

Hackleton Parish mag



Your Hackleton Parish News

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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


GROUP EIGHT PRESENTS
TOM WHALLEY'S PANTOMIME

**THE
WIZARD
OF
OZ**

HACKLETON VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 7.45
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 7.45
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2.30 AND 7.45



TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON

Where's the hue and cry?

And I don't mean the 1980s pop duo

I'm confused. This is not an unusual state for me. However, as well as being confused, I'm also very worried. This time last year, I was rather hoping that our parish priest, Mark Hurley, may be able to pull some strings and get his Boss to help, but that doesn't seem to have worked. So where's the international call for something to be done to tackle the greatest threat that faces our entire world? Where's the global convention of all the world's leaders (to talk endlessly but do nothing!)? With upmost respect to the Hackleton WEB Group, I'm not referring to an issue that falls within their remit. No, I'm increasingly worried about time itself, or more accurately, why time is accelerating. I know I've bleated on about this previously, but come on, we really can't have had our full quota of time since last year! Have we really had 52 weeks, 366 days, 8,784 hours, 527,040 minutes or 31,622,400 seconds? I blame Cadbury's (other chocolate manufacturers are available). Although we must have had the correct number of units, each unit is slightly smaller than it used to be. That's it – the size of time has been reduced in the hope that no one will notice! So, who's brave enough to boycott Cadbury's at this time of year in an attempt to get things back as they used to be?

I find it hard to bring myself to say this in November, but I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I hope you enjoy this December/January issue of the Mag and I look forward to seeing everyone in February.



Alan McDonogh

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Dramatic not-so-northern lights captured by Colin Moore in Piddington.

Submission Date

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

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



The Soapbox

Get things off your chest!

In Response to "Concerned of Piddington"

Thank you for your continued interest in the community's road safety initiatives. Speeding is an issue that affects all of us, and it's important that we approach it with a clear understanding of the data and its implications.

Firstly, it's worth clarifying the concept of percentages in the context of speeding data. While the percentage of speeding drivers may appear low, it still represents real people driving at unsafe speeds through our community. Even if only a small percentage of drivers exceed the limit, on a busy road, this still translates to a significant number of vehicles speeding—vehicles that could endanger pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers. By focusing only on percentages, we risk underestimating the actual number of speeding incidents that pose a genuine safety risk.

Additionally, the reference to an "average" speed between 38mph and 76mph being 50mph seems to oversimplify the issue. Averaging such a wide range doesn't accurately reflect driver behaviour; it can downplay the seriousness of the higher speeds recorded. Seeing speeds as high as 76mph on a road with a much lower limit is cause for concern, regardless of the average. We should focus on reducing these excessive speeds to ensure everyone's safety.

Regarding the reporting threshold of 35mph, it's crucial to remember that while this threshold helps focus enforcement efforts, any speed over the 30mph limit is technically speeding and should be treated as such. The speed limit is a maximum, not a suggestion, and should be followed from the moment drivers enter the 30mph zone until they leave it. Instances where drivers are still slowing down as they enter or speeding up before they exit are just as much a concern, as they put the safety of others at risk. Responsible driving means adhering to the speed limit fully within the zone.

Finally, the community speed watch initiative is not intended to target individual drivers but rather to encourage overall compliance with speed limits. The data collected informs broader safety measures and helps determine where further enforcement might be necessary. Dismissing this information diminishes its value to the community and undermines efforts to improve road safety.

By presenting the facts clearly, I hope all readers can make informed decisions and understand why the community speed watch team's efforts, and the data behind them, are essential in keeping our parish roads safe for everyone.

Jamie Shaw
Horton resident (not anonymous)

Has common sense has prevailed?

It is good to read in the Parish Council notes for 10th October, that some common sense has prevailed on the question of speed buffer zones to protect our parish from the horrors of the speeding motorist.

I largely agree with the decision by WNC. However I would not agree on imposing a buffer zone on the Brafield Road into Horton, this in my view is unnecessary and would have no or very little deterrent effect. I would also follow the Parish Council's view of opposing the lifting of the 30mph limit into New Hackleton and placing a 40mph zone there instead.

Some of you may say that I am being a little cynical here by saying this, but I feel that the latter decision by WNC may have increased the likelihood of drivers falling into the clutches of the "piggy bank" van, which regularly parks up at the school, as speeds would potentially be higher further into the village and closer to the school.

This may have also been part of the thinking behind the refusal of a zone on the approach to Horton on the Newport Pagnell Road, as the same applies, except speeds would have been potentially lower approaching the regular park up of this money making device opposite The French Partridge, therefore reducing possible revenue.

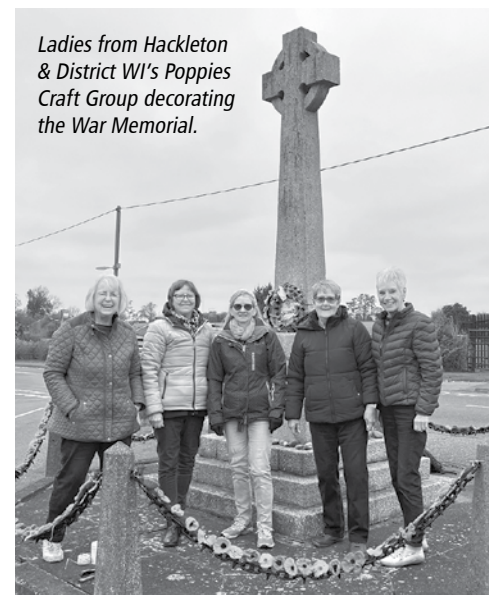
However, I would like to think that it was good old common sense and logic that was behind the decision for refusal of the zones. I suppose it is good to get three out of four thrown out and hopefully the Brafield Road will become slightly safer, but I very much doubt it.

Concerned of Piddington



Let's talk

The Parish Council has not been contacted directly by Concerned of Piddington but it has asked The Parish Mag' to offer the opportunity of a face to face meeting to discuss the issues directly. The Council awaits contact and looks forward to an open discussion.



Ladies from Hackleton & District WI's Poppies Craft Group decorating the War Memorial.

I was particularly impressed with the innovative and highly effective decoration of the War Memorial at this year's Remembrance Day ceremony – thank you and well done.

Alan McDonogh



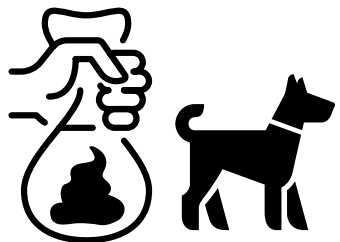
Have you got something to say?

Say it to hackletonparishmag@gmail.com

Whilst contributions must be supplied with full contact details, articles can be published anonymously if preferred.

Calling all dog owners (again)

Please dispose of your dog waste bags in the bins provided or take them home and dispose of in your black bin.



BIN IT!

