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Your Hackleton Parish News

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Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 9th December 10. 30 am - 4. 30pm & Sunday 10th December 10. 30 am - 4. 30pm Father Christmas will be here to receive children's letters On the 9th December 11 am - 1 pm Wassail with Nine Lessons & Carols 6 pm Sunday 10th December refreshments before service starts For more information, please ring Emma Dil 01604 870681



It's just not possible!

Brian Cox (the very clever astronomer one, not the actor) needs to let us know what's going on! Something needs to be done, and done quickly! Why is time accelerating? What happened to 2023 – where did it go? When I look back, I can confirm that there have been ten issues of the Parish Mag since the last December/January edition, so we've had our full quota of months. As luck would have it, there may be a solution close at hand. At the end of November, Mark Hurley is officially welcomed as our new parish priest and I am expecting to go the Licensing Service. I am hoping that our newbie priest may be able to pull a few strings and have a quiet word with his Boss to do something about slowing down time. Wish me luck, because, as clever as Brian Cox is, I really don't think he has the answer.

Whilst we still have a bit of time there's plenty to enjoy before the end of the year. Group 8 will be performing in a traditional family pantomime – it's Mother Goose this year. The annual Christmas Tree Festival at Piddington Church is always a treat that's not to be missed. We have some very creative people in the parish and I'm looking forward to seeing what they've come up with for the Christmas TV movie theme. The annual Festive Cheer at Hackleton Village Hall is a great way to get into the Christmas mood and throughout December, there's loads going on at the Baptist Church and Coffee@Carey. Rounding off the year, we can all boogie the night away at the New Year's Eve Dance at the village hall.

So don't wait, get involved and enjoy the rest of the year. I'll go to see Mark Hurley to ask if anything can be done to extend 2024.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and peaceful festive season.



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Cover

The traditional Christmas Tree Festival is a great way to get into the spirit of Christmas.

Submission Date

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

For the February issue please submit your material as early as possible in January.





The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

Well Shoe Box



Closed!

The Spread Eagle pub in Piddington has been forced to close. I have to admit to not being a regular at the 'The Spread' recently but it is very sad to see this village landmark succumbing to today's social and economic climate. The pub's long-term future is uncertain.

Welcome

At the end of November, we welcomed the **Rev Mark Hurley** who has been appointed as our

new House for Duty Priest. Mark will be working in our villages and we hope he enjoys his move here from the West Country and getting to know all his parishioners.



Wellidog will again be launching the Shoe Box Appeal to give the dogs who will be in kennels over Chrisrtmas a special time.

If you would like to fill a shoe box (or carrier bag!) or donate some items towards them, we would be very grateful.

Good quality treats (not the brightly coloured ones please), good quality food, toys, biscuits etc, anything doggie would be great.

As always, thank you for your amazing support, and (I can't believe I'm writing this on the 2nd November, where did the year go?!) wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wellidog Ball

Wellidog would like to say a huge thank you to Simon, Diana and Paige Botteril from Hackleton who organised the Wellidog Ball at Hackleton Village Hall on October 21st. They worked incredibly hard to make it a really special evening and made an amazing £1,540.25 for Wellidog! Everybody had a wonderful time and our thanks go to everybody who supported it by helping or buying tickets. Awesome folk, all of you.

Sylvia Newnham

Have you got something to say?

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



An update from the Fete Committee

Just to let you know, a total of £1255.02 was donated to the Firework Team from the Fete held in June and we know that many other local organisations also benefited from fundraising on the day. Once again thank you to everyone who took part. We anticipate organising another Fete in 2025.



Friday 26 January Quiz Night with the Richardsons

> Friday 23 February Spring Bingo Night

Friday 29 March Folk Night with Ukes of Chaos

Friday 12 April Quiz Night with the Humphreys





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We are looking forward to seeing you at one or both of our final events for 2023. The **Festive Cheer** is on 10th December form 2pm to 4pm. Come along for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. There will also be cakes, tea and coffee. This year will also feature some songs by 'Just Sing'.

At the **New Year's Eve Dance** 'Roy and the Saracens' will be entertaining us with well known songs. Tickets are £20 each which includes our excellent buffet. Tickets available from Edward Kilpin 01604 870764 but book early as they are already selling well.

