



80 D-Day Beacon



Commemorate and Remember



Pictures please

To help us with the planning of future promotions

The Parish Council is very keen to see some results from wild flower seeds given away with the March issue of the Mag. And having spent countless hours attaching the packets to each copy of the Mag, Kim and I would also like to see the fruits of our labour.



The seeds should have produced flowers by now, so please send in your pictures of some lovely wild flowers adorning our parish.

Looking forwards, if the idea of free giveaways with the Mag doesn't prove popular, we may have to re-think the arrangements were hoping to make with local car manufacturer, Aston Martin.

The Mag is five years old!

Probably not an occasion for a public holiday, but worth mentioning.



Hope you enjoy the 56th issue of the Mag

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A special D-Day 80 event brought to us by the Parish Council

Submission Date

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

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



The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

Community Speed Watchers!!

It is a shame that we now have a vigilante group who have nothing better to do with their time than to point a speed gun at the local traffic, in addition to the frequent visits by the "Piggy Bank" van.

On top of the wasted council tax money spent on the signs and paraphernalia at the side of the road to further distract drivers, we get this group pointing their gun at us.

On the Main Road and the Black Spot that is the Brafield Road is marginally understandable (not really) but in Piddington Lane !!!!! Come on get real, this is bordering on harassment of the residents of the village, this is the only road into and out of the village, so is most likely to be targeting a very specific group of people.

I for one vehemently oppose this practice!
(And yes I do live in Pidd.)

May I suggest to the Community Speed watchers, that it would be a good idea to justify the expenditure of our tax money and their wasted time, by compiling some data from the time spent watching the speeding drivers.

Data like the number of cars targeted, minimum and maximum speeds recorded, average overall speed,

number at or under the limit, number over the limit, and overall number of letters issued to wayward drivers. Etc.

The data could then be published in this fine magazine each month.

This way the community could see how good or bad the situation is and get some return on our investment in providing the group with their "toy" and signage.

This data may even change perceptions of the activity and who knows we may even applaud them for giving up their precious time and keeping us safe!

Concerned of Piddington (COP)

The Lands Pathway

Following continued pressure from the parish council WNC Highways have now agreed that the footpath has deteriorated further and they will foot the bill for resurfacing it. Work should be undertaken within the next 4-6 weeks. In the meantime the Parish Council is having the whole area cut back and sided out so that we achieve the maximum width re-surfacing that we can. The Parish Council is delighted that the cost of £11,847.04 will be covered by WNC Highways and would like to thank residents for helping achieve this outcome by reporting on Street Doctor.



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.



WANTED



Do you want to do something positive for your community?

**Can you think, listen and act locally?
Hackleton Parish Council – Piddington Ward
has a vacancy and is looking to co-opt a new
Councillor**

**Why not consider becoming a Parish
Councillor?**

**To find out more or to express an interest
please contact**

Alison Benson, Clerk to the Council
clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone her on
**07464 429630. Applications will be considered at the next parish
council meeting on 23rd July 2024**



The Barn Dance Don't miss out!

There are still some tickets left for the Barn Dance on Saturday 6th July. The Occasional Few are looking forward to performing once again. Tickets at £12.50 (including food) are available from Edward Kilpin 01604 870764. Hope to see you there.

Still to come in 2024:

Cream teas on the Sundays 4th & 18th August

Festive Cheer 8th December

New Years Eve Dance with entertainment provided by 'Roy and the Saracens'

Thank you for your support.

Edward Kilpin BEM
Chairman of the Trustees

2024 Events

6th July – **Barn Dance**

Sundays 4th & 18 August – **Cream Teas**

8th December – **Festive Cheer**

New Years Eve Dance
Entertainment provided by 'Roy and the Saracens'

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 June 2024

£100	18/29	Scott Brown c/o Collector
£50	07/16	Mrs Johns, Carey Road
£25	01/26	Lochlan Brown c/o Collector
£10	03/28	Anna Tudor c/o Collector
£10	03/25	J Charteress, Old End
£10	09/25	Nicola Melling, The Banks
£10	21/25	Mrs M Flude, Low Greeve

The next draw will take place on 10 July

Hackleton 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	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
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
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	

Village Hall Bookings

Tel: **01604 870388** / Email: **hallbookings2@gmail.com**



They discussed what!!?

Parish Council Notes

11 June 2024

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on 11th June when eight councillors were present together four members of the public, Police Sergeant Lorna Clarke, Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole and the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Alec Hussey as a new councillor and very much look forward to working with him.

Since the last meeting the Parish Council has received the resignation of Steve Coombes. The Council would like to thank Steve for all of his hard work during his time as a councillor. If anyone would be interested in joining the Council then please contact Alison our Clerk.

D-Day 80 Beacon Lighting Event

Thursday 6th June 2024

The commemoration of D-Day 80 was well attended and very poignant. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped to organise the event or who took part. (See also separate item in the Mag').

Police

Police Sargent Lorna Clarke was present at the parish council meeting. She confirmed that the perpetrators of the vandalism to the caravan at the Roman Dig have been dealt with appropriately. (See also separate item in the Mag').

Annual Parish Meeting

23rd May 2024

Thank you to all community groups and stakeholders who took part in the meeting and to all residents who attended. The minutes of the meeting are published elsewhere in this edition of the Mag'.

Highways/Road Safety

Following a road traffic accident on the Preston Deanery Crossroads on 31st May involving three vehicles the Parish Clerk immediately contacted West Northants to complain about the lack of visibility due to the overgrown and unmown grass, they immediately attended site to cut the grass back. The Parish Council will now follow this up with a formal complaint.

