



## Poppy Appeal 2023

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The Village Firework Team present

Another fabulous

# Bonfire and firework display!



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**The White Hart,  
Hackleton**

**Great  
family  
FUN**

**Saturday 4th November at 7pm**

**Great fun for all the family and supports your local community.**

This event is free. However, donations are welcomed and encouraged to help support the ongoing event and future displays.

The Village Firework Team is always happy to welcome new volunteers to the team. If you think you might be interested please speak to one of the firework team members.

## Bonkers or Conkers?

Whilst I try to live in the present, not dwelling on the past or fretting about the future, I do occasionally succumb to, “when I was young . . .”, or “in my day . . .”. When one gets to my advanced age it’s difficult not to reminisce about the past. A few days ago I was very nearly hit on the head by a falling seed from a horse chestnut tree, otherwise known as a conker (the seed, not my head). This wouldn’t have happened “in my day”. In my day, at this time of year, every horsechest nut tree (conker tree) would be surrounded by a gang of scruffy urchins throwing anything we lay our hands on to encourage conkers to fall to the ground. We were all on the hunt for the ultimate conker with which we would triumph during the annual playground conker fight season. Having encouraged our conkers to fall, we would bake them, soak them in vinegar or try any number of dastardly ways to turn our conker into a champion. Sadly, this no longer happens. Nowadays, conker trees are surrounded by their fallen seeds, all left uncollected. I’ve come across some absolute beauties that would have had my schoolmates drooling with envy. Unfortunately conker fights are a thing of the past and, in this bonkers world, I think that’s a shame.

As mentioned, I try not to reminisce too often, but there is an occasion this month at which we should all acknowledge the past – **Remembrance Day**. We should never forget the atrocities of war and we should continue to show our support those who paid the ultimate price. Please purchase a poppy, wear it with pride and attend our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Poppies are available in Hackleton Stores, The White Hart, The Spread Eagle.

I hope you enjoy the November Mag – does anyone fancy a conker fight?



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**Cover**  
Let us forget.

## Submission Date

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



# The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

St George's Fields

## We urgently need your help!



### We currently have no magazine distributors for St George's Fields

Can you spare a little time each month to deliver the Parish Mag in just your street or maybe neighbouring streets?

Without sufficient volunteers the Parish Council will have no option but to suspend deliveries until volunteers can be found. We are very reluctant to take this action and sincerely hope that it will not be necessary.

If you can help, please contact:

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## If we don't use it, we'll lose it!

A village needs a village pub, and villagers to use it



I always enjoy reading the magazine and feel that it reflects a balanced and interesting "commentary" upon our lovely village. I've never felt the need to contribute before so hope this meets with a tolerant response to the points raised.

I note that the plans have been released for a proposal to site new dwellings in our village.

An immediate reaction is to throw our hands in panic as to what is proposed. I would suggest that although on the face of it we all have a natural scepticism of anything that threatens our peaceful way of life, things have to be balanced against the fact that I would not be lucky enough to live in Piddington if houses hadn't been built in the past to accommodate me

Looking at this further I was then minded of what I believe is the "elephant in the room" and more of a threat to how village life is enjoyed.

The Spread Eagle Pub is going to be closing down again soon and I really hope that this isn't the final nail in its coffin.

Rumours (and this is all I have) is that the owners of the licence want to build houses on it. There are a few of us that are chatting and hoping that this can be avoided.

After 13 years here, It still astonishes me how few people use "our local"

When Phil and Chrissy opened the doors on that first night a few years ago you couldn't move for everyone cramming in to make sure they were seen.

Now, as usual, its used by about 20 of us locals on a weekly basis. There are people I see in our village who have never set foot in there which seems strange as what is a village without a pub other than a smaller version of a housing estate?

I have no intention of dictating how people should run their lives but would point out that during Covid it became really apparent how a pub can be the hub of just a place to chat, have a drink and catch up with fellow villagers.

I have no idea as to the tangible benefits or negatives of 11 houses being built at the top of my road, but I do know that one day, when that lovely building is gone, this village will be the poorer for it when all we have is just a collection of houses . . .

**Adrian Masters**  
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.



Although the numbers attending the Jazz Night with the Lincoln Noel Trio was lower than usual a good night was had by all. **Thank you to those who came.**

**Roy and the Saracens** will be performing again this year at our New Year's Eve event. Tickets (£20 a head) are already selling so please book your ticket early. Numbers will be limited. Contact Edward Kilpin 01604 870764

We have had a problem with flooding in the ladies toilet and Dyno Rod was called out. The cause was the flushing of Baby/Wet wipes into the system. Please place them in the bins provided.