Thank you for your support during 2023

Edward Kilpin BEM Chairman of the Trustees

Dates for your diary

2023 Events 10th December – **Festive Cheer** 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 November 2023

£100	03/17	Mrs J Ellerby, Wantage Close
£50	14/22	Mrs Lovell, Smith Close
£25	10/27	Naomi Cotter, Smith Close
£10	03/12	Gary Johnstone, Carey Road
£10	12/24	Claire Littlejohn, Chapel End
£10	29/30	Lachman Bains, The Banks
£10	05/08	Carole Jellicoe, Wantage Close

The next draw will take place on 13th December 2023

Hacklett	on Village Hall			Regular Activities
Day	Event	Time	Where	Contact Details
Monday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Rainbows	17.00-18.00	Main Hall	
	Pilates	19.00-20.00 2010-21.00	Main Hall	Sue 07587 155 018
	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
Tuesday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Annex	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Liz Harrison Room	Mary 01604 870885
	Bowls/Short Mat			Phill 01604 491969 John 01604 870388
	Parish Council	19.00-21.00 Usually 2nd Tue	Annex	Alison clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Wednesday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Wednesday Club	14.00-15.30	Liz Harrison Room	Maureen 01604 870126 Evelyn 01604 870332
	Brownies	18.00-19.30	Main Hall	
	Film Show	20.00-21.30 Usually 3rd Wed	Main Hall	David 01604 870037
	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
Thursday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Trustee Meeting	19.30-21.00	Annex	Edward 01604 870764
	Women's Institute	19.45-22.00 3rd Thur	Main Hall	Jane 01604 870203
	Group Eight	19.00-22.00	Main Hall	Frequent Thursday
Friday	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	17.00-21.00	Main Hall/Annex	



They discussed what!!?

Parish Council Notes

14 November 2023

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on the 14th November 2023. councillors were present together with one member of the public, Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole and the Parish Clerk.

Planning Development

Our Planning Consultant has confirmed that our Hackleton Neighbourhood Plan is up to date following the recent publication of a new National Planning Framework and therefore does not need any revisions at this time.

Due to ongoing and potential large scale planning applications in the area the Parish Council has agreed to join a forum of neighbouring parish councils to formulate a combined strategy to maximise weight of response to potential planning applications for largescale development

St George's Fields

A huge thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to deliver the Parish Mag' to St George's Fields.

Recreation Ground

We continue to liaise with Hags regarding the outstanding snagging issues with the new play equipment.

The pedestrian gate into the Recreation Ground from Main road is to be moved back in line with the footpath and replaced with a metal gate, post and clapping post. The grass area inside the gate will be re-seeded in the Spring.

Longland Meadow

A quote has been requested from Anglian Water for a new connection on the Meadow. There is an old connection which was stopped off some years ago and as it is a lead pipe it cannot be re-connected.

Permission has been given to the Scouts for to build and monitor a 6ft long dead hedge as an environmental project. We look forward to seeing a diary of how they build it and what they find in later editions of the Maq'

Trees/Hedging

Three new trees are to be purchased for the Cemetery and fifty large hedging plants to infill the hedge at the front of the Recreation Ground.

Health and Wellbeing

A grant for £700.00 will be applied for to enable a Good Neighbour Scheme to be set up within the parish

Response Times from West Northants Council (WNC)

The Parish Council is finding it more and more difficult to get responses from WNC and the list of outstanding issues is growing. It has therefore been decided that a formal complaint will be lodged with them.

Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment

Bespoke wildflower seed packets are to be purchased for distribution around the parish in the Spring of 2024.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 October 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£99,563.67
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£144,925.27
Total funds held	£244,488.94

Items approved for payment this month:

Item	Amount £
Open spaces	92.83
Payroll	4827.78
Professional Fees	6.00
Electricity	297.51
Administration	122.85
Village Hall Rent	140.00
Grants	925.00
Parish Mag' (2 months)	2800.00
Storage rent (3 months)	375.00
Grass Mowing	2550.00
Dog Waste Bin	289.21
Refuse Collection	94.25
Training	112.50
2x Street Light Replacement	4810.00

A draft budget for 2024/25 was discussed and will be amended for approval at the December meeting

Community Events

An organising committee is to be set up to arrange a beacon lighting events on 6th June 2024.

The Parish Council has agreed to grant fund the November 2024 Firework Event.

Should we run a Soapbox Derby Challenge in 2024 – please get in touch if you are interested.

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.

Hill Farm, Main Road, Hackleton

2023/6891/FULL – Erection of replacement domestic outbuildings. RESOLVED: No objection

Pinetree Farmhouse, Lucas Lane, Hackleton

2023/7268/FULL – House refurbishment including a single storey extension with a separate double carport and associated works. RESOLVED: No objection

Land North of Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton

2023/7473/MAR – Reserved matters (comprising landscape, layout, scale and appearance) pursuant to outline approval WNN/2022/0068 for the development of 103 residential dwellings along with landscaping, internal roads, public open space, children's play areas and associated infrastructure works.

RESOLVED: To make the following comments:

- Due to the amount of proposed development in the surrounding area a strategic infrastructure plan is needed for the whole of the local area.
- All properties should include renewable energy heating systems, triple glazing and electric charging points should be made available on-site.
- All properties should be built to the highest specification possible.
- There needs to be full adherence to the Hackleton Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP).
- We are extremely disappointed to note the low number of affordable homes despite the need for such properties being clearly identified in the HNDP.
- All infrastructure and amenities should be put in place during the first stage of development rather than the last.

