

The cover of 'The Messenger' magazine is split into two main sections. The top section shows a church building with a large tree in the foreground that has pink blossoms. The church has a wooden door and several windows. The bottom section is a close-up photograph of a hedgehog lying on a bed of dry, brown and yellow autumn leaves. The hedgehog's spines are a mix of brown and tan, and its face is dark with a small black nose.

*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

NOVEMBER 2019

THE MESSENGER

■ THE STAINTON MISSEL

■ MOTHERS' UNION

■ HILTON FILLING STATION

50p

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Wednesdays at Brookfield

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion

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Dorothy Harding (1927-2019)

Peter Harding and family would like to express their appreciation and thanks for the kind donations made in the memory of Dorothy Harding. The money raised was shared between St. Margaret's Church and the Stroke Association.

Many thanks **David Harding (Dorothy's son)**

Dear friends

To all my friends...

THIS will be my final letter as your vicar. My last Sunday in post will be Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, when I will lead the usual Remembrance Sunday services and then a brief farewell service of Evening Prayer at 4pm. This will take place at St Peter's and St Paul's Church in Stainton and will be followed by a "bring and share" buffet. I hope that you will come and join us.

I shall be moving during the following week to give me time to settle properly into the Rectory before my licensing on Monday 2nd December. I have made many friends during the past five years and I will miss them all but I know that God has plans for me and it is right for me to go at this time. Besides, friends do not stop being friends simply because they are separated by miles.

I do not know what the future holds for you but I am convinced of the truth of Jeremiah 29:11 which reads: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

I will continue to pray for you all, especially during the interregnum. I hope that you will pray for me and my family too. Good bye.

Vivienne

**Vivienne's Licensing Service, St Peter's Church, More, Shropshire
Monday 2nd December at 7pm**

Coffee and Kids

We have now started into our fifth year!!!! Time flies when you are having fun!!

The average age has now changed to around 12 months to nearly 2 years with a couple of three year olds.



The pictures show Lois who was three a couple of weeks ago.

Please feel free to pop in and see what goes in each week you would be most welcome or If you would like to help in any way please feel free.

If you would like to help in any way please free to come along and chat to:-

Bob, Judith, Joan and Vernon

Services November 2019

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
3 November White All Saints Day Psalm 149 Luke 6:20-31	No service today	No service today	Joint Eucharist 10.30am
10 November Red Remembrance Sunday Job 19: 23-27a Luke 20:27-38	Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday	Community Remembrance Service Farewell Service for Vivienne 4pm	Village Remembrance Service 2pm at the memorial stone
17 November Red Patronal Festival of St Margaret of Scotland 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Patronal Eucharist	Holy Communion	Morning Praise (Noel Harker)
24 November White Christ the King Psalm 46 Luke 23:33-43	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
1 December Purple Advent Sunday Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:33-44	Joint Gift Service with Holy Communion 10.30am	No Service today	No service today

Wednesdays at 10am at Brookfield:

Holy Communion – all readings are those for the previous Sunday.

The 20 Best Cathedrals in England

5. Coventry Cathedral

Coventry has had three Cathedrals in the past 1000 years: the 12th century Priory Church of St Mary, the medieval Parish Church Cathedral of St Michael and the modern Coventry Cathedral, also named for St Michael. Coventry's fortunes and story are closely associated to the story of its Cathedrals – a story of death and rebirth.



Coventry's earliest cathedral, dedicated to St Mary, was founded as a Benedictine community by Leofric, Earl of Mercia, and his wife Godiva in 1043. Built on the site of a former religious house for nuns, its sheer size is some indication of the wealth which Coventry acquired in the middle ages

In 1539, with the dissolution of the monasteries, the See of Coventry and Lichfield was transferred to Lichfield and the former cathedral fell into decay. Only in 1918 was the modern diocese of Coventry created in its own right, and the church of St Michael designated as its cathedral.

