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## Coffee@Carey

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£5 entry fee – includes a drink

Tickets available from **Coffee@Carey** or Wendy Blake on **0774 2795849**

All proceeds will go to Carey Baptist Chapel facilities refurb.

## Time for change

October is probably my least favourite of month. I don't dislike the month but if I had to list the months of the calendar in order of preference, October would be somewhere near the bottom. Whilst we are fortunate that all our months represent some sort of change in our varied seasons, October's changes are my least favourite. The days get significantly shorter and the darkness of night encroaches at both ends of the day. We will soon be starting our working days in the dark and finishing work in the dark. At the end of October we have the end of British Summer Time – a sudden acceleration of dusk starting mid-afternoon. An extra hour's sleep doesn't seem a fair exchange. On the upside, the arrival of autumn does bring some lovely changes from which we can all benefit. A cool, crisp and bright autumn day does take some beating. The countryside changes colour and a walk in Salcey Forest is just glorious. I remind myself to embrace change, as change bring us something different to enjoy.



For anyone that's interested, I decided to run the half-marathon distance at the inaugural **Amazing Northampton Run**.

Whilst running 13.1 miles is never easy, the brand new closed-road route which visits many of the town's landmarks helped take my mind off my legs and was much better than the previous route. The race director is hopeful that next year's event will not clash with the Cycle4Cynthia cycle ride and so we can all support both events, can't we?

I hope you enjoy the October Mag.



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**Cover**  
Wild flowers in Piddington churchyard.

**Submission Date**  
**First week (or so) of the month preceding publication month**  
For the November issue please submit your material as early as possible in October.





# The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!



It's good to see that Forestry England are as efficient at replacing signs as they are at felling trees.

## We urgently need your help!



**We currently have no volunteer distributors for St George's Fields**

After this October issue we have no means of distributing the parish magazine in St George's Fields.

### Can you help?

Please contact me at the Mag if you can help.

**Alan McDonogh**  
01604 870390  
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**THANK YOU**

# A moan from an irate dog walker!

On my walk to the post box at 14:30 on Friday 1st September I was greeted with this sight by the bus stop opposite the rec on Main Road, Hackleton.

The rubbish was not wet so had not been there overnight! Someone had driven from a MacDonalds, ate most of their Big Mac and dumped the rubbish by our bus stop, probably to get rid of the disgusting smell from their car! This is totally unacceptable behaviour!

After posting my letter and seething for the entire walk through Hackleton, I returned home, got a bin

liner, and cleared up the mess! I thought I should draw everyone's attention to this appalling behaviour from people passing through our village. What encouragement does this give the volunteers who look after the planters so well, I ask?

Does anyone know who did this? If you do please tell them – DO NOT DO IT AGAIN!

**Jane Ward**  
Piddington



An absolute disgrace!



After my clear-up

# Welli



## The dogs would say "thank you"

Hackleton Baptist Chapel have very kindly offered to have a donation bin for Wellidog there. Donations of all things doggie can be taken during the café opening times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Any bulky items can be collected by me, phone number 07864 017866.

Wellidog really appreciates their support and the ongoing support from our villages, thank you kind folk.

**Sylvia Newnham**  
Piddington



## 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.



**Thank you** to all those who came to the cream teas in August. The numbers attending the first one was disappointing but there was a number of other events held in the villages. The second one was very well attended and a total of £887.50 (including two donations) was raised. I know all of those who came said how much they had enjoyed it.

Don't forget the **Lincoln Noel Trio** will be entertaining us on 14th October. Always a fantastic evening with plenty of laughter. Tickets at £15 each are available from Edward Kilpin 870764. The food is jacket potato with variety of fillings.

**Roy and the Saracens** will be performing again this year at our New Year's Eve event. Tickets are £20 a head but please book early as they do go quite quickly and you would not want to be disappointed.

The Trustees will be considering events for 2024. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

As usual thank you for your support

**Edward Kilpin** BEM  
Chairman of the Trustees

**2023 Events**  
14th October – 'Lincoln Noel Trio'  
31st December – New Year's Eve Dance

## Monthly Tote

### Dudley Winterbottom Memorial Hall, Hackleton

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.

#### Winning Numbers for August 2023

£100	01/26	Lochlan Brown c/o Collector
£50	03/12	Gary Johnstone, Carey Road
£25	05/09	Mrs Kingdom, Lyne Walk
£10	10/20	Allison Neal, Carey Road
£10	08/22	Mrs Pryer, Pinetrees Close
£10	10/19	Mr O Thomas, Brook Court
£10	14/20	Mrs Smith, Willoughby Way

#### Winning Numbers for September 2023

£100	11/31	Mr Savage, Forest Road
£50	22/30	Mr & Mrs Gosling, Hillside Road
£25	11/14	Mr Smith, Lyne Walk
£10	16/31	B & C Wright, Main Road
£10	08/30	Emily Hardy c/o Barbara Bayes
£10	21/29	Hackleton Pre School c/o C Walker
£10	00/23	Mr & Mrs Swepston, Captains Court

**The next draw will take place on 11th October 2023**

## 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 2nd 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
Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846	
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	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

5 September 2023

**Alison Benson** Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on the 5th September 2023. All eleven councillors were present together with Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole and the Parish Clerk.

