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FAMILIES THAT RELY ON OUR HELP AND GENEROSITY
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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Further information from Kay or Harry Horne

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MONKTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL 821394	RSPCA 0300 1234 999
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MONKTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR OCTOBER

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday	11.00-13.00	Ballroom and Latin American Dance	Gordon and Pauline
Monday	09.15-10.15	Dance exercise	Maggie
	13.00-15.00 (2 nd 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
	19.30 (3 rd Tues of each month)	WI	Penny Coleman 821539
Wednesday	10.00-12.00	Retired villagers' social morning	Sara Archer 821989
	19.00-21.00	Line Dancing	Theo Loyla 833643

Saturday 1st October Harvest Festival Supper

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

Wasn't it sad to hear of the death of the Queen early last month? The UK's longest-serving monarch was a much-loved figure and will be greatly missed by many. Well done to the Parish Council (especially the Parish Clerk, Sara Archer), the Bell Ringers and the Church for acting so swiftly to arrange matters to recognise Her Majesty's passing.

I've noticed that it's much chillier now and that the nights are drawing in – don't forget that the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on Sunday 30th October, we will then be back in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Christmas will be upon us in a blink of an eye. Please look out for the posters about the traditional village Christmas lunch in this edition and for information about Window Wonderland.

Don't miss out on your Flu and Covid-19 Boosters – please see the article on page 10.

The new play area at the Recreation Ground seems to be a real hit and we were so pleased to receive a report from our youngest yet contributor, Amelia (page 9). For a chance to have the area named after your child/grandchild please see page 13. If, like Amelia, you have anything to add to this publication, please take note of the new email address: **monktonnews@thecroft.me** – we look forward to receiving contributions from you by the 19th of each month.

Thank you also to Helen Moore, who has been stargazing (page 14) and Terry Marsh for another Monkton Memory – this time about Monkton Marshes (page 12)

RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Make sure that your bins are out by 7.00am to ensure collection.

Friday 7th Oct – Black bin (general waste)

Monday 10th Oct – Green bin (garden waste)

Friday 14th Oct – Blue recycling bin and red bag for paper

Friday 21st Oct – Black bin (general waste)

Monday 24th Oct – Green bin (garden waste)

Friday 28th Oct – Blue recycling bin and red bag for paper

Hopefully these collections won't be affected by the planned road closure.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The sudden death of HM Queen Elizabeth II has saddened us all and Monkton Parish Council were proud to follow the official protocols required of parish councils. This meant a flurry of activity on the day after her death with the purchase of a book of condolence which had to be available for people to sign on that day and notices being put on the notice boards and on Facebook. We are extremely grateful to Sara, our Parish Clerk, for guiding us through the finer details of the strict procedures. The frantic rush ended on Monday 12 September with the reading of the official Proclamation, which announces the death of a monarch and acknowledges the accession of a new one.

This ancient Proclamation ceremony dates back to Norman times and was the only means of passing on this news in the days before the internet, railways or even newspapers.

To return to more local events, we are very pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the new play area. This will take place at 1pm on Saturday 1 October at the Recreation Ground. We are offering the opportunity for the Play Area to be named after your child/grandchild.

All names of eligible children (those who live in the village, have grandparents in the village or attend Monkton school) who turn up will go in a hat and a name drawn on the day. The winner will also be asked to cut the ribbon for the official opening.

At the last Parish Council meeting, Jason Button was co-opted to the council. We very much look forward to his contribution to our team. He has made a great start by attending a Climate Literacy training course, which will hopefully help the parish to lower our carbon footprint. All villagers are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and there is an opportunity for you to have your say on any issues that you feel need addressing. **You can also contact us via the Clerk: clerk@monktonparish.co.uk**

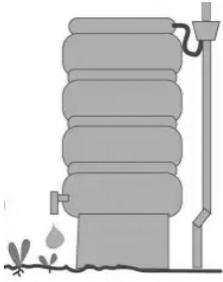
There have been no significant planning applications recently, but we are still awaiting the outcome of the Heyhill appeal.

The ongoing saga of the buses continues. The No 11 was initially axed, but following action by Sir Roger Gale and Preston Parish Council, the route was reinstated for school travel and a very limited service during the day, which would enable residents to access Westwood Cross, but not Canterbury. The No 9, which used to run between Westwood Cross and Canterbury is now limited to a service between Monkton and Ramsgate. This is now an hourly circular route, which enables people from Monkton to get to Minster, but the return route to Monkton is via Ramsgate (an hour's journey!) There is now no useful bus service to Canterbury and the suggested route entails a 30 minute walk to St Nicholas to catch the No 8.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next meeting 7pm Thursday 3 November Village Hall All welcome</p>
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VIEWPOINT

Pastoral Reflection: Sally Willins – Licensed Lay Minister to the Wantsum Benefice.