Our Groundsman was working hard strimming the vegetation at the junction of Main Road and Carey Road when his strimmer hit a dog poo bag concealed in the vegetation. The poo splattered all up him and hit his visor which is made of mesh so some of it penetrated the visor and sprayed onto his face.

This is not good enough and poses a real health and safety concern. Please dispose of your dog waste responsibly at all times.

If your child walks your dog then please also ensure that they are educated accordingly.

THANK YOU



Hackleton Carey Baptist Church

Thank you all for supporting the Remembrance Sunday event. It was so lovely to see you all.

We'd be delighted to see you again at any of our December services:

1st December 11am

Christmas Story 1: The Annunciation

Decorating the Chapel for Christmas
(Volunteers very welcome)

8th December 11am

Christmas Story 2: Mary and Elizabeth

15th December

11am Heart decision to receiving Jesus as our King

6pm Candlelit Carols with children's activities

22nd December 11am

Christmas Story 3: Personal loss and the Birth of Jesus

Friendly, Fun, Friday Night BADMINTON



We'd love to welcome new members.

Some experience appreciated but a sense of humour and enthusiasm essential!



Northampton High School for Girls,
Hardingstone NN4 6UU

Friday night 8-9pm
Adults only

Please contact David Johns
for more details

Mob: **07940 489519**

email: **dmjohns50@gmail.com**

December Meeting

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Meal

Please remember to bring a gift to the value of £5.00

January Meeting

Thursday 16th January

Chocolate Making

Speaker: Nanette Scrivener
(maker of luxury home-made chocolates)

February Meeting

Thursday 20th February

Stoneyfield Wine

A local wine making company

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



They discussed what!!?

Parish Council Notes

12th November 2024

Alison Benson Clerk to the Council

The Parish Council met on 12th November when eleven councillors were present together with Unitary Councillor Fiona Cole and the Parish Clerk.

Highways/Road Safety

At the Parish Council's request WNC Highways have agreed not to increase the speed limit in New Hackleton to 40mph to create a buffer zone between the 60mph open countryside zone and the 30mph village zone.

Temporary road calming signage around the Parish has been reviewed and several signs will be moved or removed so to ensure a tidy and consistent message is given.

Street Lighting

The street light at the bottom of Willoughby Way has been repaired. Several street lights are currently partially obscured by vegetation and the Clerk will contact the appropriate landowners requesting the vegetation be cut back.

Transfer of land from Grand Union Housing Group to the Parish Council

Grand Union has provided a plan of the area to be transferred and it includes not just the green open spaces but also footpaths, parking areas etc. The Parish Council has only agreed to take ownership of the green open spaces and will not agree to the transfer of any other areas.

Flooding

Following meets with the Flood Risk Officer from WNC and representatives of the RAIN project the Parish Council continues to press for action to prevent or mitigate any future flooding incidents.

Community Resilience – Emergency Planning

The Parish Council is considering drawing up a Community Emergency Plan in 2025.

Parish Council Elections 2025

Following the recent Community Governance Review the Parish will no longer be split into Hackleton Ward and Piddington Ward. There will be vacancies for eleven parish councillors at the May 2025 elections. If anyone would like to stand for election or would like more information please contact Alison Benson clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Finance & Governance

Bank balances	31 October 2024
Unity Bank Current Account	£43,328.80
Unity Bank Deposit Account	£259,484.22
Total funds held	£302,813.02

Items approved for payment in November:

Item	Amount £
Payroll	3784.08
Rent	120.00
Training	152.68
Administration	123.12
Professional Fees	25.05
Street Light Repairs	160.00
Recreation Ground Rent	680.00
Grant – Good Neighbour Scheme	1000.00
Grant – ABILITY Transport	500.00
Bench Repair	143.54
Electricity	526.43
Grounds equipment	599.13
Open spaces	606.76
Remembrance Sunday	179.97
Grass Mowing	2678.00
Health & Wellbeing	40.00
Parish Mag'	1385.00
Royal British Legion – wreath plus donation	125.00
Parish Mag' x2 months	2920.00
Refuse Collection	100.75

WNC have now revised the estimate for Hackleton's tax base (the number of properties that council tax is collected from) for 2025/26 as 801.3 which is a reduction from 1261.9. This means that there will need to be a significant reduction in our precept as properties on Wootton Fields and St George's Fields move to Wootton Parish.

The budget for 2025/26 is still being reviewed and finalised.

Planning

All planning decisions are made by the Planning Department at West Northants Council. It is very important that if residents would like to comment on an application, they do so directly with the planning department: <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk>

The Parish Council is consulted by the Planning Department and below are the most recent responses.

**Horton Lodge Farm,
Brafield Road, Horton, NN7 2BA**

2024/4682/FULL – Change of use of an agricultural building (Use Class Sui Generis) to an office (Use Class E) (retrospective).RESOLVED: No objection

**Land to east of Forest Road,
Piddington, NN7 2DA**

Appeal – outline planning application for 11 serviced plots for self-builders and public open space. WNC reference 2023/6117/MAO Planning Inspectorate Reference APP/W2845/W/24/3353512. RESOLVED: To appoint a planning consultant to provide support to continue to strongly object to this application.

Next Parish Council Meetings

10th December

14th January

11th February

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



Still to come

Festive Cheer 8th December Tracy Barwick is organising this event. If you can help in any way please contact her.

New Years Eve Dance with entertainment provided by 'Roy and the Saracens'. Tickets are already selling so order yours NOW!

Like to join the existing Trustees?

If you can help in any way please contact Edward Kilpin or any Trustee. Need more information why not come along to our monthly meeting, usually 2nd Thursday in the month (except December). This is not onerous but any help would be appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your continued 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 November 2024

£100	28/30	Mrs Roberts, Forest Road
£50	02/16	Mrs Kingdom, Lyne Walk
£25	22/27	Mr Parris, Carey Road
£10	03/14	J Johnstone, Carey Road
£10	00/11	R Webb, Brafield Road
£10	02/29	Mrs Emery, Wantage Close
£10	08/11	Mrs Goldthorpe, Smith Close

The next draw will take place on 11 December

Upcoming Events

Festive Cheer – 8th December
Tracy Barwick is organising this event. If you can help in any way please contact her.

New Years Eve Dance
Entertainment provided by '**Roy and the Saracens**'.
Please book early to avoid disappointment. £20 per person and includes our fantastic buffet.
Contact Edward Kilpin on 01604 870764 to book your ticket.

Quiz Night – 1st February 2025

Edward Kilpin BEM

Thank you for everything you've done

After more than 22 years serving as a Trustee of Hackleton Village Hall (Dudley Winterbottom Memorial Hall), the last 20 of which in the role of Chairman, Edward Kilpin BEM has decided to stand down at the end of this financial year, 31st December. Edward previously served as Chairman of the Parish Council, for a time at the helm of both Parish and Hall.

