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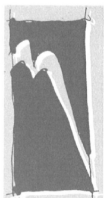
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Pass codes will be displayed on the church notice boards.

Funerals can still take place in church subject to government restrictions.

Sunday 7th February 11.00am Service via Zoom
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Sunday 14th February 11.00am Service via Zoom
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Sunday 21st February 11.00am Service via Zoom
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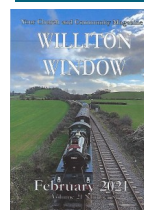
Sunday 28th February 11.00am Service via Zoom
(No Services in Church)



We continue to pray for the community of Williton at this time.

For further information please contact Sue or George our church wardens.

Please stay safe, keep well and may the God of all peace be with you at this time.
Rev Clive Gilbert.



Williton Window February Edition

To all our readers and advertisers we apologise that this issue is online only.

With the increasing levels of Covid 19 infections at the beginning of January we had to take the difficult decision not to go to print with this edition. Most of our volunteer distributors are in the vulnerable age group and we do not want to put them at any unnecessary risk. We will be reviewing the position early in February with regard to the March issue.
DRS Editor.

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Saint Valentine is known today as the patron saint of lovers. There are different stories about the origin of Valentine's Day. Some people think that it originated from Saint Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on 14th February 269 AD. Legend also says that Saint Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it 'From Your Valentine'. Gradually, 14th February became the date for exchanging love messages and Saint Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

What does 'love' mean to you? In the bible there are four words which can all be translated into English as 'love.' These four words all refer to a different type of love. 'Eros', or passionate love, is the love that we most often associate with Valentine's Day. It's the love that exists between lovers. 'Phileo', or affectionate love, is the love that exists between family members (- when they get on well!) or perhaps even between very close and trusted friends. 'Koinonia', or fellowship, is the kind of love that can develop between friends or people you get along with. Finally, there is 'agape', or the love of God. This is unconditional love. It is the highest form of love. It is perfect love that is often expressed in self-sacrifice of one sort or another. This kind of love sees the other person as infinitely precious.

God calls us to show this radical kind of love, one based on a conscious choice to be committed to support someone else for their benefit, regardless of their response to that gift. NHS and key workers are truly showing this kind of love as they care for all those who are struggling in these difficult days. There have been so many wonderful stories of one person helping another during the COVID crisis. My prayer is that our lives may reflect God's wonderful love as we seek, in appropriate ways, to help and support one another through these difficult days of global pandemic.

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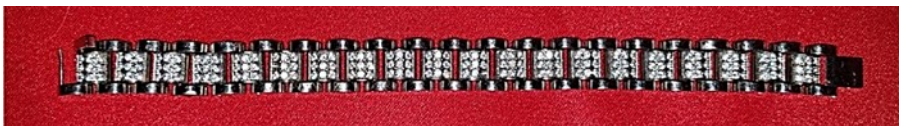
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We're appealing for help to identify the rightful owners of a quantity of jewellery.

Operation Remedy officers seized the items on Wednesday 16th December as part of their ongoing activity tackling burglary, drug and knife crime.

The items include stone-set bracelets, necklaces and earrings, two watches and a pair of hoop earrings (pictured), which are all suspected of being stolen in burglaries.

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Return dates will be extended again if necessary, to ensure items borrowed are not due back until after Lockdown 3 is lifted.

You do not need to visit a library to return items at present.

Remember, all returned items are quarantined for at least 72 hours and remain on your account until the quarantine period is completed. Items are backdated to the date that you returned them.

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The scam message reads ‘we have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine’ and then prompts you to click on a link for further information or to ‘apply’ for the vaccine.

If you receive a text or email that asks you to click on a link or for you to provide information, such as your name, credit card or bank details, **delete it immediately**. Remember, the NHS will never ask for your payment details.

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Williton Memorial Ground & Pavilion

Pavilion

The Pavilion: Will remain shut whilst we are in Tier 4, but we hope this will not be for much longer with us all having the vaccine. I myself will be glad to get back to my Bingo’s and table top sales. Keep an eye on the parish website and Facebook for updates.

Memorial Ground

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful place to go to in our village. When I walk through and see so many others enjoying it as well, I feel good.

