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April 2022

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I remember thanking Martin Green for his response to the attack on the twin towers In America a few years ago this magazine. I thank St Michael's News again for the response on the invasion of Ukraine and the hope that peace will be an Easter miracle.

In the meantime, our lives can carry on, thank goodness, and I draw your attention to Scouting in Bishops Itchington which will have been going strong for 50 years on March 20th. To celebrate this, the Scout Group will be holding an Open Day on Saturday April 9th in the Memorial Hall. There will be a variety of activities to interest our young people. So do go along, it sounds fun.

Village event number 2 to look forward to with pleasure is the Make, Bake and Grow Show which will be on September 17th. Plenty of time to start thinking about making, baking and to begin growing. Good luck.

A Walk around the Cemetery is as interesting as it always is, even if very sad. Philip Jones, who is the subject, had obviously had a short hard life, with some tragedy too, poor lad.

Sorry to end on a sad note (I started with one too, didn't I), nevertheless, we still have spring to look forward to and Easter – so with those two things in mind - Happy Easter Everyone.

Please send Stella Angliss items for the May Scene by April 5th
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APRIL DIARY 2022

Fri 1st Hollywood Comedy Club - Memorial Hall 7 pm

Sun 3rd 10.30 am Quality Time

Tues 5th Darby & Joan Club – Memorial Hall 2.15 - 4.15 pm

Wed 6th Women’s Institute Meeting Memorial Hall 7.30 pm

Sat 9th Scouts Open Day Memorial Hall 2 - 5pm

Sun 10th 9.30 am Short communion service
10.30 am Palm Sunday family service

Mon 11th Parish Council meeting - Community Centre 7.30 pm
Holy Week Reflection 7.30-8.00 pm

Tues 12th **Holy Week** Reflection 7.30-8.00 pm

Wed 13th 7.30-8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection
Badminton - Memorial Hall 7.00 -8.00 pm and
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (experienced players)

Thurs 14th **Holy Week** Reflection 7.30-8.00 pm



APRIL DIARY 2022

Fri 15th Church open all day with a walk through Labyrinth
2.00-3.00 pm Good Friday: An hour at the Cross

Sun 17th EASTER SUNDAY
10.30 am Refreshments followed by Easter Sunday
family Communion service

Tues 19th Darby & Joan Club – Memorial Hall 2.15 - 4.15 pm

Wed 20th BINGO in aid of Senior Residents - Greaves Club 8 pm
Badminton - Memorial Hall 7.00 -8.00 pm and
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (experienced players)

Thurs 21st Senior Residents Coffee Morning
Greaves Club 10 – 12

Sun 24th 10.30 am Morning worship with children's activities

Wed 27th Badminton - Memorial Hall 7.00 -8.00 pm and
8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (experienced players)

Fri 29th *“SCENE” pick up (reminder to deliverers)*
Crafty Cuppa COFFEE MORNING
Memorial Hall 10 – 12

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Paul Buckley 07774978734

Youth Club 612165

REGULAR MEETINGS

BABY & TODDLER GROUP	Memorial Hall	Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am
BEAVERS	Memorial Hall	Thursday 5.45 -6.45pm (School term only)
CUBS	Memorial Hall	Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 pm
DARBY & JOAN CLUB	Memorial Hall	Every other Tuesday 2.15 - 4.15 pm
INFANT WELFARE CLINIC	Early Years Centre	1 st Wednesday of month 1.00 - 2.45 pm
MEN'S SHED	Gaydon Road	Wed & Fri 7pm – 9 pm
NHS BABY CLINIC	Pendicke Street Southam	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays of month 9.30-11.30
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Community Centre Ladbroke Road	2 nd Monday of month 7.30 except Bank Holidays)
RUNNING CLUB	Playing Field	Monday 7.30 pm start 5 th of month
SCENE CLOSING DATE		
SCOUTS	Community Centre	Thursday 7 pm - 8.30 pm
SENIOR RESIDENTS	Greaves Club	3 rd Thursday of month 10 am – 12 noon
SHORT MAT BOWLS	Memorial Hall	Wed & Friday 2 – 4pm
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall	1 st Wednesday of month 7.30 pm

<p>REFUSE COLLECTION (Grey Bin) RECYCLING (Blue & Green Bins)</p> <p>APRIL 2022 WEDNESDAY 6th & 20th WEDNESDAY 13th & 27th</p>	
<p>POP UP POST OFFICE 1.30 PM – 4.00 PM COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>APRIL 2022</p> <p>MONDAY 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th</p>	
<p>MOBILE LIBRARY – STARBOLD ROAD 14.10 pm – 14.35 pm</p> <p>APRIL 2022</p> <p>THURSDAY 14th APRIL</p>	
<p>BLUE BUTTERFLY CAFÉ (TERM TIME) 9 AM – 1 PM COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>APRIL 2022</p> <p>MONDAY 4th & 25th</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6th & 27th</p>	

