

Hackleton Parish mag



Your Hackleton Parish News

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HACKLETON Parish Council



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

We hope that these seeds
create a long lasting,
wild flower meadow across the parish,
enhancing your gardens with
natural beauty - promoting biodiversity and
attracting wildlife.

A gift of seeds for you to plant



A small package bursting with life

JAZZ NIGHT

Dixieland, Trad and New Orleans

with the **FENNY STOMPERS**



Hackleton Village Hall

March 23rd 8.00pm start

Tickets £12.50 from EDWARD 870764
Inc. Bangers "n" Mash Supper

I like March

It brings with it signs of better things

Although winter may not have done with us just yet, I tend to feel that as we enter March if there is a sting in the winter tail, it can't last too long – we can begin to think about the arrival of spring. The days are already getting significantly longer and at the end of March we make that huge leap into spring when the clocks go forward and we enter British Summer Time. Yippee!

A FREE gift!

In keeping with the Spring theme, this month's Mag brings you a free gift – courtesy of Hackleton Parish Council. I hope everyone will make full use of the free packet of wildflower seeds that accompanied this magazine and that the seeds do exactly 'what is says on the tin' (or little paper envelope in this case). I certainly don't want to have wasted my time in attaching them to every copy of the Mag!

Have your say

Whilst this is a much over-used marketing phrase, there are a number of opportunities this month to actually have your say. The Parish Council Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity Group host an Open Meeting on 5 March. On 19 March at Coffee@Carey, the Parish Council will hold another Surgery. Also at Coffee@Carey on 27 March the WNC Customer Service Team will be available to answer queries about any WNC services. Keir Highways have been asked to attend this drop-in session. So, assuming you are not delighted with state of our roads etc., this would be a good opportunity to have your say.

Enjoy the Mag.



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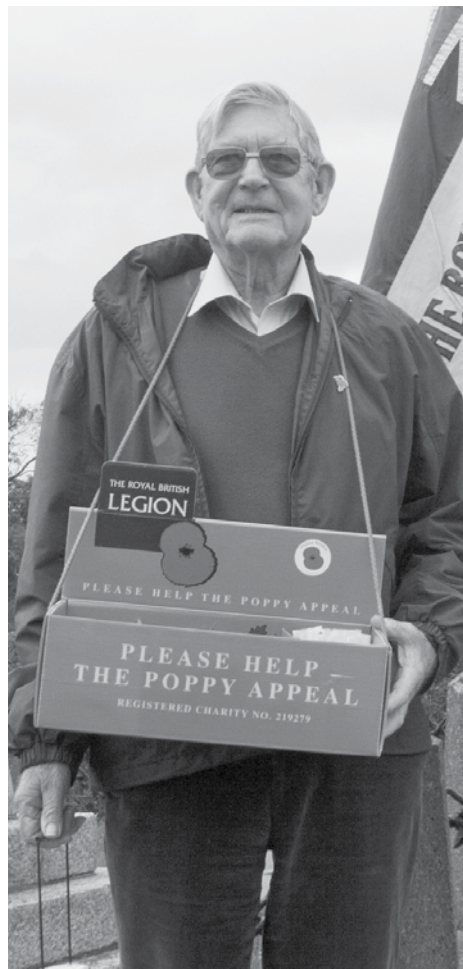
Submission Date

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



The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!



Thank you Geoff

After 33 years it's time for Geoff Turland to stand easy

Geoff Turland has been our local Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Appeal Organiser for the last 33 years. At the age of 86, Geoff has decided its now time to step down and handover his collection tin.

RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser required

Not content with just stepping down after over three decades of service, Geoff is keen to find his successor as our Local Poppy Appeal Organiser:

- The role is unpaid.
- Appeal Organisers don't need a military connection, they just need to be organised, and enjoy interacting with others.
- Must be over 18 years, own transport required.
- Training is provided and expenses are reimbursable.

If you feel you might like to get involved in this extremely worthy charity, please contact Geoff directly:

Geoff Turland
01604 870019

P.S. Geoff and his team raised over £5000 for the 2023 Poppy Appeal!



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.

Community Speed Watch

Volunteers Required

We will be participating in Community Speed Watch again this year between Saturday 25th May and Saturday 22nd June.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a volunteer programme run by Northamptonshire Police in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance. It enables local people to be actively involved in road safety, reducing speeding in their community.

I am now looking for some new recruits to join our team of volunteers so we have the chance to add more sessions to the schedule this year.

