

# **MUSKHAM MAGAZINE**

## **September 2025**



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# What price is too high?



## Editorial

Today 15th August 2025 (as I type) is the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Japan Day. A date not so familiar or well known as VE Day; 8th May. It was most gratifying to me to see a number of households in the village display bunting and flags in memory of those who fought in the far east. Conditions for our armed services were challenging where ever they served whether it was in the quagmires of France, the blizzard like conditions for the Arctic convoys, the fear of the U Boat attacks as ships crossed the Atlantic with vital food supplies and ordinance, the mountainous terrain of Italy and desert conditions of North Africa and the anti aircraft weaponry trained on our Lancaster bombers.

The conditions of the Burmese Jungle ( now known as Myanmar ) were not something any of our armed forces had trained for or ever could have trained for.

Not only did they face an extremely adaptable enemy which used the conditions to their advantage they had to battle those same conditions. I remember my father once saying many of his comrades didn't know how to swim and were afraid of the water. In Burma they were required to cross rivers and to wade through swamps. Colonel Cree later recalled during the Battle of Admin Box (which was to prove a positive turning point of the war ) *'The troops were continuously harassed by fire by day and infantry attacks by night. The dust, the foul water, eternal stench are memories that long linger. Comfort, sleep and even rest were foreign to us'*

Today Presidents Trump and Putin are meeting in Alaska. Hopefully there will be progress and a further meeting with President Zelenskyy will be arranged quickly to find a way to end the Ukrainian conflict. Across the world there are so many conflicts and many civilians are paying a very high price for peace. It is estimated 210,000 Japanese civilians died after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki . The Office of the United Nation Commissioner for Human Rights reports almost 50,000 civilians have died in the Ukraine war. It is estimated that approximately 63,000 civilians have died in the conflict in Gaza 70% women and children since Oct 7th 2023 . A similar number in Sudan .

We need peacemakers. Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God. Matthew Chapter 5 verse 9. Susan Twemlow

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## Help us to celebrate 120 Years and envision the future!

At the Methodist Chapel, we are about to celebrate 120 years of connection with community in the village. Back in January I shared this with you folks, in the magazine, and talked about some of the documents from the original building of the chapel in 1905. I also shared with you the plans we have for collaborating with the village moving forward. There is still much to work out but since then the Cafe team have conducted a survey that you may have taken part in. The response was overwhelmingly supportive and those of us (chapel community and wider community) who have been working to imagine the project have been really encouraged by the positive responses and ideas shared. These are exciting times and we'd now like to invite you to come and celebrate our 120 years and envision the future.

**Our Anniversary weekend will be Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of September** and we're planning some exciting opportunities to connect. From **10 o'clock onwards on the Saturday morning** we're planning to serve **coffee and cake** and have an exhibition of some of the artefacts (photos, receipts etc.) from the original chapel building in 1905; but at the same time we want to share some of the collaborative plans the community Cafe team have for the future! It's hoped that this will include some indicative architects drawings, the full results of the community consultation and elements of our business plan. Ian Harrison (Chair of the Parish Council and lead in the cafe project) will be with us; Nigel Pimlott (part of the steering group and lead of the community consultation) will be there and I will be there. We hope to present some of our vision (presentations are planned for 10:30am). On top of that we welcome the President of Methodist Conference (this year's head of the Methodist Church in Britain) who is keen to see how chapel and community are working together here in North Muskham!

**At 2pm on the Sunday we'll be having a special Cafe Church to celebrate 120 years in the village** - you're equally welcome to join us for that!

I shared my thoughts in January about the last 120 years and the future. I shared that if North Muskham Methodist Church were built in 2025, it wouldn't need to build a school room as it did back then; the thriving school in North Muskham caters not only for the needs of the village but surrounding villages too. I shared how we felt that after 120 year in this chapel building, it was time to re-examine our DNA, re-examine where God might be leading us to partner with community and shared that the next chapter for us was to sell our chapel building and invest the proceeds alongside the community in a community cafe so that we can, *together*, create a place where we can worship as a chapel community but also have a 7 day a week space for anyone and everyone to meet, connect, battle isolation, and strengthen community - folks of all faiths and none.

There are lots of things that need to be worked out but we'd love you to come and join us, celebrate our past and vision our shared future. Come and join us on the 20th September, have a coffee and cake on us and tell us what you think - We can't wait to see you!

