Kingsland News May, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I'm glad to be back home and back on duty in the parishes, and my heartfelt thanks go to the ministry team and churchwardens for their steadfast care of the parishes over these last three months. I hope you have appreciated all the extra work they have put in and please give praise for the ministry they have exercised. I have tales to tell of music and marsupials of sunshine and warmth, of churches in different places and moments of peace that lift the soul from my time on sabbatical and, no doubt, I will bore you all with stories at some point in the not too distant future.

At the end of July the Bishop of Hereford is coming to confirm any who want to make declaration of their Christian Faith. This is often something that those baptised as infants find especially important as they affirm the faith that was initiated by others. There will be ample opportunity over the next 3 months to make preparation with myself or another member of the team as you explore more deeply the fundamentals of the faith. Please do let me know if you or someone you know would like to pursue this. There is no upper age limit and even if you just want to explore these things, you would be most welcome. Let me know.



Since I left you a coronation has appeared on the calendar and we will be praying for King Charles as he prepares for the coronation on Friday 5th May at 7pm with compline in our church, and then afterwards on Sunday 7th May with a Community Coronation Celebration - in Church at 11am followed by bubbles and a shared picnic. Do let's gather as a community to pray for him and then celebrate with the country afterwards.

At 10.30am on Sunday 14th May we will be praying for our farmers and the land at our annual Rogation Service which will be year at Hall Farm, Leintwardine. HR6 9TR. ΑII welcome and please wear sensible shoes and bring along a plate of food for a shared picnic afterwards. On the afternoon of the same day there will be an Illustrated Talk by Bill Jackson and Kate Andrew on the local landscape in particular with respect to the Battle of Mortimer's Cross. Entry is free, with the opportunity to buy a copy of the new book 'Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire' at a guide price of £5. All proceeds to go to church funds.

On Thursday 18th May, on Ascension Day, there will be a deanery communion service at Kingsland Church at 7pm and all are welcome to join this wider gathering of Christian

folk all coming together to celebrate the end of Jesus's work on earth.

The following Sunday 28th May is the feast of Pentecost and the birthday of the church as the disciples, recovered from the upset and grief of Good Friday, and restored by our Risen Lord, are finally sent out into the crowds to share the story of Jesus for all to hear and benefit from. This service forms the end of the Easter Celebrations and to feasting and all that goes with that. This also forms the first weekend of the Art Exhibition in Church entitled Spirit of Fire where Charles McCarthy and his team have commissioned artists to paint on the theme of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit that came as fire to the disciples. It has been sometime since Charles's last big exhibition if you remember - Angels back in 2013 and Light a few years later. The exhibition will last for a fortnight and if you would like to help with stewarding then please let Christina Harris know (if you email or ring the church office we will pass on your details to her)

May looks to be a very busy month (I think I'm going away again — oh no I can't as I am the vicar!!) I look forward to catching up with you and hearing all your news on one of the many events in church. Every blessing,

Julie



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We have played three first team matches since my last report, the first two with sharply contrasting results. In mid March we travelled down to Bristol to play Old a team we had beaten Redcliffians comfortably in September, and turned in possibly our most disappointing performance of the season lacking in bite, decision making and commitment. We did improve in the second half but lost 28 - 25and our players were the first to take responsibility for a lack lustre performance.

The coaching staff must have given them the hair dryer treatment at training the following week in preparation for our match against Hinckley, a team who were one ahead of us in the league and a team we had only beaten once in seven outings. The headline in the Rugby Paper the following " Lucs Run Amok as day trumpeted Hinckley Thrashed ." This might have over egged the pudding slightly but our 40 - 12 victory was a fair reflection of our superiority on the day. The win enabled us to leapfrog Hinckley into fourth position in the table, our highest ranking since we attained National League rugby in 2010.