The sessions are run in several different locations in Horton and Hackleton. Each are an hour in duration and will be mainly at weekends or during the morning and evening rush hours. You can do as little or as much as you want; there is no minimum commitment.

If you can spare even a few hours over this four week period and you would be interested in joining the team please contact me.

Mark Reeve

Community Speed Watch Coordinator
m.reeve868@gmail.com



Hackleton WEB

Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity

Group Meeting

Tuesday 5th March, 7.30pm

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:

Roy Hawkesford

royhawkesford@gmail.com



Another successful Quiz Night was held in February. The ploughman's Supper was as usual excellent especially the cottage rolls. Good to see so many attending especially to see new faces. Thank you to all who helped in arranging this event.

Our next event for 2024 is the **Jazz Night with The Fenny Stompers** on 23rd March. Ticket price remains the same at £12.50 which includes a Sausage & Mash supper. Please contact Edward on 870764 to obtain tickets.

Annual General Meeting Thursday 14th March at 7pm in the Annex. I know everyone shies away from these if they can but it would be really good to see people there who are not at present Trustees. The meeting rarely takes more than about 30minutes but you are very welcome to stay for the Trustees meeting which follows immediately after the AGM. If you are interested in joining the committee this would be a good time to come along. Look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for all your support

Edward Kilpin BEM
Chairman of the Trustees

Monthly Tote

Dudley Winterbottom Memorial Hall, Hackleton

The Tote raises funds for the maintenance of the hall. If you would like to join please contact **Barbara Bayes** on **870889**. For just £1 per month you can be part of the Tote which has seven prizes ranging from £100 for the top prize followed by £50, £25 and four of £10.

Winning Numbers for February 2024

£100	18/21	Mr & Mrs Glennon c/o collector
£50	11/15	Mrs Smith, Lyne Walk
£25	23/30	Anna Palmberg, Old End
£10	01/21	G Coombes, Willoughby Way
£10	26/28	E Kilpin, Chapel Lane
£10	02/09	Roland Barby, The Crescent
£10	18/23	S Tobutt, Main Road

The next draw will take place on 13 March



2024 Events (More to follow)

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

6th July – **Barn Dance**

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

13 February 2024

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish council met on 13th February when ten councillors were present together with Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk

Highways/Road Safety

Following flooding from Great Lane across Main Road we asked highways to look at the drains in the area. They re-cleansed 41 drains and found all but 2 to be fully operational.

The Parish Council is to purchase 3 cut out people signs to try and reduce speeding outside the School.

A Working Party is to be set up the look at highway and road safety issues around the parish.

An application for double yellow lines in some parts of the parish has been considered. At this time no application will be made for double yellow lines but advice from WNC Parking Enforcement and the Police Safer Roads Team will be sought.

Speed data is to be downloaded from our Speed Indicator Devices so that we can be clear about the extent of the issues.

Community Speedwatch

Our volunteer group will have the Speedwatch equipment from 25th May until 22nd June. We really do need more volunteers so please get in touch clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk if you can spare a few hours during the above dates.

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 will be replaced with a new metal gate in early March. Additional hedge plants have been established in the hedge line at the front of the Recreation Ground. Residents are asked to please respect the hedge and use the gate at all times.

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.

Concerns were raised about recent vandalism and graffiti in the Football Shelter. The graffiti has been covered up but there is an awful lot of work for our part time Groundsman to clean the benches of paint etc.

Longland Meadow

A gate is to be installed at bottom entrance to the Meadow to stop dogs escaping onto the footpath.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 January 2024
Unity Bank Current Account	£60,982.66
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£144,925.27
Total funds held	£205,907.93

Items approved for payment in January:

Item	Amount £
Open spaces	171.02
Payroll	3359.78
Professional Fees	166.00
Machinery Servicing	867.10
Administration	81.15
Office Supplies	126.53
Rent	375.00
Subscriptions	36.00
Storage rent (3 months)	375.00
Training	125.00
ABILITY Community Transport Grant	500.00
Refuge Collection	94.25
Defibrillator Supplies	300.00

Street Lights

Two of the street lights on the Main Road through Horton have been repaired as they were both not working.

Street Nameplates

Pinetrees Close has been reported to WNC building control for re-installment.

Horton Church

The churchyard wall needs repairing Revd Julie and Revd Mark are looking at all options and once all information is to hand a public consultation will take place. The wall is curtilage listed with the Church. Any residents who have any concerns about funds which were raised for the Horton Church before it closed should contact Julie or Mark directly. Advice can also be sought from the Charity Commissioners.

