

Hackleton Parish mag



Your Hackleton Parish News

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Join the
Open Garden Weekend

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



Hackleton & District WI

PLANT SALE

Sunday, 19th May 2024

10am - 1pm

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

Professionally grown basket and bedding plants, shrubs, perennials, herbs for a beautiful garden.

WI Homemade Cake/Produce Stall

Refreshments and Free Parking Available

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We're all different

Thank goodness!

As we pass through this thing called life we come across a very diverse range of people, some of whom disappoint whilst others inspire. 'Look at me' wannabe celebrities that can now find fame for being famous (no talent required) definitely fall into the former category. But who would we refer to as inspirational? Multi-millionaire business tycoons? Do they genuinely inspire us or do we just aspire to have their wealth and lifestyle? How about music stars or Oscar-winning actors? Whilst most of these are undoubtedly extremely talented, we don't see the real person, we only see the highly manufactured publicity-driven persona. Sporting heroes? We're getting closer – sporting success does tend to motivate the next generation to greater achievements – but successful athletes have to look after number one and be selfishly dedicated to their sport. I think that true inspiration can be found in the very few people who genuinely do things for the benefit of others and are not motivated by reward or recognition. This doesn't have to be at some pie in the sky international level, it can be at a much more modest local level.

I recently visited two dedicated groups who are attempting to improve the quality of our lives. The **Health & Wellbeing Group** held a Launch Event to kick off their initiative to provide facilities to help our physical and mental wellbeing. The **Wildlife, Environment and Biodiversity Group** are equally dedicated to protect and improve our natural surroundings. The individuals in these groups aren't motivated by reward, they just have a genuine desire to help others and get things done. If you wish to do something at a local level that benefits us all, getting involved with these projects would definitely be a step in the right direction.



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Cover

Time to display some of our lovely local gardens – and raise some money.

Submission Date

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

For the May issue please submit your material as early as possible in April.



The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

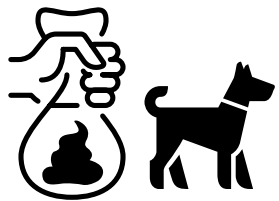
The dog poo continues to be a problem

and it's even getting worse if that's possible.

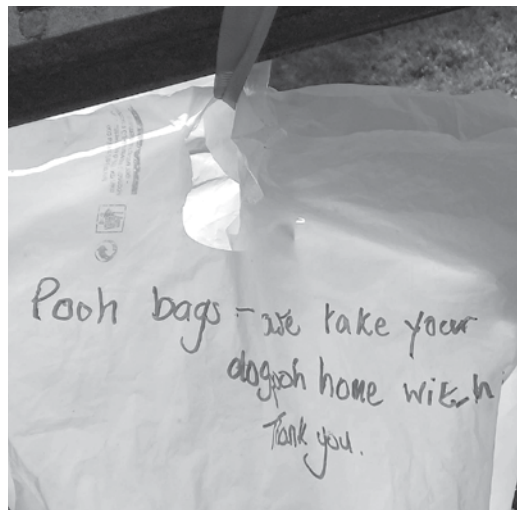
Today I collected several discarded poo bags around the bridge area on the forest track, then I picked up THREE unbagged poohs on the grass at the corner of Grafton Court, all probably from the same dog. It's totally unacceptable and illegal, not to clean up after your dog. If you're not prepared to clean up after it, you shouldn't have got it in the first place!

Rant over, sorry.

Sylvia Newnam



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!



This should be totally unnecessary but Sylvia has even provided poo bags at her own expense!



Thank you

I would just like to say thank you very much to the Parish Council for their gift of seeds included with the March issue of the Parish Mag. I know I am not the only person to think that it is a lovely idea to create a long lasting wild meadow across the parish, and I hope I am not the only one to say thanks to the Parish Council – well done!

Pam Dalby

Piddington



Thank you Pam, for your words of thanks. A number of people have expressed their appreciation for the seeds.

Look out for the article in this issue of the Mag for advice on how to make the most of the wildflower seeds.

Please remember to send pictures to clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The Mag hopes to publish some of your photographs later in the year.



Can you help keep our community safe?

Neighbourhood Watch
Local Coordinator required for
St George's Fields

The previous coordinator has moved out of the area and so a vacancy has arisen within our local network. Could you take on this valuable role to support your local community. If you are interested please contact Phil Renshaw for details:


Philip.renshaw@yahoo.co.uk



Concerned about scams?

Neighbourhood Watch has joined forces with cyber security specialist Avast to create Cyberhood Watch with a mission to provide people with the information and tools they need to stay safe online.

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/cybercrime/cyberhoodwatch>



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.



Hackleton Village Hall News

Our next event for 2024 is the **Barn Dance** on Saturday 5th July with entertainment provided by 'The Occasional Few' with caller. Tickets available from Edward Kilpin 870764. This has always been a fun evening even if you do not know the correct steps. Food is provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

It was really good to see so many people at the **Annual General Meeting**. There was almost as many non Trustees as Trustees. We even gained another new Trustee. It has been quite rare in the past to welcome more than the Trustees so thank you to all those who came along to listen how the village hall is being run and what improvements have taken place during 2023.

Thank you for all your support

Edward Kilpin BEM
Chairman of the Trustees



Not to be missed

Get involved and have a load of fun!

The Barn Dance at Hackleton Village Hall is a great night out. Hilarious country 'dancing' and a lovely Ploughman's Supper.