We have plenty of bins on the ground to use but if one is full which quite often happens with the one just off Long Street, please walk to the next one in front of the play area as this one seems not to be used as much. There is always a few who do not put their rubbish in the bins and just drop it on the ground. In particular we are finding the Memorial itself is being left in a disgraceful state. Fish and chip papers, sandwich containers and drink cans are scattered around there. Again, if you see anyone doing this can you remind them to put their rubbish in the bin. Last year we did have a lot of damage over the grounds which has meant we have had to arrange for more CCTV coverage. We do notify the police and will take action if necessary.

Cllr Diane Hooper

Fundraising

Can I remind you that we still collect the following items:- **adults and children’s clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels**

We send these away to help raise money for the cost of maintenance & improvements for the Pavilion. We have just received £138 for the last lot that we collected.

Please ring Di Hooper on **01984 632497** to ask where to deliver them. You can leave them in her porch or she can pick them up from your doorstep (because she needs to keep her distance).

Volunteers

Organising the Christmas Parade involved 15 volunteers, excluding the Carol Singers. What became apparent last year was that the majority of the small team of very willing and able volunteers are in the COVID-19 vulnerable group, either due to health or age. We’d very much like some new volunteers to join the team this year.

Based on the 2011 Census the population in Williton for 18-64 years was 1,341. If every one of us in that age group donated 1 hour a YEAR that would be 167 days of help – imagine how many more events could be organised. PLEASE if you could donate 1 hour a year please send your email to clerk@willitonpc.org.uk and we will put you on our mailing list.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes.

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Your parish councillors would like to wish you all a happy new year. Hopefully with the vaccination coming on stream it will be a good 2021. At this late stage, please do not become complacent remember mask and distancing is the most important thing.

New Assistant to the Parish Clerk.

We are pleased to welcome Karen Brown to our team. Karen will be working alongside Michelle in the office. Though the office is closed at the moment owing to the coronavirus, you can contact Michelle or Karen on the above email address or leave a message on the phone.

Garden hedges

We are still finding some people are not cutting their hedges back. We all need to make sure our garden hedges that adjoin the pavements and roads are cut back to our boundaries so people can walk safely on the paths. If you come across any hedges that does infringe on the highway or pavements please email the clerk on the above email address.

Flooding

As you are walking out please look out for any debris/ broken branches that might get into the waterways and could cause flooding within the village. Please email the office, then Michelle can get the right people to deal with it.

Bellamy's Corner

We are still having a problem with someone putting down bread for the birds. I am sure they think they are being kind but I am afraid this can lead to problems with vermin. On top of that, Bellamy's Corner is very popular with so many in the summer, it is nice to sit down to have your lunch or an afternoon snack. If this person does not stop putting this bread down, I can see we will be inundated with seagulls trying to take their food, stopping so many people enjoying this area. So, if you see anyone leaving bread could you ask them nicely to stop.

Parish Councillors

I am pleased to say we have now got 12 councillors. It is so nice to have a full team. You can find out all our names on the parish website.

Council Meetings

We are still doing our Parish council meetings via Zoom. You can read the minutes on the Parish Website. If you wish to join us at our meetings please contact the clerk on the parish email address above so Michelle can send you an invitation to join us. **Please keep safe !** Cllr Diane Hooper.

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The theme for 2021 is *Hope* - a theme that may be interpreted as widely as
creative muses inspire!

Once short-listed, adult and children's entries will be judged by well-known
published authors, whose names will be confirmed shortly.

All entries must be received by **April 5th 2021** and results publicised week
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Further details, including rules and entry forms for children and adults can be
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Jan. 20th, was the best January day SINCE 1957. It was the driest May for 100 years. June 25th was the hottest day ever in the world at 34°C and the 7th of August was the hottest day ever recorded in England, but not in Williton as it was only 28°C. September was the hottest month in the world ever Recorded. So, the MET said it is the driest summer as we had only 53% of the usual rain!

DECEMBER 2020

Frosts were seen on the mornings of the 29th and on the 25th it looked like snow on Christmas day.

The maximum temperature of 16°C on the 19th.

The minimum temperature of -1°C on the 31st.

The maximum pressure of 30.3 inches on the 26th.

The minimum pressure 29.5 inches on the 5th.

