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What's On

AUGUST

Fri 1	10.30am	Hempstead Coffee Morning	Village Hall	
Fri 1	7.00pm	Corpusty Film Night Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy	Village Hall	
Sun 3	2.00pm	Hempstead Fête	Village Hall	
Wed 6	10.30am	Baconsthorpe Coffee Morning	Village Hall	
Sat 9	10.00am	Baconsthorpe Craft Fair	Village Hall	
Fri 29	6.00pm	Baconsthorpe Pop-Up Pub	Village Hall	
Fri 29	6.30pm	Hempstead Arts Residents' Preview	Village Hall	
Fri 29	8.00pm	Baconsthorpe Midsummer's Night Dream	Village Hall	
Sat 30	10.00am	Hempstead Arts	Village Hall	
Sun 31	10.00am	Hempstead Arts	Village Hall	
Sun 31	4.00pm	Corpusty Summer Sizzle + Duck Race	/illage Green	
SEPTEMBER				
Thurs 4	7.00pm	Corpusty Bonfire Meeting	Village Hall	

Clash Diary - to add an event contact Corinne Youngs 01263 577263/ corinne@avyoungs.com

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Baconsthorpe Tubular Bells Dedication

Oct 4	Edgefield Quiz	Dec 7	Matlaske Christmas Party
Oct 10	Saxthorpe Harvest Supper	Dec 13	Edgefield Festive Evening
Oct 11	Matlaske Quizd - CANCELLED	Dec 13-14	Saxthorpe Living Nativity
Nov 1	Corpusty Bonfire		

Holt Library

9 Church Street, Holt NR25 6BB 01263 712202 Staffed Hours

Tues 10am-7pm / Wed 2pm-7pm Fri 10am-7pm / Sat 1pm-4pm Unstaffed Hours

4.00pm

Sun 7

8am-7pm weekdays Sat 8am-4pm Sun 10am-2pm accessible with Open Library Access

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Baconsthorpe Mobile Post Office Van

 Wednesdays
 10.45am - 11.30am
 Village Hall

 Corpusty Stores
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 Monday-Friday
 9.00am - 12.00noon
 587325

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Monday + Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm

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Banking Hub

Baconsthorpe Curch

Holt Community Centre, Kerridge Way, NR25 6DN

9am-5pm weekdays
Monday NatWest Thursday Santander
Tuesday TSB Friday Lloyds
Wednesday Barclays

Mobile Library Van

31 July / 28 August / 25 September

31 July / 28 August / 23 September				
Matlaske	12:40	NR11 7AQ	Old Post Office	
Plumstead	13:00	NR11 7LG	Walnut Farm	
Baconsthorpe	14:30	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows	
	14:50	NR25 6LE	Hare & Hounds	
Hempstead	15:05	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk	
Edgefield	15:45	NR24 2AL	The Memorial	
	16:10	NR24 2AX	The Street	
Corpusty	16:35	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cotts	

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Letter from Katie Jickling Contact: The Rector, Reverend Canon David Longe 01263 577252 / 07881 950294 / rector@matlaske.org.uk

Dear All

It's in the cities that the excitement happens. The jobs and the status, the news, immigration - anything important, really. Young people go to cities for the jobs; famous people for the TV deals; politicians for the votes. Cities are the place for influencers and immigrants, the latest hipster fashions. They're where nearly everything important happens.

It's interesting then, that Jesus, the saviour of the world, chose a village in which to grow up. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, a village of probably just a few dozen dwellings. Even back then these weren't places for an up-and-comer, much less for the Jewish messiah. Everyone knew that.



In John 1, Philip finds Nathanae and exclaims: "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote - Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph." In response, Nathanael just scoffs: "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" (John 1:45-46).

Indeed, there is an utter lack of strategic-ness in Jesus' commitment to rural ministry and life - he had no access to prestigious universities, no opportunities for career advancement, no social media platform. But small-town life was also fundamental to Jesus' values and way of seeing the world.