In 2004 the Hall was in dire need of more usable space and storage facilities. The back of the building housed myriad asbestos-ridden storage huts belonging to various user groups. The Committee Room could only be accessed through the Main Hall, rendering it unsuitable to be let separately.

In 2007 Edward instigated and led a major fund raising campaign, successfully bidding for multiple grants. The first phase enabled the formation of new toilets and a passage linking the front and back of the main hall. The second phase saw the completion of a separate building in the (newly cleared) grounds behind. This was to be known as the London Marathon Annexe in recognition of the organisation which put up roughly half the money for the building, on the proviso that we matched their donation. Over the next few years many fund-raising events were held and these culminated in the completion of the Annexe in 2011. This self-contained building consists of three large storage rooms on the ground floor, together with toilets, and a large meeting room on the first floor with kitchen and a small office for Trustee use. The meeting room has been named the Kilpin Suite in recognition of the amazing feat of organising the raising of over £250,000.

Under Edward's guidance the hall has flourished and he has overseen many, many more improvements. The larger of these include the purchase of cinema equipment, air-conditioning and hearing loops in both buildings and refurbishment of the bar and kitchen areas. The latest acquisition of solar panels, fitted to



the Annexe roof should, over time, prove to be a cost-effective measure.

Throughout the years Edward has been supported by a loyal band of Trustees, some of whom have served for many years and it is to be hoped that this will continue when a new Chairperson is appointed.

Edward's swan song will be to chair the AGM on 13th February, where he will present his final report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024. It is to be hoped that there will be a good turn out of villagers for this event.

On behalf of the Trustees, the many user groups, loyal followers of social events and all the local party givers and event planners, we must thank Edward for his commitment to the Village Hall over his 20 years as Chair of the Trustees.

You will be sorely missed Edward, but please do not forget that we know where you live!

Trustees
Hackleton Village Hall

Parish Council Surgeries

Find out more about
your Parish Council

Coffee @ Carey

Monday 9th December
Tuesday 28th January
10am - noon

Please come and have a chat

FixMyStreet.com

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

REPORT THEM TO THE COUNCIL WITH

FixMyStreet.com

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

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

Hackleton Parish Good Neighbours

Can we offer you a helping hand?

We're here to help support our villagers
of all ages and stages.

And can help with anything from:

- Adhoc shopping
- short term dog walking, feeding pets,
one off small garden tidy
small household jobs
- Short term help after hospital stay
form filling
- Short term support for carers
and most importantly befriending

If you would like help or want to know more,
please call us on
07503 944700.

hackletongoodneighbours@gmail.com

Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm

All our volunteers are DBS checked

As we are all volunteers, please note we are unable to carry out professional work.
In this instance, we are happy to recommend a tradesperson



New Volunteers always welcome

Hackleton WEB – Caring for our Wildlife, Environment, and Bio-Diversity



Green Machine

Eco-friendly shopping



Hackleton WEB

Green Machine

Wednesday 11th December
Wednesday 8th January

10.00am until 12.00pm
Baptist Chapel, Main Road, Hackleton.

After some eco-friendly shopping,
pop in for cuppa at Coffee@Carey.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The **Good Neighbour Scheme** is a network of volunteers who provide neighbourly support to those who may need a little help on an occasional or regular basis.

The aim of the Good Neighbour Scheme is simple – be a good neighbour.

GNS Helpline

07503 944 700

Mon-Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm

Craft Group

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
Library at Carey Baptist Chapel
1.30pm – 3.00pm

A social get-together where like-minded people can help each other learn a new craft – crocheting, knitting, card making, quilting etc. Or bring your own project along to complete with friendly company.

Make new friends in a warm and welcoming environment, whilst having a chat over a cuppa and cake.

Further information

hackletongoodneighbours@gmail.com

Repair Café

Saturday 14th December
Saturday 11th January
Carey Baptist Chapel
10.00am-12.00pm

The Repair Café provides a service to repair many common household items including clothing, bicycles, mechanical items, garden tools, toys, small electrical appliances and pieces of furniture, etc.

Further information

royhawkesford@gmail.com

Book Club

Every 6 weeks
Library at Carey Baptist Chapel
7.00pm – 8.45pm

A friendly get together over a cuppa to talk about books. Books you like, or love, or even books you struggle with!

A great way to discover books that you might not have otherwise chosen and an opportunity to socialise with new people.

Spaces are limited at this popular club.

Further information

hackletonparishbookclub@outlook.com

Nordic Walking in Hackleton

With Kelly McAlinden every Wednesday at The White Hart Hackleton

Nordic walking was originally a summer training regime for cross country skiers – this fairly intensive whole body technique first became an exercise programme in Finland back in the 1990s and it has gradually been adapted over the years to be more inclusive and suitable for all levels.

Benefits of Nordic Walking

- Overall general fitness is improved
- Improves posture
- Can help with weight loss
- Calorie burning
- Takes pressure off the joints
- Decrease in shoulder and neck tension
- Psychological/mental health benefits
- Great for all ages and fitness levels
- Easy to learn
- Affordable
- (Also great for Peri and menopause ladies!)
- Open to anyone
- **And most of all sociable**

Exercise for all

I offer two different walks to suit all fitness levels from The White Hart, Hackleton:

Wellness Walk (slow speed)

Wednesday 11am

Fitness Walk

Wednesday 6:45pm

£13 per session or £44 per month.

Includes a tea or coffee at The White Hart after.

Nordic walking poles included.

Further information

Kelly McAlinden – 07899 897416
kellymcalden1@gmail.com

Nordic walking can be as cardiovascular as running but feels easier because the poles provide propulsion making you lighter on your feet. It tones the whole body and improves posture too, it can be likened to using a cross trainer machine in the gym – only we are in the great outdoors with fresh air and nature!





Caring for our
Wildlife, Environment, and Bio-Diversity

Great UK WaterBlitz

September 2024 Report

Water is the lifeblood of our planet, nourishing every living thing. An adequate supply of clean, healthy freshwater underpins the very health of our earth and the future of people and wildlife depend upon it.

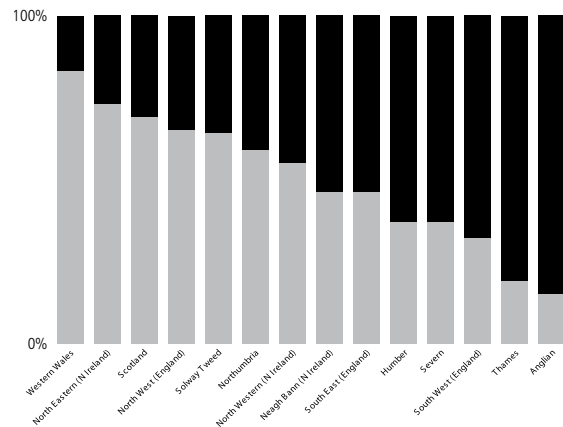
Despite this, the UK's freshwater ecosystems are in a terrible state. Back in June of this year, 2,630 citizen scientists gathered information on the quality of their local rivers, ponds and lakes. Of the 1,380 sites investigated, 75% showed poor water quality.