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 March 2024

£100	10/21	Kate Kemish, Elm Way
£50	02/09	Roland Barby, The Crescent
£25	07/19	Esme ,Chapel Lane
£10	08/24	Marina Pearce, Wantage Close
£10	10/30	Mr E Hartman, Forest Road
£10	02/16	Mrs M Kingdom, Lyne Walk
£10	14/21	Craig Fensome, Carey Road

The next draw will take place on 10 April



2024 Events (More to follow)

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
Thursday	Adult Dance Class	18.00-21.00	Annex	Lesley 07904 485 846
	Pre-School/Playgroup	08.30-16.00	Main Hall	Charmaine 07787 176 416
	Trustee Meeting	19.30-21.00	Annex	Edward 01604 870764
Friday	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 March 2024

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish council met on 12th March when nine councillors were present together one member of the public and the Parish Clerk

Highways/Road Safety

WNC Highways have conducted a speed data capture on Lyne Walk which recorded the 85th percentile (speed of 85% of drivers) as 17-19mph with a top speed recorded during the capture period of 32 mph.

The Football Club has been asked to speak to its away supporters requesting that they park more considerably on match days.

Community Speed Watch signage and "Drive Like Your Kids Play Here" signs are to be purchased for use around the parish.

Recreation Ground

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

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.

Maintenance and safety inspections have been received for all equipment and issues raised actioned.

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	29 February 2024
Unity Bank Current Account	£48,119.00
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£145,929.82
Total funds held	£194,048.82

Items approved for payment in February:

Item	Amount £
Open spaces	227.94
Payroll	5534.98
Professional Fees	12.00
Dog Waste Bin Emptying (12 months)	2528.00
Administration	50.82
Street Light Repair	250.00
Recreation Ground Maintenance	235.00
Road Safety Signs	404.00
Parish Mag'	1390.00
Electricity	542.55
Training	48.00
Wildlife & Biodiversity	70.96
Hedge Cutting	150.00
Grass Mowing	365.00
Speed Indicator Device Repairs	114.00

A grant funding application from Hackleton & District WI in the sum of £580.00 was approved. This will assist the WI in putting on a training day for its members.

Street Lights

Street Light H022 in Regent Way, Horton has been hit by a vehicle. It has been removed and a replacement is on order.

Street Nameplates

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

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Environment

The Parish Council is liaising with Morris Homes to look at supporting wildlife on St George's Fields.

See separate report from the last meeting.

Health & Wellbeing

A grant from NACRE is to be applied for to help set up a Dementia Group.

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.

7 Elm Way, Hackleton NN7 2BT

2024/0537/FULL – Proposed conversion of existing garage. Garage doors replaced, pitched roof added, white render and dark timber cladding added to garden elevation. Other elevations materials to match existing. RESOLVED: No Objection

18 Hillside Road, Piddington NN7 2DB

2024/0725/FULL – 1.5 storey rear extension and insertion of door and windows to north elevation. RESOLVED: No Objection

Land South Of, Newport Pagnell Road, Hackleton

2024/0810/MAO – Outline application with access unreserved for a mixed-use development of up to 285 no. units within Use Class C3 (comprising dwellings and apartments) and a mixed-use local centre (Use Classes E and F2), with associated infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, public open space and on-site works. RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds of the piecemeal nature of development, impact on roads, flooding concerns, lack of infrastructure, loss of agricultural land, loss of biodiversity. (The full response will be printed in the next edition of the Parish Mag').

A Sansome & Son, 82 Main Road, Hackleton NN7 2AD

2024/0979/LBC – Listed building consent to strip off and replace roof tiles to the front section of the building (above the old Butchers Shop). RESOLVED: No Objection

Next Parish Council Meetings

9th April

14th May

11th June

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

Visit the Parish Council website:

www.hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

For full meeting minutes and the very latest parish information.

Contact the Council:

Alison Benson, Clerk to the Council

clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

or telephone Alison on 07464 429630



West
Northamptonshire
Council

Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole:

Fiona.Cole@westnorthants.gov.uk

Telephone: 07977 501573

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2024 7:00pm Hackleton Village Hall





All residents are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting

Hosted by
Chairman of the Parish Council

An informal meeting with the opportunity to chat to local group representatives and stakeholders together with two guest speakers:

West Northants Unitary Councillor **Phil Larratt**,
Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste

Sylvia Newman – Wellidog

 Refreshments available 



Please come along – this is YOUR meeting



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

Monday 22 April
Tuesday 14 May
Wednesday 19 June
10am – 12pm

Here to answer any
WNC-related matters



Parish Council Surgeries

Find out more about
your Parish Council

Coffee @ Carey
Wednesday 17th April
10am – noon



Please come and have a chat



Be patient and persevere

Practical wild flowering advice

There is something magical about a packet of seeds. They contain a promise, a nod towards warmer weather and buzzing bees, a small parcel of hope. So I was delighted to receive the wildflower seeds with our last magazine, a really welcome gift.

But having attempted to grow and maintain a wildflower meadow for many years, it was a gift that made me pause and reflect. Because quite honestly (and from years of experience), the promise contained in the packet isn't always realised. And as the gift is such a lovely initiative, which I really want to work, I thought I'd offer some advice.