Jesus' choice of rural life might just speak to something in Matlaske. I spent a week in the benefice in June, shadowing David as he hurtled down those narrow country lanes in his car, candles and chalices rattling in the trunk. I benefited from many scones and cups of tea in homes around the benefice; dinner at various kitchen tables; I enjoyed the beauty of the farmland and wildflowers.

It reminded me of my hometown across the Atlantic, in Vermont. It's a town of less than a thousand people. Brookfield, Vermont, and Matlaske are not the kind places we associate with the presence of God. But nonetheless, there is something godly about rural places. They're places where God is present, not just in spite of the obscurity, but because of it. Jesus values the one-to-one interactions of running into a neighbour at the local garage. He appreciates the lack of hurry. There is something godly in the quiet faithfulness of loving your neighbour, visiting an elderly neighbour or spending time with someone much older or younger than you.

In one of his sermons, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed; a farmer sows a single tiny seed, and it grows into a large bush where "the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches." (Matt 13:31-32). We serve faithfully in the small things, which God might just use to be a blessing for all creation, for birds and bugs and shade for those who need it.

Katie

Katie Jickling is from Vermont, based in Brussels, and was on placement in the Benefice in June 2025, to explore Anglican ministry.



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for August

Learning Meditation



Learning the practice of meditation takes practice and commitment. Which of us wouldn't like to live with a relaxed mind, even when we are busy, and have flow in our everyday life, even under pressure, by being able to come back to ourselves and with nothing but gentle breath, bring a sense of calm. But it doesn't just happen – we have to give it time and patience.

That is what the fortnightly class, at present, mainly in Hempstead church on Wednesday at 6pm is about. Please feel free to join us, even if you have never meditated, or even given it a second thought, in your life. You will find the date and location of our practice sessions under Church Services in the Parish Newsletter every month. Please bring a cushion.

$3^{\rm rd}$	Trinity X	
8.30am 10.30am	Eucharist Eucharist	Matlaske Saxthorpe
6 th	Wednesday - Transfiguration	
9.30am 6.00pm	Eucharist Meditation	Baconsthorpe Matlaske
10^{th}	Trinity XI	
8.30am 10.30am	Eucharist Eucharist	Edgefield Barningham Winter
17 th	Trinity XII	
8.30am 10.30am	Eucharist Eucharist	Baconsthorpe Plumstead
20^{th}	Wednesday - Meditation	
6.00pm	Meditation	Plumstead
24 th	St Bartholomew	
10.30am 5.00pm	Eucharist Evensong	Matlaske Hempstead
31st	Trinity XIV	
10.30am 5.00pm	Eucharist Evensong	Hempstead Bessingham
7 th Sept	Trinity XV	
8.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Eucharist Eucharist Tubular Bells Celebration + Tea	Saxthorpe Matlaske Baconsthorpe
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Mondays 10.30am - Coffee - Plumstead Church

Tuesdays 10am-12noon Country Mice Toddler Group - Baconsthorpe Village Hall Wednesdays 10am - Coffee, Cake & Chat - St Andrew's Saxthorpe First Wednesday of the month Coffee Monrning10.30am - Baconsthorpe Village Hall

Details of all our services: achurchnearyou.com/benefice/26-271D/

Baconsthorpe

200 Club £50 M Peachment, £25 E Youngs, £10 S Arnold **Church News**

Tubular Bells Dedication - In previous newsletters you have seen photos of the bells being installed, now it has been agreed to dedicate the bells at 4pm on Sunday September 7th. Ollie Watson, a professional bell ringer, will ring the bells and demonstrate how they can be used. People will be invited to have a go if they wish. Tea will be provided.



07879 414577

Midsummer Night's Dream



We are so looking forward to entertaining you all with this short version of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream on August 29th at 8pm. For many this play is your favourite Shakespeare so we are hoping for a good turnout. Many of the actors you will recognise from Sheringham Little Theatre and from Scrooge which was performed in St Mary's. As you can see in the village news item below, Pop-Up Pub will be serving food at 6 30pm as normal then hopefully everyone will go into the garden where seating will have been set out to watch the play. There will be no charge but donations will be gratefully received towards the village hall.

