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Mothering Sunday All-Age Service - 30th March

(See details inside)

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Our Legacy

For many thousands of people, the wildfires that ravaged Los Angeles in January took almost everything. When finally, the embers cooled, they returned to their destroyed homes to discover if they could salvage anything of value. For many it was the small things which managed to bring the biggest smiles.

For a little boy, it was a toy lawnmower he'd purposefully hidden inside a bush. For others, it was a Christmas ornament, a Dr. Seuss book, two pearls from a necklace and two surviving dishes from a great-aunt's dinner service.

Such a devastating experience can teach us the true value of the little things. If you had to salvage just one thing from your home, what might that be?



I imagine it would be something irreplaceable, something sentimental; something that reminds us perhaps of someone we love. I remember once walking along the beach on Holy Island in Northumbria and coming across the ashes of a bonfire. Among the ashes I found an iron nail, a hacksaw blade and a metal circular disc of unknown function. These alone had survived the flames. As I held them in my hand, they assembled themselves into a Celtic cross. And that day I was reminded that the only certain thing that lasts is love itself.

As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 'Love never fails' Everything else in time perishes, except for love. It's the only legacy we leave that ripples on in the future.

People sometimes ask me about what lies beyond this life, and I have to be honest and say that that remains for all of us a mystery. The Bible has very little to say except for the story of the One who returned from death, and whose first word to his frightened friends was "Peace."

What I do know is that love never fails; that every act of love, great and small; every sacrifice; every kindness, every kiss, has a life that goes on. These things are not lost in

the fires we call death, And, that's the most beautiful thing I can live by. Every act and word and gesture of love that I show today, whether it's reciprocated or not, lives on. This is our legacy – Rev Alan

Registers

There are no registers for St Mary's

Some Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd, 17th & 31st March – **Mindfulness On Sele** (10.30am at Sele Hub, Fleming Crescent)

Wednesday 5th March – **Ash Wednesday Services (with ashing)** 10.30am & 8pm at St Andrews

Friday 7th March – **World Day of Prayer** 2pm at All Saints, Hertford

Wednesday 12th March – **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in St Andrews church and online. Wednesday 26th March online only at 7.30pm

Monday 17th March – **Confirmation Service at St Marys** 7.30pm

Sunday 30th March – **Mothering Sunday All-Age Service** 9.15 at St Mary's.
Posies/plants will be given out to all the mothers



Confirmation Service
St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury
Monday 17th March at 7.30pm

Rev Alan's Sabbatical

Every ten years, vicars are offered the opportunity to take a three-month sabbatical (or Extended Study Leave). The object of the sabbatical is to recharge spiritually, make time for creativity and to engage in an area of study which is relevant to ministry. Between May and July this year, I will be taking a sabbatical from parish life.

My plan is to study the Irish Wake and Irish traditions and rituals around death and dying, which will take me on a road trip around Ireland, culminating in the Keening Festival in the west of the country. I also plan to retreat to Northumbria, deepen my Mindfulness practice, take up pottery and fit in a holiday to Sorrento!

I'm really looking forward to it and I'm hugely grateful for the opportunity. I know that I'm leaving both parishes in the very safe hands of Rev Bill, the wardens and the Ministry Team.

My last day will be Sunday 4th May which is our joint Away Day.

All – Age Services at St Mary’s

Many of you will be aware that on the second Sunday of the month (with a couple of exceptions), we have an All-Age Service at St Mary’s at the usual time of 9.15am. It lasts about 45 minutes and is a relaxed service with no books as we use a screen for communication.

Rev Alan gives a slightly informal “sermon” targeted frequently at the younger audience and there is very often audience participation. But the “oldies” enjoy it just as much and probably do most of the laughing! But the message is there loud and clear, it just comes at you in a wonderfully different way. We often get up to 50 adults & children at the services. They are much loved and for those who want to stay on there is coffee, tea and cakes to be enjoyed including soft drinks for the children



Rev Alan seen above in “Festival” mode - Phil the Pizza man participates – The screen used for the service

Please think about coming one Sunday. It’s a fun, sociable, meaningful hour in a beautiful church that sits in the heart of our community. Everybody is very welcome.

