

A black and white photograph of a young boy in a Scout uniform climbing a rope. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a dark jacket, a striped neckerchief, and light-colored pants. The rope is thick and textured, and he is holding onto it with both hands. The background is a plain, light color.

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We have had 2 more girls join us, so we are now up to twenty girls: two more will join us after the Summer Holidays. After the Visits to the Fire Station and the Police Station, the girls are doing their written work for their badges.



On Wednesday June 22nd, we will be Bug Hunting at Dunstable Downs. This was a great success last year. Then on July 6<sup>th</sup> we will be paying another visit to the Fire Station.

# Brownies

## TEA AT 3



Last month we joined in the "Tea at 3" event in aid of the Pasque Charities the Village Hall. As well as enjoying ourselves with friends from the village, £160 was raised. Well done and thanks all round!

*Gillian Plummer,  
Brown Owl*



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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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Chairman Christine Benson was away so she was not able to attend the Parish Council meeting in June. Her usual chatty Parish Council item is therefore replaced this month by this item from PN's local affairs correspondent.

Full minutes of Parish Council meetings are posted on local notice boards and on [slipend.co.uk](http://slipend.co.uk): also, members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings, usually held on the first Monday of each month. So this is not a complete report, it covers some of the more significant dealings.

### *Coronation Garden*

Work on Coronation Gardens has started and council hopes are that work will continue *now that the path way at the rear has been improved. We need a handyman/builder to do some retaining wall brickwork.* It is preferred that this work is taken on by a local contractor: some have already been approached but no quotations have been forthcoming so far. If you know of any firm who might be prepared to take this work on, please contact the council.

### *Crime*

**Notwithstanding the report by our police at the previous meeting of some improvements in our situation, there had been a disturbing increase in crime in recent weeks.**

There have been incidents of nuisance and damage to property in Front Street and there have also been some occurrences of threatening behaviour to residents on our streets. It is essential that all crime is reported, even if there may be frustrations that "the police do not respond".

Look at it the other way: *nothing* will be done if reports do not go in. The results of reporting may be to only to bump up local crime statistics, but hopes are that reporting may eventually mean that more crimes are solved and prevented in our area.

And on the subject of reporting, why not call to report incidents of dangerous high speed driving in the village? A small minority of drivers, i.e. too many drivers, blatantly ignore the speed limit on our confined village streets, So if you see this dangerous behaviour going on, do not go into tut-tut, shoulder shrugging mode, take registration numbers, call the police and report.

### *Betty Sentinella*

Councillor Betty Sentinella has tendered her resignation from the Parish Council, which leaves a vacancy. If you feel able and willing to serve, any of our councillors will be pleased to hear from you (see "Parish at Large page for contacts).

### *Timberlands*

The Parish Council have been investigating if any legal process can be initiated with a view to improve the situation with regard to the Timberlands residential site in Pepperstock. There have been discussions with legal advisors to see if any action could be brought against the County Council who are perceived as falling short in the operation of the site in recent years. A levy was placed by the Parish Council on residents to meet the costs of seeking this advice and this has cost over £2000 to date. *Results are that there appears to be no legal case to be pursued by the Parish Council:* legal action against nuisance may only be raised by individuals, not the Council.

Moves of a less directly legal nature are being made by our local councils and hopes are that these will lead to improvements in future. *In particular, it is still hoped that the situation may be restored to when the Pepperstock situation was more harmonious than it has been from time to time recently.*

The Council resolved to drop pursuance of legal action: funds remaining from the levy will be transferred into general funds.

*PN Local Affairs Correspondant*

## VILLAGE HALL

*Our correspondent (a new boy seeking to serve on the committee) was impressed by the refreshing brevity of the last Hall Management Committee Meeting! So although there is little to report from last month's meeting, this serves as a reflection of how efficiently affairs are run at the Village Hall.*

A present had be given to Wally Allsop to mark his retirement as the long standing Treasurer. Muriel reported that this had been gratefully received and she had enjoyed a pleasant dinner with Wally on the proceeds.

The committee resolved to place an order for new chairs to replace the rather uncomfortable seats we have at the moment. Replacement tables are also under review: the existing tables, whilst looking a bit tatty now, have served well and are still in good shape, so the committee is looking at refurbishment possibilities.

It is hoped that the new furniture will be in place by the autumn.