The majority of the great ruined churches and cathedrals of England are the outcome of the violence of the dissolution in 1539. The ruins of St Michael's are the consequence of violence in our own time. On the night of 14 November 1940, the city of Coventry was devastated by bombs dropped by the Luftwaffe. The Cathedral burned with the city, having been hit by several incendiary devices.

The decision to rebuild the cathedral was taken the morning after its destruction.

Rebuilding would not be an act of defiance, but rather a sign of faith, trust and hope for the future of the world. It was the vision of the Provost at the time, Richard Howard, which led the people of Coventry away from feelings of bitterness and hatred. This has led to the cathedral's Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which has provided spiritual and practical support, in areas of conflict throughout the world.

Shortly after the destruction, the cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, noticed that two of the charred medieval roof timbers had fallen in the shape of a cross. He set them up in the ruins where they were later placed on an altar of rubble with the moving words 'Father Forgive' inscribed on the Sanctuary wall. Another cross was fashioned from three medieval nails by local priest, the Revd Arthur Wales. The Cross of Nails has become the symbol of Coventry's ministry of reconciliation.

Her Majesty the Queen laid the foundation stone on 23 March 1956 and the building was consecrated on 25 May 1962, in her presence. The ruins remain hallowed ground and together the two create one living Cathedral.

What's on ...

November dates for your diary

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

Weekly Events in our Group of Churches

Bible Fellowship Groups

Mondays at 2pm in the Church Office

Coffee and Kids Pop-In

Wednesdays 10am Stainton Church Room

Everyone Welcome Drop-ins

Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Stainton Church Room

Thursdays 2pm-4pm Brookfield Church Hall

Wednesdays 10am (term-time) Hilton Church Wardens Hour

Happy Anniversary to St Margaret's Drop-in.

One side of St Margaret's church hall took on a slightly festive appearance on the afternoon



of Thursday, October 3rd 2019. Birthday banners and bunting decorated the walls for the second anniversary of our successful weekly drop-in afternoons. We decided to celebrate with lots of chatter and the accompaniment of some lovely food. Cake, biscuits and scones were washed down with lashings of tea and coffee much enjoyed by the 18 or so people who attended. A big thank you to Florence, Janet and Win for keeping the teapots full and for washing up afterwards. Our gratitude also goes to Ray and Malcolm for erecting and taking down the tables beforehand and afterwards.

Special thanks also for the delicious cake with candles donated by Marlene and two plates full of beautiful homemade, buttered sweet and savoury scones provided by Audrey.

The candles on the birthday cake were blown out by Vivienne and we all sang "Happy Birthday". As the photographs will show, it was a very happy occasion.

The drop-in sessions are free to all and they continue to take part between 2-4 p.m. most Thursday afternoons. Everyone is welcome.

We also have a book exchange which is proving very popular. Thanks to everyone who has provided books for us along with all the volunteers.

Unwanted books are taken to a charity shop for other people to enjoy.

Please pass the word to friends and neighbours as we would love to welcome more people.

Stainton Parish Church have their Drop In on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm.

All very welcome. Betty Spragg

HILTON FILLING STATION



UNFORTUNATELY, I was unable to attend our last event due to being away on holiday again. However, by all accounts it was a grand evening and both Vivienne and Helen gave a wonderful experience to those gathered. I'm sure all guests and host members went home all topped up to the brim of the Holy Spirit.

Sally baked a special 4th Anniversary cake which was shared and enjoyed within the refreshments offering. God's faithfulness to this project was celebrated with thankful hearts and minds.

For local informal praise/worship, good coffee, always homemade cakes, great fellowship and prayer; Hilton Filling Station Host Team extend a very warm welcome to all when we next meet in Hilton Village Hall on Tuesday 5th November commencing 7.30pm until 9.30pm

Angela Sayer

**Find our more at our Filling Station Webpage:
<http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/hilton/>**



St. Margaret's Church Harvest with Holy Communion

29th September 2019

As you can see by the photos the generosity of people donating Harvest Gifts was wonderful.

Thank you so much to everyone involved and also to St. Margaret's Flower Guild for the beautiful display in the church.