Sunday Services at St Mary’s

Sung Eucharist 9.15am every Sunday

Zoom Sunday Service at 10.30am (joining details from Robin Bishop)

All Age Service 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of the month (unless notified)



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**Welwyn Garden City
Male Voice Choir**

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Sat 29th March @ 19.30

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What's This Fullers Soap? By The Way it's not a Brand!

We are continuing to highlight some of the very meaningful messages from our church sermons, not only by Revs Alan & Bill, but also by our inspiring team of Lay Readers of Worship. This month Lay Reader Geoff (slightly edited) reflects on passages in the Bible that likens the work of the messenger Christ to that of the Fuller



Malachi 3 v 2: *Who can endure the day of His coming? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap....*

You might recognise that from Handel's Messiah, '*Who may abide the day of his coming... for he is like a refiner's fire....*' But, curiously, the bit about fullers' soap didn't make it into the libretto.

Does anyone know what a Fuller does? Or rather, did? The industrialisation of the textile industry made the Fuller obsolete. But as a grandchild of the West Riding woollen trade, Fullers are part of my heritage. And if your name happens to be Fuller, or Tucker, or even Walker, they are probably part of your heritage, too. But not a very glamorous one. Raw sheep's wool is dank, smelly and greasy. In olden times, sheep's wool was combed, spun and woven **before** it was washed. That grease, the lanoline that kept our ovine cousins warm and dry on the rain swept hillsides, made the woollen yarn soft, easy to spin and weave. Without the grease, it got fluffy and hard to manage. Only when it had been woven could the cloth be properly washed and cleaned of grease. That's where the Fuller, or Tucker, got involved.

And fuller's soap, depending what resources were available locally, could be a mix of alkaline clay, ash from burned vegetation, and ammonia. And before the development of the chemical industry, what was your only source of ammonia? Stale urine! We are not talking Palmolive here!

The fulling, or tucking, of a piece of cloth, involved trampling, or 'walking', the cloth (one root of the surname 'Walker') in a bath of cold, dirty, foul smelling alkaline liquid for hour after hour. But this wasn't just about making the cloth clean. Once the lanoline had finally dissolved, with the combination of the alkaline soap and the constant tread of the Fuller's feet, the fibres of the cloth would matt together to make it dense, tough and weather resistant.

Only then could the cloth be rinsed, and stretched out in the sun to dry and bleach on a tent rack, before it was ready for dyeing and tailoring.

So, what is Malachi trying to tell us about 'God's messenger' that he foretells – a figure that Christian tradition has, from the beginning, identified with Jesus?

'He is like fullers' soap'. Messy, hands on – or rather, feet on; gruelling, but essential. God's messenger will not shy away from the dirty jobs, the repetitive, menial jobs. He goes where the grime is, where the grease is, and shifts it. It's a slow job.

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It's not like slinging your sheets in the washing machine, pressing the on switch and coming back when the job is done. He is patient, persistent. And if Christ is the Fuller with his soap, who is the greasy cloth? Is that us?

What does Malachi expect from his Messenger? An urgently needed time of national moral renewal. Malachi lived around 400 years before Jesus. Judea was then enjoying a period of semi-autonomy as a province of the Persian Empire.

The litany of social tensions that Malachi talks about has an uncomfortably contemporary feel about it, doesn't it? Low wages, exploitative employers, lack of concern for the vulnerable and marginalised in society, antipathy towards foreigners, public dishonesty, confusion in sexual morality.

We sometimes speak of society 'unravelling'. Like a badly woven piece of cloth. Malachi preaches **national** renewal – but a nation is made of individual people, just as woollen cloth is made of single threads of yarn. The fullers' soap, once it has shifted the grease, breaks down the fibres and allows them to matt together, to become inseparable, to make the cloth strong and weatherproof.

Is that what the Fuller promises when he has done his cleansing work? A community that is stronger, unified, warming and protective? One that will not unravel and leave its individual threads weak and broken?