## Street Lights

Western Power have repaired eight street lights with connection issues. Structural survey reports have been received on all street lighting columns. Two columns in Willoughby Way, Piddington have been flagged as needing replacement and the work has been instructed. The new columns should be installed shortly and then once the electricity cables have been switched from the old columns to the new columns (6-8 weeks) the old columns will be removed.

## St George's Fields

Further contact was made with Morris Homes in August with photographic evidence urging them to better maintain the green open spaces and manage their contractors appropriately.

## Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment

A hedgehog house is to be purchased for the churchyard and a water butt installed.

The Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment Working Party has been disbanded to allow for an independent Forum to be set up the Forum will, report to Council and apply for funds from the Council's allocated budget.

## Recreation Ground

The new play equipment has been very well received and well used over the summer months. Weekly visual inspections are carried out but if anybody notices anything broken or in need of attention, please contact Alison our Clerk. Signage will be put in place confirming the play area rules:

- Children must be supervised at all times
- The play equipment is for children 12 years and under only
- Users of the equipment do so at their own risk, Hackleton Parish Council does not accept any liability for loss or injury caused by the use of this equipment.
- Do not use any equipment if it appears damaged, or is malfunctioning. Please report to the Clerk to the Parish Council on 07464 429630 or e-mail: clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- In the interest of safety, please do not bring glass or alcohol into the area
- Dogs must be on a lead at all times
- In an emergency please dial 999

## E-Scooters

Privately owned E-Scooters cannot be used around the parish on public land, highways or footpaths. If anybody has any video or photographic evidence that they are being used please forward to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team who will carry out an educational visit prior to any more formal action.

## Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 August 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£87,402.98
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£143,947.61
<b>Total funds held</b>	<b>£231,350.59</b>

Items approved for payment were:

Item	Amount £
Community Bus donation	500.00
Payroll (2 months)	8113.56
Professional Fees	846.00
Electricity	278.50
Administration	133.15
Fete	280.00
Cemetery Green bin	94.25
Parish Mag' (2 months)	1630.00
Replacement Play Equipment (part payment)	41837.89
Insurance	132.05
Street Lighting Columns Structural Survey	6460.00
Grass Mowing	1770.00
Dog Waste Bin	289.21
Grants/Donations	500.00
Open Spaces	228.98
Street Light Repairs	170.00
Rent	375.00
Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment	195.81

The report of the External Auditor for year ending 31st March 2023 was received with no matters outstanding and no issues to bring to the Council's attention. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was approved.

The Annual Budget was reviewed and it was noted that the street lighting electrical and structural reports were commissioned in November 2022 and were therefore expected to be paid prior to the start of this financial year.

A grant of £300.00 was approved towards the publication costs of a new book about the history of Piddington and Hackleton.

## Planning

Gallagher Developments are promoting land between Newport Pagnell Road and Wootton Road as a residential development for 1500 homes, planning applications may be forthcoming for small early phases by late 2023.

Eldnar are promoting a 78.2-acre solar farm site located along the south of Green Lane and to the North East of Preston Deanery.

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.

### Station Farm, Denton Road, Horton NN7 2BG

2023/5864/PA – Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class MA of Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of (a) commercial, business and service (Class E) to 1 x Dwelling Houses (Use Class C3) in respect of: the transport and highways impacts of the development; contamination risks on the site; flooding risks on the site; the desirability of changing the use due to loss of the shop/service; and the design and external appearance of the building. RESOLVED: No objection



The Paddocks, Eakley Lanes, Stoke Goldington,  
West Northamptonshire MK16 8LR

2023/6152/FULL – Replace existing brick pillars, wood gate with stone wall and metal gate, an additional access to the paddock area. RESOLVED: No objection

### Next Parish Council Meetings

10th October  
14th November

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

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:

Alison Benson, Clerk to the Council

[clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
or telephone Alison on 07464 429630



Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole:  
[Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 07977 501573

 **FixMyStreet.com**

# 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

 **FixMyStreet.com**

<https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk>

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# Parish Council Surgeries

## Find out more about your Parish Council

### Coffee @ Carey

Tuesday  
17th October  
10am – noon

Wednesday  
29th November  
10 – noon

Please come and  
have a chat

# Safety Harness for the Mirage Seat on the Titan for more inclusive play

The Parish Council has a safety harness for use on the Mirage Seat on the Titan on the Recreation Ground. The harness is perfect for those that need extra support and security, allowing them to enjoy the ride and make the most of the play activity. It is easily fitted and removed, and there is an emergency quick-release button in the centre of the harness. The harness is an accessory that comes with the supervisor and leaves with the supervisor. It is not to be left on the seat when not in use. If any parent/carer would like to borrow the harness for a child with additional needs aged 5 -12 years then please contact Alison Benson [clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)



# Meet WNC Customer Service Team

Our Customer Service Team, will be at Hackleton Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, Northampton, NN7 2AH on

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 10am – 12pm

Below are just some of the queries we can help with!

