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Hello readers. As we step into March, we welcome the first signs of spring—a season of fresh beginnings, growth, and renewal. With longer days and warmer weather, there's a new energy in the air, bringing exciting opportunities for families to spend time together.

After a wet winter, now is the perfect time to step outside and enjoy nature's changes. The trees will bud, flowers will bloom, and birds will fill the mornings with song. Whether it's a simple walk in the park, a bike ride, or an afternoon exploring the woods, March invites us to embrace the outdoors and enjoy the beauty of the season.

This March we celebrate; **British Science Week** (7th Mar to 16th) **World Day of Prayer** (7th); **International Woman's Day** (8th); **St. Patrick's Day** (17th); **Global Recycling Day** (18th); **Spring Equinox-First Day of Spring** (20th)!: **Mothers Day** (30th).

Please contact us if you have any charity events, articles, recipes, healthy living tips or need to voice opinion. Please submit by 5th of each month.



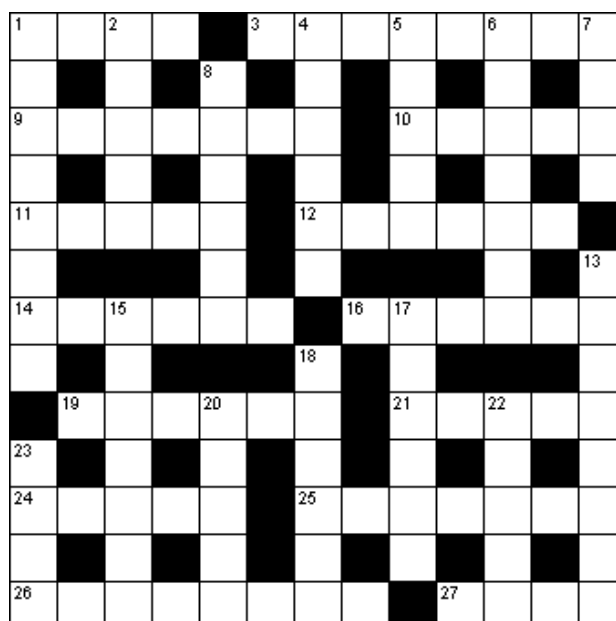
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- 1 Dubious (8)
- 2 Allowed to enter (3,2)
- 4 Unassuming (6)
- 5 Neighbourhood pub (5)
- 6 Lottery (7)
- 7 Dutch cheese (4)
- 8 Fervour (6)
- 13 Three-sided figure (8)
- 15 Framework for climbing plants (7)
- 17 Kin (6)
- 18 Petition to a deity (6)
- 20 Courted (5)
- 22 Young mare (5)
- 23 Petty quarrel (4)



Across

- 1 Uninteresting (4)
- 3 Cooked egg dish (8)
- 9 Spoken (7)
- 10 Punctuation mark (5)
- 11 Latin-American dance (5)
- 12 Farmed fish (6)
- 14 Cricket arbiter (6)
- 16 Raffia (anag.) (6)
- 19 Beer producer (6)
- 21 Cosa Nostra (5)
- 24 Snapshot (5)
- 25 Fuel for Christmas fire (4,3)
- 26 Back and forth (2,3,3)
- 27 Write, using a keyboard (4)

The Orton Waterville Village Show

The committee is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 16 April 2025 at Orton Waterville Village Hall in Glebe Avenue. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact Joan on 07816 533956 or joantiplady@yahoo.com or Angela on 07884 043811 or angela.henderson2@ntlworld.com

Famous Plant Sale and Pop-Up Café Saturday 10 May 2025

The Plant Sale will be held between 10am-12midday at Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue on Saturday 10 May 2025. This is a Cash Only event.

Those who have been to the Plant Sale before will know that an early visit is advisable for the best pick of the plants on offer. There will be a wide range of summer bedding and container plants as well as perennials and vegetables.