Speed Data from the Parish Council Speed Indicator Devices has been downloaded and shows that 85% of drivers drive at 34mph into Horton on Brafield Road and 33mph into new Hackleton. The Police and WNC Highways operate a tolerance in a 30mph limit of 85% at 35mph.

Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment

A report on the latest Hackleton WEB meeting can be found as a separate item in the Mag'. The Parish Council has amended and updated its Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment policy which can be found on our website <https://www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

The Parish Council has agreed in principle to set up a Repair Café and is to purchase a digital starter kit.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 May 2024
Unity Bank Current Account	£62,356.20
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£196,930.34
Total funds held	£259,286.54

Items approved for payment in June:

Item	Amount £
Wildlife & Biodiversity	202.04
Payroll	4632.68
Recreation Ground	12.04
Professional fees	46.72
Administration	20.68
Rent	412.50
Grant to ABILITY	500.00
Insurance	1510.82
Community Event	230.00
Subscriptions	283.00
Electricity	526.43
Cemetery Green Bin	58.00
Open spaces	289.71
Signage	420.00
Grass Mowing	2838.60
Health & Wellbeing	110.00
Parish Mag'	1420.00

Health & Wellbeing

The Parish Council has agreed to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme from September 2024 for an initial 12-month trial period. It has also agreed to facilitate new groups within the parish based on need, volunteer manpower and grant funding. Following the successful application for a grant from The Rural Community Needs Fund a Dementia Group will also be launched. (See separate items in the Mag' for details of all projects).

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.

Vane House, The Drive, Horton NN7 2AY

2024/2335/LBC & 2024/2334/FULL – Listed building consent for replace existing vehicle timber entrance gate with metal gate and brick piers, RESOLVED: No objection

50 Forest Road, Piddington NN7 2DA

2024/2473/FULL – Two storey side and rear extension, RESOLVED: No objection

Woodlands, Little Horton House Drive, Horton NN7 2BB

2024/2065/FULL – Demolition of existing bungalow. Proposed 2 No 6-bedroom dwellings with integral garaging, external parking and amenity spaces, RESOLVED: To object to the application and make the following comments. This proposal would be too dominant for the street scene and is over-development of the site. It would result in the loss of light and privacy for neighbouring properties and be too overbearing on the site. The proposed 6 bedrooms in each property would result in too much traffic and parking requirement within the vicinity

1 Brook Court, Horton NN7 2BL

2024/2680/FULL – Installation of air source heat pump, RESOLVED: No objection

Next Parish Council Meetings

23rd July – please note 4th Tuesday of the month

3rd September – please note first Tuesday of the month

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



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

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Parish Council Surgeries

Find out more about
your Parish Council

Coffee @ Carey
Tuesday 16th July
10am – noon



Please come and have a chat

FixMyStreet.com

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

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

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH

FixMyStreet.com

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

Some lesser-known issues you can report:

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

Fallen trees or branches

Signs missing or obscured by vegetation

FixMyStreet.com

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



Meet WNC Customer Service Team

Coffee@Carey
Hackleton Baptist Church,
Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

Monday
15 July

Tuesday
13 August

Wednesday
18 September

Monday
14 October

Tuesday
19 November

10am – 12pm

Here to answer any
WNC-related matters



ADOPT A POT

Two of the Horton planters are looking for volunteers to look after them.

If you can help these planters spread a little welcoming joy please contact:

Alison Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 07464 429630

E: clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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6 June 2024 Piddington Beacon

80 D-DAY

Brent Klegaris welcomed everyone to the event and introduced **Mick Lee** as the compere for the evening.

Mick began with a very personal and poignant wartime story that highlighted the type of enemy the allied forces faced during the liberation of mainland Europe. Three more moving and emotional first-hand recollections expertly read by members of **Group Eight** gave real insight into the conditions on the D-Day beaches on 6 June 1944.

Reverend Mark Hurley continued with more thought-provoking stories from that fateful day and then led us in prayers of remembrance.



Mick Lee



Revd Mark Hurley



Sergeant Lance Keightley

Fine weather and exemplary organisation combined to ensure a very fitting event to commemorate and remember the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings of 1944. Our beacon lighting ceremony was part of the National Commemoration and it was another occasion of which our parish can be proud. The brilliantly organised event was presented to a very large audience who were all keen to show their respect for the historic events which still shape our lives exactly 80 years later.



Group Eight reciting first-hand recollections from those who landed on the D-Day beaches.



International Tribute read by representatives of the parish community.

The **International Tribute** was imaginatively presented and impeccably recited by representatives of the community including: Hackleton and District WI, Firework Team, Hackleton Village Hall, Hackleton CEVA Primary School, Salcey Lodge, Hackleton Parish Council, 1st Hackleton Scouts.



Army Cadets

Not publicised before but perfectly in-keeping with the event, **Sergeant Lance Keightley** marched his squad of **army cadets** on to the site with, as you would expect, military precision. Brilliant. Following a respectful two-minute silence, Sergeant Keightley lit the beacon which blazed its message into darkening night sky.

The mood was lifted with some inspirational singing by local choir **Just Sing!** and then they led the audience in a community sing-song of old wartime favourites.

The successful evening was wrapped up with the singing of the National Anthem.

P.S. It was great to see many copies of the Mag's pull-out programme being used on the night.



Just Sing! entertained us with wartime classics and then led the community sing-song.