At our June meeting, Lorna Kalisz gave us a report on her visit to the WI AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Two resolutions were put forward this year, "The price of milk from farmers" and "Care of the environment". It is Lorna's claim to fame that she has sung in the Albert Hall (Jerusalem of course!)

Mr S. Antrobus our speaker, came with slides, experiences and information entitled "Cinderellas of the Soil". His interesting talk was all about the Women's Land Army. He is concerned that information should not be lost in the passing of time and has taken on the task of interviewing to get first hand reminiscences and experiences from the women who were involved in this work.

The Women's Land Army was formed in 1917 and disbanded in 1950. The farmers were not too impressed with their early efforts but as more farm workers went off to war it fell on these women to do their bit.

We had been importing most of our food and when the seas became unsafe it was necessary to produce much more food on home shores. It was very lonely for any Land Girl who had no colleagues on a given farm.

Here in Bedfordshire there were three training centres: Luton Hoo, Toddington Park and Ravensden. All the women in the pictures looked remarkably healthy and sparkling.

We meet monthly, on third Tuesdays at the Baptist Church Hall in Caddington and if you meet the gender requirement, you are welcome to come and join us!

Patricia Crick

*Well done, Brian McDonald of Crawley Close! Brian took part in the Caledonian Challenge last month, walking over 50 miles*  
\*\*\* *in less than 24 hours, in aid of the*



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### **Here is Brian's account:**

I took part in and completed the Caledonian Challenge on Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th June. The good news was that we did not have the heat wave you had in the south, the bad news was that we had the rain overnight. You have to be careful of four parts of your body:



**The Feet** are paramount and are coped with by good shoes and two pairs of socks. Training is essential, preferably over some fairly rough terrain.



**The Knees** take a lot of jarring, use two walking poles to help alleviate the pressure.

**The Private Areas** need protection from chaffing (more important for the male competitors!) and quantities of vaseline are recommended: I found swimming shorts just as successful.



**The Back:** Finally, in my case, I have a slightly suspect lower back and so carrying as little as possible is an advantage.

#### **THE SPINE**

We started at 9am on the Saturday in cool cloudy conditions: quite humid but otherwise about as good as we could have hoped for. If it had been a heat wave, there would have been very many retirements through heat exhaustion. Once the congestion at the start was worked through, it was a pleasant walk at a good pace to complete the first 12 miles in three and a half hours. Stage two was over the Devil's Staircase which was four miles of almost all uphill, followed by nearly a mile of

very steep downhill. It was certainly the hardest two hours of the race at that stage. Stages three and four were relatively easy although the uphill bits were getting harder all the time.

At the end of stage four I had done the 42 miles in 13.5 hours walking time which was inside my target time of 18 hours altogether. No blisters, no chaffing and no back ache.

*Then I made a mistake. For the last stage, which was overnight, I thought it would be best to have as little in the back pack as possible. So I took out the waterproofs which had not been used all day. The first couple of miles were uphill and although a struggle, were OK. Then just as we got to the top, the heavens opened and it rained solidly for at least the next eight hours.*

Much of the next part was boggy, difficult in the dark, then all the paths and streams got flooded. At some stages some of the girls doing the walk were walking up to their knees in water. I obviously made things worse for myself by not having the waterproofs but even if I had, they would not have stopped the water getting inside the boots.

The last section took me five hours to do the twelve miles and so I finished at about 18.5 hours walking time, outside the target but not bad for one of the few people over fifty doing the walk.

Subsequently they stopped the race when a path collapsed and somebody was injured trying to get round the obstacle. However I got my medal and the satisfaction of completing what was a pretty gruelling experience. Including the stops, it took exactly 21 hours which put me 314th out of 1403 starters - so a top quartile performance. 959 people actually completed the event and another 77 were deemed to have finished as they were still going when the race was stopped.

The fastest time was 9.5 hours which is obscene - the equivalent of running a marathon in about four and a half hours, and then doing the same again.

I finished with no blisters but the skin of the right heel became painfully separated from the foot. I write this a week later, there are improvements but I did cancel golf today! There was a bit of chaffing as the shorts got wet through but that will recover quickly. Knees and back were fine and I appeared to be in a considerably better shape than a lot of people.

