

Hackleton Parish *mag*



Your Hackleton Parish News

Issue 51 / February 2024



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



Wallace & Grommit



Frozen



The Grinch



Movie Night

Been and gone!

As another festive season rapidly recedes into the past, I would just like to take a moment to congratulate the organisers and the contributors of last year's Christmas Tree Festival for providing another wonderful occasion. I'm not one for extending 'Christmas' throughout the entire month of December so the Christmas Tree Festival was perfectly timed to kick off the season. I'm only sorry that I couldn't include more pictures of the stunning creations. Well done everyone.

Time for change?

A new year always brings with it opportunities to make lifestyle changes and make improvements in your health and wellbeing. As I am a bit of an exercise fanatic, I make no apologies for all the health and wellbeing content in this month's magazine. The Parish Council is getting really serious with a brand new initiative aimed at providing all sorts of opportunities to improve our health and wellbeing. Team Thomas continue with their mission to get us all fitter and healthier. We have a new art studio with expert guidance from local artist, Rob Blaney. The extremely welcoming Hackleton Short Mat Bowls Club is always on the lookout for new members who fancy a bit of lighthearted competitive fun. Of course, there are numerous opportunities provided by Group 8, our local amateur dramatics group. There are lots of things going on, it just need us all to get involved – it's good for us.

You want more?

In its mission to improve our health and wellbeing, the Parish Council has included a questionnaire with this Mag. This is your opportunity to suggest ways in which we can become healthier and happier.

Enjoy the Mag.



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Cover
Owen Thomas and his *Strictly Northampton* dance partner Donna.

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



The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

Hi Everyone

I just want to let you know that Cruse's appeal that I wrote about in the previous issue of the Parish Mag and which you so kindly and generously supported, has raised the wonderful sum of £95,000. In the words of our Chief Executive, Lucy Harmer, that will "go a long way towards helping us weather the unpredictable environment we are in."

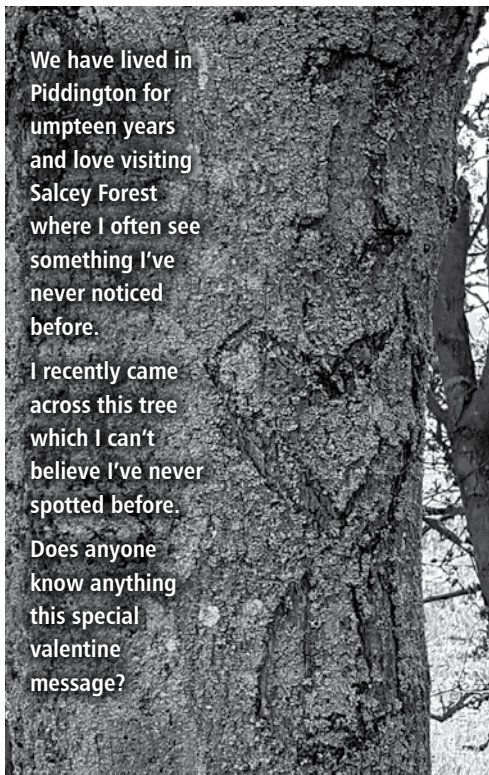
May I just say thank you once more for your response and my very best wishes for 2024.

Kind regards,

Jo Wilde

Cruse
Bereavement
Support

Can't see the wood for the trees



We have lived in Piddington for umpteen years and love visiting Salcey Forest where I often see something I've never noticed before.

I recently came across this tree which I can't believe I've never spotted before.

Does anyone know anything this special valentine message?



**Join us for
Friday Fun**

**Friday 23 February
Spring Bingo Night**

**Friday 29 March
Folk Night
with Ukes of Chaos**

**Friday 12 April
Quiz Night
with the Humphreys**



Hackleton WEB

Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity



Group Meeting

Tuesday March 5th, 7.30

Carey Chapel, Main Road, Hackleton

If you are interested in or concerned about the effects of climate change on wildlife, our local environment and wellbeing, there is a group that meets to discuss what is being done in our parish and how we can try to improve things.

We have put articles in the Parish Mag on various topics, including how best to recycle waste – which is something we can all relate to and which can make a big difference.

The group includes members from the school, Wombles, Womens Institute, Parish Council, Longland Meadow, the scouts and the churchyard group, as well as individuals who work in food production, buildings sustainability and farming. We have one thing in common: **To reduce the negative effects of climate change and to increase wildlife, biodiversity and wellbeing.**

At our next meeting, on March 5th, we are pleased to have a presentation from **CA-WN (Climate Action West Northants)** to outline what they do, what is happening in our region and how we can be involved and benefit from linking with other local groups. Basically, how we can learn from and support others with a similar objective:

To make a better future for our children, their children, and wildlife

If you would like to make a difference too, please come along. You will be welcome.

For more information, email me:
royhawkesford@gmail.com

Roy Hawkesford



Reuse is better than Recycle!

The Parish Mag helped find a new home for this pre-loved treadmill and hopefully it is now helping its new owners achieve their wellbeing goals.

Could the Mag help you with any unwanted items?
(This offer does not apply to husbands, wives, in-laws etc.)



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.



What a fantastic December we had! The two Social events held (Festive Cheer and New Year's Eve) were well attended. Festive Cheer was organised by Tracy with many friends helping during the afternoon. Thanks Tracy for doing this.

The other event was New Year's Eve where 85 people sat down to an awesome feast. Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way – setting up tables and chairs, organising and supplying food, running the bar, doing the washing up and clearing away after. The music supplied by Roy and the Saracens was brilliant and enjoyed by all those attending including the band.

Our first event for this year is the **Quiz Night** on Saturday 10th February. As usual contact Edward on 870764 to book a table.

Thank you for all your support during 2023 and look forward to seeing you soon.