## New territory!

I was recently looking back over some of my magazine articles from years gone by. In September 2017 I shared that my eldest child was starting Secondary School and my only son starting infant school. This week (at time of writing) we went to Wagamama's to celebrate that eldest child's A-level results and the only son will, by the time you're reading this, have started secondary school. Time flies!

These are becoming familiar journeys but are equally still new territory. The last seven years have been monumental. We now have three children diagnosed with a combination Autism and ADHD as well as dyslexia, dyscalculia and other challenges. But I couldn't be prouder of our family as we've grown through a mixture of challenges and love. I'm not saying we're getting it all right, but we're getting it all together! And best of all, God is with us.

Back in 2017, I wondered what new territory you may be facing at present. (How have the last eight years been for you?) How has life changed and how is it changing? I shared then about one of my favourite places that I read of Bible characters embracing new territory and perhaps it's worth reflecting on it again in current times.

In Exodus, in the Bible, (the Israelites were being saved from slavery in Egypt and entering the promised land). The first instance that comes to mind is when the Israelites, having just escaped slavery, approach the promised land for the first time. Moses sends spies to scout out the land that God has told them will be theirs and the reports that return are mostly negative. Some spies report that the land, 'flows with milk and honey' but also that 'the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large'. One translation suggests that the inhabitants are giants and that they made them look like grasshoppers! What follows is a forty-year wander in the wilderness whilst all those who had previously faced the opportunity of entering that land pass away - a whole generation passes by!

The second encounter is when Joshua leads his people (after Moses himself has passed away) back to face the promised land. Joshua was one of the original spies, but his and Caleb's report had been very different from the rest of the spies. Instead they came back reporting that despite the inhabitants being formidable and the cities seemingly insurmountable, God could bring them victory. It was these that God chose to lead them into victory and the manner of the victory is incredible! The most famous moment is when the heavily fortified city of Jericho crumbles before them simply by them shouting at it - it's a victory that is not attributed to the might of the people but the power of God.

We can approach new territory focused on what difficulties they bring, or we can approach them believing what is possible (no matter how improbable!)

I know a God who has wonderful plans for each one of us - plans to prosper us and not to harm us (as it says in Jeremiah chapter 29 and verse 11 of the Bible). If you face difficulty in new territory (or even in your daily grind) then know that God loves you and wants the best for you. If you need someone to walk alongside you in this, I'd be happy to pray with you, you need only get in touch.

**Rev Peter Hibberts, Minister in the Newark and Southwell Methodist**

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## **David Keene – St Michael and All Angels – Feast Day 29<sup>th</sup> September**

As a boy we had a collection box from church in the shape of an elephant with the letters UMCA along its side. I discovered they stood for Universities Mission to Central Africa. David Livingstone the famous explorer seeking the source of the Nile and campaigning against slavery, appealed to the students of Cambridge and Oxford to go as missionaries to Africa to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. They responded. Where once there was a slave market in Zanzibar there now stands a cathedral.

My parish church supported a dispensary which evolved into a hospital. One of our curates went as a missionary which stimulated our support. Years later when I was studying for the priesthood at Cambridge, a former college student, on leave from the UMCA, came for a break at his old college. I was deputed to keep an eye on him. His name was Mark Way. In Africa he was feeling rather forgotten by the church back home. Eventually he and one of the missionaries fell in love but the rules of the UMCA society forbade them to marry. They returned to England in order to do so. After an eventful career he became the Bishop of Masasi. Later he became the Rector of Averham and Assistant Bishop of Southwell, with special responsibility for overseas mission and Christian unity.

To his surprise what he expected to find in the back garden of the Rectory was a vegetable patch. What he actually found was a theatre which had been built by the village carpenter, Robert Lee. (He had been taken by Revd Cyril Walker to London to see what a theatre looked like.) The building was being used more as a Community Hub than a theatre. As the new Rector, Mark Way summoned a meeting of interested parties and the theatre was revived. A thriving monthly lunch club was founded, drama groups, including 'The Footlights' performed and a bunk room was made, over the theatre foyer where cast could sleep. Prominent actors such as Judi Dench were accommodated at The Rectory. The Robin Hood Theatre is still flourishing with an exciting autumn production programme including Blackadder (September) Calendar Girls (October) and It's a Wonderful Life (December).

