

IWERNE MINSTER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024

COMPTON ABBAS AIR SHOW

On **Saturday and Sunday 10th & 11th August**, Compton Abbas Airfield is having a show called the Golden Age of Aviation. A traffic management scheme will be in operation from **8am to 8pm on both days** which will affect us as Clayesmore School is being used as part of the parking arrangements throughout this event, so we need to be aware of the following.

Once parked at Clayesmore, ticket holders will be bussed to and from the airfield using a **temporary one-way system up Mill St. and down Tower Hill**. Going:- buses will go along the A350 to Fontmell Magna and turn east **up Mill St.** to the C13, thence to the airfield. Returning:- buses will come back along the C13 and **down Tower Hill**. The hills will be one way on both days. So, everyone [including villagers] will only be able to **drive down Iwerne/Tower Hill** from the C13 between 8am and 8pm. Also, please don't try to drive down Mill Street towards Fontmell Magna, as that route will be closed for downhill traffic.

Finally, please don't try to see the event by abandoning your cars on surrounding roads then walking to a known vantage point as this will only cause even more congestion for the area and surrounding villages.

If there are further queries, I will try to get them answered but for this weekend please be patient.

Paul Le Provost [Parish Council, Chairman]

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR ALL

Come and enjoy coffee or tea, cake and companionship in the Abingdon Hall from 9.30 to 11.30am. This is a drop in café run by a few volunteers who are aiming to hold it once a fortnight beginning September 13th and 27th. A crossword corner, and a jigsaw/book exchange will also be available. There will initially not be a fixed charge, but donations will be welcome to cover the cost of hiring the hall etc.

So do come along and support this initiative!

The organisers are also looking for more people to help run the coffee mornings. If you'd like to help, please contact Anne Gorman: annegorman5@gmail.com This could be an excellent way to get to know more about the people who live in the village.

IWERNE MINSTER SUMMER SHOW ON SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST ON THE PARISH FIELD

You will have received your schedule by now and we hope to see lots of entries on the Show Bench; there should be something for everyone to enter!

We would welcome donations – to Marion Harrison (Patch Cottage) for the Tombola and to Sue Le Prevost (The Hollow) for the Grand Raffle. Bottles, preserves and delicious edibles for the raffle hampers, as well as unwanted gifts, bottles etc. for the Tombola will be gratefully received.

Treasurer Paul Le Prevost (The Hollow) would be delighted to receive any sponsorship to help offset the costs of the show. After all the bills are paid, we make substantial donations to our chosen charities – Air Ambulance and Julia's House, both of whom we hope to see at the Show.

We are looking for volunteers to help before, during and after the Show. A new addition this year is a bouncy castle for children but we will need a few adults to supervise and blow a whistle at the end of each session!

Make a note in your diary and on the calendar to come and enjoy a lovely 'family' afternoon.

Sue Le Prevost

RAINBOW OVER HOME FARM



With thanks to Paul Hibbins for the photo

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB

Always busy, the May meeting of the club was "Call-my-Bluff", which has now become an annual event. The Club again took on IMPHA. This year's Club team provided considerable entertainment with physical demonstration of some words. Whether this confused the opposition or not, the Club were the victors and the audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The idea of a "Picnic in the Park" for the June meeting eventually evolved into a Summer Party for Club members. An evening with delicious food provided by members and the drinks on the house made for a very enjoyable social evening.

This was followed in July by the annual "Boules" tournament. Although the weather was not ideal, teams enjoyed play on the field. The David Hicks Trophy was won by a team of young players from Clayesmore resident ground staff - "Great Balls of Steel".

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 3rd August before we move into the autumn programme. We start off with a Quiz Night in September followed by an Italian Supper in October [more of that to come].

Meanwhile the men have been busy re-decorating the snooker room aided by several club members. Particular thanks to Richard Andrews for his skilful woodwork and designs for storage in the snooker room. Also Steve Harrison for decorating the room and Jeff Overton for electrical work and sourcing the cupboards for additional storage in the snooker room. We have replaced all the old assorted china with new plates and bowls. If anyone would like a few plates we have plenty to give away! We have also received a very generous donation from the Wilson-Croome Family in memory of Laura who so enjoyed the view from the Clubhouse.