Edward Kilpin BEM
Chairman of the Trustees

2024 Events (More to follow)

10th February – **Quiz Night**

23rd March – **Fenny Stompers Jazz Evening**

6th July – **Barn 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 December 2023

£100	00/05	Mr Spickett, Forest Road
£50	26/27	Mr Garland, Forest Road
£25	01/26	Lochlan Brown c/o Collector
£10	28/31	D Partington, The Banks
£10	07/31	L Edwards, Lyne Walk
£10	24/29	Mrs S Maisey, Horton House
£10	23/31	Anne Matthews, St Johns Way

Xmas Bonus £50 – 07/14 Mrs V Harrison, Wantage Close

Winning Numbers for January 2024

£100	03/06	Mrs S Smith, Carey Road
£50	08/30	Emily Hardy c/o Barbara Bayes
£25	23/24	Norma Kelly, The Jetty
£10	21/23	Mrs P Keightly, Carey Road
£10	02/19	J Beedie, St Johns Way
£10	24/29	Mrs S Maisey, Horton House
£10	17/28	Dennis & Lucia, The Banks

The next draw will take place on 14 February

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
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

12 December 2023 / 9 January 2024

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

Since the last Parish Mag' the Parish Council met on the 12th December 2023 when ten councillors were present together with the Parish Clerk and on 9th January when nine councillors were present together with Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

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. Additional hedge plants will be planted to fill in a few gaps.

Our Groundsman has repaired the fence which was broken by people climbing over it.

Following pressure from the Parish council WNC has confirmed that it will draft a scheme to install gullies in the ditch at the front of the Recreation Ground so that the ditch can be closed over. WNC envisage that this will be undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year.

Dog fouling is becoming a big issue and the Parish Council will undertake a campaign requesting residents pick-up after their dogs at all times. If things don't improve then the Parish Council may have no option but to ban dogs. Dogs must also be kept on a lead around the play equipment at all times.

Longland Meadow

Council has decided not to proceed with a new water connection on the Meadow due to the costs involved.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 December 2023
Unity Bank Current Account	£78,574.12
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£145,929.82
Total funds held	£244,503.94

Items approved for payment:

December 2023	Amount £
Open spaces	105.16
Payroll	5799.70
Professional Fees	6.00
Electricity	507.56
Administration	186.69
Hedgehog house	57.50
Tommy & Poppies	202.57
Parish Mag' (2 months)	2800.00
Storage rent (3 months)	375.00
Grass Mowing	1701.00
Remedial works – Cemetery	1584.00
Seed Packets	1135.00
Royal British Legion	125.00

January 2024	Amount £
Open spaces	145.09
Payroll	4816.14
Professional Fees	174.55
Electricity	525.06
Administration	327.53
Village Hall Rent	120.00
Parish Mag' (2 months)	2625.00
Safety inspection	70.00
SID Post & sign	640.35

Water	19.10
Street Light Repairs	160.00
Training	48.00

Budget 2024/25

The finalised budget for 2024/25 was approved:

Street Lighting	
Electricity	£8,000.00
Maintenance	£4,000.00
Replacement	£5,000.00
Total	£17,000.00

Recreation Ground	
Mowing	£6000.00
Maintenance	£10,000.00
Assets	£6,000.00
Rent	£1000.00
Safety Inspection	£400.00
Total	£23,400.00

Longland Meadow	
Mowing	£6,000.00
Maintenance	£2000.00
New Trees	£200.00
Equipment	£200.00
Total	£8,400.00

Cemetery	
Mowing	£6,000.00
Maintenance	£2,000.00
Total	£8,000.00

Churchyard	
Mowing	£6,000.00
Maintenance	£10,000.00
Water	£200.00
Total	£16,200.00

Other Open Spaces	
Maintenance	£1,000.00
Assets	£2,000.00
Emptying Dog Bins	£3,000.00
Defibrillators	£200.00
Equipment/Supplies	£4,000.00
Rent	£1,612.50
Poppies for Street Lights	£300.00
Total	£12,112.50

Grants/Donations	
Church Clock	£1,000.00
Royal British Legion	£125.00
ABILITY Community Bus	£2,000.00

Village Hall	£6,000.00
Community Grants	£3,000.00
Fireworks	£3,000.00
Total	£15,125.00

Neighbourhood Plan

Administration	£200.00
Total	£200.00

Wildlife, Biodiversity & Environment	£3,000.00
Total	£3,000.00

Administration

Payroll	£65,000.00
Clerk's Expenses	£750.00
Insurance	£3,000.00
Stationery/Postage	£600.00
Telephone	£300.00
Advertising	£1,000.00
Parish Mag'	£14,500.00
Website	£1,500.00
Office Equipment	£2,350.00
Training	£500.00
Hall Rental	£800.00
Professional Fees	£10,000.00
Subscriptions	£2,500.00
Election Costs	£1,000.00
Office Licences	£2,000.00
Financial Costs	£300.00
Chairman's Allowance	£150.00
Total	£106,250.00

Highways/Road Safety	£2,000.00
Total	£2,000.00

Community Events	£3,000.00
Total	£3000.00

Health & Wellbeing	£5,000.00
Total	£5,000.00

TOTAL	£219,687.50
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In order to balance the budget the Parish Council has set a precept of £209,316.70 which is an increase of 4.38%. This will result in an increase of c2.95% for a Band D property of c£4.83 per annum.

A grant of £6,000.00 to the Village Hall was approved to assist with increased utility costs.

Health and Wellbeing

A questionnaire about health and wellbeing facilities within the parish will be distributed with the February edition of the Parish Mag' it will also be uploaded to the parish council website and Facebook pages. A Get Up and Go! Exercise program is to be set-up within the parish. The Parish Council will fund one trial session per resident and the first 8-weeks rent. The Get Up & Go classes utilise OTAGO exercises which are evidence based in the prevention of falls, which is proven to:

- Reduce falls
- Reduce injury due to falls
- Improve balance & strength
- Improve ability to complete everyday tasks
- Increase stamina
- Improve mood
- Improve confidence and independence

Community Governance Review

The proposed changes to the Hackleton Parish Boundary have now been consulted on and the Parish council has made the following response to the consultation:

Hackleton Parish Council supports the recommendation to move Hackleton Urban Ward into Wootton Parish. It would also like to future-proof these changes by including the development land as shown outlined red on the map at <https://www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/wootton-location-plan-487806-01-red-line.pdf?v=1702569678> in the boundary change. This will mean that residents in new properties on the development land do not end up in the same situation as residents on St George's Fields and our part of Wootton where they are within Hackleton Parish but identify with and use all amenities at Wootton which they can reach on foot.

We support this boundary move on the understanding that the remaining Hackleton Ward (Hackleton Parish) be increased to eleven councillors (we currently have

three councillors living in Hackleton, three in Horton and five in Piddington) so to ensure that the views of all residents in all areas of the rural parish are represented and to allow us to continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government. This will protect our ability to support our residents, enable continuation and further expansion of services and take on any potential additional services that are devolved to the parishes in the future from West Northants Council.