- Registrations – Birth Marriages & Deaths
  - School Admissions
  - Free school meals
  - Hardship fund
    - Highways
    - Blue Badge
- Occupational Therapy & Assistive Technology.
- Adult Social Care, Falls & Supporting independence
  - Children's Social Care
  - Waste & Recycling
    - Rent (NPH)
  - Reporting tenancy Issues
- Reporting environmental health issues
  - Election enquiries
- Assisting setting up online portals
  - Revenue & Benefits
  - Community Law Advice Service

**We look forward to meeting you!**



theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## Craft Sale

Mon 9th – Wed 11th October  
at Coffee@Carey



The WI Poppies group have been busy sewing, knitting, and crocheting ready for their sale in aid of the Chapel kitchen works.

Please come along and support the cause.

Items for Hallowe'en and Christmas available.



## THE JUDETH WILLOUGHBY CHARITY

(registered charity 309730)

If you are **under 25 years of age**, normally **living in the civic parish of Hackleton\*** and **in further education or an apprenticeship**, this small local charity may be able to provide some financial assistance with the purchase of books, equipment and similar small expenses needed in your studies or training.

If you feel that the charity may be of some assistance please contact David Dunkley, Clerk to the Trustees, at [david.dunkley637@gmail.com](mailto:david.dunkley637@gmail.com)

\*which includes surrounding villages and you probably are if you received this magazine.





I am sure that many residents have walked past Piddington Church and admired the border that runs along the front wall of the church yard, but I am sure not many of you were aware that Hackleton & District WI gardening subgroup 'Green Fingers' have undertaken to look after this border. About once a month throughout the summer months the members of our group get together to deadhead, weed, and generally tidy this border. They also supplement the planting with surplus plants from their own gardens. Pictured above is the result of their labours in August.

Green Fingers members also provide the floral table decorations for Coffee@Carey. They are replenished on a weekly basis. The idea is to provide floral table



After dodging the rain showers and filling the green bin to overflowing Katie Phillips, Diane Ward, Pam Snapes, Carol Divey and Denise Hunt (pictured above) felt their afternoon's hard work was well rewarded.

decorations throughout the year using greenery and flowers from our own gardens. A challenge, set by the members for themselves, which can be tricky in January and February, and subsequently we are looking at ways of using bulbs and succulents for these months in 2024.

Why not come along to one of our monthly meetings as a guest and see what the WI has to offer you. Green Fingers is one of many sub-groups set up and run by the members and WI membership gives you access to these and much more. Details of meetings are published monthly on Facebook and in the Parish magazine'.