The Fuller is in it for the long haul. It takes as long as it takes. For one man or woman, perhaps a lifetime. For a nation, well, does the fulling process ever reach an end?

If God is the weaver, he has worked with us, combing and spinning and weaving us while we are still greasy and unwashed. But in Christ the Fuller, he promises us that the work will be one day completed. But the work of God's Grace is not a one-program wash.

We read of Simeon and Anna in the Gospel. Two aged and faithful servants of God who are delighted, right at the very end of their lives, just to glimpse a reaffirmation of God's loving purposes for his world. They know they will not live to see fulfilment that Jesus will bring, but they, too, are in it for the long haul. Enough for them to know the work will go on. Wise enough to know that even in Jesus, there's no snap victory just around the corner. There will be conflict and grief, for the nation and for the individual, but the cleansing and refining work will continue.

Simeon, and Anna, were in it for the long haul. Doing their part in a struggle towards God's justice that makes progress, but is not yet finished. Living and dying with a faith that looks for its reward beyond the achievements of our own lifetimes.

Thus, we, too, welcome Malachi's Messenger, our Christ. Ready to do the dirty jobs, and the long hours, for our sake. He calls us to do our appointed shift, until WE can depart in peace. HE will be staying on until the last yard of cloth is clean, dry and spotless, and worthy of its divine weaver.

Geoff Oates – Lay Reader

St Mary's Race Night



A great night was enjoyed by over 80 people, including six children, at St Josephs. There were 8 races on the card, each sponsored generously by our local supporters, and the St Mary's trophy (above) went to the sponsors of "The Galloping Gooners" race. As well as fun and exciting racing, there's the bar, a great raffle, the tote run by a couple of "dodgy geezers" and delicious fish & chips delivered by Carley's at the interval. Many thanks to all those who assisted on the bar, tote, raffle and especially the two David's up front. Thanks also to all those who attended and were so generous in their support with all funds raised going to Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary.





The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

Events 2025

Saturday 29 March – **Welwyn GC Male Voice Choir** – 19.30 at St Mary's (see poster for full details)



Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir when they performed at St Mary's in May last year. They also performed a Christmas concert in December. They love St Mary's and we love them! Don't miss it! Contact Kay Juniper 01992 558321

Saturday 3 May – **Village Breakfast** at The Fobury. **DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE BREAKFAST HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Becoming a Friend

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status just before Christmas 2023 (Charity number 1206041).

The purpose of The Friends is to raise money for the restoration and preservation of the church building and churchyard. The funds are not for the day to day running of the church. That's the responsibility of the congregation. We should like to make sure that this beautiful church is here for future generations.

Membership forms, with the FoHSM account details, are available inside the church by the south door should you like to become a Friend or make a donation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information. Thank you for your support.

Bishop thefobury@outlook.com 07746 694890



St Mary's & St Andrew's Joint Away Day
Sunday 4th May 2025
All Nations College, Ware

Once again, we are looking forward to our Away Day when members of our sister churches, St Mary's and St Andrew's, will come together for what should be a wonderful day of worship and fellowship.

This year on Sunday 4th May, we are going to the beautiful venue of All Nations College, Easneye, Ware. Just a few minutes journey from Hertford, we will experience a building that dates back to 1869, since when it has maintained a consistent Christian presence. More information about the college can be found here: <https://www.allnations.ac.uk/>

Theme of Peace

We will explore the theme of Peace. This will be done through words, prayer, music and a range of activities that should offer lively and stimulating insights into the need for peace in our personal lives as well as in the wider world. There will also be time to experience the College's beautiful grounds where, by early May, trees and plants will be in bloom.

As always, we welcome those of all ages, including children and young people, for whom activities will be organised. Also, this year, we particularly look forward to welcoming those who have recently joined our churches as we know an Away Day can really help them get to know people better and develop a real sense of belonging to their church community.