After so many weeks without rain it was a joy to hear the water-butts filling! We have seven; four of which take water from the shed and run in a regimented line with a feed hose from one to the other.

Water-butts are a useful analogy for the nature of human generosity. Just as the rain falls from the skies, finds its way into a receptacle for storage, and is then allowed to flow out for the benefit of our flowers and vegetables; so it is with whatever comes our way.

If we are on the receiving end of a particular talent; if we have free time; perhaps a little spare cash; or feel deeply impassioned about something – then a generous nature inspires us to freely pass on the benefits of whatever we store in our metaphorical personal water-butt! The tap is turned on and we share for the benefit of others: a teaching skill, a creative skill, time to give to family, friends, organisations; donations to charities; energy and vision to a particular cause close to our heart, and so on.

It's all about acknowledging who we are and what makes us tick, and then sharing: passing on ...

I personally believe it's this water-butt way of thinking which helps create 'society-frameworks' in which people can thrive and flourish.

For those of us who call ourselves Christians one of the ways in which we are called to exercise our faith is by sharing the blessings we have received. And for each of us, that will be demonstrated differently. However, it's always useful to re-evaluate the extent of our sharing from time to time, and to honestly assess whether the impact of that continues to be felt in ways which enable others to spiritually flourish: to ask whether the tap is turned on sufficiently and for the right reasons, perhaps!! And I acknowledge that it's not always easy to discover the answer to that particular question, so we continue to walk closely with our Lord and Saviour, seeking his guidance and prompting.

At a recent Parochial Church Council meeting at Minster, we began by looking at a few verses from Psalm 40 and I close with the words from verse 10.

I have not kept the good news of your justice hidden in my heart;
I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power.
I have told everyone in the great assembly
of your unfailing love and faithfulness.

CHURCH NEWS

The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton

We are part of the **Wantsum Benefice** which comprises the Church of England Parishes of **Minster, Monkton, 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	Mrs Sheila Greenstreet	077887 91468
Licensed Lay Minister	Mrs Sally Willins	822428
Churchwarden (Monkton)	Mr David Mairs	079604 17493
Retired Priest (assisting)	Canon Peter Gausden	825374
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Diana Davies	823017
On Line Contact: info@wantsumchurches.org		www.wantsumchurches.org

To make any general enquiries, or to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Mrs Sheila Greenstreet (077887 91468 or info@wantsumchurches.org).

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

Wantsum Benefice Services – OCTOBER 2022

	Monkton	Minster	St Nicholas	Chislet
Sun 2 October Trinity 16	9.30 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Worship	
Sun 9 October Trinity 17		10.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Weds 12 October		10.30 Holy Communion		
Sun 16 October Trinity 18 – St Luke	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Light	
Sun 23 October last after Trinity		10.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Harvest Festival
Sun 30 October All Saints'			10.30 Benefice Service*	
Sunday 6 November	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Worship	

*Benefice Service including a Commemoration of the late Mrs Ann Bird

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

CHURCH NEWS - continued

The Late Mrs Ann Bird

Following the death of Dr Hugh Bird on 22nd June, Ann continued to be cared for at Slate Barn until after Hugh's funeral on 19th July.

Arrangements were then made for Ann to be moved to a nursing home in the Reading area close to her son, Dr. William Bird. Ann settled comfortably at first, then her condition worsened and she died peacefully on 27th August. The funeral service and cremation was held in Reading on 27th September in the presence of family and friends.

In consultation with Ann's family, it has been agreed that we shall have a special Commemoration of Ann's life amongst us included in the Benefice Service at

St Nicholas' Church at 10.30am on Sunday, 30th October.

William Bird and other family members will be joining us.

This day being a celebration of All Saints' when we commemorate the myriads of faithful followers of Christ, both past and present, we feel it is a particularly appropriate time to remember Ann, and her many years of faithful service in this Benefice.

Sunday Bible Readings in October / November

2	Harvest Festival	Deut. 26, 1 – 11; John 6, 25 - 33
9	Trinity 17	2 Tim. 2, 8 – 15; Luke 17, 11 – 19
16	Trinity 18	2 Tim. 3,14 – 4,5; Luke 18, 1 - 8
23	Trinity (Last) or, for Bible Sunday	2 Tim. 4, 6 – 8 & 16 – 18; Luke 18, 9 – 14. Rom. 15, 1 – 6; Luke 4, 16 - 24
30	All Saints'	Eph. 1, 11 – end; Luke 6, 20 - 31

NEW PLAY AREA

Amelia's view

I just wanted to thank the people of Monkton for such an amazing new playground! I love the swing and I have had a go on the tiny slide now which is also fun. As I grow I will get a lot of fun out of it.