Memorial Testing

Following the recent programme of memorial testing we ask that any family members of the following get in touch with the Parish Clerk:

James Palmer – Died 23rd September 1972

Dora Emma Chambers - Died 18th December 1971

Percy James Chapman – Died 27th February 1969

George William Fitzhugh - Died 27th October 1977

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.

Horton Lodge Farm, Brafield Road, Horton NN7 2BA

2023/7578/FULL – The construction of a single storey timber clad contemporary garden building for use as a commercial office. RESOLVED: To make the following comment: We would like to see a tree planting scheme to soften the landscape and mitigate the loss of green space.

Bridleway, 2 Old End, Piddington NN7 2DF

2023/7736/FULL – Single storey rear extension & porch/garage roof to be replaced with new flat roof. RESOLVED: No objection

Horton Lodge, Ravenstone Lane, Horton NN7 2BH

2023/7202/FULL – Proposed extensions to pool complex. RESOLVED: No objection

Land south of Horton Road, Hackleton NN7 2AW

2023/7948/FULL – Erection of a Boundary Fencing. RESOLVED: To strongly object to this application and to request it is called in to planning committee. The land is protected by a confirmed Article 4 Direction. The purpose of the Article 4 Direction was to protect this area of open countryside from subdivision. Such subdivision would detrimentally affect the open rural character and appearance of the countryside through the incongruous and unjustified subdivision of the land and the consequent erection of boundary treatments as now submitted. No documentation is submitted with the application to explain the reason for the fencing in agricultural terms. The permitted use of this land is agricultural only. The proposed fence is on the line marked 1 on the submitted plan. This proposal would therefore be a subdivision of an existing field which contravenes the Article 4 Direction as noted above. HPC does not understand the relevance of the area marked in blue on the plan as that would normally refer to other land within the control of the applicant and we are concerned to note that the red line is titled development land. This is all agricultural land and certainly not development land. Also, please note that the right of way as marked on the plan does not exist and is marked on historical ridge and furrow land. There also appear to be a number of lines on the plan which do not exist and are not marked on the ground. Although not part of this application we again consider that the access to the land is not suitable for multiple occupants and we refer you to the refusal for application WNC/2022/0836/FUL.

Woodlands, Little Horton House Drive, Horton NN7 2BB

2023/8046/S73 – Demolition of existing bungalow. Proposed 2 no. 4-bedroom dwellings with integral garaging, external parking and amenity spaces. RESOLVED: No objection

Next Parish Council Meetings

13th February

12th March

9th April

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



Parish Council Surgeries

Find out more about your Parish Council

Coffee @ Carey
Tuesday 19th March
10am – noon

Please come and have a chat

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

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

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH

 FixMyStreet.com

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

Some lesser-known issues you can report:

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

Fallen trees or branches

Signs missing or obscured by vegetation



Meet WNC Customer Service Team

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

Tues 20th February 10am – 12pm
Weds 27th March 10am – 12pm

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

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

We look forward to meeting you!



Health and Wellbeing

New pastime for 2024?

Are you looking for a beginner's art class for your child (or yourself)?
Do you want a relaxed activity that teaches a fun and valuable skill?

If you answered yes, then this could be the perfect class for you.

Our brilliant new studio has space for six students.

My class will involve fun projects that will cover a wide-range of drawing, painting and art skills.

This class is perfect for home or after school activity – anyone who wants to start drawing, sketching, painting, and creating art can have fun in this stress-free and relaxed art class environment.

I specialise in Property Perspective drawings, Pets, Wildlife, Portraits and Still Life using pencil, pen and watercolours.

If you are interested in attending my classes, bring along a photograph of the subject you are looking to recreate, and I will show you my methods to achieve your desired impression.

Classes would last for three hours for a maximum of six students and will include a light lunch and drinks.

I will supply all basic materials – drawing boards, watercolour paper and paints, pencils and pens. You are welcome to bring your own equipment.

No particular skill level required, beginners welcome.

All classes will take place at my new studio in Hackleton.

Rob Blaney



Rob Art Creative

For more details contact **07399 337304**



Rob's dedicated studio and his guidance will help release your creative spirit.



Stepping Up for Cynthia Spencer

Owen Thomas' experience in *Strictly Northampton* was a journey from the great outdoors to centre stage

As the co-owner of Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness, my daily routine usually involves guiding others through their fitness journeys in the great outdoors. However, my story of participating in the local charity dance competition, "Strictly Northampton," takes a slightly different step. It began with a simple advert calling for male contestants to support Cynthia Spencer Hospice, a cause I hold dear. Despite being more at home on running tracks than dance floors, I was intrigued and motivated by the challenge.

Training Transformed – Trails to Tango

The eight-week training regime was a stark contrast to my usual fitness routines. Every Sunday, from 5 to 8pm, alongside additional group sessions in the week, we were immersed in the world of dance. This included both group choreography and partner dance training. Coming from an outdoor fitness background, the shift to the intricacies of dance was both challenging and exhilarating. Witnessing my own progress and that of my fellow contestants over these weeks was a testament to the power of dedication and hard work, principles I always advocate in my fitness company.

The Synergy of Partnership – Dancing with Donna

A significant highlight of this journey was meeting my dance partner, Donna. Her experience in previous dance events was invaluable. Donna's guidance through the routines was akin to a skilled trainer helping a novice find their footing. Her brilliance lay not just in her dance skills but in her ability to instill confidence and grace in someone who had never before danced.



The Grand Performance at The Derngate Theatre

The climax of our hard work was showcased at the Derngate Theater in Northampton. 36 couples, including myself and Donna, took to the stage, transforming it into a vibrant display of talent and passion. For someone used to the ruggedness of outdoor fitness regimes, the elegance and poise of the dance floor were both challenging and exhilarating.

Beyond Fitness – A Fundraising Feat

Reflecting on the incredible outcome of Strictly Northampton, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Through your generous support, I was able to raise £1,025 – an amount that deeply humbles and inspires

me. This achievement is not just a personal milestone but a shining example of how fitness and community service can harmoniously blend for the greater good.

The sheer magnitude of our collective effort, amounting to over £67,000, is nothing short of astounding. This remarkable sum is a testament to the strength and generosity of our community. Each donation, large or small, has contributed to this monumental success, demonstrating our united commitment to making a difference in the lives of those supported by Cynthia Spencer Hospice.