Village Hall News

Craft Fair On Saturday 9 August from 10am to 2pm. Lots of lovely hand crafted gifts. Teas and refreshments too.

Pop Up Pub Friday 29 August - sausages in a roll plus salad on the menu from 6.30pm. Bar opens at 6pm. Plus a Midsummer Night's Dream performance in the garden at 8pm.

200 Club For many it is time to renew your annual subscription. This can be done via a standing order with your bank or in cash to Tom Benton Worboys. Thanks for your continued support.

Thai Evening Friday 22nd August Baconsthorpe Village Hall 6.30 pm Chicken Massaman Curry with Rice Traditional Thai Street Food, Chicken & Rice! (vegetarian options for both choices) £10 cash on the night.

Please book on 07729972386

Barningham Winter

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease Genesis 8 v. 22 is an inspirational way to open Barningham Winter's news this month as we see farmers working through the heat of the day and into the cold of the night to harvest food for our tables and prepare the land for next year's cycle.



Amelia Courtauld

It is poignant because these are the words that captioned June Hannant's beautiful $\,$ $\,^{01263\,577250}$ woodcut illustration on the cover of her daughter, Sara Buxton's, service sheet.

Over 300 of us gathered together at Cromer Crematorium on the 27th of June to commemorate Sara's life. I think everyone would agree that it was a moving, thought provoking and joyous celebration of a wonderful woman who was at the centre of a large and loving family and who had devoted herself to North Norfolk life.

We all felt honoured to be part of this special goodbye and thank Roger, the children, children-inlaw, grandchildren, Hannant sisters and their families for sharing that time with us.

The family's courage and bravery throughout was inspiring and the goal of capturing the spirit of St Mary's and taking it to Cromer was definitely achieved.

Edgefield

Church News

The Open Gardens weekend was very successful and raised a record £5,050. We are very grateful to all who helped in any way and to those who came and supported us. It was lovely to have so many visitors, 337 over the two days, who were very complimentary about the gardens, the refreshments, the friendly welcome and how much they enjoyed coming to Edgefield. This biennial event provides a very welcome contribution towards the annual running costs of the church and graveyards, which last year was £19,000.



Richard Peaver 01263 587486

There is a well-stocked plant stall beside the church porch and a new selection of books for sale inside the church. Do have a look and see if there is anything you would like to buy; all money raised will go towards the church and graveyard expenses.

Family Church in June welcomed Bishop Jane, who enjoyed meeting families and exploring Praise, Prayer and Worship boxes, which are available in all benefice churches for visiting children, both during services and at other times. In July, Family Church will be a celebration picnic and all are welcome to join us. Alison Mawson

Village Hall News

Our next event for your diary is a Quiz Night on Saturday 4th October at 7.00pm. Look out for news on our FB page for ticket details.

June winners of the 200 Club were: 1st Karen Bunting (£50), 2nd James Longe £30 and 3rd Colin Brown (£20). Jim Frost

Hempstead

200 Club **June Winners**

£50 (79) M Gurney; £25 (46) J Spencer Jones; £15 (124) J Tyabji; £10 (159) P Sanders

July Winners

£50 (162) S Sanders; £25 (154) D Sewell; £15 (81) M Keen; £10 (136) J Edwards



Coffee & Catchup

Friday 1st August at 10.30am in the village hall - all welcome.

New Arrivals

July has so far seen the arrival of 16 Mallard ducklings on just one pond!

Herons and Red Kites are often in attendance to help keep the numbers down.









