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Dear Readers,

As the spring daffodils fade and blossoms now appear on the trees, we are currently experiencing some lovely spring weather all be it a little breezy. I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy our country surroundings, yet keeping in mind the ongoing desperate situation of those in the Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers are still with them.

In this issue we have details of some preparations in place for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Do get involved to make all the events a success for the village.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis.

**Copy for the June Barton Miller should be with the Editors by
20th May, please.**

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Generation of Hope

My wife, Jenny, and I have recently led a Christian pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Whilst visiting the various places in the areas of Jerusalem and the Galilee which relate to the life and ministry of Jesus, we also went to a school and boys' home called Jeel al Amal in Bethany, a town a few miles from Jerusalem. Bethany is within the Palestinian territory but it has been split in two by the Israeli Separation Wall. There is great need in that area and all the boys who live there, about 50 of them, are orphans without any family to look after them. There are a similar number of boys and girls who join them as day pupils at the school. We have been there many times over the years and it is wonderful to see all the happy smiling faces of the children and the dedication of the staff to give them the best care and education they can with very limited resources. For these children there was no hope until they were taken into this school.

The name Jeel al Amal translated into English means Generation of Hope. It was founded in 1972 by Basil and Alice Sahhar as an institution for the protection and welfare of needy boys and it is now led by their daughter supported by a very dedicated team of teachers and house mothers along with admin staff. What I find inspirational about this place is that it brings hope to those who had no hope and through their care and education most will go on to get good jobs in the future and a good number of past students have gone on to study at university and come back to serve their communities as teachers and doctors.

There are many in our own country who are without hope, too. I pray that we may all be looking out for those who are lost and help them find hope!

Rev'd David Everett - Vicar



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Churchwardens: Dave and Jo Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL.
Tel 711274. To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and Peter Alder

Other PCC Members : Alan Butcher, Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis and Sandra Woollard.



Prayer Chain - There is access to a prayer chain for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please contact the church Elders mentioned above

COFFEE MORNINGS

**EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 TO NOON IN
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ALL VERY WELCOME



CHURCH SERVICES May 2022



Sunday 1st May 9.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 8th May 9.30am Morning Worship
5pm Healing Service

Sunday 15th May 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd May 9.30am Morning Worship

Thursday 26th May ASCENSION DAY
7pm Group Holy Communion Service at Freckenham

Sunday 29th May
11am Group Holy Communion Service at West Row

Sunday 5th June 11am OPEN AIR SERVICE, on the Playing Field,
for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

All are welcome to join us at these services

CHURCH GATES: after the suggestion last month that perhaps we could have new gates at the front of the church to mark the Jubilee, there have been several comments as to whether we really need gates there at all. The way into the church should be open and welcoming, so the gates would need to be open for most of the time. Looking at other local churches, several do not have any gates. What do you think?

ORGAN RECITAL by DAVID POULTER, 7pm in church on Saturday 9th July. David plays the organ once a month for our church services. He has formerly been Director of Music at the Cathedrals of Liverpool, Chester and Coventry.

Tickets, £10 each, for an evening of glorious music, from:
Dave Traher, (01638 718328) and France Lewis (01638 713155).

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aid of
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W.I. Refreshments in the village hall.





ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST



Well, summer is slowly emerging and the BBQ season has had a slow start with some fierce winds blowing out the flames but we press onward.

The churchyard is really looking quite fantastic and so restful. We are so grateful for the wonderful work of the Payback Team. Do have a walk around and perhaps spend a few quiet moments sitting on one of the garden benches. The trees in the Churchyard have now been pollarded and the quotation for pollarding the lime trees on the Church Meadow border has been received. I noticed too, that the north wall of the church needs attention and so we must consider this.

Looking ahead, the Queen's Jubilee draws ever closer. We do hope that her Majesty enjoyed a healthy and peaceful birthday on 21st April and we really honour her many years of service to both the UK and other countries around the world. The plans for the weekend of celebrations in June are progressing well. The Charity will be involved in a number of functions but it is important to mention again that on SUNDAY afternoon, 3rd June 2022, the MIDNIGHT OIL JAZZ QUINTET will be performing here again. We enjoyed their superb concert last year in December and we are sure this will be a wonderful part of the celebrations for the Jubilee. You can purchase tickets from two of our Trustees, Alan Butcher and Liz Jarvis. (See details at end of article.) Don't forget that later this year, after much acclaim and requests, FELIX SIMPSON, TERRY ADAMS and BAND will be returning on FRIDAY 15th July at 7.30 pm. YOU MUST BOOK EARLY! Alan and Liz have tickets available.

