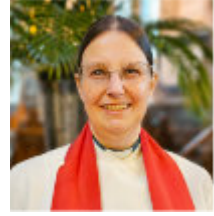


St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
October 2024



**The Cross Country Parishes
of
Acton with Worleston, Church
Minshull and Wettenhall**

All things come from God, and of his own do we give Him



Those words were said by King David when he had gathered the materials ready for his son, Solomon, to build the Temple in Jerusalem. They are interesting words to ponder as we celebrate Harvest in 2024.

Earlier in the year, Joe Stanley, Farm Manager of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust farm in Leicestershire, became infamous for saying that 2024 was the year with no harvest. He later modified that in his regular column in the NFU Countryside magazine by saying the year could be summed up by saying “The wrong weather in the wrong amount at the wrong time.” One of the Agricultural Chaplains told a similar story in Cheshire. The 2023-24 farming year has been challenging.

Yet despite it all, harvest has been variable and there is a harvest. Spring barley is good enough to malt, so there will be beer and whiskey. The blackcurrant crop amounts to a whopping 11,600 tonnes, of which Ribena will use 90%, so no shortage of Ribena. Whether the equivalent of 11 million loaves produced in the UK each day will be made from 85% British flour as usual, time will tell.

God has given us a harvest, and we offer it back to him as we sing our harvest praises. But to see harvest as just farmed produce, or the produce of our gardens, is to reduce our offering back to God. For many of us our harvest is our time, our gifts and skills, our money. God has given us all things. The least we can do is to offer praise to Him for everything He has given us. Sometimes we can give our time, our skills, our gifts and our money back to Him in service as well, which really is food for thought.

Rev Anne

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Acton

- 6th Oct 11:00 am Harvest, 6:00 pm Harvest Songs of Praise
13th Oct 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
20th Oct 10:00 am Messy Church
27th Oct 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
3rd Nov 11:00 am Communion, 6:00 pm Commemoration

Church Minshull

- 6th Oct 11:00 am Service of the Word
13th Oct 11:00 am Cafe Church
20th Oct 11:00 am Communion
27th Oct 11:00 am Messy Church
3rd Nov 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 6th Oct No Service
13th Oct 9:30 am Harvest Service
20th Oct No Service
27th Oct 9:30 am Communion
3rd Nov No Service

Wettenhall

- 6th Oct 6:30 pm Harvest Service
13th Oct 11:00 am Communion
20th Oct 11:00 am All Age
27th Oct 6:30 pm Informal
3rd Nov 11:00 am Creationtide Green Cafe

St David's Church Wettenhall			
Sidespersons		Cleaning and Flowers	
6 th	Oct	Mr A Burrows	Mrs A Hancock and Mrs A Hignett
13 th	Oct	Mrs A Hignett	Mrs A Nicholas
20 th	Oct	Brownies	
27 th	Oct	Informal	Mrs S Ward and Mrs I Drinkall
3 rd	Nov	Mrs A Brooks	
Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk			

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Andy James** and his family, on learning of the death of **Lynne** on 18th August. Lynne and Andy were much loved members of the church family at St. David's before they relocated to Bognor Regis. Lynne led the Praise and Play Group and as a Methodist Lay Minister took services in the Cross Country Parishes.

Also condolences to the family and friends of **Pam Harding**, formerly of Fourwinds, Cholmondeston and to the family of **Gordon Noblett**.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn.



Harvest Service

Sunday 6th October at 6.30pm.

The service will be followed by a Harvest Supper to which everyone is invited.

There will be a sign-up sheet in church to help with numbers for catering.



Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on **October 3rd and November 7th from 10-12 noon in Church.** Everyone is very welcome to pop in for a little or as long as they wish.



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Finally, look at our display in church about all the flowers, grasses and creatures we found in our graveyard and land in our Green Café Worship in July. You may be surprised... we were!

