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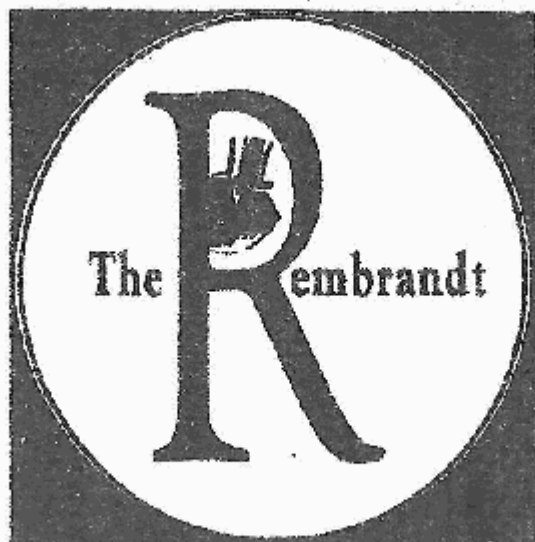
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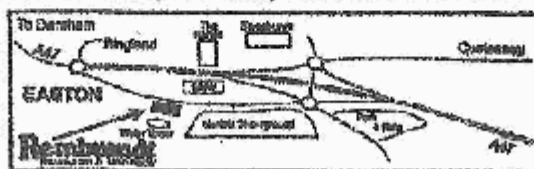


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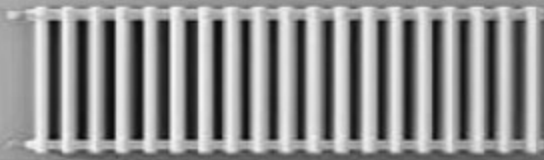
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The Rambling Vine

Over the last few weeks of lockdown I have made a conscious effort to use the daily exercise time to explore the pathways surrounding the Queen's Hills estate.

The children, dogs and I have found some wonderful walks in the woods and have really enjoyed 'having an adventure' as my eldest puts it. And because of the time of year over the weeks I have found myself watching the bluebells in the woods appear, first as a sea of green and then as individual little blue bells and then I found myself amazed by the blankets of these lovely flowers that are to be found here!



In Victorian times flowers were given their own special meanings. The bluebell stood for humility, gratitude and everlasting love, for me a flower for this time.

After all its first meaning **humility** remind us, perhaps, that humanity's lack of humility may have been part of the reason for us to be in this situation we find ourselves in? Those that have been most important, most needed during this time have predominantly been those often missed, unseen and forgotten in our society, maybe we could say those working in the most humble occupations - the nurses, the home carers, the shop workers, delivery drivers, postal workers, transport workers, community volunteers.

Of course that takes us to the second meaning, **gratitude**. I don't know about you but I certainly now find myself extremely grateful for all those mentioned in the list above, but also for so many other things. I find myself seeing God's world, God's creation anew, so grateful for the gift of this fine weather, for the technologies many of us used to moan about, for creative

people trying new ways to keep us connected, for the time to reflect, review, and renew my spiritual life.

Again that thought leads me to the third meaning for this unique flower, **everlasting love**.

- ♥ It reminds me of the love God has given and continues to give us no matter what mistakes we make, we just need to look at God's creation to see the abundance of his love.
- ♥ The love many of us remember and share as we come together virtually each Sunday to worship in a new way online or prayerfully as households.
- ♥ It is also love you and I share and express each week when we clap our gratitude every Thursday at 8.00pm.
- ♥ It is the love shown by those who shop and care for the vulnerable members of our community.
- ♥ And the love shared by our children, and some adults, when they paint their love and hope through the many rainbows placed in so many windows to brighten our days!



Rev Laura Montgomery

June Wildlife

“In reed-beds June is the month to watch for both marsh harriers and bitterns flying to their nests with food for their young. On warm days in Broadland reed-beds watch out for the endemic subspecies of the gorgeous swallowtail, Britain’s biggest butterfly. Over heaths at night the weird churring song of the nightjar and the high squeak of woodcock may be heard and in damp patches, on heaths and in woods, adult glow-worms are shining through the night.”