All donations were taken to the Middlesbrough Food Bank.



Saturday Harvest Workshop

Saturday 28th September we held a Harvest craft workshop for children.

They produced Scarecrows, Trees, Flowers in pots and Lollipop people,

A good time was had by all including the adults.

Vernon Clare



The Stainton Missal'

On a Saturday morning at the end of September, the morning of the children's harvest activity in Stainton church room, a group of adult visitors happened by. They were from Cambridge and York Universities and had been instrumental in the setting up of a digital exhibition entitled "Remembering the Reformation." Their interest in Stainton Church centred on an ancient book known as 'The Stainton Missal' .

Stainton Parish Library

A library of 344 books was given to the parish of Stainton in Cleveland by Vicar Richard Lumley in 1694. It was intended for the use of future Incumbents. The books are very large and for the most part are written in Latin or Greek. They were moved to York Minster Library in June 1911. Included in this collection is the 'Stainton Missal'. A page from the 'Stainton Missal', noted to be 'savagely defaced at the Reformation' is the image chosen as the emblem of the project.

The exhibition may be accessed on <http://rememberingthereformation.org.uk/>

You will find the page from the Stainton Missal within the section labelled 'Bodily memory'. Joan has a supply of flyers with the illustration and more information.

A quote from the exhibition

"Perhaps no image better expresses the violent memory of the Reformation than this damaged missal. Published in Rouen in 1516 for sale in York, An obit for the priest John Best shows it in use in Faceby in Yorkshire in 1530. Possibly in 1548-9, with the order to destroy the Latin mass, it was slashed, seven times in all. The deepest of these gashes is at the Te igitur, the opening of the Canon of the Mass. The most sacred part of the Roman rite, this page was traditionally decorated with an illuminated crucifixion. The priest would kiss the book when raising it, at the foot of the page, which is here smudged. The cross has been sliced right through, deep into the pages beneath, barely avoiding the body of Christ. On the facing page, the companion image, of God the Father enthroned, has been cut through the nose and between the eyes. Perhaps the iconoclast mistook God for the Pope, due to the iconography of a papal tiara. In addition to the damage, there is a puzzle about how, and why, the violated book survived intact.

Scattered annotations show that it was kept not by recusants but by Reformed: first in 1600, with a loyal reference to King James of Scotland; and then in the seventeenth century by two vicars of Stainton, from whence it passed into York Minster in 1911ad."

The exhibition features items from Cambridge University Library, York Minster Library, and Lambeth Palace Library.



Reformation and Remembrance

Joan Mason

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



FORT Knox in Kentucky is seen as the gold standard for security. Not just in America but the world, where the name is a byword for the highest standards of ultimate protection.

Technically its name is the United States Bullion Depository, with Fort Knox taken from the nearby army post. Knox comes from the first U.S. Secretary of War, Henry Knox. He performed the role between 1789 – 1794. The “Fort’s purpose is fairly self-explanatory. In case of any confusion, another title it has is the “Gold Vault”.

Taking around a year to build, the project to house U.S. gold reserves began construction in 1935. According to the U.S. Treasury, the build cost \$560,000. It doesn’t hold all of America’s gold but it contains approximately half. Run by the United States Mint, it’s part of a network of six facilities that protect this most precious of metals.

The initial gold supply was transported to Kentucky by rail. Responsibility was taken by the United States Postal Service. As

explained on the Mint’s website, “This was the only method of providing insurance for the gold because, at the time, the U.S.P.S. was the only agency that could accept the liability if any assets were lost.” Watching over the Depository is an Officer in Charge, with the Mint’s own Police Force ensuring no-one chances their arm.

Guarding national gold takes the right combination of secure materials. Fort Knox “contains 16,000 cubic feet of granite, 4,200 cubic yards of concrete, 750 tons of reinforced steel and 670 tons of structural steel.” The Treasury notes that “The two-story basement and attic building is constructed of granite, steel and concrete. Its exterior dimensions measure 105 feet by 121 feet. Its height is 42 feet above ground level.” From the outside it resembles a fortress.