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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

6 th Oct	Ena Furber and Miriam Harvey
13 th Oct	Lesley and Peter Latronico
20 th Oct	Tracey and Peter Foster
27 th Oct	Elizabeth Bull & Steve Davies
3 rd Nov	Sandra and Mike Houlston

Visit: www.stmarysacton.org

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

6th October

3rd November

22nd December

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at 12:45 pm. Nick organises circular walks varying between 3 to 5 miles, then returning to the church for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake.

The pace of the walks is relaxed, and the routes generally involve canal towpath and lane walking. The footpaths should be good (also hopefully dry?) and only a small number of stiles are negotiated. Stout outdoor shoes or walking shoes / boots are recommended.

All are welcome including dogs on leads

For further information please phone Nick Harley, Lead Walker, on 01270-620612 or 07710983125.



Harvest Weekend

A special Harvest Songs of Praise will be held at 6.00 pm on Sunday 6th October, when a wide selection of Harvest Hymns will be sung at the end of "Generosity Week". We will be thanking our Generous God for another bountiful harvest. This will be followed by a harvest supper served by our Social Committee. If you would like to choose a harvest hymn then please ring Joyce Percival 07703292900.

Kelly and Andy Bibby

Kelly and Andy remember their wedding anniversary at Acton.

On a wet and windy Wednesday morning in September it was lovely to meet Kelly and Andy Bibby at the morning service at St. Mary's, Acton. Kelly and Andy were married at St. Mary's 8 years ago and kindly brought some tasty cakes to share with the congregation after the service. When asked if the weather was hopefully better eight years ago for their wedding, Andy replied, "No, it was just as bad but it didn't matter as our wedding day was wonderful."

Gospel Concert

Nantwich Methodist Church members invite you to join them for a wonderful Gospel Concert performed by the Jake Leg Jug Band as part of their national tour. The concert will be on Saturday 23rd November 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each and are available by contacting www.nantwichmethodist.co.uk

A link to the band's website can be found here: <https://www.thejakelegjugband.com/gigs-2>

All are welcome.

Acton Community Film Night

Movie Nights in Acton

The first Movie Night in Acton was held at Acton Parish Hall on Friday 6th September and was a great success, attracting a full house. The film, 'A Kingdom United', is the true story of the life of the Prince Seretse of Botswana and highlighted the difficulties and delights of the era when he fell for a British clerk. The film was shown with the opportunity to enjoy tea, coffee, wine, beer, popcorn and ice cream. The interval allowed many friends, neighbours and visitors to Acton to have a good chat and do what Acton does best; give a warm welcome to all.

Our second Movie Night will be held on Friday 11th October at 7:30pm at Acton Parish Hall. Again, doors will open at 7 pm and entry will be on a first come first served basis - no pre-bookings - so please arrive early as once we have reached capacity, we will not be able to offer any more seats. Our second film will be, 'Australia' starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. It is a certificate 12 which we will abide by. This spectacular action adventure is set in the wilds of the Australian outback at the beginning of the 1940s and has been described as a film that is 'magnificent', 'the perfect film' where you will 'laugh and cry'. Entry £5 per person and subtitles will be shown.

Any queries please email me at clairelewisjones@btinternet.com

Congratulations

To Luke Evans and Ashley Atwal who were married at St Anne's Church in Nantwich on 12 July 2024.

Luke, who grew up in Ravensmoor, is the son of Clive and Joan Evans, who are well known to people in Acton.



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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

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 Emeilia Bond Thomas Ablard
 Freya Howells Reuben Spencer
 Luke Jones Sophie Bowes
 Megan Farrell Stanley Alexander
 Oliver Latham

Special Birthdays

Congratulations to **Sophie Bowes** on her 18th birthday this month!

Congratulations

Belated congratulations to **Harry & Trina Dutton** on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in September.

We wish them many more happy years together.