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A Covid 19 Charge for fun!

We are living in strange times. Times where we cannot predict what the future will look like. Where the bedrock of our society looks a little shaky. There are monetary appeals for hundreds if not thousands of worthy causes including the support of very basic needs such as food for hungry families in this country as well as other parts of the world on a precedent not seen for decades.

We all have to make decisions those of us who are lucky enough to still have an income as to who we will support at this difficult time. And yes, I am going to put in yet another plea. The Easton Benefice of Churches has very little income at this time but we want the Churches of Easton, Colton, Marlingford and Bawburgh still to be open and available to you all when the new normal life begins.

The church is used by many as a quiet place to go to through the week as well as on a Sunday; a place to celebrate the key events of our lives, Baptism and Weddings, and where we want to have the memories of our lives celebrated when we die; our histories for many lie in the churchyards.

Sadly, at the moment, the opportunities are gone to join in physically with fund raising ventures but there is something you can do. For many years I have entered a Sponsored Fun run/walk called the Archdeacons Charge which is not taking place this year so I propose, along with Liz Plater, to do a Covid 19 Charge. For me this means a sponsored walk, for Liz a sponsored run, of up to 10 miles.



We plan to do this next month the details will be found on the 'Church near you' website by the beginning of June or by contacting myself or Liz, ne.plater@btinternet.com, by email.

Many thanks for your support for our community.

Revd Penny Goodman
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Marlingford & Colton Parish Council

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Welcome to the Marlingford and Colton Parish Council section of Grapevine.

Coronavirus Support and Information

During this uncertain time there is help and support needed for residents. There are groups in both villages that are offering support to those that they are aware who need it. If you require support but not yet receiving it South Norfolk's Early Help Hub (EHH) are able to offer help in a number of areas.

- If you are in need of support or cannot access essential items, please contact the dedicated helpline on 01508 533933, Monday to Friday 08:15 - 17:00 and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.
- Norfolk County Council also have a dedicated Coronavirus helpline for vulnerable residents, 0344 8008020, Monday to Friday 09:00 - 17:00 and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 16:00.
- If you are a resident and need financial support please call the EHH on 01508 533933, Monday to Friday 08:15 - 17:00.
- Business Support Grants are also available for South Norfolk Residents, for support, call 01508 500670, Monday to Friday 09:00 - 17:00

Defibrillators

Marlingford and Colton are lucky to have defibrillators, one on the wall of the Bell Pub in Marlingford, one outside Colton Village Hall.

Each year in Britain around 30,000 people have a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital environments. They can

affect anyone at any time, whether they're at home, work or in a public place. If a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survival rates jump from 6% to 74% You don't need to be trained to use a defibrillator – anyone can use it. There are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. The machine assesses the heart rhythm and will only instruct you to deliver a shock if it's needed. You cannot deliver a shock accidentally, the defibrillator will only allow you to shock if it is needed.

The Parish Council has agreed to fund batteries and pads for these machines which need to be replaced periodically.

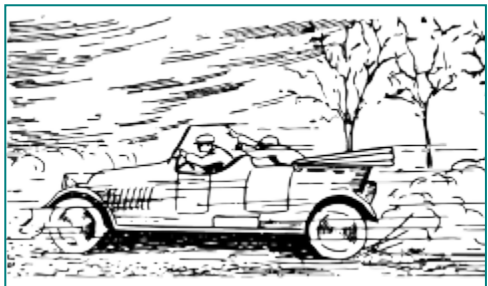
Machines have a lifespan of approximately 8 years. It is estimated that the machines in the parish will need replacing in the next 4 years at a cost of around £1000 each.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council does not have the ability to fund replacements. Now is the time to start fundraising so the parish is able to replace these machines when needed. If you have any ideas on how funds can be raised from a bake sale to a sponsored silence then please contact the Clerk or your local councillor.

