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# The **Christian** *Link*

# Church News

#### Pastoral Letter

It's not been a good summer. Oh, I don't mean the weather; with sunshine from May onwards it will become the stuff of memories such as we have of our own childhoods. No, I mean health wise, for me, it has not been a good summer. I had thought that I might be having a cataract removed; then I wasn't but had laser treatment on the other eye instead. Alongside that I was at last scheduled for knee replacement surgery, only for it to be cancelled in the week the operation was due. Just as I was rescheduled for the cataract surgery I was given a new date — the exact same date — for my knee! The eye surgery was rescheduled from having been rescheduled, but had to be postponed, again, as I had been put on antibiotics for a bout of gout: that condition which is amusing for everyone but the sufferer.

This catalogue of woes drew the attention of my GP and I am now awaiting hip x-rays and an MRI on my spine. What drew my attention, in trying to make sense of it all, amidst this heightened awareness of my own mortality, was those brutal words of Jesus, "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." The authenticity of such a saying cannot be in question because the Talmud (the Jewish commentary on the Torah – the first five Old Testament books) refers to eye surgery, drawing on Egyptian sources. In my case it's the left eye, and by the time you read this the lens of that eye will have, literally, been plucked out – and hopefully replaced – postponements permitting.

Yet, I don't think this is a true equivalence. Jesus' words come from a collection of what are known as "the hard sayings": "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God", and "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God"; these are two others from this same category. In all these sayings Jesus says something that we find almost impossible to comprehend, let alone interpret realistically to our everyday lives, but are at the same time a serious challenge to our outlook on this life and our readiness for the life to come. My "eye plucking" or knee surgery are deemed to be necessary for my health and quality of life. Jesus was speaking about the conditions required to secure our eternal destiny. How

seriously do we desire for the Kingdom of God to come? How many sermons have you heard explaining the procedure by which camels might pass through needles' eyes, rather than their focus being on "wealth-shedding"? As Western society appears to be on the brink of implosion through hubris, greed and apathy how "Kingdom-ready" are we?

What should I be getting rid of, along with a foggy eye lens? I have been invited by my nearest and dearest to make sure my affairs are in order — charming! Though, more seriously, I do worry that I will leave a huge amount of detritus behind me when I finally "down-size" to a 6' x 18" box. Unless we are in that blessed generation that will still be here when our Lord returns, we have to be following Jesus as we seek first his Kingdom and his "righteousness" — living right by God and our neighbours (of every creed and colour).

Alongside our "spiritual and eternal bags" being packed, we are encouraged by Jesus to get rid of all that is superfluous and holds us back from being "on message" with the good news of God's coming Kingdom, the only society worth having. Jesus' parables were always more about process than destination: being the most fertile soil, seeking until the object is found, buying the right field (the one with the horde buried in it), selling the inferior to acquire the superior pearl.

So what are we to do about all that holds us back? Let preserving the planet for its natural duration (approx. 7.5 billion years) be the chief part of that Kingdom business.... "your Kingdom come *on earth* as it is in heaven" is both prayer and business model. To that end for example, delete old emails that can use up to 20g. of energy we can ill afford to waste. Ditch the bigotry and casual racism that mars God's image in us, as it belittles those we (usually silently) besmirch. That way we will be clear sighted for all the wonders of God's Kingdom that await us – in this world and the next.

Rev. Simon G Richards, retired Priest in the Barrow Benefice



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#### Wymeswold Methodist News

Following the success of our Activity Afternoons during the summer we are planning to hold another Afternoon during the October half term. Please check on Facebook for details and contact us to let us know if you have young people who would like to come along.

I was very privileged in early September to attend the Charnwood Community Awards on behalf of the team of volunteers who run the Warm Welcome afternoon as we were nominated for an award. All the nominees were invited to an afternoon tea held at Burleigh Court Hotel on the University campus.

Our Soup Lunches will start again on the last Tuesday in October (28<sup>th</sup>) 1pm to 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Why not pop in for some of the delicious home made soup and bread, especially if you are new to Wymeswold. During the autumn sessions we will be crafting some decorations for Christmas.

I would also like to remind you that due to the Remembrance Day service on 9th November our United Holy Communion service next month will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November which is the first Sunday of the month instead of the second.

**Coffee Morning** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am to 11.30am

Warm Welcome

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1.30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1.30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1.30pm to 3pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Soup Lunch 1pm to 3pm

Margaret Folwell

#### Report from St Andrew's Church, Prestwold

Our monthly afternoon teas held at Burton-on-the-Wolds is still proving to be a great success but because of the possibility of inclement weather we will be moving back to the Village Hall for the Winter period – the dates booked are 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, again from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00

As I said in my last report, it is a misconception that we hold these teas solely for the elderly. We would love to see everyone of all ages, even if it is just for a quick hello and a cuppa before collecting the children from school. Please come along.