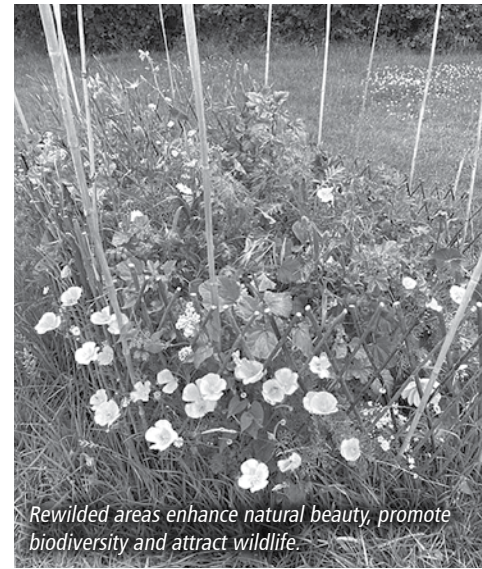
Prepare your chosen ground

Firstly, read the instructions. So many people think that simply flinging the seeds onto a patch of lawn will result in a profusion of insect friendly flora. But grass is a greedy perennial and will not give ground easily. If you have the space in a sunny flowerbed, earmark a weed-free area and prepare the soil so that there is room for them to germinate, with well tilled earth to stretch their young roots into. You can also just fill a pot with fresh compost and plant your seeds in there. But do make sure in the early stages that the pot does

not sit in a saucer. The seeds will not thrive in boggy conditions, good drainage is vital and a pot saucer to retain moisture won't be needed until high summer. Regardless of whether you are planting into a bed or a pot, cover with a little peat free compost and use a fine sprinkler to water them in.

And then wait

Resist the temptation to over water, even when your seedlings first appear. And sadly, many young wildflower plants are irresistible to rabbits, so you may



Rewilded areas enhance natural beauty, promote biodiversity and attract wildlife.

need to use a bit of mesh or even a makeshift barrier if you are prone to bunny visitors, particularly in the early stages. But as the plants establish themselves, they become less succulent and appealing and as they grow more robust you should start to get some glorious colour and attract a range of grateful pollinators.

Many wildflowers belong to groups that want to form colonies. You might find that if you leave your pot or flowerbed until the following year, just in the interest of experimentation, only one species returns. This will be the dominant species and it is not always the prettiest (step forward Buckwheat), but this will give you a good idea of what you want to see in the future. This is the true magic of a packet of seeds. The contents can transform the way you see your outdoor space and make you realise that what pleases you can also be of significant value to the insect visitors that we so desperately need to encourage. If we can all do this, across our village communities we will be offering critical support to our local ecological environment. When our actions benefit the natural world we are, ultimately, just benefitting ourselves.

Happy planting!

Claudine Howard



ADOPT A POT

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

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

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

E: clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Health and Wellbeing Launch Event

“A really good example of how a parish council can think a little creatively about what it does and how it works with other organisations to benefit its residents”

Alan Burns – WNC Parish Council Liaison Officer

One of Hackleton Parish Council’s key 2024 priorities to promote wellbeing with the aim of combatting isolation and loneliness within our community. The first steps in this process are to draw up an accurate picture

of the current facilities on offer – are they relevant to our residents needs and what other facilities could the parish consider offering? To this end, a questionnaire about health and wellbeing facilities within the parish



Councillor Pam Heap opened the Launch Event detailing the aims of the Parish Council towards health and wellbeing.



Katy Downing from Northamptonshire Sport supporting Owen and Julie from Team Thomas with their **Get Up and Go! Exercise Program**, being launched Coffee@Carey 2pm on 2nd April.



Rev Jennie spoke about the **Chatty Café** (which also links into what the Social Prescribers do) and **The Wellbeing Journey**.



Jackie Power from the **Social Prescribers Group** who meet at C@C every fortnight.



Rachael Byrne. Local Area Partnership – Rural South and Rural East. Promoted all things in the rural community and a Dementia pilot scheme.



Lynn Hinch and Claire Linnett-Pratt from Ability promoted the community bus service.

- It gave us a platform to connect and meet existing members to continue the long standing story of Ability and Hackleton.
- A chance to explain the services that we offer that not everyone would know about.
- Align with other groups and see how we can help their transport needs.
- Spread the word to people about our services.

A great set up for this wonderful community event with the organisations in the room and space for people to sit and chat.

We would be happy to support future events.

Thanks and Kind Regards,

Claire Linnett-Pratt
Ability Community Bus Service



Claire Yow and Joanna Browning from **Northants ACRE**. Promoted the **Good Neighbour Scheme** and handed out some great free goody bags.



First meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Group

Wednesday 10th April at 7pm
Carey Baptist Chapel – All welcome



Bushra Khan, Falls Management Service Manager WNC and colleague. Promoted falls prevention management.

I wanted to express my gratitude for organising the recent Health and Wellbeing event at the Parish Council.

It was a pleasure to share insights about the referral processes, particularly focusing on how and when individuals in need can refer to our Falls Management Services. All the attendees were engaging and interested in learning more about how Falls services can support them, and we truly appreciate their active participation.

I'm particularly pleased about the positive feedback regarding the

empowerment of individuals to self-refer. Knowing that all the attendees found this concept beneficial and empowering reinforces the importance of providing accessible and proactive pathways to support within our community.

Thank you once again for giving Falls Management Service the opportunity to participate in this event. If you have any further questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Bushra Khan
Falls Management Service Manager

was distributed to every household within the parish. This gave every resident the opportunity to have their say and so help shape the future of our parish services. This was followed, on 28th February, with an event at Coffee@Carey to launch the new health and wellbeing initiative.

Parish Councillor Pam Heap opened the launch event with confirmation of the Parish Council's commitment to health and wellbeing and its aims going forwards. There were a good number of groups and organisations represented at the event and Pam asked each one to introduce themselves and their services. Following these introductions, everyone was encouraged to wander around and have informal chats with the various service providers.

Complimentary refreshments (and we all know how well Coffee@Carey do tea, coffee and cakes) helped encourage a relaxed but buzzing atmosphere with lots of positivity.

