

# MONKTON NEWS

MAY 2022



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**BY THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

## **Ukraine Quiz Thank You**

A big thank you to all who attended the Quiz for Ukraine at the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. A fantastic £633 was raised and is being donated to the DEC Ukraine appeal. Well done Monkton!

Rachel Horsburgh

## USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 101	MINSTER DOCTORS' SURGERY 821333. Out of hours call 111
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THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL Planning 577591	Dog warden and noise control 577580
THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL Recycling and fly tipping 577115	MONKTON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS 821439
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# MONKTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR MAY

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday	11.00-13.00	Ballroom and Latin American Dance	Gordon and Pauline
Monday	09.00-10.00	Dance exercise	Maggie
	13.00 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of each month)	Gardening Club	Sue Northrop 07759390223
	19.00	Dog agility and behaviour training	Chris Paris Brown 01227 365381
Tuesday	19.30	Adult table tennis	Gilly Brown
	19.00 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month)	WI	
Wednesday	10.00-12.00	Retired villagers' social morning	Sara Archer 821989
	19.00-21.00	Line Dancing	Theo Loyla 833643

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 14.00-16.00 Age Concern various activities TBA

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 19.00 Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 19.30 Residents Association AGM

For further information contact Pete Mitchell, 821439. If your club or activity is not in this month's diary, please contact your organiser.

## Monkton Village Hall Hire Charges 2022

### Children's Party

Any Four Hours before 18.00 £45

This allows for the preparation and time to clean.

### Part Day Hire

A Minimum of Two Complete Hours £30

### All Day Hire up to 18.00

Includes Ten Complete Hours £100

Extra will be £15 per hour

### All Day and Evening Wedding etc.

From 08.00- 23.00 £160

Also allows for full kitchen use & two hours the following day before 10.00 hrs for a return to clean.

### Evening Hire from 19.00h

Quiz, Craft, Dance, etc. £40

Party Night from 19.00 £70

One dance couple 2 HOURS £10

## **EDITORIAL**

How lucky we were to have had good weather for the Easter break. We hope that you were able to take advantage of it.

There are lots of events happening soon in our lovely Village (and nearby), so pop them on your calendar. These include the Village Celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, Monkton Open Gardens and the popular Minster Show. Also, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May you may hear more noise than usual coming from the Bell Tower at the Church as we are hosting a striking competition. Hopefully our bells will still be intact by the end of the day!

We've put the information about 'Flicking Football' in again as Steve has had no replies from the whole of Monkton! Also, please take note of the Arts and Crafts Display information – it would be great to see a magnificent array of Village Skills.

### **Helpful Reminder**

From February 2023 non-barcoded stamps that have just the Queen's Head on them won't be able to be used. Special stamps with pictures on and Christmas stamps without bar codes will continue to be valid after this date. If you have too many stamps to use up before this date, you can exchange them for new barcoded ones through Royal Mail's 'Swap Out' scheme. To swap out your stamps, simply complete one of the Stamp Swap Out forms and send it back to Royal Mail along with your non-barcoded stamps. For further information and to find the form, go to this address online: [www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps](http://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps)  
**You won't be able to pick up a Swap Out Form from the Post Office.** If you don't have access to a computer, I believe you can pick one up from your local Delivery Offices' Customer Service Point. But don't panic – you can still use your non-barcoded Queen's profile stamps until 31st January 2023.

### **RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS FOR MAY**

We've noticed that the waste collections are earlier nowadays, so make sure that your bins are out by 7.00 am to ensure yours is collected.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Black bin (general waste)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Green bin (garden waste)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Blue recycling bin and red bag for paper

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Black bin (general waste)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Green bin (garden waste)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Blue recycling bin and red bag for paper

## **MONKTON OPEN GARDENS 11th & 12th June 2022**

Not long to go now until Monkton Open Gardens. 12 households have offered their glorious gardens to be opened for the weekend - THANK YOU. If you are still sitting on the fence (garden fence!) about whether you want to open yours or not - you still have time - contact us on the numbers below.