Assets of Community Value

The Parish Council has already successfully registered Hackleton Stores as an Asset of Community Value. The nomination process for The Spread Eagle Public House will now be commenced.

Parish First Responders WhatsApp Group

This is an informal group of residents who can be called on to help out in an emergency such as flooding or an accident. Any resident who would like to join should contact Alison:

clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment

The next meeting will be held on 5th March at 7:30pm in the Chapel and will include a presentation from Climate Action West Northants. All residents very welcome to attend.

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.

Grange Farm Cottage, Grange Farm, Newport Pagnell Road, Preston Deanery NN7 2DT

2023/5262/FULL – Proposal conversion of existing double garage and single storey extension to rear southern aspect. Single storey extension to front elevation to create new entrance hall. Demolition of existing sunroom and build of double garage with ground floor extension behind. Amendment Details: Reduced garage from a 3 to a 2. RESOLVED: No objection

**Pavilion and Sports Ground, 12 Denton Road,
Horton NN7 2BE**

2024/0216/TPO – Works to 1x Horse Chestnut subject to TPO 96/1970. RESOLVED: No Objection

5 The Pound, Horton, NN7 2AT

2024/0243/S73 – Variation of Condition 14 of approved planning application S/2009/0453/P [Dormer bungalow and garage] – 2 dormer windows on the west elevation to remain obscured glass and non-opening in perpetuity. RESOLVED: To make the following comments: We refer to the letter dated 2nd November 2023 which forms part of this application. We do not support the full removal of the condition for obscured glass but we have no objection to the windows being obscured up to a height of 1.86m and clear above that height. The windows should not be able to be opened so that the neighbour can be overlooked but we are sure that the windows could be re-modelled in such a way that whilst opening they do not allow the occupier to overlook the neighbouring property.

Next Parish Council Meetings

- 12th March
- 9th April
- 14th May

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

HACKLETON
 Parish Council



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

**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**




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


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




Meet WNC Customer Service Team

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





Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment

A Gift of Seeds

Enhance your garden with natural beauty – promote biodiversity and attract wildlife.

Wildflowers provide bees, butterflies and other pollinators with food throughout the year. On a single day in summer, one acre of wildflower meadow can contain 3 million flowers, producing 1kg of nectar sugar. That's enough to support nearly 96,000 honey bees per day.

As part of our wildlife, biodiversity and environment initiatives you will find attached to this edition of the Mag' a packet of wildflower seeds for you to plant. The mixture includes: Corn Chamomile, Corncockle, Cornflower, Corn Marigold and Corn Poppy.

When to sow

Try to sow your seeds just after the last expected frost, the ideal germination temperature is 15-21°C. Germination takes 1-5 weeks but will be erratic. Thin seedlings if required and water if the ground dries out.

We hope that the seeds will create a long lasting, wildflower meadow right across our parish, enhancing your gardens with natural beauty. By adding native wildflowers into a small area of your garden you will provide more food for pollinators like bees and butterflies, as well as other insects.



Share your results

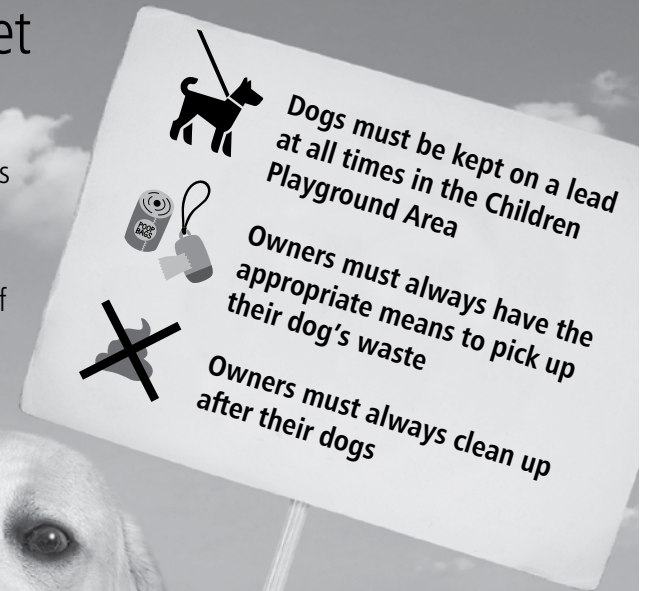
We hope that you enjoy growing the seeds and would really like you to share your photographs with us. Please email them to clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk and we hope to publish as many as possible in editions of the Parish Mag' later in the year.