Look forward to seeing you soon

**Edward Kilpin** BEM  
Chairman of the Trustees

## 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 October 2023

£100	11/15	Mrs Smith, Lyne Walk
£50	03/20	Mr & Mrs Keen, The Banks
£25	04/24	Mr Warman, Forest Road
£10	20/25	Mr Beddall, Carey Road
£10	15/26	Angela Dillon, Oak Way
£10	18/28	Diane Ward, St Johns Way
£10	15/20	Dog's Trust c/o Main Road

**The next draw will take place on 15th November 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

10 October 2023

**Alison Benson** Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on the 10th October 2023. Seven councillors were present together with the Parish Clerk.

## Planning Development

West Northants Council is expected to publish a draft new Local Plan in early 2024. The Plan will adopt areas of land for development which may or may not be within or close to our parish. The Parish Council has therefore agreed to put in place a budget of £2000.00 from general reserves to obtain professional advice and guidance to ensure it is well placed to robustly respond to the consultation on the draft Local Plan. The advice sought will look to ensure that our Hackleton Neighbourhood Plan is up to date following the recent publication of a new National Planning Framework and provide guidance about how to respond to the draft Local Plan. A working party will also be set up to review the draft Local Plan once it is published.

## St George's Fields

Volunteers urgently needed to deliver the Parish Mag' to St George's Fields. Unfortunately without volunteers to deliver the Parish Mag' the Parish Council will have no option but to suspend deliveries which would be such a shame and very much a last resort.

## Recreation Ground Play Equipment

To ensure that the new play equipment is kept in excellent condition and all health and safety requirements are fully met a five-year maintenance plan will be entered into with Hags to carry out quarterly maintenance inspections. These inspections will be in addition to our own weekly visual inspections.

## Memorial Testing

The Memorial Testing Procedure has been reviewed and Memorial Testing will be undertaken in Piddington Cemetery and Churchyard during November 2023. (See separate item in this Mag').

## Finance & Governance

Bank balances	30 September 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£112,114.77
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£144,925.27
<b>Total funds held</b>	<b>£257040.04</b>

Items approved for payment were:

Item	Amount £
Play Equipment (2nd part payment)	41,666.67
Payroll	3432.03
Professional Fees	114.00
Electricity	297.51
Administration	141.20
Speed Indicator Device	2873.00
Cemetery	100.00
Churchyard	33.83
Grass Mowing (2 months)	3995.00
Water	12.17
Tree Works	2300.00
Open Spaces	55.26

It was noted that the second tranche of the precept had been received.

## Remembrance Sunday

To support the Act of Remembrance the Parish Council has agreed to put in place a budget from general reserves of £300.00 to purchase an initial supply of poppies and tommy's which will be added to in subsequent years. The Parish Council will apply for the road closure and arrange for the Road Closed signage to be put in place and removed. Councillor Heap will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Health and Wellbeing

A Working Party is to be set up to investigate health and wellbeing requirements within the parish and to report back to full Council with recommendations. If any resident would like to join the Working Party, please contact Alison our Clerk [clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Community Events Diary

A Community Events page is to be set up on the Parish Council website which local organisations can use to advertise regular and one-off events.

## 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://wnc.planning-register.co.uk>

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

### Woad Cottage, Preston Deanery Road, Preston Deanery NN7 2DY

2023/6988/FULL – Extension to existing garage to provide three additional spaces. RESOLVED: No objection

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

2023/6483/FULL – Operational development associated with permitted Change of Use under Class R. RESOLVED: No objection

## Next Parish Council Meetings

14th November

12th December

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



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Telephone: 07977 501573

# Parish Council Surgeries

Find out more  
about your  
Parish Council

**Coffee @ Carey**

Wednesday  
29th November  
10am – noon



Please come and  
have a chat

# 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

# Meet WNC Customer Service Team

**Hackleton Baptist Church,  
Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH**

Monday 20th November 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!**



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# Making a difference!

The WB&E Working Group continues to implement its wildlife and biodiversity plans. The Group is holding an open meeting to discuss progress and to encourage us all to get involved with local initiatives on this critical issue.



Invitation to an open meeting

## Bringing our community together to protect and enhance wildlife, biodiversity and the environment

What can we do as individuals, as groups and within our wider community?

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**  
**7:30pm Coffee@Carey**

Please come along to hear what has been done to date, discuss what the next steps can be and to get involved

Let's come together to take action on climate change

Refreshments provided

To help us with refreshments please confirm your attendance if possible:  
Email: [royhawkesford2@gmail.com](mailto:royhawkesford2@gmail.com)



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

# Mature Drivers Roadshow

Helping to keep mature drivers driving safer for longer

Driving is an important part of our everyday life and so **Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance** (NSRA) are keen to help to keep mature drivers driving safer for longer. NSRA are running two **FREE Roadshows** on 7th November 2023 at The Icon Innovation Centre, Eastern Way, Daventry NN11 0QB.

Our driving ability to drive changes over time for different reasons, especially as we get older. It's important that we recognise whether and how our driving is changing so we can stay safe and protect both ourselves and those around us.