Community Speedwatch

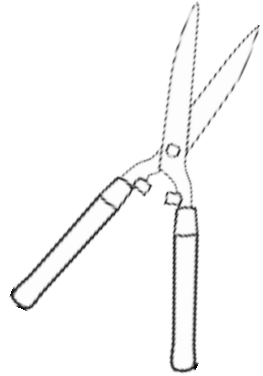
We are now collating names that would be interested in taking part in Community Speedwatch which we hope will commence later in the summer.

The SAM 2 machines have recently recorded drivers travelling through the villages at 60 mph, double the speed limit. Community Speedwatch promotes safer driver making the villages a more pleasant place to live. If you would like to be involved in the Community Speedwatch or like more information please contact the Clerk.



Hedgerows and Roads Signs

The glorious sunshine we have had interspersed with rain showers has meant that gardens are thriving. As a result, many hedgerows are also growing rapidly. There have been a number of reports that road signs are being obscured by vegetation and road junctions becoming unsafe. Please can we ask that if you have a hedge neighbouring the highway that you keep it trimmed.



Incident in Colton Wood

There have been numbers of reports on community chatlines about an incident in Colton Wood. Our local Beat Manager PC Stu Barnard has assured the Parish Council that Police have investigated the matter, decided that no offense was committed and will be taking no further action. Residents may feel completely confident in continuing to use our Rights of Way in the normal manner, whilst observing applicable C-19 rules and guidance.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 7pm virtually via Zoom. Members of the public who would like to contribute are asked to contact the Clerk by 12 noon on Tuesday 9th June.

Maria Hutson,
Clerk to Marlingford and Colton Parish Council,
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Marlingford Village Hall

The Village Hall in Marlingford is the centre of the community, being the venue for many events and organisations in the immediate and surrounding area of the village for almost a hundred years.

The Village Hall was built in 1924 on land donated to the village by a local landowner. The land is on a 999-year lease with the freehold village hall building under a custodianship of trustees. The hall was ceremoniously opened in December of that year by Prince Fredrick Duleep Singh.

In 2014 The Village Hall Committee held a 90th anniversary event to celebrate the Opening of the Hall with an Indian Supper and Indian dancing demonstration. This was enjoyed by all who attended.



The Village Hall Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Hall and we ensure there are a number of weekly events held in the Hall for the use of the residents from Marlingford and nearby villages. Our movie evenings and our monthly talks have proved to be popular and we hope to begin all our events again as soon as the isolation rules are released.

We hold an annual Christmas Fayre and have in the past entertained lots of people with our Infamous Big Breakfasts. Not forgetting the laughter and fun from the pantomimes organised and performed by The Three Parish Players

Monies raised have been set aside to improve the building and the Building sub-committee have been busy applying for grants to upgrade the toilets and the kitchen. Plans have been drawn up and approved for the go ahead and all we need now are the funds. We have been successful on two grants but of course with Covid-19 we have been unable to go ahead any further.



Have you any ideas how we could raise funds to upgrade our lovely hall? If so we are always looking for new ideas and we would value some extra Committee members to boost our Working Party. Please contact any of the Committee members if you are interested or have any new ideas for fund raising.

Chris Whiting	Chairman/Trustee	01603 880489
John Bailey	Fabric Officer/Trustee	01603 880266
Carol Chiles	Treasurer/Trustee	01603 502201
Mary Wyndham	Minute Secretary	01603 880517
Sue Stubbs	Event Organiser/Trustee	01603 880479
Ann Knight	Trustee	01603 880220
Pauline Baker	Bookings	01603 881268
Keith Saunders	Movies	01603 880800

We meet every month at the Hall and you are welcome to join us. (Dates to be published in the Grapevine.)

Stay safe everyone.

Carol Chiles, Treasurer/Trustee

Become a local contributor!

With so many events still unable to go ahead, what would you like to see included in the July Grapevine? Please send us your ideas (and we'd love to hear from the children too)!

What are you looking forward to? Do you know of any local hidden treasures? What have you discovered during lockdown? Articles, tit-bits, poems, thoughts or ideas are all welcome. Don't worry about spelling or grammar - have a go!

