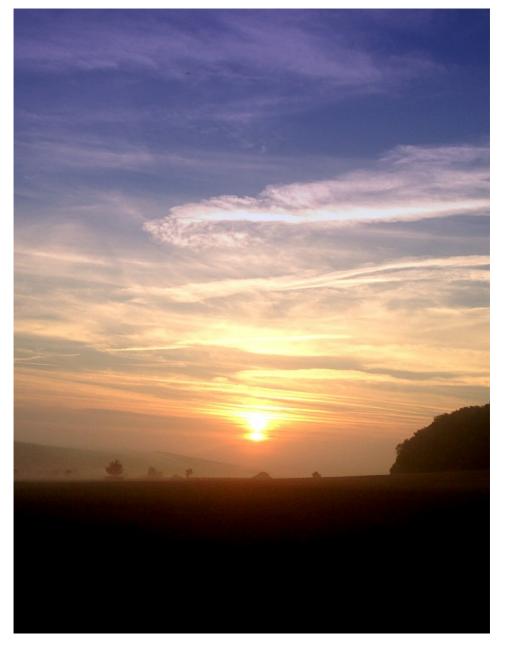
# Maiden Bradley

**Parish News** 

No. 305 November 2014



# Diary November 2014

	Cinema Club – Memorial Hall c Club Coffee Morning – Horningsham Hall & Table Top Sale – Memorial Hall	10.00 am 10 am - 12 noon 9.30 am -1.30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	All Saints' Patronal Festival Service - Church Household & Garden Waste Collection Bingo – Memorial Hall	10.30 am 7.00 am 7.30 for 8.00 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Official opening of Doctor's Room in the Hall Remembrance Service – Church Black Box & Blue Bin Collection Parish Council Meeting – Memorial Hall P.C.C. Meeting – Condlyffe Cottage Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall Bird Club Meeting – Memorial Hall Car Park Cinema Club – Memorial Hall	12 noon 10.30 am 7.00 am 7.30 pm 7.00 pm 2 .30 pm 10.00 am 10.00 am
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Parish Communion – Church Household & Garden Waste Collection Mobile Library – Somerset Arms Kids@MB – Memorial Hall	10.00 am 7.00 am 9.35-9.45 am 6.00-7.30 pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Fri	Welcome Club Meeting – Horningsham Hall  Deadline for Contributions to December Mi	2.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Holy Communion – Church Black Box & Blue Bin Collection Welcome Club Bingo - Memorial Hall	10.00 am 7.00 am 7.30 for 8.00 pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	W.I.Meeting – Stourton Village Hall Holy Communion – Church	7.30 pm 10.00 am

#### Mass times in Warminster and Mere:-

St. George's, Warminster – Saturday 6 pm (Vigil); Sunday 8 am, 10 am St. Mary's, Mere – Friday 10 am; Sunday 5 pm

Dr Harding's Surgery every Monday at 36 Church Street except Bank Holidays 5-6 pm. Due to pressure of work the Surgery at Silton, Bourton, is unable to accept repeat orders for medication by telephone. Please bring your orders to 36, Church Street the week before they are due so that the Doctor can collect them.

Dustbin Day every Monday; for Bank Holiday changes see Wiltshire Council website. Mother & Toddlers every Tuesday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Useful telephone Nos.: The Village Shop: 844206; The Post Office: 845040; The Pub: 844207; Village Hall bookings – Mel Thomas: 845111; Dr. Andrew Murrison MP: 01225 358584 or murrisona@parliament.uk; Mere Link Scheme 01747 860096; Rev Carol: 01747 861859.

Maiden Bradley Parish News: contributions are welcome in any format E-Mail: pat@visa-office.com or marklucasphillips@yahoo.co.uk

#### From the Editor

November, a time of Remembrance, especially this year, one hundred years since the start of the First World War. There are many initiatives across the world to commemorate this historic event, and in the UK we have The Tower of London's swathe of pottery poppies and GCHQ'S human poppy as national focal points. Here in Maiden Bradley, Mel Thomas and his supporting committee at the Memorial Hall are creating a Memorial Garden, part of which will be a WW1 commemorative bench. Details of how to donate to the purchase of the bench, are on the back page.

How many of us have lost that excited feeling and expectation of fun that autumn brings with its dead leaves, conker fights, bonfire nights, apple dunking, mischief night and fireworks!

I always love autumn, the log fires, mulled wine and of course the making of the Christmas puddings and cake.

For me, it is the busiest time of the year with many birthday celebrations, Christmas presents to buy and the house to decorate for the festive season.