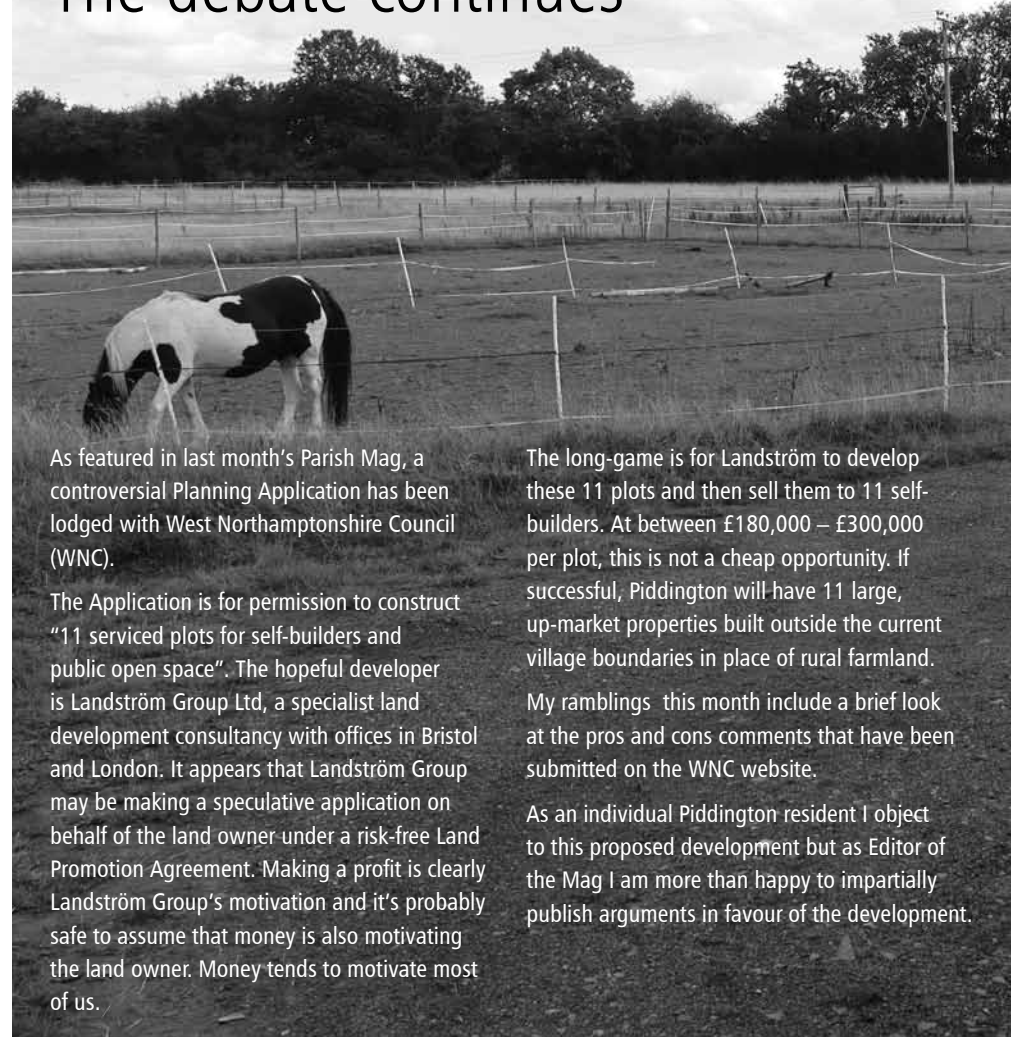
**Jane Ward**  
WI President



Examples of the Coffee@Carey floral decorations.

# Horses or Houses?

## The debate continues



As featured in last month's Parish Mag, a controversial Planning Application has been lodged with West Northamptonshire Council (WNC).

The Application is for permission to construct "11 serviced plots for self-builders and public open space". The hopeful developer is Landström Group Ltd, a specialist land development consultancy with offices in Bristol and London. It appears that Landström Group may be making a speculative application on behalf of the land owner under a risk-free Land Promotion Agreement. Making a profit is clearly Landström Group's motivation and it's probably safe to assume that money is also motivating the land owner. Money tends to motivate most of us.

The long-game is for Landström to develop these 11 plots and then sell them to 11 self-builders. At between £180,000 – £300,000 per plot, this is not a cheap opportunity. If successful, Piddington will have 11 large, up-market properties built outside the current village boundaries in place of rural farmland.

My ramblings this month include a brief look at the pros and cons comments that have been submitted on the WNC website.

As an individual Piddington resident I object to this proposed development but as Editor of the Mag I am more than happy to impartially publish arguments in favour of the development.



## Are 11 additional houses a cause for concern?

Whilst an additional 11 large properties may not seem too significant, it does represent an approximate 5% increase in the number of properties in Piddington. That is a very large increase for an already struggling (some may say, failing) infrastructure. The Application proposes 27 car parking spaces but in reality I don't think it would be unreasonable to estimate that the number of cars owned by residents of this new estate to be at least 30-40. Plus, of course, the seemingly endless stream of home delivery vehicles. That's a lot of extra vehicles regularly going up and down Forest Road, Church Road and Piddington Lane.

I've taken a very brief look at all the comments regarding this proposed development that have been submitted on the WNC planning website.

Objections	85 comments	Support	8 comments
<p>In addition to Hackleton Parish Council's very strong objections to this development as detailed in the September issue of the Mag, there are a further 84 comments on the WNC website that oppose this development. These objections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current village infrastructure will not support further development.</li> <li>• Water drainage system is already struggling (failing?).</li> <li>• Damage to environment and wildlife.</li> <li>• Not comply with the agreed Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• More large properties are not required.</li> <li>• Villages should remain rural.</li> <li>• No bus service.</li> <li>• Agricultural land should remain agricultural.</li> <li>• Local services cannot support an additional 11 large houses.</li> <li>• Increased danger to pedestrians/cyclists/horse riders.</li> <li>• Loss of essential grazing land.</li> <li>• The site does not have legal access to the public highway.</li> <li>• Proximity to local airfield.</li> <li>• Proximity to busy and noisy working farm.</li> <li>• Self-build in name only. A cynical attempt to circumnavigate many planning restrictions.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefit to local businesses.</li> <li>• Creative development of 11 unique properties.</li> <li>• Urgently required self-build opportunity.</li> <li>• Located at southerly point of Piddington will result in little disruption to rest of village.</li> <li>• Will help Piddington's growth into a town.</li> <li>• Good local park.</li> <li>• Need for houses of this size.</li> <li>• Local primary school is within walking distance and so will reduce the number school-run car journeys.</li> </ul>	

## Proud to be a NIMBY!

My family and I moved to Piddington because we wanted to live in as rural a setting as we could. I was brought up on a small mixed farm in Leicestershire, Kim was raised in a smallish Leicestershire village and we are both country yokels at heart. Whilst many people prefer town life for its convenience and access to facilities, we knew it wasn't for us. We purchased our house in Piddington in a bit of a rush without much thought or due diligence. We have not regretted the move for a single moment (although our neighbours may have a different point of view).