Mag COMMENT

Thank You

To everyone who contributed to this wonderful event.

The Parish Councillors did a great job and deserve a lot of credit. Tina Charteress coordinated the event – from Guy Ward preparing the beacon which blazed magnificently to other Councillors support and then acting as marshals on the night. Peter Elliot provided a faultless PA system. A great team effort.

Thank you and well done!



Guy Ward preparing the beacon

After a man falls to his death his wife becomes the prime suspect.

ANATOMY OF A FALL ¹⁵

Partly in English, partly in French with sub-titles

★★★★★ Telegraph ★★★★★ Guardian ★★★★★ Independent

★★★★★ Daily Mail ★★★★★ Financial Times

'Stunning courtroom thriller'
Independent

'We're kept guessing to the end'
Guardian

'Continually takes your breath away'
Telegraph

Winner of the Palme D'Or
at Cannes Festival

Oscar nomination Best Picture

Wednesday
17th July 8.00pm

All tickets £5 on the door



July Meeting

Thursday 18th July

Ramble Round Hunsbury Hill

Led by Dave Askew
(Northamptonshire Walks)

Followed by supper at The White Hart,
Hackleton.

There will be no meeting this month at the
Village Hall.

August Meeting

15th August

A Murder Mystery Evening with The Wispians

Further details to follow.

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

Annual Parish Meeting

23rd May 2024

The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council **Pam Heap** welcomed 71 residents and/or stakeholders to the meeting and then outlined the year's major achievements.

Hackleton Parish Council – Chairman's Report 2023-24

We delivered our second big project in two years – the new playground. We now have over 50 fun activities for children 0 -12 years old supporting their developmental milestones whilst providing an amazing play facility.

The pedestrian gate into the recreation ground has also been replaced with a new metal gate. We have requested WNC improve the safety of the ditch to the right of the pedestrian gate and once this is done the perimeter fencing in that area will be replaced.

Support for the Environment

Our Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment Working Party has become a more independent forum now known as Hackleton WEB. The public meetings have been well supported and this support is growing.

The purpose of the group is to consider ways in which the community can take action to combat climate change through the 3 Rs – Re-use, Reduce & Recycle – and to encourage awareness in others. There have been several environment-related articles in the Parish Mag, and the Parish Council distributed wild flower seed packets to every household in the Parish.

The latest initiative of Hackleton WEB is to reduce plastic waste and car use by having the **Green Machine** – a company that brings zero waste shopping to your doorstep. The group is also looking at setting up a **Repair Café** where small items can be repaired by suitably skilled volunteers.

Other environmental works undertaken by the parish council include additional trees being planted in

the cemetery and the hedging infilled in front of the Recreation Ground.

We have supported the excellent work undertaken by both the Longland Meadow Volunteer Group and the Churchyard Volunteer Group. This has included purchasing a birdbath, hedgehog house, water butt and small pond for the churchyard and additional plants for the Meadow.

Additional dog waste bins have been installed around the parish.

An independent tree survey was commissioned of all trees on parish council land and trees which could impact parish council assets. Tree and hedge works have been undertaken to improve safety, visibility and the general appearance of our locality

The bank along the Cemetery Extension has been grass seeded and visually improved.

We would like to thank our local Wombles for all of their hard work litter picking around the Parish.

Health & Wellbeing

We set up a **Health & Wellbeing** working party to explore the health and wellbeing needs of the parish. Many meetings with WNC and stakeholders have taken place and in December we were awarded a grant to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme. We sent questionnaires to every household asking about what groups, facilities people attended or used in the parish and what they would like to see happen going forward. Following this a health and wellbeing launch took place in February, attended by over 35 residents.

In conjunction with Public Health Northamptonshire and WNC we have provided financial support to set

up the **Otago** exercise classes delivered by our local fitness experts, Team Thomas. This program aims to prevent falls by improving balance, co-ordination and confidence. The classes are proving to be very popular.

The **Good Neighbour Scheme** is in its first stages of coming together and the working party would like to set up a Dementia group as well as a craft group and a walking football group. The working party hopes to attract more volunteers for its schemes.

Supporting local groups

Grant funding has been provided to local organisations including the Football Club, the Pre-School, the WI, and the Village Hall

We continue to provide financial support to the ABILITY Community Transport Scheme.

Highways

We continue to report all highway and footpath issues to West Northants including potholes, blocked drains, unsafe surfacing etc. We urge you all to report issues on **Northampton Street Doctor**.

We have had site meetings regarding blocked drains and gullies, potholes and footpaths and continue to put pressure on Highways for remedial works.

We are in regular contact with the local Police team and the mobile speed camera is often seen in the parish.

We have purchased a second portable Speed Indicator Device to encourage drivers to slow down.

WNC Highways have installed a post on Brafield Road from which they have been capturing speed data. Will we now use post and another post installed in New Hackleton as additional locations for our Speed Indicator Devices.

Various speed reduction signage has been purchased including our cut out Police Officers and Crossing Patrol figures which are located near to the school

We are very grateful to our Community Speedwatch team of volunteers who were active during the year and will also be on patrol this year.

Street Lighting

All street lights have had their electrical testing certificates renewed and all columns have been structurally tested and repaired where necessary.

Parish Council News

I would like to thank all councillors for their continued hard work and dedication to our parish. They all volunteer their time for free.

We are very lucky to have **Alison Benson** as our Clerk, Alison works extremely hard to ensure the Council is run legally and efficiently and she oversees all parish council decisions and projects. Alison is the first port of call for residents and holds regular monthly surgeries in the Coffee Shop.