Below ground lies a complex blend of impenetrable layers and cryptic security procedures. The vault is described as “a two level steel and concrete vault that is divided into compartments... The vault casing is



constructed of steel plates, steel I-beams and steel cylinders laced with hoop bands and encased in concrete. The vault roof is of similar construction and is independent of the Depository roof.”

Weighing 20 tons and blast proof, the vault door is 21 inches thick and is only accessible via combinations. Staff who work in offices surrounding the granite stronghold all have different instructions on how to get inside, enhancing the exclusive nature of the operation. Talking of exclusive, visitors were not welcomed at Fort Knox for decades. Franklin D. Roosevelt managed to get the tour, but that may have been because he was President at the time of construction

Delegations from Congress were allowed to inspect the facility in 1974, when it was suggested gold was being spirited away. Covering this momentous event, the New York Times wrote, “Stacked from the floor 8 feet to the ceiling in a vault 6 feet wide and 12 feet deep were 36,236 bars, glistening in the half-light. The effect of standing in the presence of about \$1,775,688,776.85 worth

of gold in one room was awesome.”

If that was not enough additional protection is provided by video cameras, minefields, barbed razor wire, electric fences, armed guards and unmarked Apache helicopters.

As safe as Fort Knox is, there’s another place that’s safer and it’s filled with something more precious than gold; heaven holds our gift of eternal life. The apostle Peter encouraged believers in Christ to praise God because we have a “living hope”- a confident expectation that grows and gains strength the more we learn about Jesus.

His gift of eternal life will never come to ruin as a result of hostile forces. It will never lose its glory or freshness, because God has been keeping and will continue to keep it safe in heaven. No matter what harm may come to us in our life on earth; God is guarding our souls, so our inheritance is safe.

Like a safe within a safe, our salvation is protected by God and we are secure.

David Gatenby

Recognised Parish Assistants

RECOGNISED Parish Assistants or RPAs, are volunteers who undertake training to equip them for a variety of roles in their local church. These roles are carried out under the supervision of an incumbent or Area Dean and with the permission of a Bishop. There are probably as many roles as there are RPA's! Every church is different, and RPA's will be found working in many areas, from children's activities to lunch clubs, from planning for services to pastoral visiting and outreach.

The role of a Recognised Parish Assistant is different from that of a Licensed Lay Reader. Readers in the Anglican Church regularly preach, teach and lead worship, and will

usually be robed. The breadth and depth of an RPA's training is much less than that of a Reader. However, RPAs may also participate in planning and leading worship, especially if they have undertaken training in this area.

I will complete my training on 1st October and will be 'Recognised' as a Parish Assistant in the 10.45am service at Stainton on Sunday 27th October.

I look forward to serving you in this role (which is soon to undergo a change of name, from RPA to 'Lay Minister'). Thank you all for your fellowship and support.

Julia Ardley

Stainton Council

OUR councillor David Coupes mum celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday 28th September.

It was held in the memorial hall, she received a vast array of cards, including one from our very own Queen Elizabeth and the Secretary of State.



Her wonderful cake and the lovely table rose decorations were made by Joan George.

They were also a lovely cake from her hairdresser, and a heartfelt speech was made by David.

Thank you also to Heather and June who supplied us all with beverages.

Deborah Perks



"Finding Forgiveness Freedom from Remorse

A recent comment was made: "I know that to be forgiven, we must come to God with a humble and sorrowful heart. But my problem is that I cannot sense when I am sorrowful enough to receive forgiveness from God."

That message obviously comes from a humble and contrite heart, and that is a marvelous Christian trait!

However, if it were to be as suggested, that our sins can be forgiven based only upon how remorseful we are, then perhaps we should ask:

How much sorrow and regret does God require before extending forgiveness?!
What is this unidentified level?

When Christians sin and then come to terms with what they have done they usually do so with a sense of guilt.