In Yorkshire, Mischief Night is the night before Guy Fawkes, when children roam the neighbourhood bringing mayhem to the neighbours in forms of doorbell ringing and running away, posting nuisance through the letterboxes etc. and of course sending gnomes and other garden paraphernalia on its holiday. This activity has now largely been replaced with "Trick or Treat" when neighbours receive the opportunity of sending the would-be offender away with a bribe not to be troublesome.

Please send us the photographs of your Guy Fawkes festivities and costumes and the best will be published next month.

# Pat Kennedy - 845397 or pat@visa-office.com



We have had a busy time in All Saints lately. Recently we remembered and buried the ashes of a past "pillar" of the church Penny Luff who was churchwarden for many years here in the mid-70's whilst her son (Charlie) and daughter (Camilla) were in their teens. She and her husband moved to Spain and latterly she lived in Alton. The reading was Jesus sending out "70 others" to reach the wider community and

thought that reflected how Penny had reached out to the Maiden Bradley community with her humour and can-do attitude. She was very much a modern day disciple of Jesus.

We have also celebrated Whitesheet School harvest in church. I am always delighted to see the enthusiasm and talent of the school in reading, singing and playing, there were also some beautiful prayers. We thought about the theme of thankfulness and remembered the story of the ten lepers (10 children were bandaged up) and though they were all healed only one returned to give thanks to God for all he had. Being thankful and grateful is important we felt.

In this last week I have become a year chaplain for Year 7 at Gillingham School and will stay with that year group through their time at the school. There are chaplains for each year from various local churches. We will take assemblies, go into tutor group and hope to run an occasional drop-in at lunchtimes.

With every blessing

**Rev Carol** 

# Family News

News of the tragic accident that killed Anne Freeman's father, David Hick, shocked the whole area and we should like to send deep sympathy to her and all her family. Those of us with long memories remember when he lived here in Maiden Bradley, and could still see him walking his dogs in Bruton if driving down that way, so the shock was even greater.

It is many years since Geoffrey and Penny Luff left Perry Farm to go and live in Spain. When Geoffrey died Penny brought his ashes back to be buried at All Saints' and on 19<sup>th</sup> October Charles and Camilla brought their mother's ashes to be buried here with his. Family and friends attended a Thanksgiving Service beforehand led by Rev. Carol and although a sad occasion it was lovely to see Charlie and Millie again and to meet their families.

Meg Oliver - 844317

# **Retail Ramblings**



We're game for anything this month it seems :

from venison steaks, and whole rabbits, through the hugely popular game faggots, all from La Chasse in Zeals, to the smallest of quails eggs in their freckled shells.

Whilst we can't claim to stock a loaf small enough for a soldier to fit a quails egg, there are some new loaves coming from Taylor's very soon, and other cold weather favourites such as fruited tea cakes, and fat, springy crumpets.

Which brings me neatly on to butter, and Rose Farm jams, and Nigel Mylnes honey from Brixton Deverill, and a large mug of tea...

On a savoury note, now is the time that we begin to turn to stews and casseroles, curries and compotes, and everything you need is here, from the root vegetables, to the gravy mix, to the diced beef from Andrew Barclays, strong brown onions, crisp button mushrooms, and a couple of baguettes to mop up the juices. Curry pastes and sauces, pickles and pappadums, and fabulous sweet mango chutney.

And if you can't find what you'd like please ask, and we'll do our best to get it, grow it, or otherwise legally obtain it..

And sometimes a slug of hot chilli sauce over a bowl of pasta and tomatoes is all you could wish for...

Comfort eating at its very best!

So, here we are; you can post a letter and send a parcel, have your trousers cleaned, peruse your paper, melt into a glossy magazine, bite into corn bread toast and cherry jam, pick a pie, pot some trout pate, get directions, share the news, and a great deal more besides. All at The Shop...

## The Shop committee

For the newcomers to the village in the last few years I thought it would be useful to remind everyone how the shop is run.

The Shop is run by the Maiden Bradley Village Shop Association Limited which is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978. This means that although it is not a charity it is run as a not for profit business. The objects of the Association are for the benefit of the community. Anyone can become a member of the Association and when the shop was set up as a community shop in 2001 money was raised by community members contributing a £10 share. Extra funding was also raised via Bonds and there was a further Bond issue 4 years ago to help the shop over a sticky patch.

The Association has to have a Management Committee of not less than 4 but no more than 8 members. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer are appointed from the elected Management Committee. The Management Committee is elected at the AGM which is always held in March. Although the shop's financial year ends on 30 September it takes a few months for the accounts to be professionally audited and returned for the AGM.

