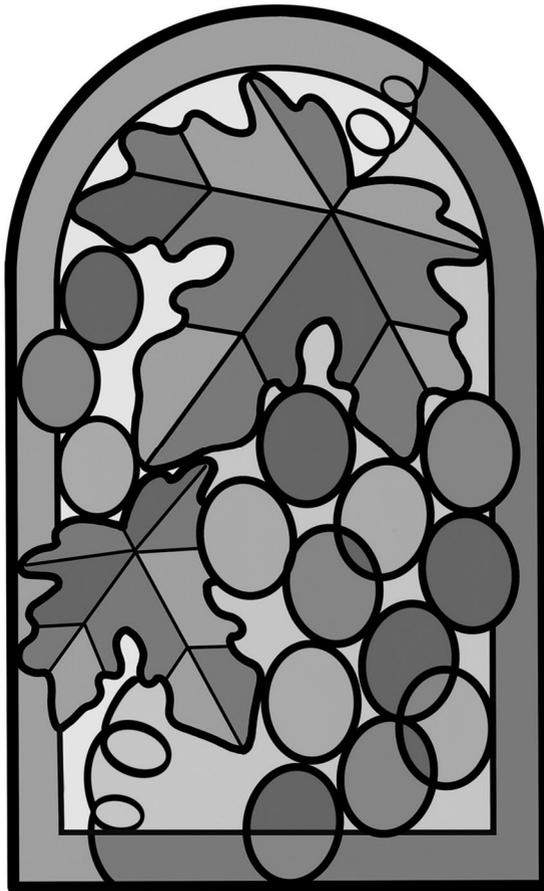


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Dear Friends of the Parish of White Waltham and Woodlands Park,
I'd like us to think together about **confounded expectations!** This might be provoked by the good old British weather. When my children were at school in June it was beautifully sunny. Now that they are back in September, it is also beautifully sunny. What happened between???

Maybe we are now cynical about the British summer, or maybe our expectations were confounded.

What are your current expectations? Maybe autumn will be for you a season when things mostly die back, or mostly bear fruit. Maybe you will find surprises.

In the bible we are told the grand story of how humanity turned away from God, rejecting His rule to make up our own minds about right and wrong and who we are. And we also find out how God, lovingly, comes to find us.

God promises to send His king, a mighty one, to: defeat our enemies, rescue us from the mess we have made and bring us back to 'life and life to the full'. But then this king, this messiah, will **confound expectations.**

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God sends prophets to speak his truth, and this autumn we will spend some time at church with Isaiah. Through Isaiah God shows us his power and control over all the nations of the world, he is a big God. And yet...

- the one sent, the messiah, will not just be a mighty king but also a servant,
- the messiah will not just be for God's special in-crowd but for anyone, from any nation and walk of life, who will hear his call
- this messiah comes to speak good news and be good news by giving himself up as a substitute in our place, to offer full forgiveness, and a complete, new start.

Expectations confounded, and of course we see those most clearly as we look ahead to the festival (which we won't name yet 😊) where the one is not just the mighty creator of the world, but also a fragile baby ...

If you feel you don't know much about who Jesus is, and what he said and did, we would love it if you came along on a Sunday morning to find out more. Or it is not too late to join our basic course this autumn as we look at the short book of Mark, explore what this good news is, how it confounds our expectations, and share our questions and doubts. **More details on page 8.**

Dave

Revd Dave Atallah

Tel: 01628 822000

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The Duell & Hawes and Shottesbrooke Charities committee are planning

a service and lunch for our more senior local residents on Thursday 25th January 2024.



*There will be food, friendship, and light and joy in the gloomy winter season.
Venue tbc depending on numbers, but within White Waltham and Knowl Hill.*



At this point we would like to know if this is something that a sufficient number of people would find attractive.

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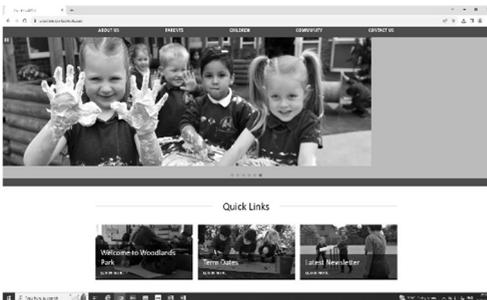
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The school year has started well and it has been lovely welcoming the children back after the summer break. The weather has been kind to us and we have been graced with warm sunshine for the start of term, which makes the return after a long break that much easier.