We are participating in the Christmas Gift and Craft Fair at Prestwold Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be running the raffle. Last year this went very well so we are hoping for similar success this year.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding the St Andrew's Christmas Craft Fair at the Hoton Village Hall. Last year this proved to be a very enjoyable day.

#### Now - FUNDRAISING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE BELL TOWER ROOF.

St. Andrew's is nestled in between spinneys in the beautiful grounds of the Prestwold Estate and is the Parish Church for people living in the villages of Hoton, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold. The church belongs to The Church of England so we can call it "OUR CHURCH". There is a general assumption that this church is part of the Prestwold Hall Estate which is not so.

If you haven't been before, the church is a beautiful, little historical Parish church with a BIG PROBLEM in that the Bell Tower roof urgently needs replacing. An initial amount of money needs to be raised by us before we can apply for grants which we intend to do - However, before we apply for the majority of the grants, we need to be seen to have collected a reasonable sum - in our case we estimate that to be another £10,000.

I am asking you please if you can help us to raise this initial sum by making a donation. I realise that in this country and, it appears all over the world, there is extreme financial pressure at the moment but we are not asking for hundreds (unless you have it spare!) - anything you can manage would be greatly appreciated.

St. Andrew's has a QR code where any donations come directly to us -



We also have an "easy fundraising account" whereby every time you shop online, a large number of companies ask where you would like to make a free donation. If you participated in this and with Christmas being in a few months time, I feel sure this would be quite a good little earner.

The easy fundraising account is "easyfundraising.org.uk/standrewschurchprestwold" I sincerely hope that you can help us with raising this money for the repair of the Bell Tower Roof - it is rather an urgent project and any donations would be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you at the various functions. If you are new to us please come and introduce yourselves - we'd love to meet you.

#### News Items and Adverts for next issue

#### Deadline date for the November issue is Monday 6th October. Items submitted after the Deadline Date <u>may</u> not be included in the Link.

Please send News Items, Articles or Social Adverts to Jenny Bokor at 3, Rectory Place, Wymeswold. Tel: 881428, E-mail: jennybp54@aol.com

Please send *Commercial Adverts* to Chris Keeling at 75, Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds. Tel 880515, E-mail: chriskeeling38@gmail.com

Please note <u>all Commercial Adverts</u> should be sent in JPEG Format <u>whenever possible</u>, otherwise it causes a lot of work so we may need to charge for the time spent creating them. Apologies, but we cannot distribute any additional material with the Christian Link, e.g. flyers.

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21<sup>st</sup> October

Afternoon Tea 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
The Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds

11<sup>th</sup> November Afternoon tea – 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
The Village Hall, Burton-on-the-Wolds
15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

11 am to 4,00 p.m. at Prestwold Hall 7<sup>th</sup> **December** St Andrew's Christmas Craft Fayre

Hoton Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon tea – 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

The Village Hall, Burton-on-the-Wolds

God Bless Adena Hecks

#### News from St Mary's, Wymeswold

Many thanks to all who helped with our September events. By now you will have experienced our new style Harvest Festival in which St Mary's and the Methodist Church joined together for an outdoor celebration, which I will report on next month

#### **Forthcoming Services**

#### November

Sunday 2 November 4pm, All Souls Service, St Mary's, Wymeswold This is a service of thanksgiving and remembrance as we think of those we have loved and who are no longer with us. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle and have the name of your loved ones read out or you can just sit quietly at this peaceful service. All are welcome.

Sunday 9 November 10.45 am, REMEMBRANCE SERVICE led by all the uniformed groups in the village and organised by Peter Blount.

#### December

Sunday 1 December 10.30 am, Combined Benefice Service at St Andrew's, Prestwold. The churches of Wymeswold, Barrow and Walton on the Wolds will join the congregation at Prestwold as we celebrate together their patronal day in honour of St Andrew.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

#### Heritage Project events and activities

Save the dates! A number of events are planned for the autumn – please come along and bring friends and family. **27 October 2025 10am -12 noon. Family History Society Workshop**, *Trinity Rooms*, *Barrow-upon-Soar*. Please contact Elizabeth Tingle (*PCCWymeswold@outlook.com*) if you would like to come along – at time of writing, there are still a few places left.