When faced with unwanted local developments, it seems that objecting on the basis of "Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY)" is unacceptable. But in some circumstances I think it is a perfectly legitimate stance to take. We want to live in Piddington. We want to continue to live in a village. We want Piddington to remain a rural village (for as long as it can in face of the seemingly relentless urbanisation of Northampton and the rest of the country!).

To the long list of reasons why Piddington should not be developed further, we would like to add 'NIMBY' because we believe that all of Piddington's back yards should remain as fields.

In this instance, we are NIMBYs, and proud of it.

**Alan McDonogh**

## Good thing or bad thing?

Whilst data can be interpreted in different ways, it would appear to me that the arguments against this development far outweigh the seemingly lightweight comments in favour.

However, remember that this is not an Application for 11 self-build houses – it is an Application for permission to construct "11 serviced plots for self-builders and public open space". It's an application to build the infrastructure for 11 serviced plots – roads, pavements and utility connections which may allow 11 self-build houses to be built.

What happens if the £180,000 – £300,000 plots cannot be sold? Could we end up with a semi-derelict development with some finished properties and some overgrown empty plots? Or they might apply to build affordable houses. This may upset the 'full-price' plot owners who may attempt to coerce the Council into letting the developers finish off the outstanding plots and sell them on the open market to get around a problem they created in the first place!

## Site access and water drainage

Two key difficulties that the planning applicant, Landström Group Ltd, has not yet overcome are access to the proposed site and water drainage from the development. Solutions to these issues will require the cooperation of the Chambers family who own some of the adjacent land.

Courtney Chambers' initial response included:

" The types of properties planned are not what a rural village like ours needs. We want to keep our village as a rural community and have always worked to preserve the beauty and character of our village. We expect to convince WNC that they cannot grant permission for this development to exit on to our privately owned land or connect into our privately owned surface drainage.

Hopefully this will help prevent this scheme from happening and we will be fighting alongside the community to stop this development."

Next month, I will include comprehensive background information to the proposed site and insight from Courtney Chambers as this contentious application continues.

**Alan McDonogh**

We are inviting you to our

**October Meeting**

Thursday 19th October 2023 at 7.45pm

Hackleton Village Hall, Chapel Lane,  
Hackleton, NN7 2AH

**Punishment v  
Rehabilitation**

The Work of Northampton  
Probation Service

Speaker: Rachel Long

Probation  
Service



Advance Notice: **Open Meeting**

16th November

**How To be a 21st Century Gardener**

Speaker:

Timothy Walker, Oxford Botanic Gardens

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

**Margot Robbie  
Ryan Gosling**

**BARBIE**

A riotous, candy-coloured  
feminist fable



Guardian

A near miraculous  
achievement



Independent

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triumph of the year



Telegraph

**Wednesday  
18th October 8.00pm**

All tickets £5 on the door



Licensed bar before the film

HACKLETON VILLAGE HALL  
**JAZZ NIGHT**

with the

**LINCOLN NOEL TRIO**

**SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER**

Tickets £15.00 inc Hot Supper

From EDWARD 01604 870764

Licensed Bar doors open 7.30 for 8.00 start Raffle



# JUMBLE SALE

**Hackleton Village Hall  
Saturday 14th October  
from 1.00 pm**

**Sale, tombola  
and refreshments with  
homemade cakes and biscuits**

Clothes, shoes, books, children's toys,  
white elephant, linens/curtains/bedding  
and bric a brac etc.

Entrance 20p per person

**Donations in good condition please to the Hall from 9am  
No electricals**

If you are able to offer any help on the day, especially for clearing up at the end (approx. 2.30pm), please contact Pam Heap on 870018.

## A waste of time?

Will this leaflet really encourage scooter riders to comply with the law?

West Northamptonshire Council recently announced an expansion of the Voi Electric Scooter trial and in last month's Mag we featured an educational leaflet that explained the laws around scooter usage.

I do a lot of town centre driving and I see a lot of electric scooters, both the authorised Voi machines and the non-authorised private versions. Very rarely are any of these scooters being ridden legally. All the non-Voi scooters are being used illegally – they are only to be used on private land with the owner's permission. The vast majority of the Voi scooters are also being ridden illegally – on pavements, under-18 youngsters, more than one rider per scooter . . . and then, of course, these riders (like most take-away food delivery cyclists) don't think that the Highway Code applies to them!

So I asked our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Phil Renshaw, for some a police comment about enforcing the laws regarding E-Scooter usage.



## The police response

E Scooters aren't likely to go away, and the police standpoint is that as they are new (I know it has been a few years, but in terms of alternative transport this is a new method), they are wanting to educate prior to enforcement.