Whilst the school year finished in July, the school site has been busy over the holidays. We have hosted two summer camps through The Sue Brett Foundation and Premier Education. Over 40 local children benefited from the wellbeing and sports programmes on offer. We have also had extensive building work with our school roof being replaced and some of our indoor spaces refurbished (including our staff room – see the photo opposite!). Our outside spaces have been improved and those living in close proximity to the school may have seen that the hedges have come down out the front.



You can now see the school from the road; we are quite tucked away on Heywood Avenue, but now the hedges are removed, we can be seen!



Our school site was not the only site getting a makeover, we also have had improvements to our school website. It is the same address as the old one – www.woodlandsparkschool.org but hosted on a new platform. The site features our new school logo and updated photographs of our children.

The other major change this year is our school uniform, with many of the children returning after the break, wearing the new uniform, and looking very smart, I might add. We aim to phase the old one out by the end of the year. We are hoping that the uniform ties in more with our Woodlands theme and the children feel proud to wear it.



Later this term, we will be hosting two Open Mornings and, for the first time, an Open Evening. We encourage you to come and visit and see what we are all about. Whilst school numbers have been steadily increasing throughout last year, we still have places in most year groups and so we would encourage prospective parents/carers and pupils of all primary years to visit us.

**The Open Mornings will take place on
Wednesday 20th and Monday 25th September (9.15-10.15 a.m.)
and our Open Evening will be on
Wednesday 4th October (6-7.30 p.m.).**

Admission applications for our Reception class, in September 2024, needs to be made with the Local Authority by early January; admissions into other year groups can be processed by the School at any time during the year.

We are excited about the new school year and look forward to building on the successes from last year. Please keep an eye out for any of our school events during the year, as we always welcome support from our local community!

Jamie Miles

Headteacher

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Church Family BBQ

July's deluges prompted a postponement, but on Saturday, 12th August we were finally able to enjoy our annual Church Family BBQ.

Thanks to the wonderful hospitality of the Crofts, many of our church family arrived late-afternoon with bowls of tasty salad and luscious puddings. While burgers and sausages sizzled over the charcoal, we sat enjoying the afternoon sun, sharing a special time before eating together.

Our ages range from one to eighty! Children played together, inventing fun-filled games while adults relaxed and chatted. The joy of our church family is that no-one is excluded, everyone feels at ease and welcomed whatever their circumstances. Sharing a meal together enables everyone to listen, learn more about each other and encourage one another on our walk with God.

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Saturday 18th November, 9.30 for 10am – *in The Tree House*

Come along and see how to make a Christmas arrangement. Coffee, cakes and a raffle.

Saturday 2nd December, 9.30 for 10am – *in The Tree House*

Make your own Christmas arrangement to take home.

Saturday 16th December, 9.30am – *in White Waltham Church*

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Playing Updates

The 2023 league season has now come to an end! Unfortunately, the weather continued to be mixed and both league sides lost a total of four games to the weather – unprecedented in recent memory. I'm delighted to say both league teams ended the season on highs, winning both of their final games to finish 5th in their respective leagues.

Congratulations to Matt Furness who finished as the top run scorer in the entire league (713 runs @ an average of 59). Also, big well done to Nikhil Jathavedan and Club Captain, Ben Scarborough who finished 3rd and 4th in the league running scoring charts respectively. Kunal Mogla took the most wickets with 21 @ an average of 25 – well done!

Team	P	W (T)	W (O)	D	T	L	A/C	F (+)	F (-)	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Ump Bonus	Points
1 Thatcham Town	18	5	5	1	1	3	3	0	0	17	20	0	13	321
2 Reading 2	18	3	6	2	0	4	3	0	0	29	22	0	12	291
3 Purley-on-Thames	18	4	4	0	0	7	3	0	0	29	27	0	15	280
4 Wokingham 3	18	1	7	4	0	3	3	0	0	43	22	0	14	279
5 White Waltham	18	1	4	6	1	2	4	0	0	56	26	0	14	252
6 Newbury	18	2	5	1	0	7	3	0	0	24	31	0	14	250
7 Finchampstead 3	18	3	2	3	0	7	3	0	0	47	38	0	15	240
8 Cove 2	18	3	2	2	0	8	3	0	0	38	46	0	14	238
9 Boyne Hill 2	18	1	1	3	0	10	3	0	0	70	48	0	14	200
10 Taplow	18	0	2	2	0	10	4	0	0	66	42	0	13	193

The 2nd team also enjoyed a great end to the season, beating league champions elect Kidmore End on the final day. Congratulations to Andy Elliott who finished top of the run scoring charts with 359! The bowling was dominated by Rahul Mohindru who took 27 wickets, finishing 3rd in the league standings.