Dog owners on the Rec.

Please don't get me banned!

Whilst the Parish Council does not want to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground it will have no option but to do so if residents and visitors do not follow the very simple rules.



Please respect the rules, encourage others to respect the rules. We do not want our children put at risk of injury or illness.



Further Information

Staff Sergeant Whitmore

Tel: 07724 041 449

Email: 1761whitmo@armymail.mod.uk

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

NEW ARMY CADET DETACHMENT

YARDLEY CHASE
CADET TRAINING CENTRE

DISCOVER YOUR
POTENTIAL SKILLS

GO FURTHER!

OPENING 7TH FEBRUARY 2024

YARDLEY CHASE CADET TRAINING CENTRE, DENTON
POST CODE NN7 2BQ

Fun and friendship are at the heart of the ACF

Army cadets are children aged 12-18 who are looking for something more
from life and want to challenge their limits. Our new Detachment at Yardley
Chase Cadet Training Centre will parade on a Wednesday 7pm to 9:30pm.

Find out more at www.armycadets.com

FREE TO
JOIN!



What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters"; this covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you're using a private e-scooter you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Where a trial rental scheme is running, it's legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations.

Rental e-scooter trials

Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Anyone using a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, has to comply with the relevant road traffic legislation or they face potential prosecution.

To rent an e-scooter you must:

- meet the minimum age limit; these can vary depending on the provider, so please check with them
- hold the correct driving licence (category Q or P/M)
- create an account with the rental company

E-scooters can only be used in approved areas.

Penalties and offences

If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance you could face a Fixed Penalty notice:

- with a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for having no insurance
- up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points for riding without the correct licence

You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- riding on a pavement; Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone or other handheld mobile device while riding; £200 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights; Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving: the same as if you were driving a car, you could face court imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment

If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

When riding an e-scooter, we would always recommend wearing safety protection such as a helmet and to keep to the speed limit.

Could you help Toads on Roads?

Mary Hopper with a plea for help for our Piddington toads



Did you know Piddington is a hotspot for Toads on Roads? On mild, damp evenings from early February through to April, toads return to their spawning grounds to breed. Long-term villagers may remember toads crossing Piddington Lane in their hundreds or even thousands, but numbers have dropped rapidly in recent years as so many fall victim to passing cars. In 2016 The Wildlife Trust found UK toad populations had declined by 68% over 30 years. Since then, they've been further devastated by recent hot summers drying up ponds and other amphibian habitats, so that number is now likely much higher.

As we've had a few weeks of wet weather, a small number of toads are once again attempting to cross Piddington Lane and Forest Road as they strive to get back to their family home. After dark they can be hard to spot, with only their pale chests showing up in car headlights. They may look like fallen leaves but if

drivers slow down and put lights on full beam (when safe to do so), it's sometimes possible to avoid them. Toads like to travel on mild nights (5°C+), especially when it's been raining, so if you're driving in or out of Piddington please slow down and keep an eye out in case they can be safely avoided.

Another way we can help our toads is in partnership with a charity called **Froglife**. Their **Toads on Roads** project has Piddington Lane registered as a 'migratory crossing' and they can help us coordinate a local Toad Patrol if a few community members are willing to give up some time for toads. Patrols can access materials to complete a risk assessment and advice on how to safely help toads across, as well as each registered member being covered by Froglife's public liability and personal injury insurance. Patrols can also apply to their local council for road warning signs to be installed and actively help the toads across the road, such as

Why did the toad cross the road?

Common Toads are very particular about where they breed and often migrate back to their ancestral breeding ponds each year. They follow the same route, regardless of what gets in their way, which sometimes leads to them crossing roads. We get a toad vs. traffic scenario and the toads inevitably come off worse. Thousands are killed crossing roads each spring as they make their way to breeding ponds that they have used for generations.

The **Toads on Roads** project registers these sites as 'migratory crossings' and helps coordinate local Toad Patrols. Patrols can apply to their local council for road warning signs to be installed and actively help the toads across the road. The Toads on Roads project has been running for over twenty years and numerous crossings have been recognised nationwide.

Although you can volunteer as much or as little as you like, patrol managers do need commitment and enthusiasm. Toad patrolling is not a one-off event. Migration can run from as early as January to as late as April and will include going out in the evenings in wet conditions.

by potentially installing crossing tunnels. The Toads on Roads project has been running for over 20 years and collects information on how many toads are rescued and killed each year, providing much-needed data to support conservation efforts nationwide.