One of the report's key findings is particularly depressing for the quality of water in our region:

- Anglian river basin has the worst water quality in the UK: over 80% of surveys showed unacceptable nutrient concentrations.

Water quality by river basin district

■ Acceptable ■ Unacceptable



Read the full report at:
<https://earthwatch.org.uk/>



A Day of Discovery



Recently Hackleton & District WI held a day of workshops for their members. This day came from an idea and desire to say thank you to our members for providing support to fund raising events in our community, over many years. A small task and finish group of WI members decided to try replicate in part the "Denman Experience" (Denman was the now closed WI College in Oxon) in our own surroundings in Hackleton and to offer our members, with little or no access, to libraries or Adult Education classes in our village an enjoyable opportunity to learn something new or hone existing skills in familiar surroundings and enjoy the experience with friends.

The Discovery Day comprised a day of education and training, free of charge and open to all members of our WI. It took place in the familiar surroundings of our regular meeting venue the village hall on Saturday 5th October 2024.

Three different activities were arranged:

1. Make an autumn door hanging
2. Indian culture and cooking
3. Mindfulness.

Prior to the day, members were able to choose two (one morning and one afternoon) sessions from three offered. The day included coffee on arrival, lunch, and tea and biscuits to round off the day. 47 members attended out of a total membership of 61.



Members really enjoyed creating autumn door hangings.



Time to socialise over a lovely lunch.

All our WI activities are advertised regularly in this parish magazine, and on community Facebook pages, it would be lovely to see you. Come along and give one of our monthly meetings a try, we hope to see you in 2025.



All ready for the Indian Cookery and Culture session.



We were fortunate to receive generous support from **Hackleton Village Hall Committee** and grant funding from the following organisations: The hire of the hall and subsistence for the tutors was kindly funded by **Salcey Masonic Lodge** based in Hackleton. The cost of the lunch for our members was generously funded by **Hackleton Parish Council** and the cost of the Mindfulness course was funded by **Northampton Community Foundation** from Hackleton Relief in Need Charity which the NCF administers.

The day was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended, which was substantiated by comments from the evaluation forms completed at the end of the day:

- "An excellent and thoroughly enjoyable day", "Super lunch! Thank you all who made it happen",
- "Venue was excellent", "A very enjoyable day", "A big well done and thank you to all involved",
- "Honestly it far exceeded expectations. The whole day, workshops, food etc was outstanding",
- "Excellent tutors", and finally "Lovely to socialise over coffee, lunch and tea".

Mackenzie has done us proud



Mackenzie Catlin had the distinct privilege of representing Sea Cadets at the commemorative parade in London at the Cenotaph. Mackenzie embraced the experience with great honor.

Mackenzie was selected as one of 30 cadets nationwide.

Mackenzie's association with Sea Cadets since the age of 11 has provided him with invaluable opportunities for personal and professional growth, enabling him to acquire diverse skills and engage in a wide range of activities alongside new friends.

Hackleton Parish Forget-Me-Not Group

Off to a fantastic start!

The Hackleton Parish Forget-Me-Not Group has just had its 4th session (at the time of writing). Held every first and third Monday of the month at Horton House Cricket Club, providing the beautiful cricket square and outfields as its backdrop from the windows.

The group sessions provide a safe, welcoming and relaxed environment for those with dementia or, suffering from a form of memory loss, their families are welcome to come along too. We are very lucky to have amazing volunteers and many of whom are creative, as well as having a variety of activities, jigsaws, puzzle books for the members to complete at each session, we always have an organised craft activity. We then all engage in a physical game whether it be catching the balloon, parachute game, boules, mini indoor golf, each week varies providing a bit of fun and sometimes a bit of competition! We always end on a cheery note with a singalong, time soon flies each week.

In October, our carers were treated to a free hand massage courtesy of Katie Phillips and the first November session, Team Thomas came and demonstrated with the group the benefits of chair exercises, kindly donated by Carol McCosh.

We currently have 8 members, some who come with family members and at each session they are always served delicious homemade cakes made by volunteers in the parish. This month we would like to thank Carol McCosh, Hillary Wilkinson and Denise Hunt for donating their time and providing the cakes. We now have our cake rota open for 2025 and would welcome any contributions, please contact us at forgetmenot@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

We still have a few spare places in the group, so if you or a family member suffer from these symptoms and live in the parish and would like to come along, please speak to Alison Benson, Parish Clerk on 07464429630/clerk@hackletonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Forget – Me – Not

Some early feedback

"I care for an elderly friend who has vascular dementia. He lives alone with a lot of support from myself and overnight carers, and two lovely ladies who do his lunch four days a week. Despite all this support, it is incredibly stressful as I literally organise everything in his life. The Forget-Me-Not group sessions are a life line to us carers, the support from the volunteers and other carers is amazing and much needed. Giving their members a fun time is great and it provides a little respite for the carers, as being nurtured for those few hours feels wonderful. Dementia is a long, hard,

unpredictable, lonely journey for carers and cared for alike, so anything to support them is much needed and greatly appreciated".

"Thank you for allowing me to take part today with my family! I thoroughly enjoyed it! I'm hoping to attend a session in both January and February. It was excellently well organised. Well done to all of you who planned it and ran the session. It was very varied in types of occupations and was great fun! Thank you so much for taking photos of us, they are very heartwarming moments".



South Northamptonshire area collections due on Wednesday 25 December will take place on Monday 23 December and collections due on Thursday 26 December, will instead take place on Saturday 28 December.

Collections due on Wednesday 1 January will take place on Monday 30 December.

Garden waste / Real tree collections

Those subscribed to the service are advised there will be a short break in collections from Monday 23 December until Monday 6 January.

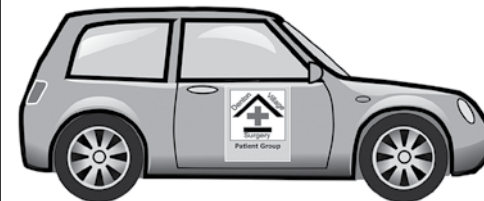
Crews will collect real Christmas trees over a two-week period starting Monday 6 January and they should be put out on the day garden waste is due to be collected.

Please ensure trees over 6 feet (183 centimetres) tall are cut in half so they fit in the lorries safely.

Full details:

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling

December 2024 – January 2025



Denton Surgery Patient Group

Drivers Required

for our Volunteer Patient Transport Service

Since last year our patient transport service has been taking patients to and from their homes to GP or hospital appointments and is getting very busy.

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

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

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

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






Coffee@Carey

Chapel Lane, Hackleton, NN7 2AH

Monday – Wednesday

10am – 1pm

 **Coffee at Carey**

Our lovely community focused and volunteer run coffee shop is very much a community hub serving a selection of very reasonably priced hot and cold drinks with delicious cakes and pastries.