### Saturday 29 November 10am-4pm exhibition of children's stained-glass art

**1.30pm-3pm** "Make a Victorian Christmas card" workshop for children and adults.

Saturday 6th December

**1.30pm** Talk by Richard Ellison, 'The Stones of St Mary's Church'

7.30pm Melton Gospel Choir Concert

#### Saturday 13 December

Christmas Tree and Mince Pie morning and "Make a Victorian tree decoration" workshop for children and adults. We look forward to seeing you at our services and events.

Elizabeth Critchley

#### We need your help

#### **Memories of Wymeswold Weddings**

Were you or any of your family married or did you receive a blessing in any of the Wymeswold churches and chapels (St Mary's, Methodist, Baptist)? Do you have any photographs of ancestors, family, yourself, of your special day in Wymeswold? Do you still have your wedding dress, suit, hat, jewellery, mementos....? Anything to remind you of the special day?

We are planning an exhibition at St Mary's on Saturday 14 February, of Wymeswold Weddings. We would very much like to hear your story, that of your families – and to show how weddings have changed over time in the village. Whether it was 100 years ago or yesterday, we would love to know.

If you have anything you can lend us for the day, along with its story, please would you contact us at <a href="https://pccwymeswold@outlook.com">PCCWymeswold@outlook.com</a>

Elizabeth Tingle

#### Soar Valley Minster Community

Some time ago, the Diocese of Leicester decided to rearrange the organisation of its parishes into new "Minster Communities." Minster Communities are groups of churches and fresh expressions working collaboratively and sharing resources to enable effective mission.

Accordingly, the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group (Holy Trinity Barrow, St Mary's Walton, St Mary's Wymeswold and St Andrew's Prestwold), have wholeheartedly agreed to enter into a Minster Community to be known as the "Soar Valley Minster Community", joining All Saints with Holy Trinity Loughborough, St Michael and All Angels Diseworth, St Peter and St Paul Hathern, St Mary the Virgin Osgathorpe, St Andrew Keyworth, St Bartholemew Quorn, St Lawrence Swithland, All Saints Long Whatton, and St John the Baptist Belton.

This new alignment of all the parishes is not merely administrative, it is to enable the sharing of faith across local communities, working together in mission and ministry. This new arrangement has now been approved and we are about to move into the implementation phase. A Commissioning Service for the new Minster Community will take place at Holy Trinity, Barrow on 20 November at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Bishops realise that this is a significant change and that there may be some concerns - please do speak to Rev'd Clive or one of the ministry team if you have any questions or concerns. As we move further on into the details of how this will work, we will keep everyone informed. We look forward to discovering how the Soar Valley Minster Community will enable us to seek 'the Kingdom of God' through growing in depth of discipleship, the number of disciples, and loving service of the world.

Elizabeth Critchley



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#### Wymeswold Parochial Charities Christmas gifts

The Trustees of the Wymeswold Parochial Charities will bring around the annual Christmas gifts to the widowed and members of our community who are over the age of 65.

If you are eligible and have not received a gift in the past, please contact the Clerk so that you can be added to our list.

However, if you are eligible but would prefer not to receive a gift, please again contact the Clerk.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Wymeswold Parochial Charities Clerk: Jo Collington Telephone 07504661861 or email <u>Jocollington@sky.com</u>

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If you would be interested in taking on an allotment in the village, there are currently some available.

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Jo Collington (clerk to the Wymeswold Parochial Charities)

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#### WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### Councillor resignation and vacancy

Richard Higgins resigned from the Parish Council in September due to changing work commitments. Richard had been a councillor for 10 years and Vice Chair for the last 6 years. With his background in finance, Richard helped introduce and assist with financial systems and worked tirelessly behind the scenes. He was instrumental in organising the finance for the recent churchyard wall repairs. On a personal level, both Richard and Clare showed a great deal of kindness and support to me when I replaced Clare as Clerk in June, for which I am very grateful. He will be very much missed by all on the Council and we wish him well. A Notice of Vacancy was published in September, allowing parishioners to call for an election to fill the vacancy. If no such request was made to Charnwood Borough Council by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, the Council can fill the vacancy by cooption. Anyone interested in joining the Council, or just finding out more about what might be involved, should contact us via our website.

#### **New website**

Our new website is now live, <a href="https://www.wymeswoldparishcouncil.gov.uk">www.wymeswoldparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>. We would welcome any feedback. It is still a work in progress, with new information being added all the time.

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#### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm, upstairs at the Memorial Hall, Clay Street (lift available). Members of the public are welcome to attend, and the first 15 minutes are given over to public participation.