Hempstead Village Fête

Hempstead will be holding its traditional summer fête again on Sunday 3rd August. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hempstead Arts

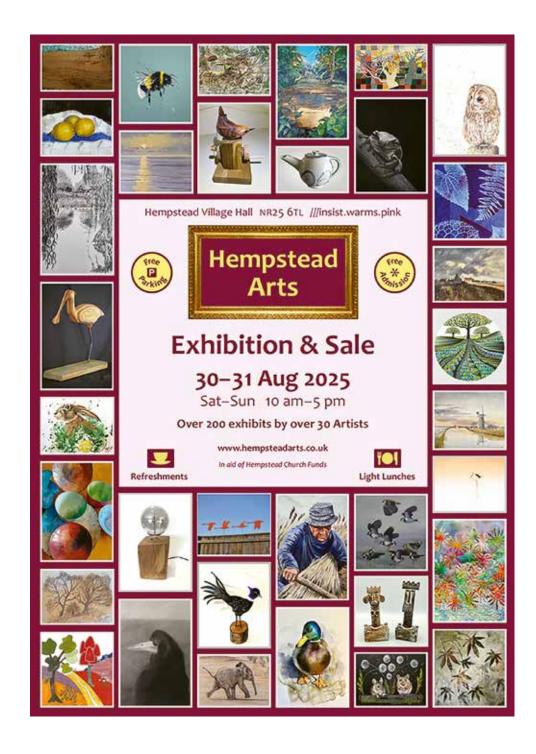
Residents of Hempstead are invited to the preview of our annual Art Exhibition and sale at Hempstead Village Hall NR25 6TL on Friday 29th August at 6.30pm

Take a look: https://shorturl.at/G8Faq

It's been a mammoth effort to bring the work of 34 artists together but the result has been well worth it, do come along to see for yourself. The exhibition is open to the public over the weekend: Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st Aug, 10am - 5pm

Don't miss this weekend of exciting artwork in our village. Please let your friends know, so they don't miss out.

Refreshments and light lunches, free entry and proceeds to Hempstead Church Fund

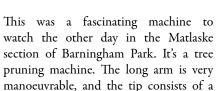


Matlaske

100 Club £25 Maurice de Bunsen, £10 Angela Gillard, £5 Amelia Courtauld

Tree surgery







Duncan Wood 01263 570293

sort of combined saw and gripper. It can cut through trunks and thick branches and then grab the loosened part of the tree, bringing it down to the ground smoothly and safely – even very large limbs.

The big beech tree was having much-needed surgery to save its life. It had become so massive and heavy that it was at high risk of losing some of its limbs. This could also of course be dangerous for anyone near the tree. One option would have been to take the tree down completely. It would have been a pity, though, to lose such a fine piece of our natural heritage. Another option, which this machine made possible, was to trim the tree carefully from top to bottom so that it could keep its natural beauty without posing any risk to people using the park entrance.

Plumstead

St Michael's & All Angels

Once again we extend our gratitude to our former church warden Eleanor Faulkner. Eleanor's drive to make simple, but significant changes to the layout inside the church has been successful and it looks as if works might begin at last. Exciting times for our parish! We are currently without a church warden but Catherine McMahon is very kindly filling in the role for the time being



Harriet Rossi 01263 577239

Monday coffee mornings in the church will continue, from 10.30am for an hour or so. All are very welcome.

Sad Farewell to David Logan

The funeral of David Logan took place at Cromer Crematorium on 2nd July. He lived in our village for 11 years. He was a quiet, intelligent man, a true 'gentleman'. He unobtrusively worked on the Parish Council for10 years, making many significant contributions, especially with financial advice. His one more public role was to organise the catering for the Plumstead Open Gardens and the fête in 2018, which was very successful. He was also heavily involved with the Village Hall in Gresham. We learned that he had a long association with the Scout Movement, was an 'old style' bank manager, had a love of New Zealand and being on the water in boats. His unassuming charm, serene humour and disposition are missed by all who knew him.

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Countdown to Summer Sizzle!



We've been getting our ducks in a row (literally!) for the Summer Sizzle on Sunday 31s^t (4pm start). This includes an outrageous promotion on the front cover - a great picture



John Birchall 01263 584290

from last year. Duck sponsorship has been snapped up like bread on a duckpond, but you may be able to splash out (min £1 donation) on an unclaimed number at Coffee, Cake & Chat (10am Wednesdays at St Andrews) or the

Village Hall. But if you don't bag your own duck, there will be plenty more to do - and eat. The barbecues will be firing up to supply sausages in rolls and there will be games, races, cake stall and other attractions. Once again we are hoping for a Fire Engine from Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service - unless busy. Don't miss it!