FLOWER ARRANGING



A very successful second flower arranging afternoon took place in the clubroom on Thursday,

27th June. We looked at small, all-round arrangements. The group of ladies and one gentleman produced some very nice arrangements which would have graced any show bench and were worthy of some prize cards. Well done to all!

Penny Marsh

IWERNE MINSTER 100 CLUB RESULTS

May

£15 Wendy Trim (74)
£12 Pat Stickley (53)
£10 Jane Davies (26)
£5 Jonathan & Susan Maguire (33)

June

£15 Debs & Simon Kidd (47)
£12 Julia Cox (51)
£10 Terry Payne (43)
£5 Steve Harrison (40)

TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis Club has gone from strength to strength over this last year culminating in a ladies knockout cup competition. This is the first time since 1979 that it has been held and was deservedly won this year by Heather Overton. Brenda did not take part!



The club is held every Tuesday afternoon with the aim of being a friendly sociable event that includes tea and a biscuit at half time. We are not interested in playing league or very competitive play, only having some fun. All levels, including beginners, are welcome.

Especial thanks go to Dot Hinchcliffe for running the club and presenting the trophy 🏆.

Brenda

ITALIAN EVENING FOR ALL

This is early notice of plans to hold an Italian meal to raise funds for the Village Club renovations. It will be held on Thursday 17th October in Abingdon Hall, in the style of previous evenings. Tickets will be on sale from the Village Shop nearer the time but please make a note in your diary, as seats will be limited.

Sue Le Prevost

PLEA FROM IWERNE ESTATE



Please do not dump garden waste at the end of Marsh Lane, or anywhere else for that matter. (Marsh Lane is the road which runs past Talbot Court and the trout farm.) It is disheartening to see even small quantities dumped, especially in those areas where the Iwerne Estate keeper, Josh, has made so much effort to create wild life habitats and given us permissive paths to walk on.

SPEED WATCH

Geoff Peters, who runs Speed Watch for Iwerne Minster, recently received a well-deserved accolade from the Chief Constable, Amanda Pearson in the house magazine: *General Orders*. She wrote: 'I had the pleasure... of meeting with one of our valued long-standing volunteers, Geoff Peters. Geoff has been a volunteer with Dorset Police for over 14 years, working with both the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Home Watch and the Community Speed Watch. Geoff has been part of the CSW for 10 years and, since 2018, has been operating with the CSW team on the A350 at Iwerne Minster. Geoff and the team have conducted 394 sessions, reported 4,611 incidents of speeding and generated an incredible 4,075 letters. This is an amazing achievement and shows

incredible dedication from Geoff to keeping the roads safe in his local community.'

JAZZ IN THE TITHE BARN

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by seventy plus people at the Tithe Barn on the evening of 6th July. With a 'bring our own picnic' (and drink!), we were serenaded by the Nick Sorenson Trio, a most accomplished West Country jazz trio. The Barn was packed, with people even sitting up on the mezzanine. The applause was enthusiastic. The evening was organised by Christine and Tim Ingram who provided both venue and band, and to whom a big 'thank you' is due.



Proceeds from ticket sales, along with donations in an 'exit bucket', go to Julia's House. A grand total of £ 940 was raised, and Christine and Tim, and Julia's House, would like to thank all participants for their generosity.

The jazz was modern, the second set opening with Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence". This tune, usually performed as a kind of dirge, was played by the Trio with just sufficient attack that, this member of the audience, at least, felt some optimism, some chance of change that we might overcome the present despondency of the world. The evening closed with a Charlie Mingus number. As a member of the audience said to me afterwards: "Top class, we could have been in Ronnie Scott's!"

The Trio comprised Nick Sorensen on sax, John Law, piano and Paul Sandy, bass.

It was an excellent evening. We hope it can be repeated. Maybe other village venues will be inspired to organise such evenings!

John Goodliffe

BOULES REPORT

The team from Clayesmore, who were the eventual winners, only saw the flyer for the boules competition that very day – never too late to enter! Seb, Anna and Jack were closely supported by baby Murphy. Never too young to start!



The weather was wet, but the organizers held out to the very last minute; the rain finally cleared, and we could play.