Emma Andrews Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer www.wymeswoldparishcouncil.gov.uk 07592 382114



# News Burton, Walton Hoton, Prestwold

# BURTON ON THE WOLDS GARDENING CLUB

The next event in the Gardening Club's Autumn Programme will be a talk on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** by Andrew Ward whose subject is **A Year of Garden Colour**. Andrew is the owner of Norwell Nurseries and Gardens near Newark, which specialises in rare and unusual herbaceous perennials: they hold the National collection of Hardy Chrysanthemums as well as the National Collection of Astrantia. They have a feature article in the RHS magazine July 2025 (all about Astrantia) and also in The Garden Magazine

Then on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, Nick Martin will be speaking on *Wildlife in Your Own Garden*. Nick has a passion for nature and the countryside and has forged a career in conservation, working for the RSPB and the Wildlife Trust. As a professional photographer, his presentation on *Wildlife in your Garden* should be an inspiring and informative presentation.

All these evening talks will be held in Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We have been delighted to see new members joining us at each meeting this year: if you'd care to give the club a try, you will be made very welcome, though there is no obligation to join! Club Membership costs £15 per year, but for those wishing to join us at this late stage in the year, your membership will take you forward to include 2026 membership! The charge for non-members attending is £4 per session. You can pay your membership fee at any meeting or by BACS (please contact me for details <a href="mailto:jackie@edwards66.plus.com">jackie@edwards66.plus.com</a>) We welcome new members from the neighbouring villages as well as Burton.

**Burton Gardening Club Committee 2025:** Maggie Pickford (Chair), Sue Eggleston (Secretary), Jackie Edwards (Treasurer), Rosemary Adams (Bookings Secretary).

Jackie Edwards

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#### General News

#### RAISING THE ROOF

Local Wolds villagers are taking part in the popular annual musical extravaganza known as "Raising the Roof" in Loughborough in November. Radio Leicester presenter Sara Palmer will once again serve as compère for this annual musical event, which features Charnwood Community Choir, led by Caroline Sharpe, along with Loughborough Concert Band, conducted by Dave Coble. It is organised by Loughborough Beacon Rotary in aid of various charities including LOROS and the programme will provide music for all ages. Garner Roberts of Quorn said "We enjoy being in the choir and the band always delight us; we think our programmes complement each other. There is something for everyone to enjoy".

Martin Weedon, President of Beacon Rotary, commented, "This event has consistently offered an enjoyable evening with a diverse musical repertoire, and it is particularly impressive when both ensembles perform together."

The concert will take place on **Saturday, 29th November at 7:00 pm in Hodson Hall, made available courtesy of Loughborough Grammar School**. Tickets are priced at £10 and £5 and may be reserved through www.beaconrotary.org.

Jackie Edwards

The next WHO meeting is **Tuesday 21st October** when **Nick Marshall** will shed light on **Below Stairs in the Victorian Period**.



Fans of *Downton Abbey* and *Upstairs, Downstairs* will discover the realities of Victorian-era domestic service, exploring the complex lives and working conditions of servants beyond the scripted dramas – including the rigid hierarchy and differences between indoor and outdoor staff in various household sizes. The talk concludes with the reasons for the decline of widespread domestic service in the 1920s and 1930s.

This talk will take place in the WHO's usual venue: the Jubilee Room of Wymeswold Memorial Hall, Clay Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TY and start promptly at 7.45 p.m.. Non-members most welcome but will be asked to contribute £3.00. There is a lift to the Jubilee Room if visitors have difficulty with stairs.

Details of all the WHO talks for 2025 are online at <a href="https://www.hoap.co.uk/who/">www.hoap.co.uk/who/</a>

Bob Trubshaw Vice-Chair, Wolds Historical Organisation 01949 850631 bobtrubs@indigogroup.co.uk

#### Christmas Shoe Box Knitting

Since 2005, a small but dedicated group of local ladies have been knitting and sewing items to add to shoeboxes full of gifts that are then given to children in poor parts of Eastern Europe as Christmas presents. During that time, we have made hats, gloves, scarves, purses, pencil cases, toys and bags and this year I hope will see our running total of handmade items near 50 000! An amazing achievement, and how heart-warming to know our small group will have help bring love and joy to so many needy children.

We will soon be gathering together this year's goodies and handing them to Wendy from Teams4U, the charity that coordinates the distribution of shoe boxes. I'm sure she will have stories to tell of the joy these shoeboxes can deliver. So please come and join us at St Andrew's Church, Prestwold, at 10.30 on 15<sup>th</sup> October, to share coffee and biscuits and be a part of this wonderful Christmas gift-giving.