Sorrow and Remorse

I certainly believe that sorrow and remorse for sin should prompt Christians to seek forgiveness. But I am not aware of scripture that designates a level of (pain and guilt) that must be experienced before mercy is extended.

If we go by feelings to decide when our sins are forgiven, how do we know when we reach an acceptable level of true repentance and spiritual sorrow?

Christians doing bodily harm to themselves, causing pain to their bodies and emotions is abhorrent to God. So how far are we to carry our remorse?

Punishing our soul through self-induced guilt and torment to receive forgiveness is a waste of time, and even sinful. Punishing ourselves is not the way we receive forgiveness.

Receiving God's forgiveness does not depend on how much emotional pain we can cause ourselves to feel.

Because emotion will not bring forgiveness and peace; that will come from our request to God for forgiveness, rested upon our faith in what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

David Gatenby



Tickets £2.00

*Includes
Tea/Coffee &
Christmas Cake*

*Christmas
Coffee Morning
St. Margaret's Church Hall
Saturday 30th November
10am – 12pm*



Gifts

Cakes



Jewellery



Raffle

Chocolate Tombola

*All
Welcome*



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2pm at St Margaret's Church Hall.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Ida Bowness who told us about her visit, with her husband, Gill, to Bletchley Park.

She was impressed by the beautiful, peaceful setting of the house and park, and also the huge Enigma machine used in the 2nd World War. She showed us a photograph of the women who worked there.

They also visited a museum of early aircraft, as her father flew one in wartime, and she met Tanya, the daughter of Violette Szarbo, who received the Victoria Cross (posthumously) for her role in the French Resistance. It was all very interesting; we ended up having a very happy afternoon ending with the Grace.

The coffee morning held on Saturday 28th September, raised £314.35. A very big thank you to all who attended, and those who made cakes, and as well as thanking the members for all their hard work, I would also like to thank Francis, Dennis and Ray.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

STANTON BRANCH

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7pm in the Parish Room of St Peter & St Paul Church, Stanton.

We will be joined by members of St Martin's Middlesbrough for our meeting on Monday November 18th at 7pm in the parish room, when a representative from the Redcar Lifeboat will be coming to speak.

All members and friends from Brookfield would be very welcome. Some of our members will be going to Leeds for a service and to hear Sheran Harper our new Wold Wide President, more about that in the future.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

The cash collected for our charity from St Margaret's Service went to:



We raised a total of £86.43

On the last Sunday in November, our collection – that's all the cash on the plate – will be going to:



Mercy Ships is a faith based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital free health care to the people in desperate need.

Every year, 18 million people die from lack of access to safe affordable surgery when they need it. This is more than the deaths from HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria combined.

This is a global surgery crisis; this is where Mercy Ships come in. They operate the world's largest charity hospital ship providing thousands of free surgeries every year.

Their crew is almost entirely made up of volunteers who believe that access to healthcare should not depend on where you were born. Mercy Ships train and mentor local health professionals in every country they visit to ensure that once they leave the country's healthcare infrastructure is stronger than when they arrived.

Donate before December the 31st
The government will double the donation.
www.mercyships.org.uk

Schedules and Rotas for November 2019 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Sidespersons

- 3 Joint service at Hilton
- 10 Florence & Ray Harris
- 17 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 24 Margaret Routledge & Olwyn Hopkins

Lectors

- 3 Joint service at Hilton
- 10 Betty Spragg
- 17 Jill Fox
- 24 Victor Spencer

Offertory

- 3 Joint service at Hilton
- 10 Judy Cook & Margaret Shippey
- 17 Mothers' Union
- 24 Sheila & Victor Spencer

Flower Donors

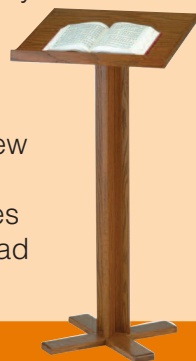
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- 24 Margaret Routledge