The Management Committee meets on average every 3 months. Its role is to oversee the general running of the shop which includes a close watch on the financial position. The committee has a strategic role whereas the day to day decisions are taken by the Shop Manager.

Over the course of the year since the last AGM several members of the Committee have resigned for personal reasons or have left the village. We still have enough members of the Committee to take us through to the next AGM.

However, I would very much like to welcome new people to the committee. I have been on the Committee for 8 years and have been Chairman for the last 3. All organisations benefit from a change of personnel.

Fresh blood is vital and new ideas essential for a successful continuation. I will always be committed to the Shop and help in any way I can but I think it important that I hand over the baton at the next AGM.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee then please get in touch with me and I can explain more fully the workings of the committee and answer any of your questions.

We constantly hear how lucky Maiden Bradley is to still have a village shop so please help to keep this valuable village asset continuing.

Liz Nixon 844242/ ernixon66@gmail.com

Shop		Post Office	
Monday to Friday Saturday Sunday	8am to 5.30pm 8am to 3.30pm 9am to midday	Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri	9.00am - 1.30pm 1.30pm - 4.30pm 9.00am - 12.00pm 9.00am - 12.30pm 9.00am - 1.00pm



## Whitesheet School news

Pupils of Whitesheet Primary Academy really entered into the spirit of National Poetry Week last week. The theme this year is 'Remember' – appropriately for this year of First World War commemoration.

Peggy of Year 3 thought about the first milk tooth she lost. She wrote:

#### Dear Tooth

As white as a sheep in a flock.
As shiny as the sea in the dazzling sun.
As smooth as a shiny apple on a green tree.
As squeaky as an old hinge on a door
As clashing as branches swaying other
Ever since you fell out I can't chew without you.

A year older than Peggy another pupil, Florence of Year 4 sometimes dreams about her lost cat Luna. Florence drew a lovely picture of herself dreaming and wrote,

#### Dear Luna.

As black as a sky full of twinkling stars.

As furry as a tiny new born chick. As fragrant as a rose that has just opened.

As gentle as a rippling stream.
As tinkling as sleigh bells in the sparkling snow,

Last night, while I slept, in my dream I had visions and thoughts of you.

The poems have been submitted to The Poetry Society. Everyone at Whitesheet hopes they like them as much as we all do.

For more information please contact:-Karen Brooker

Principal Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy Chapel Lane, Zeals, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6NL



# Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy

# **Board Member Vacancy**

A vacancy has arisen for a member of the Local Advisory Board (formally the Governing Body) at Whitesheet Primary Academy in Zeals and Kilmington.

Application are invited from members of the local community who wish to volunteer to become involved with the management of this lively and go ahead newly formed academy.

The successful applicant will find Whitesheet to be a delightful and friendly place for children to begin their education. We enjoy the undoubted benefit of small class sizes and an outstanding record of success, progress and achievement with our children.

We anticipate an Ofsted inspection early next year where we are forecast to achieve Ofsted GOOD.

We teach local Key Stage One children from Reception to Year 2 at our 'Infants Centre' in Kilmington and from Year 3 to Year six at our Key Stage Two 'Junior Centre' in Zeals. We are proud of our children and what we have achieved for them and with the school.

LAB meetings are held once per term and full induction training is available for new Board Member.

If you feel you could make a contribution to our school by joining our Local Advisory Board (LAB) team then please contact Catherine Spencer, LAB Chair, Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy, Chapel Lane, Zeals, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6NL in writing or by email to her at office@whitesheet.wilts.sch.uk.

For more information about our academy please call our Principal, **Karen Brooker on Tel:** 01747 840394

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3rd	Christina Day	£6.60	4th	Alan Inwood	£4.30	
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1st	Mel Collins	£21.60	2nd	Pat Kennedy	£10.80	
3rd	Tonia Gunstone	£6.55	4th	P. Henry	£4.30	

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

#### News From the Hall

#### **Doctors room**

What an up and down month we have had! On the upside the Doctors room has been fitted out and is now ready to use. The official opening will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon, it will be attended by His Grace The Duke of Somerset, Dr Andrew Murrison MP and Dr Neil Harding. Please come along and join us.



The Blast From the Past show was a great success and all 60 who attended, had a really

enjoyable evening. We have already booked another show with the same company for April next year.



## Cinema club

The cinema club is being well attended and we are building a good selection of films. We will have had the Chick Flick & Chardonnay Night for the ladies by the time you read this; the reaction so far is that we will have had a full house for it.

## **Pilates**

New class starting January 12th 2015 12.30. Please phone Lucinda on 01985 844017 to register your interest.