Claire Sparkes our very conscientious litter picker has additional duties in Piddington Cemetery and on the Recreation Ground – thank you Claire.

Steve Taylor our Groundsman is doing a good job looking after the Parish despite the weather being against him for most of the winter and early spring.

Our **Planning Committee** works diligently responding to planning consultations issued by West Northants Planning Department.

All Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk have attended many meetings, conferences and training events over the last 12-months.



Freedom of the Parish

The Freedom of the Parish represents the highest honour that the Parish Council can bestow and is only awarded in recognition of exceptional service to the Parish.

Sheila Nunn is the second person to be granted the Freedom of Hackleton Parish in recognition of her exceptional service to our community. Back in the 1960's, Sheila set up the local pre-school which is still going strong today and has devoted decades of her life to our local children. Sheila is a huge champion of our community.



Future projects

We are currently negotiating with Grand Union Housing Group to take over the open green spaces in front of The Crescent and at the top and bottom of Carey Road. This will ensure that the open spaces are better maintained and cared for.

We await further proposals from our working parties to enable us to further their initiatives including wildlife & biodiversity, health & wellbeing and highways & road safety.

Guest Speakers



Councillor Phil Larratt
West Northants Council cabinet member for Highways and Transport

Councillor Larratt explained that WNC has statutory duties which include keeping the highways safe but he pointed out that WNC does not have the money to make all the repairs to our roads that are required.

The local highway network needs an investment of £291m to undertake all repairs. There are currently 8,477 highway cases on report which need attention of which 971 are located within Hackleton Parish. The 971 cases will cost £2.24m to repair and the total West Northants Highways budget is £24m.

Cllr Larratt quoted an example of the difficulties faced:

The Queen Eleanor junction should have been upgraded two years ago before the first property on the Hardingstone Sustainable Urban Extension was occupied. WNC Highways and National Highways have struggled to agree on this upgrade and it now appears that the money originally allocated is insufficient for this project. It is hoped that the scheme will be finalised this year and will result in wider lanes, more running lanes and changes to the traffic light sequencing.

The WNC Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is currently out for consultation.

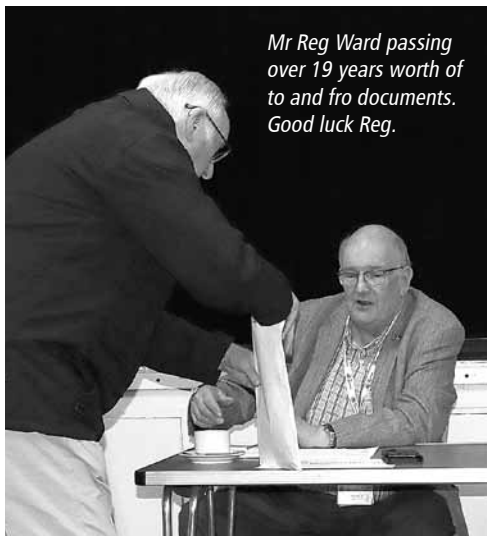
Central Government has delegated powers to allow local councils to enforce moving traffic offences. Five sites in and around Northampton have had cameras installed for this purpose.

The Local Transport Plan is being developed and should be out for consultation later this year.

Cllr Larratt then took questions from the floor

Local resident, Reg Ward, took full advantage of meeting by voicing his concerns about the dreadful state of the road surface of Sansome Close in Hackleton. Reg was keen to know why Sansome Close has never been resurfaced when adjacent Lyne Walk has been – Sansome Close is considerably older than Lyne Walk. Various Council 'promises' made over the last 19 years have never been fulfilled. Reg presented Councillor Larratt with a sheaf of documents accumulated over the years. Councillor Larratt took the information onboard and promised to speak with his Assistant Director regarding the issue.

Safety concerns were raised about when turning right out of Waitrose onto the B526 – Councillor Larratt agreed to take the comments on board.



In answer to residents' queries regarding Councillor Larratt's example of the Queen Eleanor roundabout improvement scheme, Mr Larratt tried to explain why the improvements are some two years overdue and why the developer of the Hardingstone properties hasn't been sanctioned in some way.

Could a park and ride service be provided for the hospital – community transport schemes are being looked at and a bus service improvement plan to support rural areas raised an ironic chuckle from the floor.

Sylvia Newnham Wellidogs



Wellidog is a small local charity based at Grendon Lakes. It was set up 30 years ago with two rented kennels and it now has fifteen. It employs one full time member of staff and one part timer. It is a registered charity with a board of trustees. If someone agrees to take on a dog, they have to agree not to pass it on if you can't keep the dog, it must go back to Wellidog. This enables the charity to keep track of all dogs. Nine dogs have been successfully placed within Hackleton Parish. If anybody would like to volunteer to walk the dogs please get in contact. Many residents make donations from the parish and this is very much appreciated – thank you.

Judeth Willoughby Charity

A letter of thanks was read out from a local resident who had benefitted from a grant from the Judeth Willoughby Charity. The Charity is desperately in need of a Clerk. This is not an onerous position and if anybody could spare some time please get in contact.

Informal Session

Residents were then invited to speak to local groups and stakeholders who were positioned around the room and included: Group 8, Coffee@Carey and the Carey Baptist Church, Hackleton WI, Just Sing! Piddington Churchyard Group, Longland Meadow Volunteer Group, Hackleton Football Club, Neighbourhood Police Team, Neighbourhood Watch, Police Liaison Representative, The Parish Council, Team Thomas, Resilience and Innovation Northants, The Fireworks Society, Hackleton Footpath Wardens, Ability community Transport, The Judeth Willoughby Charity and Maureen Williams with her local history books.