Strictly Northampton 2024 Awaits

As preparations for Strictly Northampton 2024 begin, the **Step By Step Dance School** is inviting both male and female participants. From my unique perspective as an outdoor fitness company owner, I see this as more than just a dance event. It's an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone, to blend fitness with rhythm, and to contribute to a noble cause.

My Heartfelt Endorsement

To those who might be hesitant, remember, that it's not just about dance steps; it's about the steps we take to make a difference in our community. My journey from outdoor trails to the dance floor has been enriching and humbling. It reaffirms my belief in the power of new experiences and the impact of collective effort.

I wholeheartedly recommend joining *Strictly Northampton 2024*. It's an opportunity to challenge yourself, to experience the joy of dance, and most importantly, to support a cause that helps countless lives. As someone who advocates for health and fitness daily, I assure you, this experience aligns perfectly with any journey towards personal growth and community service. Let's dance for a cause, and make a difference together.

Owen Thomas



Where Imagination Can Take Us

Local author, Sue Woolley of Piddington, has recently seen her book, *The Goldstones and the Way*, published. *The Goldstones and the Way* is the first volume of *The Stones of Veylindr * trilogy.

I am a simple soul at heart. When I read a book, I like to know whom I'm supposed to be rooting for. Which is why I love reading fantasy so much.

Having grown up with an early partiality for myths and legends, the graduation to reading fantasy was a natural one. My first contact with a proper, grown-up fantasy came at the age of 13, when I read J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* for the first time. I was on a long coach trip to Germany with the school and, being entirely unable to sleep in a moving vehicle, just read and read and read. This was like nothing I had ever encountered before – I had never been so completely involved in a story. I became totally absorbed in the world of Middle-Earth and felt a shock as keen as pain when I reached the last sentence: "Well, I'm back", he said."

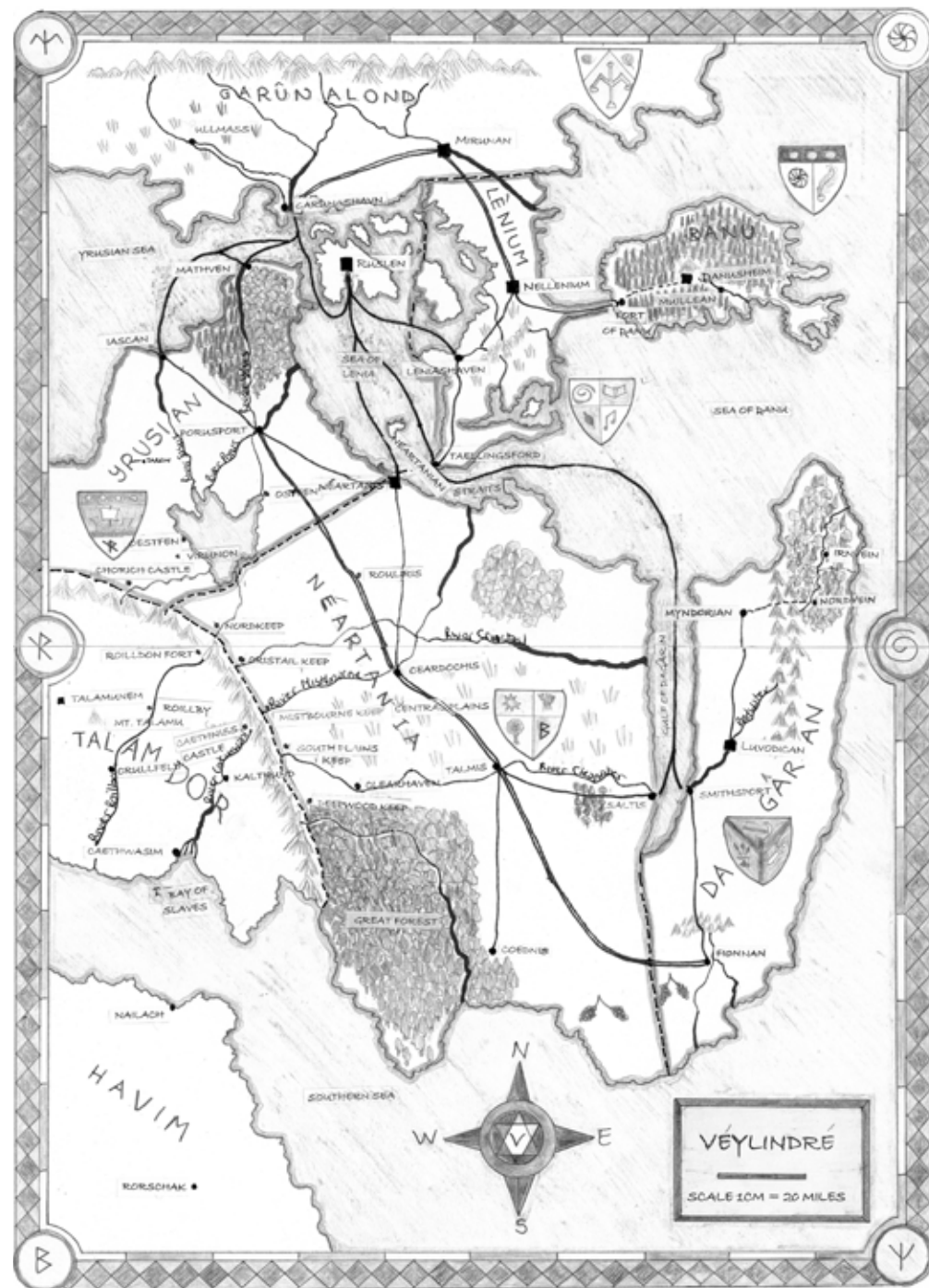
Since then I must have read *The Lord of the Rings* well over a hundred times, and always there is something new to notice, something enchanting to savour. I had never come across an author who realised his fictional world so completely – history, geography, different peoples and their customs, mythology – it is all there.

So perhaps it was inevitable that I would one day want to try my hand at writing a fantasy of my own. And I knew that the "worldbuilding" would be enormous fun, so I spent many hours working out all the details of my fantasy world, the Commonwealth of Veylindr . I even drew a detailed map, of which I am ridiculously proud.

I knew from reading books by many authors of fantasy that the task of bringing such a complicated world to life would be easier if I could hang the events of the plot onto some kind of underlying structure. In the case of *The Stones of Veylindr *, I decided to use the twelve-point structure of the Hero's (or in this case, the



Sue with *The Goldstones and the Way*



The mythical Commonwealth of Veylindr  is the setting for *The Stones of Veylindr * trilogy.