We have done a lot in the last two years to try to get the message out there by utilising social media, local schools, speaking to the larger companies on the industrial estates as well as work done with trading standards.

We maintain a close working relationship with VOI and during the implementation had weekly update meetings, that went to every other week, then once a month and now we only meet as and when necessary. We still maintain a close link to the VOI warehouse which is on Brackmills.

In terms of enforcing on private e-scooters I think it will boil back down to education initially and enforcement is a challenge, as it has to be done in person.

Stopping them is a problem, as whilst it is an offence to fail to stop, due to there being no identification plate easily visible on them it's difficult to progress this offence as we normally would if it was any other vehicle.

In short, there is no clear solution with them until there is change at a parliament level and specific legislation is created to either regulate them or make them legal.

We do have a policy around how we manage them with clear guidance, however it is reliant on stopping them to be able to enforce anything.

**Neighbourhood Police Team**

# Local Choirs Performing for Motor Neurone Disease Charity

Two local choirs at a prestigious local venue are raising money for a Northampton-based charity.

**Northampton Male Voice Choir** (NMVC), renowned for tirelessly raising money for great causes, has adopted the Northampton based charity, Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) as its main beneficiary for the year and will dedicate the proceeds from its forthcoming annual concert to help reach its fundraising target for this very worthwhile charity.

The concert "In Unison" will be held at Northampton High School, Hardingstone, NN4 6UU on Saturday 28 October starting at 7:30pm.

NMVC will be joined by a small "scratch" choir of eight local men recruited earlier in the year specifically to sing at this concert in support of MNDA. Under the guidance of NMVC Musical Director, Stephen Bell, the recruits have been busy learning a selection of songs for them to perform alongside NMVC.

Also performing will be the hugely talented and award-winning Kettering ladies choir, **The Decibelles**, under its Musical Director, Joshua Daniel. Having a ladies choir perform at one of its concerts will be an exciting first for the men of NMVC who are busy rehearsing two fabulous songs to sing in harmony with The Decibelles – "Come What May" from the 2001 film, Moulin Rouge and "Let The River Run" from the 1988 film, Working Girl.

NMVC will be conducted by its Musical Director, Stephen Bell who will also compare the evening in his usual, inimitable style.

Tickets for what promises to be an exciting and spectacular evening of music are priced at £15 inclusive of booking fee and are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/NMVC](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/NMVC) or by telephoning Phil Temple 07806 846282.

NMVC website: [www.nmvc.co.uk](http://www.nmvc.co.uk)

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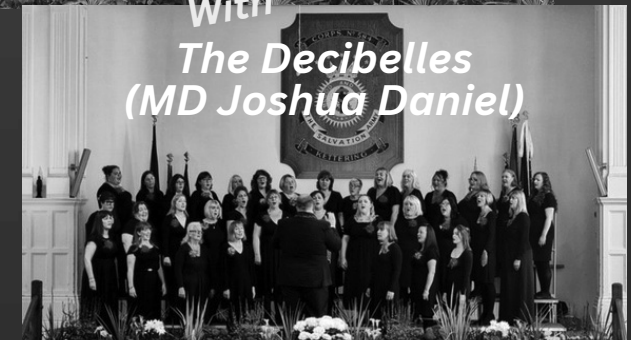
*"This is certainly going to be a night to remember, with something for everyone! Tickets will sell fast so get yours now and don't miss what will be a wonderful concert in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association".*

**Mark York**  
NMVC Chairman

## Northampton Male Voice Choir



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**NMVC MD and Compere, Stephen Bell**



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## 50 Years of Group Eight

The Group Eight Theatre Company celebrated its 50th anniversary with a nostalgic Cabaret Night which included re-visiting productions from the previous 50 years

Group Eight would like to thank everyone who came to our Cabaret Night. We all had great fun doing it and we would also like to thank our friends from Leslie's Dancers for joining in to make it a special evening. Don't forget their up and coming show at the village hall.

There is no rest for anyone in Group Eight as we now start rehearsals for our Panto which we will present in early December. It will be Mother Goose a traditional Panto with a moral which is as appropriate today in the social media age as it ever was.

Look out for more information next month and perhaps a few early rehearsal photographs.







# St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

With the arrival of October we have moved into the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and the evenings have started to lengthen. God's handiwork is on display in the wonderful autumnal displays that clothe our trees for a few short weeks before falling to the floor. I still can find a child like joy in walking down a path that is covered in crisp, crunchy leaves.

## Churchyard Wildlife Group

Those of you who walk through Piddington churchyard will have noticed some subtle changes over the last couple of years. You may have spotted a few more native flowers, birds and insects, as the Churchyard Wildlife group in conjunction with the Parish Council have been working on making the churchyard more of a haven for wildlife. The latest efforts to encourage more species include a shallow pond and birdbath.

With the success of this scheme, which has over a dozen volunteers, we aim to adopt Horton churchyard next and we are looking for Hortonians to help plan and carry out similar work there. A survey has already been conducted by The Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust to map the existing species.

