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Your Village News

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NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2025



CLENCHWARTON CHURCH
BRIAN EDWARDS 2024



Singers at the Clenchwarton Christmas Concert at the beginning of December.

Photos: David Mace

The lovely watercolour of the church on the front page is by new resident to the village Brian Edwards.

Welcome to your Magazine

This is a monthly magazine and contains adverts from local businesses near you, village and church news and "what's on in the village" as well as articles from our parishioners and the community. We hope it is a valuable resource for newcomers to the village as well as our long-standing residents.

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**We need your articles in by 14th JANUARY for the
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CLENCHWARTON

Your Village News

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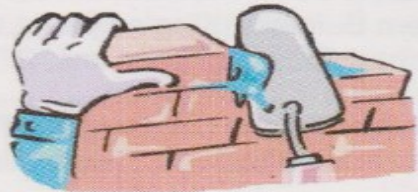
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WELCOME TO THE JANUARY EDITION OF YOUR VILLAGE NEWS.

By the time you read this this, the big day will be over and you may well have taken down all your Christmas decorations. However I want to acknowledge all the time and effort that many people put into decorating their houses, which really cheered up the gloomy days of December. I have taken a few photos around the village, for our inside back page. There was much going on during December - more about that further on. Wishing all our readers a very Happy New Year from the **Your Village News** team. JT

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- Sun 5th Holy Communion service led by Rev'd Barbara Burton
- Sun 12th Morning Prayer with hymns led by a churchwarden
- Sun 19th Holy Communion service led by Rev'd Barbara Burton
- Sun 26th Morning Prayer with hymns led by a churchwarden

All Church Services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated

Everyone is welcome to all our services no matter what their age.

We look forward to seeing you

Methodist Chapel Services in JANUARY

- Sun 5th Service at Terrington St Clement Methodist Church
- Sun 12th Joella Nash
- Sun 19th Cafe Service
- Sun 26th Rev Jackie Goddard - Holy Communion



Every Tuesday morning there is a prayer space:

9am -9.30 am Led prayers

9.30-10am open for private prayer

All services begin at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

Please join us at any of our services. All are welcome to attend.

WARM HUB - ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Once again St Margaret's Church is a **WARM HUB**. The church is open and heated between the hours of 10am - 4pm everyday. There is always tea/ coffee, sometimes hot chocolate or cupasoup, and biscuits. There is a good selection of books, some magazines and games. There are plenty of toys and games for children as well. Thursday morning is the Regular Coffee morning with cakes and plenty of natter. Don't sit at home in the cold - come along to the church where it might just be a bit warmer!

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Walking Group

SATURDAY 11th JANUARY. 10.30am



The next walk is on Saturday January 11th starting at 10.30 from the school. Anyone can join us. The length of the walk varies - depending on who joins on the day. Why not come along and enjoy and a chat whilst walking with friends new and old

**DIARY OF EVENTS in CLENCHWARTON and surrounding
area for JANUARY**

**EVERY THURSDAY 10am - 12 Noon
COFFEE MORNING at St MARGARET'S CHURCH
ALL WELCOME**



- SATURDAY 11th January 10.30am The Walking Group meet at the
school**
- SATURDAY 18th January 2.30pm The Clenchwarton Talk: Julian Cox -
Captain Vancouver**

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NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S

LOOKING BACK.

December is always a very busy month and December 2024 was no exception. In the village there was the light up of the Christmas Tree, a Santa Dash, a Santa Run, and a Christmas Concert (Photos on inside front page) At St Margaret's we had a magnificent Christmas Thursday Coffee morning, and two very special services for the whole family - our popular Nativity and Carol service where we had Mary, Shepherds and The Angel Gabriel, as well as a Narrator. At the Christingle service we gave away lots of Christingle oranges to all the children attending.

LOOKING FORWARD

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION December 1st - April 30th

By popular request we are running this competition again, widening the area for photographs to include Clenchwarton and Kings Lynn, which will provide plenty of scope for all photographers out there! The photos submitted last year were all of a very high standard so I look forward to seeing them all this year.