With eight teams, the game plan was changed to ensure that everyone got several games and playing didn't take too long. The time to complete each game was an estimated 25 minutes, maximum. There were two leagues of four teams each. Everyone was to play each other, therefore getting at least three games. At the end, there was a playoff between Great Balls of Steel and La Vie en Rose (Alwin Greder, Gwyn Crawley and Hilary Abbey) with the Clayesmore team winning the David Hicks Trophy.



Starting at 4pm, the final finished at about 7pm, leaving time for picnickers to enjoy their picnics and imbibers to continue sampling the variety of drinks available (including an excellent Pimms) from the bar, competently served by Peter Robinson. The photographer - Dave Gorman – won the raffle prize.

Our Sports Correspondent

CHILD OKEFORD ART TRAIL 2024 FRIDAY 23RD TO MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2024 11 AM TO 4 PM DAILY

Our beautiful village once again offers a warm welcome to the annual Trail, bringing art to our doorsteps and showcasing the artists and craftspeople within our neighbourhood. We've 21 talented artists across four venues exhibiting in their own homes, studios and community spaces this year, **enabling you to view and purchase a varied collection of arts and crafts**. The venues are located within walking distance of the village centre making it accessible for walking or cycling around our picturesque village.

Some of the artists exhibiting in the Community Centre include Martin Brierley, a painter who works in oils on board: he is inspired by land, sea and sky. Also, ceramicist Gaynor Waring who works in various clays and uses smoke-firing methods to create beautiful objects rooted in the local ancient landscape. Plus Karina Gill, a notable Dorset silverware and jewellery designer.

Rob Adams our local plein air oil painter will be in his Clock Cottage Venue alongside artist Sue Fawthrop.

Diane Ablitt will be exhibiting at the Old School House. She is an artist who likes to strip an image of unnecessary detail but still keep a strong design and create flat poster-like pieces reminiscent of a screen print. She will be joined by Kathy Clarke who uses the process of Reduction Lino Printing, which involves cutting away the lino after each colour is added to the reverse impression of the design.

There will be a group of thirteen artists in the Village Hall where local charity SERO (raising money for Julia's House Children's Hospice) will be offering light refreshments, homemade cakes and sandwiches throughout the four days. Their member Julie Little creates affordable paintings in various media with all profits going to SERO.

Also in the Village Hall will be Sue Bates a talented watercolour artist who uses no pencil before she paints preferring to dive in with colour and negotiate the work by using the spaces in between the subjects. Rachel Chenery will be showing her stoneware pottery designed for home and daily life. Diane Mary Alice will return with her paintings inspired by the Dorset countryside and her delightful upcycled and reupholstered children's chairs.

Follow us on social media for artist profiles and more information about the trail and pick up a leaflet from a variety of locations for details about all participants. You can find us on Facebook at Child Okeford Art Trail and on Instagram at coat.24

SUMMER '24 - IWERNE MINSTER CRICKET CLUB – NEWS



Following the first games in June and July we are now looking at further games initially along the same lines as the first that took place on the 2nd June. Anyone interested in taking part on **Sunday 4th and/or Sunday 25th AUGUST** is invited to come along and join the games on these dates; the start time likely to be 2pm. A further game against a visiting team is proposed to take place on **Sunday 8th September**, with times and more details to be confirmed.

Evening games/practice sessions are being considered subject to availability and, over the next two weeks, it is intended that the nets will be up and running with proper matting down to complete the work already undertaken.

Two pitch rollers have been acquired with, this week, a survey undertaken on the cricket square, to see what work is required this autumn to improve the playing surface over the winter and for the spring of 2025. We need to continue the cutting of the outfield and square itself to maintain it as playable, its current condition helped by a reduction in the number of jackdaws and crows! With continued support from the Iwerne Estate, there is a need for cutting equipment or contacts to support the routine preparation of the outfield for each game.

Proposed IMCC club membership fees have been set through to the end of the Summer of 2025 at £40 for adults aged 16 and over and £10 for juniors, those aged up to the 16th birthday. Match fees for all games played are set at £5 per game with no charge at this stage for juniors.