# Yoga

Apologies for the error in last month's edition but Yoga classes start at 1900 not 1930. This is proving to be very popular and is enjoying a good attendance, booking is essential. Contact Andrea Hoelzemann 01761 472619 or 07929 520680

#### Other events

We intend holding a Race and Haggis night in January next year.

Don't forget to book your place at the Christmas Lunch, which will be on Friday 5th December the cost, is £12.50 for 3 courses plus coffee and mince pies, places are limited so please book early.

#### Other news

The children of Whitesheet School are being involved in the design of the memorial garden, please take a look at the bench appeal on the back cover.

The Decorators will be starting work at the beginning of November (at last) so the hall should be looking good for the Christmas period.

We now have a web site <a href="https://www.maidenbradleymemorialhall.co.uk">www.maidenbradleymemorialhall.co.uk</a> it is still being put together so if there is anything you would like to see on it please let us know.

On the down side we are having to have major plumbing work carried out to repair an underground mains water leak and as we all know, this will not be cheap.

**Mel Thomas** 

### **Welcome Club**

The Weymouth trip was a total delight, lovely weather for the day and it was good to see West Bay again and to spend some time in Weymouth.

To continue the 'Trip' theme, we also had a great day in October driving around the New Forest, coffee at Birley, lunch at Lyndhurst and a stop at Wilton shopping area on our way home. There were many ponies and cows to see as we went through the New Forest.



This latter trip was our last one for the season, very many thanks to all who took advantage of the days out, we are looking forward to more happy times next year.

Mrs Quinney spoke about bats in the hall meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October and brought three with her, who despite their being at the wrong time of wakening, were most co-operative and let us look at them either in a box or in Mrs Quinney's gloved hand. The little creatures were quite sweet and Mrs Quinney obviously cares very much for all bats.

Our Coffee Morning will be in the Hall at Horningsham on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the same day as Maiden Bradley, however the Horningsham time is slightly shorter 10am to 12noon and it is hoped that both places will be visited. Horningsham will have Bric-a-brac, produce, a raffle and some Winning Spots!



An evening of Bingo has been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> November, Bingo at Bradley time is 7.30pm for 8pm. Should anyone consider donating a prize, these will be collected by Pearl at Horningsham Hall by 20<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks in advance for your help.

The final speaker of the year will be Mr Gordon Brockman, Auctioneering is his subject and this sounds interesting and fun! Do come along for 2.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Next month, December 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Tea which will take a buffet form as per last year, more details in the next magazine.

Chris Short 01985 847373



## **Brighten Up Your Day - Volunteer!**

Do you want to add a spark to your day? Volunteering could be the answer.

Volunteering is a great way to do something you enjoy and help others at the same time. Volunteers who are really motivated by the cause or enjoy their role have the most impact on the organisation they are helping. There are lots of different things you can do: gardening, CCTV operator, befriending blind veterans, public speaking, heritage site guide, administration to name a few.

Here is a taste of the 1500 opportunities we have in Wiltshire:

- · Technical Advisers for Wiltshire Community Bank
- Young People's Outreach volunteer for Developing Health and Independence
- Veterans Befriender for Alabare Christian Care and Support
- Carnival Stewards for Trowbridge Carnival

Don't just take our word for it, here is what some of Wiltshire's volunteers say about their experience:

- "I enjoy helping with the group, in fact I don't ever consider my tasks a chore when I'm volunteering"
- "I am a confident person by nature, however, I have met new people there, and made some new friends, which is great!"
- · "Volunteering has provided me with an opportunity to contribute to a local organisation in a productive way"



You can get involved with volunteering however much spare time you have from a few hours a month to a day a week. Get in touch with us and we can help find the best role for you. Visit our website: <a href="www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk">www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk</a> or speak to one of our Volunteering Advisers on 0845 521 6224 or come along and see us at Trowbridge Library on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 12-2.



### **Christmas Fair**

This year it will be a combined effort! The Hall and the Church committees are going to work together so that we have a really good start to December and get the Christmas spirit. We hope to see you all in the Hall on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm where there will be many stalls and games, tombola, raffle and seasonal refreshments!

**Brenda Smart & Meg Oliver** 

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#### A Blast from the Past

The Memorial Hall was full, the Bar had been open for some time before the Show started and the reception given to the two talented girls Tania and Victoria, who were Partytime Productions, left no doubt that we were all set to enjoy the evening! And they certainly gave us plenty to cheer and applaud. Their songs took us through the six years of the Second World War with memories aplenty for those of us whose Past went back that far! With clever quick changes of minimal costumes behind their onstage screen they played all the parts, whether male or female, famous or not. We saw George Formby, Gracie Fields, Marlene Dietrich, of course Vera Lynn, and so many more - if we could remember the words we sang along with them.