The competition started on December 1st and runs until April 30th by which time all photos must have been submitted. Two independent judges will judge the photos.

There are three age categories: under 11, 12 – 17, and 18 and upwards. Photos can be taken on phones or cameras and must be printed out before submission (10" X 8"). The

full set of rules are on the reverse of the entry forms which are now in church. There will be prizes for the winner in each category. Entry forms are in the church.

So – get your thinking caps on. Where is the best place to get ‘that’ photo, how will the light affect my subject, what is behind my subject(!) etc? Happy Snapping

EXCITING NEWS FOR 2025: ‘SINGERS of NOTE’ CONCERT

The very popular group ‘Singers of Note’ are making a return visit to our church on **14th June 2025 at 7pm**. Be sure to put this date in your diary as their concert sold out very quickly last year!



The Clenchwarton Talk

Saturday 18th January 2.30pm - Methodist church hall

Our speaker in January is Julian Cox who will be telling us about King's Lynn's most famous sailor **Captain Vancouver**. Be sure to make a diary note for Saturday 18th January at 2.30pm. Entrance is free and there will be refreshments provided. Donations most welcome.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST YEAR

‘This was the year that was not the year’ By Brian Bilston

This was the year that was not the year
I repaired the bathroom tap
and emptied out the kitchen drawer
of a lifetime’s worth of crap.

This was the year that was not the year
I spent less time on my phone.
Nights of passion did not happen
in boutique hotels in Rome.

This was the year that was not the year
in which I launched a new career.
A West End hit eluded me
as did Time Person of the Year.

This was the year that was the year
I didn’t get that much done –
much the same as the year before,
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At the beginning of 2025, we look at the months stretching ahead of us with no idea of what they will bring. We may have plans, dates already in our diary, things we are looking forward to, but there is so much more unknown and unknowable. 2025 is a year waiting to be discovered and waiting for us to engage with. That can seem quite scary when we look at the chaotic world around us, or when we find ourselves with personal turmoils.



On 11th February 2022, Pope Francis wrote that 2025 would be a Year of Jubilee to be celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church. Since 1300, the Church has celebrated jubilees – first every 100 years, then (following Biblical systems) every fifty years, and more recently every 25 years. The Jubilee started on Christmas Eve and will run until Epiphany (Jan 6th 2026) Recognising the impact of Covid across the globe, Pope Francis wrote “The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

Jubilees are times of celebration, but also times to reset things and start over with new energy and purpose. The invitation is for us to choose hope over despair; to feed ourselves with the things which cause us to hope, rather than negative things which drain hope; and to act in hope for transformation of our own lives and the life of the world around us. May the God of hope bless you in 2025 and bring joy and peace to our homes, our communities, and to our fragile world.

Every blessing

Revd Jackie Goddard

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PASTORAL LETTER

Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....



Janus is the name of the Roman god of time and new beginnings. The first month of the year, January, was named after him. Usually, he's depicted as having two faces, allowing him to look back at the old year and forward into the new one. New Year is a time when we, too, can look forward to the year ahead with all its promise and opportunity whilst looking back and taking stock of the year gone by. Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher once said: "Life is learnt backwards but lives forwards".

But what's in a name? Do our names say anything about us? My name, 'Barbara', means 'stranger' – do you know what your name means? Names are important. They are how we know a person and they are part of our identity. We read in Psalm 139 that God made each one of us how we are. He knew all about us before we were born, and what's more, he loves and cares about each one of us. Amid all the grandeur and beauty of his creation and amid all its diversity and complexity, we are special to him, and he calls each one of us by name. The fact that God knows us better than we know ourselves is both comforting and unnerving! But wherever we are in our relationship with God, staying close to him in prayer is a good place to be. New Year is all about fresh starts and new beginnings. Try prayer – it can make all the difference!