If I had to give a negative comment it would be hard. But the only thing would be I can't swing with my friends now as there is only one baby swing. But apart from that I love it.

Thank you

Amelia



BIRTHDAY THANKS

Margaret joins me in saying a very big “Thankyou” to all those who arranged the ‘Afternoon Tea’ in celebration of my special Birthday last month. The occasion was blessed with splendid weather, sumptuous refreshments and the wonderful company of many friends, from both here and my former parish of Sturry.

On top of all this, I received so many cards and gifts, including a special treat to be arranged involving a steam railway!

My love and thanks to all who planned to make this gathering so delightful, in particular Andy and Sharon Mcpherson who so kindly hosted the occasion in their lovely garden. You have all been very kind and I am truly grateful.

Peter Gausden

FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Looking ahead to 24th December, Father Christmas and his helpers are planning their usual magical visit to our village hall to delight our younger residents and distribute presents. Look out for the poster with all the information in next month's newsletter.

MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP



COVID-19 BOOSTER & ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Please Note:

1. All vaccinations will be administered at **Thanet Broadstairs Local Vaccination Service (LVS)**(located adjacent to Wickes Building Supplies and Curry's Electrical Store
2. You **MUST** have an appointment for your vaccination ('Walk-ins' will not be allowed)
3. You must wear face masks at the LVS (& at Minster Surgery)

ALL PATIENTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY TEXT MESSAGE INVITING THEM TO HAVE THE BOOSTER OR THE FLU VACCINE INDIVIDUALLY, OR BOTH TOGETHER

The next available clinic to have both vaccinations at the same time is on Saturday 15th October 2022.

SHINGLES VACCINATION

Are you aged 70-79 and not had your shingles vaccination yet?

Then **PLEASE** contact the surgery and make an appointment as the vaccination is available any time.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A full list of all Committee Members with their contact information is shown on our Notice board in the waiting room.

Please don't forget **we are always here to help and support you** and you can contact us anytime, by phone or email at kenself@me.com

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November and 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 821049 or email kenself@me.com

NEW PCSO GREENLEAF

Welcome to our new ward PCSO, Brandon Greenleaf who has taken over from Debbie Forsyth. He provided this information:

Reporting a Crime

- Non urgent – phone 101 or online www.kent.police.uk/report
- Talk to us on Livechat available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
- In an emergency, if life is in danger or crime is in progress, call 999
- If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 18000. Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the SMS service.



Stay safe everyone and see you around the village(s).
PCSO BRANDON GREENLEAF 61743

WINDOW WONDERLAND



This year I propose we change our Advent Window Trail slightly. Instead of giving everyone a date on which to light up their windows (as in previous years), I thought that everyone who joins in the trail could decorate and light their window for the last week before Christmas. This way, no one is rushing to put up their display for the 1st of December and no one just has their window admired for one day (if they were given the 24th of December). Of course, you can opt to have them up & lit earlier than the 18th, but the final week would be ideal.

So, if you wish to join in the Monkton Window Wonderland, please contact me by email: gilly@thecroft.me or phone: 821232. You need to have a window that is easily visible from the road where you live and have it decorated & lit every evening from 18th – 24th December.

In decorating your window, you have artistic license - do what you like as long as there's a Christmas theme (it doesn't have to be religious). Idea suggestions are paper cut-outs, light displays, tissue-stained glass and snowscapes.

Once I know the houses that are going to join in, I can produce a map of the participating windows which I can put in the December newsletter and on the Village noticeboards, so that everyone can go around to admire them.

Looking forward to hearing from lots of you.

Gilly O'Neill

MEMORIES OF MONKTON

Monkton Marshes

Last month I referred that the marshes in the Parish looked a lot different in the 1960's than they do today. Just about all of our marshes would have been under grass. The fields were laid out completely different than they are today. Not many fields exceeded 15 acres [6 hectares] in area and they were of all shapes, and most of them outlined by shallow dykes with Hawthorns and Brambles along their banks. It was a time when dairy herds and sheep were seen on most of the marshes in Thanet, and would have grazed the fields from March/April until October/November. How long they were on the marshes depended on when they were dry enough for the animals and not too wet as to destroy the grass.

The water table on the marshes would have been two or three feet higher than it is today with some of the fields being under water for several months during the winter.