Lessons learnt:

- Don't do the challenge again!
- If you do it, train sufficiently, preferably over some fairly rough terrain.
- Make sure that you have all the necessary kit and have the right changes of clothes ready at the checkpoints.
- Don't stop for too long at a time.
- Don't trust the Scottish weather.
- If you are going do a long walk in the countryside, try to complete it in daylight.
- Don't do the challenge again!

Thank you for the support you gave me in my endeavours - even the insults spurred me on! Also to wife Hils, who volunteered to join the support team (maybe because she was with the TA Scottish Parachute regiment!); but she was there at end for a bit of TLC.

In total, I have managed to raise nearly £3,500 for the Starlight charity. It was a once in a lifetime experience which I do not want to repeat but raising that amount for good causes certainly makes the effort worthwhile. Many thanks to all of you who sponsored my efforts!



**If you do want help and advice about how to enter the challenge next year, please let me know!**

*Brian McDonald*

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## **ST ANDREW'S NEWS**

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### *Services & Events in July*

*Midweek Communion take place monthly at two venues in Slip End, details from Joy.*

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	Morning Praise
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	Footsteps Meet in the Family Room
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Family Communion
	2:30 pm	St Andrews Ramblers meet at the church
	6:15 pm	3:16 Treasure Hunt
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00pm	Footsteps Meet
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00pm	Wedding Lisa Floyd and Paul Connolly
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity East Hyde
	10:30am	Morning Praise with Baptism
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Woodside Home Service
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	Wedding Andrea Burton and Robert Kempson
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Morning Praise

# SCOUTS FUN DAY

25TH JUNE  
AT THE  
**PETER EDWARDS  
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The Fun Day at the Playing Field last month here in Slip End was organised by Lea Valley Scouts to encourage new beavers, cubs and scouts as well as an opportunity to "press gang" parents into becoming leaders!

There was a lot going to interest everyone, young and not so young, including a 12 metre Climbing Wall, Crossbow Archery, Fizzy Pop-bottle Rockets (see picture, right), an Assault Course, Tent Pitching, Clowns, Craft, Parachute Games, Giant Frisbies and more, not forgetting to mention the free food!

Pictures seen here were photographed by Matt Ogier-Russell and show some of the Slip End boys taking part in the goings-on . A great day was had by all: although it was a bit cool and overcast the hundreds who came to the event certainly enjoyed themselves with all the interesting items on offer.

**Well done Scouts, a splendid day  
and thank you Matt for some great pictures!**



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Articles for next month's issue should be passed to:

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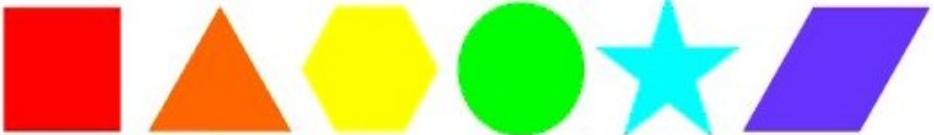
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F O S E L S

## *Friends of Slip End Lower School*

*June was a busy month for FoSELS with our main summer fundraiser taking place.*

### **Family Fun Day**

**I am very pleased to report that the family fun day held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June was a great success. The weather stayed fair and plenty of fun and games took place on the school field for the children and grown ups to enjoy.**

FoSELS always set out to arrange activities that not only raise much needed funds for Slip End Lower school but to also try to add to the children's and community's enjoyment. This year's event certainly did that with all sorts of games to participate in, food to eat and music to enjoy. Committee members pitched in organising games of rounders, face painting and a super treasure trail where everyone who completed the course went away with a mini football.

Plus there were lots of other fun activities for all ages including swing-ball, slides and trampolines to play on.

The Citroen garage, as always, supported the event, this time with a generous donation that allowed FoSELS to purchase a superb new gas barbecue which we can now use at other events in the future. In fact the extremely tasty barbequed food was so popular that the burgers ran out before the afternoon was over but no one went hungry as there were plenty of hot dogs, cakes, ice creams and drinks to see them through.

Airparks also kindly donated both a two week parking voucher to the raffle and money to support the event. So thanks to our two main sponsors for, once again, coming forward to help the community in which they work.

An added attraction was the craft fair organised by Gill Plummer which took place in the school hall and helped attract even more visitors on the day.