If anyone is planning to divide their plants or has any spare plants or vegetables to donate, they would be gratefully received as donated items are always popular. Please bring them to the Village Hall between 6 and 7 pm on Friday 9 May or before 10am on Saturday 10 May 2025.

By popular request the Pop-Up Cafe, which is also Cash Only will again be held in the Jubilee Room with coffee/tea and delicious cakes available. This is an opportunity to quench your thirst after buying your plants and to catch up with friends and neighbours. There will be a 'plant crèche' enabling you to leave your plants safely whilst you enjoy the refreshments.

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Become Part of Parkside Athletic Football Club!



Parkside is a welcoming and inclusive club, providing children with the chance to play football in a supportive environment. We're currently recruiting players and volunteer coaches—whether you're new to the game or have plenty of experience, we'd love to have you join us!

Get in touch with Malcolm:

01733 753 918 / 07590 481 535

gaffer.parkside@hotmail.com

Bushfields Sports Field, Orton



The Orton Social Group

We meet once a month on the first Thursday of each month in the Orton Waterville Village Hall. 2-4 pm

After the Women's Institute group closed, we decided to continue to meet in the afternoon and opened it up to include any women or men from the Ortons who would like a bit of companionship. We aim to invite speakers on alternate months and meet for coffee/tea/cake on the other months, where we will have board games available together with a quiz and conversation.

The 6th March meeting will be a beetle drive, this is a traditional board game where you draw the parts of a beetle on the throw of a dice and the first to draw a complete beetle wins!

We are an evolving group and open to suggestions from members as to the content of meetings.

Entry is usually £2. We aim to cover the cost of the village hall hire, tea and coffee, there is always a raffle with small prizes.

What can we help with

- ☐ An opportunity for older people to socialise, make friends and participate in activities.
- ☐ A hot meal is served at lunchtime with refreshments throughout the day.

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- ☐ **Get Involved**
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YOUR COMMUNITY

Orton Longueville Parish Council

Contact Parish Clerk
Alison Brown on 07907 160161
Chairman is Nick Penniall

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except August in the Herlington Community Centre, Orton Malborne Peterborough PE2 5PW at 7:00 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity at the start of the meeting to bring up matters of concern which the Parish Council will discuss at a future meeting if they can't be dealt with immediately.

Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website:

ortonlongueville-pc.gov.uk

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Thank you for joining us for our summer coffee mornings



We have enjoyed your company and hope you enjoyed ours



We have raised over £1000 for the Women's Refuge

Natter & Knit, Crochet, Embroider or Cross Stitch at the...

CRAFT & CHAT GROUP

We meet on a Tuesday at Orton Waterville Village Hall between 10:00-12:00

Come along and enjoy a chat while you knit or sew! £2.00 per session includes tea and biscuits.

Contact:

Gina 07809 292379



ST. ANDREW'S ALWALTON



COFFEE MORNING

10:30- 12:30

Wednesday 12th March



ALL
WELCOME



Community Litterpicks

The regular monthly litter pick from The Herlington Centre is taking a break. If any community or local group in Orton wishes to organise a litter picking event please feel free to loan equipment stored at The Herlington Centre. This can be loaned by contacting the centre Mon- Thurs and speaking to Dave Warne on 01733 233132 or visiting the centre in person. Individuals are also welcome to borrow the equipment.

For help and support in organising a litter pick in your own area contact Ward Councillor

Cllr Heather Skibsted on 01733 201085
Or Peterborough Litter Wombles on Facebook

Orton Bridge Club

Meets Monday and Friday evenings at

Orton Wistow
Community Centre

We are a small, friendly club and new members will be made most welcome
Please ring Brian Harrison on 01733 661507 for further details

SILVERTOPS at CHRIST CHURCH

For the over 60s at
Christ Church Orton Goldhay
Wednesdays at 10am except
3rd Wednesday of each
month at 2pm

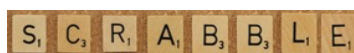
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ORTON WATERVILLE METHODIST CHURCH CHAPEL LANE



Rummikub

Friday 14th March
from 2:30pm



Friday 28th March
from 2:30pm

Friendly Fun
For all levels of ability

Orton Waterville Parish Council

Parish Clerk is Mrs Alison Brown who can be contacted by email:
clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk or
by telephone 01733 346483.