Going forwards

Following the success of the launch event, we are now looking to form a **Health and Wellbeing Working Group** that can help steer this exciting project forward.

The first meeting for anyone wishing to know more about (or to join) the Hackleton Parish Council Health and Wellbeing Group will be:

Wednesday 10th April at 7pm
Carey Baptist Chapel – All welcome

Claire Yow from the Good Neighbour Scheme will be attending this first meeting.

Come and find out about the Health and Wellbeing Group and the Good Neighbour Scheme and how you can be involved.

If you would like to get involved but can't attend the meeting, please contact Alison Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council on **07464 429630** or email: clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Thank you to all those who attended the Launch Event and we hope you agree that it will help us press on with our commitment to the health and wellbeing of all our residents.

Get Up and Go! Exercise Program

A brand new exercise program run by local health and fitness experts, Team Thomas

A **Get Up and Go! Exercise Program** is to be set-up within the parish. The classes will start on 2nd April at Coffee@Carey. The Parish Council will fund one trial session per resident and the first 8-weeks rent. The Get Up and Go classes utilise the well established OTAGO exercises.



Otago Exercise Program

Developed by the New Zealand Falls Prevention Research Group, the Otago Exercise Program (OEP) originated at the University of Otago, New Zealand is considered to be one of the best fall prevention programs for high-risk older adults. OEP is proven to:

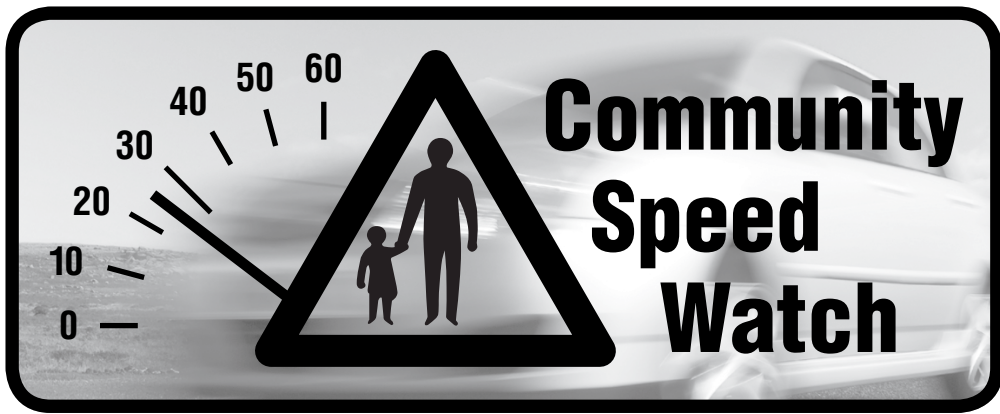
- Reduce falls
- Reduce injury due to falls
- Improve balance and strength
- Improve ability to complete everyday tasks
- Increase stamina
- Improve mood
- Improve confidence and independence

Get Up AND Go!
TEAM THOMAS OUTDOOR FITNESS

Program starts
Tuesday
2 April 2pm
Coffee@Carey
Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

Supported by





Education before punishment

Community Speedwatch is a preventative educational initiative

Everyone speeds occasionally. It is unavoidable. Most drivers do it unintentionally, others do it habitually. It is the regular offenders who need police attention and intervention. However, anyone caught speeding unintentionally by the police or by a fixed/mobile roadside camera is dealt with in the same way as the habitual offender. This leads to a degree of resentment towards the randomness of the current speed enforcement regime.

A Reasonable Approach

When a vehicle is 'caught' by Community Speedwatch (CSW), the registered keeper of the vehicle is contacted – initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. It is hoped that this educational approach will be sufficient to prevent further speeding offences. However, repeat offenders can expect a visit from the police and this may lead to criminal prosecution based on the collated evidence. CSW believe that this focused enforcement approach is a much fairer solution than the current 'one size fits all'.

Volunteers needed!

Are you concerned by speeding on our village roads?

Then join the team of local volunteers and be part of Community Speed Watch.

The scheme allows the local community to record and report drivers speeding in our villages and promotes the message that we take road safety seriously in our Parish.

Can you spare a few hours between 25th May and 22nd June?

To take part or for more information contact:

Mark Reeve – CSW Co-ordinator
m.reeve868@gmail

Help make our village roads safer by raising speed awareness



In partnership with



Raising funds for Hackleton Pre-school

Open Garden Weekend

29th & 30th June 11am to 4pm

Pat Norville is asking villagers to join her in a new charity fundraising event by 'Opening Up' their gardens.

There are some beautiful gardens in our parish and I would love others to join me in raising funds for our fabulous Hackleton Pre-school by displaying these gardens over the weekend of 29–30 June.

Refreshments and Q&A

We will be serving refreshments and local horticulturist, **Steve Hilling**, will be on hand to answer any gardening related questions.

And there's more!

Lambretta

For the more mechanically minded, my husband, Deryck, will be displaying his collection of Lambretta scooters.



Registered Charity Number: 1016388

Our children attended Hackleton Pre-school and now our grandchildren are enjoying this wonderful facility.



Please join us and get involved with this summer weekend occasion.