**In total over £920 was raised from our event, so a very big "thank you" to all the parents, grandparents, children and friends who turned up to enjoy the fun. A special thank you to Mrs Smith, our headmistress, who kindly manned the gate and to all the parents who sold raffle tickets which all contributed to the grand total raised.**

*If you can't take the heat ... Sandra hard at work supervising in the kitchen, dealing with the lunchtime rush. The young man in front waits patiently as Matt wrestles with the BBQ, Kevin (extreme right) searching the shrubbery, "where's he gone now, he was here a minute ago!"*



### ***Supermarket vouchers***

The school has been busily collecting all the vouchers offered by supermarket chains to help provide both computer and sports equipment. Thank you to all those in the community who, even though they don't have children at the school, have made sure they passed on all their vouchers to us. The big count up now begins and we will be sure to let you know what we manage to get with our collection.

### ***Walking bus***

Earlier this year many parents completed questionnaires on walking to school which formed part of a report submitted to county hall. Based on this report, the school has been successful in receiving funds for improvements that will help with access to the school. Included in this was a Walking Bus project which aims to ease congestion and parking around the school in Ross Way. The idea is to arrange a drop off point in the village for those who drive, and then have a small team of volunteers to walk the children safely to school.

We are looking for both a suitable drop off point and volunteers to help get this off the ground. Initially we need a few parents/community members to get together in the next 6 weeks for 1 or 2 meetings to plan the Walking Bus with Travel Advisor John Worth. We will be working on the best routes and the likely take-up, then decide how to proceed in September. Ideally the team would share the job on a rota basis so if you have time to spare or already walk to school or drive and would be prepared to park up and help once or twice a week we'd love to hear from you.

Also we need a drop off point such as one of the pubs, hall or social club car parks where everyone could meet. If you can help then, again please contact the school.

The end of term will soon be upon us and school holidays will mean a break in FoSELS news next month. Thanks again to everyone who supported our family fun day and we'll be back with more news in September. Meantime, Happy Holidays!

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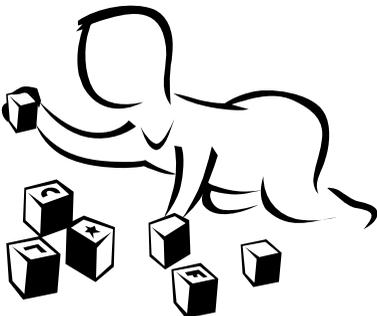
By the time you read this we will be well into the second half of the term and into the Playgroup hopefully the sun be shining and the children will be enjoying themselves playing outside in the children's playground for part of each morning..

This term we are also pleased to welcome Jenny as our new Nursery Assistant. She and Mandy who is our SEN person are hoping their training for their qualifications in Childcare will begin in September at Barnfield.

This term we held a Sponsored Fun Run around the Playground for the children. Parents and friends were invited to come and cheer the children on . The sponsored money is being used to pay for the trip to Woodside animal park on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Any money left will be put to good use improving and up-dating our equipment.

This term we have done some work on colour and then moved on to 'Mini-beasts' including watching our caterpillars grow into butterflies which we will release in the park. At the time of writing they are growing rapidly seeming to almost double in size each day. We are also searching in the Hall grounds for other creepy-crawlies and finding woodlice, spiders, snails and other delightful creatures to bring inside to study!

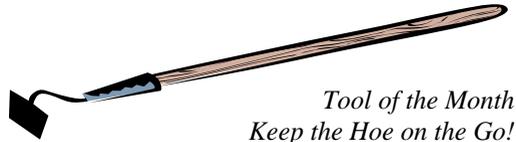
The term ends for the children on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July but the staff will be busy the following week doing the grand annual clean and also a visit from the Early Years Advisory Teacher.



### *Vegetable Garden*

In the allotment there is plenty to do, peas should be gathered as soon as the pods are full, else they toughen; picking also means a lengthening of the supply by allowing the late forming pods to mature.

Plant out winter greens and sow spring brassicas. Lift early potatoes, pick french and runner beans as they become big enough and so assure more from the same plants. All root crops need attention for loosening earth, watering, hoeing weeds and digging out weeds that are deep rooted, burn these later.