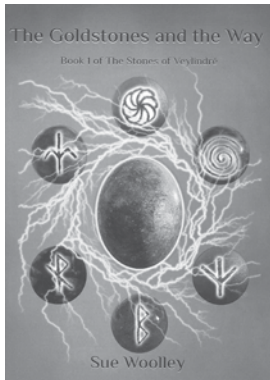
Heroine's) Journey, which is used by many fantasy writers. But I also wanted to explore how the beliefs we hold and the choices we make have can have a really significant impact on our lives.

I also knew that I wanted my main character to be from our world, so I made her a seventeen-

year old girl from England in the 1660s, Abigail. She leaves England with a small group of pilgrims and during a terrific storm in the Atlantic, the pilgrims are translated to the Commonwealth of Veylindr . When the rest are murdered by pirates, Abigail vows to make a new life for herself in this strange world, with her boyfriend, Jacob. Some Dag ran people befriend them, and Abigail and Jacob soon realise that Veylindr  is quite different to the England they left behind. All Veylindr ans worship the Six, and are able to do magic by accessing the mysterious Way through their Goldstones. But they have an enemy, the Prophet of the One, who rules in Talamdor. The choices Abigail and Jacob make in response to the changes they experience have huge consequences for both their lives . . . If you want to know any more, you'll have to buy the book!

It took more than three years to write the first draft of *The Stones of Veylindr *, and 18 months more to revise it, before I sent it out to beta readers. More revision followed, and it was not until March 2022, that I began to approach publishers. I was delighted when Jon Davies of Scimitar Edge, a small, independent press, published the first volume, *The Goldstones and the Way* in mid-November 2023 and it is now available through Amazon. The second and third volumes, *The Prophet and the Wayzenmoot* and *The Bloodstone of Talamu*, will be published in 2024.

Sue Woolley



The Goldstones and the Way, the first volume of The Stones of Veylindr  Trilogy.

Embracing 2024

Your Fitness Journey with Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness

A Fresh Start to a Healthier You

As we step into the exciting beginnings of 2024, it's a time of new resolutions, goals, and commitments, especially in the realm of personal health and fitness. At Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness, we are more than just a fitness company; we are a community dedicated to helping you embark on, or continue, your fitness journey with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Tailored for Beginners

If you are just starting out, the idea of embarking on a fitness journey can seem daunting. That's where we step in. Our programs are specifically designed to cater to individuals at the beginning of their fitness path. We believe in a supportive, non-intimidating environment where every step is celebrated. Our expert trainers provide personalised guidance, ensuring that your introduction to fitness is both enjoyable and effective.

Elevating the Fitness Enthusiasts

For those already on their fitness journey, Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness offers a plethora of opportunities to elevate your routine. Our diverse outdoor training sessions range from high-intensity interval training (HIIT) to endurance runs, each designed to challenge and push your limits in a fresh, open-air setting. This variety not only combats the monotony often associated with gym workouts but also enhances your physical strength and mental well-being.

A Community of Support

What sets Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness apart is our community spirit. We believe fitness is not just about individual goals but also about creating a supportive network. Our group sessions are not only fitness-oriented but also a chance to connect with like-minded individuals, fostering motivation and camaraderie.

Holistic Approach to Fitness

Understanding that fitness is a holistic concept, we offer more than just physical training. Our approach includes nutritional advice, wellness workshops, and mindfulness sessions. This rounded approach ensures that your journey with us impacts every aspect of your well-being.

Events and Challenges

Throughout 2024, we have an exciting lineup of events and challenges planned. These are opportunities for you to test your limits, achieve new goals, and have fun. From local charity runs to outdoor fitness challenges, each event is designed to bring our community together and celebrate our collective and individual achievements.

Commitment to Sustainability

As an outdoor fitness company, we are deeply committed to sustainability and environmental responsibility. Our sessions are conducted in a way that respects and preserves our natural surroundings, ensuring that our fitness journey also contributes positively to the planet.

Your Year to Shine

2024 is not just another year; it's a new chapter, a chance to redefine your fitness goals and exceed your expectations. Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness is here to guide, support, and inspire you every step of the way. Whether you're taking your first step towards a healthier lifestyle or looking to elevate your existing fitness regime, we are your partners in this journey.



Join us at Team Thomas Outdoor Fitness, and let's make 2024 a year of health, strength, and community. Here's to a year where we push boundaries, celebrate achievements, and grow stronger together!

www.teamthomasoutdoorfitness.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing

A New Health and Wellbeing Initiative

One of Hackleton Parish Council's key 2024 priorities is the Health and Wellbeing of our residents.

We are therefore excited to announce the launch of a new **Health and Wellbeing Working Group** to develop wellbeing initiatives within our local area.

In order to inform the group as to what is needed within our Parish, you will find a questionnaire accompanying this edition of the Parish Mag' which we are asking for all residents to complete. Please return this questionnaire to our designated community hub at **Coffee@Carey** (letterbox at rear) or email it to:

clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you need us to collect your questionnaire, please contact Alison Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council on **07464 429630** and she will arrange for someone to collect it at a mutually agreed time.



INVITATION TO ALL RESIDENTS Health and Wellbeing Launch Event

Wednesday 28th February 2024 2pm – 4pm
Coffee@Carey

Please come along and find out how you can benefit from our Health and Wellbeing initiatives, and also tell how we can make a difference to you! Refreshments provided.

This event provides an opportunity to find out:

- How the **Good Neighbour Scheme** works
- Take part/watch a demonstration of the new **Get Up & Go** classes, OTAGO, to promote strength and balance – suitable for all ages
- Talk to the **Falls Prevention Team**
- How the weekly run **ABILITY Community Transport Scheme** can take you out and about, cheaper than the car and you make new friends along the way!
- What is a 'Chatty Cafe?'
- **Plus more**

Do you have an hour or so, you can spare? We are very keen to hear from people who would be interested in joining our Health and Wellbeing Working Group to help grow the group, promote wellbeing with the aim of combatting isolation and loneliness within our community.