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THE CRAFTY CUPPA

Welcome back Crafty Cuppa people

It was a joy to see you all last Friday. Not so many people at the start as we had previously but it sure did lighten my heart to see you all. You all came with long arms and short pockets so to speak and great big hearts because we banked £275.00, which included £50.00 in donations and the sale of the T shirts. Thank you all so very, very much. A special thank you to the person who donated the T shirts (superbly modelled by Jean of the Mann dynasty). They all were sold so Air Ambulance gained again.

Thank you all -pat yourselves on the back people.

I couldn't stay too long (blood test due at Harbury) but just as I was leaving I noticed Jean was ringing the bell to get everyone's attention as she modelled the T shirts. I'm glad it came to light, someone had even cleaned it. You know ringing the bell "shuts up" quicker than any shouting, but it doesn't take too long for us to become noisier again. As I said before it was wonderful to see and hear you all, some of you I hadn't seen for two years, so the pleasure was all mine.

The next Crafty Cuppa will be at the end of March which was at the same time that this Scene is delivered so, look out for 29th April and come along and join us.

Before I close I would like to say if you want to hire a table the person to contact is Val Bryant on 01789 842164 from now on. £5.00per table, cheap at double the price.

Take care and God Bless

ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



With Easter fast approaching, the world is dominated by the invasion of Ukraine.

At the time of writing, (and I realise that this may be way out of date by Easter!) the humanitarian calls to provide safe corridors for civilians to escape bombardment are being ignored by constant and indiscriminate shelling. The money raised to help the refugees and those left behind has already exceeded £100m but many feel there is more we should be doing. There is clearly a need for delicate diplomacy, but each day brings more death and destruction and the threat that the Russian forces will simply "turn up the violence".

And we watch in awe at the bravery and sacrifice of Ukrainian civilians, taking on the most powerful modern army to defend their nation and their freedom, and increasingly, to defend Europe from what might then come. And we join with Russian and Ukrainian around the world, as well as in Russia to cry and pray and call on the Kremlin stop this unprovoked war.

The Easter story is about an individual, increasingly alone as his friends run away in fear; of empty and false accusations made against him to justify condemning him to death; of being handed over to the most powerful regime who liked nothing better than inflicting violence against those they perceived as weak and vulnerable ... followed by the most agonising execution devised by mankind. That was Good Friday. That was Jesus.

And they thought they'd won... until Easter Day when Jesus was seen again, alive. They knew he'd been dead... Roman executioners don't make mistakes! But here was something new, something miraculous, something more powerful than even death itself. Jesus was alive again, and even sceptics examining all the evidence and theories come to the conclusion that it must have happened.

ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



"Jesus is risen" is the Easter shout

The Christian church in Ukraine will be well aware of the parallels and know the promises that he will never leave them... that he will stand with them in the carnage, that he understands bravery and sacrifice in ways we will never understand. His Easter promise is that evil will not win, even though standing at the gates of hell is terrifying. He has been there already.

Maybe our support can include prayers too in the light of Easter... that Jesus death and resurrection can bring real hope into this dreadful situation, and somehow turn this around to a real and lasting peace.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE:

Parish Council:

Meetings held on the second Monday of each Month

Check BIPC website for details or Tel: 01926 613902 (Mon – Thurs 9am-12noon)

POP-UP POST OFFICE:

The Pop-Up Post Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1.30PM – 4.00PM.

FITNESS CLASS WITH JENNY:

Tuesday's 7.15pm

ENTRUST CAFÉ:

Monday and Wednesday, 8.30am – 12noon.

WI CRAFT SESSION & GARDEN AFTERNOON:

Contact WI for details

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Organised by St. Michael's Church

UKULELE LADIES:

Fortnightly on Tuesday's 10.00am

YOUTH GROUP:

- Reserved slot Friday 6.00 – 7.30pm

The Group is no longer meeting, due to unavailability of parental volunteers. Prior to Covid, there were 60 young people registering to attend. If Parents would be interested in volunteering to get the group up and running again, please contact Colin White on 07769 327466.