Sunday morning Coffee

- 3 Joint service at Hilton
- 10 Cynthia Eyre & Wyn Hall
- 17 Janet Henwood & Heather Southam
- 24 Judy Cook & Margaret Shippey

Wednesday Coffee

- 6 Margaret Andrew
- 13 Valerie Bell
- 20 Kathleen Smales
- 27 Grace Whitehead



100 club winners September 2019

W/E 1st	(142) Mr M Granville	(6) Mrs M Rhodes	(26) Mrs M Elliott
W/E 8th	(20) Mrs C Rhodes	(102) Mr B Davison	(100) Mrs V Harris
W/E 15th	(46) Mrs J Henwood	(171) Mr A King	(39) Alison Palmer
W/E 22nd	(5) Mrs J Warin	(17) Mr L Brighty	(35) Mrs Newbury
W/E 29th	(90) Mrs E Hewitson	(17) Mr L Brighty	(142) Mr M Granville

St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups

For letting enquiries contact the Church Office on 01642 597454
or email: letting@stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk

Group Name	Meeting times	Leader/contact
Brookfield Toddlers	9:30am to 11:30am Mondays	Val Thompson 01642 821068 during term times
Elderberry Ladies Ballet	1.00pm to 2.00pm Mondays	Maggie Lawrance 07956816956
Yoga	6.30pm-8.00pm Mondays	Emma Lawrence 07944 593441
Tai Chi	10:30am Tuesdays	Pam Hedge 01642 532800
Weight Watchers	5.30pm-6.30pm Tuesdays	Dawn Stanway 07767 454707
The Wine Club	7:30pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly	Val Harris 01642 592079
Mothers' Union Branch	2.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month	Florence Harris 01642 594272
St Margaret's Carpet Bowls Club	1.15pm-3:15pm Wednesdays	Ann Stones 01642 593960
Brookfield Ladies	7:30pm 1st Wednesday each month	Jean Kiddell 01642 761418
The Art Group	10.00am-1pm Thursdays	Ray Harris 01642 594272
Pilates	6.00pm-7.00pm Thursdays	Christine Johnson 07999384668
Line Dancing	7:30pm-9:30pm Thursdays	Judy Cook 01642 290487
Keep Fit	10.00am -11:30am Fridays	Brenda Hockney 01642 487703



Middlesbrough Foodbank relies on your goodwill and support

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:-

- UHT/Powdered milk
- Long-life fruit juice/cordial
 - Sponge Puddings
 - Coffee
 - Rice Pudding
 - Packet Mash or Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mixed Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat (Ham, Spam, Corned Beef, Hotdogs, Pies, Stews and Curries.



TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
At St Margaret's Church Hall
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(Includes hot drink & juice)

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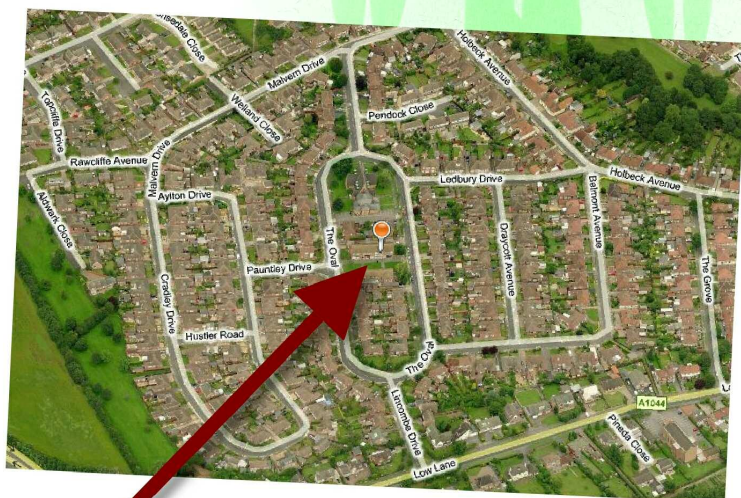
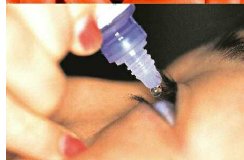


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