Tuesday Morning Prayer Service

In these troubled times there is much need for prayer. Perhaps you are worried about World affairs and the tragic loss of life caused in many countries by nations with leaders ignoring the will of God. Perhaps you are concerned with affairs in your own life. Maybe you have lost someone or are worried about the health of someone dear to you. God will always listen. Sometimes prayer is easier when you are with others. Please feel free to join the Rev Jackie Goddard at the Chapel on Main Road any Tuesday Morning between 9 and 9.30am when there are led prayers and 9.30 to 10am when the Chapel is open for private prayer. You will always be welcome. Your prayers will always be heard.

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WEDNESDAY

📍 Aerial Fitness and Fun Centre, Kings Lynn

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Clenchwarton Parish Council

December's parish council meeting was held on the 5th and was attended by Councillors Coates, Lucas, Wilson and Thornalley and the Parish Clerk. Also in attendance was Councillor Kemp representing the County Council. Only one member of the public attended.

Councillor Coates started the meeting by reminding everyone about the Christmas events coming up. Then the meeting quickly proceeded through the County Councillor's report, which covered a range of topics including the opening of a dental school within the UEA, additional updates on proposals to improve the Ferry and West Lynn footpaths and finally a request that the public should let the council know opinions on the proposed reduction in street lighting on the Hardwick industrial areas.

Moving to village matters, the insurance policy for the new tractor was discussed. The tractor has been received and the upgraded security door and alarms have been installed in the garage area. The clerk reported that the insurance quotes received were a lot more than expected and that alternative insurers were being contacted.

Quotes for the two new bus stop shelters have also been received and a preferred supplier identified. The supplier when confirmed will coordinate the installation with the highways department.

Updates on the pavilion were provided with confirmation that the fire extinguishers check and repressurising was being scheduled for the next week. Also covered was an update on the long-term hire agreement with the football club where the council had reviewed the issues raised by the club and agreed a plan to move forward. The agreement with the bowls club is still outstanding and it is hoped will be resolved soon.

The planning application for the new car park is being prepared and work is still ongoing to determine whether any changes to the drainage is required.

Progress has been made reconciling the allotment accounts and the outstanding invoices will be issued soon.

The next meeting is on 2nd January.

JC

Borough Councillor report by Councillor Steven Bearshaw

The Borough's ageing leisure and swimming facilities.

The importance of physical activity in promoting health and wellbeing has long been acknowledged. According to Sport England's Uniting the Movement Strategy 2021, engaging in physical activity, such as community sports, fitness, and exercise, has numerous benefits for individuals and society as a whole. These benefits range from improved mental and physical health to enhanced career opportunities and social cohesion. However, in our borough, both adults and children have higher rates of obesity and overweight compared to the national average, while their activity levels are lower. Consequently, the overall health of the borough is worse than the national average, and although life expectancy is higher, the number of years lived in good health is lower, indicating a disparity in health outcomes between the least and most deprived areas resulting in a difference in life expectancy of almost 7 years for men and 1.6 years for women.

A national study has shown that for every £1 invested in new venues, there is an approximate return of £4 in improved health, social, and economic outcomes.

The St James Swimming Pool, opened in 1975 and is now at the end of its economic life. It incurs high running costs, particularly in terms of energy, and maintenance expenses are escalating. The facility's quality has deteriorated, and its capacity for income growth is limited. Additionally, visit levels have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Similarly, the Oasis, which opened in 1984, is also at the end of its economic life. It has high energy bills, mainly due to poor roof insulation. The facility has significantly aged and is no longer attractive to residents or tourists. The two facilities account for almost 40% of the council's overall carbon emissions along with requiring significant capital investment to remain operational, with St James alone requiring over £2m to remain open over the next 3 years. In fact, I recently learned that the walls of the 12-meter deep St James pool are being held in place solely by the water pressure from the pool itself.