This month the Church at Averham celebrates its dedication to St Michael and all Angels. We are reminded that the world and its people are only a small part of God's creation. We give thanks to God for those who brought the good news of Jesus Christ here centuries ago and established the parish church in Averham – the oldest in Nottinghamshire. We give thanks to God for all those who have maintained the life of all four Churches in our Benefice (St Wilfrid's North, South and Kelham) over the years –including cleaners, and tea makers, clergy and music makers, grass cutters and gardeners, bellringers and readers, treasurers and secretaries, over the centuries. We still need volunteers in our Churches today. Thank you to those who already do. Blessings David Keene



## **Mary Woolhouse**

If you live in North Muskham there is a special educational charity called the Mary Woolhouse which gives grants to students under the age of 25 who are at college or university. Any young person in the same age bracket who has an apprenticeship rather than a college or university place may also be able to apply for a grant to help with books, tools etc. We also give grants to organisations for the education of children & young people.

Please go to [www.marywoolhouse.co.uk](http://www.marywoolhouse.co.uk) and complete the application form by clicking on 'Student Application form'. Students in their second or third year of study also need to reapply each year.

Your application will be acknowledged by email & if your application is successful, monies will be paid out in August/September by bank transfer.

By applying for a grant, you agree for your personal information being held by the Mary Woolhouse Charity for administration purposes only.

Any queries please email [admin@marywoolhouse.co.uk](mailto:admin@marywoolhouse.co.uk)

## **Use, return so others can use!**

Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust has launched a walking aid return and reuse scheme. Members of the public can return unused metal walking aids such as crutches, sticks and frames. The equipment is safety checked, repaired, and reissued where appropriate, or recycled when not safe for reuse.

People can return any unwanted walking aids, irrespective of when or where they got them from, to any of their three sites in the following locations:

### **King's Mill Hospital**

Clinic 10 (Therapy Services) or main entrance.

### **Mansfield Community Hospital**

Rehab Unit

Open Mon-Fri 08:00 - 16:00

### **Newark Hospital**

Byron House

Open Mon-Fri 08:00 - 16:00



The drop-off points will remain permanent sites that the public can return their walking aids to in the future.

Alternatively Alison Luke from the Parish Council will be at the Muskham Rural Community Centre from 7pm on Tuesday 30th September and again at the MacMillan Coffee Morning at St Wilfrid's Church, North Muskham on Saturday 4th October if you wish to bring your items to her for return.

**Please Remember the dates**

**Sunday 2nd November.**

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You can cover your own Shoebox with Christmas wrapping paper, please wrap the lid and box separately if needed.

Empty, covered shoeboxes will be available in North Muskham Church near the font from the last weekend in September.

**Donate individual items**—suggested items

**Toiletries** - soap, face cloths, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs and hair accessories.

**Stationery** - think school supplies: pencils, crayons, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, paper and notebooks.

**Knitted hats and mittens**

**Fun items** - soft toy, game, musical instrument, toy vehicles, doll, ball, sweets [use by date from March 2026]



**Collection dates**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3pm at Messy Church, North Muskham**

**Sunday 2nd November 9.30am service at North Muskham Church**

**Shoeboxes can also be left at**

**Emanon Cottage, Main Street, leave in**

**North Church before 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**More information about Shoeboxes and TEAMS4U can be found on their website:** [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Linda Guy

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**I know it's September; however, the band of musicians and sound engineer have already been booked for their second concert in Averham.**



**On December 6th at St Michael's and  
All Angels Church, Averham**

### **St. WILFRID'S CHURCH, SOUTH MUSKHAM**

**Tea/coffee/ cakes** will continue in Church on the **fourth Friday** of the month from 2.30 to 4pm.

Our next get together will be 26th September.

Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs. Do come along and join us. It is a very informal get together. If you have not been before, be brave and give us a go!

**Our next service is**

**14th September at  
9.30am**

**Harvest Celebration**

**Churchwarden**

**David Watson 07989 959339**



# Macmillan Coffee Morning

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**Date: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Time: 10.00am to Midday**  
**Place: St. Wilfrid's Church,  
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As expected the **Great North Road (GNR )Solar and Bio Diversity Park** application was accepted for examination by the national Planning Inspectorate on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Whilst this is an important milestone in the development process it does not mean that the Inspectorate will ultimately accept the application in entirety or part.

All documentation can be found on the Inspectorates GNR page below. You can also register for updates from the link:-

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010162>

North Muskham is contained within GNR's South East Quadrant and significantly the latest plan iteration excludes solar PV, cable and substations in our parish area.

