walks Programme, which is part of the nationally recognised Ramblers Wellbeing Walks programme, aims to provide everyone with access to a short group walk within easy reach of where they live.

The walks allow people of all abilities to meet and connect with new people in their area whilst getting more active and will be delivered 14 times per week across 12 locations in Northampton, all free of charge.

The Street Sports initiative is a doorstep sport programme which aims to engage young people in underserved communities and use sport as a diversionary activity to create positive change by providing free to access sport and exercise activities.

The programme includes 10 weekly sessions for people aged 8 to 18 years and will take place across the Thorplands, Kings Heath, Blackthorn and Bellinge areas of Northampton.

Cllr Adam Brown, Deputy Leader of WNC and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure, said: "We're really pleased to be able to provide Trilogy Active with this funding to deliver these important activities which will benefit residents across Northampton.

"Sport and physical activity play a vital role in our communities and are enormously important in helping people's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

"I encourage everybody to take advantage of these free programmes and take a look at the other offerings available in their local leisure centre."

Trilogy Active currently manages the Mounts Baths, Lings Forum Leisure Centre, Danes Camp Leisure Centre, the Cripps Recreation Centre, Duston Sports Centre and Berzerk in Northampton, and Trilogy Gym in Peterborough.

John Fletcher, Managing Director of Trilogy Active, said: "We are delighted to continue to receive this funding which will help make a real difference to people in Northampton.

"Our Wellbeing Walks, led by our trained volunteer walk leaders are a great way to meet new people and to give your health and wellbeing a boost. Our Northampton Streets Sports programme aims to create a positive change in the lives of young people across the town through the power of sport.

"The project helps to provide young people with positive opportunities to participate in structured activities which broaden horizons, teach valuable life skills, and bring people together."



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Thursday 17th August 2023 at 7.45pm  
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### Living & Working in Zambia for 50+ years

Speaker: Wenda Dill

Guests are very welcome  
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### Advance notice for September Meeting

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.  
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include tea/coffee and delicious cake!

Contact **Jane Ward**

President on 01604-870203  
or any Committee Member



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 Living Brook Benefice

## Time to bring in the harvest

Living in a village like we do usually means we are more in tune with the seasons changing, as we can see the seasonal changes in the fields that surround us. August brings one of the biggest changes as we see the change in the fields as the crops are harvested. As a young girl from a farming family I used to enjoy the school holidays as it meant going back to my parents home village in Cambridgeshire, where we would all pitch in to help my uncle and aunt bring in the harvest or help with smaller jobs around the farm when we were younger like collecting the eggs. I used to love this time as we would gather round the kitchen table with my cousins and my aunt would dish up hearty meals at the end of the day.

It is because of harvest time and the need for all the children to help out with the harvest that our children (and our teachers!) look forward to the summer holidays knowing that six weeks without school stretch out before them. It is no coincidence that the church calendar reflects the seasons too and that we still celebrate harvest festivals to give thanks for the harvest. It is also why Jesus often used farming examples in his parables as

people could relate to them. I often wonder what his parables would be like today given that so few people understand the farming life today! However you spend August, spare a thought for our farmers for whom August is their busiest time of the year and pray that the severe weather events do not impact even more on our cost of living crisis because of poor harvests.



Don't forget our next event will be the **Harvest Quiz**. Tickets available as advertised.

### Services in August

Sunday 6th August 10am  
**Sung Communion** led by Rev Doug Spenceley

Sunday 20th August 10am  
**Sung Communion** led by Archdeacon Richard Ormston

**Midweek service** every Wednesday 7 pm

# Book your tickets now for 2023 Harvest Quiz

**In aid of St John the Baptist Church Piddington  
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**At Hackleton Village Hall**

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**7.30 for 8pm start (prompt)**

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# CORONATION ART COMPETITION 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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## Landimore Road Closure