Lynne James Memorial

Lynne James Memorial Zoom Service
Sunday October 20th 3.00pm at St. David's Church

Many of you will remember Lynne James, and her husband Andy, who were regular worshippers at St. David's church in Wettenhall. Lynne was a Lay preacher, and preached throughout the Cross Country Parishes and Winsford for many years. Several years ago they left Cheshire and moved to the South coast to be nearer to their son and his family. Unfortunately, Lynne has recently passed away and a memorial service is planned for Sunday 20th October at 3.00pm. This will be shown live in St. David's church, via a Zoom link, so that we can all see the service together. There is no need to book, so please come along to hear about Lynne, and her life, in the church and community.

Ladies' Lunch

Thursday 17th October
Nantwich Tea Lounge
at Nantwich Town FC
12:30 pm - Cost: £12.50
For further details contact:
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Ann (528273) or
Joyce (07703 292900)

Mobile Library

Oct	Oct	Nov	Tuesdays	
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Badger Church	Minshull		10:20	10:45
Home Farm Park	South Lea Green		11:10	11:20
Home Farm Park	North Lea Green		11:30	11:50
Wettenhall Church			12:05	12:20
Station Rd	Calveley		13:35	13:55
Tollemache Arms	Alraham		14:05	14:30
Oct	Nov	Nov	Thursdays	
17 th	7 th	28 th	Arr	Dep
Pinfold Craft Centre	Poole		11:00	11:25
Worleston Station	Aston Juxta Mondrum		11:35	11:45
Worleston Village Hall			11:50	12:10
Oct	Oct	Nov	Thursdays	
3 rd	24 th	14 th	Arr	Dep
Farmers Arms	Ravensmoor		10:00	10:15
Goodwill Hall	Faddiley		10:30	10:50
Greenfields Farm	Gradeley Green		11:05	11:20

If you wish to watch but can't get to Wettenhall. Here are the Zoom details.
Zoom Meeting room ID 878 7997 8475
Pass code is 473352
Start time is 3pm but please join early (eg 2.15pm and then have a cup of tea !)

The Apostles; Bartholomew

Bartholomew means the 'son of the furrows' in the Aramaic language, so it is likely that he was from a farming family in the area of Galilee. In the Gospel of John, he is usually referred to as Nathanael, not Bartholomew, and he has the same name in the Qur'anic writings of the Muslim faith. He is another of the apostles about whom we know little from the gospels, but is surrounded by legends concerning his life after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. The apostles went out across the ancient World to tell of the life of Jesus and their faith in Him as the Son of God. Bartholomew is said to have travelled as a missionary in the area of India now known as the Bombay coastal region, where he left a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. Then onto Ethiopia, Parthia, Mesopotamia and greater Armenia. In Armenia Bartholomew was with Jude Thaddeus, and together they are credited with bringing Christianity to Armenia in the first century AD. Both are now recognised as Patron Saints of Armenia.

However, it was said to be Armenia where Bartholomew was martyred, although other legends say that his death occurred in Dogestan, Azerbaijan or Eastern Turkey. In Armenia he is reputed to have converted King Polymius to Christianity, against the will of the King's brother, Prince Astyages, who feared a Roman backlash. In a fury he ordered the torture and execution of Bartholomew. This was carried out by the apostle being flayed alive, his skin removed with knives or blades. This horrific torture is shown in art by Bartholomew holding his skin in his arms like a towel, or having it draped around his neck. Often the image includes golden knives or scissors to show how he was tortured.

Following this ordeal his body did not lie in rest for long. Relics of his body were

given by Anastasius, the Byzantine emperor, to the city of Daras in Mesopotamia 507 AD. A piece of skin and several bones were said to have been washed up at Lipari, an island off Sicily, and were transferred to Benevento in 838 AD where they still lie in the basilica. In 983 AD the Holy Roman Emperor, Otto II, gave relics to Rome. San Bartolomeo all'Isala was then founded on the site of the Asclepius, an important pagan Roman medical centre. This location led to St. Bartholomew being closely associated with hospitals throughout the Christian world. In London the St Bart's Hospital



was first established in 1123 AD. On a happier note St Bart's feast day on August 24th was an opportunity for celebration in Britain and throughout Europe. There was a Bartholomew Fair in the Smithfield area of London throughout the

Middle Ages. At Crewkerne in Somerset there was a St. Bartholomew Street Fair every August from Saxon times. The festival is noted in the Domesday Book and the British Library has a charter from 1280 AD granted to Crewkerne for its street fair, although it was said to have been granted by Henry III at an even earlier date. The beautiful church at Church Minshull is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, so we can celebrate his August feast day close to home and remember his missionary work far and near.