Pat Norville
16 Old End, Piddington NN7 2DF
07745 737220

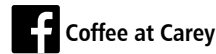


Coffee@Carey
Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH
Monday – Wednesday 10am – 1pm



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

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 April

Day	Event	Date and Time	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
	West Northants Council Customer Service Team and Kier Highways	22th April 10am – 12pm	
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.	2nd, 16th and 30th April 10am – 12.30pm	Coffee Shop
	NEW! Team Thomas Get up and Go Otago Fitness Class (To help improve balance and mobility) First class Free!	Weekly 2pm – 2.45pm	Coffee Shop
Wednesday	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	10.30am – 12pm Term time only	Library

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**

theWI Hackleton & District
INSPIRING WOMEN

We are inviting you to

April Meeting

Thursday 18th April, 2024 at 7.45pm
Hackleton Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

RESOLUTIONS AND GAMES EVENING

Reminder of our May Meeting

ALL I DID WAS GO FOR A WALK!

Walking saved my life . . . my wife sent me to a doctor and he told me . . . "You need to thank your wife for saving your life". We now provide around 25 Group Walks a month, all free, all friendly.

Speaker: **Dave Askew**
(Northamptonshire Walks)
16th May, 7.45pm

Please join us!

We meet on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year at Hackleton Village Hall. Guests are very welcome – £5.00 per meeting to include tea/coffee and delicious cake!

Contact **Jane Ward**
President on 01604 870203
or any Committee Member

HACKLETON VILLAGE HALL
CINEMA

Our 100th Film Presentation

**Anthony Hopkins Johnny Flynn
Helena Bonham Carter**

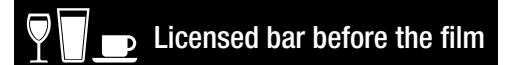
ONE LIFE 12A

A British film based on the true story of Nicholas Winton who helped hundreds of children to escape German occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II.

★★★★★ Times ★★★★★ Telegraph ★★★★★ Guardian

**Wednesday
17th April 8.00pm**

All tickets £5 on the door



The Original Preston Deanery Hall

Maureen Williams continues her Tales from the Villages with the story behind this landmark building.

Head south from the crossroads on the Newport Pagnell Road towards Preston Deanery, cross the brook on the Grade II listed bridge built in 1715, and on your right you will find the entrance gates to Preston Deanery Hall, which nestles in beautiful landscaped gardens between the brook and the church. Now the home of Sam and Karen Mackaness, this impressive looking house was in fact the annexe housing the domestic quarters of the original Hall pictured here, which was demolished in 1934.

The oldest part of the Hall dated back to Tudor times when it was owned by Sir Robert Hertwell, and it was purchased in 1620 by Sir Clement Edmond. Sir Clement was secretary of the French language to Queen Elizabeth I, and later became one of the four clerks to the privy council in the reign of James I. Educated at Oxford, he was remembered as "a learned person, was generally skill'd in all arts and sciences,

and famous as well for military, as for political affairs, and therefore esteemed by all as an ornament to his degree and profession". He is buried in Preston Deanery Church. One of his direct descendants, Jonathan Starck, contributes to the upkeep of the church and was very helpful to me when I was researching the history of the Hall.

The Tudor building was quite sizeable, having 15 hearths, but much of it was demolished and rebuilt in the first quarter of the 18th century by Sir Richard Newman, who inherited the estate in 1701. Sir Richard served as High Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1706-07.

The Hall remained in the hands of the Newman family until it was sold by Charles Toll Newman to Langham Christie, a relative by marriage, in 1815. Langham's mother was the granddaughter of Sir John Langham, 4th Bt of Cottesbrooke. In the 1840s, Langham

employed the architect Samuel Sanders Teulon to extend and redesign the Hall. Much of his work was for the Anglican Church, but Teulon also designed country houses, cottages, and schools for wealthy landowners, including Queen Victoria, and was also responsible for the Buxton Memorial Fountain in the Victoria Tower Gardens next to the Houses of Parliament, and the entire village of Thorney in Cambridgeshire. His great-great-nephew, Alan Teulon, lives in Northampton and shared with me some of his ancestor's designs for Preston Deanery Hall. Two drawings in the Record Office by amateur artist George Clarke show the Hall before and after Teulon's alterations. It was said that people either loved or hated Teulon's Gothic Revival style designs, and I, for one, prefer the 'before' drawing!

In the 1850s Langham Christie inherited the Glyndebourne Estate in Sussex and it became the home of his son William. It was William's grandson John Christie who, having married the opera singer Audrey Mildmay, built the original theatre at Glyndebourne in 1934 and founded the Glyndebourne Festival.

William Christie inherited the Preston Deanery Estate on his mother's death, and sold it in 1871 to Edward Singleton, a member of the Irish landed gentry. However, before he and his family could take up residence, a fire broke out during renovation work, destroying the roof, much of the upper floor, and the staircase. Edward rebuilt that part of the Hall, taking the opportunity to add another storey, and he was also responsible for the addition of the rather incongruous tower.

Edward and his wife were non-conformists, and he is credited with the founding of an evangelical mission movement in Northampton and the building of the

Mission Hall in Abington Square. The building is still there, but now houses the Urban Tiger, a lap-dancing club. I don't think Edward would have approved!

The next owner was Northampton shoe manufacturer Albert Marlow, who purchased the estate in 1908. He too made alterations to the house, adding a billiard room, and carrying out a complete renovation of the annexe housing the domestic quarters. A staunch Liberal, Albert was Mayor of Northampton in 1904-05, and entertained the prime minister's wife, Margaret Lloyd George to lunch at the Hall during her visit to Northampton in 1921. He died a year later, and his widow eventually sold the estate to George Henry Drummond of Pitsford Hall.

Drummond was looking for a property to convert to a health clinic, based on health spas in France and Germany. It opened in 1927, the first of its kind in the country, and was very successful, attracting some illustrious clients, including Lady Clementine Churchill and the artist, Augustus John. So successful was it that four years later it moved to larger premises and the Preston Deanery Estate was put up for auction.