Land North of Newport Pagnell Road, Northampton

2023/7472/MAR - Reserved matters (comprising landscape, layout, scale and appearance) pursuant to outline approval S/2017/2577/EIA for the development of 422 residential dwellings along with landscaping, internal roads, public open space, children's play areas and associated infrastructure works.

RESOLVED: To make the following comments:

- Due to the amount of proposed development in the surrounding area a strategic infrastructure plan is needed for the whole of the local area.
- All properties should include renewable energy heating systems, triple glazing and electric charging points should be made available on-site.
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110 Poppyfield Road, St George's Fields

2023/6812/FULL - Installation of air conditioning units to both side elevations (Retrospective) also installation of domestic heat pump to rear of property on the rear of the garage.

RESOLVED: To object to the air conditioning units on both side elevations as they have a negative impact on the street scene and will create noise pollution for the neighbouring properties. This proposal if approved could have a very negative impact on the whole area by setting an unacceptable precedent.

RESOLVED: No objection to the proposed installation of the heat pump to the rear of the garage.

3 St Johns Way, Piddington

2023/7201/FULL - Single storey front extension. **RESOLVED:** No objection

Next Parish Council Meetings

12th December 9th January 2024 13th February 2024

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

Visit the Parish Council website: 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 or telephone Alison on 07464 429630



West Northamptonshire Council

Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole: Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk Telephone: 07977 501573



Parish Council Surgeries Find out more about your **Parish Council**

Coffee @ Carey

Tuesday **16th January** 10am – noon



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





An RFU Accredited Rugby Club is less than seven miles away

Offering much more than just rugby



This is our first inclusion into the Hackleton Parish Magazine and would like to introduce you to our great club.

Founded 100 years ago, our club house and 3 pitches, are located in Ashton village.

We have a senior team who play in local leagues on Saturdays (with two training sessions each week). We also have a Mini & Juniors section (all age groups train/ play on Sunday 10 – 12, U13s have extra training on Wednesdays 7pm-8pm). Taking children from ages 7 - 18, where we teach them the fundamentals of the game, through the years development from tag to full contact rules, instil good sportsmanship, good fitness and regular competitive games with other clubs.

We welcome players of all abilities, and our experienced coaches are on hand to give guidance and support to all new and existing players.

Fitness and Fun (without rugby)

If rugby is not your thing, we also have a fun (but hard work!) training sessions for adults each week (Wednesday 7pm – 8pm) for those who just want some fitness and socialising, the bar is always open after this session! We are now into the new rugby season with all section playing home and away matches with great results. We welcome new members of all ages and standards. So, if you have a budding Courtney Lawes or just want to get fit then we want to hear from you.

Party (or buiness) venue

We also have a fully licensed stocked bar, kitchen facilities, outdoor BBQ area and large function room making it an ideal location for celebrating birthdays, christenings, engagements to weddings, memorials and even business meetings.

If the room isn't large enough, it is possible to set up a Marquee in the 10.2 acres surrounding the clubhouse. We even have a Bouncy Castle available!

Booking enquiries Email: bookings@mensownrfc.co.uk

We hold various functions through the year and are currently planning a quiz nights and Christmas party and welcome all members and non-members to come along and enjoy these events.

We are a friendly bunch, so come on down and meet us.

Paul Baker

Get in touch 07720 567340 (Simon Cox)

Northampton Mens Own RFC

Wildlife, Biodiversity & the Environment Top tips for sustainable gift wrapping this Christmas





Firstly, consider buying gifts that don't require wrapping at all – such as experiences. Or even gifting some of your time – for example helping in the garden or babysitting for friend or family member one evening.

Paper gift bags are great because they can be reused. However, you can also make sure they have paper handles, so that once they do need to be disposed of everything can be recycled.

Look out for responsibly sourced wrapping paper that is made from recycled or certified papers such as FSC.

Choose cards that you can recycle – no embellishments, foil and glitter etc.

Foil backed and glitter wrap isn't suitable for recycling. So, look for wrap made from paper. If you're unsure do a scrunch test, if it stays scrunched in a ball it can be recycled.

Avoid plastic ribbon's and bows opt for natural materials such as twine instead.

Have a go at tape-free wrapping techniques, there is loads of easy step by step tutorials online.

If you receive a gift with tape on it, make sure to remove the tape before you recycle your gift wrap. The tape goes into the general waste.

Maria Clark

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment Group

Grief can be overwhelming

You don't have to deal with it alone

When someone close to us dies it can be the most heartbreaking thing we will ever experience.

Events of recent years have made it harder than ever. Many have died in traumatic circumstances and many of us were isolated and cut off from our usual support at times. The effects will be long-lasting.

> If you are struggling we are here to help and support you



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Support

Bereavement

Cruse Bereavement Support needs our help

A heartfelt plea from local Bereavement Volunteer Jo Wilde

Dear friends,

As you may know, for the last twelve years I have been a Bereavement Volunteer for Cruse Bereavement Support and I also volunteer on Cruse's National Helpline. I am passionate about this and feel privileged to hear bereaved people's stories and to support them. I know, from the feedback that I receive and the very genuine words of thanks that I hear, after almost every call, how important and unique is the work that Cruse does.