Heather Pope



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Recipe

Cheese Scones

Ingredients

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- 55g/2oz Mature Cheddar Cheese
- Good pinch English Mustard Powder
- Small Egg
- Milk

Method

- ☞ Heat oven to 220c Gas 7
- ☞ Lightly grease a baking tray
- ☞ Rub butter into the flour with the mustard.
- ☞ Mix in grated cheese.
- ☞ Beat egg with a little milk and stir into flour with a metal knife to make a soft dough.
- ☞ Turn onto floured board and knead lightly. Pat down to a round 2cm/3/4in thick. **Do not use a rolling pin!**
- ☞ Use a 5cm/2in plain cutter and press out scones.
- ☞ Lightly knead together remaining dough and press out more scones to use up the dough.
- ☞ Brush the top of the scones with a little milk and sprinkle with a little finely grated cheese.
- ☞ Bake for 12-15 minutes until well risen and golden brown.
- ☞ Cool on a wire rack.

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Try this recipe for Cheese Scones, it won first prize at this year's Nantwich Show for Jill Hodgson, brought up in Welshmans Lane, an Acton girl, educated, confirmed and married in the parish, now retired and living on the other side of town.

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27 th Oct	Alison Stokes		Marilyn Booth
10 th Nov	Pam Haigh		Diane Darlington
Flowers		Cleaning	
13 th Oct	Felicity Adams	Oct	Any Volunteers?
27 th Oct	Sue Adams		
10 th Nov	Diane Darlington	Nov	Any Volunteers?
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From the Registers

Baptism

On 3rd March 2024

Phineas Arthur Tobias was baptised at St Oswald's.

He is the infant son of

Jonathan and Joanna Reade

On 1st September 2024

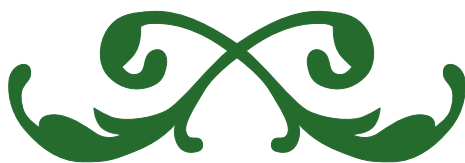
Rupert Benjamin Frank Richard Bonell was baptised at St Oswald's. He is the son of **Benjamin and Sian Bonell** of Wades Green Hall, Church Minshull.

We welcome Phineas and Rupert into the family of the church and pray for them and for their families.



Harvest Service

**Harvest Service will be held on
Sunday 13th October at 9:30 am**



Coffee and Cake

Saturday 5th October from 10-12 noon in Church.

Come along and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat.

Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.





St Oswald's United Patronal Service, Held on the 4th August to celebrate St Oswald's Day.

'Saint Oswald (born c. 604—died 642, Maserfelth, Eng.; feast day August 5) was an Anglo-Saxon king of Northumbria from 633 to 642 who introduced Celtic Christian missionaries to his kingdom and gained ascendancy over most of England.

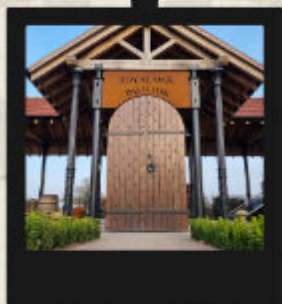
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THE ROYAL OAK
WORLESTON

As we start another new school year, we have been thinking about new beginnings. The children have eagerly returned to school, into their new classrooms, many of which have benefitted from a refurbishment over the summer.