The Hall itself failed to find a buyer, and in 1934 it was demolished, all but the annexe, the current Preston Deanery Hall.

You can find much more information about the Hall, its owners and occupiers, and the wider estate, plus many photos, portraits, and maps, in my book '**Preston Deanery Hall: the story of a house through time,**' now available at the reduced price of £12. All profits from the sale of the book go to Hackleton Village Hall.

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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.

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St. John the Baptist Piddington with Horton

Churchyard Wildlife Group progress

When faced with a global biodiversity crisis (the UK is particularly impoverished) it can feel like there's nothing we can do - but we can always act locally. If enough of us make a small change we can make a difference.

This year we're looking forward to re-establishing our churchyard wildflower patch, and continue to work on our churchyard management plan. Log piles for beetles and other insects are growing, which also attract birds and hedgehogs. A mini-pond has been established, visited by local frogs, and our adopted graves are starting to bloom again. There are still some graves available for adoption, and we are looking for more plants, like teasel and rosemary to improve food sources.

In summer we are expecting a visit from Wildlife BCN, who run the Churchyard Wildlife Award we are aiming for, and then hopefully we can begin to make progress on Horton churchyard too.

Thinking back to our beautiful wildflower patch over last summer, and our unmown border, both much visited by bees, beetles, ladybirds, hoverflies and butterflies, we are reminded that we can help ensure the survival of pollinators, which are also important for fruit and vegetable production. We were able to create a mini-ecosystem and if we create enough of these spaces we have won a small battle, if not the war. A wildflower spot is not only wonderful to look at; it's a celebration of life in all its forms.

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While we have often heard that planting wildflowers is hard, we seem to have done rather well - perhaps we were lucky, or the impoverished churchyard soil was just what was wanted. Next year may be harder, we hear. But planting wildflowers is easier than you might think.

Hopefully you received your wildflower seed packet, courtesy of Hackleton Parish Council, who are also working with us to help improve Piddington churchyard. (And thanks to Alan for attaching one to each magazine!) My guess is we have about five grammes of seeds in our packets, which is enough for one square metre. Could your street coordinate to do a strip you can all enjoy? I see wildflower patches popping up regularly now – Denton surgery, Willen Lake, Becket's Park. Wouldn't it be great if our village verges came alive too?

Please do write to me if you would like to get involved with the Churchyard Group in Piddington or Horton, at anton.dil@gmail.com.

Services in April

Sunday 7th April 10am: **Sung Communion**

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Stonework Repairs at Piddington Church – *finally!*

Do you have one of those 'to do' lists where the actions at the bottom never rise to the top? Do you find that as soon as you tick off a few items something happens that must be done immediately and becomes the top job on your list?

At Piddington Church restoring the stonework around the west doorway at the bottom of the spire has been the perennial wallflower for the last 40 years. In that time, we've been busy raising the money for, among other things, replacing roofs, having a WC installed and refurbishing the organ. Now glory be, the west doorway has finally risen to the top of our lists. As you can see on the photographs the stonework is being eroded by the weather and is slowly crumbling away – the carved features are becoming increasingly indistinct.

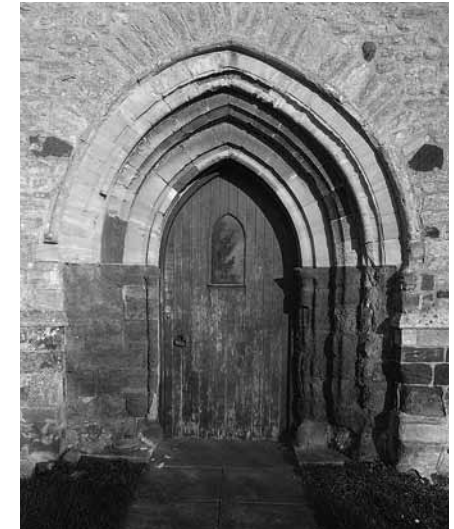
Our first task was to try to find old photographs or artwork showing the doorway's original construction. What turned up was the discovery of an illustration from a 1936 book in the County Archives at Wootton Hall. Our architect used this to help prepare drawings and a specification for the restoration work to be carried out.

We then had to consult with the Diocesan Advisory Committee who are a panel of architects and conservationists experienced in the care of historic religious buildings. Once approval has been gained notice of the proposals has to be advertised on the notice boards around the church. Provided there are no objections the final step is the issue of a 'Faculty' by the Chancellor of, in our case, Peterborough Diocese. With the paperwork finished restoration work at the church can actually begin.

This whole process has taken nine months and we finally received our Faculty at the end of February. In the meantime, tenders for the work had been sought and a contractor appointed. You will see work starting at the church in mid-April although most of the replacement stones will have been pre-carved in a workshop.

Steve Watson

Churchwarden



At long last the damage to the west doorway stonework will soon be repaired.



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

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Curtain Up!

"An excellent piece of writing – very charming and very funny."

Ray Cooney OBE

Playwright, actor and director

Rehearsals are well under way now for Group Eight's Spring Play 'Curtain Up!' by Peter Quilter. This play is the story of five very different women who inherit equal shares in a dilapidated theatre and plan to bring it back to life again. They try various fund-raising schemes but their most ambitious is to hold a concert featuring local talent and a world-famous star who agrees to appear for no fee! However, their plans go awry and it's a race to keep their audience from guessing the truth of the matter. The characters are all very different and the cast is beginning to bring out their individuality and humour as it is a well written play.

If anyone fancies getting involved we still need more help, particularly backstage. If you are interested just come along to the village hall and say hello on Thursday evenings – we are usually in the main hall but when WI or Masons are in we will be in the annexe.