So if you feel you could don a hi-vis vest, bring a bucket and brave a damp evening for the sake of our toads, please get in touch with the Parish Council and hopefully we can get our own Toad Patrol on the move. Take a look at www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads to see how we can help toads rebuild their numbers and thrive in our villages once again.

Piddington Toad Patrol

If you've lived in Piddington for any length of time, you're probably aware of toads on the road at the top of Piddington Lane at this time of year. In recent years environmental conditions have dramatically reduced the number of toads attempting this dangerous road trip but with more favourable weather conditions this year, there has been an increase in numbers. Unfortunately in all road traffic incidents involving cars and toads, the toad always comes off worse. **The toads need our help.**

Can you spare some time to help local toads cross Piddington Lane?

Volunteers are needed to help a Piddington 'Toads on Roads' patrol on mild, wet evenings in February and March. All you'll need for patrolling is warm clothes, something reflective, a bucket and a torch. You can take part as little or as often as you like.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council:

clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk



www.froglife.org/toads

mary
COMMENT

Thank you Mary for highlighting the plight of our Piddington toads.

Hopefully we can get a Toad Patrol up and running.



Coffee@Carey

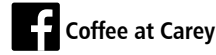
Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH
Monday – Wednesday 10am – 1pm



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.

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 Jennie on 07851 403947.

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.



What's On in March

Day	Event	When	Where
Monday	Soup and Roll lunch	Served from 12pm Weekly. Orders taken	Coffee Shop
	Just Sing! Community choir for everyone, new members welcome	Weekly 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Coffee Shop
	Pop Up Sixty-Two Home and Giftware	Monday 4th – Weds 6th March	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.	5th and 19th March 10am – 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	Parish Council Surgery Here to answer Parish Council related queries	Tues 19th March 10am – 12 noon	
Wednesday	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	10.30am – 12 noon Term time only	Library
	West Northants Council Customer Service Team Here to talk to you about any of their services. Keir Highways will be here to answer any highways queries	27th March 10am – 12pm	Coffee Shop
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**



Coffee@Carey

The perfect place to take a break

Life is always busy, sometimes it can seem a little too busy. However, it is especially important at these times to make time for a break.

We don't manage to visit Coffee@Carey as often as we should but we really don't know why. Taking a break at Coffee@Carey is like a breath of fresh air and the perfect antidote to the relentless pace of modern life.

The Coffee@Carey experience is nothing like your typical CostaBucks coffee shop, which, believe me, is a very good thing! The ambience is lovely and the pace is reassuringly relaxed. I suppose, if you really had to, you could pop in for a 'coffee to go' and then be like the endless stream of drivers trying to manoeuvre out of Waitrose's car park without letting go of their precious cardboard beaker. But why would you want to? If you're going to take a break, then take a break. Savour your drink served in a proper cup (cup and saucer if tea is your hot beverage of choice!) and take your time to fully enjoy a slice of lovely cake. It really is too good to rush.

At our latest visit, we were treated to Roy Hawkesford performing a selection of Valentine tunes – a real added bonus.

Coffee@Carey has become a real hub of the community, so what better place to keep up to date with all the latest goings-on. Gossip is, as you would expect, strictly forbidden!

We'll try not to leave it too long before our next visit – as with most things in life, if a coffee break is worth doing, it's worth doing well. Coffee@Carey do it well.

See you there

Kim & Alan McDonogh

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Hackleton Village Hall

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The last of the Gunning Baronets?

This is the first story in a new series of 'Tales from the Villages' by local historian, Maureen Williams.

A new headstone was erected in Horton churchyard last year, following the burial of the ashes of Sir Charles Theodore Gunning, 9th Bt, who died in Canada in 2020. The stone also commemorates his parents, Sir Robert (whose original headstone it replaces) and Lady Ann, and other members of the family.

Horton Hall (demolished in 1936) was home to the Gunning baronets from 1782 until 1888, when the estate was sold by Sir George Gunning, 5th Bt, who moved into Little Horton House on Brafield Road. Even though the later baronets no longer lived at Horton, like their predecessors they are all buried in the churchyard, most of their graves lining one side of the path to the church.

Sir Robert was born in 1901 on the island of Lamu, Kenya, where his father Charles Archibald Gunning was a colonial official. Being a great-grandson of the youngest of six sons born to Sir George Gunning, 2nd Bt, Robert probably never expected to inherit the baronetcy.