Team	P	W (T)	W (O)	D	T	L	A/C	F (+)	F (-)	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Ump Bonus	Points
1 Kidmore End 2	18	4	6	1	0	3	4	0	0	32	15	0	2	309
2 Sulhamstead & Ufton 2	18	3	6	2	0	3	4	0	0	24	19	0	14	292
3 Aldershot 2	18	2	5	4	0	4	3	0	0	42	27	0	14	264
4 Wokingham 4	18	1	6	4	0	3	4	0	0	42	23	0	4	254
5 White Waltham 2	18	3	4	1	0	6	4	0	0	25	26	0	9	251
6 Purley-on-Thames 2	18	4	1	2	0	7	4	0	0	46	33	0	10	232
7 Theale & Tilehurst 2	18	2	3	4	0	6	3	0	0	46	36	0	2	221
8 Bagshot 2	18	1	3	3	0	7	4	0	0	49	22	0	0	190
9 Finchampstead 4	18	1	2	1	0	10	4	0	0	49	32	0	2	180
10 Boyne Hill 3	18	0	2	2	0	10	4	0	0	69	37	0	0	171

Juniors

The juniors enjoyed a successful campaign, particularly our Kestrels (girls side) who played 4 games in total, winning 2 of them against some strong opposition. The junior sections also hosted their end of season celebrations with a BBQ and some small 'parents versus children' games going on – a great evening.

The club looks forward to next season already, though we do get a chance to put our feet up until February when Winter Nets start!

Many thanks, *Jonny Mahoney* (WWCC Chair)

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Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

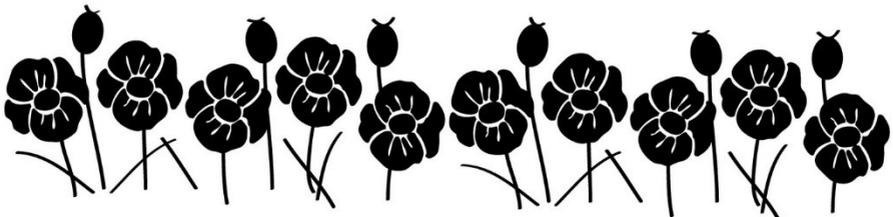
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White Waltham CE Academy



We have had a fantastic start to our new academic year, with the children returning ready for an exciting year ahead.

We began the year with immersion days into our new topic. Foundation have been learning 'All About Me', getting to know each other and our school grounds. Year 1 & 2 have been immersing themselves into the world of traditional tales, learning all about The Princess and the Pea and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They had a great time building their houses outside and making the most of the beautiful weather we were blessed with at the start of September.



Year 3 & 4 have begun their topic on the 'Vicious Vikings'. They have been busy learning all about their ways, with a re-enactment of a battle being held on our school field, complete with shields, helmets and even a longship!

Year 5 & 6 are being transported back to Tudor England, with their 'Off with their Heads!' topic. The children were instructed to create a beautiful necklace for the royal queen and learnt both the importance of hierarchy in the Tudor court and how to dance a traditional dance.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the Autumn Term, including Jeans for Genes day, Macmillan coffee morning, a residential trip to Hooke Court and our harvest service in church.

We will be holding our open evening for new families on Tuesday 7th November at 6:30pm and relish the opportunity to show off our fantastic school. Please do pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested. Alternatively, if anyone would like to come for a visit during the school day, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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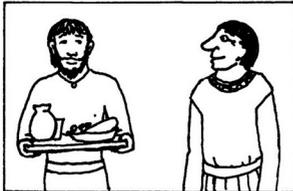
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A short story from the Bible

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Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Joseph was trusted to look after the other prisoners.

Then Pharaoh's butler and baker were sent to the prison. One night they had strange dreams.