Meetings are now taking place on the last Wednesday of each month (except August) at 7:00 pm in the Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue.

Members of the Public are welcome.
Should you have a matter to raise, please contact the Clerk before the meeting.

Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website
ortonwatervilleparishcouncil.org.uk

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane

Drop-in for the Retired

Every Monday
afternoon
between 2pm
and 4pm



Meet up with old friends and make some new ones, newspapers, magazines, games and crafts available to keep the hands and the mind active or spend time in company over tea and biscuits.

Whist Group

Meets on a Friday evening, 6.30pm - 9.30pm at

Orton Waterville Village Hall.

The charge £3 per session with tea / coffee provided.

It's a friendly group and has been going for 40+ years but would welcome new people.

WHIST

Days of the Week

Having made my way through the months of the Year, I have decided to finish by explaining the origins of the days of the week. We believe that we have a seven day week because God made the earth in six days and rested on the seventh.

However the seven day week was used in Mesopotamia in the time of Abram and perhaps was carried with him in his wanderings and was adopted and adapted, especially as the Sumerians included a day of rest in their week.

The days were named after the Sun, the moon and various local gods. The Romans adopted the idea but named some of the days after their own gods, Mars day, Mercury's day, Jupiter's day, Venus' day and Saturn's day. These names for the days are still used in other countries, such as France.



However, our days are named after the Sun, the Moon and then after the Anglo/Saxon deities. Tuesday is Tiw's day. Tiw was the god of war. He was a son of Woden, the chief god after whom Wednesday is named. Thursday is Thor's day after the god of thunder and Friday was named for Frigg, the beautiful wife of Woden. For some reason Saturday kept the name of Saturn. It is strange how things develop and one word will take the place of another. Much is to do with the way we have become a polyglot nation as we have so many words adopted from other tongues. JH

The Benefits of Cycling and Joining a Cycling Club

Cycling is a popular and rewarding activity, whether you are commuting to work, exploring scenic countryside routes, or engaging in social rides, cycling has never been more accessible or beneficial. Additionally, joining a local cycling club can enhance the experience by providing social connections, skill improvement, and access to local knowledge.

Cycling is an excellent form of exercise that improves both physical and mental well-being. Some key health benefits include:

Cardiovascular Fitness: Cycling strengthens the heart, lungs, and circulatory system, reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Muscle Strength and Endurance: Regular cycling enhances lower body strength, particularly in the legs, hips, and glutes.

Weight Management: As a calorie-burning activity, cycling aids in maintaining a healthy weight and reducing obesity-related risks.

Mental Well-being: Cycling reduces stress, anxiety, and depression by releasing endorphins and promoting outdoor activity.

Joint-Friendly Exercise: Compared to high-impact activities like running, cycling is gentle on the joints, making it suitable for all ages.



Finding a Cycling Club : There are numerous cycling clubs across Peterborough catering to different levels and interests, from beginners to competitive riders. Websites such as British Cycling and Cycling UK offer directories to help find clubs in your area. Whether you prefer road cycling, mountain biking, or leisurely rides, there's a club suited to your needs. Some tried and tested clubs for the experienced rider wanting to join a club are; CTC Peterborough, Peterborough Cycling Club and Yaxley Riders.

THANK YOU FOR FROM THE PETERBOROUGH LIONS CLUB

Peterborough Lions Club and Santa would like to say a great big "thank you" to everyone who came to say hello and for kindly donating to our Christmas donation . We have raised an amazing £5,000 during Santa's visits to various supermarkets and street collections.