If you are interested in the 'Pop Up Shop' opportunity, please contact:

Mike on 07851 554263.

What's On in December

Monday	Soup and Roll lunch	Served from 12pm Weekly. Orders taken
	Just Sing!	Weekly 7.30pm – 8.30pm
	Hackleton Parish Council	9th Dec Drop In Surgery 10.00am – 12.00pm
	Book club	9th Dec Waiting list to join now open 7.00 pm – 8.45pm Every 6 weeks Email hackletonparishbookclub@outlook.com for more details
Tuesday	Social Prescribers Group	9th Dec 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. 10.00am – 12.30pm
	Get Up and Go Otago Fitness Class (To help improve balance and mobility) Tel Julie: 07769 587658 to book your place	Weekly 2.00pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday	Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group (Term time only)	10.30am – 12.00pm
	The Green Machine	11th Dec Eco-friendly shopping 10.00am – 12.00pm
	Roy Hawkesford	11th Dec Performing live with some classic songs 10.30am – 12.30pm
	WNC Customer Service Team	18th Dec Drop in Event 10.00am – 12.00pm
	Zumba (Email: chanszumbafusion@gmail.com for more details)	Weekly 7.30pm
Thursday	Craft Group	6th & 19th Dec Knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting, card making, embroidery etc. 1.30pm – 3.00pm
	Repair Cafe	14th Dec Bring along your items for our local volunteers to repair. 10.00am-12.00pm

We always looking for volunteers to join our fantastic coffee shop team.

Full training given. If you are interested, please contact Mike on 07851 554263



Don't Miss Roy Hawkesford Performing Live

Wednesday 11th December
10.30am – 12.30pm

This is a free, non-ticket event but donations are welcome and will be used for Hackleton Parish Good Neighbours (incorporating the Book Club, Craft Group, Good Neighbour Scheme and Repair Café).



Coffee@Carey

The Chapel, Chapel Lane,
Hackleton, NN7 2AH



Bringing Oz to Life

With a Twist of Holiday Magic!

As the weather turns frosty, Group Eight Theatre Company is heating things up on stage with their eagerly anticipated winter pantomime, The Wizard of Oz. Scheduled for three evening performances and a matinée on the final day – December 5th, 6th, and 7th – this vibrant reimagining of the classic tale promises to dazzle audiences with laughter, music, and the heartwarming spirit of the holidays.

By the time you're reading this, we'll be in the exhilarating (and exhausting!) closing stages of rehearsals. Costumes are fitted, lines are learned, and, yes, at least one of us will likely be perpetually stained with face paint! From the fearless Dorothy to the comical Scarecrow, each character is brought to life by our cast's dedication, talent, and a good dose of theatre magic.

For us at Group Eight, a pantomime isn't just a show – it's a community celebration. We're here to give audiences of all ages an unforgettable experience that mixes beloved characters and local talent with a playful, interactive twist. Whether you're here to cheer Dorothy on her journey, boo the Wicked Witch, or laugh at the antics of the Cowardly Lion, The Wizard of Oz will have something for everyone.

Tickets are already flying off the (virtual) shelves, and with just a few seats left, we encourage you to book as soon as possible. Don't miss out on the chance to join Dorothy and her friends down the Yellow Brick Road! Secure your spot now at groupeight.co.uk/buy-your-tickets, and let's make this winter a magical one together.

See you in Oz!

Hackleton Village Hall

New Year's Eve Dance

Dancing to

Roy and the Saracens

Tickets £20.00 including a good buffet

for tickets call EDWARD on 870764

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Doors open 7.30pm Start 8.00 ish until 2025

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Piddington Churchyard – Success!

The Churchyard Wildlife Group at St John the Baptist church in Piddington is delighted to have recently received a Silver Award from the Wildlife Trust for its work as part of the Trust's Churchyard Conversation Scheme.

Our group of volunteers came together in 2020 and have been working since then to help and protect wildlife in our churchyard.

With much appreciated help and support from Hackleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and advice from the Wildlife Trust, we've installed two water butts, a hedgehog house, bird and bat boxes, a mini-pond, log piles and a bird bath. We've planted snowdrops, kindly donated by villagers and this Spring planted up a large grave with herbs. We continue to care for our adopted graves (planted with pollinator friendly flowers) and had approval from the Parish Council to leave an unmown strip of grass adjacent to one of the church walls to encourage wild flowers and provide shelter for small mammals and invertebrates. We keep a record of the birds, bees, insects and mammals we spot (lots of little froglets since we installed the pond) as well as wildflowers and grasses (see the full list in the church porch).

Earlier this year we entered the Wildlife Trust's Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme – cheekily skipping the Bronze stage and going straight for Silver. Following our application we were visited by two judges in July with results announced in September.

The Award Forum for Northamptonshire Churches was held on 30 September at St Mary the Virgin church in Stoke Bruerne. As places were limited only three members of our group could attend – Anton Dil, Wenda Dill and myself were the lucky ones. It was good to meet up with other volunteers, hear about their problems and successes and pick up ideas and advice.

Given that there are around 17,500 acres of churchyards in England – that's twice the size of a city like Oxford – churchyards are an important resource for supporting our vulnerable and threatened wildlife in the climate and ecological crisis we are facing. The Anglican church itself recognises this. The Bishop of Norwich has called for graveyards to be "places for the living, not just the dead". To date some 90 churches in the county are involved in the Wildlife Trust's conservation initiative and 25 have so far received awards.

Back to the Award Forum – we were hoping for a Silver Award but nothing is certain and we waited with bated breath as the awards were announced. Oh the tension, a bit like the Strictly Results show. So imagine our relief when finally we heard we had qualified for Silver Award (thank goodness we didn't have to do a dance-off).

Onwards and upwards – we've now got Gold in our sights! Working in the churchyard is such a pleasure, whether individually or on one of our regular group work mornings. If you feel like joining us you would be very welcome. Contact Anton at antondil@gmail.com.

Diane Ward, Churchyard Wildlife Group



NEW Baby & Toddler group

Every Wednesday
10.30am – 12.00pm
(during term time)

The Library,
Hackleton Baptist
Chapel



Hackleton Parish Book Club is well underway!

The Hackleton Parish Book Club met for the first time in September, in the Library in the Carey Baptist Church, with sixteen people in attendance. Over drinks and Ella's yummy cookies we discussed all manner of bookish things, including how we like to read – the smell and feel of a page vs a Kindle or audiobook. We chatted about our favourite books: *To Kill a Mockingbird*; *Where the Crawdads Sing*; *Still Life* by Sarah Winman and *The Five People You Meet In Heaven* were among those mentioned. Recommendations were given about sourcing books: local libraries and the Borrow Box app; purchasing from World Of Books which often gives a discount based on the number of books bought, and of course borrowing from friends. Mrs B's Emporium in Bath offers a subscription service for book lovers based on the sorts of books they think customers will enjoy, while *The Mysterious Bookcase* promises 'A blind date with a book...'. Apps such as Goodreads are the go-to for some seeking recommendations or to rate books they've read too. All can be found online.