On the weekend we have the fantastic gardens to visit, fabulous lunches & refreshments in the Village Hall, a raffle with amazing prizes (thank you to those Villagers and local businesses that have offered prizes already), various stalls in the gardens, a Display in the Church and Churchyard Tours.

Cost is £4 per person, accompanied under 14's free. Tickets can be purchased on the day at any of the participating gardens. Proceeds will go to St Mary Magdalene Church and Monkton Village Hall. Please come along, fingers crossed for fabulous weather.

Heather Gunton (821585) and Gilly O'Neill (821232)

### **Arts and Crafts Display at the Church**

We are thinking that we will host an 'Arts and Crafts Display' at the church for Open Gardens.

We know that Monkton is full of talented individuals, so please don't be shy in coming forward.

If any villagers would like to exhibit their arts and crafts for that weekend, at the church, please contact Sharon McPherson. (01843 822763)

## **THANET FOOD LINK**

**AT THESE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TIMES THERE ARE  
FAMILIES THAT RELY ON OUR HELP AND GENEROSITY**

**PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS OF FOOD IN SHED  
ADJACENT TO GATE  
AT 153a MONKTON STREET**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Further information from Kay or Harry Horne  
823849/shudy@talk21.com

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## **Recreation Ground**

With funding now in place for the new play area, we have at last been able to give the go-ahead to the contractors, Playdale. Work should commence in approx. 10 weeks' time and take 2 weeks to be completed.

We would like to thank Villagers for keeping the Parish Council informed when they come across problems at the Rec. We are pleased to report the damaged section of the Play Area fencing has now been repaired and work to remove the downed tree on the western side of the Rec is underway.

We are also looking to improve access to the pavilion via a new step to the main entrance door. This will be funded using a donation from a Villager for which we are extremely grateful.

## **Highways**

Following a request from the Parish Council, the road markings at the roundabout at the bottom of Willets Hill have now been repainted. This should hopefully improve safety at the junction and help visibility at night.

## **Ukraine Donations**

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who recently donated toiletries etc for the Ukraine collection. Your generosity has been very much appreciated.

## **Planning Updates**

***OL/TH/22/0414*** – An application has been submitted for 115 homes on farmland to the north of Foxborough Lane, Minster. The site is not included in the Local Plan and has attracted strong opposition from Minster PC and residents. We discussed the application at our recent PC meeting and agreed to support Minster's opposition – this is a greenfield site, where the developer is trying to gain approval using the leverage that TDC has failed to meet local housing supply. This is the same argument as the one being used on the Heyhill site. Further info on the Foxborough plans is available across social media, the local press and on TDC's website.

Comments need to be submitted by the end of April.

### ***FH/TH/22/0311 Monkton Loft , Monkton Street***

Erection of a single storey side extension and covered walkway - Awaiting decision

### ***FH/TH/21/1863 1 Seamark Close***

Erection of a single storey side extension – Approved

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - continued

### ***F/TH/21/1795 Walters Hall Farm Monkton Street Monkton***

Change of use of existing agricultural buildings to light industrial –  
Approved

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING- Mon 9th May, 7pm, Village Hall**

To contact the Parish Council: Sara Archer –

[clerk@monktonparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@monktonparish.co.uk)

01843 821989 or visit our website <https://www.monktonparish.co.uk>

## **MONKTON SPEEDWATCH**

Volunteers needed to join the existing team

Contact David Blackwell on 821657 or  
Chris Ransom on 821446



### **PCSO Report**

I have gone back over the call list for the last month and the only crimes of note which have been reported were for poaching, we had two separate calls. Unfortunately, the offenders had left the scene by the time patrols could attend. Vehicle registrations were noted by the informant which meant that the vehicles could be nominated for the ANPR cameras - automatic number plate recognition.

Debbie Forsyth

# CHURCH NEWS

## The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton

Part of the Wantsum Benefice with Minster, St. Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre, & Chislet. (Together with All Saints, Birchington, Minnis Bay, Acol & St. Saviour's, Westgate we form the Seamarsh Group of Parishes).