Towards the end of the 1960's the change started. Mr Willett of Parsonage Farm [Docker Hill Farm] sold their dairy herd and started to plough up his marshes and sow them in wheat and barley [a late friend of mine, the late Vic Ward, was contracted to plough the fields, and spent nearly all winter doing it with a 50hp, two wheel drive David Brown tractor and a three furrow plough].

An even bigger change happened at the beginning of the 1970's when the marshes were drained. At a time when the government wanted this country to produce as much of its own food as possible. The marshes produce excellent crops of cereals and some root crops [although the latter depended on how soon the ground dried out in the spring].

The Hawthorns and Brambles were grubbed out and most of the old dykes were filled in and new ones, in straight lines, were dug. Most of the fields on the marshes had tile drains put across them.

By the early 1980's nearly all the dairy herds and sheep had gone and most of Thanet's marshes went under the plough. Joining the Common Market in 1973 with its subsidies for growing crops, the over production of milk [remember the butter mountain], and other animal products can be blamed for a lot of the change. Many blamed the farmers for being greedy and implementing these changes. Having spent most of my life working the land I have always been of the opinion that most of these changes would not have happened the way they did without the encouragement and financial backing of various governments at that time.

Terry Marsh

GRAND OPENING OF THE PLAY AREA!

Saturday 1 October, 1pm, Monkton Recreation
Ground



We are offering the opportunity for the
Play Area to be named after your
child/grandchild!*

All names of eligible* children who turn up
will go in a hat and a name drawn on the
day.

The winner will also be asked to cut the
ribbon for the official opening.

And then ... stay and play ... we may even
have an assault course challenge for you!!

Parents and children very welcome.

* restricted to children living in the village, or have grand parents
in the village or who attend Monkton School.

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

STARGAZING IN MONKTON

If there was a silver lining to be found from our imposed lockdown in 2020, it was a new found fascination for all things astronomical. It was a colleague at work who had mentioned in our “let’s all check in daily” WhatsApp group about Elon Musk’s Starlink. So, in April 2020 we found ourselves on a clear night looking up at the sky wondering what to look out for. How on earth had we not spotted satellites whizzing across the sky before? And that was that, watching those little trail of lights moving across the sky started a night sky gazing obsession.

Of course, there’s nothing like catching an actual shooting star or two, rather than man made space hardware to make it all worthwhile.

All you need is a comfy chair and pillow for your neck and as dark a sky as you can get. A bit of patience and a glass of wine helps the time go by too.

August has the best meteor shower of the year, the Perseids, but there are more throughout the year. October sees the Orionids, associated with the Orion constellation with the peak around 21/22 October from midnight. The shower comes from the most famous comet of all, Halley’s comet.

I recommend taking the time to turn off the TV and get yourself outside. Look up! It’s free entertainment and although it sounds like a bit of a cliché, so good for a bit of mindfulness. And if you can’t quite tear yourself away from your phone – just download one of the stargazing apps and use that to learn the constellations. Give it a go – I guarantee you’ll love it.

Helen Moore

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANN BIRD

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our dear friend Ann Bird on the 27th of August.

Ann was the instigator of Messy Church in Monkton. She’d asked me if I could run her to St Nicholas at Wade one Saturday as she’d been invited to their Messy Church and had no way of getting there which of course I did (clever ploy). After a most enjoyable afternoon with a group of children, Ann suggested that we could start up a Messy Church in Monkton which we did.

Children loved Ann, she was interested in what they were doing and what they had to say listening and never hurrying. She was a fine artist and enjoyed showing children how to draw, especially birds.

Ann will be sadly missed by generations of Monkton children from Monkton Monkey’s to Messy Church.

R.I.P. Ann from the Messy Church team

Eileen Brackstone

MONKTON NATURE RESERVE

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Web site: <https://monkton-reserve.org>
Tel: 01843 822666 Email: contact@monkton-reserve.org

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Half-term fun!

Tuesday 25th 11am – Marvellous Moths Morning
Tuesday 25th 2pm Magic at Monkton (Walk with the Warden)

Thursday 27th 11am – Webs, Weave and Walk
Thursday 27th 11.30am – Wild Classroom (cooking over fire)
Thursday 27th 1pm – Bats and Bones

Booking and charges apply for some sessions
– email: education@monkton-reserve.org

Registered Charity – Thanet Countryside Trust 285972

Christmas Dinner

Sat 10th Dec 2022
12:30 for 1pm

Monkton Village Hall
Admission free

Menu.