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2022 BOUNCE-and-BEAT CLASS4KIDS EVENTS:

Following the success of the 2021 Summer Activities, Ruby Baigent is offering the following sessions:

EASTER APRIL 2022:

- AGES 4 – 11 YRS £20 PER DAY:
9.30am – 3.30pm - Monday 11th
9.30am – 3.30pm Tuesday 12th
9.30am – 3.30pm Wednesday 13th
9.30am – 3.30pm Thursday 14th
- YOUTH CLUB £5.00
3.30pm – 5.30pm Tuesday 12th



SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022:

Summer Club activities will run on weeks 1, 2, 3 and 6
Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

YOUTH CLUB on Tuesday's 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

On weeks 4 and 5 (where there is no Summer Club) other activities will be on offer, details to follow.

All bookings will need to be made in advance please by using the booking link below.

Here is the booking link for the Summer Club - <https://bounce-and-beat.class4kids.co.uk/>

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Bishops Itchington Football Club

(sponsored by the Greaves Club)



Results

Bodicote Res	0	BI Res	2
		(C.Mills, E.Vialette)	
Kings Sutton Res	4	BI Res	2
		(C.Carson, O.Bailey)	
BI Res	3	Longford Park Res	1
HRI Wellesbourne	1	BI Sunday	5
		(C.Bell 2, A.Yeates, A.Miles, L.Evans)	
Warwick Printing	1	BI Sunday	4
		(C.Bell, T.O'Callaghan 2, J.Bennett)	

A good month for both teams – the Reserves have finally begun to find some form and had a couple of good wins. This includes a first goal for the Club for Emanuel Vialette. The Sunday side are through to another cup final after beating Warwick Printing. This time it's the Cancer Cup.

Bishops Itchington Sports Association (BISA)



The only development this month to affect BISA has been the halting of the pavilion project in its current form. This was disappointing, but understandable given the high cost of the project. Hopefully, a replacement for the current building will be found that is suitable and affordable.

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Pot of tea or cafetiere of coffee



Make Bake & Grow Show



**Village Show Date for your Diary
The Make, Bake and Grow Show will take
place on Saturday 17th September
Details will be available soon**



from Val Key to all her friends in the village

I'm coming up with Harvey, Tammy and granddaughter Alice for 3 night's holiday and we will be in the Butchers Arms for lunch on Wednesday 13th April at 12.30 pm. It would be lovely if any friends would like to pop in to say hello and, if they want lunch, to let Selina know so she has some idea of numbers!

Looking forward to seeing you all on 13th

50 Years of Scouting

On March 20th 2022 Scouting in Bishops Itchington will officially become 50 years old. The Group was started by Mrs Muriel Golden, a teacher at the school and assisted by Bob Field and his wife May.

For fifty plus years our group has been active in our village providing the fun and adventure of Scouting to hundreds of our young people many of whom have grown up and we now provide this same adventure to their children and grandchildren..

We hope that our Scout Group will continue to provide for our young generations for the next 50 years. This will depend of the support of our members past, present and future and also the support of adult leaders.

As a Celebration of our 50 year milestone the Scout Group is holding an **Open Day at the Memorial Hall on Saturday April 9th from 2.00 till 5.00pm** and we would like to invite everyone, young and old, ex Scouts, Ex Leaders, Parents and children to visit us to explore and experience what Scouting has to offer our younger generation. You don't need to be a member of Scouting to attend and we would particularly like to meet the newer members of our community with their children. To our young people, if Mom and Dad don't want to visit why not come along yourself with a friend? Please visit us and try your hand at cooking on an open fire, building the tallest structure from Spaghetti and Marshmallows, pitch a tent and much more or just finding out what is on offer and what you could be part of.

We look forward to meeting you all on Saturday April 9th.

Paul Buckley, Group Scout Leader



INVITATION

1972 ←————→ 2022

50yrs

**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON SCOUT GROUP
OPEN DAY SATURDAY APRIL 9th 2022
MEMORIAL HALL 2.00 till 5.00 pm**





Friends of the Yellow Land & BING

Spring is just around the corner as I write this. The sun has been shining for a couple of days and the temperature has risen; flowers have begun to bloom and bees have been buzzing. On our last visit to the Yellow Land we were lucky to see a Brimstone butterfly (a beautiful yellow species) flittering round.

The daffodils that we planted in the orchard are beginning to flower. We are hoping to replace an apple tree that we lost a couple of years ago and possibly plant a couple of hazel trees to provide nuts to go with the fruit. We also have another bat box to put up in the orchard.





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The next meeting of the parish council will be held on **Monday 11 April 2022** at 7.30pm at The Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to the council's debate. A short time is set aside near the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise any matters relating to items on the agenda. The public is not permitted to take part in the council meeting itself so please make sure you raise any questions during the public forum. The minutes of the meetings are available on our website or from the parish clerk on request.