Vicar of the Benefice	Vacant	
Benefice Administrator	Mr Matthew Hergest	823347 www.wantsumchurches.org
Licensed Lay Minister	Mrs Sally Willins	822428
Churchwarden (Monkton)	Mr David Mairs	07960417493
Retired Priest (assisting)	Canon Peter Gausden	825374
Lay Minister Emeritus	Mrs Diana Davies	823817 www.wantsumchurches.org

*To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Mr Matthew Hergest (see above).*

**If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer please contact: Mrs Sally Willins Telephone: 822428**

### Sunday Bible Readings in May

1	Easter 3	Acts 9, 1-6; John 21, 1-19
8	Easter 4	Acts 9, 36- end; John 10, 22-30.
15	Easter 5	Acts 11, 1-18; John 13, 31-35
22	Easter 6	Acts 16, 9-15; John 14, 23-29
29	Sunday after Ascension	Acts 16, 16-34; John 17, 20-end.
	or, for the Ascension	Acts 1, 1-11; Luke 24, 44-end

### Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St Mary Magdalene Church did not take place as notified last month. The Meeting has been re scheduled for **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, immediately following the 9.30 am Service.** i.e approx 10.30 am. A new church council will be elected, together with a new churchwarden in place of the late Mrs Denyse Cole.

## **CHURCH NEWS - continued**

### **Wantsum Benefice Services – MAY 2022**

	<b>Monkton</b>	<b>Minster</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>Chislet</b>
Sun 1 May Easter 3	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Village Worship	
Sun 8 May Easter 4		10.30 Morning Praise	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Weds 11 May		10.30 Morning Prayer		
Sun 15 May Easter 5	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Light	
Sun 22 May Easter 6 Rogation Sunday	*Services in conjunction with the Rogation Walk – see separate notice p.14			
Thurs 26 May Ascension Day		10.30 Holy Communion		
Sun 29 May Sunday after Ascension	10.30 United Benefice Communion			
Fri 3 June	15.00 Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving			
Sun 5 June Pentecost (H.M. The Queen's Jubilee)	9.30 Holy Communion			

Please check Village notice boards and/or the Benefice web site for any developments and changes.

#### **H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving**

As part of the Village Jubilee Celebrations in June, there will be a special **Service of Thanksgiving** at **St Mary Magdalene Church, Monkton** on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3 pm** followed by a Tea for all in the Church!

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June being the Feast of Pentecost, Whitsunday, there will still be the normal service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am**

## VIEWPOINT

*Pastoral Reflection from Diana Davies: Lay Minister Emeritus to the Wantsum Benefice*

Repair and renewal?

I wonder if you, like me, watch the TV programme 'The Repair Shop'? Into a barn in Sussex are brought all manner of damaged goods which often appear beyond repair: clockwork long since stopped, paintings faded and grimy, soft toys falling apart, wooden and ceramic items now cracked and chipped and sometimes broken in small pieces, upholstery and clothing torn and misshapen, leather goods dried up and shrivelled.

In fact, most of it looks ready for the rubbish tip!

It is only when the stories behind each item are told, that we can begin to understand why they are so valued by their owners.

A long loved childhood toy, a hand-made gift from a loved one who has died...each item, though now in a dire state, still holds precious life enhancing healing memories.

Waiting in the barn to welcome both the owners and their 'treasures', and to listen carefully to their stories, are a community of highly skilled men and women who undertake the repair of these seemingly worthless offerings.

When the owners have left, we viewers watch whilst, with utmost patience and skill, each item is lovingly repaired. ...motors work again., paintings are cleaned to reveal their original detail and colour; all manner of brokenness and dryness and decay is repaired and treated.

When the owners return, and their treasures are revealed, there are gasps of astonishment and often tears of joy as their stories come to life, and for a moment, folk are reunited with their loved ones. They leave full of thankfulness and praise.

It is not just the objects that are restored! Those who do the listening and restoration work, too, seem to find a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction as they exercise their skills and gifts to help others.