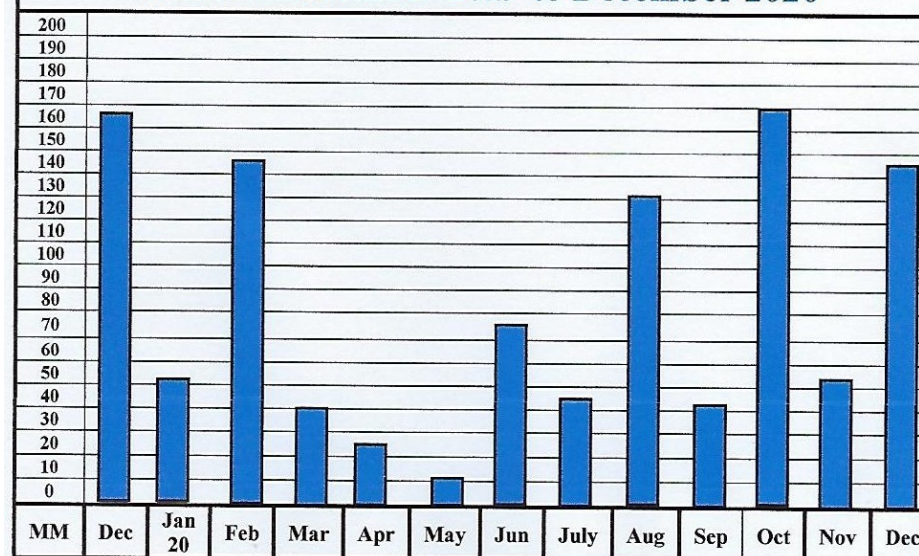
The total rainfall was 147 mm.

NATURE NOTE

If you read this before the last week in January please do the garden bird count (www.birdspot.co.uk/rspb-big-garden-birdwatch) and please remember to put out water and food for the birds.

Happy New Year, Pj.

Rainfall December 2019 to December 2020



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All our church services are cancelled until further notice in line with all other denominations. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, keep safe and we look forward to worshipping together in the future.

Services Via Zoom

Members of the Methodist Churches in West Somerset, including Williton Methodist Church regularly meet for Sunday worship. If you would like to join any of our zoom events you can get in touch with the circuit administrator of the local Methodist Church, simply email wsmc2425@gmail.com and someone will be in touch. It would be helpful if you could provide your name and a telephone number.

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Christmas really brought out the best in everyone following the challenging year – we had so many donations to our Gift of Small Things Christmas Appeal that we were able to deliver well over 150 bags absolutely STUFFED with presents for those most in need in West Somerset. A HUGE thank you to all those people who arranged drop off locations in their community and to the many people who donated - it made such a difference!

For Village Agents, the New Year and colder weather always brings challenges to our less fortunate clients who struggle with fuel poverty. Often the choice is between food and heating, which is a heart-breaking position to be in to have to make that choice.

We have many ways to help people in crisis or fuel poverty: –

The **first** way is to donate your winter fuel allowance to the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) here: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter> - SCF then work with us to allocate the donated fuel allowance to those in need. This year, many will need to stay at home to keep themselves safe and will find themselves cut off from family and friends and facing higher costs to heat their homes. Your donations will help us make sure around 500 vulnerable older people across Somerset have the support they need to get through the winter.

The West Somerset Crisis Fund has proved to be an enormously valuable and valued extra “tool in the bag” for Village Agents to help people facing personal and family crises. At this time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities this need is greater than ever, and we desperately need donations towards the fund.

You can contact me directly – all support no matter how small makes a huge difference to people!

We help when others can't, won't, or don't.

Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are:

- To buy 2 mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence.
- To support a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died.
- To buy children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer.
- To buy half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home.
- To buy a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands.

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- To buy food and drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown.

Join our Community Oil Buying Scheme to ensure that you benefit from the best bulk buying discounts on your heating oil. You can find out more here:

<https://ccslovesomerset.org/oil/>. We receive 50% of the small annual membership fee, which goes into our Crisis Fund!