If you have some time to get involved please ring Anton Dil on **870681** or email [antondil@gmail.com](mailto:antondil@gmail.com).



## Services for October

1st October 10am – **Sung Communion and Harvest Festival** led by Rev Doug Spenceley

15th October 10am – **Sung Communion** led by Rev Chrys Tremththannor

Wednesdays 7pm – **Midweek Service** led by Brent Klegeris.



**Piddington with Horton**  
**Christmas Tree Festival**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am – 4.30pm**  
**& Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am – 4.30pm**

**The theme this year is favourite Christmas TV movies**  
**If your organisation or family would like to decorate and display a tree, please contact**  
**Emma Dil 01604 870681**



# The Footballing Hakes Brothers

A sporting theme to this month's local history from Maureen Williams



This photo is of the Northampton Town Reserves, 1897-98. Among the players are three brothers from Piddington who were founder members of the Hackleton Association Football Club, formed in 1893. George and Tom Hakes are on the back row either side of the central player, and their brother Will is the middle one of the three seated on the floor.

Sons of shoemaker Henry Hakes and his wife Emma (née Laundon), George and Will at that time were farm labourers, while Tom had followed his father into the shoemaking trade. They and their Hackleton teammates used to practise during their lunch breaks on Tuesdays and Thursdays on a field north-west of Piddington Church, called Parson's Piece, using the shoe factory that stood on Church Walk (the footpath between Piddington Lane and the church) as their changing room. The club was a member of the Northampton Football Association.

George and William later also became shoemakers, while Thomas went on to become a boot agent for Manfield & Sons and employed a number of outworkers in the villages. His son Donald set up a road haulage company in partnership with Will Jones (son of the head forester of Salcey Forest) and their garage was next to Donald's home at 23 Forest Road.

William married Ada Old who later took over her father's bakery and shop, also on Forest Road (now demolished). Their son, George, continued the Hakes footballing tradition, signing for the Northampton Amateurs in 1928, along with five other Hackleton team members: Frank Elliott, Harold Fitzhugh, Laurence Hill, Les Nash, and Arnold Sansome.

**Maureen Williams**

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**11.00 am - 4.00 pm**

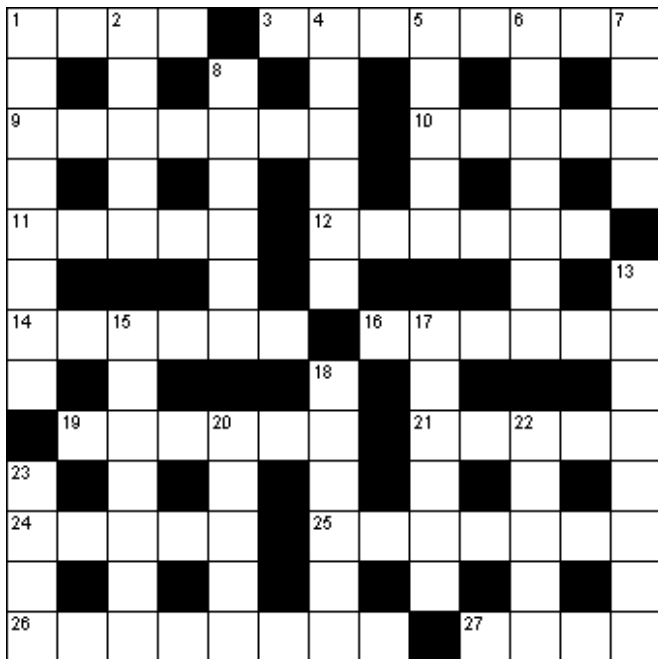
# Take a Break

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 Competent (4)
- 3 Absurdity (8)
- 9 Renovation (7)
- 10 Subsequently (5)
- 11 Raw, inexperienced (5)
- 12 Serviette (6)
- 14 US coin (6)
- 16 Leeway (6)
- 19 Handsome Greek god (6)
- 21 Sedate, solemn (5)
- 24 Simple song (5)
- 25 Cloth made of jute (7)
- 26 Put up with (8)
- 27 Border (4)

### Down

- 1 High-handed (8)
- 2 Jousting weapon (5)
- 4 Rectangular but not square (6)
- 5 Skin of the head (5)
- 6 Nil (7)
- 7 Republic of Ireland (4)
- 8 Momentary pain (6)
- 13 Way in (8)
- 15 Excellent (7)
- 17 Help (6)
- 18 Formal headgear (3,3)
- 20 Stratum (5)
- 22 Sightless (5)
- 23 Prepare for publication (4)