For 64 years, Cruse has supported millions of people through the darkest times of their lives. But today we face our toughest challenge yet and by taking urgent action you can help us continue our vital work for years to come.

By the end of December, we need your help to raise £500,000 to keep services running – allowing us to continue to provide a lifeline to grieving people, many of whom have suffered pain so unbearable, they can't see a way through the loss. In common with many charities, Cruse Bereavement Support has found it increasingly difficult to obtain funding since the pandemic. Many people believe that Cruse is part of the NHS and that we are paid to do the work we do. This is not so; we are a charity where all the actual support given is provided by our trained bereavement volunteers.

The pandemic meant that we stretched to reach as many people as possible – so many were being bereaved and Cruse received extra funding to do so. That funding has now finished, and other sources are extremely hard-pressed. In addition, the cost-of-living increases mean that funding streams have become even tighter and that some of our loyal volunteers have had to reduce their volunteering to do more paid work. It is more difficult now to recruit new volunteers for the same reason.

Please forgive my boldness in writing to you, in the hope that if all my friends gave even £5.00 to this appeal it would make a big difference to the sum raised and hence to the lives of bereaved people. Please note that your donation can be made anonymously, and I would suggest that you use that option on the crowdfunding link below. If you feel able to do so, would you extend this appeal to your networks so that we can reach as many people as possible?

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please accept my thanks in advance for any support that you are able to give.

My kindest wishes as ever,

Jo Wilde Bereavement Volunteer





https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ take-urgent-action-for-cruse

cruse.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Support is a registered charity (208078), and a company limited by guarantee (00638709)

Calling all Community Groups Community Events Diary

A great opportunity to showcase events and attract greater participation

The community events diary is on the parish council website and we will place a link on the community Facebook page. All groups can access the diary at https://www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/localevents and enter their event whether it be regular or one-off. This will mean great advertising for local events and hopefully greater support and participation.

To get started visit the above link, click on the date of the event and add the event name, date and time, details of the event, then add your contact details and save. For any regular events click on your first diary entry and choose "copy" then all you need to do is change the date.

All submissions will be subject to approval by the site editor before they go live.

Any questions or user issues please contact Alison Benson **clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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Help needed in Horton Churchyard

Ted and Andy can't do it all by themselves!

I retired in January 2005 (aged 63) and I took my first walk into Horton Churchyard a few months later.

As I was using all my previous week days working away from the village, I was not very familiar with surroundings so decided to explore. As I entered from the Newport Pagnell road, it struck me straight away that the grass was very tall and only a few graves had been mowed or even clipped.

There were no clear areas between rows of graves and the grass was mostly up to my knees.

After my visit, I thought that now I have some spare time, I should have a go at reducing the grass so at least the headstones could be found by visiting families. Frankly I was disgusted that the Churchyard was so scruffy and uncared for. I then hoped that I could make a difference.

Little did I know that it would take me two solid weeks to reduce the grass before I could mow it, and that here I am some 18 years later still mowing.

After a couple of years on my own I was joined by my neighbour Andy Cooke and we have both mowed the grass over the years together since.

Andy has in the past used his tractor and trailer to deliver topsoil, to remove hedge cuttings and weeds for burning. We have sprayed the gravel drive and walkways for years until the good old EU changed the law on spraying in a public place without a certificate. Claiming it to be dangerous, yet, in all the years we never killed a single person or their dog, or any other animal that we know of.

Apart from continually mowing, (and leaf picking) we have carried out many, many tasks over the years, but now we have passed the point where due to our ages



(me 81, Andy late 70's) we no longer have the physical strength and the energy required for all the work needed as we used to have.

As long as we are sitting down on our "sit ons" we can mow for hours. But tasks such as strimming, hedge cutting, etc are not possible nowadays.

Over the time I have been mowing we have seen far too many trees cut down and this alone has changed the Churchyard from being a Sanctuary, to just a few lines of graves and all the character has gone. I have never been involved or responsible for this and regret that none of my many arguments against that have always been rejected, still I have carried on even though I believe that Biodiversity means all plants, trees, birds, and animals together.

What we now require are at least two more Ted Wood's and Andy Cooke's to come along and assist us so that we can still contribute as we ride on by all the physical stuff for a few more years yet.

Ted Wood



We are inviting you to

Christmas Celebration

Thursday, 14th December, 2023

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

Members please arrive by 7.00pm to be seated no later than 7.20pm

Remember to bring your Christmas gift

January Meeting

Thursday, 18th January, 2024 at 7.45pm



The Women's Land Army **During The First World** War

Speaker: Helen Frost

© Imperial War Museum

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

CINEMA **Kenneth Branagh** as Hercule Poirot

HACKLETON VILLAGE HALL

Michelle Yeoh Jamie Doran Kelly Reilly



DEATH WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING

A whodunit with a spectral chill based on the novel 'Hallowe'en Party' by Agatha Christie

Wednesday 17th January 8.00pm

All tickets £5 on the door

There will be no film show in December

Licensed bar before the film

December 2023 – January 2024



Community Responder Volunteer

We need you to make a difference to older people.