West Northants Unitary Council is responsible for many local services including Highways, footpaths, refuse collection and planning. The Parish Council is responsible for the outdoor gym, the play equipment, street lighting, street furniture and is always looking at ways to improve our parish. What we do is funded through the precept and all expenditure is subject to extremely rigorous scrutiny. We couldn't do what we do without the people involved either directly or indirectly. We would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment to our community. We hope that you will agree that the Parish Council provides good value for money. If there is anything that you would like to suggest to us that we could do to make our parish an even better place to live, work and play then please do contact us.



Horton Churchyard

With building works at the French Partridge appearing to be complete and their scaffolding removed from Church land, now would seem to be the perfect time to plan and organise a huge "Tidy-up" of the entire Churchyard at Horton.

Many residents have been unsettled at the state of the South Eastern corner and the deteriorating ivy smothered listed Southern boundary wall, part of which has been demolished. Right now a discussion is taking place regarding the re-instating of this boundary where hopefully, an acceptable conclusion for all will soon be reached.

In the past we have held numerous, very successful "Churchyard Tidy-up" days and we are looking to arrange a similar day. In the meantime and mindful of Ted's heartfelt appeal in the Christmas edition of the Parish News, anyone willing to take on a more permanent role helping in maintaining this tranquil country Churchyard is asked to contact Jackie on 871111 or Anne on 870927 where they will be welcomed with open arms.

Here may I extend massive thanks to Ted and Andy for the many, many years of keeping the grass in pristine order and for the various extra associated tasks they have undertaken and all so very much appreciated.

Sheila Maisey

On behalf of Piddington with Horton Parochial Church Council (PCC).

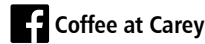




Coffee@Carey

Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

Monday – Wednesday 10am – 1pm



Our lovely community focused and volunteer run coffee shop opened in May 2021. Based in Hackleton Baptist Church, Coffee@Carey is now very much a community hub. We are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am-1pm. We serve a selection of very reasonably priced hot and cold drinks with delicious cakes and pastries. Whether it's a cappuccino, an americano, a pot of tea or a can of fizz, there's something for everyone, pop in and see us.

Our community library is open when the Coffee Shop is open, with donated books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDS free to borrow and return on your next visit.

Regularly, we have the pleasure of a different visiting 'Pop Up shops' selling local products. Whether you are coming to meet friends or coming in on your own, there's always an exciting new experience. If you or you know of anyone who would be interested in selling their products (sorry no MLM), then please contact Mike on 07851 403947.

What's On in July

Day	Event	Date and Time	Where
Monday	Soup and Roll lunch	Served from 12pm Weekly. Orders taken	Coffee Shop
	WNC Customer Service Team Drop in Event	Monday 15th 10am – 12pm	
	Just Sing! Community choir for everyone, new members welcome	Weekly 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Coffee Shop
Tuesday	Social Prescribers Group Run by Denton Village Surgery, supporting you to focus on improving your wellbeing through meeting new people and trying new activities in your local community.	9th, 23rd July 10am – 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	Hackleton Parish Council Drop in surgery	16th July 10am – 12pm	
	Get up and Go Otago Fitness Class To help improve balance and mobility Tel Julie; 07769 587658 to book your place	Weekly 2pm – 2.45pm	Coffee Shop
Wednesday	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	10.30 am -12pm Term time only	Library

Do you fancy doing something new and being involved in the community this year?

We are also looking for volunteers to join our fantastic coffee shop team on an adhoc basis, serving refreshments and washing up! Full training given. If you are interested, please contact Mike on **07851 403947**

The new 'Jennie' at Coffee@Carey

We wish Reverend Jennie all the best in her retirement and welcome Michael to our parish

I'd like to thank the community of Hackleton for a warm welcome, metaphorically for the changing of the guard. While also wishing Jennie Lee a most enjoyable retirement, extending my gratitude for a most empowering hand over.

To date the number one question I get asked is... 'Are you a Minister?' I have an ethos of lifelong learning and embracing a journey following the leading of Christ and someday possibly I could be a lay preacher, but no, I'm not an Ordained Minister. However, I'm an accredited counsellor/psychotherapist.

Carey Baptist Church Hackleton has employed me for the post of Community Development Manager for Coffee@Carey. Community is about relationships! I look forward to building those relationships and making close ties with the people that make up the community.

The second most asked question is about my accent... It's Canadian! In another chapter of my life, folks debated if I was more cowboy or horseman. Either or, I know the value of a good horse and a good cup of coffee. Look forward to hearing your life journeys' stories over Coffee@Carey.

Michael Sexsmith



Michael may not be the greatest wordsmith, but he is a really good listener!





Zero Waste Shopping

Roy Hawkesford



Green Machine

Wednesday July 10th, 2.00 to 4.00

Following a highly successful first visit of the Green Machine on 7th June, we have decided to move the regular time slot to the second Wednesday in the month, meaning that the next visit will be on **Wednesday July 10th, 2.00 to 4.00**, at Carey Chapel, Main Road, Hackleton.

The reason for the change is that the chapel is already open on Wednesdays until 1.00, so staff are already present on site and, especially when it's cold, the chapel will already be warm. This will save on fuel, which is obviously a good thing, as the building won't have to be heated from scratch, and the staff won't have to make an extra journey to be there.