The younger members of the audience seemed to be enjoying it all as well but maybe it was we oldies letting our hair down that added to the fun for them!

After the show our Hall Committee provided a delicious buffet supper – many thanks to all of them but especially to Tom Allday for running the Bar all evening and to Mel Thomas for arranging everything.

How lucky we are in Maiden Bradley to be offered such excellent live entertainment on our doorsteps. The girls will be back with another show next year – don't miss it!

Meg Oliver 844317



# Recipe - Mulled Wine

2 pints red wine 1 glass of rum or brandy 1 tablespoon sugar Pinch of ground cloves Pinch of powdered ginger

Heat all the ingredients together, but do not boil. Serve when ready adding more brandy if a stronger mix is required.

## Parish Council meeting 14th October 2014

**Defibrillator Project** – The training evening on how to use the defibrillator housed at the Village Shop has been arranged and parishioners are encouraged to come to the **Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm for a two hour presentation all ages are welcome.** 

**Woodland trees Trust - Trees Trust -** A map of the parish has been placed in the Village Shop which parishioners are invited to come along and mark on it suggested planting sites for the awarded trees. The areas suggested will be approved by the Duke of Somerset and Parish Council. A tree planting kit has also been purchased to protect the trees till they are established. So do pop along to the shop and please do give your suggestion.

Parish Steward/Highways - Councillor Patrick Nixon had enquired with the Clerk that the Speed Indicator Pole had still not been fitted, as the speed indicator device had been fitted again in the centre of the parish and that the Clerk had confirmed that she had chased this and been informed that it is being fast tracked as changes in the Highways Department staffing had meant this project had not been actioned.

The issue of the BT pot hole reported by the Clerk was discussed. The Clerk informed Council that she had contacted both BT and Wiltshire Council again that day to reiterate that the issue was now becoming a dangerous hazard to vehicles, two vehicles had that day blow tyres driving across the area.

If any Parishioner sees or is aware of anything which they feel needs attention in and around the parish highways, they are requested to contact Clarence from a Wiltshire landline number, call 0800 232323 From all other numbers, including mobiles, call 01225 777234: Or you can email <a href="mailto:clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk">clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> you can also contact Sarah Jeffries the Clerk.

**Speed Watch** – It was agreed following extensive discussions that the speed watch scheme had been totally ineffective so there was a thought that the team had tried for several months but due to the results, there was no enthusiasm in the parish to resume the participation, so this would not be resurrected. It was felt that the service needs to be provided by the Police to be effective.

Community Litter Pick for 2015 – advanced notice the 14th March 2015 will be the date of the Community Litter pick for next year. Please do pop the date in your diaries for next year, this Community event is invaluable.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – There is also still a vacancy for the post of Neighbourhood Watch Representative for the parish. If you would be interested in taking on this post not only representing the Community but helping coordinate issues from the rural policing unit to all. The Rural Policing unit have one meeting every 3 months in Bishopstrow Village Hall with the other representatives in the area. It is a very friendly meeting with everyone working together. They have an email warning system re incidents in the area and it can be a very rewarding position. Do get in touch with your local Councillor, the Clerk or take a look at <a href="http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/">http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/</a> for more details on Neighbourhood Watch.

**Planning** - 14/07285/FUL Location: Locksmiths 41 42 Church Street Maiden Bradley Wiltshire BA12 7HW Proposal: Erect wooden studio at the end of the garden for use of artist studio. The above planning application has been approved by Wiltshire Council.

Items for the next Agenda - Standing Orders update, Trustee's attendance re Swimming Pool, Working Groups attendance re Swimming Pool, Listed Building Review

**Date of the next meeting**- The Council agreed that Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website Southwilts.com (Maiden Bradley) can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Community Notice Board at the village shop.

Sarah Jeffries can be contacted by email: <a href="maidenbradley@virginmedia.com">maidenbradley@virginmedia.com</a> or phone: 01985 213436 Parish Clerk 9 Beech Grove Warminster BA12 0AB



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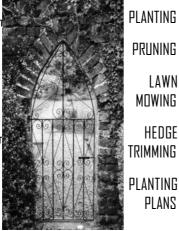
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# **Bench Appeal**

The hall committee would like to purchase a memorial bench for the new memorial garden. Below is the bench we would like, the cost is £535.00 if you would like to contribute towards it please contact Mel Thomas