This service aims to provide company, reassurance, and low-level support to an older vulnerable person in their own home when a delay is anticipated for Primary or Secondary care support. It can be a worrying time when older people are waiting for further support at home, our aim is to assign a volunteer to be that much needed "friendly face" for up to two hours.

This service currently covers Northampton and Wellingborough and the surrounding areas, including East Northamptonshire.

To join this rewarding service, we ask that you are:-

- age 18 or over
- a confident caring person with empathy for older people
- able to stay calm and offer reassurance
- living locally in the current service area

Your visit could include:-

- making a drink н.
- packing an overnight bag
- making someone comfortable following a fall
- contacting a family member or friend
- providing reassurance and a listening ear
- liaising with your Service Manager as required .

Please note this role will not involve any manual handling (lifting or moving) of people. We are sure that you will enjoy volunteering with us, and that you will always feel supported and safe.

If you are interested in this role and would like an informal chat to find out more, please call Kathy Smith on 01604 210618 or email communityresponders@ageuknorthants.org.uk

Scan me to apply.



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Achieve Your New Year's Health and Fitness Goals

Make it happen and have fun with Team Thomas



The countdown to the New Year is not just about watching fireworks and singing "Auld Lang Syne." For many, it's the perfect time to reflect on the past year and set ambitious goals for the future. Among the most common New Year's resolutions are those related to health and fitness, and for good reason.

Let's delve into why people set New Year's resolutions and how Team Thomas can help individuals achieve their wellness aspirations in 2024.

Why Set New Year's Resolutions?

Health and wellness resolutions consistently rank among the top New Year's resolutions each year. But why do so many of us feel compelled to set these goals as we ring in the new year?

Setting resolutions is a way to mark a fresh start and channel our enthusiasm for positive change. The turning of the calendar is a symbolic moment, a chance to leave behind the past and embrace the future. It's a time to commit to self-improvement and prioritize our well-being.

The Holistic Approach to Fitness

In recent years, there has been a shift towards holistic workouts that not only focus on physical fitness but also mental health. Team Thomas understands the importance of this balanced approach. Whether you're into yoga, Pilates, or outdoor activities, our fitness programs cater to a variety of preferences. We know that wellness isn't just about shedding pounds; it's about feeling great inside and out.

Embracing Technology for Success

Fitness trackers, health apps, and smart devices have become indispensable tools for those pursuing their health and wellness resolutions. Team Thomas stays ahead of the curve by integrating technology into our



programs. From personalized fitness plans to virtual coaching sessions, we leverage technology to help you stay on track and meet your goals.

Nurturing Mental Well-Being

Mental health is an integral part of the wellness journey, and Team Thomas recognizes this. We offer mindfulness and meditation sessions as part of our holistic approach to fitness. Achieving your New Year's resolutions is not just about physical transformation; it's about finding inner peace and balance.

Home Workouts for Convenience

With the rise of home workouts, many prefer the convenience and safety of exercising in their own space. Team Thomas provides comprehensive at-home workout programs, ensuring you have the tools and guidance to stay fit and healthy wherever you are.

The Power of Community Support

When it comes to sticking to your resolutions, a supportive community can make all the difference. Team Thomas has a thriving online fitness community, where members motivate and inspire each other. Joining our team means you're not on this journey alone; you're part of a supportive family.

Setting SMART Goals



Setting Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound (SMART) goals is crucial for resolution success. At Team Thomas, we work closely with you to define and track your goals. Whether it's losing weight, building strength, or improving endurance, we help you set SMART targets that lead to real results.

Expert Guidance

Achieving your New Year's resolutions often requires the expertise of professionals. Our team includes certified personal trainers, nutritionists, and health coaches who provide tailored advice and guidance. We're here to ensure you have the knowledge and support needed to succeed.

Sustainable Lifestyle Changes

Lastly, remember that resolutions are not just about January. Sustainable lifestyle changes are the key to lasting success. Team Thomas offers ongoing programs and resources to help you maintain your progress throughout the year and beyond.

Conclusion

As we embrace the New Year, it's essential to recognize the significance of setting health and fitness resolutions. They symbolize a fresh start, a commitment to wellbeing, and a desire for positive change. Team Thomas is here to support you on your journey to achieving these goals.

With a holistic approach to fitness, the integration of technology, a focus on mental well-being, and a vibrant community, we're well-equipped to help you make 2024 your healthiest year yet. Join us, and let's turn your resolutions into reality, one SMART goal at a time.





Health and Wellbeing Feeling inspired to get fit?