Educated at St Paul's School, London and Leeds University, he made his fortune as a goldminer in West Africa before marrying Helen Nancy (Ann) Hallett, daughter of Vice Admiral Theodore Hallett, in 1934. After a brief return to Africa, they set up home in London where their first three children, Charles, Iselt and Marion were born. When the Horton Estate was sold in 1935 after the death of Harold Winterbottom, they purchased the former stables (now Captain's Court), took up residence in 1937 or '38, and started a market garden business in the old walled kitchen garden, now the location of The Nurseries and Gunning Court.



Sadly, their daughter Marion drowned in the estate's outdoor swimming pool in 1939, aged just 19 months. She too is buried in the churchyard and remembered on the headstone.

The Second World War found Robert serving in the 50th (Northamptonshire Regiment) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers, reaching the rank of Temporary Captain. The 1939 Register, created at the start of the war, shows Ann, who was expecting their fourth child at the time, occupying the house with her two surviving children, a cook, house parlourmaid and children's nurse/dairymaid. Also resident and helping Ann with the heavy work in the market garden, was Violet Halliday, the then owner of Preston Deanery Hall – but that's another story!

After the war, the couple struggled to make a success of their market garden business and, annoyed by some decisions made by the local planning authorities, they upped sticks and emigrated with their (by now) five children to Canada in 1948. They sailed from Southampton on the Cunard Line's RMS Aquitania (apart from Charles who joined them later; he was a very good cricketer, and his headmaster was allowed to keep him until the end of the season!) and settled in Peace River, Alberta. Incidentally, the Aquitania docked at Halifax, Nova Scotia, named after Sir George Montagu Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax, who owned the Horton Hall Estate before the Gunnings.

Robert became a successful landowner and farmer and inherited the baronetcy when Sir Charles Vere Gunning, 7th Bt died in 1950 with no male heir. By 1955 the couple had ten children. Charles inherited the title on his father's death in 1989, and Sir Robert's ashes were interred in Horton in accordance with his wishes.

Charles had joined the Royal Canadian Navy in the 1950s and served as an engineering officer on submarines for 28 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Well- respected, he was a consultant to the Canadian Navy for a further 30 years.

He had reserved a burial plot in Horton churchyard, probably in order to continue the family tradition, but perhaps also because, according to his widow, Lady Linda Gunning, he had fond memories of growing up in Horton; he was 13 when the family emigrated.

Charles had a daughter with his first wife Sarah, but they divorced in 1982, and there were no children from his second marriage to Linda Kachmar in 1989. Next in line to the title is his brother John, born in Horton in 1944, but he does not appear to have tried to prove his succession yet and the baronetcy is shown as 'vacant' on the Official Roll of the Baronetage, 2024.

There is a plot reserved in Horton churchyard for Lady Linda and a space left for her on the headstone, but we may have seen the last of the Gunning Baronets.

With thanks to Lady Linda Gunning, and to David Dunkley for alerting me to the appearance of the headstone and for the main photograph. Inset: Sir Charles Theodore Gunning.

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 we start to see signs of nature awakening in our gardens and in the fields that surround our lovely villages; the church begins its own reawakening during the Lent season as we wait patiently in anticipation of Easter and the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

For many Christians, Lent is a time when they make space to pray, read the Bible and reflect on God's love. Traditionally, Lent was a period of fasting from certain foods like eggs and red meat, while others may give up something to focus on their relationship with God. It's a time of preparation, self-reflection, and an opportunity to grow in faith.

Contact details

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Email: revjuliescott@gmail.com
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Rev Mark Hurley

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Easter Services

Service	Time	Place
Palm Sunday 24 March – Benefice Communion	11:00am	Hardingstone
Maundy Thursday 28 March	7:00pm 7:30pm	Piddington Quinton
Good Friday 29 March	2:00pm	Hardingstone
Easter Vigil – Lighting the Fire Saturday 30 March	7:30pm	Piddington (outside moving inside)
Easter Day 31 March	9:00am 10:30am 11:00am	Piddington Quinton Hardingstone

As part of our celebration we are once again running our Treasure Hunt – you can pick up a question paper from 2 Wantage Close Hackleton, between 10am and 4pm Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. Forms to be returned to the above address by 7pm Easter Monday. Prizes will be awarded to those who have the highest score.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter

Our Easter services are detailed below.

Save the date – 6th June 2024

The 80th Anniversary of the largest naval, air and land operation in history



The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and parish and town councils are encouraged to take part by lighting a Beacon on that day representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

As part of this National Commemoration, Hackleton Parish Council will be hosting an event and lighting our beacon in line with the rest of the country.