If you require further information, please contact Alison Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council on **07464 429630** or email: clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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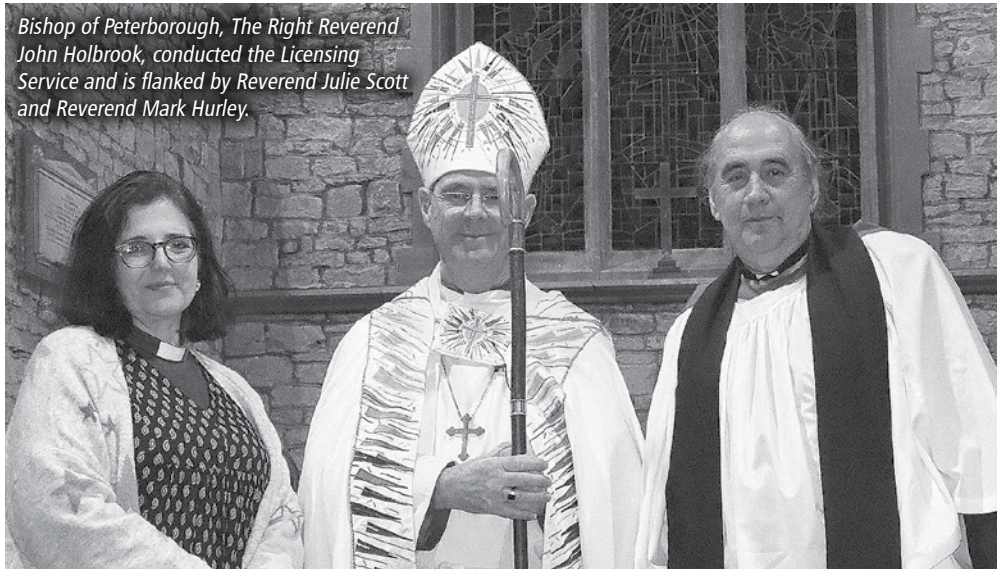
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Reverend Mark Hurley

Welcomed to Hackleton Parish at a Licensing Service in Piddington Church



Greetings one and all

I am delighted to join you all in Hackleton Parish. I thought that a brief introduction may be in order.

I was born and brought up in Bristol, on the large council estates on the southside. I was not from a church or religious family – quite the opposite. A card-carrying atheist, until one night when God's presence became very real and close. In the course of time, I will explain and share more with you.

I studied for my first degree at Trinity Bristol, then moved to Salisbury and worked toward a further degree. This time though I was studying to become a minister in the Church of England. Once completed, I went to Lincoln Diocese to be a curate (like an apprenticeship – without Lord Sugar!!).

I served in three posts in Lincoln, whilst also being a hospital chaplain, prison visiting, drug centres, victim

support and many other places. I was even asked to join the Royal Army Chaplains Dept, after spending several weeks with them, as well as time at RAF Scampton and even flew with them.

I have also served in Oxford, Rochester and Bath and Wells before coming to Hackleton.

In my personal life I have varied interests, most revolving around music, both playing and production. I am also interested in military history, especially wargaming.

I will leave it there for now and hopefully have chance to share with you more at a later date.

With every blessing

Mark

QUIZ NIGHT

FEBRUARY 10th 7.30pm for 8.00

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The Piddington Bakehouse

Maureen Williams with the origins of a Piddington landmark building.

The history of the old bakehouse in Chapel End, Piddington can be traced back with a fair degree of certainty to 1854, when the baker was Joseph Keightley. Joseph and his wife Ruth had one daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1854. She married John Cave in 1874 and he joined his father-in-law in the business, but when he died in 1884 aged just 34, Joseph employed journeyman baker Arthur Brown to assist him.

By 1901 Arthur had taken over the business and when in 1911, at the age of 44, he married Mary Elizabeth Britten of Moulton, she became an assistant in the bakery. Bread baked in the Piddington bakehouse used to be delivered to all the surrounding villages, initially by horse and cart and later by van.

Mary died in 1933, and when the 1939 Register was taken, Arthur, now in his seventies, was still living in the house, but the head of the household was master baker Arthur Mawby.

Arthur Thomas Mawby was born in The Jetty, Hackleton in 1905, and by the age of 16 was working for Arthur

Brown as a baker's assistant. He married Alice Jones, daughter of head forester Tom Jones of Piddington Lodge in 1933 and they went on to have two children, Arthur and Hazel. Alice used to manage the shop, which also sold home-made cakes and general groceries. A loaf of bread cost 4½d and 3lbs of flour was about 9d. The bakehouse closed in the 1950s, but the shop remained open for several more years.

There was also a smaller bakery on Forest Road, Piddington, but that's another story . . .

Maureen Williams

Copies of 'Piddington cum Hackleton: The Tales of Two Villages' are on sale at the White Hart, Coffee @ Carey, and Piddington Museum, priced £18. Or you can contact Maureen on 870318, email maureen@thejetty.eclipse.co.uk.

Any profit from the sale of the books goes to Hackleton Village Hall.



Photo courtesy of Hazel Glennon, née Mawby



Coffee@Carey

Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

Monday – Wednesday 10am – 1pm



Conveniently located in the heart of Hackleton, our lovely community focused and volunteer run **Coffee Shop** opened in May 2021 and is now very much a community hub. 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 free-to-borrow books, jigsaw puzzles and DVDs.

We have '**Pop Up Shops**' selling local products. Contact Jennie on 07851 403947 if you have products you would like to sell.

Whether you are coming to meet friends or coming in on your own, there's always a **welcoming and new experience at Coffee@Carey**.



What's On in February

Day	Event	When	Where
Monday	Soup and Roll Lunch	Served from 12pm Weekly. Orders taken.	Coffee Shop
	Parkinson's UK Northampton Support Group	Every 3rd Monday 11.00 – 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	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.	6th and 20th Feb 10am – 12.30 pm	Coffee Shop
	Valentine's Event Live singing by Roy Hawkesford	13th Feb 10.30am – 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	West Northants Council Customer Service Team Here to talk to you about any of their services, including renewing Blue Badges.	20th Feb 10am – 12pm	Coffee Shop
Wednesday	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	10.30am – 12pm Term time only	Library
Thursday	Team Thomas Fitness	09.15am – 10.15am	Coffee Shop

Do you fancy doing something new and being involved in the community this year? We are 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 Jennie Lee on **07851 403947**



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

Group Eight has had it's AGM and all systems are go for our productions in 2024!