This Mature Drivers Roadshow is aimed at drivers 60+, and will cover all different aspects of driving. There will be a short talk first and then plenty of time to meet

informally with our many stand holders. Free advice will be available on car adaptations, eyesight, how your prescription medications may affect you, and much more.

There will also be an opportunity to book a free IAM RoadSmart Mature Driver Assessment (to be held at a later date).

Book your Free tickets via Eventbrite:

**9.30am**  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mature-drivers-roadshow-tickets-722043691117?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mature-drivers-roadshow-tickets-722043691117?aff=oddtcreator)

**1.00pm**  
[mature-driver-nov-2023-pm.eventbrite.co.uk](http://mature-driver-nov-2023-pm.eventbrite.co.uk)

Northamptonshire  
**NSRA**  
Safer Roads Alliance

**FREE**  
**Mature Driver Roadshow**  
**7 November 2023**

**DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER**

*Advice on:*  
Car adaptations  
Eyesight  
Highway Code changes  
How to stay safe  
First Aid

Icon Innovation Centre,  
Eastern Way, Daventry  
NN11 0QB

Free IAM RoadSmart Mature  
Driving Assessments

<https://what3words.com/reduce.stealthier.handbags>

Health and Wellbeing

# Good Neighbour Scheme

Do you have any spare time and would like to make a difference in our community?

We are looking for volunteers to join our Health and Wellbeing working party and to launch the Good Neighbour Scheme.

Whether you can help on a regular basis visiting a neighbour for a cup of tea or can spare a few minutes here and there to change a lightbulb, hold a ladder, be a voice on the end of a phone or pop to the shop.

**We need you!**

Want to find out more? Please contact Alison Benson – Clerk to the Parish Council:

[clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Telephone 07464 429630



**mag COMMENT**

**We're good at this!**

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate our village values – helping others is in our DNA.

# When is a road not a road?

## When it turns into a housing estate

Apologies for the very tenuous link to a variation of a very old joke about tractors, farmers and fields.

This stretch of road is the only access point to the plot of land that is currently subject to a very devious planning application on the southerly edge of Piddington.

Ownership of this road is therefore of critical importance to the outcome of the Planning Application and whether the proposed housing development gets passed its initial planning stages.

The road connects Forest Road in Piddington to New Farm and the bridleway into Salcey Forest. The very vague Planning Application appears to imply that West Northants Council (WNC) own the road. The Parish Mag asked the Chambers family about this application. Courtney Chambers has no doubt about who owns this road and the overall suitability of this proposed development.



## The road belongs to the Chambers family

Firstly, prior to our buying most of what was the former land of the Martin family in 1951 and then known as Church Farm, there was only a narrow dirt track leading to Salcey Forest between what was two fields which gave a public right of way to Salcey Forest and the nearby footpaths and bridleways.

Following our purchase of all the land bar the proposed building site which at the time was a pasture field owned by Bert Fitzhugh who raised cattle there until the late 1980's, we created what is now known as New Farm and installed the tarmac road into what is now the farm yard. Our water meter was installed on the edge of our property boundary, just outside 99 Forest Road. This is further confirmation that we own the road, as Anglian Water could not install our meter on someone else's land. We also own the wet ditch that runs along the western side of the single track road all the way down to Martins Road. Anglian Water have confirmed they have no assets or any adopted land forming the wet ditch. We, as the land owners of the adjacent field, are responsible for its upkeep and maintenance – we have been doing this since 1951.

During the 1950's not all land was registered with the land registry at the time of purchase and even to this day we have had land registered in recent years that we have owned since 1951.

WNC can claim what they like but they cannot adopt land that has never belonged to them or been installed or maintained by them and they will be in for a very prolonged and expensive court battle to prove ownership if they decide to go down the route of claiming ownership. Hopefully the possibility of legal action over ownership will make WNC see sense. They have no evidence of ownership and any "adoption" of land not owned by them is tantamount to theft.

We also own the byeway up to the entrance of Salcey Forest although public access is permitted.

The farm houses were built in around 1962 to provide housing for farm workers at New Farm and also the Poultry business built there to replace that at Church Farm.

As the surrounding farm land came up for sale, my late grandfather purchased it to add to the family agricultural estate which originally encompassed Church farm, New Farm, Home Farm, Manor farm, Piddington Grange and lastly Horton Grange, leaving just the pasture field in front of the New Farm entrance which was of little use to us and so Bert Fitzhugh continued to graze his cattle there and we allowed access for agricultural purposes into the field off our tarmac road.

The single track has never been adopted by WNC and they have failed to produce any documentary evidence to show any proof of ownership.

They were also unable to produce any evidence when requested of installing the tarmac single track road!

### We won't make the same mistake twice

When Grafton Court was built, we gave permission for a fee for them to connect surface water drainage into our "wet" ditch as it was a small scale affordable housing. In hindsight, due to the poor drainage throughout Forest Road provided by Anglian water we now think was probably a bad idea but hindsight is a wonderful thing.