Christian schools have a distinctive ethos and that “special feel” and as part of our commitment to our distinctive Christian ethos, each class this year will be focusing on a different Christian value. Throughout the year the children will be having the opportunity to put their Christian values into action through their words and deeds. They will reflect on their behaviour to help them flourish and succeed as individuals and achieve our vision that “through God nothing is impossible”.

Reception children will be focusing on the value of Friendship as they make new friends in their own class and form new bonds with their year 6 buddies who will care for and nurture them throughout the year. The class will become familiar with Bible stories about friendship as well as remembering that Jesus was a friend to all. The Bible tells us to: “Encourage one another and build each other up”
1 Thessalonians.

Year 1: Thankfulness

‘Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever.’
Psalm 106:1 Our year 1 children will be encouraged to be grateful and give thanks for our school, our teachers, their friends and family. They will be reminded of the story of the ten lepers where although nine were healed only one made the journey and took the time to say, “Thank you” to Jesus.

Year 2: Forgiveness

‘Just as the Lord has forgiven you so you must forgive others’ - Colossians 3:13
Our Year 2 children will be looking at the many parables showing that Jesus talked about forgiveness and being encouraged to forgive one another.

Year 3: Truthfulness

Our older children in Key Stage 2 will be given the challenge of remembering to act with truthfulness. As a school, we encourage the children to show courage and accept responsibility even if they don’t always make the right choices, accepting that each day is a clean slate. Our Bible reference for this is: ‘Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’ - John 8:32

Year 4: Service

As our older children become ambassadors for the school, they have increasing opportunities to put their Christian values into practice. Throughout the year there are opportunities for every class to show acts of service. We remember the Bible teaches us to: ‘Serve one another in love’ - Galatians 5:13

Year 5: Respect

As a school we have 3 very simple rules that underpin all that we do.

To be ready,

To be respectful and

To be safe

By following these 3 simple rules we ensure that our school is a safe, happy and calm environment where all feel safe. We remember the Bible reminds us to: ‘Do to others as you would have them do to you.’ - Matthew 7:12

Year 6: Compassion

And finally, our eldest children are taught to understand the importance of compassion as they begin to make sense of the world in which they live, learning that sometimes life may not seem fair and there are injustices created by mankind. We encourage our next generation to learn from the errors of previous generations and to follow Christ's example in order to create a better future for themselves. This is echoed in the Bible verse from Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

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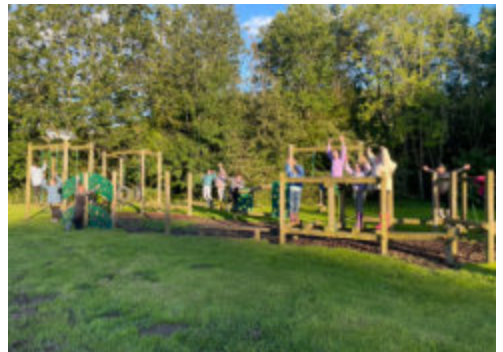


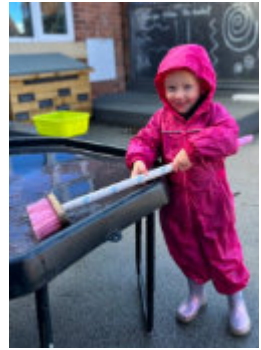
Calveley School

Welcome back to school! We have been thrilled to open the gates once again for a new school year, to both new and returning families. We are up to over 100 pupils on record! You will see a photo of Beech class (years 1 and 2) and Sycamore class (years 3 and 4) and their smiling faces.

Years 1 - 6 have been enjoying swimming lessons at Cheshire Swim in Poole. This is new for this academic year but feedback has been great so far. Little Acorns nursery don't go swimming but have been making the most of playing in the Autumn rain instead.

Sycamore class went on a fantastic residential trip to the Conway Centre in Burwardsley. Here they learnt about the Stone Age and Iron Age and how both civilisations invented technologies which have been developed and are still being used today. They examined the art in a Celtic roundhouse and learned how to make coil pots out of clay, just as Iron Age men and women would have done. You'll also see pictures of them undertaking an archaeological dig and examining what they find. Before bed, they even found time for a play on the play area, a football match and a campfire!