Visit Gerald the Giraffe



Meet 'Gerald the Giraffe' who has been designed and painted by all of the children at Corpusty Primary School.

The children are all super stars and looking forward to visiting him in Norwich this summer. Anyone can see Gerald in the John Lewis department store as part of the Break Charity GoGoSafari sculptural art trail. There will be over 60 mini Gs around Norwich, along with 50 large gorillas, rhinos, giraffes, lions and elephants as well as the mini giraffes. Why not make it a day out for the



children? Find out more, including a trail map, at www.break-charity.org

This project has been fully funded by the Friends of Corpusty Primary School and $\cos \pounds 850$ to take part. Well done everyone! Fabulous work! You should all be super proud!

Lauren Mayes, Chair of Corpusty Friends

Dock knock-back!

People who enjoy using the village green will know that the parish council has left some areas uncut to encourage wildlife and wild flowers. A down-side is that some thuggish plants, such as dock, tend to take over, so many thanks to Caroline Randell and Stephen Fenny who have removed docks by hand before they could set



seed. Stephen has also removed some big timbers that had somehow got into the overflow stream alongside the green - not good for the duck race!.

But...

It is sad to report that while some people have been working hard to improve and protect our Village Green, one of the gates on the newly-installed fence between the children's play area and the road has been vandalised. Some force was used to break the self-closing mechanism and a spanner has been used to tamper with the gate hinges. Some of this happened on the afternoon or early evening of Wednesday July 9th. The fences and self-closing gates are there to keep our children safe, so it is hard to know what motivates someone to damage them. Tackling anti-social behaviour is a neighbourhood policing priority in North Norfolk over this summer, so anyone witnessing anything of this sort can contact the police by calling 101.



Kitchen Team in Hibernation

C&S Village Hall is going into summer hibernation during August when the kitchen team is taking a well-earned rest. There will be no lunch club or car boot / breakfast, but they'll be back in September - second Sunday car boot and breakfast; lunch club every other Tuesday. Watch our website for dates and times of these, and for other events and activities that will still be taking place, including the Film Club on Friday 1st August.

There is lots of work still to do at Corpusty Station; if you would like to help please do get in touch with a member of the committee. Details at www.corpustyandsaxthorpevillagehall.org.uk

Coffee & Cake Still Going Strong

If you are going to miss lunches and breakfasts at the Village Hall, make up for it by coming to Coffee, Cake & Chat at St Andrew's Church at 10am every Wednesday. If you've never been, come along and find out why it's a firm favourite for so many people. (A clue - home-made cakes, scones and biscuits and real coffee).

How you can Support the Church & Village News

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It's easy to do with a BACS transfer and would be greatly appreciated.

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MANY THANKS!

The Village Gardener - To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



August whilst lovely can be a tricky month to get the balance right in the garden. On the one hand you absolutely must make the most of all your hard work to actually relax in it, but there are also a few tasks to keep your garden ticking over nicely before it's all change for Autumn.

First up is dead heading, which whilst at first it can feel like a chore, once you make it part of your daily routine it's a lovely way to check in with what's going on in your garden and dare I say it ...on a good day it's almost meditative. Roses respond really well to dead heading as do dahlias, I use the majority of my dahlias as cut flowers and to get the most out of them it's best to cut them twice a week. The best time is first thing in the morning, especially with all the high temperatures we've been having. When I do cut them I always bring a clean bucket of cold water

with me, so I can place them in water immediately. My next top tip is to then keep them in a cool place before they go on display, again that helps them last much longer.

Another task that will pay off is to cut back all your perennial herbs to encourage new fresh growth that will establish itself well before the first frosts. It's also worth thinking about any annual herbs you want to get going before the colder months, a little bit of shelter could mean you can keep having fresh herbs well into the cooler months. The same applies to any winter lettuce leaves or chicories.