Let me help

If you've been inspired to improve your health and wellbeing by the Team Thomas article on the previous pages, then I can help further.

I recently decided to upgrade our running treadmill. Kim was OK with this provided I find a home for the old machine before acquiring its replacement. Now, not for the first time, I find myself in trouble – new treadmill has arrived and we still have the old one.

This machine is rather elderly but is in **great condition and perfect working order** – a bit like its owner.

Horizon Omega II

Max. speed 10mph (fast!) Max. incline 10% (steep!) Folds for convenient storage

This treadmill deserves to be used. It is available to try and I can deliver it locally.

We don't want any payment (unless you wish to make a donation to a charity of your choice) and so it represents a great risk-free introduction to indoor running or walking.

Surely, someone must know someone who can make use of this treadmill – and get me out of trouble!

Alan McDonogh 01604 870390 HackletonParishMag@gmail.com





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Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA)

Horton resident, **Karen Hughes**, is a Community Fundraising Executive for WNAA

Every day of the year the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) helps to save lives and provide vital support to the NHS and the Northamptonshire community when it matters most.

Operating for the last 20 years, the charity's dedicated critical care paramedics, doctors and pilots average five rescue missions a day.

Within minutes the charity's crew can be on the ground delivering lifesaving pre-hospital emergency care at road traffic collisions, sports events, and industrial accidents or for medical emergencies such as cardiac arrest, stroke, or accidents in the home.

The crew can perform advanced medical interventions and surgical procedures – usually performed in a hospital environment – from thoracotomies and caesareans to amputations, when the need arises.

The air ambulance gives people the very best chance of survival and recovery. Its helicopter can fly at 185mph and carries the very latest lifesaving equipment.

The air ambulance team is also supported by a Critical Care Car, which provides valuable backup for incidents close to the helicopter base or when the weather makes it too dangerous to fly. It also enables the charity's doctors and critical care paramedics to be run a night car service so that they are available to reach those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The charity receives no government or National Lottery funding and relies entirely on generous donations to raise the £1,700 needed for each rescue mission and to continue making clinical developments.

The money the charity receives because of the time and effort people take out of their lives to fundraise for it,

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is one of the reasons it's able to continue saving lives. From the bravery of a skydive to the incredible efforts of a bake sale, the charity appreciates all fundraising efforts no matter how big or small they may seem.

We are so grateful for everything the Hackleton Parish and wider Northamptonshire community do for our vital service.

We continue to need support, to keep saving lives, so I encourage people to contact me if they'd like to help support our frontline service. People can sign up to take part in one of our organised charity events – where they can meet others hoping to raise as much as possible and have my full support – or start their own fundraiser which suits them.

Whether you are a seasoned fundraiser or looking to arrange your first event, I'm are here to answer any questions – your support will help keep us flying."

To find out how you can get involved, visit: theairambulanceservice.org.uk

or contact me via

Karen.Hughes@theairambulanceservice.org.uk



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Carey Baptist Church, Hackleton

The Chapel, Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

It's been a while since I last wrote anything. As no-one has commented, I'm wondering if people have read what I've written for the last 23 years? Still, I'm like William Carey in that I can keep going!

I recently asked ChapGPT for "wellbeing activities". The list looked remarkably like God's guidelines for our lives and things we do in church week by week. So, with that in mind, we invite you to draw aside in the run up to Christmas (all activities are suitable for all ages):

Sunday 3 December, 10.45am (ish) – 12ish Traditional Carols

Draw aside for Wellbeing: community singing, mindfulness, meditation, laughter, learning, social connection with thoughts from Luke's account of THE Birth followed by a BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Sunday 10 December, 10.45am (ish) – 12ish Traditional Carols

Draw aside for Wellbeing: community singing, mindfulness, meditation, laughter, learning, social connection with thoughts from Matthew's account of THE Birth

Sunday 17 December, 6pm Draw aside for wellbeing

Pass the Parcel, JUST SING CHOIR, story-telling with Mrs Ink

CHRISTMAS EVE, come and go as you please, from 10am - midday

Draw aside for wellbeing

Nativity Escape Room: solve the puzzles, get a key to The Kingdom!

(activity lasts 30-60minutes), suitable for 8 years old + alternative activities for younger children. Coffee, cookies, etc

NEW YEAR'S EVE, 10.45 (ish) to 12 (ish) Draw aside for wellbeing

Through a guided meditation, community singing and prayer, we will wrap up 2023 and welcome in 2024. Suitable for all ages. Coffee, cookies, etc

Dates for your diary

From 14 January, you are invited to a six-week WELLBEING JOURNEY at 10.45 on Sunday mornings, delivered via video, by presenters Simon Thomas (Prime Video Sport/ Sky Sports/ Blue Peter) and Joanna Adeyinka-Burford (BBC, Channel 5, Nickelodeon). Get the dates in your diaries now. All ages are welcome.