.. I made juice from the grapes and gave it to Pharaoh..

.. all the bread in my baskets was eaten by birds.



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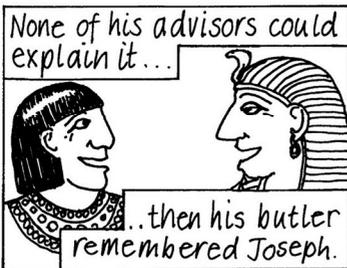
The two men left the prison.

Don't forget me!

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Two years later Pharaoh had a dream



None of his advisors could explain it...

..then his butler remembered Joseph.



So Joseph was cleaned up and sent to Pharaoh

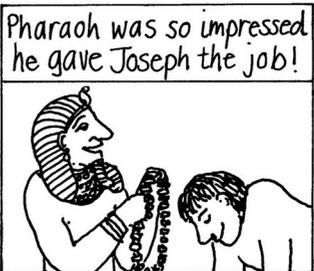
and then the seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows but they were still thin.



God says there will be seven bumper years, then seven years of famine.



You must choose someone trustworthy to store the spare food in the good years



Pharaoh was so impressed he gave Joseph the job!

...and complete this Wordsearch about it!

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Do you remember (if you were born before 1966) the amazing scenes & excitement when we beat Germany 4-2 to win the (Men's) Football World Cup Final?

I expect you remember where you were and who you were with on that momentous occasion! For me it was a strange afternoon – I was a Sports Team Leader at a Christian Family holiday conference. It was the first day & I was part of the Welcome Team as the families arrived. No chance to sit and watch the game – just ushering the grown-ups and children into the large lounge where all new arrivals were seated with bated breath, as they watched the game! Unfortunately, I only saw parts of that brilliant day live.

So where were you this time for the England v. Spain Women's Football World Cup Final? This was the first time in 57 years that England were represented in any World Cup Football Final! Were you with friends down the pub, with the family at home, watching on a big screen somewhere, or just doing something else? This time I decided I really would watch it and my wife & I went to All Saints Church, Marlow, by the bridge for a 09.30 service followed by a large screen transmission for the congregation and other local people. The extra attraction was hot dogs and choc ices, during the interval between the service and the match!!

I know that probably six or seven years ago, I would not have expected to be watching Women's Football and certainly not the Women's World Cup Final! It was a wonderful occasion and brought enormous coverage to such a stunning event, even though England did not win. We should celebrate that there have been gigantic steps in girls' and women's participation in all sports at grass roots or international level, so that equality in all respects will now be part of the on-going agenda.

I find it interesting that the role of women in society over the years has varied so much. In Old Testament times, Eve was made the equal partner of Adam and so women were respected and honoured for their role in the family. This importance dropped off till Jesus came, when he showed by his life and example that to him women were equal to men in every way.

In John ch. 19 v. 25-27 we have Jesus' final conversation – with his mother Mary. He opened the way not just for men from every nation in the world to become Christians but women as well. Coming to faith in God through Jesus is for everyone.

When you look at the early Christian Church in the book of Acts, women as well as men, played a significant part as leaders there too. Then again over the many succeeding years, the role of women has seemed to diminish.

Perhaps sport can now be a prompt, reminding us that men and women are equal in God's sight, as they always have been. So let's encourage our girls in schools to enjoy their sport, to train hard with opportunities to succeed and have a sporting career. But the best way for all of us, is to trust Jesus, who is always the winner !

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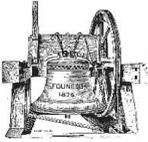
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Tales from the Bells



 *White Waltham Bell Ringing*

Well, thankfully we have gained another learner! This learner had already started to learn elsewhere but, even so, Lesley has been teaching them from scratch so that they work through Learning The Ropes structure. This not only gives structure, it also helps to correct the ringing style – some learners develop 'bad habits' and if not put right at the very beginning, things can have a knock-on effect when the learner rings their bell.

This learner joined us the second week of July and has been having 1-to-1 sessions of half an hour before joining the rest of the band for practice. This helps to gain even more experience as ringing on your own is a bit slower than ringing with the band. The new learner has been improving week on week which is fantastic.

Another one of our ringers became a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and received their Guild certificate. The ringer is also working towards their Learning The Ropes Level 1 certificate (which is carried out and assessed by a teacher, which will be Lesley). It is not as frightening as it sounds!