Our form continued the following week up in Newport, never an easy place to visit. The highlights of the match were a hat trick of tries from number eight Aiden Cheshire and a superb individual try from full back Josh Watkins and we came away well satisfied with our 27 – 15 bonus point victory.

On the last Sunday in March we held our Anglo – Welsh Festival when 1,000 children from the ages of Under 7 to Under 12 from 17 different English and Welsh clubs participated. I use the word "participated " because in line with the Rugby Football Union's dictat it is unacceptable to acknowledge that some

games are won and some are lost. There can't be many of you left who don't know how I feel about such arrant nonsense so I'll spare you both barrels this time. My sentiments were endorsed by an article in our Hinckley match programme when the writer said.

"In this time of rampant snow flakery with medals for simply participating being the order of the day the best thing that rugby offers young boys (and girls of course) is a full on reality check that builds their character and values as only rugby can."

Those of you in the know and inclined to churlishness will be quick to point out that the article was in fact written by my son Andrew. But not as the result of some malevolent, paternal manipulation but from his experience of years of coaching children to enjoy and accept the challenges of rugby, the victories and defeats, the highs and the lows and to then take these lessons and experiences into life.

The largest Mini Festival in England played at a single venue in one day (if anybody out there can contradict me , please do) was its usual, unmitigated success thanks to a few wise and experienced heads at the top supported by an army of volunteers. This event always showcases Luctonians at our best and this year was no different.

Other rugby news, our 3rds finished their season with a 17 -7 win at Clee Hill to end up a very respectable 8^{th} (mid table) in their league and our Colts narrowly failed to retain the North Mids Cup they had won last year with a 23 - 22 loss to our near neighbours Ledbury. In a broader context however rugby was the winner on that day as a smaller club from just over the hill had the audacity to roll into town and pinch our chariot. Our unreserved congratulations to Ledbury.

Huw Davies.



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This will be followed by the usual open management meeting of the Trustees and interested parties. Everyone is invited to both meetings.

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. Election of Chairman for the meeting
- 2. Welcome to the meeting Chairman
- 3. Apologies for absence
- 4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sat 7th May 2022
- 5. Matters Arising
- 6. Report to the meeting Chairman
- 7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Presentation of accounts to 5th April 2023
 - b. Report on review of financial controls and agree next review date
 - c. Adoption of Accounts
- 8. Annual Review of KMGT Policy Documents
- 9. Election of Trustees
 - Katie Cave Brown Cave and Nikki Gurney expiry of 4 year period

10. Election of Officers

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Financial Officers (two required)

11. Any other business

- Approval of Trustees Annual Report for year to 5th April 2023
- Approval of Trustees Fund Raising Checklist for year to 5th April 2024
- Approval to continue agreement with Kingsland School re use of Green for a further year
- Approval to continue agreement with Kingsland Cub Scouts re use of the Green for a further year

of Copies the Open Meeting agenda can be obtained by emailing kmgtsecretary@outlook.com or calling the telephone number below. It should be noted that the maintenance of the Green is totally funded by voluntary contributions received from within the Community. No funding is received from either the Parish Council or Herefordshire Council in respect of ongoing maintenance. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the continued support for the Green from the residents of Kingsland and the surrounding area.

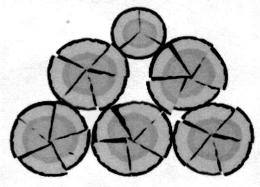
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Mortimer Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group Brief Update on the Spring Round of Covid Vaccination Care Homes

The NHS required the vaccine to be offered to care home residents between the 3rd and 17th April. The Practice has received adequate supplies of vaccine to comply and intended to start the campaign over the Easter period.