The curtains will go up at 19:45 on Thursday 2nd May, Friday 3rd May, and Saturday 4th May. Tickets are available online at <https://groupeight.co.uk/buy-your-tickets/>. If you have any queries, or you would like to reserve tickets to pay for on the door, email us at groupeight1973@outlook.com.



Jess and Jennie getting to grips with the very funny script.

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.

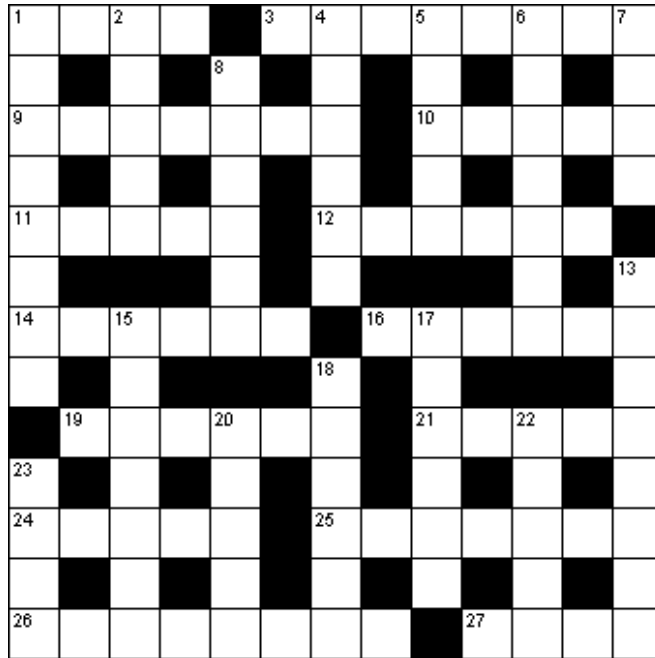
Take a Break

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!

Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Waggish (4)
- 3 Loyal (8)
- 9 At ease (7)
- 10 Domain (5)
- 11 Dry Spanish wine (5)
- 12 Receding (6)
- 14 More corpulent (6)
- 16 Stableman at an inn (6)
- 19 Remember (6)
- 21 Labyrinths (5)
- 24 Minimum (5)
- 25 Quiver (7)
- 26 Seductive (8)
- 27 Homer Simpson's son (4)

Down

- 1 Planes (8)
- 2 String quartet member (5)
- 4 Patron saint of Scotland (7)
- 5 Pulsate (5)
- 6 Face-cloth (7)
- 7 Floppy (4)
- 8 Breathe out (6)
- 13 Outlook (8)
- 15 Elation (anagram) (7)
- 17 Boil slowly (6)
- 18 Protein present in wheat (6)
- 20 Later on (5)
- 22 Striped animal (5)
- 23 Supplication (4)

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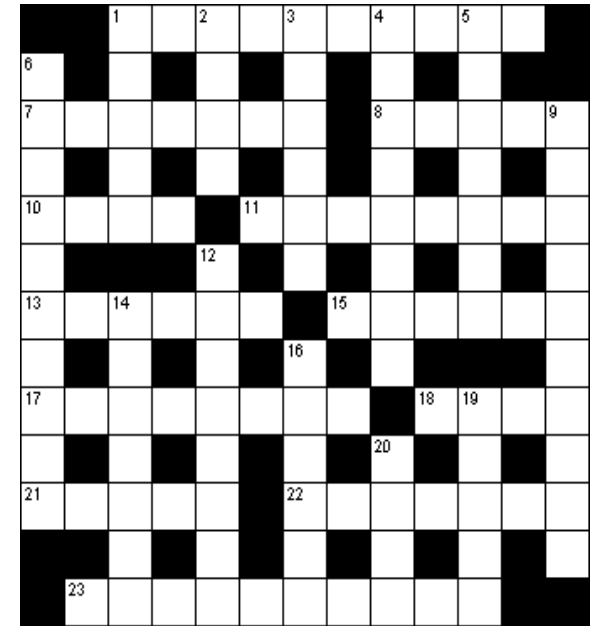
The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1 Being there, have a ball a couple of hours before midnight? (10)
- 7 Braille translation for a politician (7)
- 8 Name of man responsible for seaside structures (5)
- 10 Short dog with a little tail (4)
- 11 Two instruments for sailors' dance (8)
- 13 Poor sample of trees (6)
- 15 Clergyman moved diagonally (6)
- 17 After restraint certain to get cover again (8)
- 18 Chief supporter (4)
- 21 Stroll round Minehead, having the power (5)
- 22 Disturbance resolved in court (7)
- 23 The dogs ran wild, being wilful (10)

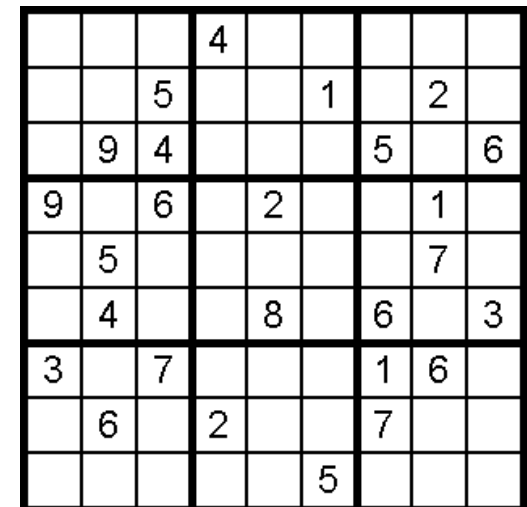
Down

- 1 The colour of fresh bream (5)
- 2 Mormon's end by salt lake (4)
- 3 The naval hero is in the hold (6)
- 4 Part of book taken out in theatre! (8)
- 5 Care for teachers is head's part (7)
- 6 Girl going by jet or prison van (5,5)
- 9 Knot for fastening a leg of mutton? (10)
- 12 After bad scare finish climb again (8)
- 14 Page bound to be easily bent (7)
- 16 Conservative upset by doctor's decay (3-3)
- 19 Being sorry, destroy force (5)
- 20 Repeat what is said in the newspaper? (4)



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.