We really look forward to the year ahead and, knowing how much we have to sort in the maintenance of the church I urge you yet again to support our cause.

Many thanks for your donations and also involvement in so many ways. It will be appreciated by all who use the church for worship and other functions for generations to come.

One last important request. Having now resolved the need for a Treasurer we are now seeking a Trust Secretary as Frances Lewis has retired after many years of service. Help please!

Ever Onward (I think!) Warm regards, Dave Traher, Chair.

Tickets for functions; Alan Butcher 01638 713534 and Liz Jarvis 01638 583728.



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



I am grateful to have been given the health and strength to work four days a week, this means I must get up early in the morning and am given the privilege of enjoying many wonderful sunrises and the early morning dawn chorus. It's worth getting up for, I can recommend it! I read one day of a man who wondered what it would be like if we went to bed some night knowing that the sun would not rise again the next morning. Think of the coldness and the unending darkness that would gradually move across the earth. Plants would wither, flowers would wilt, trees would die and all of life would perish for lack of sunlight. Thanks be to God, the sun does rise every day, its warm life-giving light floods the earth – **our hope is renewed. Every morning the sun's rays remind us that the long night of sin and darkness will give way to our eternal day in heaven.**

The whole world seems to be struggling one way or another, wars, famine and bad weather make headline news. **All of this shatters our hopes for our future yet the Bible tells us there is hope for the world.** However, it is not to be found in human efforts but in the **return of Jesus Christ, He alone can solve the problems that are baffling mankind.**

Many claim to have hope but only those whose hope is in Christ can claim it with certainty. Hope comes not from strength intelligence or favourable circumstances but from the Lord. As maker of Heaven and Earth He alone has the right to promise hope and the power to keep the promise. Titus 2 v 13 tells us that from this time forward we must look for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our strength and hope is in the Lord, We rest secure in His sure Word

And though we're tempted to despair, We know we're kept within His care.

We meet at the Chapel each Sunday at 3p.m. why not join us? You will be made most welcome.

F.A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

In preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, the Parish Council are holding a litter pick weekend on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May.

The Council have arranged for litter pickers to be borrowed from West Suffolk Council.

The Council will designate areas to groups of pickers to ensure we cover the whole village on the morning of both days.

If you would like to join in and help to keep the village tidy, please meet at the Village Hall on either morning at 10:00am.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Tuesday 3rd May at 7:00pm the Chairman, Neil Horne will hold the Annual Parish Meeting of Barton Mills. This is a public meeting open to all residents.

The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This meeting is to agree annual items including electing the Chairman, council representatives and agreeing the annual account.

The agendas for both meetings can be found on our website.

CHANGES TO THE RIVER LARK

In October 2021 James Dyke from the Environment Agency, attended the Parish Council meeting to present proposed changes to the River Lark. James now has some drawings he would like to present to the Parish Council. At the time of print no date has been confirmed as to when James will return to present these. Once the date is confirmed the Parish Council shall inform residents of the date of this meeting via the website, social media and the agenda of the meeting which can be found in the notice boards.

The next Parish Council meetings will be **held on Tuesday 3rd May** (following the Annual Parish Meeting) **and Tuesday 7th June at 7:30pm**. The meetings will be held in the Village Hall.

In the event of an extraordinary meeting being held before the next scheduled meeting, it will be published on the website and on the notice boards.

The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or during the meeting at the Chairman's discretion. To raise an item at any meeting please contact the Clerk at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963

Clerk: Jadi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook and Nextdoor: Barton Mills Parish Council

All over 50s Welcome
BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Jeanette Moser – 'Everyone has a Story to Tell'.

Wednesday 18th May Coach trip to Audley End. Contact Ann for further information.