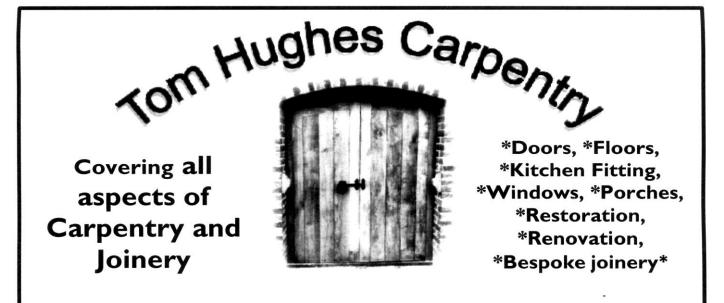
Other Groups to be called forward

The Spring Booster this year will include those 75 years of age or over by 30 June and for any patient aged 5 and over who has a weakened immune system (specific conditions, though not the same as for this Group as last Spring, will apply).

- The Surgery was awaiting the delivery of the vaccine which was expected towards the end of April.
- Clinics at the Surgery are provisionally planned for May.
- As before, the Surgery will contact patients in this Group by text or letter, inviting them to book an appointment for their vaccine.

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All Things Seem Possible in May"

The days are growing longer and brighter and the weather is steadily getting warmer, the April showers are (mostly) behind us and we are starting to edge into summer. There's definitely something particularly uplifting about the month of May and the above quote from conservationist Edwin Way Teale sums it up beautifully.

We are very excited to welcome Kate Andrew and Bill Jackson to Kingsland Church this month to talk about their co-authored publication, Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire, which covers the geological history of North Herefordshire and how it shaped the momentous historical events which occurred here, and sheds light on that pivotal battle - Mortimer's Cross. Please book your (free) tickets in advance here: https://bit.lv/Mort23 This event is free, with a suggested donation of £5 to include a copy of the publication. The Mortimer Landscape of North Herefordshire is in Kingsland Church on Sunday 14 May at 3pm.

Anyone who remembers the brilliant Company of Heaven exhibition of ten years ago will know that we have some incredible artistic talent in the village. This May will see Kingsland Church once again converted into a spectacular viewing platform for visitors to explore the works of more than 60 artists on the theme of Pentecost. The list of artists keen to share their work includes blacksmiths, mixed media artists, ceramicists, woodworkers and sculptors alongside those working in oils, watercolours, chalks and pencils. Curated by villagers Charles MacCarthy and Ruth Cameron-Swan, the Spirit of Fire Exhibition will open at the Church at 7pm on Friday 26 May with a talk from distinguished art historian and writer Frances Spalding on the artistic interpretation of the Pentecost.

The Spirit of Fire Exhibition will take place in Kingsland Church from Friday 26 May until Sunday 11 June between 10am and 5pm (from 27 May onwards) and is free to view.

For information about the private view please email Charles contact@charlesmaccarthv.co.uk.

Mid May sees a series of activities for each class at Kingsland School, led by Caring for God's Acre, the national conservation charity for burial grounds. The children will be exploring the wonders of the natural environment and the monuments of our churchyard with a range of learning and investigating activities. (There's more to come for children in the half term holiday, with Playing Out, outdoor play led



by Sarah Watkins of Dandy Lions, another of the Heritage Heroes school holiday activities - booking details will be on our Facebook page or contact Jo, on the email address below.)

Our ongoing projects continue: Plans for the Heritage Skills Workshops are underway, with more details next month. To register your interest in these email workshops, ask questions, please Hannah or any familiartreasuresproject@gmail.com. If you are interested in finding out more about the village and its heritage - including professional support and joining in Kingsland History with the Group please contact Jo Henshaw on activities.familiartreasure@gmail.com for more information.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to be the first to find out about new events and receive our email newsletter please email Nickie on communications.familiartreasure@gmail.com. Similarly, if you would like to be removed from the existing list please let us know. All information is held on a secure server and will never be shared with anyone outside of the Project.