With every blessing for Christmas and 2024

Reve Jernie 07851 403947, revdjennie@gmail.com



Coffee@Carey The Chapel, Chapel Lane, NN7 2AH MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 10am – 1pm

Coming up in December

Monday 4 December, from 11.30

Join in with some simple crafts for Coffee@Carey's Christmas Tree contribution to Piddington Church Christmas Tree Festival, 9 & 10 December

Tuesday 5 December, 10.30

Join with the **Denton Surgery Social Prescriber's** Group

Wednesday 13 December 10am -midday

West Northants Customer Service Team get advice on housing, blue badges, highways, help and support in many different situations, and so much more!

Monday, 18 December 10.30 onwards

Parkinson's support group meet

Every Monday homemade soup and a roll, served from midday but order earlier!

Every Wednesday, 10.30-12

Bumps, Babies and Tots whether you're expecting your first or have several children; parent or grandparent, you are very welcome to join us in The Library. If you have a buggy, it's easier to come through the Millennium Garden (the little entrance between the Chapel and the white cottage, on Chapel Lane). Be brave! If in doubt, phone Jennie on 07851 403947

Every Monday – Wednesday 10am – 1pm

Coffee Shop and Library are open to all

Wellbeing

Have you read how good volunteering is for your general wellbeing? If you would like to try volunteering, in any capacity, please do get in touch 07851 403947.

Coffee@Carey closes 25 December 2023 – reopens 8 January 2024 May you all have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2024



The aim of the group is to promote live theatre in the community to the mutual enjoyment of members and audiences alike.

The Christmas Panto It's all coming together!

Our Pantomime will be on stage at Hackleton Village Hall from Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th of December whilst this edition of the Parish Mag is being delivered. As I write this, the Group is about to start weekend setbuild and the many weekend rehearsals. Last weekend some members put in a lot of hard work stripping layers of paper and paint from some of our flats ready for them to be re-papered and painted for the Panto. The photograph shows our Treasurer hard at work. We are all looking forward to seeing you at our shows as Panto really comes alive when the audiences cheer, boo and generally join in. So, if you get your copy of the Mag before our run finishes, we would love you to come along.

Tickets available online from our website groupeight.co.uk and can usually be bought on the door though an email to groupeight1973@ outlook.com to reserve them is advisable especially for the Matinee performance on 9th December.

If your copy arrives after we have finished our run, then a big thank you to all those who came to see our Panto. We hope you enjoyed the Panto. If you missed the show, then there will always be the chance to see us in 2024 when we will be back on stage in May and in December for the 51st year of Group Eight. Look out for our news of what we will be performing in the Parish Mag next year. If you are interested in joining the group our AGM is at the Hall in Hackleton on Thursday 4th January at 7.30pm. This is a good chance to come along, meet our members, find out about the group, and discover what we intend to do in the following year.



Jennie Campbell hard at work preparing scenery.

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St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

As Christmas rapidly approaches, we can all too easily get caught up with the commercialised side of Christmas and worries about how we are going to pay for Christmas, especially given the cost of living crisis that has left its mark on many families. However, Christmas is also about remembering that our Saviour, Jesus Christ was born at this time of year. He was born to very young parents who had nothing, but love to give their first child. After we have thrown all the wrapping paper out and stuffed the turkey and ourselves with the excesses of Christmas, and the children have discarded the toys they pestered you for; the one thing they will remember is the love that you have given them. This is true for us as Christians too, as it says in John chapter 3 verse 16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life "

Christmas Tree Festival

As I hope you are aware, our Christmas tree festival is to be held on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 10:30am – 4:30pm**. There is no entry fee, but we welcome donations that will help us with urgent repairs to our lovely church. We will be having a very special visitor on the Saturday between 11am – 1pm when Father Christmas will be taking a break from his preparations for Christmas Eve, he will be taking letters from all the children who come to see him.

We would love to see you at one or all of our services this advent season.

Services

December 3rd 10am Sung Communion

December 10th 6pm

Wassail and Nine Lessons & Carols Join us for mulled wine and mince pies before the

start of the service

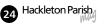
December 17th 10am Sung Communion

December 24th 4pm Crib Service

December 24th 11:30pm Midnight Mass

See church notice boards for the new pattern of services to be led by Rev Mark Hurley





The Spread Eagle Inn

The pub is now closed and its future is uncertain. Maureen Williams gives us an insight into its background.



The Spread Eagle was built at the end of the 1700s and the first recorded licensee was Ann Brice in 1765, but its early history is not entirely clear until 1827, when Daniel Whitbread became the landlord.

Born in Hanslope, Daniel farmed in Piddington as well as running the inn, employing five agricultural labourers in 1851. By 1861, his son, Thomas, had taken over as innkeeper and also worked as a carpenter; many publicans had a 'day job' as well in those days. Thomas sold up in 1866.