Refreshments to follow
We look forward to seeing you all and
welcoming new members.
£3 non-members/ £2 members

Enquiries to Ann on 01638 510008
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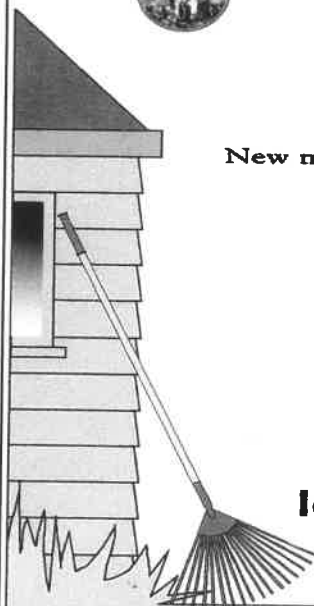
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100 CLUB WINNERS

April 22

£30	123	H. Clements
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**If you would like to become a member please contact our
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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

The Museum's opening hours are Tues., Wed., Thurs. SAT.
2-4.30 AND ON Fridays 10.30-4.30.

MILDENHALL MUSEUM SOCIETY

The May and June meetings have been rearranged, so that the outing to Hawstead to visit to Khaki Devils, run by Taff Gillingham, will now take place on 5th May. So there will not be a lecture meeting in May.

Please see the museum noticeboard for more details.

Our April speaker was Kevin Boardman who spoke on the subject of 'The Role of Women on the Oregon Trail'. Focused on the mid 1800's this talk was about how hard it was for the women to make the 2000 mile journey across America to a (hopefully) better life. They had very little in the way of 'mod cons' but still had to cope with all the laundry & cooking whilst negotiating 20 plus river crossings, rough terrain, mountains & deserts together with illness & sometimes death. Not for the faint hearted.

Kevin himself had done this route - by car and with his wife driving him!

A very entertaining talk which kept our ladies engrossed throughout.

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Good Neighbour Scheme – Villagers lending a hand

The Barton Mills Good Neighbour Scheme is one of at least 35 such schemes in Suffolk which have over a number of years been able to step in and help their community neighbours when they have needed assistance. Different schemes have different offers of support depending upon the range of skills or facilities that their volunteers bring to the mix.

Our scheme here in Barton Mills is geographically based within the Parish of Barton Mills, which includes the residential properties in Worlington Road and Tuddenham Road. Our insurance cover for our volunteers and our liability insurances are thus geographically limited to the Parish boundaries. However, we have been called upon in rare and exceptional circumstances to help some others within adjacent parishes and in such cases volunteers have elected to assist outside of the scope of the scheme. Such is the willingness to lend a hand when one is needed.

If you need help that is within our ability to provide, please do not hesitate to contact us to see how we might assist. Whether that is a one-off task or is ongoing through regular calling in for chats and befriending. You can see from our advertisement in the Barton Miller the range of services that we offer free-of-charge from our willing volunteers but don't be afraid to ask if there is something that you need help with that is not listed. We may still be able to help or pinpoint services that could. (We cannot offer professional services for which qualified personnel such as electricians, plumbers and central heating engineers must be engaged).

Please remember that you can contact us on **07419 211040** or e-mail us at [**barton.neighbours@gmail.com**](mailto:barton.neighbours@gmail.com) to see if we can help you with your needs.

We are always pleased to hear from potential new volunteers and if this is something that you would like to consider doing, then please contact us on our telephone number or at our e-mail address – see above.

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MAY NATURE NOTES.



Look and listen for swifts arriving after their amazing flight from southern Africa. They will be in desperate need to find a nesting site on a house or perhaps in our church tower and need to catch vast numbers of high-flying insects. To see examples of routes taken by these amazing birds on their annual migrations, go to Worlington church where there is a large map on which was plotted, by the late Judith Wakelam, the migration routes taken by a swift which was fitted with a geolocator in Waterbeach, Cambs. on 28th July 2011. Via southern Spain (3-9 August), West Africa (12th August) Democratic Republic of Congo (24 August-10 Dec.) it reached Mozambique by Dec. 13 and stayed until Feb. 28th 2012. Then the return journey began – via Northern Angola, Gabon, Ivory Coast, across the Gulf of Guinea and right back to its breeding site in Landbeach on May 12th 2012.

If a swift chick falls from its nesting hole and can't be put back for its parents to feed it, special skills and patience are needed to rear it. Clare Scarff at Feltwell was trained for this by Judith; 07773 226963. She is on Facebook as Wildlife Lounge.

Norma Chapman

MAKE BARTON MILLS A BETTER PLACE? JUST A SUGGESTION ...

Jubilee spruce-up. It has been suggested that if every property which has frontage on to a public footway were to be swept free of loose gravel, accumulated leaves and weeds the village would look a lot smarter. Where there is not a physically able resident perhaps an adjacent neighbour would sweep a few extra yards.