However we were approached by this new developer some months ago about not only connecting into the "wet" ditch for the new self build development but also potentially piping across the fields to the adjacent ditch at Horton and were told that permission would not be granted – at any price!

### Not a suitable location

The development is outside the village boundary and building within 50m of a working busy farm and haulage company is ludicrous especially when all the houses will have to use cars as there is no public

transport and our whole community would be at great risk of flooding not to mention the affect it has on local wildlife as we narrow the buffer zone between Piddington and Salcey Forest.

Farms are noisy places and we have worked the land and have lived here since 1951 with 24 hour 365 days a year useage. In addition, our haulage company, that has traded from here since 2001 has been granted the same operational hours.

It's simply not conducive to have housing so close to this busy operation. Our New Farm Airfield which operates within permitted development rights will only cause potential future distress to all concerned.

### Unsuitable development

The types of housing planned are not what a rural village like ours needs – affordable housing is the main requirements. Also, there is no infrastructure to support this development.

We want to keep our village as a rural community and have for the past 70 plus years allowed minimal building to take place within the village on land previously owned by ourselves as custodians of the local land and working to preserve the beauty and character of our village.

Everything we have done is carefully planned with everyone's needs considered and we try to keep everyone happy where possible.

### Courtney Chambers



### Thank you Courtney

It is reassuring that the Chambers family have at heart what they consider to be in the best interest of the community.



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Council

James Paterson from WNC has confirmed that WNC do not own or have not at any time adopted the single track road and confirmed that they understand that we widened the original track and surfaced it when New Farm was created in the 1950's.

However Mr Paterson pointed out that the road is recognised as a "Highway " whether a dirt track or surfaced road and whether privately owned or not and has been for many centuries.

We have never disputed public access via our road to access the byway to Salcey Forest or the nearby footpaths and bridleways near to it – have no problem with access for the general public.

Our concern is that WNC cannot grant permission for an adjacent land owner to exit onto privately owned land or connect into privately owned surface drainage.

The original owner of the grass field who bought it from the Martin estate, which was sold due to death duties, was granted permission to enter/exit onto the "hiway" via the field gate for agricultural purposes and no other.

Hopefully WNC will now see sense and agree that as no permission has been granted by the land owner for a private developer to enter/exit this field and that change of use will need to be granted and permissions sought before any such development could be considered, we can protect this area of our rural community for future generations to enjoy.



# Community Speed Watch

Horton and Hackleton

We are inviting you to our open meeting

## November Meeting

Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.45pm  
Hackleton Village Hall, Chapel Lane,  
Hackleton, NN7 2AH

## How To be a 21st Century Gardener



Speaker:  
Timothy Walker,  
Oxford Botanic Garden



## Please join us!

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

**EMMA MACKAY**  
**ALEXANDRA DOWLING**  
**AMELIA GETHING**  
as the Brontë sisters

**EMILY** 15

The story of Emily Brontë,  
author of Wuthering Heights

A thrilling watch

★★★★★  
Guardian

Superb

★★★★★  
Times

Emma Mackay is superb  
as the titular heroine

★★★★★  
Telegraph

**Wednesday**  
**15th November 8.00pm**

All tickets £5 on the door



Over a four week period, starting mid August, a group of volunteers from Horton, Hackleton and Piddington took part in the first Community Speed Watch in our Parish.

Small teams conducted fourteen one hour sessions, monitoring traffic on Brafield Road and the Main Road in Hackleton during the morning and evening rush hour period as well as weekends.

The table below shows a summary of the data recorded.

One thing we all experienced during these sessions was the notable change in driver behaviour and the positive impact on the average speed the team's presence had, similar to what we see when the mobile camera van is active in the Parish. Despite the fact we were highly visible and motorists were being warned by others flashing etc we can see a lot of motorists still considered it acceptable to drive past in excess of 35mph! One driver even thought it was ok to overtake in front of us in Hackleton!

Having monitored both roads at the same time of day it was interesting to see the big difference in the volume of traffic, with Brafield Road by far the busiest as it has now become a popular cut through for motorists commuting to Milton Keynes and the surrounding area.

As expected we did get the odd motorist who felt compelled to express their disapproval but what was nice and really encouraging was all the positive reactions from the local community, with some people even taking time to stop and chat, share their experiences and show their support. We even gained a couple of new recruits for the current and future sessions.

The fact we took part shows the motorists who use the roads through our villages that the local community are taking road safety seriously and hopefully some, and those especially who received warning letters, will think about their speed in the future.

I would like to end by saying a big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to support this initiative, and for giving up their valuable time to participate in the surveillance sessions. It is very much appreciated.