Currently, the council subsidizes the operation of its leisure facilities with a cost of £1.4 million, which is expected to increase. However, neither of these facilities is attracting enough users, and they fail to align with the council's strategic goals of delivering effective and efficient services, reducing carbon emissions, addressing health inequalities, and promoting the area. This cycle of underinvestment, rising costs, and diminishing health and community

benefits must be addressed promptly to prevent further burden on West Norfolk Option One:- relocate St James pool with a new 25m x 6 lane pool and learner pool at Lynnsport or an alternative town centre location. This can be achieved either as a first phase project which integrates the new pool (with new dedicated pool changing) into the existing on-site facilities or instead, as part of a simultaneous whole site refurbishment or replacement of existing facilities. The first phase pool-only option is estimated to cost approximately £16.2m. The new pool could deliver up to £540k net annual revenue improvement; increase usage (compared with St James) by 50,000 visits per year and improve operating performance (cost recovery) from 80% to 98%. Given the impending major maintenance costs at St James it would be sensible to accelerate the new pool and aim for a synchronised closure and opening of the old and new pools.

Option Two – replace Oasis at an existing or alternative site in Hunstanton. Preferably at or near the seafront in a highly visible location to retain and further tourist usage. It should include a 25m x 4 lane pool with a water splash area; soft/adventure play; fitness gym and studio and café. The estimated cost is circa £27.8m including approximately £800k for replacement public toilets; deliver approximately £383k net annual revenue improvement; increase usage by around 126,000 and dramatically improve operating performance from 58% to 92%. Because of major impending maintenance costs of the Oasis and the continuing/growing subsidy levels, the council should aim to develop a replacement for Oasis either simultaneously with the new pool in King’s Lynn or as a rapid ‘follow on’ development.

Option Three – redevelop the existing ‘dryside’ facilities at Lynnsport (fitness, gymnastics etc) either at the same time as the new pool or as a later, second stage development. The existing facilities have been developed incrementally over the years resulting in a complex, albeit significant, collection of facilities with poor customer flow and management control.

The initial feasibility study included a high-level review of options for wider redevelopment of Lynnsport ranging from a new pool with expanded fitness and soft play at a total cost of around £41m through to these, plus expanded gymnastics at around £44m. However, there are three important points to note:- (a) further feasibility work is required; (b) the return on improved net annual revenue compared to the capital cost of these wider options is likely to be much lower than the improved revenue return on Option One i.e. investing in the pool and (c) replacing the pools at St James and Oasis as part of the borough’s strategic priority of ‘three sustainable pools’ should not be compromised by a prior financial commitment to a wider redevelopment of existing facilities at Lynnsport.

County Councillor's Report by Alexandra Kemp

As we enter the New Year, West Norfolk finds itself on a tightrope of change, balancing momentous risks: the timely rebuild of our hospital before its predicted structural collapse; the growing crisis in Adult Social Care worsened by NCC's failure to invest in its Care Home Estate and the loss of local democracy, under the name of Devolution, is back on the table again.

The Spectre of Devolution Looms

A new Government White Paper will suggest radical replacement of Norfolk's ancient Borough, and County Council, with one "unitary" Council with Suffolk, under an Elected Mayor. Yes, the option that Norfolk voted against in 2016 could be back on the agenda soon, due to out-of-touch Whitehall bureaucrats who do not understand Norfolk's sheer size, dispersed communities and ageing population. This is not devolution; it is a power-grab and most likely an asset-grab too. The last time there was a local government reorganisation, NCC took automatic ownership of Lynn's Carnegie Library from the Borough. We successfully fought "Devolution" in 2016 and now we must fight it again.

QEH Rebuild and Management Merger

The QEH is facing Government plans to make all 3 Norfolk acute hospital share the same Chief Executive and Chair. Will this place West Norfolk services at risk? When the NHS "STP" or Sustainability Partnership was formed in 2016, I strongly objected that the QEH lost its path lab, and all the samples were sent to Cambridge. This is still causing delays in diagnosis and extra costs for the QEH.

Call for Public Inquiry into Conservative County Council Wielding the Axe in West Norfolk

I believe West Norfolk deserves the best and so I tabled a Motion at the County Council in December, calling for a Public Inquiry into how the County Council's Company Norse, disgracefully closed flagship West Norfolk Care Home Burman House, that delivered an exceptionally high standard of compassionate dementia care to our most vulnerable residents. Yes, NCC turned people in their 80's and 90's with dementia, or who are bedbound, out of their Care Home before Christmas, with no consultation, no scrutiny at any Committee (My Call-in to the Scrutiny Committee was refused) no Equality Impact Assessment, and no evidence that the (secret) Sufficiency Statement considered West Norfolk's specific needs or whether more residents will face being placed in Care Homes further from their loved ones as a result of NCC's secret review of its Care Home Estate. NCC was out of order closing such a good Care Home in West Norfolk, showing extremely poor judgment and lack of humanity regarding the risk to people with dementia and the known distress of being moved. A quarter of Norfolk's Care Homes do not even achieve a Good rating but Norse Care Homes like Burman House have longer-serving, better-trained staff compared to the private sector in Norfolk.