Annual Village Meeting:

This year's meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, 25 April 2022 in the Community Centre. This is a village meeting, not a parish council meeting, and all residents are invited. It is an opportunity to find out more about where we live by meeting other residents and representatives from village clubs and organisations. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and raise current issues affecting our local community. All this, and a glass of wine too! What's not to like? Please come along – you will be most welcome.

Recreational Community Facility:

As you are no doubt aware, this proposal has been shelved in its current form and cost.

We would like to thank those residents who completed and returned the survey form. The information contained within it will be very helpful. From initial findings it is clear that a new facility is needed but it should be smaller and cheaper options should be looked at. To this end, we are looking for villagers who would be happy to join a new working group to look at the options available. Please contact the Clerk if you would be interested in joining this.

Children's Play Area:

The parish council and members of the working group are working towards providing an exciting new Children's Play Area for the village and we are hoping that this will happen later in the year. In the meantime, we are delighted to say that a replacement zip wire is on order and should be in place for the summer.

Community Grants:

We are now at the beginning of the new financial year. We have £10,000 in the community grants fund available to village clubs and community organisations which benefit the residents of Bishop's Itchington. So, if you have a special event coming up or want to buy some new equipment, please think about applying to the parish council for a community grant. It's a very easy application form to complete and the rules are not too complicated. There is more information, including the forms, on our website or contact the parish council office if you would like to talk to someone.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

If any groups are planning to organise events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we would be grateful if you could advise the Clerk. This will enable the parish council to advertise the events on our website and Facebook page. We may also be able to signpost your group to funding sources.

Councillor Vacancies:

Unfortunately, it is with regret that we announce that Councillor Michael Mann has resigned from the parish council. We would like to thank him for all the hard work he undertook as the lead of the Pavilion Working Group. This means that we now have four vacancies for parish councillors.

If you would like to make a difference in your local community then maybe becoming a parish councillor is for you. The parish council currently has four vacancies for parish councillors and is looking for local people to join the team. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Responsible Dog Owners:

We have received several complaints regarding dog mess in the Village particularly along the passageway between Lakin Drive and Chapel Street and on the pavement by the hairdressers. We realise that the vast majority of dog owners act responsibly and clean up after their dogs and dispose of the dog mess appropriately. We are therefore reminding all dog owners within the village to act responsibly and clean up after their dogs. It is not a pleasant sight to see piles of dog mess littering the pavements and it is worse when you end up scraping dog mess off your or your children's shoes.

Quite a few of us attended a Federation Serious Science presentation in Leamington entitled “Climate Change – Is It Too Late?” After an introduction explaining how we got to this state of affairs, we had a talk by Susan Juned on COP 26 and, after refreshments (we have to have refreshments wherever we go) a talk by Chris Cream of Friends of the Earth who gave us ideas about what we, as individuals, can do to minimise further environmental damage. This mainly seemed to consist of putting pressure on the relevant public authorities to ensure that they had a “Climate change/green/sustainable/eco” policy – whatever you want to call it - in place, and further, that they’d got someone employed to deal with the issues and that that person was actually **doing** something, i.e. that any statement they made to that effect wasn’t just a box-ticking exercise, and that we must hold them to account. This applies to authorities at all levels. We understand that our Parish Council has a nominated councillor to deal with these matters.

There were rather a lot of attendance apologies at our March meeting. Was there something going on that the rest of us were missing? But it didn’t matter, there were still plenty of us there – fortunately we have an above average membership for a village. And we also welcomed some visitors who we hope will soon become members.

After the business our speaker from Zoe’s Beautique was introduced. This was Zoe herself. Before I go any further I must apologise to her for spelling wrongly the name of her business in the March Scene. Hopefully I’ve got it right this time. Zoe told us about her business, her 20 years of experience in this line and the many different treatments that she can provide. And then distributed two sachets of Neal’s Yard products to each of us and demonstrated how to use them for a hand massage. We used one, containing frankincense, to oil our palms and breathe in the aroma. This was calming. Then we practised our effleurage - (look it up, we didn’t know what it was either, but of course we’re now experts), massaged our palms and then worked on each finger.

That was soothing. So we were now calm and soothed. The whole experience was most enjoyable. Oh, and by the way, Zoe runs her practice in our village. Very handy!!

Whilst enjoying our refreshments most of us had a go at a word game. There was no prize for the winners – a round of applause sufficed.

Ten of us attended a talk, organised by Federation, given by Anton du Beke. We weren't disappointed – he turned out to be a natural raconteur, feeding off questions from the audience throughout. With much humour he told us about his dancing career, mentioning Ann Widecombe more than once! It was a most enjoyable event.