The atmosphere was and continues to be enthusiastic, warm and curious, and the shared love of books and a desire to try different genres and seek alternative views and interpretations is evident. The Book Club provides a lovely social community space too, with recognition on how it fits into the wider Good Neighbour activities, and the importance of it being part of the community. The first book chosen for review in November was *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah, which provoked interesting and inciteful discussion. Briefly, the book is a semi-autobiographical novel which follows the Albright family's move to the Alaskan wilderness, and the challenges the move brings them.



Opinions varied about the book, but overall, we felt that it was a good read, and that while at times uncomfortable, it was thought provoking and beautifully descriptive. We recommend it!

Book Club will continue to meet six-weekly until August 2025. Because of room capacity, membership will stay at its current number until then, but the books chosen for the year are listed here should you wish to read them.

- All The Light We Cannot See – Anthony Doerr
- Midnight At Malabar House – Vasim Khan
- A Broad In Japan – Chris Broad
- Precipice – Robert Harris
- Intermezzo – Sally Rooney
- A Month In Siena – Hisham Matar

**Happy Reading
from the Hackleton Parish Book Club!**

The Rookery, Preston Deanery

Have you ever stood in the cemetery of Piddington Church looking at this view towards Preston Deanery and wondered about the house nestling amongst the trees?



Called The Rookery, this large Victorian house was built in about 1850 by Langham Christie of Preston Deanery Hall. Gentleman farmer George Boulton Lynes was living in the house when the 1861 census was taken, and as he appears to have been residing in Preston Deanery at the time of his marriage to Harriet Spencer of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire five years earlier in 1856, he may have been The Rookery's first tenant.

George's father, Thomas, was Lord of the Manor of Hackleton, and George was brought up in Hackleton House. Describing himself as a 'gentleman landowner' in the 1871 census, George employed 12 men and five boys on the 500-acre Rookery Farm. He also owned some 18 cottages and 'messuages' in Piddington, including the Old Crown and Thistle on Forest Road. George and Harriet's eight children were all born in Preston Deanery, and they employed a cook, housemaid, nurse, under nurse, and groom.

However, like all UK farmers of the time, George was affected by the Great Agricultural Depression which began in 1873, and two years later, perhaps hoping for a better life, he put all his properties in Piddington up for sale by auction and the whole family emigrated to America, sailing from Liverpool aboard the SS Adriatic of the White Star Line, and arriving in New York on 27th September 1875. They settled in Ivy, Albemarle, Virginia where George became a highly respected horse breeder. An article written by him, entitled 'Horse Breeding in Two Hemispheres', appeared in Baily's Magazine of Sports and Pastimes in July 1884.

Grazier William Marriott was The Rookery's next tenant, but the house was unoccupied at the time of the 1881 census.

By 1885 it was home to John Orr-Ewing, his wife Edith, and Helen, his five-year-old daughter by his first wife. The couple had two children while living in Preston

Deanery, Edith Wilhelmina in 1889 and Hugh James in 1891. They employed a married couple as cook and coachman, a housemaid and a Swiss nursemaid. Hugh went on to become a doctor, served in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War, and was awarded the Military Cross. After the war he became a medical missionary in Jerusalem.

The Orr-Ewings left The Rookery shortly after Hugh's birth, and Edward Singleton, who had purchased the Preston Deanery Hall Estate in 1872 and was now 61 years of age, decided to downsize and moved into The Rookery with his wife and unmarried daughter, renting out the Hall. Three years later they moved to Devon, and the next known tenant was a Colonel Edward Bruce. I haven't been able to discover anything about him so far. He was not in residence in 1901, when the house was occupied by a coachman/groom, John Chisholm, and the Colonel had died or moved away by 1906, when the new tenant was Joseph Wakefield Hanson Whitton.

Joseph's father (Joseph Wakefield Whitton) farmed at Potcote, near Towcester and was a Northamptonshire County Councillor. Joseph junior married Annie May Edwards in 1905, so The Rookery was probably the couple's first home. (Incidentally, although Annie was born in London, her father was apparently from Chicago – more research required!) They employed a cook, housemaid and milkmaid, and a groom/gardener and his family lived in the adjacent cottage. Their son (Joseph Wakefield William Whitton!) was born there in 1908 and the family was still in occupation in 1914, but by 1919 they had moved to Nether Heyford.

In 1920 The Rookery was advertised for sale in the Northampton Mercury. It comprised a 'Lounge Hall with fireplace and lavatory, Dining and Drawing Rooms, full-sized Billiard Room, Ten Bed and Dressing Rooms, Bath Room (h. and c.), three w.c.'s, Tank Room, large Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, Scullery, Larder, Knife Room, and good Cellarage below.' The house was wired for electric light and bells and had excellent drinking water supplied by a windmill pump in the paddock! The grounds 'were tastefully laid out' and included a tennis

court and shrubberies. The property came with stables and the nearby five-roomed detached cottage. It failed to find a buyer and the house was untenanted when it came up for sale again in 1923. It was eventually bought for £3,500 by James Page, a farmer from Nottinghamshire. He also purchased the farm, the original Rookery Farm farmhouse and part of Preston Wood for £2,000. The Pages remained there until James retired in 1947.

If you would like to find out more about Langham Christie, Edward Singleton, and the other owners of the Preston Deanery Estate, I still have copies of my book 'Preston Deanery Hall: the story of a house through time' available at the reduced price of £12. Discover more about Thomas Lynes and Hackleton House in 'Piddington cum Hackleton – the tales of two villages', priced £18. All profits from the sale of the books go to Hackleton Village Hall.

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 you all will surely know, there is more than one way of measuring, rather, marking the point of a New Year. The calendar year in January, the financial year – April. In Education it all starts in September. I worked for one company and their year began in October, and no one could tell me why. You've probably already guessed where to next. The New Year in the Anglican church starts with a fixed date before the year commences, namely 25th December. Yes, Christmas Day. Advent, which is not Christmas (that is another story), is the Four Sundays before Christmas. Christmas, as a season is only 12 days, as it says in the song. Then follows the season of the Epiphany, beginning on the 6th January.

OK. I get it. Many, some, may be thinking there is Christmas and the bit before and after. That is it. Perhaps, setting Advent aside for now. Christmas moves us from the big picture to the particular story of a birth of a child – Jesus. It asks us of all things we enjoy - what is most important to any of us. Then it asks us the question again and again until we get to the point. Epiphany, straight after Christmas works the other way around. Starting with the small and working it out on a bigger and bigger backdrop.

The Christmas story asks us 'what is important?' Perhaps we answer our children, or the word love. Epiphany presents us with how it does this, our children our love, how do we show they are important in our homes, are streets our work. The most important word in the sentence before was 'show' not say.