The Conservatives voted against the Motion, but they must be held accountable. Norfolk County Council's Company Norse made a loss of £5.7 million last year. But it is

completely unacceptable that the Conservative Administration picked on a good Care Home in West Norfolk to make cuts, while the Leader of the Council disingenuously claimed Norse is a standalone company and she could do nothing about the closure. NCC owns 16 of the 19 NorseCare Care Homes but most of them are 60's buildings. NCC says it will not invest in renovating 60's buildings. It however poured money into renovating 60's building County Hall but pulled the plug in the residents of West Norfolk's Burman House.

Protect Local Farms

I voted in support of a Motion at full Council which means NCC will write to Govt to ask it to think again about the changes to Agricultural Property Relief which could put the survival of family farms at risk. The loss of local jobs, food security, and increases in the price of food would be in no-one's interests.

Check Your Mobile Signal on the NCC App

Norfolk County Council has launched a new online tool so you can check the strength of mobile phone coverage at your address: go to www.Norfolk.gov.uk and enter in the search engine: "Is Your Mobile Signal Rubbish? Council uses bin lorries to map mobile coverage in Norfolk".

County Councillor Alexandra Kemp

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SOME NEW YEAR'S QUOTES

"I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser." — *Robert Paul*

"A new year means you will be a little bit older but not any wiser than today! Alas!" — *Unknown*

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions." — *Joey Adams*

"A new year means you will be a little bit older but not any wiser than today! Alas!" — *Unknown*

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." — *Brad Paisley*



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Puzzle Page

**We start the New Year with a quiz on Norfolk towns.
How well do you know Norfolk?**

1. Which town on the River Bure was noted initially for its linen industry but then became wealthy through the weaving of worsted cloths?
2. In the Middle Ages it was home to a sheep and woollen industry thus the Butter Cross in the Market Square built by the orders of George Walpole.
3. The town that has been voted Town of the Year in Norfolk the most often. It is situated on the River Waveney to the west of Bungay.
4. Famous for its crabs and its pier.
5. Situated on the River Ant it is the home of the Museum of Broadland Life and the Firehouse Museum. It is the site of one of the first fire houses in the UK.
6. In ancient celtic it means muddy water and it is situated on the River Chet in which there are more than twenty types of river birds plus creatures which include the platypus!!
7. It is the largest town in North Norfolk and gained its wealth in the middle ages from the cloth industry.
8. This town grew up on its fishing industry. You can take a trip on a steam railway from here.
9. A town on the River Tiffey with a twin towered abbey.
10. It has unique striped cliffs and it faces the sea to the west.

Good Luck!



Your letters



Dear Clenchwarton

New Years Day marked my first three months in Clenchwarton. I was drawn to the village by the prospect of living in a well-lit and warm modern home with good public transport links and a fine medieval church. All in contrast to my former rectory in the Scottish Borders with its high ceilings and poorly fitting single glazed windows, two hour bus service and none on Sundays.

So Clenchwarton ticked a good few boxes, not least the prospect of walks along the seabank of the Wash and trips to Welney, Sandringham and Tichwell. Not that I have to go far to enjoy the daily fly past of pink footed geese.

I quickly discovered that St Margaret's was the religious and social hub of the village. I started to attend the Sunday services to renew my Christian faith and make friends. I say renew my faith but I was raised as a Baptist, Methodist and Quaker so the Anglican liturgy was relatively new. I soon realised, however, that the community at St Margaret's was open and non sectarian. I felt at home straight away.