The Chairman's Report for 2023 was very positive about what we had managed to achieve in our 50th Anniversary year and the fact that we had good audiences for all three productions. He was particularly pleased to see the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joining us again for the Panto and new performers on stage too. The need for new members, especially those to take on male roles, was emphasised as several of our regular cast members are not available for some of the productions this year. All in all he described 2023 as an amazing year and is now looking forward to 2024.

Our Treasurer's Report was good news for the Group as we ended the year with a modest bank balance allowing us to carry on with rehearsals and expenditure on our Spring Play. As the Village Hall Trustees have announced that hire fees are not to increase in 2024 our Treasurer recommended that we hold our ticket prices at the existing level for 2024 – a recommendation accepted by the Group. It was also recommended that we investigate whether we can add programmes to the online sales facility we use and Maz agreed to explore this.



Chair – Alan Campbell



Treasurer – Jennie Campbell



Secretary – Jess Moore

After making their reports our Officers stood down for the election of officers for 2024 after receiving the thanks of those at the meeting for their hard work. The following officers were proposed, seconded and returned unopposed:

- Chair
Alan Campbell
- Treasurer
Jennie Campbell
- Secretary
Jess Moore

Other matters discussed included Junior Cast management for the Panto and special thanks were expressed for the parents who supervised the younger member of the cast throughout rehearsals and shows. Jennie and Brent will continue in their Chaperone roles for 2024. It was decided that if any more Juniors wish to join in future they will need to be placed on a 'wait list' as the Group felt that the number we had in the Panto is as many as the Group can safely accommodate. It was also agreed that back stage team members should be a minimum of 14 years old.

The need to improve our communication was discussed and Jess our new Secretary was tasked with helping us move from Facebook Messenger to WhatsApp for internal communications and making full use of social media to advertise the group's activities to the community.

Activities for 2024 were discussed. No third production to raise funds is planned this year as we have no specific anniversaries to celebrate or investments we need to make. As the Chair noted we are short of males and need to consider how we recruit some more men. In the meantime several scripts are to be read by the Group so we can select a Spring Play which will take place in early May. Alan Campbell has volunteered to direct. We also intend to produce a Panto in December but no Director or play are yet chosen.

Our play readings for 2024 will have already been held by the time this edition of the Parish Mag appears and we may have already chosen our Spring Play and started rehearsals too!

Thank you to all who supported us in 2023 and we look forward to seeing you again at our productions in 2024. Please look out for the next Parish Mag which will reveal the details of advertise our next show!

Maz Woolley

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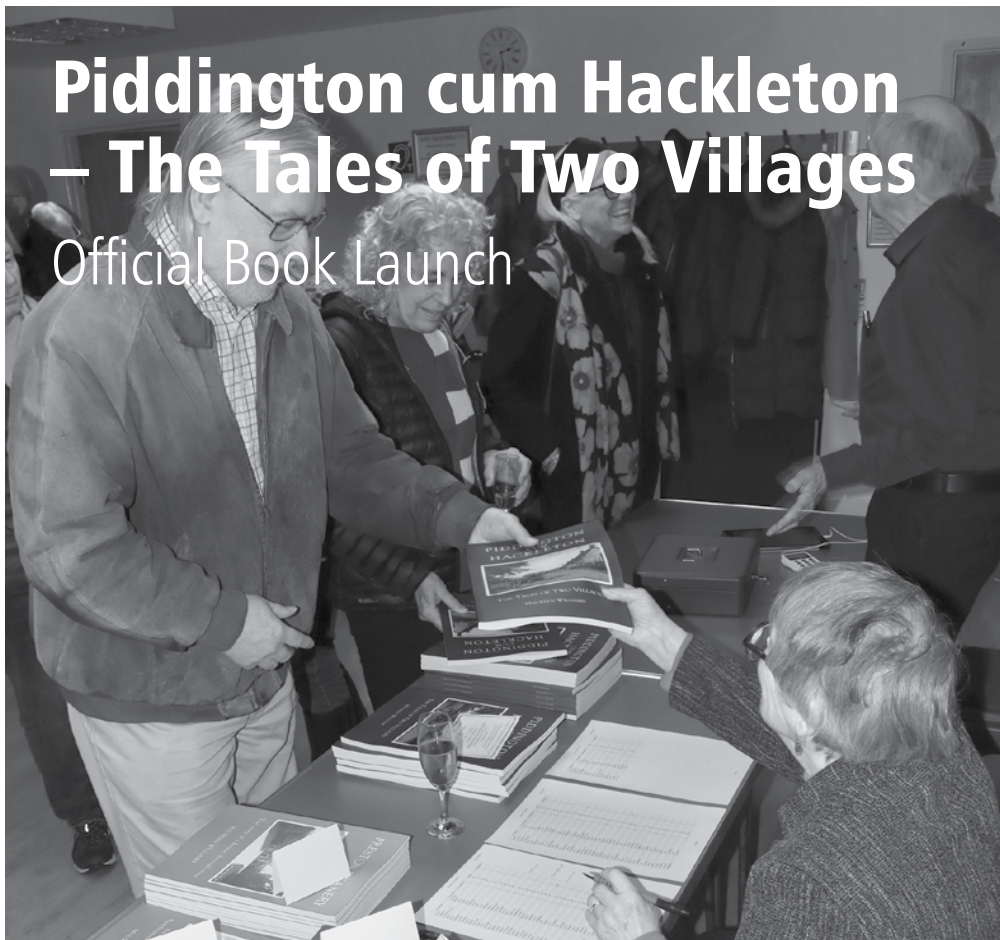
On 11th January we read a play called *Curtain Up!* which everyone thought was very good. It's about five women and their plans and schemes after they inherit a dilapidated theatre. We will read it again on the 18th January and it looks like a distinct possibility that this will be our Spring Play. More news in the next Parish Mag.



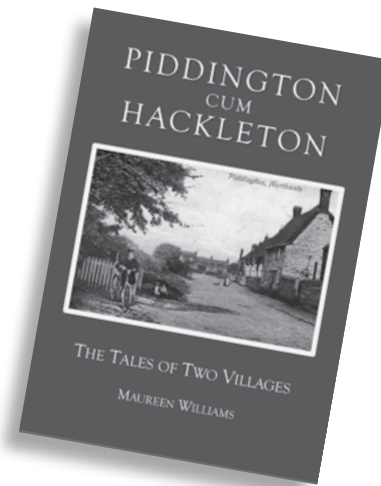
The Group Eight cast from the 2023 pantomime production of Mother Goose.