This will help support Cruse Bereavement Care (Peterborough) our President's project (www.cruse.org.uk), as well as maintaining our free community minibus that is available to local community and charity groups and other welfare requests we support.

For over 50 years, Peterborough Lions Club, has been helping local good causes. All money raised goes towards charitable causes as all administration costs are paid by members.

We are always looking for willing volunteers to help with our work. If you are interested please contact us via the website (peterboroughlions.org.uk), Facebook (fb.com/PeterboroughLions) or Instagram (Instagram.com/peterboroughlionsclubuk). You will also find information on our various fundraising, welfare and fun activities.

Orton Waterville Show Committee

Proudly Presents Our Next Event...

PIG Race Night



Tickets
£5
per person

Wednesday 12th March

7pm – 9pm

Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue

An evening of crackling fun with your newly bought pig. Racing against the other Piggy syndicates you will be aiming to be the fastest pig of them all!
Pigs can't fly, but they sure can run! Come along, have a pig-ceptional evening!

**Pay your pig race fee, roll the dice,
and run little piggy**

Entry fee per person is £5, entry fee per pig race is £1 (approximately 6 races in the evening) Pigs will be provided..... at a cost!

Nibbles and a raffle

Bring your own drinks and piggy bank money!
Come along and raise money for the village show (6th September)

Tickets available from Joan or Angela

joantplady@yahoo.com or 0781 653 3956

angela.henderson2@ntlworld.com or 0788 404 3811

REFLECTION — It is Probably common for us all whenever we think of a "miracle" that we envision it as something instant, Something which happens suddenly, with flashes of light or explosions. But there is another kind a slow motion miracle. It may not be a one off celestial event that is happening right before our eyes. Instead, it might be more the kind in which the miraculous change happens over a period of time. Its no less marvellous and extraordinary it just takes longer for us to recognize it. And no matter what God has his hand is in it.



In Marks Gospel ch4, verses 26.34 Jesus is teaching in parables, explaining what the Kingdom of God is like. He compares it to a farmer who sows seeds. The miracle is that, night and day, the process of growth begins and continues.

No matter if the farmer is awake or asleep, the seed still sprouts and grows. He [Jesus] goes on to say, It is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds on the earth, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants. And that is something , to me, that is certainly miraculous. Most of life's biggest miracles come with patience. Something may happen or someone may say a word or two which plants a seed in our minds and hearts, our spirit and soul seeds may sprout anywhere in our field, and the kingdom can find its way into our lives and that can be surprising. The biggest surprise, though, is that you and I are also those same sowers of seeds. Even the simple things you or I might say or do can have an enormous influence on others. A passing smile might seem insignificant, but to someone who is hurting, you are the bringer of joy. We are Gods seeds of care, compassion, peace, and hope, and love and are all readily available and primed for planting. He plants them in us, and we are called to then plant them in others. The miracle may not happen in a blink of an eye, but God is continually growing and blooming with a fragrance which will yield a bountiful fruit.

Prayer. Please, help us share your seeds of Love. So we can, all sprout and grow

Into your miraculous works of art . Amen.

Blessings and Peace to you all Today.

Rena / Major / SA

WALKING WITH FRIENDS IN & AROUND THE ORTONS

We continue to hold our free weekly walks over the coming weeks into Springtime, so please come along and join us on our friendly strolls around the Ortons, whenever you can find the time. Simply turn up on the day, join the walk and enjoy the company. (Dogs, under your control, are welcome too). We look forward to seeing you, whenever you can make it. (For further details go to www.vivacity.org and scroll down to Wellbeing Walks)

Ramblewood Walk

Every Thursday morning at 11.00am

Meeting place: The Ramblewood Inn car park, at Orton Hall, Orton Longueville

Approx. 1 hour (3 miles/5km)

Don Worby – 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email don.worby@ntlworld.com

Hampton Vale

Every Tuesday morning at 11.00am

Meeting place: Outside the Sue Ryder shop in Stewartby Avenue. PE7 8ND

60 minutes approx.