By 1871 the landlord was 48-year-old Thomas Houghton, former licensee of The Britannia in Hardingstone. He had two daughters, the eldest of whom, Maria, married George Daniel Howes in 1875. Thomas was still at the Spread Eagle in 1881 but in 1890 his son-in-law George took over the running of the pub, by now owned by Phipps Brewery.

George was born in Far Cotton in 1855 and he and Maria had two sons and three daughters. Sadly, Maria died in 1882 aged just 26. Four years later George married Eliza Curtis, with whom he had two more daughters, Edith and Nellie.

Nellie married Frank Clarke Smith, son of the landlord of the White Hart, Hackleton, in 1909, and her sister Edith married Ben Sansome, son of John Sansome of Hackleton House, in 1919. Ben became the landlord of the Spread Eagle after his father-in-law's death in 1933, continuing until his retirement in 1951, the licence thus having been in the same family for nearly 100 years.

The longest-serving licensee since that time was Dave Nunn, who became the landlord in 1969 and stayed for 30 years.





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

cum Hackleton: the tales of two villages, which which is now available.

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

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THE TALES OF TWO VILLAGES

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Copies of 'Piddington cum Hackleton: the tales of two villages' priced £18 are available from Maureen Williams, email: maureenwilliams972@gmail.com, tel: 870318

Ginger Brandy Log

A rich and decadent seasonal sweet that is extremely easy to make and has become a Christmas tradition in our household



I few years ago I introduced to the parish my mum's Ginger Brandy Log. I recently came across my mum's old cookery book ('Modern Cookery' published in 1947!) stuffed full of all sorts of newspaper and magazine recipe clippings and handwritten notes including Ginger Brandy Log. 'Log' was so popular amongst the McDonogh family and friends that I thought the parish may need reminding of this delightful pudding.

Enjoy!

Alan McDonogh

Ingredients

- 1 packet ginger nut biscuits
- Brandy butter
- Brandy
- Whipped cream
- Tin of orange segments and milk chocolate for decoration

Method

Make well ahead for flavours to blend

- 1. Dip each biscuit quickly in brandy
- 2. Form the log by joining biscuits together with brandy butter

If you have the time, the completed biscuit log could be left a while to allow the flavours to blend

- 3. Cover completely with whipped cream
- 4. Decorate with orange segments and grated milk chocolate

Place in fridge for 8 hours



Take a Break

Sorry, no cryptic puzzle this month but hopefully it will be back next year.

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

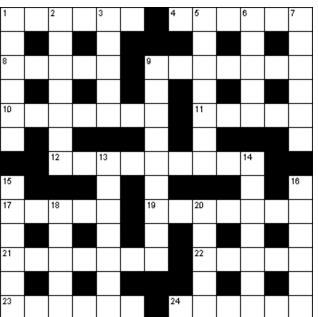
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- 1 Fastening for a strap (6)
- 4 Receive willingly (6)
- 8 Deceit (5)
- 9 To that place (7)
- 10 Driver under instruction (7)
- 11 Be in accord (5)
- 12 Wise (9)
- 17 Parcel out (5)
- 19 Mean, medium (7)
- 21 Without head covering (7)
- 22 Swift (5)
- 23 Small wave (6)
- 24 Rode a bike (6)

Down

- 1 Perplex (6)
- 2 Neckwear (7)
- 3 Loaded (5)
- 5 Large city in Illinois (7)
- 6 Anaesthetic (5)
- 7 Something to aim for (6)
- 9 Renegades (9)
- 13 Recover from illness (3,4)
- 14 Surgical knife (7)
- 15 Thin slice of bacon (6)
- 16 Repaired (6)
- 18 Abatement, alleviation (3,2)
- 20 Ahead of schedule (5)

Quick Crossword



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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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.

Being a volunteer driver is an opportunity to make a big difference and we urgently need more volunteer drivers to help in meeting demand and to share the load.

If you can volunteer for as little as a couple of hours a month that would be great.

There is no lifting involved and you get paid expenses at 45p per mile from your home to where you have to go and back again.

To find out more and for an informal chat, call our co-ordinator, Sue, on 07506 866 298 or e-mail: secretary@dspg.me





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Saturday 08.15 – 09.15 First Session FREE!



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Hackleton, Horton, Piddington and St George's Fields

Please register to become a member of your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme

to receive automated reports of crime in our area, as well as security advice and warnings of the latest scams.

Go to 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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	carollloyd1@icloud.com
Piddington	Phil Renshaw
	philip.renshaw@yahoo.co.uk
St George's Fields	Nikesh Jani
	n_jani@hotmail.co.uk

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!

Don't forget!

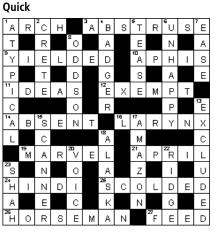
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101 for non-urgent enquiries – to report a crime that has happened or a concern or suspicion.

Email for non-urgent enquiries or to send a report: NeighbourhoodTeamSouthNorthants-Towcester@ northants.police.uk

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'.



Easy cryptic

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