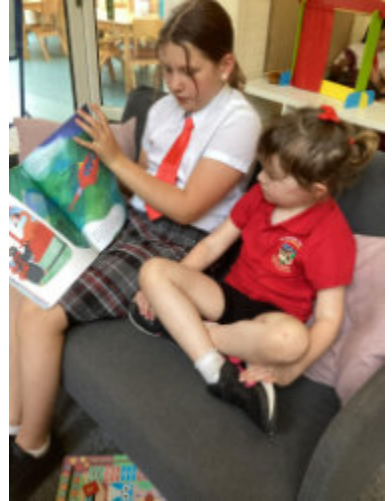
St Oswald's School, Worleston

St Oswald's have had a wonderful start back to the Autumn term. Over the holidays the Early Years conservatory was knocked down and rebuilt into a classroom. This will not only help regulate the temperature better in the room, but also create a more purposeful learning environment for our young pupils. Children in Reception are now based in this new room and the children in Nursery spend most of their time in the main room off the hall. If you would like to take a look at the new build, please contact the school office. We have a series of Open Days booked for the upcoming term and we are keen to show off the new space!

We always buddy up the children in our youngest class, with those from our eldest. To help our Owls class to settle in, the Foxes children have helped them at lunch time for the first two weeks as well as spending time playing with them at break time. Both groups of children love this time and the Foxes are a wonderful role model to the younger children.

The whole school has listened to all of our Year 6 pupils who presented to the rest of the school today. They applied for different leadership roles that included Head Boy and Girl, Ethos Team, Eco Warriors and Well Being Champions. All of the children who presented were amazing and clearly explained why St Oswald's is such a special place, and they made suggestions on how we can work together to make positive changes. All of the pupils and staff voted. Huge congratulations to our new Head Girl, Head Boy and their deputies. The children are looking forward to leading their school friends and organising and helping to run events.







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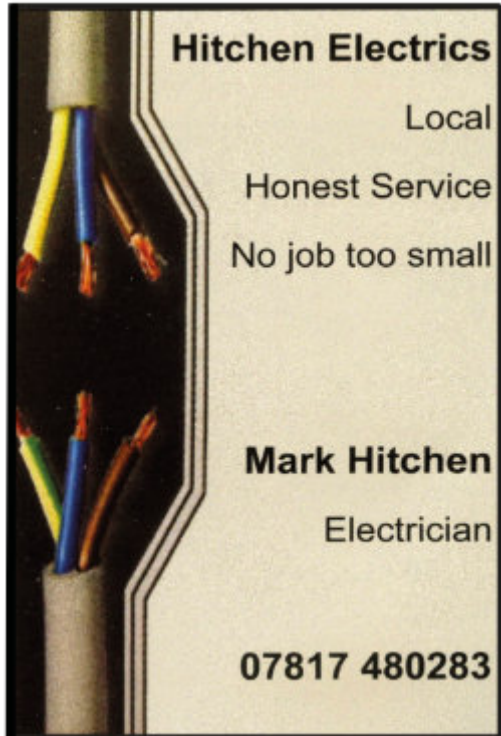
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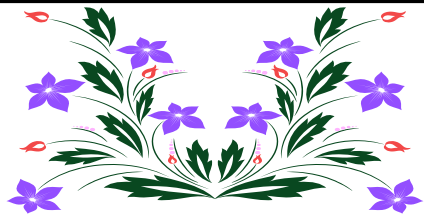
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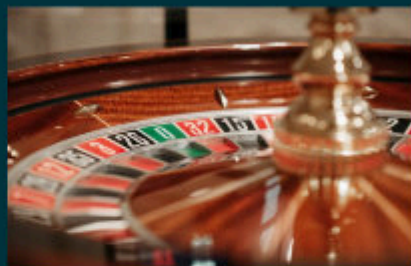
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