GNR state that this is due to a number of technical constraints, primarily associated with flood risk and underground archaeology. The many representations made by the Parish Council, the Joint Parishes Action Group (JPAG) and villagers, underlined these and other points will no doubt, have also played some role.

The end result is the entire section of land to the south and west of Cromwell, and east of the East Coast Main Line has been removed from the solar development.

The detailed plans can be found at found at:-

[https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010162-000076-GNR\\_2.11\\_Landscape%20Masterplan.pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010162-000076-GNR_2.11_Landscape%20Masterplan.pdf)

This of also means that there will be no solar construction traffic using Vicarage Lane or indeed anywhere within North Muskham as part of the developers construction and access plans.

Whilst infrastructure in our area has been removed, parcels of land containing mitigation, enhancement and additional permissive routes are still included. Some mitigation areas have also been removed to allow land to remain in agricultural use.

Mitigation for our area includes:-

- ♦ · Proposed Permissive Bridleway (can be used by walkers and cyclists), east of the East Coast Main Line, linking Cromwell and North Muskham (Vicarage Lane, close to Bracken Farm)
- ♦ · Proposed Permissive Footpath which will link Bathley Lane to Vicarage Lane and join other footpaths.

- ♦ · Proposed Permissive Footpaths around a Riparian Corridor and Grassland in South Muskham east of B6325. This links a number of existing and proposed footpaths allowing a walk from South Muskham to Cromwell and beyond.
- ♦ · Proposed Permissive footpath from Cromwell, south past Sapphire Lakes onto a circular walk around Grassland and a Riparian Corridor.
- ♦ · Community orchard – near Bracken Farm (thanks to Nigel Catt)

Please note that documentation and proposals may change (although this should not be significant) as part of the determination process The Parish Council and JPAG will continue to monitor. Please look at the mapping referenced above if you wish to study further.

**All organisations and individuals who wish to comment on the proposals must register, by making a comment, if they wish to participate further in the process. The registration process will commence in a few week's time and the Parish Council will alert residents when this is open.**

We should be aware that not all parishes and villages have had reductions on our scale. North Muskham will continue to lead the Joint Parishes Action Group (JPAG) which will continue to represent all associated parishes.

It should also be noted that whilst North Muskham appears, at least for now, to be spared much of the immediate impacts of the proposals, should the GNR scheme go ahead, our neighbouring villages will not be so fortunate, the countryside and landscape to the west of Muskham that many enjoy, will be changed dramatically for at least the next 40 years and it is expected that developers may seek extensions to the GNR in the future, some of which may be in our parish. Ever vigilant.

Gary Hobbs Vice Chair North Muskham Parish Council

## The Register

### **St Wilfrid's North Muskham**

*Internment of Ashes*

Anthony Shaw 12th July 2025

### **St Michael's and All Angels Averham**

*Funerals*

Suzanne Jane Morris 18th August 2025

### **Deaths**

Rosanna Caroline Galley Date of Death 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## Cromwell Lock Disaster 28th September 1975

Many of you will be aware of the Cromwell Lock disaster that occurred on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1975. Some will even have first-hand experience of the event. Tragically ten members of the 131 Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers (V) drowned during a night exercise on the River Trent.

Their assault boat went over the Cromwell Weir after a power failure caused the navigation lights to fail, and the boat was swept over the weir in stormy weather.

A service is held most years around the end of September but this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. As such there will be a significant service at Cromwell Lock on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 (arrive 10:30).



There is normally representation from the village and all are welcome to attend.

## AVERHAM CHURCH OPEN DAY – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

Come along and discover more about Averham Church.

Have a go at bell ringing and climb the Church tower, whilst supporting the fantastic **Macmillan Cancer Support Charity**.

The event kicks off at 2pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Averham Church.

Doors open at 1.45

At 2pm, there will be a presentation by **Professor Chris Brooke from the University of Nottingham** on the history of Averham Church.

It is **THE oldest church in Nottinghamshire**, and its origins are Anglo-Saxon. Our beautiful Church is of both local and national importance - come along and find out all about this hidden gem in our village. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about 200 years of Church and village history through a small display exploring the lives of its Rectors.

From 2.30 to 3.15pm tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits, and buns will be served plus a raffle and tombola, with all proceeds in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support Charity**.

At 3.15pm onwards you can listen to our fabulous Church bells being rung by our local team. You can even have a go at ringing yourself!

Weather permitting you can climb the bell tower and see our beautiful village from a completely different angle! On a clear day you may be able to see Lincoln Cathedral. At 4pm the event closes.