March 2024 Group Meeting Roy Hawkesford

Interest in the environment is growing...

The latest meeting of the Hackleton WEB (Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity) Group took place in Carey Chapel on Tuesday March 5th and was attended by 20 people – nearly twice as many of us than last time, an encouraging sign of positive growth.



The meeting included a detailed (and very thought provoking) audio-visual presentation by Jan Wood and Harry Mellor from **Climate Action West Northants (CA-WN)** on their

activities and how we can all make a difference. They gave out copies of their booklet "Claim Back Your Space: Working With Nature". You can read that and learn about them on their website: <http://exchange.ca-wn.org/claim-back-your-space-3/>

Members of the various local groups gave updates on their work and shared information on other initiatives in which the wider community might wish to get involved.



CA-WN representatives, Jan Wood and Harry Mellor, with Roy Hawkesford

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

The Big Plastic Count, a survey conducted by Greenpeace into household plastic waste. You were asked to count the number of different

plastic items you recycled in one week (March 11th to 17th) and submit the results for a nationwide count. I will let you know the results in due course. Several of



The dedicated Hackleton WEB Group is determined to improve the quality of our lives by enhancing the local wildlife, environment and biodiversity.

us took part. Apparently, nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and just 12% is recycled in the UK. You can read about The Big Plastic Count here: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>



The Green Machine is a company that brings zero waste shopping to your doorstep. They have a mobile refill service that can serve villages or even deliver

to your home. This cuts waste and reduces carbon emissions. There was a lot of interest at the meeting, and the Parish Council is also keen to be involved in bringing it to a location in Hackleton. Have a look at their website and sign up for more news. Find out more at: <https://www.greenmachinerefill.co.uk>, or Green Machine Refill Ltd on Facebook.

REPAIR CAFE

Repair Café, is nationwide initiative where, once a month, residents can take their

damaged or broken items to get them repaired. Carey Chapel may provide the location; we are now looking for people who can repair household items and clothes. There's a brilliant set-up at Towcester that you can read about here: <https://www.renew169.org.uk/> This is a venture we would like to get underway in the near future.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle . . . Repair

You can see from the above that we are committed to the Three Rs: Reuse, Recycle, Reduce. By adding Repair, we hope to provide a further R to the mantra!

Anyone can join our group. We meet quarterly, but we have an active email group, sharing thoughts, information and stories. We are committed to action, which is all-important for the future of our community, children and grandchildren. If you'd like to be involved, contact me: royhawkesford@gmail.com

Roy Hawkesford

mag COMMENT

Can't do it for us!

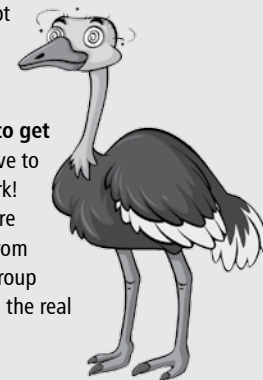
When our children were of school age, I clearly remember having lengthy 'discussions' about homework. It was made clear to them that whilst we would try to guide them with their homework, we were not going to do it for them.

I came away from the Hackleton WEB Group Meeting with similar 'homework' concerns. Whilst I try to do my bit for the environment I can also be guilty of taking the ostrich approach where I bury my head in the sand and hope that someone else sorts things out. Unfortunately, in this instance, playing ostrich isn't going to work.

I am in awe of the members of the WEB Group as they are dedicated and determined to get involved, take positive action and get things done – no ostriches here!

The presentation by CA-WN was very informative and more than a little worrying about what the future holds if we carry on as we are. But we don't have to carry on as we are, we can all make small changes that will collectively add up to much larger changes.

I sincerely hope that the WEB Group continues its good work in researching the bigger picture and sifting out practical 'bite-size' local actions that the rest of us ostriches can do. But remember, the WEB Group cannot do our homework for us, if we want to make things better **we will have to get involved**. We will have to do our own homework! At least we can be sure that any homework from the Hackleton WEB Group will have relevance in the real world.



Alan McDonogh



Hackleton, Horton, Piddington and St George's Fields

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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	B	U	2	S	T	3	S	4	P	A	5	C	I	6	O	7	U	8	S
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18	W	A	G	21	N	E	R	21	M	I	22	M	I	C					
23	B	R	A	E	A	O	H												
24	R	I	L	E	D	26	S	A	N	G	R	I	A						
25	A	T	E	R	L	O	O	27	L	E	N	T							

Cryptic

1	I	2	A	3	P	4	L	5	M	6	B								
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8	7	3	4	6	5	9	1	2
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Community Group Articles

Text

To be supplied as MS Word document or text only file or email text.

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High resolution bitmap (PSD, TIF, JPG)

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Other illustrations / graphics / logos

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Tuesday
2 April 2pm

Coffee@Carey

Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH



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Curtain Up!

Thursday 2nd May

Friday 3rd May

Saturday 4th May

7.45pm

Hackleton Village Hall

Groupeight1973@outlook.com for ticket information