The day will start with coffee at 9.30am, a short introductory all-age session with worship, followed by some deeper reflection for the adults and separate activities for the children and young people. There will be a range of exciting workshops (our popular singing workshop, art-based activity and a discussion group on Peacemakers). This will be followed by a hot lunch (Sunday Roast with veggie options), free time and a concluding Eucharist for all ages. The day will end with afternoon tea at approximately 3.45pm.

Please note that there won't be a 9.15am service at St Mary's or a 10.30am service at St Andrew's that day. There will be a short 8am service at St Andrew's.

The cost of the day will be £40 per adult with children free (Under 18 Y.O.). In previous years, some have offered to increase their donation to cover the cost for others and this has always been helpful.

To book your place(s) please contact catherinesleath@gmail.com . If you are unable to use email, please write a brief note confirming your interest and hand to one of our churchwardens, Robin Bishop or David Gorton. Payment will be requested once bookings are confirmed. Anyone who wishes to participate but is concerned about the cost, please speak to Chris Seward or myself. We do not want anyone to be miss out on the grounds of expense.

We would be delighted if you can join us for what should be a fantastic time away together as sister churches. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis with all requests to Catherine please by Sunday, 23rd March. Rev Alan



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(COLOSSIANS 2:7)

Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

News from Hertingfordbury Cowper

It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through the school year. The first half of our Spring Term saw some exciting learning and visits linked to our different units of learning.

PSHE - First Aid

We were joined in school by Daisy First Aid and our children in Year 2 and Year 5 took part in First Aid workshops where they learnt a range of valuable skills.



I learnt about epi-pens, bandages, CPR, the recovery position and what to do if someone is choking.



I thought it was really useful because one day we could need to use it.



I now know more about the body.



Hertingfordbury Cowper
C of E (VA) Primary School

Year 4 trip to The British Schools Museum, Hitchin

The children in Year 4 enjoyed a day at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. This trip is linked to their current History unit of learning 'How did the Victorians influence our life and our school?'. The children and staff came dressed in role as Victorians and stepped back in time to see what school life would have been like in Victorian times. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to put their learning into action.



Friends of Panshanger Park

Panshanger Park is a wonderful natural area within our wider community and so the Friends of Panshanger Park are sharing some of it's history - some of which will include the village and greens and some not. This month Kate Harwood recalls the visit of Prince Hermann von Pückler Muskau to both Woolmers and Panshanger

A Regency Prince at Panshanger

Prince Hermann von Pückler- Muskau met Sir Gore Ouseley in London in December 1827 and was invited to visit his country house *so close by* at Woolmers. Sir Gore was a British entrepreneur, linguist and diplomat who has a monument to his memory at St Mary's Hertingfordbury . This suited the Prince very well as he had come over to England with two objectives: to find a rich heiress to marry and to look at houses and gardens in England. He had been to England before in 1814 but his intended heiress, the widowed Marchioness of Lansdowne, changed her mind at the last moment but he did go home with lots of ideas.

So in 1827 he was back in England, as part of the retinue of King Frederick William III of Prussia and Tsar Alexander I of Russia to participate in the celebrations following the defeat of Napoleon. Pückler, however, also came with the same objectives as before. He had married a German heiress, a fellow gardening enthusiast, but they had spent all her money on Muskau Park and there was still so much to do. At his wife's suggestion they were divorced and he set about finding an English Heiress; these were notorious across Europe for being willing to swap their fortunes for a title. He pursued a number of ladies with diligence but their families (or at least those who were rich enough for Pückler) all declined his offers. It may not have helped that Pückler and his ex-wife intended that the heiress should join them in a ménage à trois at Muskau!



Left & centre: Prince Hermann and the Branitz Rosery at Branitz Palace in Germany. Baroque interior design and landscape gardening art by the Prince is considered a landmark of international standing. Right: Sir Gore's memorial on the south wall in St Mary's church

As part of his search for inspiration in English parks, he travelled round the country, noting splendid landscapes and features. He was much taken with Sir Gore's Persian collection, amassed when he had been the ambassador to Persia and with his stories of life in the orient. He was even more enthused by Woolmer's collection of Arabian horses and purchased a black stallion whilst he was there. He mentions the gardens only in passing – *noble trees, a*

A Regency Prince at Panshanger

little river, the Lea (Muskau had the mighty river Neisse flowing through it), a grove with the trees covered with vines and the remarkable spring which bubbled up with great force, as if from the bowels of the earth.