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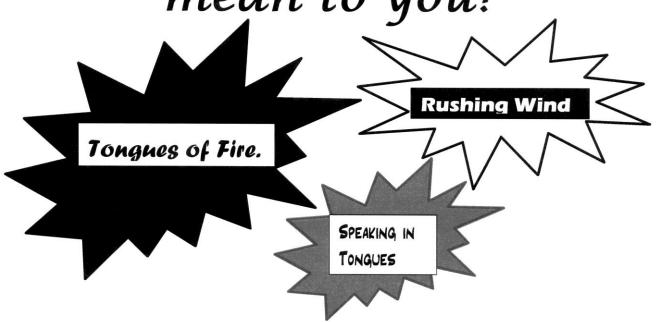
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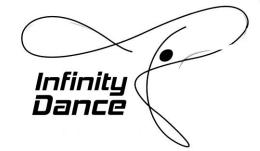


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Friday 5 th May Coronation Eve								
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Sunday 7 th May Easter 5								
9.30 am	Community Coronation Celebration	Eardisland						
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Sunday 14 th N	May Rogation							
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The Parish Diary, 2023

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	& Sculpture Exhibition entitled 'Fire'	onurch (til June	10.00 a	m to 5.00 pm
June 3 rd 5 th RBL	Progressive Supper From C Dr. B. Riley Talk on the History of		Various Corners inn	6.30 pm 7.30 pm
July 7 th to 9 th	Celebration with Flowers		Church	tba
August 5 th	Kingsland Flower Show		Coronation Hal	l 2.00 pm

Hedgehog News from Pippin Cottage

Hibernation is over and we have seen many hedgehogs on our night camera. obvious which ones have been eating from our feeding stations over winter, because they are extremely fat. There is one smaller hedgehog, who has probably just woken up, who doesn't look quite as healthy, but it is eating well and should start to put on weight quite quickly. It is extremely important to put out plenty of food and water for hedgehogs at this time of year, because they have used up all their energy hibernating and coming out of hibernation. Hedgehogs travel long distances to find mates, so will need to gain weight and the food you put out, will help them to do that.

There has been some pushing and shoving between hedgehogs, when they come across each other unexpectedly outside the feeding stations, but nothing too aggressive. There was also an encounter inside one of the feeding stations, a big hedgehog started to fight with a smaller one, but the small one curled up and waited until the other had had his fill of biscuits and moved on.

I am very anxious to get the hibernation boxes cleaned out and ready, just in case a pregnant hedgehog wants to use one for nesting. However, trying to decide which ones are empty is a problem. By now any hedgehogs that had been hibernating in our boxes, will have gone off looking for a mate, but they could still come back to our garden, to eat and to sleep. I put some hay in the tunnels so that I could determine if they were being used. For two nights it was obvious no hedgehog had been using one of the boxes, so the following day, I got all the equipment ready to clean the box, when I noticed that a hedgehog had carried more hay into it. Now, I will have to put hay in the tunnels for a couple more nights and then go for it and get them cleaned.

I have noticed two hedgehogs together without any aggression, so I am hoping we may see baby hedgehogs quite soon.

Christina Harris.



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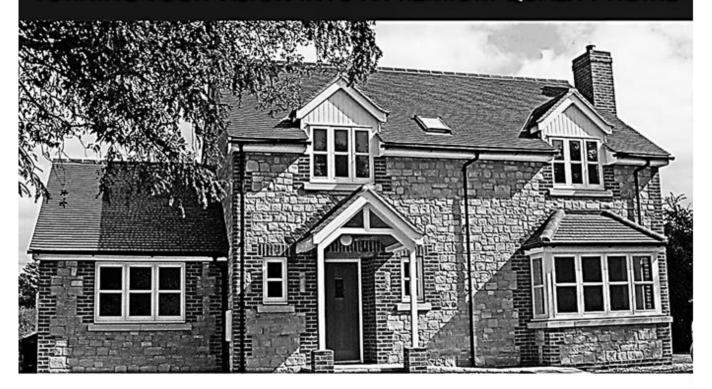
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Kingsland Flower Show

This is to let you all know that the Show will be held in the Coronation Hall on Saturday, 5th August, 2023. The Show Schedule is in the process of being printed and hopefully copies will be distributed with next month's *Kingsland News*.