Don Worby - 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email don.worby@ntlworld.com

Ferry Meadows Three Lakes morning walk

Every Monday at 10.00am

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931 179962 or 01733 713206 or email barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk

Ferry Meadows afternoon walk

Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931179962 or 01733 713206 or email barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk

Botolph Green/Ferry Meadows walks

Every Friday morning at 11.00am

Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road, Peterborough,
60-90 minutes

Barbara Parsons – 07763 345817

Bereavement Wellbeing Walks

On the First Saturday of each month at 10.30am.

Meeting place. Notcutt's car park PE2 5UU.

Approx 60 -75 minutes.

Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers.

Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at peterborough@cruse.org.uk

Central Park Walk

3rd Saturday of each month at 10.30am

The Willow Cafe, in Central Park,

Approx 30 – 60 minutes

Walk Leaders. Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers

Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at peterborough@cruse.org.uk

City Centre Walk – Cathedral Green,

Every Saturday morning at 10.30am

Meeting place: Cathedral Precincts, just inside the Norman Archway main entrance, PE1 1XS

Approx. - 90 minutes

Eleanor Elliott 07745 173790

Orton Waterville Methodist Church, Chapel Lane

Sunday Morning Worship
Normal services 10.30am

March 9th Holy Communion
at 10:00am with Rev. Janet Titterton
Church Council

Wednesday 19th March at 2:00pm
All are welcome.

Orton Friends

Drop in for retired people.

Every Monday afternoon
between 2.00pm. and 4.00pm.

Come and meet with friends old and new.
Share in a variety of activities and
refreshments.

Rummikub

Friday 14th Mar

Scrabble

Friday 28th Mar



The Salvation Army Matley Community Centre Orton Brimbles

Services are all Sunday Worship

All services start at 10.15 — All are Welcome

For further information please contact:
Major Rena Litchfield

Tel:

01733 230830/394200

Email:

rena.litchfield@salvationarmy.org.uk



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1 Timothy 1:15. The Bible

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Orton Goldhay and Orton Malborne

Revd Canon Sarah Gower sarahcgower@btinternet.com
or 01733 394411

March 2025 Services

Services

Sunday March 02	10.00 am	Morning Worship
Wednesday March 05	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (St Michael's, Chesterton)
Friday March 07	2.00 pm	World Day of Prayer Service
Sunday March 09	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Holy Communion
Sunday March 16	10.00 am	Morning Worship Sunday
March 23	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Healing Communion
Sunday March 30	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Worship

Coffee Connect meets twice this month on Fridays, March 14 & 28, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat

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Rev'd Canon Sarah Gower

Tel 01733- 394411

Church wardens;

Mr David Neate 236823

Prof Jonathon Chambers 233638

Normal services at 10.30 a.m.

March 2025

All Services at 10.30

2nd Family Service

9th Holy Communion

16th Morning Service

23rd Morning Service

30th Café Church in the

Colonel Dane Memorial Hall

Services based on Common Worship

For other activities please see the
website

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The Orton Benefice: St Mary's Orton Waterville and Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville.

Rev'd. Imogen Falvey

Tel: 01733 230896

Email: revimogen@gmail.com

(Rest day Friday)

Website

Full details of church services can be found
on the [A Church Near You](#) website.