If you have been interested in reading about how the ringing has been progressing and are inquisitive about learning to ring, do get in touch.

*Do you need a lot of strength? No!
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The ringers of White Waltham hope that you have had a relaxing summer regardless of the weather – though as I write this article, we are blessed with sunshine.

In the coming months the band will be practicing for forthcoming special services – yes, that includes Christmas too!

Lesley Graves

Bell Captain

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A High Place

The steeplejack carries out work in places where many would prefer not to be. Probably the best-known man in this profession was Fred Dibnah who came to our attention through his television appearances. ‘One false step and it’s an afternoon off with the undertaker’ he cheerfully remarks. An early job of his was repairing the tower of Bolton’s Parish church.

Fred Dibnah’s high altitude work reminds me of Jesus’ temptation by the devil that we read of in Luke’s Gospel (chapter 4). In one instance he is led to a high place and shown the kingdoms of the world and told;

*‘I will give you all their authority and splendour;
for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.’*
(Luke 4:6)

In reply, Jesus points to the Bible passage:

‘Fear the Lord your God, serve him only’. (Deuteronomy 6:13)

We are told that:

*‘When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him –
until an opportune time.’* (Luke 4:13)

Bob Packer

Sudoku

Easy

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It was certainly a miserable wet summer during the school holidays which was capped with lovely weather just as the schools opened for the Autumn Term. We commiserate with all those who decided not to travel abroad but instead chose England for their holiday destination this year, as whatever destination is always so much more enjoyable in the warmth of the sun.

Local news

RAAC – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete: You may have seen coverage in the news about school closures due to their buildings containing RAAC. We understand this will be a worrying time for schools, parents and pupils but some **good news** as at this stage the council are not aware of any RAAC in any state schools in Maidenhead and only one in the Borough which is in Ascot where RAAC was identified in part of the school in July 2023, and the affected areas were closed. The Responsible Bodies for academies (their academy trust) and voluntary aided schools (the Diocesan authorities) are responsible for their own buildings and for carrying out checks in relation to RAAC.

Congestion in Cannon Lane: Many of you will have been impacted by the congestion in Cannon Lane just by Manor Green School. Cllr Hunt has been heavily involved in meetings since January this year with Manor Green School, council officers and the previous ex councillor – Cabinet Member for Highways. Works were completed at the beginning of September to alleviate this congestion by widening the access road and gates at the school. This is to ensure traffic on and off site is no longer delayed by the current pinch points where the road on site narrows. Hopefully, all will go well.



Below is a snapshot of council news

Construction starts on 100% affordable housing development in Maidenhead: The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead has broken ground to officially mark the start of construction of its 100 per cent affordable housing scheme in Maidenhead. The £4m council investment, at 20 Ray Mill Road West, will provide 14 one- and two-bedroom flats. The council's Property Company is delivering the scheme on behalf of the authority. Whilst this scheme is relatively small (and we know some homes labelled 'affordable' may remain out of reach for some) this, nevertheless, demonstrates one way the council can work proactively towards addressing the housing challenge and needs locally.

This is the first such scheme being delivered through the council's Property Company, which is currently exploring other council-owned sites for their potential for similar smaller-sized schemes, from which we are particularly keen to see more social-rent homes delivered.



Sustainable road repair technology used by Royal Borough: The council is carrying out an expanded trial of equipment which is a more sustainable and efficient way of repairing wear and tear in roads, including potholes. A specialist thermal infrared heater, specifically designed to

be used on highways, is used to quickly heat up the existing asphalt surface in need of repair. It is then easily reworked using hand tools before a rejuvenator and fresh material is added to the heated asphalt. The area is then reprofiled level with the surrounding road surface and compacted. The improvements are being carried out by our highways contractor, VolkerHighways.

Royal Borough objects to closure of train station ticket offices: The council has submitted its formal objection letter raising significant accessibility concerns on behalf of the borough's local residents and visitors.

The borough has an ageing population with 18.4% of the population being aged 65 years and over and 12.4% declaring a disability. Windsor is also a major visitor destination which prides itself in welcoming people of different ages and abilities from around the world. The council's concerns include:

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- The lack of audio availability and low screen contrast acts as a barrier for users with impaired vision and reduced literacy levels
- The limited provision offered by machines to customers with learning difficulties/disabilities
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Congratulations to all those who sat exams this summer as we are sure you all worked very hard. Many gained excellent results and some didn't. We acknowledge not everyone is academic and Cllr Hunt has been around long enough to know so many non-academics achieve their goals.