In the meantime, you will be pleased to know that many of the regular items are retained in the vegetable, floral and produce classes so we hope you will be busying yourselves in the garden and kitchen in readiness.

Successful winners of cups at last year's Show, are asked to return them to either Chelsea at Kingsland Village Shop or Caroline Southgate at Stone Mill, The Wardens, Kingsland, by early July please.

We look forward to seeing you at the Show on 5th August.

KFS Committee.

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At our meeting on 5th April, Clare Traynor talked about her experiences travelling around South America from Easter Island, via Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and the Galapagos to the Torres del Paine National Park, during her 18-month honeymoon. Her reminisces included some interesting stories including a tale of a restaurant with no roof in a town that had never seen rain.

Our next meeting is at the Corners Inn on Wednesday 3rd May for our birthday dinner.



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Nature Notes

As the last vestiges of winter roll hopefully away in April, The Swifts & Swallows including Jackdaw(!), return to their summer quarters, and we all look forward to the Merrie Month of May.

Jackdaw started to pen these notes whilst wintering down in South Africa but along with his toast one morning a cheeky Cape Monkey stole from his toaster, so too, went the nature notes!

A wonderful country of great variations in climate and soil types, the latter helping to make some of wide variety of SA's wines from the numerous wineries throughout the Cape from Cape Agulas to the furthest most southerly point. The impact of the South Atlantic is to temper the wines. The South Atlantic is also the place to see Southern Right Whales calving between May to September (though often attacked by Great White sharks ,who find their livers a bit of a delicacy!) No! I didn't get in a cage and get dropped in the Ocean to say hello to them!

This varied climate also allows outstanding fruit production of apples, pears, peaches, pineapples, plums and other soft fruits. Being weather wise exactly 6 months ahead of us in the seasons, this ensures we can enjoy such delicacies when we are in the depths of winter.

They also have vast hop yards up near Outshorn, home to the farms full of not Cattle but Ostrich's for their fine feathers and meat. Try an Ostrich steak on a Braai (S A name for a BBQ, delicious)!

The arable side is pretty impressive too, with vast lengthy irrigators watering grassland for the large herds of mainly Channel Island Dairy cows.

How they also manage to fit in numerous Wild Game parks as well is intriguing and

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Back at home my best wishes go to all entering this year's SMAAAK potato competition. I hope we shall get a balanced Spring and Summer with enough sunshine and April showers to bring forth May flowers.

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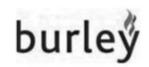
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NEWS FROM THE CHAPELS

This month's Wesley quote:

"October 6, 1774

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them 1.To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy 2.To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side." *The Journal of John Wesley*

Walk of Witness: Thank to everyone who supported this. It is important that as Christians we 'stand up and are counted.'

Car Park Tidy Up: The pile of waste that was centred around the old compost bins has now been cleared thanks to Dave Boast. The gardeners have a new compost area within the garden. Please do not leave any garden waste in the car park area.

Plant table: Thank you to everyone who has bought preserves from the chapel in recent months. Following on from the success of this venture, there will soon be a plant sales table near the chapel door. Please put any money in the Prayer Request box on the wall. Please feel free to donate any surplus plants.

Afternoon Tea: Most of you will be aware that we rarely have a fundraising event for the chapel. However in the light of the rise in energy and water prices we have decided to have an event!

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Lesley Pitchford

Kingsland History Society

An extraordinarily rich and varied treasure-trove of finds was on display in St Michael and All Angels Church when Kingsland History Society held their

'Digging for Kingsland' event on Sunday 26* March. Flint tools, including a superb Barb-and-tang arrowhead, attested to the use of riverside paths 5,000 years ago,



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whilst a wealth of Roman coins suggested heavy traffic through the parish during centuries of Imperial rule. The Mortimer's Cross Battlefield Project took the story forward into the medieval period with intriguing finds from local fields whilst numerous individual gardens were the source of glass, pottery and other artefacts indicating how the village has developed over time.