## Coffee Morning Ride and Stride

You are warmly invited to come  
and enjoy coffee and cake at

**St. Wilfrid's Church,**

**North Muskham**

**10.00am until 12 noon**

**Saturday 13th September**

**Future dates**

**Saturday 4th October**

**Shoebox Day**

**Saturday 29th November**

**Christmas Fair Coffee Morning**



**St Wilfrid's Church, North and South Muskham are collection points for Newark Food Bank. If you have any contributions please leave them in church.**

**The items urgently needed: : -The items urgently needed: -** Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Soup, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Rice Puddings

**Other Items** Toilet Rolls, Male & Female Deodorant

A regular update of specific items needed can be found on the website:

<https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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Small Hall	£10.00	£13.50
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### Muskhams History Group Talk

Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 19:30

M.R.C.C. North Muskhams

'Life CAN be a Laugh' Pat Hall

Twenty-seven years ago, I started a volunteer telephone charity for elderly people who lived alone. I gave talks to various groups to make them aware of this; I became bored with the repetition so I put funny bits in. I gave one such talk at the Derby Council House when the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire was in the audience. When I had finished, he said "If you leave your charity, you should become a stand-up comedian, I'll get you some gigs!". My talk is always called something like **'Have a Good Laugh'** or **'Life can be Funny'** etc. I don't have specific talks but, when I have given a talk, I always record everything I have said in my computer file in case I am booked again. (I have been booked for the 12th time to a group in Chesterfield!)



Everyone Welcome, refreshments included, small surcharge for guests.

## Church of England Services September 2025

Sunday 7th September From 9.00am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Worship Service
Sunday 7th September 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	
Sunday 7th September	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	
Sunday 14th September 9.30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Harvest Celebration and Holy Communion
Sunday 21st September 9.30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th September 9.30am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Holy Communion



**Wednesday**  
**Evening Prayer 6pm**  
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# The Methodist Church

## Methodist Church Services

Sunday 7th September	Mr P Hibberts Café Church	2.00pm
Sunday 14th September	Mrs J Winnington	10.30pm
Sunday 21st September	<b>Rev P Hibberts</b> <b>Chapel Anniversary</b> <b>120 Years.</b> <b>Café Church</b>	2.00pm
Sunday 28th September	Rev L Mackrell– Hey	10.30am
Sunday 5th October	Harvest Celebration St Wilfrid's North Muskham	9.30am



**Chapel Anniversary** – the Chapel will be open on the morning of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September when we hope to welcome the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. Further details elsewhere in the magazine or see our notice board.

## WORDSEARCH

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the Church remembers St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man, and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor and became a monk.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but angels!" He planned to go to England to evangelize the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was elected Pope. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

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- **Date:** 20th September 2025, Doors Open 13:00
- **Location:** Sutton On Trent Sports Club, Grassthorne Road, NG23 6QX with free parking at the venue.
- □ **Tickets:** On sale now at <https://www.yasminemccloryfoundation.org.uk/support-us/yasfest-2025>
- Line-Up You Won't Want to Miss

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- A Festival With Heart

Yasfest began as a celebration of Yasmine's life on what would have been her 21st birthday, inspired by her passion for music, and commitment to making the world a better place. Today, it stands as a beacon for hope, resilience, and joy even in difficult times.

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<b>Weds</b>	<b>10am-1pm</b> – Muskham Craft Group Marian: 07796 935002 <a href="mailto:jmarian89@yahoo.co.uk">jmarian89@yahoo.co.uk</a>	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10am – 12noon</b> Art Group Jim Wishart - 07831 183523	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:30am</b> - Seated Movement Class Rhuel: <a href="mailto:rhueliosamuels@gmail.com">rhueliosamuels@gmail.com</a> 07477820043	<b>7:00-8:00pm</b> - Reiki Soundbath (one per month) Emily - <a href="http://www.insightstowellbeing.co.uk">www.insightstowellbeing.co.uk</a>
<b>Week days</b>	Muskham Out of School Club & Muskham Preschool as below	<b>5:00-7:30pm</b> - Cougars Football Cougars train & play at our Playing Fields and have Junior Football Teams for U7, U9, U11 and U13
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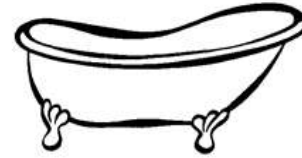
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