His first expedition from Woolmers was to Hatfield House to one of the regular weekly balls held by Lady Salisbury which finished by 2am leaving him fatigued and full of ennui. He returned to Hatfield later in his visit, was much taken with the house including the central heating (powered by a *single* steam engine) but was not impressed with the works of art or the parks.

But by this time he had ridden his new horse over to Panshanger to see Lady Cowper. He was enraptured and found the chatelaine and her domain *well worth seeing*. He delighted in the picture gallery with the Raphaels and Rembrandt singled out for praise. His most detailed description is of the view from lady Cowper's boudoir where he was received. This room had a view over the flower gardens, which *even now* [December] *still lovely and beautifully maintained*. He noted the *additional glasshouses*. These were an especially expensive luxury as the Glass Tax was not repealed until 1845, and amounted to some 300% of the cost of the glass, and the brick tax, repealed 1850, was 5 shillings per hundred.

He also visited the park, laid out by Humphry Repton and still being tweaked with improvements. He was so taken with these English landscapes by Capability Brown, who had worked at Cole Green in the 1750s and Repton that he used their ideas both at Muskau and at other sites he designed.

One thing at Panshanger which did not impress him was the Panshanger Oak. He noted that it was 'the largest oak in England, *with a trunk nineteen and a half feet in circumference*. But dismissed its pretensions to grandeur with ***We have larger oaks than this in Germany!***

Having left Woolmers after this busy four days, he returned to London and eventually returned to Muskau without either his heiress or his fortune! He soon made money from writing up the letters he had sent home to his ex-wife, under the title *Briefe eines Verstobenen* [Letters of a Dead Man], an instant best-seller. It was translated into English – with most of the scurrilous bits edited out!

A subsequent visit, this time by Queen Victoria and her entourage, was made in 1841 when the Queen stayed at Panshanger, having travelled from Woburn via St Albans (and a civic reception there). She much preferred Panshanger to Woburn writing to her uncle, King Leopold of the Belgians *We enjoyed Panshanger still more than Woburn; the country is quite beautiful and the house so pretty and wohnlich* [cosy]; *the picture gallery and the pictures very splendid*. It also offered the opportunity to visit the seat of her Prime Minister, *dear Lord Melbourne, at Bocket which she deemed very pretty and the park and grounds are beautiful*. Panshanger had recently undergone some alterations by Lord and Lady Cowper, *which his sister did not like*. She commented on how happy the couple were and that the marriage *had been an amazing thing for him*. He was the 6th earl Cowper who had inherited his title in 1837, a week after Queen Victoria had acceded to the throne, and Lady Cowper was the former Lady Anne Florence de Grey of Wrest Park.

Further Royal visitors followed, notably the Prince and Princess of Wales (later Edward VII and Queen Alexandra) in 1863, as well as many politicians and socialites. *Kate Harwood*

We bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. We meet on the last Thursday of the month to hear arts related lectures in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere at the The Spotlight in Hoddesdon. We meet for coffee at 10am, followed by the lecture at 10.30. **Visitors are very welcome at the lectures for a small fee.** Contact Philip Juniper at kpjuniper@yahoo.co.uk for more information on joining

Upcoming lectures

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Scottish country dancing is a very social form of dance which relies on mutual co-operation. Following the patterns of the dance and dancing in time together is fun, exciting and highly satisfying. We are a friendly group of people and would be delighted to get to know you. So if you're interested in something fun, which helps you get fitter and make new friends, then come along and try Scottish Dancing for yourself. Complete beginners always welcome. First session free.

We meet on Tuesday evenings in term time at Sele Farm Community Centre, Hertford, SG14 2LW. Visit <https://www.rscdsherts.org/south-east-herts> or email us on sehscds@hotmail.com for more info.