29 July to 2 September!

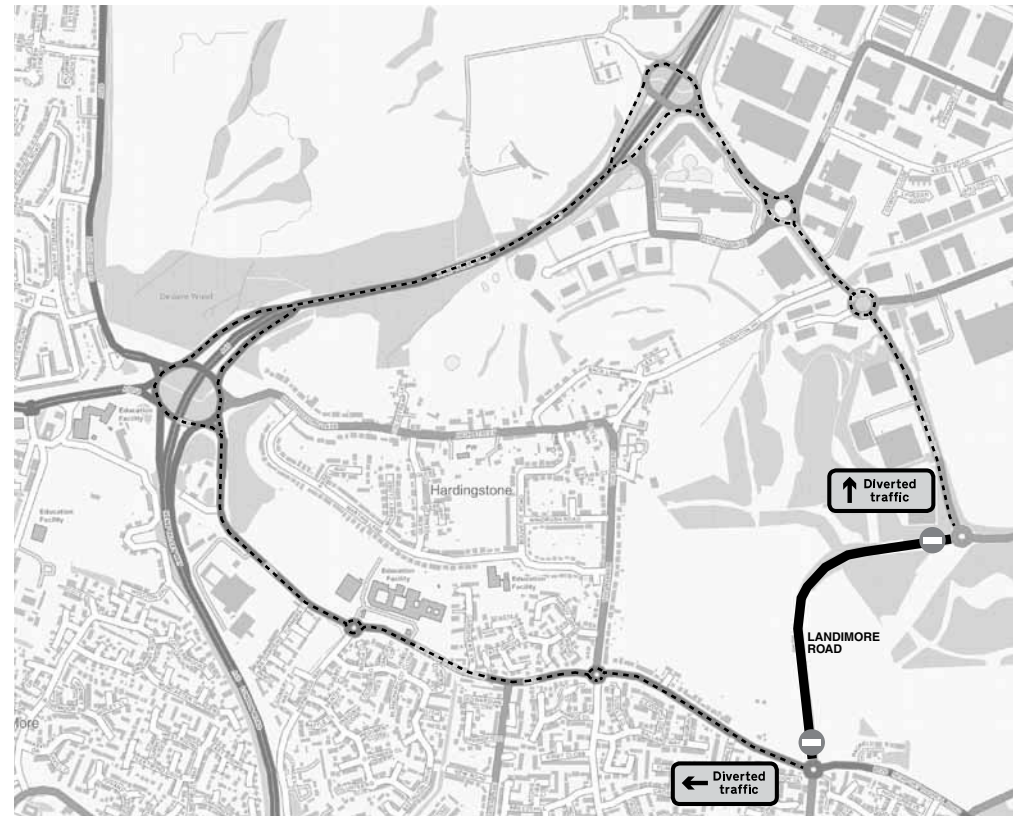
As part of the Tilia Homes housing development on the B526 Newport Pagnell Road, Landimore Road, which is the Brackmills Industrial Estate access road from the B526 Newport Pagnell Road, will be closed for the entire month of August. The recommended diversion route is via the A45 Nene Valley Way.

### Wootton to Brackmills Industrial Estate

- ▶ B526 towards Northampton
- ▶ 4th exit at Queen Eleanor Interchange on to the eastbound A45 Nene Valley Way
- ▶ 1st exit into Brackmills Industrial Estate
- ▶ Continue into Brackmills Industrial Estate via Caswell Road and Gowerton Road

### Brackmills Industrial Estate to Wootton

- ▶ Continue along Gowerton Road and Caswell Road to the A45
- ▶ 1st exit on to the westbound A45 Nene Valley Way
- ▶ 1st exit to Queen Eleanor Interchange
- ▶ 2nd exit on to B526 towards Wootton



# 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?

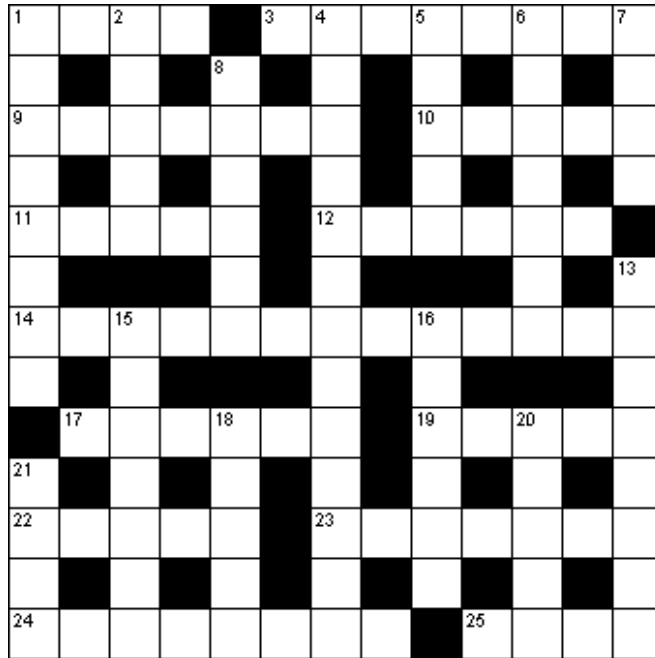
Solutions in next month's Mag – so no cheating, you've just got to persevere until you've finished them!