St Mary's Orton Waterville

Church Warden

Mr Daniel Goymour

01733 231535

For bookings of Weddings and
Baptisms and Funeral Enquiries

Rev'd Falvey 01733 230896

revimogen@gmail.com

2nd @ 9am Holy Communion

5th Ash Wednesday Service @ 7.30pm
@ Holy Trinity Church

9th @ 9am Morning Praise

16th @ 10am Benefice Holy
Communion @ Holy Trinity

23rd @ 9am Morning Praise

30th @ 9am Holy Communion for
Mothering Sunday

All morning services followed by
refreshments

Charity Coffee Morning on Saturday
22nd 10.30-noon

Holy Trinity Orton Longueville

Church Wardens

Jackie Harrison 01733 238732

Mrs Sue Martin 01733 288875

Baptism and Churchyard enquiries

Jill Norman 01733 237872

jill.748norman@btinternet.com

Wedding and Funeral Enquiries

Rev'd Falvey 01733 230896

revimogen@gmail.com

2nd @ 10.30am First Sunday All-Age
Worship

Ash Wednesday 5th @ 7.30pm Benefice
Holy Communion with Ashes

9th @ 10.30am Holy Communion

16th @ 10am Benefice Holy Communion

23rd @ 10.30am Worship for All Holy
Communion

30th @ 10.30am Morning Praise for
Mothering Sunday

All morning services followed by
refreshments

Coffee morning on Saturday 8th from
10.30am-noon.

PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK.

If you would like to donate items for the
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Orton Waterville Methodist Church

will be pleased to receive them at any of their events
and pass them on to the warehouse.

St. Michael's Church Chesterton

Rev Canon Sarah Gower

01733 394411

Services for March

2nd 9am Holy Communion

9th 5pm Evening Prayer

16th 9am Morning Prayer

23rd 5pm Evening Holy Communion

To learn more about our church visit the
"A Church Near You" website.

All Welcome

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE CHURCH

founded in 1976 in Orton Malborne

Herlington Community Centre

Services for March

2nd March - 10.30am

9th March - 10.30am

16th March - 10.30am

23rd March - 10.30am - Richard Renouf

30th March - 10.30am - Mothering Sunday

Contact: Tracey 07479 933845

All are welcome





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MOVIE OF THE MONTH The Tree of Life

2011 (12A) 2h 19m

The Tree of Life is a unique and visually stunning film that explores big questions about life, faith, and the universe. Directed by Terrence Malick, it tells the story of Jack, a man looking back on his childhood in 1950s Texas. He remembers his loving but strict father (Brad Pitt) and his kind, nurturing mother (Jessica Chastain), reflecting on how their different ways of parenting shaped him. Alongside these family moments, the film also takes viewers on a breathtaking journey through the history of the universe, from the creation of the world to the challenges of growing up. It's a thoughtful, poetic movie that encourages reflection and conversation, making it a great choice for families who enjoy deeper, meaningful storytelling.



Malick constructs the film around a contrast between two ways of living:
The Way of Nature – Representing struggle, ambition, and survival.
The Way of Grace – Representing love, forgiveness, and spiritual transcendence.

This contrast is reflected in the film's structure, with long, flowing sequences of everyday life interrupted by grand cosmic imagery—dinosaurs, nebulae, and the formation of Earth—mirroring the biblical and existential themes. Malick uses visual storytelling rather than conventional dialogue, making the film feel like a dreamlike prayer rather than a straightforward narrative.

A visually stunning and deeply spiritual film, The Tree of Life is a profound meditation on existence, suffering, and grace. While its abstract nature may not be for everyone, those willing to embrace its poetic storytelling will find a deeply rewarding experience.

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A DATE FOR
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We are a very friendly group of mixed ages and abilities so come along and enjoy this popular leisurely sport.
We look forward to welcoming you and answering your questions about Bowls. The new season opens on 1st May and runs through to the middle of September. Just turn up with flat smooth soled shoes (no ridges) by 13.45 any day and we will do the rest.

We will be holding an Open Day at the end of April so watch this space for more details.

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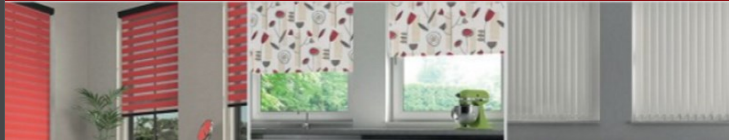
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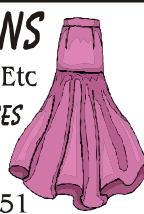
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