Look forward to meeting you

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Hours approximately: **Tuesday** (9-2:30) - **Wednesday** (9-10:30)
Thursday (9-2.30) - **Friday** (9-2.30)

Starting in March. Please message me directly. Thanks.

Contact me on jonathancoggan@hotmail.com 0771478076



Recreation Ground Library

A library, containing books, both fiction and non-fiction, including a good children's section, DVD's and games has been set up in the tennis pavilion on the Hertingfordbury recreation ground.

This is a free resource for all Hertingfordbury residents. Access can be gained at any time by the use of keys that are kept in a key-safe at the pavilion. Should anyone have any books, DVD's, or games to donate to the library new stock is always welcome. If you are interested in using this facility please contact Penny or Mick Barratt on 07715 378212 and they can provide you with the key safe access code

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Council Meetings

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Defibrillators

Please note that Defibrillators are housed on the outside walls of the.....

- **Parish Room (The Brace Room) at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury**
- **Cowper School, Birch Green – outside the school gate**



Church Cleaners

We really need people (men or women!) to join our church cleaning rota

It takes a couple of hours every few weeks. We want our beautiful church to always look its best

If you can help please contact Virginia on 01992 583560



Churchyard Volunteers Needed



Volunteers required for grass cutting

Between 9 - 12 noon on a Saturday, we are now trying to coordinate dates to coincide with our weddings at St Mary's

Reward is a picnic lunch and good company..... and a laugh!

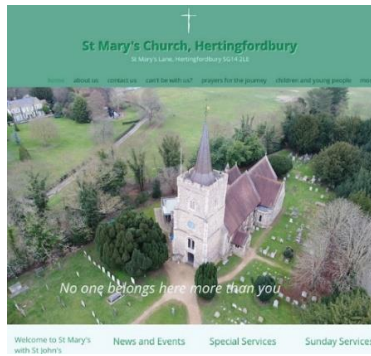
Please contact David Gorton for more information and timings if you think you can help



Volunteers needed to open/close St. Mary's



As part of St. Mary's commitment to be 'Here with you, Here for you' we are pleased that we have been able to keep the church open during the day. However, to do so requires volunteers to open and close the building every day. As a village if we want the church to be open – and I think we do - we need some new volunteers. It is not an onerous task. Please give serious thought to joining the rota and speak to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you for considering this



www.hertingfordburystmary.org

The St Mary's website features all the church news including the latest digital Parish News in full colour

This website is a vital communication tool to be able to follow updates on the church. If you wish to contribute in any way please contact Rachel via e mail raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk



WhatsApp Groups

If you would like to be part of the **St Mary's Church WhatsApp Group** please contact David Gorton on 07544 702241

Hertingfordbury Village WhatsApp Group is a sociable community group. For more information please contact Mick Barratt

Brace Room

The Brace Room at St Mary's Church is available for hire for anybody in our community. This could be for meetings, exercise sessions or any other purpose. Includes excellent toilet and kitchen facilities. For more information contact David Gorton 01992 551430 or dgorton1@btinternet.com



Zoom Services

While we welcome you to services at St Mary's, Zoom services available for your worship

Please contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our mailing list and receive the service or meeting invitation details: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com or contact Robin Bishop to be added to the St Mary's distribution list

Twice monthly on Wednesday

Mindfulness & Meditation 7.30pm

Every Sunday

Service of the Word 10.30am

(Every 3rd Sunday will offer Communion)

Compline 7.00pm

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For further details and Zoom codes please see our website

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

or contact the church office 01992 504373 standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

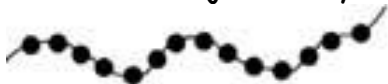
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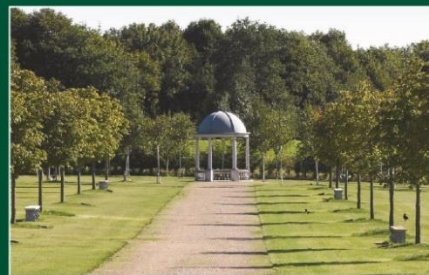
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