Village Agent TOP TIPS for staying warm and well this winter:

- Check out the energy (& money!) saving advice here:
<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/heating-your-home/>
- Contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy who can help you find a better rate <https://www.cse.org.uk/> - if you haven't changed energy supplier in over a year you are guaranteed to save money by changing! CSE can help you with this.
- If you're not very mobile, are 65 or over, or have a health condition, such as heart or lung disease, heat your home to at least 18C.
- Keep your bedroom at 18C all night if you can – and keep bedroom window closed
- Use a hot water bottle or electric blanket to keep warm in bed – but do not use both at the same time.
- Have hot drinks often, and have at least one hot meal a day – eating helps keep you warm.
- Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts get your heating system checked regularly by a qualified professional.

Contact me Izzy Silvester on Tel: 07931 014045 E-mail:

izzy@somersetcc.org.uk for confidential advice and support.

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- combating loneliness and isolation.

Please note that preference will be given to applicants that have not previously been awarded a grant from The Somerset Fund.

Please look at our website for more details and how to apply:

www.somersetcf.org.uk/socialinvestment



Compassionate God, as we begin another month under the shadow of Covid, we ask for your blessing on all who are working to keep us safe and well; and your wisdom for those who bear the heavy responsibility of making difficult decisions.

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Williton & Surrounds Parkinson's Support



We are, just like everyone else, waiting for the end of the Lockdown and getting back to normal. We are all obeying the rules. We miss seeing each other but the phone lines are busy as we do our best to keep in touch with each other.

As I mentioned last month our future meetings will be taking place in the hall in Sampford Brett. It has a good parking area and the Hall is very user friendly with access for everyone. The meetings will continue to be on the 1st Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. We have a few speakers lined up so we are ready for the grand re-opening of the WASPS. We have been a member of the community for 8 years in February. Let's hope we get to celebrate this in the near future.

We are pleased to have a new Membership Secretary coming on board to take over from me. She is much more competent than I am on the computer and it will help me tremendously. I will continue on as the Spokesperson and first line of communication for those who are interested in knowing more about the work of our group. If you or a close friend has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and would like to find out more about us please feel free to contact me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com.

When I first got the diagnosis of Parkinson's I thought that my life was over. It didn't help to read an article that stated that it was a devastating disease. I felt as if my world was collapsing but I was totally wrong. You can fight back, by keeping yourself fit, and your attitude positive you can start to fight back. Many people with Parkinson's do amazing things, just like everyone else. The biggest hurdle you have to get over is that you cannot give in, fight it and help others to fight. A few years ago I could not write or print but now I can print and my writing is coming on again. I also feel that being a member of a support group is a big advantage. I am not a joiner but I go to our meetings and enjoy them. It's not for everyone and that's fine. Remember the WASPS are there for all people with Parkinson's members or someone just needing someone to talk to. Take care and let's hope we meet again soon.

Linda Bishop Communications Officer.

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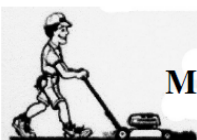
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As always, we will continue to review the government guidelines to ensure we provide the best possible service for our customers. Please use the website for further information: [**Somerset | First Bus \(firstgroup.com\)**](http://Somerset | First Bus (firstgroup.com))

A358 Emergency Road Closure Combe Florey & West Bagborough


For three weeks from Monday 25th January 2021 the A358 between Combe Florey and Williton will be closed to allow Highways to rectify the issues along that stretch of road. This means buses will divert via Raleghs Cross which is the normal diversion we follow.


In partnership with Somerset County Council, we will operate a shuttle service for the areas who will be left without a service. This will operate between Williton and West Bagborough. For the shuttle timetable please check the link below. The diversion is likely to cause delays of up to 20mins.


We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.


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Down at the Station




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In the meantime it has been reported that there have been people seen walking along the tracks, taking a short cut perhaps between Sampford Brett and Watchet. Whilst this may seem safe, there is never a time when there will be nothing coming along the line. Infrastructure maintenance gangs are still carrying out work and their vehicles could appear at any time. Apart from that the tracks are on private land and anyone walking on them is trespassing, and liable to fines. There is also the danger of tripping and injuring oneself, and if that happened you may not be found for some while! **Not a good idea.**

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February's Recipe Lemon Sponge Souffle



This recipe was handwritten and copied from an older hand written copy from my mother in law. It comes down the line from Grannie Doxey whose family originated from Derbyshire and we believe it dates back to the mid C19th.