If you are interested in getting involved in the future please email your contact details to Alison Benson (Clerk to the Council) at:

[clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Mark Reeve**  
CSW Co-ordinator

Recorded data	Horton (Brafield Road)	Hackleton (Main Road, outside church)
No. of drivers exceeding 35mph	44 (37.8mph average)	9 (38.1mph average)
Highest speed	47mph	42mph

# Dancing for Cynthia

On 25 November one of our own will be pirouetting out of his comfort zone to raise funds for our local hospice.

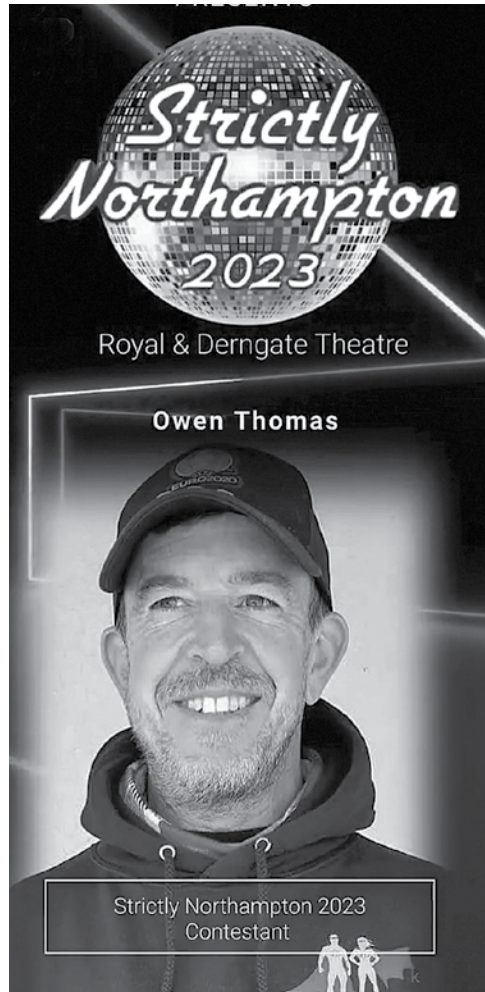
Team Hackleton's very own, Owen Thomas, is not your typical dancer. But this year, he's lacing up his dancing shoes for a purpose larger than life – to raise funds for Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Known to many as a proficient Sports Therapist and the co-owner of Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness, Owen has always led a life dedicated to health, fitness, and well-being. Yet, his commitment to the community took a profound turn when he volunteered as a Complementary Therapist at Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Witnessing the comfort and solace the hospice brought to countless individuals deepened his resolve to contribute in a unique and memorable way.

It might surprise many to know that when he's not stretching his hamstrings or guiding others towards optimal health, Owen can be found immersed in the intense heat of his forge, creating metal masterpieces, or showcasing his skills on the football field for AFC Hackleton. It's this same passion and zeal he's now channeling into every dance step, every twirl, and every move on the dance floor of Strictly Northampton.

For Owen, participating in this dance competition is not just about exploring unfamiliar territories or venturing out of his comfort zone. It's about ensuring that each dance move, every graceful stride, and rhythmic sway can translate into tangible support for the hospice. "It is great to do something I have never done before and hope that every step can make a big difference," he remarks.

With such unwavering determination and a cause that resonates with many, Owen's dance journey promises to be as impactful as it is captivating.



## Show your support

Scan this QR code to go to Owen's JustGiving donation page.

[www.justgiving.com/page/owen-thomas-1695042122365](https://www.justgiving.com/page/owen-thomas-1695042122365)



## Hackleton CEVA Primary School

## Thank You!

Thank you to the team of volunteers who worked so hard tidying up our Peace Garden. You have done a fantastic job!

From everyone at:  
**Hackleton CEVA Primary School**



# A guide to preventing theft from a vehicle

Tips to help you avoid being a victim of car crime

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

## 1. Always lock it

Fueling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

## 2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

## 3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

## 4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

## 5. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

## 6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

## 7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

## 8. Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight,

it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit Secured by Design for more details.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.

## 9. Park in well-lit, busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

## 10. Take your documents

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

## 11. Choose your car park wisely

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out **Park Mark**.





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## The Christmas Panto

The best way to start your Christmas celebrations  
Oh yes it is . . .

Rehearsals are now well under way for our Pantomime this year which is Mother Goose. This pantomime was one of the very first ever pantomimes performed and was first staged in 1806 by Joseph Grimaldi, a famous stage clown, at Theatre Royal in Covent Garden. Birmingham Library actually has Grimaldi's handwritten script of the last few scenes of the original panto. The panto was popularised by Dan Leno in 1902 with a play full of 'double entendres'. Today the panto is better known for the recent successful national tour starring Sir Ian McKellan and John Bishop.

Mother Goose is a moral tale about the perils of putting popularity and beauty ahead of being who you really are. Something that is just as relevant today with the pressures and problems of social media and online bullying.

By the time this edition of the magazine has been printed the set builds activities will be starting and weekend rehearsals will be just round the corner. Hard work for the cast but great fun too as the whole show starts to come together.