The deadline for the next edition is **15th June**. Please send your articles and suggestions to the Editor: **Clare Howard**, email: clare@ragbagprojects.co.uk

A Sunday Walk around Marlingford

It's a glorious day after a cool night. Wild birds flock to the feeders, in a green sunlit world. Something rare: a car, then another, two bikes; then a pause and a line of earnest bike riders stream into view. I turn into the 'loke' that connects two roads through ancient woodland. Wilder birds fly high with Red Kites circling above.

Coming to Mill Road I halt, while parents and children biking in formation, seeking freedom, pass. I continue by the MCC, the immaculate cricket field, which waits for the sound of leather on willow, and along this quiet, lonely road where the fox crosses at night. The mill stream trickles beyond the hedges and the Mill at the end sleeps by the bridge. The river has escaped to take its course across the meadows.

I turn up the hill towards Marlingford Church. Bikes and pushchairs line the railings. A couple are relaxing on the churchyard seat; they've pedalled miles. I walk around a corner of the closed church building and there's a scene of holiday happiness; a family having a picnic in a quiet welcoming place escaping the constrictions of lock-down.



On that day I felt the calm spirit of joy that can be found, even in the worst of times.

Felicity Maton

*“It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes
And pleasant scents the noses.”*

Nathaniel Parker Willis

MPCC 50 Club

Hello! We're still here ... After the last draw was held in December, Simon Broom began contacting the supporters about the subscription for 2020 of £20. Then the Covid-19 lockdown began! We can't make the quarterly draws until all the subs are received so this is a reminder to 50 Club supporters.



We would prefer the money to be bank transferred if at all possible. Bank Details:

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If you are unable to do this, the money can be delivered to Simon's house: The Old Post Office, Bawburgh Road, Marlingford NR9 5AG or by cheque payable to MPCC 50 Club - (Marlingford Parochial Church Council).

Quarterly prizes are: £50, £35 and £25. There's a bonus at the year end of an extra £10 prize.

All the profits help maintain the Church, the oldest building in the Parish, which has endured times of sadness and joy.

Thank you for your continued support. With all good wishes,

Simon Broom
01603 881428

Felicity Maton
01603 880846

June Flowers

"June is perhaps the finest month for finding flowers in Norfolk and is among the best times for seeing orchids. In marshes, dune slacks and fens, common spotted orchids, southern marsh orchids, early marsh orchids, common twayblades and marsh helleborines are all in flower now. In woods look for the much-rarer greater butterfly orchid and in dry chalky grasslands look for pyramidal and bee orchids. Also in grasslands in June common blue butterflies are skipping between patches of bird's-foot trefoil and newly-emerged six-spot burnet moths are clinging to field scabious flowers."

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Easton Parish Council

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Welcome to news from Easton Parish Council.

The Easton Community Emergency Plan operating through Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council will be active for the foreseeable future. This offers basic help to those who are living alone, or without the support of friends and family. Help can take the form of shopping, collecting medicines, posting letters or walking a dog, for people who are at risk, self-isolating. Many thanks to the helpers who have given up their time and made this possible. You can call either of these two County and District Council helpline numbers manned 24 hours a day: **0344 8008020 or 01508 533933**.

For the plan to work we need volunteers and the services they can offer. Please contact either myself, or Mike Jobling on: Tel 07904 975676, email: mike.jobling@eastonparishcouncil.co.uk

Playgrounds

Playgrounds and all play equipment are sadly still in lockdown as at the end of May and cannot be used until further notice. As soon as government restrictions are lifted the Parish Council will communicate this to all residents via the website.

Allotments

The allotments are all currently open and will remain so until we are advised otherwise.

Issues regarding St Peter's Primary School

Councillors and the public discussed the overflow arrangements for current year 6 pupils at St Peter's Primary School at the May parish meeting.