2ozs / 57gm	Margarine	4 Eggs
10ozs / 283gm	Sugar	2 Lemons
4	Tablespoons of Flour	2 Teacupsful of Milk

Cream together the 2 ozs / 57gm of margarine, 10 ozs / 283gm of sugar and 4 tablespoons of flour.

Stir in 4 beaten egg yolks, the rind and juice of 2 lemons and 2 teacupsful of milk. (one cup is 240 ml)

Finally fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and pour the mixture into a greased pudding basin and bake in a slow to moderate oven for 40 minutes. (300-350 f or 150-175c).

The pudding separates into two layers, a spongy cake on the top and a bottom layer of a creamy lemon sauce.

A family favourite.

Rosemarie White.



Do You have a favourite recipe you would like to share?

If you do please send to me and we will include in the magazine.

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END OF YEAR FUNDRAISING QUIZ 2020



Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent fundraising quiz for St Peters Church. Also a big thank you for the additional kind donations received.

A total of £100 pounds was raised.

Once we are out of lockdown copies of the answers will be available at the post office and on the church website.

LOOK OUT FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER QUIZ.

Sara Hemphall

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News from the Post Office

We were hoping to bring you news of our visits to the various Trade Fairs and new ideas, sadly we are all back in another Lockdown with the accompanying restrictions.

At the moment we are keeping to our normal opening hours, 8.30 am to 5.30 pm Mondays to Fridays and 8.30 to 1.00 on Saturdays, we are finding that we are fairly busy throughout the day. However, should we find a change in this pattern we will adjust our hours accordingly. If you watch our Facebook page you will see announcements of any changes.

In order to limit any cross infections between us we are now working in two teams. Caroline and Brian are one team and Sharon, Karen and Becky are another. We will only change this mix when it is absolutely necessary.

Despite all these disruptions we will continue to give you the best service we can and are pleased to help you with your banking, posting, bill payments, gas and electric top up, along with car tax, driving licenses and passports.

We are regularly receiving deliveries of new cards and other stock. We have a good selection of OS maps, Williton Walks, Stationery and all you need for posting your parcels!

Stay Safe!

Caroline Tyner.



Do you know a Local Hero!



I think we would all agree that 2020 was a year most of us would like to forget and for many reasons I am one who would. But there is always a but, there are some in our community who have been working behind the scenes and have gone above and beyond in helping others. Do you know someone and have an interesting or funny story to tell of how the Pandemic has affected what they do or have done.

It would be good to hear from you, if you would like to write a little something sharing an experience then please send to us and we will aim to include in the magazine next time. It is always good to hear of positive efforts which can inspire us all!

All submissions can be sent to: willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk or posted through my letterbox details on Page 4.

Drs Editor.

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IF YOU NEED HELP:

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Out of hours: **111**. In an emergency call **999**.

The surgery has changed its opening times to enable staff to plan for the day ahead. They are telephoning all patients ahead of any face-to-face appointments to avoid non-essential contact.

West Somerset Advice Bureau Advice line: **03444 88 9623**

Christians Against Poverty - Free debt help. Freephone: **0800 3280006**

www.capuk.org

Church Clergy contact details are on **page 4** of this magazine.

Mindline Somerset Emotional support helpline **01823 276892**

Quantock Foodbank **07483 815122** email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Williton Police: In an emergency call **999**. Otherwise call **101**.

Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk (Michelle Francis) **01984 633979**

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Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group - ring **01984 573673** or email

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Williton Registration Office - **01823 282251** Pre-booked appointments only

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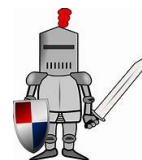
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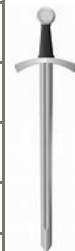
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A book of 9 circular walks around Williton by Jenny Gibson is on sale at Williton Post Office for £2.50. All proceeds from this edition go to the Quantock Foodbank. We are very grateful to the Post Office for stocking this book..



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Life is like a game of chess. To win you have to make a move.

Shirley Dee.

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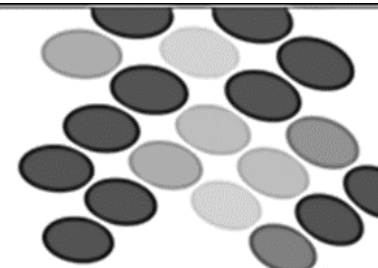
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