**We are looking forward to lots of you joining us for some great panto fun in the build up to Christmas.**



### MOTHER GOOSE

**Thursday December 7th & Friday 8th 7.45pm**  
**Matinee Saturday December 9th 2.30pm**

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If you wish to reserve tickets to pick up on the door and any other queries:  
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## Piddington Churchyard and Cemetery



### Wooden Crosses

In the cremated remains area nearest to the church porch

Many of the crosses in the above area are in poor condition and it is not possible to mow the grass properly. Churchyard Regulations also state that the installation of wooden crosses after an interment of ashes is a temporary measure and that they shall be removed once a permanent memorial stone has been installed.

Therefore in order to comply with the Regulations it is necessary for:

**All wooden crosses to be removed from the cremated remains area nearest the church by Thursday 30th November 2023**

Families are encouraged to personally remove the wooden crosses of their loved ones before 30th November.

Any crosses not removed by 30th November will be taken away and stored until 7th January 2024 when they will be taken to a recycling centre.

**Rev Julie Scott** (Vicar)  
**Stephen Watson** (Churchwarden)



### Memorial Safety Testing

Memorial Safety Testing will be undertaken during November 2023.

All memorials will be subject to a visual inspection looking for signs of decay, e.g. loose or cracked cement. All memorials will be given a hand test where it is deemed safe to do so following the visual inspection. The Council will not utilise a mechanical method of testing (topple test) as these instruments are liable to overestimate the actual risk.

The Parish Council recognises that the inspection programme has the potential to cause distress, particularly where action is required and will aim to contact known memorial owners as quickly as possible to discuss any issues. If any memorial is deemed at immediate risk and the memorial owner is not known, clear information will be posted in the burial ground. A notice will be placed on or near the memorial, giving contact details and the period in which the contact should be made. Where the grave owner is known, the Council will contact them by letter to give them the opportunity to repair the memorial.

The Council will undertake visual inspections and hand tests. If anybody has any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Benson:

[clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

I don't know about you, but this year seems to have flown by. We have had a lovely start to Autumn with the Harvest Quiz and Harvest Festival. We want to thank the villagers once again for their incredible support. This year we raised a staggering £1371.72 this will go towards the urgent repairs needed to the west door (for those who don't have an internal compass that is the Tower door). Our church was also beautifully decorated for harvest with displays from all the people on the flower rota who have done us proud once again.

We are currently planning our next fundraising event which is the annual **Christmas Tree Festival**. This will be held on the 9th and 10th December this year. We are currently talking with Father Christmas and we hope that he will be popping in for a couple of hours to receive Christmas wish lists from the children in the villages. Look out for confirmation here next month of his visit. If anyone wants to decorate a tree this year the theme is Favourite Christmas TV movies. If a lack of

a tree and lights is all that is putting you off – please get in touch with me Emma Dil on 870681 or 07974 243154 and I may be able to help you out. As usual we will be concluding the Festival with a service at 6pm on the 10th December which will combine the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols with some additional festive celebrations. If you arrive early Jo will be serving her special Christmas punch and mince pies. Any money raised from this event will be going towards the repair of the West door too. As villagers, we are all custodians of our beautiful church which has been dominating the landscape of our community since the 12th century and it has played a part in many villagers lives past and present. We hope to see you at the festival.

### Welcome to the Parish



This month sees us welcoming the **Rev Mark Hurley** who has been appointed as our new House for Duty priest. He will be working in our villages plus Quinton and Preston Deanery. We hope he will enjoy his move here from the West Country and getting to know all his parishioners.



*Some of this year's beautiful harvest flower decorations.*



**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**

# Headmaster Edward Lyne

More local insight from the latest book by Maureen Williams

The original church school in Piddington, at the bottom of Forest Road, closed on 25th March 1875 'the Managers being unable under voluntary managements to provide funds for its maintenance.' A new School Board was formed later that year and the school re-opened in the November. Edward Lyne started work as the master in December, and his new wife Elizabeth was the sewing mistress. Two years later the school moved into a brand-new building on Main Road, Hackleton, although officially it continued to be called Piddington School until 1906.

Edward was born in 1854 in Devizes, Wiltshire, but was brought up in Berkshire where his father worked as a coach smith, making and repairing the metal parts of carriages. The young Edward did well at school, going on to become a pupil teacher in Reading. He married Elizabeth Allen of Reading in 1874. The young couple probably lived in Piddington before moving into the new schoolhouse in Hackleton.

Edward retired in 1919 after 44 years at the helm, and he and Elizabeth went to live with their youngest son, John at 2 Main Road, Hackleton, where John, or Jack as he was known, ran a garage and cycle shop which also sold tobacco and confectionery – it is now Hackleton Stores. Edward died in 1942, but Elizabeth lived for another nine years, dying at the ripe old age of 95.