My last suggestion is to grab a notepad and pull up a deckchair so you can make a note of what does and doesn't work in your garden as it's hard to remember everything when you're looking at seed catalogues or plant catalogues in January. Gardens are never finished they are always evolving and adapting and that is the joy of them!

This months question comes from Rachel who struggles with some of her dahlias (in particular the popular and beautiful Café au Lait) that can have annoyingly too short stems for a cut flower. My tip is to be brave and cut them lower than you think, including any side shoots or buds. Café au Lait seems to thrive on being cut hard and in turn this encourages longer stems. This year I've grown Café au Lait Royale and it's a beautiful flower with the same colouring as the former but with raspberry streaks running through it. My top dahlia this year is Le Baron (please see photo) it has the same stunning colour as the Thomas Edison dahlia but I am hoping is a bit more resilient. Fingers crossed!

Please do keep the questions coming in! Email us at redmaple@btinternet.com as ever the most interesting question will be published next month!

Michelle & Mick McCarter



An old jingle informs us that there are "Seven Burnhams by the Sea".

So what? Or as Bugs Bunny would have sarcastically remarked "Big Deal!" $\,$

For I reckon us lot over here can beat those Chelsea Tractor drivers from 'Chelsea on Sea' with our Barninghams. Let's check:

Little

North

Town Barningham

Barningham Green

Lowes

Norwood

Parva

Winter

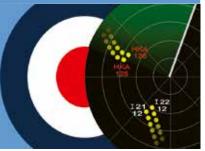
Well, that's eight that my generation know about and Upwood and Park could also be added should you need to emphasis the point.

But let's not be too complacent here. Go south of the border (Suffolk) and check out their South Elmhams. Driving round there appears to be close to a dozen of them causing great confusion to the traveller and probably the Sat Nav too.

Our photo shows Town Barningham Rectory in splendid isolation. Those rectors from a bygone age, certainly seem to live well!

Arthur Pentney

RAF AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM





The dark shape of a Junkers bomber slips in and out of the clouds, high over the North Sea in September 1941. The pilot had learned the hard lessons to survive the massed raids on Britain the previous summer. He knows on a cold night the bomber's engine contrails would glow in the moonlight and make them an easy target for British night fighters, so by skimming the clouds he hoped to mask his course, but the poor tail gunner behind him couldn't see much through the fogged glass of his turret.

If he could see, he might have spotted the black shark fin parting the clouds just 400 yards away. The fin belongs to a Beaufighter, a twin-engine RAF night fighter equipped with 4 cannons and the wonder that is airborne radar. Onboard, the radar operator can see little outside his bubble in the fuselage of the fighter, but with his forehead pressed to his glowing radar scope he focusses on the flicker of interference which shows exactly where the enemy bomber is.

The fighter's radar has a range of a few miles, but with the careful guidance of 'Seacut' they have snuck into the perfect position below their prey. 'Seacut' is the callsign of the ground controller operating the radar from a canvas covered lorry parked in the middle of a field between Horning and Neatishead. Watching his circular radar display, he nervously watches the blips of the bomber and fighter close and then merge.

It takes seconds for the Beaufighter to emerge from the cloud, unleash devastating cannon fire, and watch as the bomber rolls towards the dark sea, a large white circle of spray marking its end.

The development of radar was a crucial part of Britain's air defences, to enable the survival of the RAF during the Battle of Britain, to interrupt the night raids of the Blitz and even to combat the V1 Doodlebug flying bombs that struck London and Norfolk in the last year of the war.

The RAF Air Defence Radar Museum has fascinating displays and talks about radar technology, strategy, but more importantly the real stories of the men and women who were involve in this secretive world through wartime and peace.

The volunteer-run museum in Birds Lane, Neatishead, NR12 8RB (www.radarmuseum.co.uk) is open 10am-5pm, Tuesday to Saturday every week until the 15^{th} November and entrance tickets last a year from date of purchase.







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