BARTON MILLS **JUBILEE QUIZ**

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE 2022

in BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL

6.30pm DOORS OPEN

7pm START of QUIZ

8pm FISH and CHIP SUPPER

QUIZMASTER: KEVIN MILLIGAN

**Come as a team (up to 8 people) or come on your own
– teams can be made up on the night.**

Questions with a ROYAL theme. How much do you know?

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Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow, (713155)

This is part of the village Jubilee celebrations.

Numbers will be limited, so early booking is important.

SCARECROWS in BARTON MILLS

Some history: in 1998, Lis and Colin Brotherton, who had been visiting a village in Yorkshire which had been holding strange but successful events called 'SCARECROW FESTIVALS', suggested that Barton Mills should have a Scarecrow Festival. The idea was that lots of people should put scarecrows out in their front gardens, and other people would come to look at them. It seemed rather a crazy idea to most people but it was agreed that the Barton Mills Church Preservation Trust would organise this for Barton Mills. A programme of events was organised for a weekend in June, and lots of local people and groups were persuaded to take part. Sure enough, scarecrows of all types, not just Worzel Gummidge 'look-alikes', appeared in gardens all round Barton Mills. And people came out of their houses to look at them – and to talk to their neighbours, and to welcome visitors who also came to see what was going on. Money was raised by serving refreshments, providing car parking, entertainments and more, and was donated to various charities.

At village meetings it was decided to hold another Scarecrow Festival in 1999, and to go for a Guinness record for the greatest number of scarecrows in one place. This we did, and although we were told at the last minute that only human shaped scarecrows could be counted, so that the 101 Dalmatians at The Manor, nor the various other straw animals could be included, two local magistrates counted 761 'human' shaped scarecrows in Barton Mills on Sunday afternoon 13th June 1999. And we were awarded the appropriate Guinness Record!

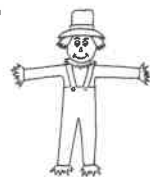
Because the Festivals were proving to be such fun, and a great way to raise funds for charities, as well giving enjoyment to lots of people, it was agreed to hold another Scarecrow Festival in 2000, which we did. The programme for the weekend included dancing and gymnastic displays, a dog show, open gardens, cream teas, a music concert and an open air 'songs of praise' on the field. Once again, many charities benefited from the money raised.

Then it was decided that because the Festivals did take rather a lot of hard work to organise, they should only be held on alternate years. So 2002, 2004, and so on till 2014, were Scarecrow Festival years in Barton Mills, with themes that included Celebrities, Recycling, the Olympics, Scarycrows, and much more. Programmes included all the previous events, and even some pedal car racing! Many thousands of people from far and wide came to Barton

Mills and we achieved national recognition! And an amazing amount of money was raised for many charities, and for the Church Preservation Trust. All this was made possible by the help of many local organisations and individual people who gave so much of their time and energy.

In 2016, the usual Scarecrow dates coincided with the celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday, and it was agreed that the special village party being organised by the Parish Council should be held instead. In the following years, with some committee members slowing down in their increasing years, the energy needed to run Scarecrow Festivals has not been found. But now? To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we hope to see some Barton Mills Scarecrows out again

Frances Lewis, ex Chairman Barton Mills Scarecrow Committee.



HOW TO MAKE A SCARECROW!!

Scarecrows can be all shapes and sizes. Although they are usually rather like Worzel Gummidge, whose many friends and relations stand in farmers' fields, they can be made to look like animals or other creatures.

For a human shape, it is easiest to have two wooden poles, like broom handles, which can be tied together to form a cross. The upright pole should be fixed into the ground, and the crosswise pole can be tied near the top to make the arms. But, if you are putting a shirt or jacket on to your scarecrow you must slide the arm pole in to the sleeves before you tie it to the upright. Wooden arms don't bend! The head can be made by stuffing a carrier bag, then painting a face on to it, and the body can be a stuffed bin bag. Again, put the body on to the upright pole before you fix the arm pole in place. Scrunched up newspaper, or straw, are useful for stuffing. Old tights make useful legs.

There will be a **SCARECROW MAKING SESSION in the CHURCH ROOM on WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 6.30 to 8pm.** Do come to this to get some hints, and perhaps find out what other people are doing. There should be straw available in the church car park from the middle of May onwards.

Whether or not you are one of the people who have agreed to make a scarecrow to represent one of the 70 years of the Queen's reign, please do make a scarecrow and put it out in your front garden on Thursday 2nd June, ready for the weekend, to join in the celebrations.