Jack became chairman of the school managers after his father retired, served on the parish and rural district councils, and was the ARP warden for the village during the Second World War, as well as being a churchwarden for many years. A keen sportsman, he was also chairman of Hackleton Football Club and president of Horton House Cricket Club.



*Mr and Mrs Edward Lyne  
Photo courtesy of Joanne Wilde and Guy Ward and family of the late Joan Ward.*



Maureen has kindly supplied this series of extracts from her new publication, *Piddington*

*cum Hackleton: the tales of two villages*, which will hopefully be available by November.

Coming up:  
The Piddington Bakehouse

# Piddington cum Hackleton – the tales of two villages

The perfect gift for anyone who has enjoyed the series of excerpts

My latest book will be published at the end of November. It covers the history of the two villages from 1700 to the mid-1950s, with tales of highway robbery, devastating fires, religious dissenters, and murder and suicide along the way. Baptist missionary William Carey and Hackleton's very own West End star, Bernard Bedford, are featured, along with many less well-known local characters, and first-hand accounts describe what life was like in the villages in the 1930s and '40s. The book is illustrated by nearly 200 old photos, portraits, maps, and family trees.

**Maureen Williams**

## PIDDINGTON CUM HACKLETON



THE TALES OF TWO VILLAGES

MAUREEN WILLIAMS

If you missed the exhibition in October, you can still benefit from the discounted price of £16 if you order and pay before Friday 17th November. The full price will be £18.

To order please contact me by email: [maureen@thejetty.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:maureen@thejetty.eclipse.co.uk) or phone 870318 (email preferred if possible).

# 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?

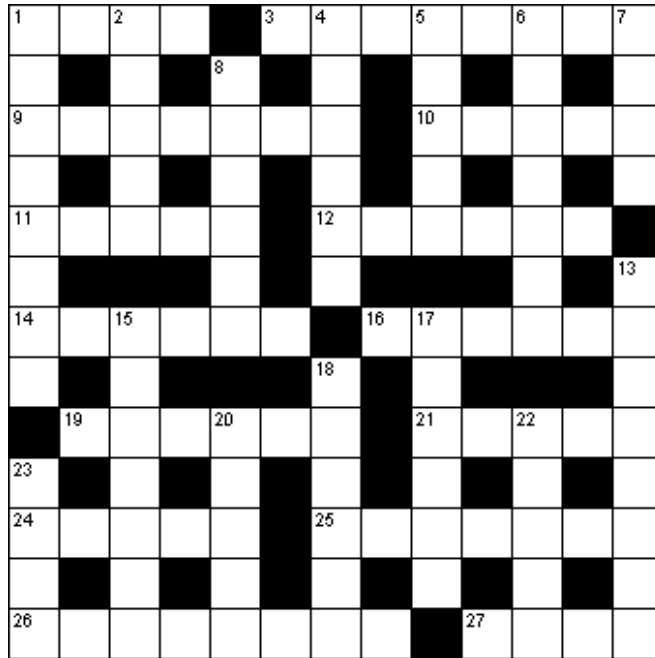
Solutions in next month's Mag – so no cheating, you've just got to persevere until you've finished them!

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## Quick Crossword



### Across

1. Curved structure (4)
3. Hard to understand (8)
9. Conceded (7)
10. Greenfly (5)
11. Concepts (5)
12. Not liable (6)
14. Missing (6)
16. Upper part of the windpipe (6)
19. Wonder (6)
21. Spring month (5)
24. Indian language (5)
25. Chided (7)
26. Equestrian (8)
27. Nourish (4)

### Down

1. Abnormal (8)
2. Large Mediterranean island (5)
4. Animal at home in a sett (6)
5. Tantalise (5)
6. Miserable (7)
7. Alleviate (4)
8. Having a better than even chance (4-2)
13. Kept out (8)
15. Computer peripheral (7)
17. Female warrior (6)
18. Northernmost American state (6)
20. Put into words (5)
22. Long narrow range of hills (5)
23. Title of former rulers of Iran (4)

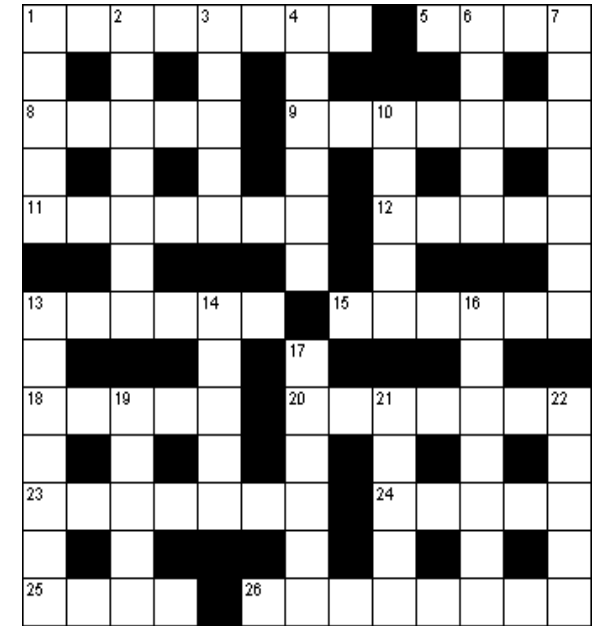
## The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