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Maureen and George

Maureen Hunt and George Blundell



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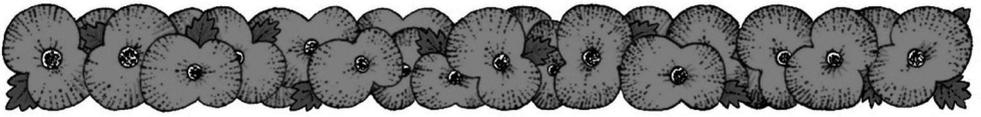
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Apples

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Past & present

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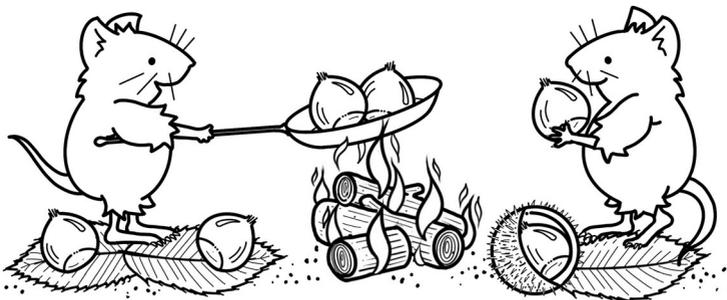
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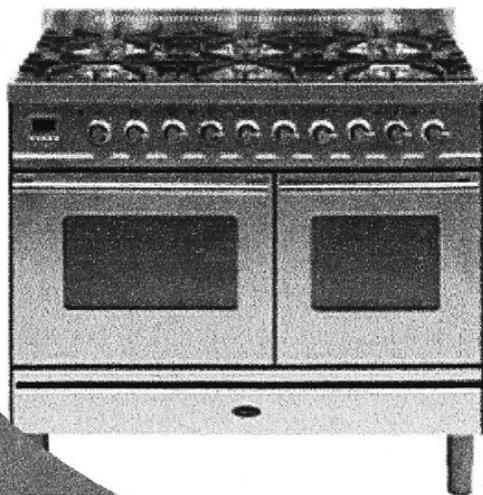
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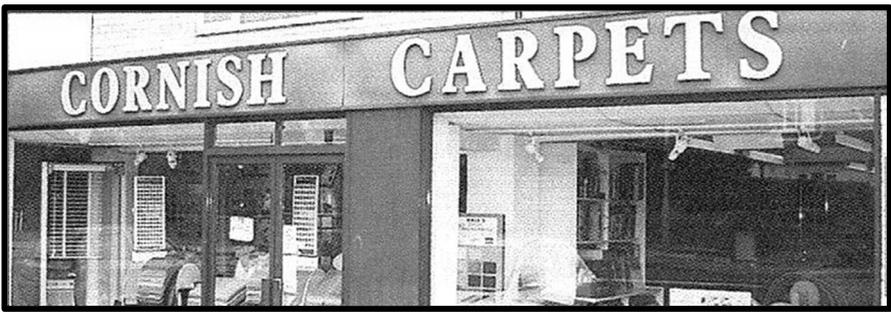
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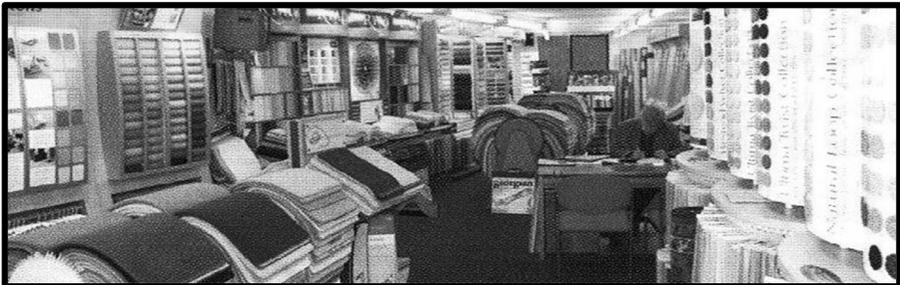


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