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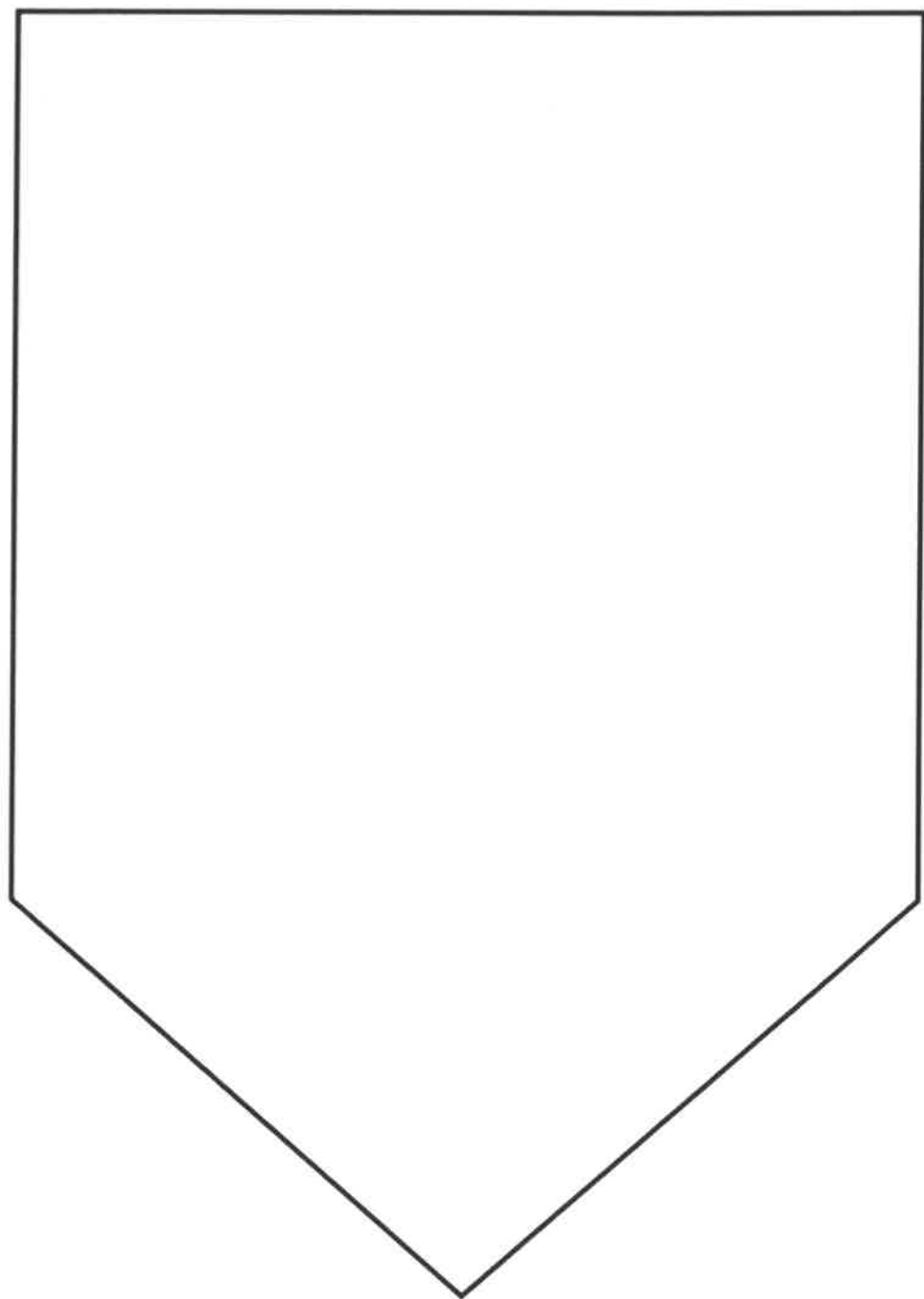
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If you have forgotten or misplaced last month's Barton Miller and would like to still colour some bunting for the celebrations - Spare copies of the April edition can be found in the church porch. Alternatively use page 19 as a template



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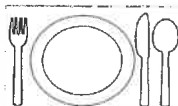
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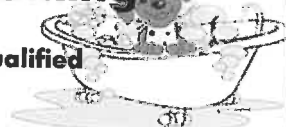
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