Perhaps in our village communities and churches we might take more time to listen carefully to one another's stories? As we welcome the many people moving into new homes among us, who knows what life giving stories, gifts and skills they may have to offer?

We may find ourselves and our village communities refreshed strengthened and renewed.

With love, Diana

## **Minster Show – Saturday 23rd July 2022**

Minster Show - Saturday 23rd July 2022 - We're Back !!

Residents of Monkton, St Nicholas, Sarre, Acol, Manston and Cliffsend are reminded that they are all eligible to enter items into the various sections in the Show Tent for this event.

Show Schedules, with entry forms, will be available from the beginning of May at various businesses in Minster, so don't forget to get yours and get growing, cooking, crafting and colouring!

We'd love to see more entries from outside of the village, make this your year!!

To those who would just like to come along on the day, the show is held on the Recreation Ground in St Mildreds Road and gates open at 1pm, Show starts at 2pm, cost is £3pp, under 5s free.

Lots to do and see, a great afternoon's entertainment for all. Prior to opening, get along to the centre of the village to see the floats and carnival courts parade through Minster, procession starts at 1.40pm from Freemans Road, travels along Monkton Road, High St, St Mildreds Road and into the showground.

Ray Owen

## **MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**



### **IMPORTANT REMINDER - COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE**

The Vaccination Centre is located adjacent to Wickes Building Supplies and Curry's Electrical Store. It is known as **Thanet Broadstairs Local Vaccination Service (LVS)**. There is plenty of car parking on site and it is on various bus routes. Remains open every Tuesday & Thursday from 2pm to 5pm, every Saturday from 8am to 5pm. Drop In, no need for an appointment.

#### **Over 75**

If you've had your first booster 6 months ago, then get your second booster NOW!

#### **Aged 5-15**

Eligible for a vaccine with a second dose 6 weeks later. With schools now reopened after the Easter Holidays now is a good time to get all your family vaccinated.

### **Vulnerable and Immune suppressant patients**

Are also now eligible for a 4th vaccine, so if you have not received your invitation, please contact the surgery.

**Had covid?** or been in touch with someone who has, remember it must be at least 6 weeks since your last negative test before you can continue with your vaccination program.

***More information can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or 'Minster Surgery' Facebook page.***

### **SHINGLES VACCINATION**

Aged 70-79 but not had yours yet? Please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

### **"FACE TO FACE" Appointments**

Patients will continue to receive a telephone consultation from a Doctor before being offered an appointment with the relevant healthcare professional. Currently **89%** of patients are receiving a "Face to Face" appointment where necessary.

IT IS STILL mandatory to "WEAR FACE MASKS" when attending the Surgery, Vaccination Clinic or any NHS facility. **THANK YOU.**

### **SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS**

CLOSED on the Bank Holidays: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Also CLOSED for staff training on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1pm onwards.  
If you need to see a Doctor during these times

Please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal

### **Repeat prescriptions**

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last throughout the holiday period, submit request at least 3 working days beforehand to allow processing time at surgery and your chemist. Requests submitted prematurely will be held until the due date unless a specific reason is given.

### **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any questions on any of the above or concerns and suggestions you would like raised at our meeting, please contact: Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 82104 or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

# VILLAGE GROUPS

## MONKTON GARDEN GROUP

Our next meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Monkton Village Hall at 1 pm. As well as our raffle and teas and coffee, we will be having a Plant Swap!

In fact we can swap anything relating to our gardens. Seeds, cuttings, plant pots, books and magazines. If you haven't anything to bring just choose something and leave a small donation for club funds.

Friends welcome as we don't have a formal membership and it's open to people outside Monkton.

We have welcomed newcomers from surrounding villages and towns so our group is growing from strength to strength.

Please contact me for further information.

Sue Northrop 07759390223

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MONKTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM – This will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and as usual light refreshments will be served. This is normally a members only meeting, but any villagers who are interested in attending with a view to possibly joining, will be very welcome. In order to become a member there is a yearly £5.00 per household subscription fee, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## SUDOKU CHALLENGE - eas

Answers can be found on p.19

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The Wantsum Benefice of Churches  
Chislet, Minster, Monkton, St Nicholas at Wade

## 'Walk the Walk' Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

The annual Rogation Walk between our four churches **is back!**  
- albeit with a 'covid-mindful' programme.