We would like to try and personalise this to our parish and would welcome any knowledge you may have of local residents being involved in the D-Day landings. If you know of:

- someone who took part in the D-Day landings
- a story passed through the family

please contact:

Parish Councillor Tina Charteress

Email: cllr.tinacharteress@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Like to get involved?

Please come along to an initial meeting:

19th March, 7.00pm
Hackleton Village Hall Annexe





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

Rehearsals are well under way for our Spring Play

Curtain Up! – a farcical comedy by Peter Quilter

With an entirely female cast, *Curtain UP!* is a story of a group of women who inherit equal shares in an old, ruined theatre and the mayhem that results when they try to save it from destruction. It is a light-hearted entertainment which Ray Cooney, famous for the farces he produced, described as "An excellent piece of writing – very charming and very funny".

The show has been performed on the professional stage, as well as at many amateur companies round Britain.

Group Eight's version will be directed by Alan Campbell and we have already had script readings, casting and by the time that this parish mag reaches you rehearsals on stage will be well under way.



How does a bear head fit into the show? You will have to come along and see!

Tickets

Curtain Up! will be performed on Thursday May 2nd, Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 5th. Tickets may be purchased online from our ticket agents Ticketsource. Links to the sales site may be found on our groupeight.co.uk website at:

<https://groupeight.co.uk/buy-your-tickets>

Look out for more information about the play as rehearsals continue and watch out for our posters and publicity!

Join Us

Whilst we have cast the characters for this play, new members are always welcome. We will need front of house and stage crews as well as performers for future productions – **all are welcome**. If you are interested why not come along and see us one Thursday night when we are rehearsing – we will be in the Hall, or on WI Nights we will be in the annexe.



Curtain Up!

Thursday 2nd May
Friday 3rd May
Saturday 4th May
7.45pm

Hackleton Village Hall

Groupeight1973@outlook.com for ticket information

Take a Break

Put the kettle on, make yourself a brew, settle down in your favourite chair and take a break with these puzzles.

How are you getting on with these puzzles? Have you progressed yet from the Quick to the Less Quick Cryptic?

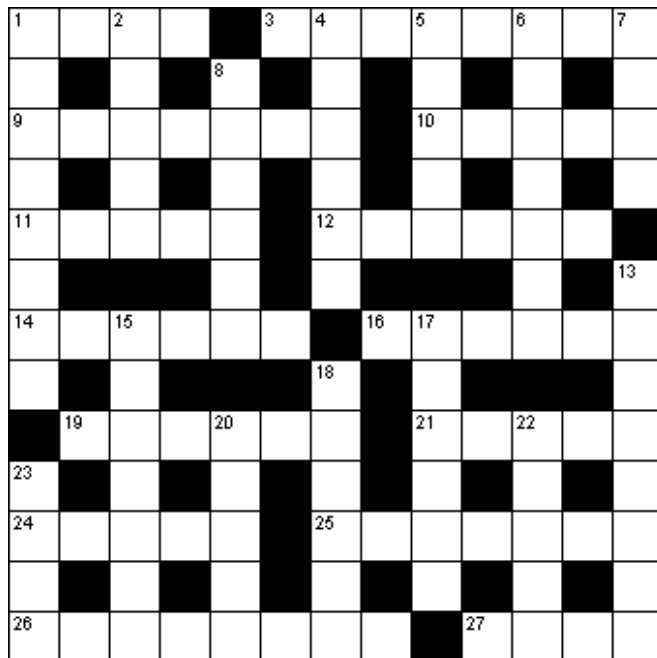
Solutions in next month's Mag – so no cheating, you've just got to persevere until you've finished them!

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Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Broken (4)
- 3 Roomy (8)
- 9 Surgeon's knife (7)
- 10 Florida resort (5)
- 11 Swelling (5)
- 12 Long-haired sheepdog (6)
- 14 Cloth used with polish (6)
- 16 Citrus fruit (6)
- 19 Composer of the opera "Lohengrin" (6)
- 21 Imitate (5)
- 24 Annoyed (5)
- 25 Spanish wine cocktail (7)
- 26 London rail terminus (8)
- 27 Period before Easter (4)

Down

- 1 Meddler (8)
- 2 Animal compartment (5)
- 4 Insurance contract (6)
- 5 Ship of the desert (5)
- 6 Formal speech (7)
- 7 Lose weight (4)
- 8 Orb (6)
- 13 Trader (8)
- 15 Vivid red (7)
- 17 Gypsy (6)
- 18 Fast, in musical terms (6)
- 20 Lowest point (5)
- 22 Signalling code (5)
- 23 Forehead (4)