Parents had been advised by the School that the Ormiston Victory Academy at Costessey no longer had capacity to take them and NCC Education department would now sending

village students to the City Academy School in Earlham, Norwich. A communication from the Head at St Peter's had gone to every parent to this effect.

The indication was that this would be the case for the following year at the very least. It could be a problem for a number of years to come. The Parish Council emphasized the fact that they did not have any powers when it came to education matters but that parents could act collectively to create an effective campaigning voice. Points were raised on the problem of a lack of places in schools throughout the area with a lack of joined-up thinking by the County Council planners to match housing development and school capacity.

In previous discussions with the local MP, Richard Bacon, it had been acknowledged that a new high school would be at least 5 years away. A revisiting of boundaries was discussed with the neighbouring villages and Wymondham and where a new school could be built in relation to these catchment areas. It was noted that the lack of a feeder school for Easton could be a detriment to young families moving into the Village both now and in the future, and this could impact house prices in the locality.

Council meetings

Easton Parish Council will now be holding virtual meetings on the first Monday of every month online via Zoom.

The next meetings are due to be held on Mon 1st June and 6th July at 7.30pm. Please see the parish council website to obtain details for signing up before 3pm on the meeting day. If you would like to log in to view or participate, a passcode will then be sent out.

Take care and be safe.

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Tales from the River

This morning 15th May is a little warmer so I am sitting on the patio having my breakfast. The garden is bathed in sunshine. It is 8 o'clock and all around is birdsong.

One particular bird sound comes to me, which is a high shrill single note, which I recognise as the kingfisher. And then I see him on a branch at the end of the garden overlooking the river. He bobs up and down for a second, then dives into the water and come up with a small fish, then its back onto the branch until he flies up river with a flash of silvery blue as he passes to his nest somewhere in the riverbank. We have good fishing grounds here, the waders like the herons, large and small egrets are here most mornings when all is quiet and people are not around.

Nature still goes on whatever we as people are going through, and to stop and listen and look helps heal the mind even if it is for a short time in the day.

Twigzy our little cat has arrived, she always knows where to find me, so I guess it's conversation time.



Sally Neale

Easton Women's Institute

In the beginning...

Once again, I have little to report about the activities of Easton WI because we are all keeping safe in our homes and are unable to meet. Up to now we have cancelled our April, May and June meetings and will judge what will happen after that when we know what the situation is nationally.

Maybe this is good moment to write a bit about the origins of the Women's Institute movement for those people who really do not know how it all started.

The first WIs were founded in Canada in the late nineteenth century. Their object was to provide education for women in country areas. It did not make the jump to the UK until September 1915 when the first WI was founded in Wales in the place with the impossibly long name. The objectives were similar to those of the Canadian WI movement but also strove to teach women how to produce food during the first world war when most of the men were fighting in France. There are many photos of serious faced ladies determinedly forcing fruit or vegetable into cans which they then sealed and stored. As the war progressed the WI was influenced by the suffragette movement and adopted the hymn Jerusalem as its anthem.

The whole organisation was aimed largely at women living in country areas and became affiliated with the Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) who still exist to promote schemes helping women to be self sufficient in under-developed areas of the world.

In this country the WI is now an effective lobby group who have long been respected by British governments to advise them on behalf of women and on issues which affect families.



Every year at our national AGM in June members vote for which areas we shall promote and raise the profile of. This year we were due to debate an end to modern slavery and the increased registration of potential stem cell donors.

Unfortunately, the AGM has been cancelled due to Corona virus so action on these important issues has had to be postponed for the time being.

The WI is a national organisation which has a Federation in every county and branches in many villages and even nowadays, in towns and cities.

At a local level the WI is all about support and friendship for its members, and also introduces us to all manner of things we may not have known about before. We are famous for making jam and singing Jerusalem but I have to

confess that Easton WI members may sometimes make jam but we rarely now sing Jerusalem!! We do far more interesting things from hearing about charities like the Blood Bikes or the Air Ambulance to Singing for Wellbeing. I really hope we can meet in September as our speaker that month will be giving a talk on ***“Life, poems and Norfolk squit”*** which sounds as if it might provide us with the laugh we all need so much at the moment.