As the result of a request from the Scouts our WI gardening group, which maintains the planted boxes located round the village, has agreed to take over the planting of the boxes outside the Memorial Hall.

At our April meeting we will be welcoming members of a fairly new WI, from Duns Tew in Oxfordshire, who want to visit us to see how we do things.

And lastly, Sandra, our Treasurer, announced that she has National WI raffle tickets for sale; £1 each, first prize £10,000. She then reminded us that our annual subscriptions are due in April. Thanks Sandra.

For your diary

- Tues 5 April - Evita at the Spa Centre
- Weds 6 " - Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Bollywood Dancing
- Thurs 7 " - Craft Group, Community Cafe, 2pm
- Sat 9 " - Watercolour Workshop, Stoneleigh, am or pm
- Fri 22 " - Craft Group, Community Cafe, 2pm
- Tues 26 " - Serious Science – Floods, L/Spa, 7.30pm
- Fri 29 " - Gardening Group, Community Centre, 2pm

A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : PHILIP ROLAND JONES



On entering the Cemetery, walk past the Chapel, and count 14 rows along and then turn left. The first grave is the last resting place of Philip Roland Jones. Philip was born in Bishops Itchington on 6th November 1887, he was baptized on Christmas Day 1887 at the village church. Philip was the son of William Henry (born 1861) and Edith Rebecca (born 1859). Edith was born into a well-known family, the Suttaby's. Philip's siblings were Harry William born 1881, Constance born 1883, Leonard George 1885, Dorothy Maud 1890, Lily Verney 1891, Ada Gertrude 1893, Tessa Olive 1894 and Violet 1897. Violet passed away in June 1899, aged 1 year 8 months. The family lived in Laurel Cottage, Gaydon Road.

When school teacher, Verney Blundell moved to Bishops Itchington from Gloucestershire she lodged with the Jones family for a few years, one of Philip's sibling was named after this school teacher.

In 1899, the children were playing in the garden when Dorothy (aged 10) found Violet, who was just under 2 years, lying in a tub of water. The tub was 13 inches high, 30 inches in diameter and was holding 7 inches of water. Philip managed to get Violet out of the water and he carried her into the house, by the time Dr Pirie had arrived Violet had passed away. Philip found two pieces of bread in the water and it is believed that Violet had been trying to get this bread. What a nasty shock for the family, it would be something that Philip and the family would never forget. Violet is buried in the village churchyard.

When Philip left school aged 12 years old he worked for a local farmer, but his main aim was to work with horses and this came about in 1901 when, aged 14, he became a stable boy to one of large stables within the village.

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Andrew Gladstone Clark was the owner of Plough Farm, now Elms Farm, Plough Lane. Some of the lads and men who worked on the farms left when they got married to work at the Cement Works where the money was better. Fathers would know when they would get home after working a 12 hour day, they would grow vegetables in the gardens, no lawns and flowers beds like today, every spare piece of garden would be used to grow food and chicken and ducks ran around and, if they were lucky, some may even have a pig.

By the time Philip was 16 he would have been able to join the Greaves Club, everyone had to have two sponsors to join. The younger members of the village would become members so they could play on the billiard table, draughts or dominoes, darts etc. On pay day, with the pennies they would have left after giving their board and tally money to their mothers or fathers, these young ones could buy themselves a mineral water or glass of homemade lemonade which would have been made by the steward's wife or helper.

Money would always be short in any family, most had to use the tallymen who came around the villages selling their wares - clothing, shoes, material etc., so housewives could make items. Each tallymen would arrive on the same day and collect their weekly payment. When the wife had paid for a few times, she would buy more items to be added to the balance. These men could get anything for you, expect Philip may have used these tallymen when he first started working for Mr Clark so that he had the correct clothing for a stable boy. At Plough Farm, each boy had his own stables to clean out plus on each door was that stable broom , when someone left the stable boy would get promotion to groom, this was an important job, the horses had to be ready to hunt, go to race meeting, point to point etc., Philip would have worked with about six other grooms, namely Douglas Soden, Thomas Clemence, Philip Parish, William Beaney, Jack Taylor plus Walter Mann (who was left the farms and land which Andrew Clark owned when he died). Andrew Clark's will had a clause to say that Walter Mann had to carry on breeding racehorses, Walter Mann kept to this clause and bred many good racehorses at Manor Farm Stud.

Philip Roland was killed by a horse while working, he was aged 21 years. After Philip's accident his parents moved to live at 2 Moss Street Leamington Spa, never to return in life or death to the village.

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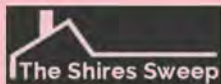


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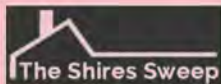
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