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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

I wonder how your experience of lockdown has been? For many people it has meant embracing technology more closely – it certainly has for me, both with my work and with keeping in touch with my children and grandson. I'm in front of a screen quite a bit these days and I'm also finding myself on screen as well – being filmed is something that I've had to get a lot more used to recently. This has included the online services that we have produced since Mothering Sunday (and doesn't that seem an age ago now?), my online assemblies for Burstow Primary School and last but not least (!) in the film my wife Judith and I made of *Chicken Licken* for our grandson as we weren't able to see him in person – she filmed and I acted out all the parts!

Chicken Licken is one of my grandson's favourite stories. I hadn't realised until recently that it has a long history as a folk tale going back over a hundred years – being known also as Henny Penny or in America as Chicken Little. The story is basically about a chick who is panicked into thinking that the sky is falling in because an acorn lands on his head!

It just so happens that an acorn figured in my latest online assembly for Burstow School but it is only in writing this letter that I have made the connection between the story of *Chicken Licken* and the assembly. My online assemblies have been filmed in my front garden, partly because the school can be seen in the background which seems appropriate, but also because I have been talking about the natural world and how I have felt more connected to it during lockdown. In my latest assembly (see [link below](#)) I filmed my vegetable patch, as a way of 'earthing' my talk, as it were, and panned round to show the spot where an old oak used to stand, ending up by the new oak tree planted when the old one was cut down. I said how oak trees came from acorns and that the old oak tree was why where I live is called The Acorns.

I went on to say how amazing it is that something so big can come from something so small and linked the acorn I was holding in my hand with the vision that the nun Mother Julian of Norwich had 600 years ago of 'a little thing, the size of a hazelnut' in the palm of her hand. As she looked at it she wondered what it

might be and heard God say to her: 'It is all that is made'. It was as though she saw the whole world in her hand.

Seeing the earth as something very small reminds me of how astronauts have described seeing it from space. There have been over 550 people in space since Yuri Gagarin, back in 1961. There are five out there now in the International Space Station which has been very visible recently as it has passed overhead, shining in the night sky. One of the earlier astronauts, James Irwin, the pilot of Apollo 15, said this about the view from space:

The Earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space. As we got farther and farther away it diminished in size. Finally, it shrank to the size of a marble, the most beautiful marble you can imagine. That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God.

A twentieth-century astronaut having the same vision as a 14th-century nun!

Writing about her vision, Julian of Norwich said:

In this Little Thing I saw three truths. The first is that God made it, the second is that God loves it, the third, that God keeps it.

And we all need to play our part in keeping it too. Speaking for myself and listening to others, I think that not only has lockdown meant that we have embraced technology more closely, it has also enabled us to more fully appreciate the beauty of nature and the variety of our wildlife. Last month I wrote in my letter about how lovely it would be if, in the midst of all the sadness and suffering COVID-19 has brought, it also taught us what it means to be kind. This month I'd like to say how lovely it would be if it also helped us to appreciate just how beautiful and how fragile our amazing planet is:

That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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If you would like to see my online assembly, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33mSeMi9c9k>

My lockdown life: Angela Sullivan

I've been doing a lot of gardening during lockdown – my garden looks much bigger and tider than it ever did! I have now at last been able to make a socially distanced visit to one daughter in Guildford and one in Pound Hill. We do FaceTime but it's not quite the same. My youngest grand daughter said she wanted to give me a hug and I said she just couldn't. We are all missing that sort of contact. Otherwise I haven't been anywhere other than to the shops. I have phoned all the members of the Trefoil Guild to check they are OK on the day we would have met. I am cautious about people who aren't social distancing and I wear a mask if I go to the shops. Usually I unlock Centenary Hall and they are very kindly still paying me. When I have to go back, I'll have to get back to waking earlier! The word that has come out of all this is TIME: we have time to do things, time check on each other, we have time to go to the shops (a good thing as it takes so long!), and time to reflect on what is going to happen next. During lockdown I have seen how kind people are and that is something special that has come out of it all.