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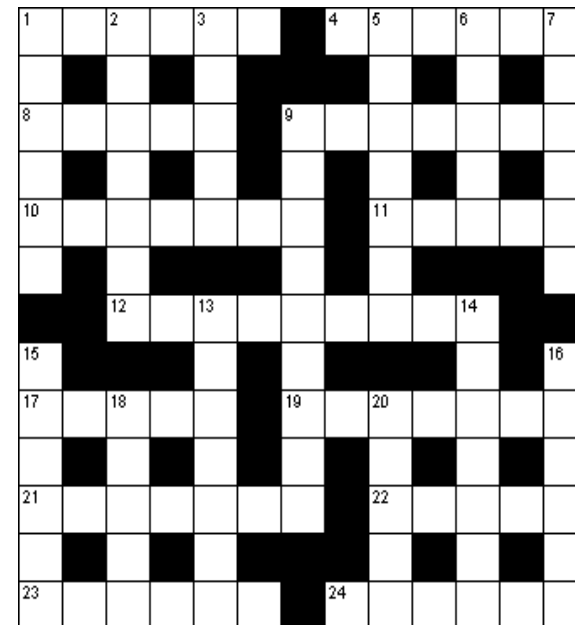
## The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

### Across

- 1 Rock plant's last seen by aquatic creature (6)
- 4 Merchant who distributes the cards? (6)
- 8 One small boy in the Scillies, for example (5)
- 9 Small change for Old Bill? (7)
- 10 Seeing less impressive performance (7)
- 11 Follow girl after men lost lead (5)
- 12 Cook missed tea cup (9)
- 17 Paradoxical odds? (5)
- 19 Material for nails a tinker ordered? (7)
- 21 One may have provided food for pet before? Right! (7)
- 22 Tremble when given a flavoured milk drink (5)
- 23 Bugs making a sound we can hear (6)
- 24 Joined in duet with variations (6)

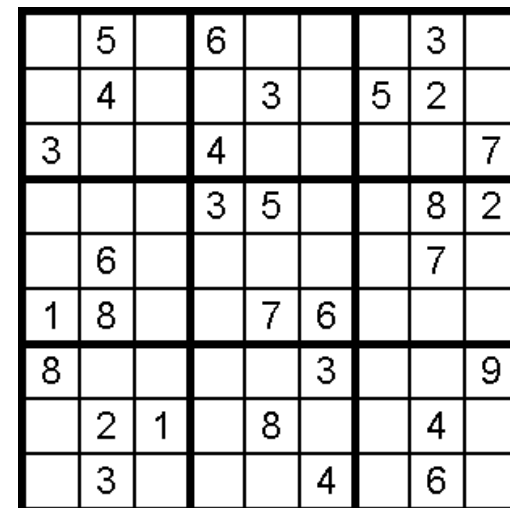
### Down

- 1 Attempt to carry one pound in hat (6)
- 2 Team leader in league, as agreed (7)
- 3 Relieved when a seed is transplanted (5)
- 5 A fast train, say (7)
- 6 Yorkshire city is first to be heard (5)
- 7 More impetuous, having a piece of bacon (6)
- 9 Janitor, a conscientious type (9)
- 13 Learner in sad state getting tight (7)
- 14 Selected portion of former publication (7)
- 15 Parisian thanks leader of army in old kingdom (6)
- 16 Really it's in a legal document, though it could be denied (6)
- 18 Dined in college, by the sound of it (5)
- 20 A piece from Salieri sent up (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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<b>Horton</b>	Carol Lloyd <a href="mailto:carolloyd1@icloud.com">carolloyd1@icloud.com</a>
<b>Piddington</b>	Phil Renshaw <a href="mailto:philip.renshaw@yahoo.co.uk">philip.renshaw@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>St George's Fields</b>	Nikesh Jani <a href="mailto:n_jani@hotmail.co.uk">n_jani@hotmail.co.uk</a>

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. You just need to complete the details requested – your membership will be confirmed by e-mail.

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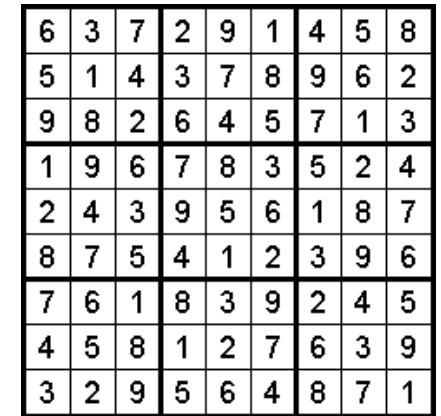
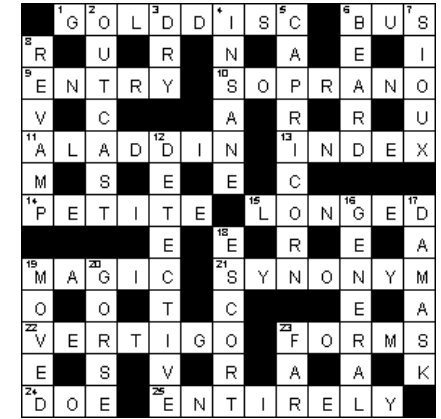
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I know you don't need the solutions to last month's puzzles, but here they are 'just in case'.

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