Contact details

Rev Julie Scott

Email: revjuliescott@gmail.com
Tel: 01604 374379 (day off Friday)

Even more basically what we say and what we do – do they match?

This Christmas and New Year may each of us find peace and joy within ourselves and each other.

The Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival is on the 7th and 8th December between 10:30am and 4:30pm. Father Christmas will make an appearance between 11am and 1pm on Saturday the 7th. We will conclude the Christmas Tree Festival with our community based Wassail service that starts at 6pm on Sunday the 8th where our wassail punch and mince pies will be served prior to 6pm. The service is also our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service and combined with a visit to the Christmas tree festival marks for many in our villages the start of the Christmas season. Hope to see you at both or either one of these events.

Services in December and January

December 1st 10am
Sung Communion led by Rev Mark

December 8th 6pm
Wassail and Nine Lessons & Carols

December 15th 10am
Sung Communion led by Rev Mark

December 24th
4pm **Crib Service**
11:30pm **Midnight Mass**

January 5th 10am
Sung Communion led by Rev Mark

January 19th 10am
Sung Communion led by Rev Mark

Rev Mark Hurley

Email: markcsb@gmail.com
Tel: 01604 345458 (Sun/Mon/Tues)

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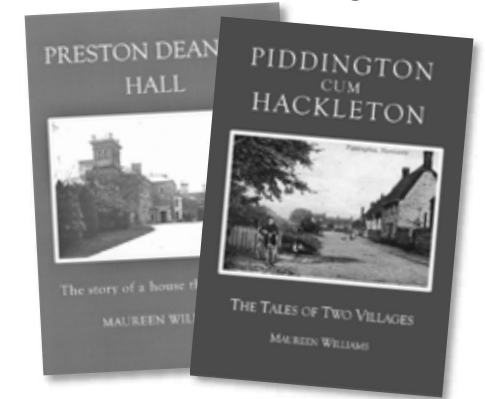
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If you would like to be a part of a very
important part of the community.

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New to the area and interested in our local history?



I still have copies of two of my local history books for sale. *Piddington cum Hackleton* charts the development of the villages from 1700 to the mid-1950s and includes tales of highway robbery, devastating fires and murder, as well as profiles of Baptist missionary William Carey and Hackleton's very own West End star, Bernard Bedford. It also contains first-hand accounts of everyday life in the villages in the 1930s and '40s.

Today's Preston Deanery Hall was originally the annexe of a much larger country house, parts of which dated back to Tudor times. *Preston Deanery Hall* tells the story of the house and its various occupants, including a clerk to the Privy Council of James I, and the great grandfather of the founder of the Glyndebourne Opera.

Both books are illustrated by numerous old photos, portraits, maps and family trees. *Piddington cum Hackleton* costs £18 and *Preston Deanery Hall* is now just £12.

Email maureenwilliams972@gmail.com
or call 870318.

All profits go to Hackleton Village Hall.

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?

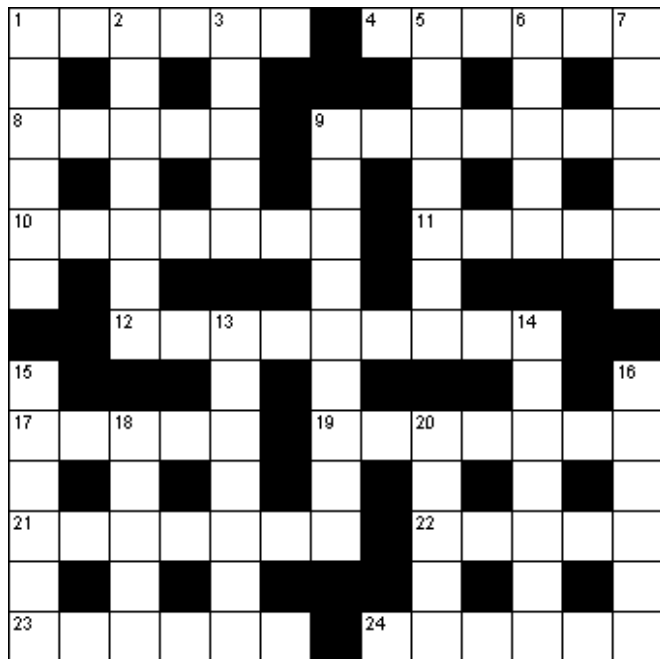
Solutions in next month's Mag – so no cheating, you've just got to persevere until you've finished them!

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Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Vast desert of North Africa (6)
- 4 Gas used in balloons (6)
- 8 Reversal of direction of travel (1-4)
- 9 Plaited bunch of hair (7)
- 10 Apparel (7)
- 11 Audibly (5)
- 12 Erroneous (9)
- 17 Jewelled head ornament (5)
- 19 Lacking contact with others (7)
- 21 Lawlessness (7)
- 22 Measureless chasm (5)
- 23 Relaxed (2,4)
- 24 Fame (6)

Down

- 1 Writhe (6)
- 2 Famous escapologist (7)
- 3 Enclosed kitchen fireplace (5)
- 5 Avenger (anag) (7)
- 6 US state (5)
- 7 Illness (6)
- 9 Fatherhood (9)
- 13 Opportunities (7)
- 14 Huntsman's cry (5-2)
- 15 Layers of rock (6)
- 16 Jail (6)
- 18 Proverb (5)
- 20 Digging tool (5)

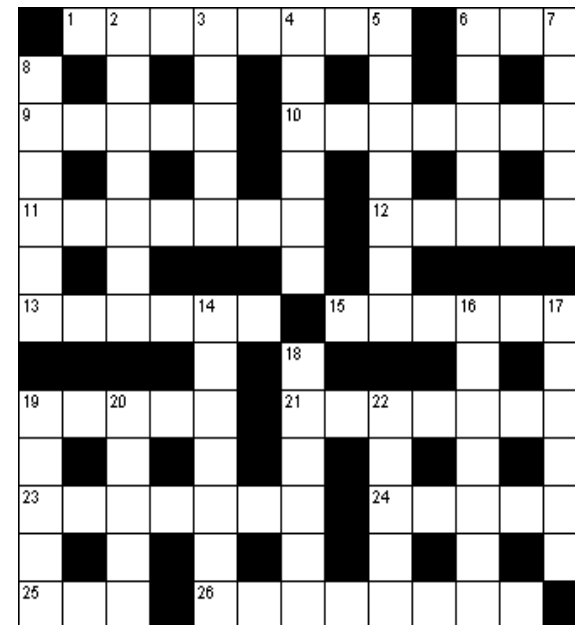
The Less Quick Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1 Old Greek warrior catching cold in choppy sea (8)
- 6 Your uncle's hairstyle? (3)
- 9 Noble number (5)
- 10 Be like Norman William, sounding like a nut (7)
- 11 Spare book (7)
- 12 Drink rum in outskirts of Torquay (5)
- 13 Some legal issue about farm production (6)
- 15 Nureyev, say, caught plunging into European river (6)
- 19 Story about second-rate furniture item (5)
- 21 Coward, say, did this? (7)
- 23 See real novel, free (7)
- 24 Hang about a country in Africa (5)
- 25 A tool may be observed (3)
- 26 Reprimand man and do his turn (8)