Application forms are being prepared for those interested in either playing or wishing to join the club as a non-playing member. In the case of non-playing members a fee of £25 covering the same period to the end of 2025 will be requested with the funds going towards equipment and ground maintenance costs. Donations are welcome as we seek funds for the start-up of the IMCC. New

players or supporters, who have expressed an interest since the late summer of 2023 and again this year, are invited to contact me on the email address below, if not already registered.

We have set up a WhatsApp group platform for any who may be interested in playing and have also created a new website for IMCC, further details to be added as the content of the ECB approved website is developed. The opportunity to play cricket will be open to **anyone** interested and keen to learn including a number of ladies in our village, who have expressed an interest in doing so. The website can be found at <https://iwerneminster.play-cricket.com>

At this stage and repeating the most important message, the number of players continues to be the driving force so if you are interested in playing cricket for IMCC, please let us know, including your contact details if not already provided. A mobile phone number means that we can add you to the WhatsApp group making communication easier. If you have any questions or concerns at this stage please call me on 01747 811433 or send me an email aojo1980@gmail.com

Andrew Osborne

IWERNE VALLEY WALKING GROUP: MIDSUMMER WALK 2024



On the 22nd June nine adults and two dogs met by The Lamb in Hindon for the sunset walk. We walked up past the church and then northwards, following an ancient bridleway through fields with wide views over a sunny Wiltshire. One footpath took us uphill past two chain-tethered ponies. One pony enjoyed a polo mint but, as we only had one, the other was a bit grumpy.

A short way on, we stopped for our picnic and were soon entertained by a variety of birdsong. Skylarks and thrushes flew around, undisturbed by our presence. The sun was still large and sinking slowly. After about thirty minutes, refreshed, we continued our walk downwards towards the village. Over a large barley field we walked on a wide footpath then a lane which led us to the village school and the road back to our cars. We were so lucky with the weather and the obliging sunset.

Pauline

IWERNE VALLEY WALKING GROUP JULY WALK AROUND PIMPERNE

A select group of seven people and two dogs enjoyed a pleasant walk starting at Lukin's gym in Pimperne. Our route led us towards, but not to, Pimperne Long Barrow, then north to Pimperne Wood, west down beside Gunville Down and back south past Keeper's Lodge, then to Newlands Farm and back. We walked around wheat and barley fields, some already harvested, and along shaded rides. Shade was not necessary, though, because the day was overcast with occasional light drizzle, little more than a 'fret', unlike the previous very hot day, Friday July 19th. It was an easy route with gentle ups and downs and generally clear footways. Lunch was at Lo's café where they were very sweet but clearly, despite advance ordering, unused to catering for a small party – we were served one at a time!

John Goodliffe



Looking south, Lo's Café is behind the white building on the extreme right side

HEARTFELT PLEA FROM A VILLAGER

While it is doubtless nice for dogs left outside in the summer, it does create a problem with them barking and setting each other off. This results in quite a cacophony (a big problem at the bottom of Shute Lane, if not around the village as a whole). Also in the summer with lots of visitors about, please be mindful of all the cars parked **outside** owners' properties thus clogging up the roads even more. (Also problematic around The Chalk.) We hope that generally good and **considerate** neighbourliness will prevail!

On a lighter note...

A joke for the dog lovers, overheard in a park in San Francisco:

What do you call a dog who's also a magician?
A labracadabrador!

ESSENTIAL SEWERAGE LINING IN IWERNE MINSTER

Recent investigations in your area have established faults with the sewerage network in **Iwerne Minster** which need to be relined as part of our ongoing pollution prevention programme. This work will take place **for two weeks** from **Monday 19 August to Friday 30 August 2024**. Relining and sealing sewers in this way helps protect the environment, preventing foul water escaping and groundwater entering sewers, which can lead to flooding or storm overflows automatically discharging into rivers or the sea if the system becomes overwhelmed.

How will the work affect you?

The work will be carried out using 'no-dig' techniques, which are quicker and less intrusive than replacing the pipe in a conventional manner.