My lockdown life: Tessa Butcher



After my husband died Dr Mueller insisted I join something because he said I was rotting here! I was worried I'd have the 'wrong opinions' but I started with the book club at the surgery and really enjoyed it. When it had to close for the lockdown, everyone kept in touch. And I started going to the Welcome on Wednesdays coffee morning at the Church Hall. I've been a doctor for over 50 years and feel the coffee morning is like a waiting room of patients – a group of people, all gathered together but all quite different. You sit there and look around and gradually get to know them and then you want to go on getting to know them. I am glad I made these connections because we've supported each other in lockdown – I have had eight phone calls today!

I should really like to thank everyone who has supported me during lockdown: without the practical and emotional help I would not have survived. The volunteers have always received my requests with politeness and humour; solutions sought and resolved quickly. I thank you all for your simple telephone service and prompt replies. Kindness was your basic principle and I was never made to feel foolish and my loneliness was overcome. I have had a great life, with many happy memories, and your help made the weeks in lockdown less monotonous. My love and best wishes to you all.

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SOME RECOLLECTIONS

Joan Lamb writing about the centenary of the Burstow and Smallfield WI in May sparked reminiscences from Lynn Wilson last month, and this month from Sylvia Thompson:

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INSPIRING WOMEN

I have found the Burstow magazines very interesting especially the last two, as I grew up in Redehall Road until 1956 when we moved to Horley. Like Lynn Wilson, I also went to the many functions at the Burstow WI hut. My mother, Mrs Esther (Hettie) Lusted, spoke highly of Lynn's mother, Eileen Wilson, and her husband and family and made many friends in Smallfield and Burstow. Like Mrs Wilson,

my mother was in the WI and the choir. Robin Stapleton conducted and played the piano (below). I knew the family well, going to tea at his mother's house with his brother Tony. I was in my early teens and we were all involved in Old Time Dancing.



As Lynn Wilson said in his article, the choir won several competitions and Robin is holding a rose bowl in the photo (left).

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Left to right:
Mrs Rose,
Mrs Daniels,
Hazel
Daniels, Mrs
Wilson, Mrs
Martin and
Mrs Lusted,
my mother
Below:
the WI at
Burstow Hall



My father, George Lusted, was the local chauffeur/ taxi man, so we were a busy family. He also had several other jobs as he was self employed. Our telephone was always busy and it was a very early number: Smallfield 143. This was when the telephone exchange was in Plough Road. Not very many people had a telephone and so neighbours were grateful to use it sometimes. My father drove for weddings, christenings and funerals and my older sister would help clean the car of confetti, ready for the next fare. When she reached 18 my father taught her how to drive, and she would pick up the Rev Bingley at

Burstow Rectory at 6am on a Sunday morning and drive him to take a service at Smallfield Church Hall then take him back again afterwards.



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My lockdown life: Parish clerk Jeannie Ryan

During lockdown I have been working from home other than one and now two days a week in Centenary Hall. I have really missed not working face to face with people. Everything has been done on the phone and my job has changed massively in that I hadn't realised what a large part of my day was taken up with the management of Centenary Hall which is closed at the moment.

However, that has been replaced with helping people in the community who are vulnerable, not just in Burstow but also in Horne. I was given a list by Tandridge very soon after lockdown of the people locally who may be needing support. We wrote to and hand delivered a letter to all the people on that list, outlining all the help that could be offered, working with the surgery, and doing shopping as well as providing such practical support as getting toilet flushes mended!

Then the government list came out so we added some names to the Tandridge list plus others we were aware of who weren't on either of the other lists. Then we made a house call to them all – 178 in Burstow and another 14 in Horne. The volunteers who answered my appeal on social media have been absolutely amazing. Not everyone answered the door but of those who did, some said they were fine and others did ask for some help. If you spend the time chatting to people you find out that they actually want an awful lot more than the bread and milk they were asking for but that they didn't want to put anyone to any trouble. I have enjoyed chatting with lots of people and have been able to pass on all sorts of tips – for example, people now have to buy their own incontinence sheets which are very expensive, so I have been stocking up on puppy pads which do a great job but are far cheaper!