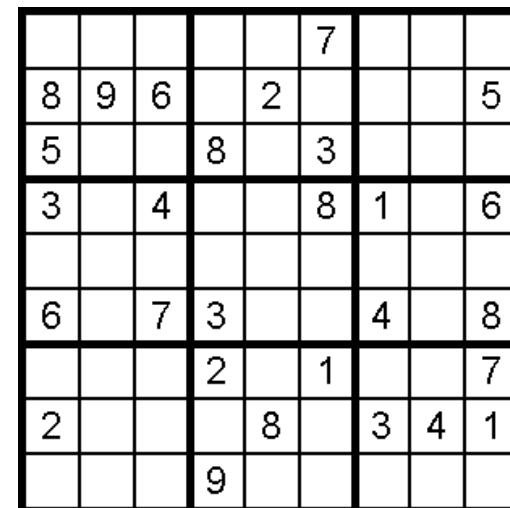
Down

- 2 Advice doctor leaves wretched scoundrel (7)
- 3 Bury some painters (5)
- 4 Key for cupboard? (6)
- 5 A star turn in a star turn (7)
- 6 Tied up in spring (5)
- 7 Boy seen in Welsh port (5)
- 8 One with wheels — American or Greek high-flier (6)
- 14 Small bomb not the last on a Caribbean island (7)
- 16 Bones in fish too short (7)
- 17 Provocative article in Communist newspaper (3,3)
- 18 Laugh about being taken in by fraud (6)
- 19 Mountain lakes making sailor extremely nervous (5)
- 20 Feel miserable when not on deck? (5)
- 22 The vehicle a joker boarded? (5)



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.



Repair Café

The first Repair Cafe took place at the Chapel on Saturday 9th November and was a big success, as can be seen in the photos. There were 10 volunteers working on a range of items and rather more members of the community who brought things to repair or were simply curious to find out more. Items for repair included an ornamental dish, a bowl, a guitar, a clock, socks to darn, a torn jacket, a pressure washer.

The 4 Rs are for Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair were made by Mavis, a member of the Craft Group.



The opening event was supported by Cllrs Frances Billingham and Fiona Cole, seen here with Wendy and Roy.

Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle
The Repair Café is here to help



Repair Café

Saturday 14th December
Saturday 11th January

Carey Baptist Chapel
10.00 - 12.00

New Volunteers always welcome!

Contact: royhawskesford@gmail.com

Elizabeth Woodville School

First Term Update

As we conclude the first term at Elizabeth Woodville School, we're delighted to share our progress and achievements with the wider community. It's been a fantastic start to the school year, and we're incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication, which continue to reflect the excellence of our school.

Throughout this term, our students have enjoyed a range of enriching experiences that reinforce our school values and extend learning beyond the classroom. Our Year 7 students took part in a special Values Day, engaging in activities designed to build teamwork, respect, and personal growth. Safety training has also been a priority this term; many students received training in defibrillator use and life-saving skills – valuable skills that could one day save lives.

A few highlights for our students from our first term this year were a visit from representatives of Aston Martin, who offered insights into engineering and innovation. Despite some typical British weather, our Geography students also ventured into the field, embracing hands-on learning that brings their studies to life. Our performing arts students have had an exciting term as well, with auditions held for our upcoming school musical Moana. The energy and excitement during auditions were palpable, and we're eagerly anticipating this production, which promises to be a memorable highlight of the year.

We're also thrilled to introduce our new Sixth Form Leadership Team, who have already begun planning exciting events to unite the student body. In addition, they're spearheading efforts to raise funds for Earth's Lonely Angels, a local charity making a meaningful impact in our community. Their dedication to positive change is an inspiration to us all. Please watch this space for exciting events for the community that are planned for this year!

Looking ahead, this new term will be equally full of opportunities and activities. Our students will soon begin their mock exams, preparing them for final assessments in a supportive environment. We'll be hosting our annual Remembrance Events, ensuring that students reflect on this important day, and a group of students will embark on a trip to visit historic battlefields, bringing history to life.

We're also hosting a Careers Fair, with over 30 local and international businesses attending, offering students insights into a range of career paths. Many thanks, in advance, to the local businesses who will be attending this event on the 19th November. It is fantastic to have so much local support for our students!

Outside of school, we have several students who are achieving great things in their hobbies and areas of interest. Special mention goes to our students who have been selected to represent their country in international dance competitions, our students who have been selected to perform in the Pantomimes at the Royal and Dergate and the Deco this festive season and our student who has been selected for the England Girls Football Under 15 Para Talent Programme. We are so proud of all of these achievements and more!

We're looking forward to building on the successes of this term and are excited about all that Term 2 has in store.

Emma Reed

Head of School (North Campus)





Hackleton, Horton, Piddington and St George's Fields

Please register to become a member of your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme to receive automated reports of crime in our area, as well as security advice and warnings of the latest scams.

Go to www.northantsnhw.co.uk and when prompted enter your postcode.

You will see the four available local schemes:

Area	Local Co-ordinator
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Horton	Carol Lloyd carollloyd1@icloud.com
Piddington	Phil Renshaw philip.renshaw@yahoo.co.uk
St George's Fields	Vacancy

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

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your local co-ordinator.

We live in a very safe place – let's keep it that way!

Don't forget!

999 for a crime in progress or where life is in danger

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

Email for non-urgent enquiries or to send a report:

NeighbourhoodTeamSouthNorthants-Towcester@northants.police.uk

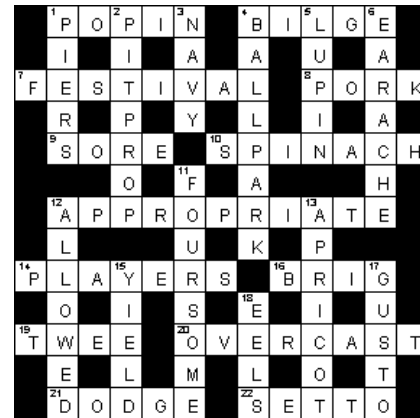
0800 555 111 Crimestoppers for anonymous calls

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

Quick



Cryptic



6	4	7	9	3	8	2	1	5
3	8	1	7	5	2	6	4	9
5	9	2	1	4	6	8	7	3
4	1	6	8	9	7	3	5	2
8	7	9	3	2	5	1	6	4
2	3	5	6	1	4	9	8	7
1	5	4	2	8	9	7	3	6
7	2	8	4	6	3	5	9	1
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