For insurance reasons, the van can only be there when the chapel is open. But it's clearly an added bonus that the coffee shop is open for business, for people who want to take advantage of zero waste shopping and the community in general.

The Green Machine is a mobile zero-waste refill service, offering a variety of high-quality dried foods, cleaning supplies, and plastic-free products to help us all minimize our plastic waste.

For those who prefer home delivery, pre-booked orders can be arranged for the same day delivery, subject to available time slots.

For further details, visit greenmachinerefill.co.uk

To become a member of the Hackleton WEB (Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity) group, or for more information, contact: royhawkesford@gmail.com



The Green Machine saved 70 pieces of plastic from going into landfill during its first visit to Hackleton.

Walking Football Group



A slower-paced version of the beautiful game aimed at the over 50s, so if you thought your footballing days were over, then think again!

What is Walking Football?

Walking Football is designed to help people keep an active lifestyle irrespective of their age or gender, as well as getting those back playing football, who perhaps had to stop due to injuries. The NHS have recently promoted the sport as a great way to keep fit and make new friends.

Walking football follows the same rules as normal football except you cannot run.

Who Can Join?

Our programme is open to the over 50's to take part regardless of ability or previous experience. No specific equipment or prior experience is needed; just turn up in sporty attire wearing trainers, you'll also need to bring shin pads and a drink too.

The sport is non-contact and a great way to make new friends and socialise.

Where and When?

Monday 7pm – 8pm, Hackleton Rec (football pitch) for 6 weeks, from 22nd July

Cost £2 per session.

For further information contact:

Simon Barfoot

Tel: 07967 737326

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DANGER!

Giant Hogweed found in local garden

A member of the WI's Greenfingers group recently found a large plant in her garden. She hadn't placed it there herself, and it was identified as Giant Hogweed. The seed may have been dropped by a bird, but we have no idea where the original plant is. And why worry, it's just a plant that looks like very large cow parsley – pretty.

But this is not just a pretty flower, it has some very nasty stuff in its sap. The sap can cause photosensitivity, meaning that the skin becomes sensitive to sunlight and contact may result in blisters, pigmentation and long lasting scars. If the sap comes in contact with eyes it has been known to cause temporary or permanent blindness.

So how to identify it, as it is very similar to its smaller cousin, Hogweed.

Well, Giant Hogweed is huge, it can grow up to three and a half metres high. It has thick, bristly stems which are often blotched with purple. It usually flowers in June/July. The flowers are white, in flat-topped clusters like cow parsley, and these flowers point upwards. The flower head clusters can grow up to 60cm wide. It is biennial, and sometimes perennial, so in the first year will just be a rosette of jagged lobed leaves, with the flower spike emerging the next year.

The Royal Horticultural Society says there is no statutory obligation for landowners to eliminate this plant, but it is an offence to cause it to grow in the wild in England and Wales. It is also subject to the Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, so that occupiers of land where this grows can be asked to remove it or face penalties.

When controlling it you must always wear gloves, cover your arms and legs, and ideally wear a face-mask and




goggles when working near it. Remember that the cut plant debris, contaminated clothing and tools are also potentially dangerous.

The best time to remove it is before it flowers, and certainly before it sets seed.

It is a controlled waste so if removed from your garden must be disposed of in licensed landfill sites with the right documentation. To avoid this dispose of any of the plant material by burning or composting (but make sure the compost process gets to a sufficient heat to get rid of all dangers).

The RHS website, <https://www.rhs.org.uk> has further information about this.

Pauline Hawkesford
Greenfingers Group, Hackleton and District WI



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Discover the Magic of Group Eight

Your Local Amateur Dramatic Group

Have you ever dreamed of treading the boards, or perhaps you're more comfortable behind the scenes, making the magic happen? Either way, Group Eight, your friendly neighborhood adult amateur dramatic group, is the perfect place for you! Now in our 51st year, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive and welcoming community where everyone can find their niche. Whether you're a seasoned actor or a complete beginner, there's always a role for you, both on stage and backstage. From set design to lighting, costume creation to sound engineering, our productions are a collaborative effort where every contribution is valued and celebrated.

One of the best ways to dip your toes into the world of amateur dramatics is by joining our annual pantomime. These productions are light-hearted, fun, and a fantastic starting point for newcomers. Pantomimes are never too

serious, and the emphasis is on having a good time, making mistakes, and learning as you go. The sense of camaraderie and collective joy during our rehearsals is infectious. Plus, with rehearsals resuming on Thursday nights from September, there's no better time to join us and become a part of our next magical production.

At Group Eight, inclusivity is at the heart of what we do. We believe that the joy of theatre is for everyone, regardless of age whether you're 18 or 100, your background, or experience. As we celebrate over half a century of bringing performances to our community, we invite you to be part of our story. For more information, visit our website at www.groupeight.co.uk or reach out via email at groupeight1973@outlook.com. Join us, and discover just how much fun amateur dramatics can be!

Jess Moore



The Group Eight cast from the 2023 pantomime production of Mother Goose.

Horton Grange

Maureen Williams concludes this two-part story detailing the history of one of the parish's local landmarks

When we left Horton Inn farmhouse last month, it was 1897. Henry Greening and his wife Emily were the new tenants, and the house soon became known as Horton Grange. The couple had two young daughters and employed a cook, a housemaid, and a governess.