That’s quite enough from me so all keep yourselves safe and hope that we shall meet again before too long.

Mary Blathwayt

Summer Sun

Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Norfolk Shows the Way

The Royal Norfolk Show is a long-standing fixture in Norfolk life. Although the traffic going to and from the showground can be a nuisance, it is a highlight of many people's summer, whether or not they have a farming background. As it has been cancelled this year (a very rare event), I thought I'd find out a bit more about it.

Did you know that Norfolk has a special place in agricultural history? During the 18th century, throughout Britain, there were huge (and controversial) changes in farming practices and land ownership, which shaped the countryside we see around us today (the 'Agricultural Revolution').

These changes resulted in hardship for many people in the countryside, but this period saw the development of new agricultural techniques and science. This included the introduction of crop-rotation, including the renowned Norfolk Four-Course System, which enabled farmers to do away with the earlier practice of leaving fields fallow and therefore economically inactive.

Have you heard of 'Turnip Townshend'? This nickname belonged to Charles, the 2nd Viscount Townshend, who promoted the Four-Course system at Raynham Hall in the years before his death in 1738. The rotation saw wheat being grown one year, followed by turnips in the second, then barley, clover and ryegrass in the third. The field would be grazed in the fourth year, and the clover, ryegrass and turnips were used as livestock fodder. Rotation allowed each crop and the animal manure to enhance the fertility and structure of the soil.



In 1776 Thomas William Coke, who became known as 'Coke of Norfolk', inherited the estate of Holkham Hall. He was an agricultural enthusiast and actively promoted farming improvements – and had the wealth and land to do this on a large scale. Holkham became famous throughout Britain (and abroad) for its farming innovations and was visited by many influential people: Coke of Norfolk was well-known for his hospitality!

Coke held three-day events, which he called 'Shearings'. During these, he would take his guests out to his farm to examine the fields and be shown his innovative equipment and experimental techniques. He also showed them his sheep and cattle, which had been improved through careful breeding. Each event finished with a slap-up dinner where prizes were presented and speeches and toasts made – a kind of early agricultural show.



In 1847, The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association (a registered charity) was founded 'to promote the image, understanding and prosperity of agriculture and the countryside', with the Show as its main event. Originally the Show was hosted by various landowners. In 1908 the 'Royal' prefix was granted by King Edward VII. In 1954 the first show was held at the new permanent home at Costessey: the Showground is a business in its own right and holds events throughout the year on the 150 acre site. The current Mission Statement of the RNAA is *"to help educate young people and adults, and to bring people and business together through a range of inspiring events, including the Royal Norfolk Show and the Norfolk Spring Fling, to promote a better understanding of food, farming and the countryside"*.

The June show is a prestige event, with competitions being hotly contested. The Royal Norfolk Show is estimated to contribute around £20m a year to the Norfolk economy. Each year there are hundreds of trade stands, from small local businesses seeking to build a wider audience to multi-national organisations showcasing their latest products and services.

The Show isn't just about agriculture: entertainment, competitions and stands cover everything from gardening to pets, from fashion to food, from history to novelty. Typically, up to 90,000 people attend and whether the crowds are baking hot or soaked through, the atmosphere is always celebratory. Let's hope it will be business as usual in 2021.

Clare Howard



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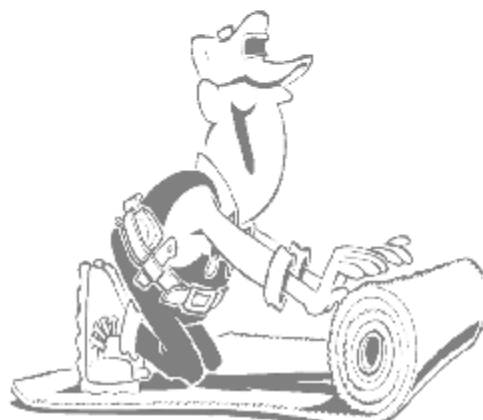
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