Food preparation has been cut from the programme, but to ensure that we enjoy special fellowship at the middle of the day, we are offering a communion service.

### The Timetable

#### At Chislet

9.30am Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate with chunky biscuits.

9.45am Prayer and Scripture to start the day

10.00am Off to St Nicholas (approx 3.8 miles)  
(Toilet facilities are available at Chislet)

#### At St Nicholas

12.00pm 'Light-touch' Holy Communion  
followed by bring-your-own picnic:

hot and cold drinks supplied

1.30pm Head for Monkton (approx 2 miles)  
(Toilet facilities are available)

#### At Monkton (Methodist Church)

2.45pm Arrive at Monkton Methodist Church  
where we will enjoy a short creative Rogation  
Prayer session.

Drinks and snack bars on offer to share ...

3.30pm Leave for Minster (approx. 2.3 miles -  
shorter route if wet)

(Toilet facilities are available)

#### At Minster

4.30pm Evening Prayer in the church

5.15pm Cup-a-soups and crusty bread in the Old  
Schools

Our day will end at approximately 6.00pm

We'd be delighted to have a group join in the whole day! but if you can't manage that – please dip in and out where you wish.

All drinks and snacks will be provided,  
but we would be grateful for any small donations to help offset costs.

It would also help to know rough numbers,  
so please let your churchwarden know if you intend to join in – and where etc... if possible.

Anything else you'd like to know, contact Sally Willins 01843 822428 / [sal.ly13@aol.co.uk](mailto:sal.ly13@aol.co.uk)  
or ask your church warden.

# **MONKTON NATURE RESERVE**

**NATURE TRAILS - ENTRANCE FEE APPLIES  
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
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NATURE SHED PROJECT**

**Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 10.30-2.30pm  
Web site: <https://monkton-reserve.org/>  
Tel: 01843 822666      Email: [contact@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:contact@monkton-reserve.org)**

## **EVENTS IN MAY**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Bushcraft Sessions: 10-noon (ages 5-8 years)  
& 12.30-2.30pm (ages 9-12 years). Booking and charges  
apply – email [education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Twilight Book Evening (6-9pm)**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Nature's Art (11-12.30pm) Booking and  
charges apply – email [contact@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:contact@monkton-reserve.org)**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Pond Dipping (11.00am and 1.00pm) Booking  
and charges apply – email [education@monkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@monkton-reserve.org)**

Registered Charity – Thanet Countryside Trust 285972



**The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.  
between the 2nd-5th June.**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:15pm** Procession from the Village Hall  
to the Recreation Ground.

**9.45pm** Reading of the Proclamation followed  
by bugle playing "The Majesty" fanfare.  
Lighting of the beacon.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**3pm** Service of Thanksgiving,  
St Mary Magdalene Church.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Musical evening at Monkton Village Hall with the  
band **DNA** (Pop & Rock band) £5pp  
Plus a fish and chip supper.

Contact Rachel to book 822338 as tickets are limited.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**"The Big Lunch" 12-2pm**  
see details on following page.

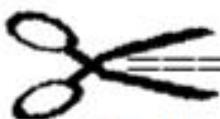


**The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm**

## **Monkton Village Hall**

**Free to all Monkton villagers** - we are celebrating  
**70years** of our Queens Reign by holding  
the **BIG LUNCH** Street Party.

To book your place, please complete the form below  
by **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May** to 5 Seamark Close  
enquiry's to Rachel 822338



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

(any special dietary requirements)

\_\_\_\_\_

## HEDGEHOG AWARENESS IN SPRING

Finally, it's that time of year again, after months of miserable winter the summer is finally in sight, the light at the end of the tunnel that we all long for during those miserable, cold, dark months. As the days get longer; the weather gets warmer, and the flowers all begin to *spring* to life it's important to remember the others who also share our love for the summer. All animals of course but especially Hedgehogs, whose numbers sadly have halved since the year 2000 (State of Britain's Hedgehogs, 2015) and continue to decline each year. The British Hedgehog Preservation society states that as of 2020 they have been classed as "Vulnerable to extinction." (BHPS, July 2020) A clear sign to us all that we need to act now to save them and the eco system that they support.