Born in Birmingham in 1866, Henry Richard Greening attended King Edwards, a public school in Edgbaston, and then joined his father's insurance company. He married Emily Harrison in 1889 and they moved to Hardingstone in about 1892 before settling in Horton. Henry worked as an insurance broker in Sheep Street, Northampton, and later became branch manager of the Law Accident Insurance Society Ltd, a position he held for 34 years until his retirement in 1932. He was one of the founders of the Northampton Insurance Institute, twice serving as its president.

Henry took an active part in local life, representing the parish on the Hardingstone Rural District Council for over 30 years, and he was vice-chairman of the Hardingstone Board of Guardians. He also served as a churchwarden at Horton for 32 years.

He hunted with the Grafton and the Oakley hunts, and was a keen cyclist, winning many races on his penny-farthing. He was also a member of the Northamptonshire Automobile Club, again winning many events, including a hill climbing competition in 1907 in his 24hp Minerva car.

In October 1935, the Grange, still part of the Horton Estate, was put up for sale following the death of the owner, Harold Winterbottom. It had undergone a number of improvements since the sale in 1887. It now boasted a cloakroom off the entrance hall with a toilet and washbasin, one of the parlours was now the



dining room and the other had become a billiard room. The kitchen was fitted with an Eagle Range, a Beeston domestic boiler, and butler's pantry, and there were also two larders, a dairy and a scullery. On the first floor there were now seven bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, day and night nurseries, a heated linen cupboard and a housemaid's pantry, and there were five attic bedrooms and a boxroom on the upper floor.

The house failed to find a buyer, and a month later an advert for the sale of the contents of the house appeared in the newspapers, on 'instructions from H R Greening Esq, who is leaving.' He and Emily moved to Dorset.

The Grange was advertised for sale again in 1937 and was eventually purchased a year later by Major Edmund Allday. Edmund Herbert Allday was born in Solihull in 1893, the son of the director of an engineering company. In 1911, Edmund was working as an engineer for his father and living with his parents and four older sisters in Silhill House, a 24-roomed house on Station Road*, Solihull. Four servants lived in.

At the start of the First World War, Edmund enlisted as a 2nd lieutenant in the Motor Transport Company of the Army Service Corps. By 1918 he was a captain, and he was promoted to major in 1920.

In 1918 he married Beatrice Blackburn. The couple probably met through her brother, Vivian Gaskell Blackburn, who was offering passenger flights in his biplane at a flying event that Edmund organised in Solihull in May 1913. Vivian went on to have a distinguished career as a squadron commander in the Royal Naval Air Service during the First World War.

After the war, Edmund set up Allday's Motors in Jermyn Street London, repairing, and buying and selling motor vehicles. He ran into financial difficulties in 1924 but was trading again in 1930 when he was accused of fraud. It seems that this was probably poor business management rather than criminal activity.

Beatrice died in Kensington on 3rd January 1932, and just six months later he married Sarah Eugenie Comby (née Boullerne) in Chelsea, which seems somewhat insensitive, unless of course the marriage had already foundered. Edmund's new wife was French and had a ten-year-old son, John Claude, from her first marriage.

When the 1939 Register was taken at the start of the Second World War, the Grange was occupied by Sarah, John Claude, and their housemaid, plus two married ladies and four children, who were presumably some of the evacuees who had arrived in the villages at the beginning of September. Edmund had been appointed Regional Area Officer for the North Midlands for the Ministry of Supply and was staying at an hotel in Nottingham. His role was to liaise between the Ministry and the firms fulfilling government contracts.

At some point either before or after the war, he set up Horton Motor Works, repairing and dealing in motor vehicles, including buses and lorries. His garages and workshops stood on the land now occupied by Regent Way (named after the Regent petrol station that later stood on the site). However, Edmund again ran into



Horton Grange is now The French Partridge

financial difficulties; in 1954 a notice in the newspapers announced an auction of antique and modern furniture and effects at Horton Grange 'on orders of the receiver.' When he died in 1958, he was living at Archer Farm, Gayton, but he is buried at Horton.

Five years later in 1963, Horton Grange was purchased by chef David Partridge and his wife Mary, and it became the original award-winning French Partridge restaurant.

*Talk about coincidences!

I lived in Station Road, Solihull in the 1960s, although Silhill House had disappeared by that time. Not only that, but before they moved to Northamptonshire, Henry and Emily Greening lived in Sandford Road in Moseley, Birmingham, which is off Kingswood Road where my husband Bob grew up, and like Henry Greening, Bob attended King Edwards, albeit some 80 years later.

Maureen Williams



Ask Maureen

If there's a particular aspect of local history that you would like to know a little more about, Maureen may be able to help.

Tel: 01604 870318, email: maureenwilliams972@gmail.com



St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

As many of you know we had an Open Garden event recently. The church wildlife group was invited to join in. If any of you walk through the churchyard you will have noticed some changes over the last couple of years. We like many other churches have joined in the challenge of making our churchyards an inviting place for all sorts of fauna and flora (including for us humans). Unlike many churches that sit centrally in their villages for some reason our church is now on the edge of Piddington. It might have been in a more central position when construction started in 1290, but it was probably positioned there as it is in a prominent location where beacons could be seen by neighbouring churches in Preston Deanery, Quinton and maybe even Wootton.

This position, however, makes the flora and fauna more interesting and diverse. Since the beginning the project various additions have been made to the churchyard such as insect hotels, log piles and a small pond to name a few. The church wildlife group is going to be evaluated for the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust for their silver award. Walking through the churchyard always brings to my mind the hymn most of us know from our school days, 'All things bright and beautiful' and in particular these two verses:

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings
He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well

We had our annual **'Bangers and Boules'** fundraiser on the 22nd June and we are grateful for the Faulkner family for letting us use their beautiful garden.