- **Monday 19 – Friday 23 August** - Parking will be restricted on **Post Office Road** between the Post Office and The Chalk, and also on **Watery Lane**, immediately south of the junction with Church Road / Dunn's Lane. Access will be maintained for residents, but it may be delayed at times and there will also be restricted access to vehicles at the very southern end of **Oakwood Drive**. Please speak to our on-site team with any specific access requirements.
- **Monday 26 August** - Parking will be restricted on Old School Lane. Access will be maintained for residents, but it may be delayed at times. Please speak to our on-site team with any specific access requirements.
- **Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 August – Old School Lane** will be closed to through traffic. Access for residents will be maintained outside of the contractors' working hours (typically 8am to 6pm, although this may extend to later if required). Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. Please speak to our on-site team with any specific access requirements.

There may be some noise disruption while this work, some of which may last into the evening, is carried out but every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum.

You can continue to use your water and sewerage services as normal unless we tell you otherwise.

What should you do?

You don't need to do anything. If you have any questions about our work, please call **0345 600 4 600** or visit [wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us](https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/contact-us).

THE VIEW FROM ST MARY'S

It has been good to see the refurbished church being used more and more for events apart from the regular Sunday services.

Highlights include a second service of Choral Evensong led by Ashley Stafford and Mike Brown. These services have been very well attended by more than 60 people. The next, to celebrate Harvest, takes place on 25th September at 5pm. This is in addition to the regular Sunday Harvest Festival service on 22nd September for which we will be asking for contributions of food and produce nearer the time. We hope to have a speaker from Alabare, the charity to which the produce is donated and which St Mary's has supported for many years, to tell us why our gifts are needed.

The popular Harvest Lunch in the Tithe Barn will take place on 6th October.

At the end of June, Carolyn Jervis led a group of women from this parish and beyond in a morning of Bible Study and workshops, which followed a delicious breakfast buffet. Those who attended found it an inspiring and welcoming experience.

At a Benefice service in July, we welcomed our new curate David Sinclair and his wife Helen. David will be with us part time initially for one day a week and Sundays. David is a very welcome addition to the clergy team.

Now that the church is being used more, we continue to make improvements and to upgrade the facilities, including making the heating system easier to operate and more effective. New tables have been purchased, with crockery and cutlery for catering at church and community events. Peter Wintle is arranging for the audio and visual systems to be integrated to enable the projector's digitally based sound to be volume controlled through the analogue audio system.

We are also keen to improve accessibility to the church – a project that was dear to Richard Hood's heart. A plan has been prepared and we are now seeking grants to enable the work to be carried out.

You may have noticed the scaffolding that has gone up outside the church. This is to enable essential work to strengthen the parapet and the North Aisle roof.

We are also working on the churchyard which forms such a lovely green space in the centre of the village. We want it to be "tidy but not clinical" and a new contractor has been instructed to maintain it. This will also help in the task being undertaken by Debs Purdue to find and record hidden and lost graves.

Finally, a plea for help! Keeping the church running smoothly requires a lot of work by a team of volunteers, none of whom is getting any younger! If you would like to help by, say cleaning the church, delivering Valley Views, helping with maintenance and with the churchyard please contact me or the vicar. You don't have to be a regular churchgoer, or even an irregular one, just someone who has a love for our beautiful and historic church.

David Parkhouse

NEWS FROM THE W.I.

On June 19th, S.W.I.M. W.I. met in Sutton Waldron for a talk on orangutans by Alison, a passionate supporter of this animal. Alison described how she has travelled to work as a volunteer in Borneo to work in orangutan centres after completing a primatology course. She told us about their habitats and how these are being destroyed at the frightening rate of an area the size of a football pitch every three seconds. Orangutans are peaceable, intelligent creatures who share 97% of their DNA with humans. Alison urged us to think about how the orangutan needs to be protected and how we can help by not buying products with palm oil. It was heartening also to learn that the company Lush has taken an interest in conserving and protecting the land on which the orangutans depend in Borneo.

On July 24th we were treated to a splendid cream tea in Iwerne Minster Village Club organised by the W.I. committee. All women in Sutton and Iwerne were invited to this annual get together and it was good to see so many people chatting animatedly over tea, scones and cake. Before tea, Allan Gates of Mere Falconry gave us a display of his birds which was an excellent introduction to these fascinating creatures. We met R2, the Harris hawk who obligingly landed on several members arm in return for food; Olly, the beautiful barn owl; a lanner falcon and a yellow-billed kite. We learned a lot of interesting facts about the birds and the ways in which many expressions used in English like 'hoodwinked' and 'fair exchange is no robbery' originate in the art of falconry.