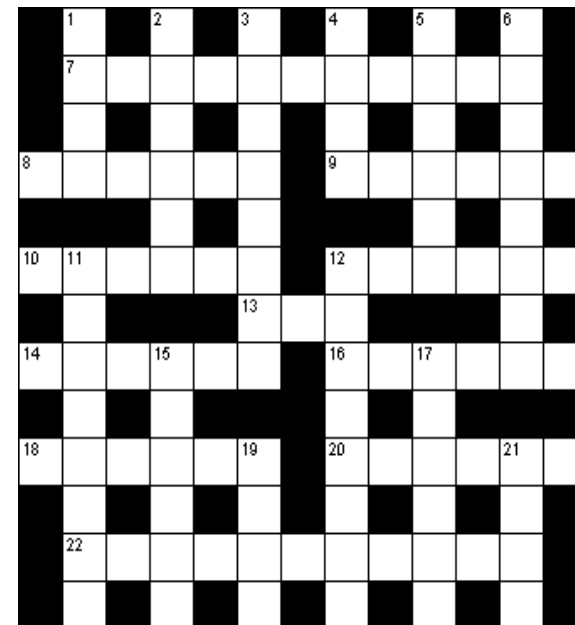
The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 7 Try my routes out - for people who don't know where they are going? (7,4)
- 8 Characteristic of cap set askew (6)
- 9 No huge assortment is sufficient (6)
- 10 Interfere with award, by the sound of it (6)
- 12 A foreign festival makes it safe (6)
- 13 Health resort in Spain (6)
- 14 Craftsmen getting on in service (6)
- 16 Centre redevelopment not long ago (6)
- 18 Serial involving a country (6)
- 20 Intense dislike of headgear that's brightly coloured? (6)
- 22 A bird from Florence? (11)

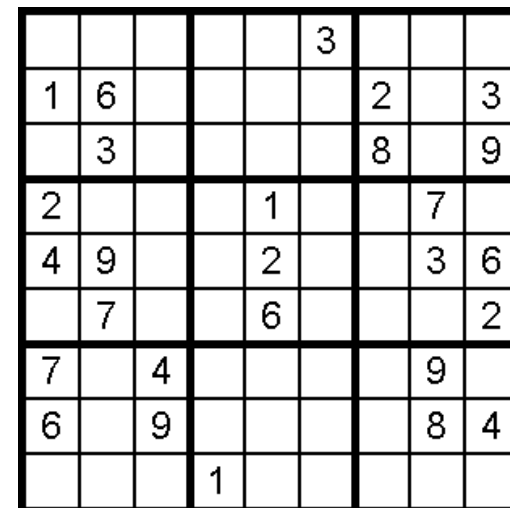
Down

- 1 Little devils at one mile per second! (4)
- 2 Rise for dances awkwardly (6)
- 3 Sauce ruined presents (8)
- 4 Old stringed instrument from hilly region (4)
- 5 Gloomy doctor got up (6)
- 6 Clever, getting on in seaside resort (8)
- 11 Lean pigs mucked up, seen in passing (8)
- 12 Distant object is an old coin (8)
- 15 Go near nuts or fruit (6)
- 17 A yacht going astray in China (6)
- 19 Many things sold at auction (4)
- 21 Always the first woman to go by river (4)



Sudoku

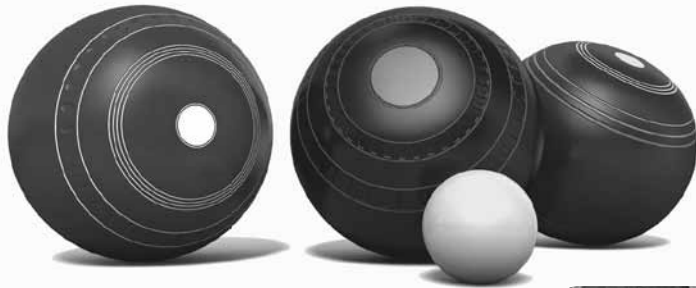
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Click on your local scheme and when you see the map showing the area covered by the scheme, scroll down and click on the 'Apply to join' box. You just need to complete the details requested – your membership will be confirmed by e-mail.

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

Quick

1	C	U	2	S	T	3	O	M	4	S	5	C	H	6	O	7	L	
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