Piddington cum Hackleton – The Tales of Two Villages

Official Book Launch



The official launch of Maureen Williams' latest local history book was very well attended and included impressive and interesting displays and a large collection of additional photographs and postcards. After a brief welcome to the event, Maureen was kept very busy signing copies of the book. All this was accompanied by very generous refreshments. Well done Maureen and team – an excellent event to launch an excellent book.



Piddington cum Hackleton: The Tales of Two Villages 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.

Copies of 'Piddington cum Hackleton: The Tales of Two Villages' priced £18 are available from Maureen Williams, email: maureenwilliams972@gmail.com, tel: 870318



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performing Love Songs



Tuesday 13 February
10.30am – 12.30pm

This is a free, non-ticket event but donations are welcome and will be used to replace and supplement the Babies and Tots toys

Coffee@Carey
The Chapel, Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH



St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

A Christmas Thankyou

Although Christmas is already feeling like a long time ago, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Festival. Through the generosity of people who provided trees or donated items for our raffle prizes and those people who came to see the trees and made donations either at the festival or at the Wassail and nine lessons and carols we raised just over a £1000 which will go towards the restoration of the West door. The church belongs to our community and we all are the guardians of our lovely church in which people over 800 years have contributed to the upkeep of the building but more importantly worshipping God there.

Officially on Board

Rev Mark is settling into his new role as our part time priest. He works Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and I am certain he will leave his 'mark' on our community (I know that was a bad joke!).

Churchyard Groups

As the signs of Spring start to show in our gardens with bulbs starting to peek their heads out of the ground you will begin to notice activity starting in our Churchyard groups where the aim is to reintroduce as much wildlife as possible into both the churchyard in Piddington, but also at St Mary Magdalen in Horton. If you fancy a little bit of relaxing fresh air and company then you may want to volunteer for either churchyard. If this appeals to you then please give Anton a ring 870681.

Looking Forward to Easter Fun

We will also be running our Easter Treasure Hunt this year look out for more details next month.



Services in February

Sunday 4th February 10am: **Sung Communion**

Sunday 18th February 10am: **Sung Communion**

Wednesdays 7pm: **Midweek Service**

Take a Break

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

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

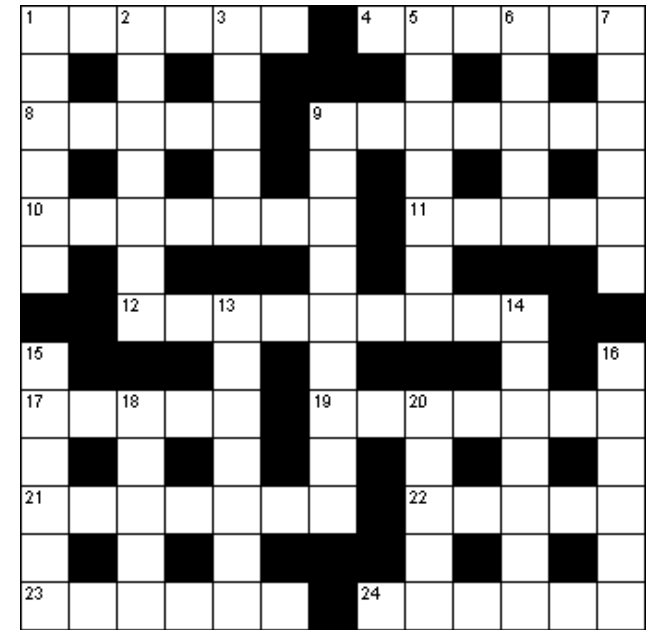
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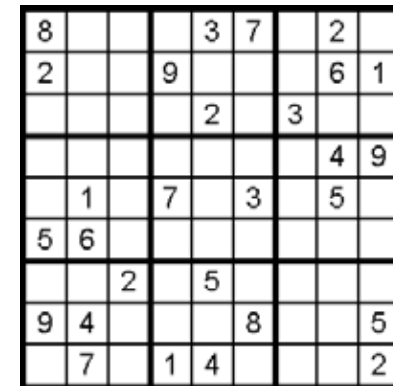
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- 13 Incorrectly (7)
- 14 Gave way (7)
- 15 Capital of the Czech Republic (6)
- 16 Remained (6)
- 18 Wherewithal (5)
- 2 Colour of old photographs (5)

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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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.

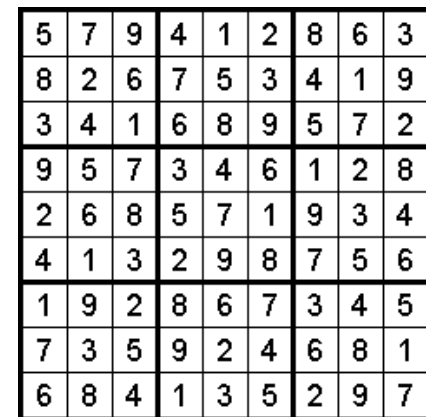
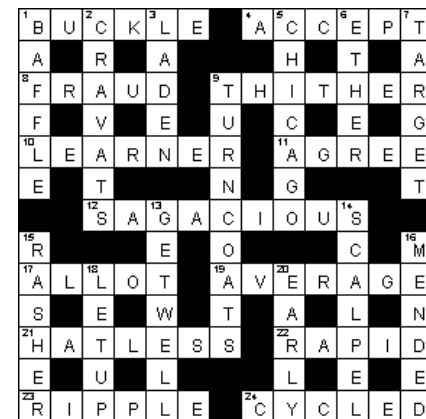
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I know you don't need the solutions to last month's puzzles, but here they are 'just in case'.

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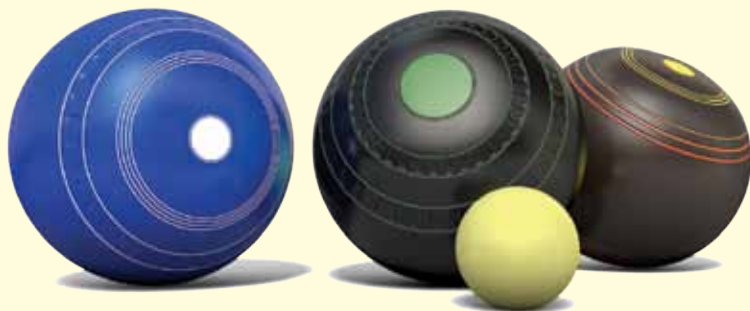
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