Soup with a bread roll & butter (if in The Village Hall)
Roast Beef OR Turkey with all the trimmings.
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble.
Mince pie & chocolate mints.



Please return to
5 Seamark Close by Sat 19th November

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Please choose your menu below

1 Name _____ Roast Beef or Turkey (gravy yes/no)
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble (delete one)

2 Name _____ Roast Beef or Turkey (gravy yes/no)
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble (delete one)

(This event is for the villagers residing in Monkton who are retired or semi-retired).



Royal British Legion



Minster & Monkton

61 Augustine Road

Sunday 2nd October

Live music with **The Six Shades of Grey** 2.00pm

Saturday 8th October

Bingo. Tickets on sale from 7.00pm

Friday 21st October

Live music with the **Bread & Butter Duo** 9.00pm

Saturday 22nd October

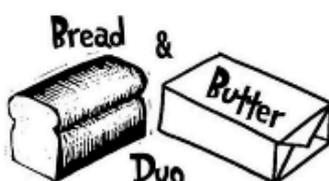
Get your Cowboy on with the **Ill Billies** 8.30pm

Sunday 23rd October

Trafalgar Day with **Not the Shadows** 2.00pm

Saturday 29th October

Children's **Halloween Party** 6.00pm, **D.J** 8.00pm



VILLAGE GROUPS

MONKTON BELL TOWER

OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE AND THE BELLS OF MONKTON

The death of her Majesty Elizabeth II was marked in Monkton by the ringing of bells and the reading of official proclamations but behind this was an impressive amount of organisation under the auspices of Operation London Bridge.

The advent of the computer means that information can be disseminated almost instantly. On Thursday night texts flew between captain of the bell tower, vice-captain and the clerk of the Parish Council when the news became official. We knew bells would need to be rung and on the death of a Monarch they would need to be muffled but not when, how long or in what way. A quick google soon gave us all the answers. Every detail of the time between Her Majesty's passing and the day of the funeral was captured in one 2 page document. This was just a tiny part of the whole operation. It started with the how bells could be muffled or half muffled for the announcement of the death. Depending on the time of day the bells would be required either on the same day or because the announcement was at night this happened at noon the next day. Hurried arrangements were made and the tenor bell of St Mary Magdalene rang out with its muffle attached to one side for one hour on the Friday. A practice with the full 6 bells took place on the Friday evening before being cleared of muffles for a glorious ring on the day of the Kings accession announcement. Once again ringers were rolling around in the belfry attaching the muffles again for the day of the funeral. A big thank you goes out to all who rang, rolled in the dust several times attaching rubber matting to the clappers and ringing up and down in between several times. So Monkton marked this historic occasion, a once in a lifetime experience for so many.

Rachel Horsburgh

MONKTON GARDEN GROUP

Our meeting this month was again well attended and our speaker, Denise Hill, gave a very enthusiastic talk about growing hops at home and brewing beer. For more information about this project visit Hop Along Thanet on Facebook.

Thank you to Jenny and those who helped with the teas and raffle as some of us were away on holiday and a big thank you to Sam Brown for putting out the chairs and tables.

Next meeting will be on Monday 10th October - 1 pm at Monkton Village Hall. Our speaker will be Victoria Golding from the Kent Wildlife Trust - all welcome £3.

Sue Northrop 07759390223



HELP NEEDED

1st Minster Scout Group need your help.

We are looking for a volunteer to either take on the role of Secretary or Treasurer. Our Beaver, Cub and Scout Groups are thriving, providing great opportunities for our youngsters and it would be fabulous if a current parent or someone who has benefited from scouting, could help us out.

For further information please contact:

trustees@minsterscouts.org

YEARLY ADVERTISING RATES

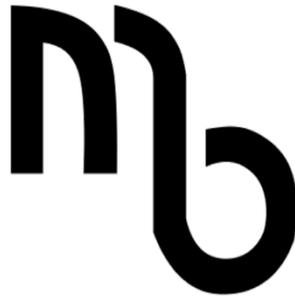
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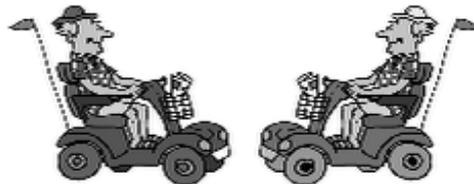
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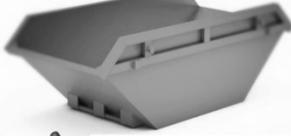
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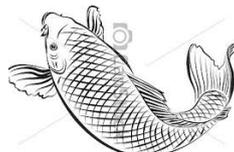
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