We are hosting a new fundraiser in September – an evening of culture, a concert with wine and canapés on the 28th September – please see our advert for more details.

Services for July led by Rev Mark Hurley

Sunday July 7th 10am: **Sung Communion**
Sunday July 21st 10am: **Sung Communion**
Wednesday 7pm: **Midweek Service**

Contact details

Rev Julie Scott

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Rev Mark Hurley

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Health and Wellbeing Group

It's been a busy month with the H&W Group

At the last meeting we were joined by **Rachael Byrne**, WNC Local Area Partnership Lead (Rural South and Rural East Public Health & Wellbeing). Rachel is very supportive of the group and what we are trying to achieve within the parish.

New members

We welcome new members Carol, Pam, Roy and Jean to the H&W Group.

Good Neighbour Scheme



Joanna Browning from NACRE, who facilitated the Good Neighbour Scheme and **Anne Thompson**, Parish

Councillor and co-ordinator of the Good Neighbour Scheme in Deanshanger gave an insight as to how the GN scheme works in their villages. This was very interesting and informative as they both run differently, always good for ideas!

We are hoping to launch our Good Neighbour Scheme in September. **Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.**

Walking Football

Simon has agreed to run an Over 50's walking football session, for 6 weeks over the summer – see separate article in this magazine.

Crafting Group

Chris, Aitha and Penny will be running a monthly social Crafting group from September. More details to follow.

OTAGO – Get up and Go



The class is thriving with around 15 attendees each week. A waiting list is now open for the next sessions.

Please contact Team Thomas:

www.teamthomasoutdoorfitness.co.uk

Fantastic News!

We were delighted to receive the news last week, that we were successful in our bid for the Rural Community Needs Fund and have been awarded £5,580. This money will be instrumental in what we are trying to achieve this year and also in setting up a **Forget-Me-Not support group** for those living with Dementia or Dementia like symptoms (even if you haven't had an official diagnosis). Watch this space for more details.

If anyone would like to join our Health and Wellbeing Group or want to know more about any of the initiatives mentioned, please get in touch via emails below and we always welcome new ideas to explore.

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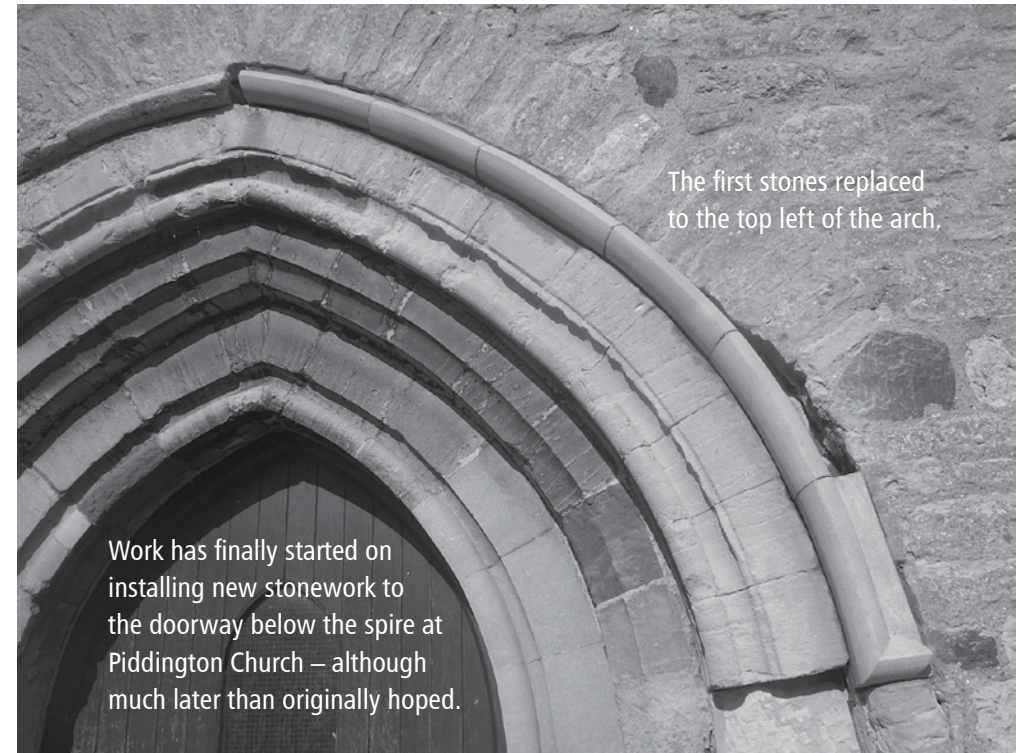
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Hackleton, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery and part of Wootton Fields

Repairs at Piddington Church

More to the process than meets the eye



The first stones replaced to the top left of the arch.

Work has finally started on installing new stonework to the doorway below the spire at Piddington Church – although much later than originally hoped.

I had not appreciated that the production of carved stonework is such a complicated process. Briefly, huge blocks of stone are purchased from a quarry and taken to a workshop where all the rough edges are removed. The stone is then sawn into smaller blocks more suited to hand working by computer controlled machinery to minimise wastage and finally delivered to our stonemason who works the stone to produce the required shapes.

Work at Piddington is further complicated by the need for two different types of stone from different quarries to replicate the existing colours.

Steve Watson



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