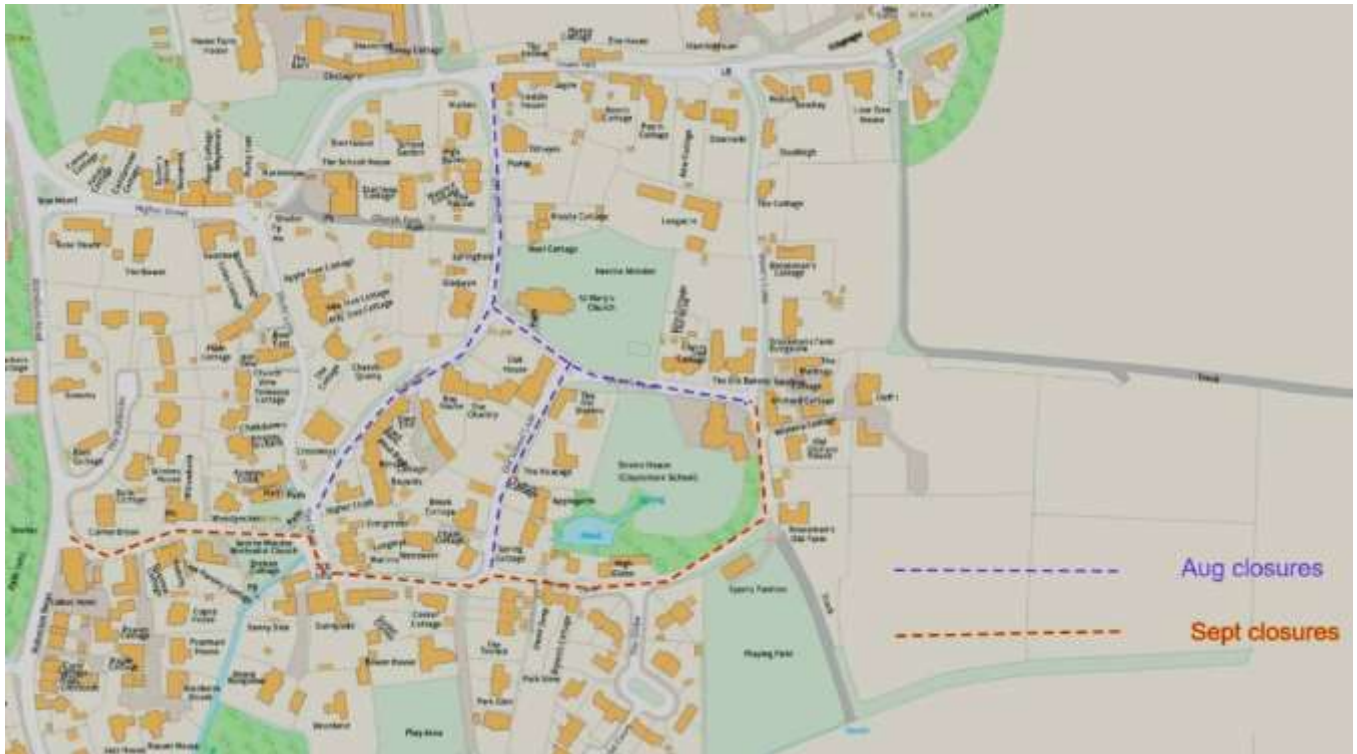


INSTALLATION OF TELECOMS FIBRE IN IWERNE MINSTER

In August and September, Wessex Internet will be installing fibre in the village. This will involve temporary road closures. This is to allow the digging and 'mole' machinery to bore under and along the roads. The first installations will occur between Aug 19th and 23rd, and affects Hobgoblin, Church Hill, Church Road and Old School Lane.

The second part is planned to be between the 2nd and 13th of September, and will affect Post Office Rd, The Chalk, all of Watery Lane and Dunns Lane to the junction with Church Rd.

On neither occasion will all these roads will be closed at the same time. Access will be maintained and only one closure will be in place at a time. Wessex will publicise using information boards and will notify residents by letter drop when their road is to be closed.



Map of road closures in Iwerne Minster

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