As I sit in the church on Sunday mornings staring at the stained glass, gothic arches and ancient timbers, I find myself contemplating life. As a retired architect and academic there is solace in the fine workmanship of the building, the hymn singing and Barbara's biblical teachings. Although my children are far away and my wife lost to cancer, St Margaret's gives me another family.

The church has been important over the past months and so has the bus to Lynn and the wonderful quaint ferry. The 'Good Mornings' on bus and ferry start the day with optimism and smiles. Clenchwarton is fortunate in its transport links and the by-pass a mile away.

So after three months I'm starting to feel at home. There is much to explore such as the handsome Fenland churches which landmark my views. Subjects I hope for my sketchbook. There is also the Peter Scott walk which I now know in part but not in totality.

Thank you again Clenchwarton for welcoming a stranger.'

Brian Edwards

NATURE WATCH by Grahame Sampson

The last time I wrote Nature Watch I mentioned seeing a Red Kite at Dersingham. Well you do not have to leave the village to see such a sight because no sooner had I wrote my article than I was walking down Ferry Road when I saw a Red Kite flying above me. It appeared to be mobbed by two much smaller birds that I assumed at first were rooks but I soon saw that the two smaller birds had the same style of flying as the kite and were trying to mimic the kite. It became clear that these were two youngsters being taught by their mother. If driving a car I don't think I would have seen this so it is another advantage of walking when you can rather than driving. You see much more.

The winter brings a greater variety of birds to the garden. The sparrows and goldfinch still outnumber the rest but other birds have now appeared. I expect some of them are winter visitors from further north. You always associate the robin with Christmas and it is this time of year when they seem to be more noticeable. They are about all year but I seldom see one in the garden during the summer months.

Birds and indeed all species seem to know what they can eat and what they cannot eat. I wonder how dogs have managed to survive extinction because they seem totally unable to resist eating anything even if eating the product will make them ill or indeed kill them ie chocolate or raisins. Their reliance on humans appears to have made them unable to think for themselves, or maybe it is the humans who are at fault. Wild creatures have parents who teach them how to survive. Dogs are taken away from their parents at a young age, they have no one who can teach them.

Throughout Terrington and Clenchwarton there are signs asking for help in tracing missing cats. Is someone taking these cats? Perhaps it is more likely that the cat who has no loyalty has found a home where there is more food or warmer surroundings. Still I hope that the real owners are reconnected with their errant pets soon.

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association



MAGPIE CENTRE GEARS UP FOR 2025

Latest development at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, is the creation of the Nest Therapeutic Learning Centre, which launched in November.

This initiative supports learners who struggle in mainstream educational provision and home educated learners.

Early indications are most encouraging with students learning about many aspects of equine care and some have enrolled on ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) short courses in animal care.

ASDAN was established in 1991 with the aim of promoting educational inclusion and providing opportunities for learners who face barriers in traditional education.

First fundraising diary date of 2025 is the Back to the 80's Disco, scheduled for Saturday 25 January 7.30 pm – 11 pm at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PW.

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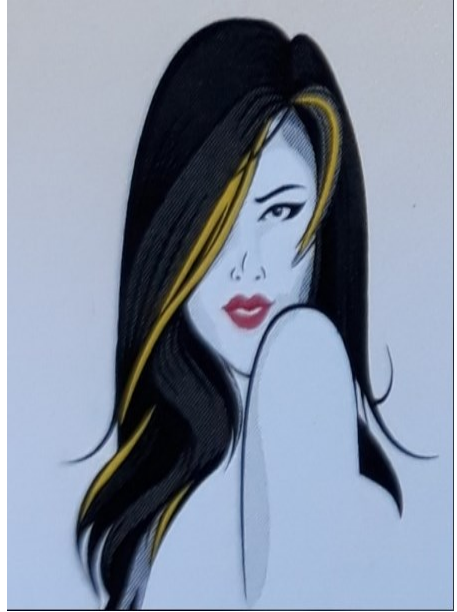
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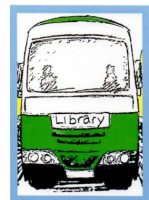
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