It is for this reason that I have proposed to the Parish Council a request for the installation of seasonal or permanent 'Hedgehog warning signage' on the roads of Monkton. These will act as a reminder to drivers, to bear in mind the endangered creatures which sadly get killed far too frequently on the nation's roads, especially ours, being in a semi-rural village.

Secondly, I implore everyone to act themselves by following the below advice. In particular, the creation of 'Hedgehog Highways' (A hole level with the ground removed from your garden fence to allow the easy passage of hedgehogs, from your garden to your neighbours.)

These are small simple steps that although are totally purposeless to us, make the world of difference to our Hedgehogs and their population.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I wish you all a happy spring.

Elliot Town



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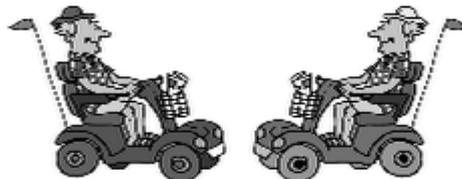
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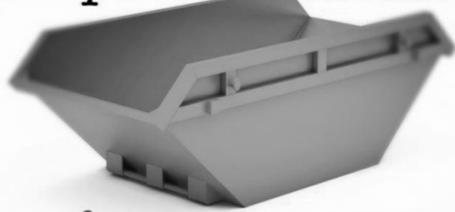
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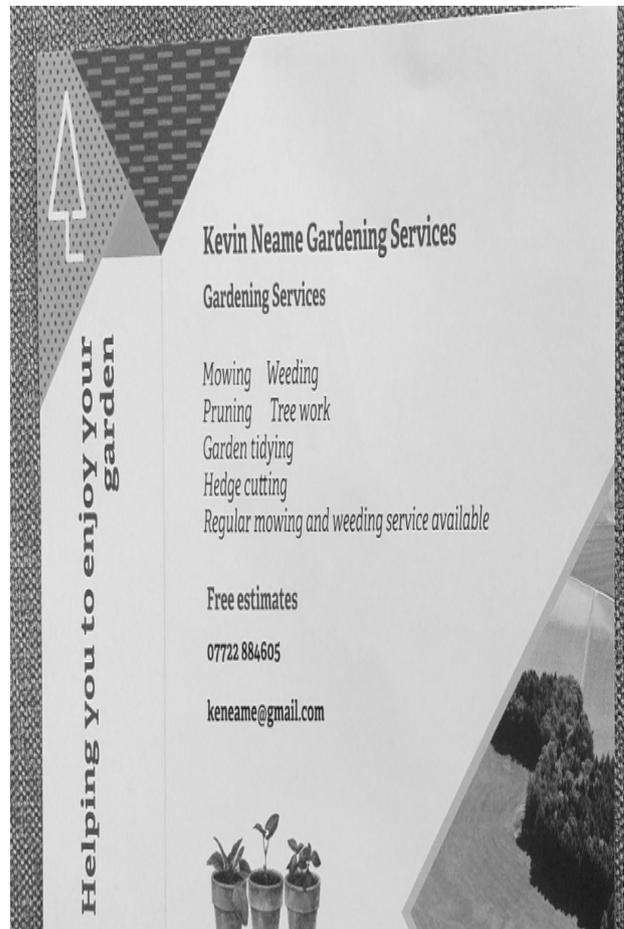
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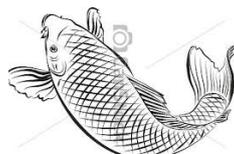
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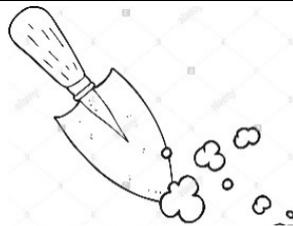
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