The History Society plan to hold a further event later in the year and it is hoped that everyone living in the parish will continue to keep a look-out for evidence of Kingsland's hidden history whenever they have cause to dig the soil.

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A Rose without a Thorn by Rick

The wind of change was certainly blowing in the august Educational Institution called Robert Gordons Institute of Technology, in Aberdeen, on the east coast of Scotland. A new Principal had been appointed to bring in new ideas and technology to the college, which had very traditional methods and teaching practices. He was from Manchester and had a reputation for efficiency and progress. From his smart, well cut grey suit and rapid speech, to his alert and direct approach, he was the epitome of the "new broom" which was apparently needed to enthuse and update the traditional content of the various subjects. The students responded well to the new approaches and up-to-date, computer-based, information sources.

The Principal wanted new leaders for the various departments to follow his example, and to bring an energy to the place. I was fortunate enough to be one of these leaders and recognised the whole project as forward looking, progressive and utterly viable.

At our first meeting the Principal greeted me warmly and asked what I would need to implement the structure we were about to use, to streamline the outdated methods of "chalk and talk" and to bring the "new experience" to the mixture of students, and existing staff. I said that I would certainly need an efficient secretary to handle the "admin" whilst I brought in the planned changes.

"Ah", he smiled, "I've thought of that. I already have someone in mind!" (Oh good, I thought, this is all too easy!) "She was the previous Principal's secretary and knows the place, the staff and the existing methods extremely well. I'll get her to move to your office first thing tomorrow – she likes to be addressed as Miss Rose!"

I arrived early the following morning to meet my future secretary, supposing that she was probably about my age and with her previous experience, a very helpful person to have "on my side". To my surprise Miss Rose had already arranged for her desk, chair and admin files to be moved into the outer office and she was there, ready to receive me!! I hope that I didn't react when I saw her. She was at least 20 years older than me! Short, white haired, with a smart grey jacket and skirt over an immaculate white blouse??. She had a Scottish accent and a kind face — but was obviously somewhat apprehensive about meeting me. I now realised why the Principal was allocating her to me — she would obviously not fit in with his modern approach - and he would want his secretary to be young, attractive and up-to-date in every sense.

Miss Rose and I sat down and chatted about the changes. In her lilting accent she told me about her previous experiences and then about her solitary home life! I could feel that she was not too enamoured with the advent of computing and would have preferred to use her antiquated typewriter; apart from that, to my surprise, she turned out to be completely flexible and supportive.

For five years, we worked together with never a cross word. We learned from each other, she explaining the Scottish traditions and lifestyle, and I succeeded in bringing her up to date on current procedures now common place in the English tradition (she never did really understand why we needed computers). When I moved back to London, I think that she retired. We didn't keep in touch She was an absolute "*Treasure*"! (I still don't know her first name)



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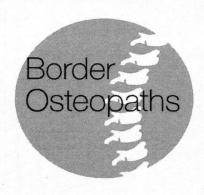
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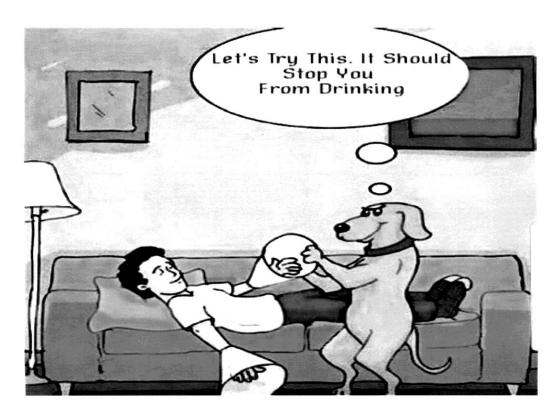
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