### Across

- 1 Christmas visitors can include one conjuror (8)
- 5 Some extra money provided for a form of transport (4)
- 8 Hair treatment provided by barber in Seville (5)
- 9 Jewish teacher on back street finding animals (7)
- 11 Poor Alex, he'd expelled air (7)
- 12 Wild glee when trapping a bird of prey (5)
- 13 Paddy is moderate (6)
- 15 Dirty food emptied bakery (6)
- 18 Huge cost of soil? (5)
- 20 Foremost metal in front of gate (7)
- 23 Trees seen in middle of Seattle initially (2,5)
- 24 One side of paper clergyman does not finish (5)
- 25 Missing lieutenant takes in old soldiers initially (4)
- 26 Notice present provided by National Trust supporter (8)

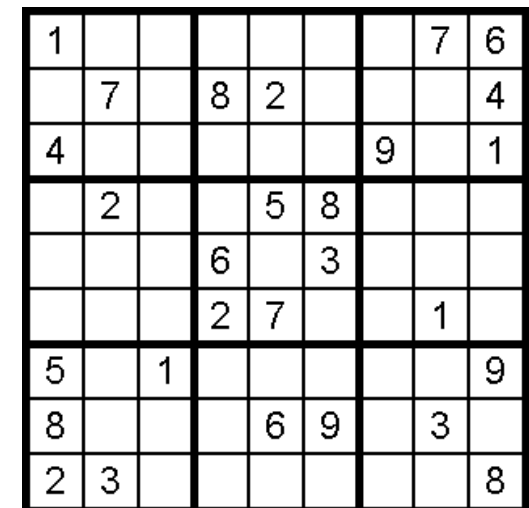
### Down

- 1 Code for a TV detective (5)
- 2 Going without Oscar, bad actor needed material (7)
- 3 Native American has left basket for fisherman (5)
- 4 Scrape a beard off (6)
- 6 Regretting destruction by leader of Goths (5)
- 7 Flower in my control (7)
- 10 Dim British king on stage (5)
- 13 Clothes line in high road to palace (3,4)
- 14 She is entertained by the queen somewhere in Surrey (5)
- 16 Oscar, going to church, tucked into cheese roll (7)
- 17 Over the moon as family members run away (6)
- 19 First breaks, then splits! (5)
- 21 See eye to eye in Gretna Green (5)
- 22 Old coin Rex found in butter! (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.







Denton Surgery Patient Group

# Drivers Required

for our Volunteer Patient Transport Service

Since last September our patient transport service has been taking patients to and from their homes to GP or hospital appointments and is getting very busy.

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Go to [www.northantsnhw.co.uk](http://www.northantsnhw.co.uk) and when prompted enter your postcode.

You will see the four available local schemes:

Area	Local Co-ordinator
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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.

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

**We live in a very safe place – let's keep it that way!**

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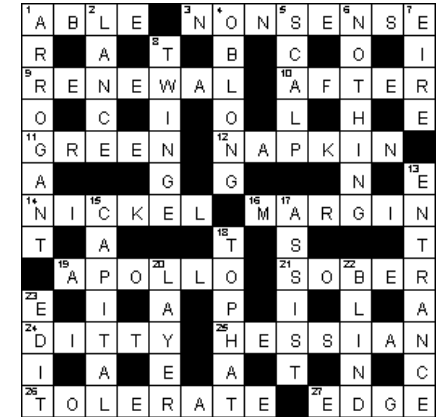
Email for non-urgent enquiries or to send a report:

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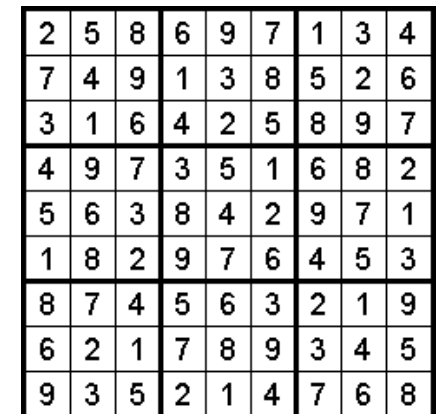
**0800 555 111** Crimestoppers for anonymous calls

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

### Quick



### Easy cryptic



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Village Hall**

**By Bob Heather  
and  
Roger Lamb**





# Wreath Making Workshop

All materials and fun supplied!

Friday 1st December  
7.30pm

Hackleton Village Hall  
£30pp (incl. arrival drink)



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