I've kept busy and the garden at home looks fantastic! But now we are starting to plan the gradual re-opening of Centenary Hall. And we have bought a screen for my office (picture, below) so that I can at last start to see people face to face again!



News from the 1st Burstow Scouts

Since lockdown and despite being unable to meet face to face, the 1st Burstow Scout Group has carried on. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have worked at and achieved a selection of Activity Badges. To date these are some 80 Badges which include Cooking and Chef (see right), Home Help, Animal Friend, Cyclist (this includes looking after your bicycle), Artists, Builder, Gardener, Photographer, Personal Challenge and many more. We have held Zoom meetings weekly for each section, which allows us to see each other, to play games and complete activities towards badges. Obviously many have completed their Digital Citizen Badge, using technology for Scouting and school work and keeping in touch with their friends and family. During our meetings we have completed the Beavers' Experiment Badge, Cub Scientist, Scout Scientist and the Scouts are learning all about the weather to complete their Meteorologist Badge. All Sections are working on their Collector's Badge and are due to present their collections to everyone at the end of June.



Emma (left) became a member of the 1st Burstow Scout Group and the first to make her Cub Promise virtually, as she was due to make it just as Scouting stopped.



As part of the Big Night In fundraising event on the BBC in April, the Scout Association invited all

members to Hike to the Moon. Several of our members completed a mile or more to help reach the moon. Some went out for the walk and some did it all indoors, with one walking up and down the stairs in his house (see right). Everyone who completed it earned a special limited edition badge. We also raised some funds for the charity.



In May we earned our Musician Stage 1 Badge when we built percussion instruments (right) and took part in a drumming workshop led by Rhythmicity UK over Zoom. It was great to meet as a whole group and have fun together.



Some families took part in the East Surrey Virtual Camp at Home (below), which was held on the weekend that should have been the District Cub Camp Weekend. This involved making or pitching a tent, inside or out, completing activities and challenges and basing the family's meals around the camp menu.

Several Members are taking part in the Home Adventure Challenge, which South London Scout County has written especially for this challenging time. There are 3 levels of the challenge badge: Bronze, Silver and Gold with activities for all ages. We have done some challenges in our Zoom meetings. One Beaver with his family's assistance has already completed 50 challenges to earn the Bronze Award. We have written our name in socks (above) and walked through a piece of A4 paper.



We are preparing to hold our AGM using Zoom in July. The annual report was delivered to all our members' families and supporters in April.

We intend to run a Burstow Camp at Home in July which will be part of the Scout Group's 110th Birthday celebration. If you used to be a member and have any stories or memorabilia to share with the Scout Group please contact us. For more details, including joining or volunteering, or if you can provide a one-off activity or skill session please email gsl@burstowscouts.org or call 01342 718862

Keep Safe and Well.

Rowenna Woodward BEM

Smallfield thanks the NHS and key workers

This month's virtual walk round Smallfield takes in just some of people's amazing displays in gratitude for the work of the NHS staff and all the key workers