Doesn't matter if you can't knit!

Sandi Cowell (01509 881365 / 07913 183892)

# Let's get together for Coffee and Cake

Friday October 3rd Friday October 17th Friday November 7th Friday November 21st 10am-Midday

At Jubilee Room Wymeswold Memorial Hall Clay Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TY



### Diary Dates

October	
Friday 3rd	Coffee morning at Wymeswold
•	Memorial hall 10am-12
Saturday 4th	Coffee morning at Wymeswold
	Methodist Chapel 10.30-11.30am
Tuesday 7th	Warm welcome at Wymeswold
	Methodist Chapel 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 14th	Warm welcome at Wymeswold
	Methodist Chapel 1.30-3pm
Wednesday 15th	Coffee morning at St Andrew's
	for Shoe box Knitting 10.30am
Thursday 16th	Burton on the Wolds Gardening club
	Talk 7.30pm at Burton Village Hall
Friday 17th	Coffee morning at Wymeswold
	Memorial hall 10am-12
Tuesday 21st	Coffee & cake at Burton on the Wolds
	Village Hall 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 21st	Warm welcome at Wymeswold
	Methodist Chapel 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 28th	Warm welcome, Soup Lunch at
	Wymeswold Methodist Chapel 1-3pm

#### Church Services

#### Sunday 6th October

9.15am St Andrew's Prestwold Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Trinity, Barrow Harvest Praise Holy Communion 11.00am St Mary's, Wymeswold 6.00pm Holy Trinity, Barrow Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 12th October**

9.15am St Andrew's, Prestwold Morning Praise 10.30am Holy Trinity, Barrow Holy Communion St Mary's, Wymeswold Holy Communion 6.00pm BCP

#### **Sunday 19th October**

9.15am St Andrew's, Prestwold Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion Holy Trinity, Barrow 11.00am St Mary's, Wymeswold Morning Praise 6.00pm Holy Trinity, Barrow Healing Service

#### **Sunday 26th October**

9.15am St Andrew's, Prestwold Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Holy Trinity, Barrow Holy Communion St Mary's, Wymeswold 11.00am Holy Communion 12.15pm Holy Trinity, Barrow Baptism of Ottilie Matthews

6.00pm St Mary's, Wymeswold **Evensong BCP** 

#### Wymeswold Methodist Services

#### **Sunday 12th October**

United Preaching Service. 11am Mr R Oliver

#### Sunday 26th October

Preaching Service. 11am Rev Nina Austin

Roman Catholic Services: East Leake & Keyworth:

Father Michael (Parish Priest), Our Lady of the Angels, Main Street, East Leake (01509 852147).

Our Lady of the Angels - Catholic Church (eastleakecatholic.org).

Holy Mass- Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00 pm, Sunday Mass 11am, Children's Liturgy available at each Sunday morning Mass. Our Lady of the Angels, Main Street, East Leake.

St Mary's, Ashby Road in Loughborough Holy Mass Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11.15 am Parish priest Fr Paul Gilham IC Tel 01509 262123.

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#### Barrow Baptist Church

Ministers: Rev Neil Jones, Beveridge Street, Barrow upon Soar, 01509 416603 office@barrowbaptist.org.uk

Services are held at 10am on Sunday mornings. There are various mid-week groups for all ages, please contact us for more information.

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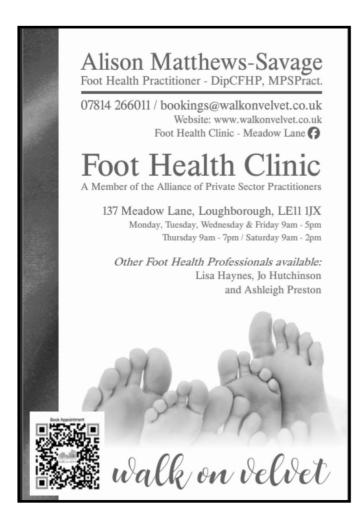
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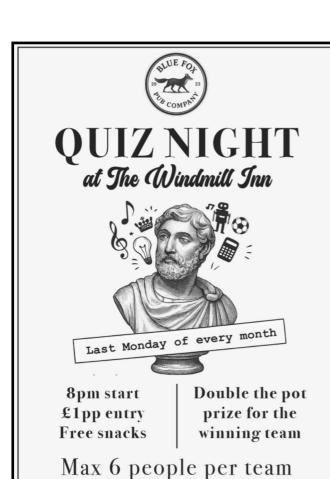
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