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## Quick Crossword



### Across

- 1 Partly open (4)
- 3 Without mercy (8)
- 9 Come down (7)
- 10 Savour (5)
- 11 Devoured (5)
- 12 Water ice (6)
- 14 Government employees (5,8)
- 17 Light meals (6)
- 19 Leader of a Jewish congregation (5)
- 22 Jousting weapon (5)
- 23 Flagrant (7)
- 24 Emphasised (8)
- 25 Peruse (4)

### Down

- 1 Assemblage of listeners (8)
- 2 Something worth having (5)
- 4 Absolutely necessary (13)
- 5 Bury (5)
- 6 Oriental (7)
- 7 Discard (4)
- 8 Edible part of a nut (6)
- 13 Helped (8)
- 15 Wine seller (7)
- 16 In words (6)
- 18 Game played on a checkered board (5)
- 20 Burn fiercely (5)
- 21 In addition (4)

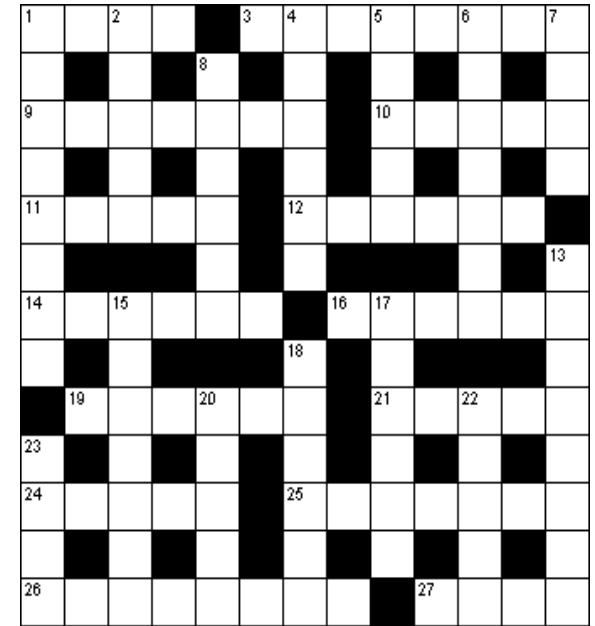
## The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

### Across

- 1 Visit California before the end of April (4)
- 3 Deep professional discovered (8)
- 9 Sales talk about article for dog (7)
- 10 Once a stormy sea (5)
- 11 Remove lead from hound that's worth having (5)
- 12 Go to bed and start drawing a pension (6)
- 14 Leaders of Anglo-French business make an assertion (6)
- 16 Annie is one finding empty pouch in North African port (6)
- 19 Swampy planet has some hydrogen (6)
- 21 Game birds seen after the fifth of October (5)
- 24 Exclamation of Scot about colour (5)
- 25 Stained form as a substitute (7)
- 26 A turnip's cooked for austere believers (8)
- 27 Small sweet potato (4)

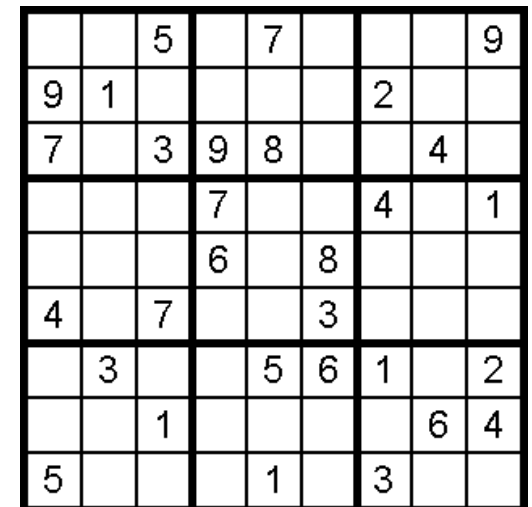
### Down

- 1 Players not at home for Crusoe, say (8)
- 2 Many young men have nothing inside them (5)
- 4 They may be used to measure kings and queens (6)
- 5 TV detective revealing number of fingers? (5)
- 6 Find a hunter going astray (7)
- 7 Eat in readiness (4)
- 8 Beer, please, in Germany? Right! (6)
- 13 A particular team - leader in division - is biased (3-5)
- 15 Alarm about the light thing (7)
- 17 Sturdy old boy in reddish-brown (6)
- 18 Ryan is possibly an Arab (6)
- 20 Term of endearment, like "honey" (5)
- 22 Wife initially needing assistance to give birth (5)
- 23 TV series that seen in the bathroom (4)



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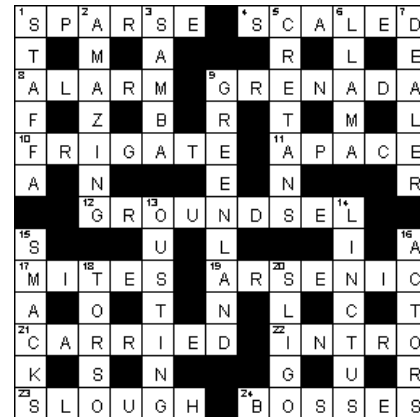
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I know you don't need the solutions to last month's puzzles, but here they are 'just in case'.

### Quick



### Cryptic



1	7	3	8	4	6	9	5	2
4	5	6	7	9	2	8	3	1
8	9	2	3	1	5	4	6	7
7	4	9	1	6	3	5	2	8
5	3	1	4	2	8	6	7	9
2	6	8	5	7	9	3	1	4
6	8	4	2	3	1	7	9	5
9	1	7	6	5	4	2	8	3
3	2	5	9	8	7	1	4	6

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