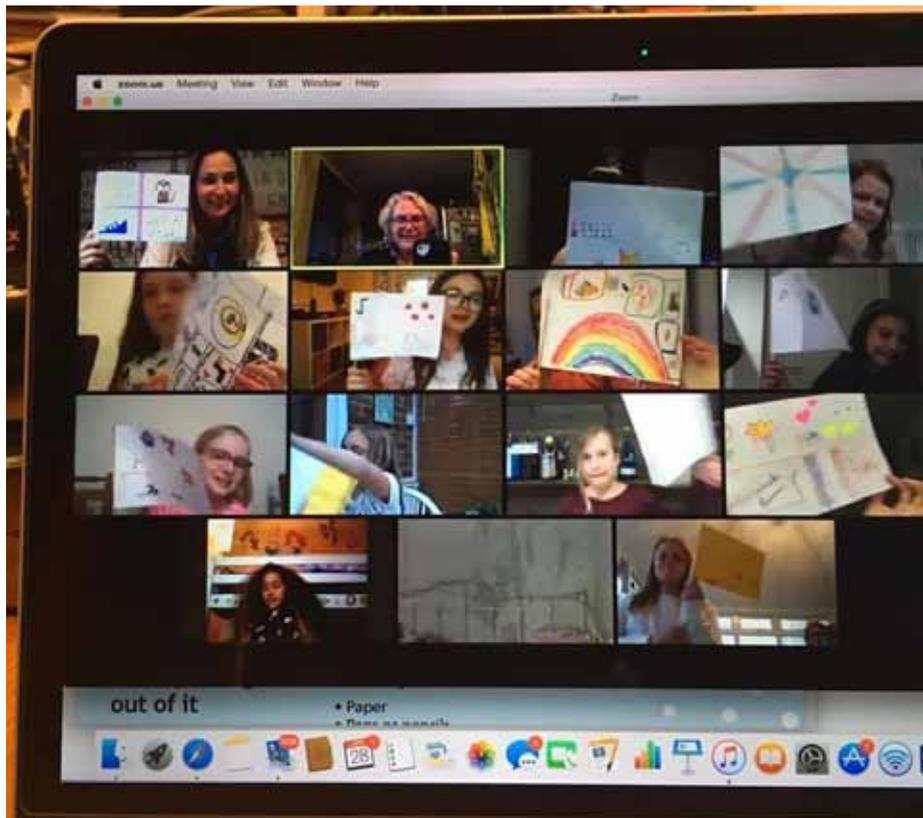


News from the 1st Burstow Brownies

In this unprecedented times, Brownies tried and have enjoyed meeting via the internet (see picture, below). We have been having Zoom meetings, games have been adapted and enjoyed... but the most favourable game is that of a scavenger hunt, seeing how creative the girls can be and coming up with some magical ideas.

We joined forces with 7th Horley Brownies and 7th Horley Rangers and made about 60 cards/pictures that were sent into Barnfield residential home to cheer up the residents. (see right) One lady called Julia was having her 90th birthday during lockdown and we managed to send a few cards to her too. It was like a military operation, with Gordons greengrocers being our drop off point for the cards, collected by Snowy Owl and then delivered by another Snowy Owl, who works at Barnfield... all went smoothly.

The Brownies also took part in a regional Bake Off, with 1st Burstow's Ciara winning for the Brownies across Horley East and West, and me winning for the



leaders (my cake, right). We both won a £10 Amazon voucher. The Brownies have also been using their time to gain badges.

We look forward to being able to meet up again in the same space, until then Zoom has been keeping us in touch.

All the best from Elf Owl and Snowy Owl



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At last we are moving forward, albeit at a very cautious pace, and rightly so, to protect us all from this terrible virus. We are now preparing for the reopening of the Centenary Hall when Government permits. The Parish Clerk is working from her office for two days a week and we are purchasing hand sanitisers for all the rooms and toilets. Any person entering the Hall must wear a face mask and observe the appropriate social distancing. Parishioners wishing to meet with the clerk should please make a prior appointment to avoid clashing with others and overcrowding.

Following strong representations by the Parish Council I am happy to report that Tandridge District Council has now legislated against the use of drawn vehicles on Plough Road playing field and installed relevant notices and a new post and rail fence.

Councillors have been practising virtual meetings and we are approaching the time when perhaps a Council meeting will be held. Any member of the public wishing to make representations on the published agenda and be invited to join, should notify the clerk using their real name, not less than 48 hours ahead of the meeting.

Staff have been interviewed and appointed for the proposed day care centre 'The Gingerbread House'. Hopefully the centre will be up and running in early September subject to current legislation. We already have applications for acceptance. If you would like more details and to register please contact the centre on 07546 376148.

With the easing of shopping restrictions, I do hope that villagers will continue their present allegiance to our local shops, remembering the great service afforded to us all during lockdown. I wish to project our continuing thanks to owners of the local shops and those who work in them at personal risk who have proved invaluable.

Please continue to support and observe government advice. Stay aware, stay safe.
Ian Wates, Chair, Burstow Parish Council

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AVIATION GROUP

In the May Parish News I mentioned the very politically incorrect pre-war Editor of the magazine *Aeroplane* ('The menace is the woman who thinks that she ought to be flying in a high speed bomber when she really has not the intelligence to scrub the floor of a hospital properly, or who wants to nose around as an Air Raid Warden and yet can't cook her husband's dinner'). Here is another classic from his pen.

Between 14 and 20 November 1937 Arthur E Clouston and Mrs Betty Kirby Green who had mainly funded the trip, flew from Croydon to Cape Town and back in a record six days (in DH88 Comet G-ACSS, now flying with the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden in Bedfordshire). CG Grey wrote that 'Mrs Kirby Green had previously distinguished herself by flying solo, for a bet, in a Moth from London Hanworth aerodrome to Paris the day after she had qualified for her 'A' Licence, which was not a wise or clever thing to do. Having won her bet, she got a mere male to pilot her back to England which indicated common sense. Her experience as a pilot is not such as to persuade anybody that she could handle a high speed twin-engined aeroplane in any but a straight line which we must assume consisted in holding it while Clouston did his navigational sums. Therefore 99% of the credit must go to Clouston who had to take off the heavily loaded aircraft from high-level aerodromes and get it down safely in variable weather.'



During the war Clouston was a Farnborough test pilot, flew on Operations in Liberators, Beaufighters and Hudsons and ended up as an Air Commodore and Officer Commanding Singapore, retiring from the RAF in 1960 and died aged 75 in January 1984. I can find nothing further about Mrs Kirby Green.

Interestingly the same attitude prevailed in Germany. In 1933 Hanna Reitsch, who went on to

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My lockdown life: Laura at Helgaz Flowers

When the shop had to shut at the start of lockdown, it was a nightmare. I had to quickly think of ways to carry on. All the flowers were in the shop so I could still make things and all the plants were at home – probably about four or five van loads, a lot of plants. People had to message me rather than popping into the shop. It amazed me that a lot of florists weren't doing anything but I just thought that if I could, especially flowers for funerals, it was important to carry on. And the plants has been a major thing because people couldn't get to garden centres but have the time to make their gardens nice, so I thought if I can do that, then I will. I am doing all the deliveries by myself! Now I am able to open the shop which is lovely but I have to keep at table in front of the door because it's too small for people to come. And although the hours are supposedly shorter, I'm doing deliveries before I open and after I close. I am doing seven days a week; I'm tired and my hands are like sandpaper but I'm glad to be back!



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become one of Germany's most famous test pilots, was the runner up in what was in effect the National Gliding Championships and received a set of kitchen scales and a meat mincer – she was furious at the implied slur.

Residents may have noticed that with Gatwick very quiet small aircraft have been allowed to route over the village when going to and from the South Coast as well as into the airport. This would be strictly prohibited in normal times by Air Traffic because it is a Control Zone. In fact they have been allowing private pilots to fly down the approach and over the runway but not below 400 ft. It gives them a good view of over 115 airliners currently parked there.

We will notify everyone when we feel it is safe to recommence our meetings and the posters will as usual be displayed on the noticeboards situated by the parade of shops, in the Post Office and in Centenary Hall. If we manage to start meetings again in September the programme should be:

- **1 September** – 'Air Operations in Network Rail', Sean Leahy. Helicopters used to check rail safety.
- **6 October** – 'Charles Rolls and the 1910 Aviation Meeting', Stephen Robson. Pioneer aviator and joint founder of Rolls Royce.

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John Thorpe

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There is a new page on the website which enables you to give to the church securely and confidentially by Direct Debit, or by making a one-off donation. Church finances are particularly stretched while no services are taking place and reduced rental income and any help. Any support would be very gratefully received. Visit: www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-giving

SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

In the year ended December 2019 your Speedwatch team reported to Surrey Police:

2,960 offenders

Amongst these were:

259 2nd time offenders and 43 3rd time offenders

The Team comprises 16 regular police-trained community members who are able to commit to an hour or more a month at various approved locations around the village.

We ARE making a difference.

So much more could be achieved with more members.

Should you wish to join the team please contact the Parish Clerk,
Jeannie Ryan (01342 841880, burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Visit: http://www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk/community_speed_watch.asp

SOME LOCAL SERVICES

Smallfield Surgery, Wheelers Lane 01342 843822

Website: www.smallfieldsurgery.nhs.uk

Smallfield Pharmacy, 2 Redehall Road 01342 844424

Email: info@smallfieldpharmacy.co.uk

Website: www.smallfieldpharmacy.co.uk

Burstow Primary School, Wheelers Lane 01342 842010

Burstow Parish Council

■ Parish Clerk: Jeannie Ryan (Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane)

Email: burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com or ring 01342 841880

Office core hours: 9.30am-2.00pm weekdays during school term

Website: www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk

Tandridge District Council 0183 722000

Tandridge District Councillors

■ Kevin Bourne (07963 833154; email: Cllr.kevin.bourne@tandridgec.gov.uk)

■ Harry Fitzgerald (01342 832475;

email: cllr.harry.fitzgerald@tandridgec.gov.uk)

■ Colin White (email: Cllr.Colin.White@tandridge.gov.uk)

Surrey County Councillor

■ Lesley Steeds (07973 872 614; email: lesley.steeds@surreycc.gov.uk)

Police contacts:

■ In an emergency – dial 999

■ If not an emergency – dial 101 for Surrey Police

Crime Stoppers (independent anonymous phone line): 0800 555111

Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

email: tandridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

■ PC Kevin Stimson (tel: 101 or mobile 07720 061363;

email: kevin.stimson@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

Neighbourhood Police Smallfield, Burstow, Horne and Outwood

■ PCSO Conrad Cheeseman (tel: 101;

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My lockdown life: June Dunn

I have been very fortunate to have my daughter staying with me during lockdown. A lot of people have been very lonely while stuck at home but at least I have her company and she looks after me when I'm not feeling so well. But I do my bit ringing lots of people to keep in touch. I am missing people face to face, though. I started going to WOW (Welcome on Wednesdays) when it first started. My neighbour is a Practice Health Champion and she urged me to go along. I wasn't too sure but I loved it from the start and haven't looked back. I love talking to people and finding out all about people. I write a lot of poems and this one is a tribute to all the people I've met at WOW. I hope that we'll meet there again soon.

Friends at WOW

Some people in their latter years
Are so interesting to meet.
Some have quite a history –
To converse is such a treat.
They can talk on so many subjects,
Their experiences are vast.
You could talk for hours and hours,
Just about their past.

I like to hear where they started their lives
And how many moves they've made,
All about their families,
And what was their stock in trade.
There's men who have been in the Services,
They've always got something to say.
You won't hear about the tragedies
But the laughs they had on the way.
Some have worked in the medical world,
They can tell a tale or two.
Good thing there's been improvements
'Cos God knows what we would do!
There's jobs where you have to retire,
That could be good or sad.

But with more time there's things you could do,
So it might not be so bad.
It's nice to meet up with these people
And have our tête à tête.
Even though it's for a very short time
It can make you feel just great!



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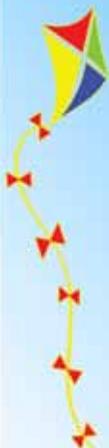
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