*Tool of the Month  
Keep the Hoe on the Go!*

### *Flower Garden*

From time to time during the month you should examine all flowering plants in the garden and remove any blooms or flower spikes that are so faded as to be no longer decorative. This applies to roses, to flowering herbaceous plant and also to bedding plants and annuals. The object is to prevent seed formation, which weakens the plants. Exception may be made if one wants to save seeds, but then the best plan is to reserve one particular plant of this variety for seed bearing. Thin and disbud dahlias, lift tulip and hyacinth bulbs, clean and place in a shallow tray and put in a dry place for storage.

### *Fruit Garden*

Thinning of fruits will now become general, and they also need protection from mildew and insects: burn straw on strawberry beds, and also peg down runners

### *General Work*

Trim evergreen hedges, to keep them neat and tidy. During the month remove the grass box from the mower and let the clippings fall on to the lawn, do not do if weather is too hot.

Following Alan Buttery's item in last month's magazine (he is a recent convert to allotment gardening), Parish News despatched its top reporter to see just what is going on at the Front Street allotments.

Before getting round to the vexed thistle issue, your reporter was particularly struck by the great ingenuity demonstrated by many of the gardeners in their attempts to deter the rabbits and pigeons from attacking the peas, beans and greens, all doggedly bursting into growth in the dry conditions during late June.

For example: the bright yellow barrier tape stretched across one cabbage plot, picks up on the local rabbit population's incredible reading abilities, with dire exhortations of "Caution" and "Danger - High Voltage"!

On another allotment, a large enclosure has been constructed, of such an acreage which would not be out of place at Whipsnade Zoo. This is effective in keeping the wildlife outside the wire rather than inside.

Another gardener has applied a rather more high tech solution with the use of reflective computer tape (itself of historical technological note) twisting and flashing in the breeze. With the cunning addition of some AOL and Tiscali CD's a-dangling, the pigeons are driven, trembling fearfully, to perching on nearby rhubarb shrubbery and parsnip trees, both impressively going to seed, over 6' tall!

Finally, an inspection of the Buttery plot revealed little of the thistle infestation to which he referred in last month's Parish News: presumably Alan has beaten them into submission. *A new boy he may be, but progress is impressive with many of his crops coming on a treat!*

Departing, our reporter could hear the chortlings of the pigeons from their perches in the trees, waiting to swoop and hoots of rabbit laughter from the hedgerows!

*Parish News gardening correspondent*

Following a few hic-cups last month, when last minute production panics were resolved by numerous e-mails winging trans-globally between the editor and our vexed printer, one or two errors crept in, unspotted by our usually eagle-eyed typo sniffers!



So it's humble pie time: sorry to Shirley Knapton, Bud Abbott and the Village Hall Dancing Folk. The pictures were fine, but the captions were awry. Notwithstanding that Bud, having proof read the item, had advised the duty junior sub-editor of the errors of his ways, the uncorrected version went through. It was not for want of trying, but Bill Gates could not be blamed for that one. So enjoy the pictures, but glance only briefly at the captions.

Assiduously keeping his head in the firing line, the junior sub-editor is on duty this month too. The Editor is gallivanting on her antipodean jolly (Australian holiday) dropping in on her globe trotting daughter. Missing again are those delicate feminine touches: a poem here, the odd recipe there and other items which she tends to feature. This month's offering is biased towards manly things like allotments, hiking, Village Hall furniture and suchlike. Despair not, Sue will be returning soon to put things back on the rails once again!

While she's away, some techie goings on are afoot (the computer illiterates should look away at this point). It gives the junior sub-editor great pleasure to ditch Bill's Word stuff in favour of MS Publisher (Bill's too, it has to be admitted). Word is seen grudgingly as being just adequate for a brief letter or note, but was found sadly lacking when producing a tome, such is Parish News. *Fingers are firmly crossed in hopes that the gremlins will not strike again: they usually do!*

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*Andrea Gregory*



**DIARY** *If you would like your event put in the Diary please contact the Editor*

**July**

- 4<sup>th</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*
- 11<sup>th</sup>** *Playgroup - Outing to Woodside Animal Park*
- 18<sup>th</sup>** *Friendship Club - Outing to Bournemouth*
- 20<sup>th</sup>** *W.I. "Adventure in Costa Rica"*

**August**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*
- 17<sup>th</sup>** *W.I. Treasure Trail*

**September**

- 5<sup>th</sup>** *Parish Council Meeting: Village Hall 8pm*
- 10<sup>th</sup>** *Craft Fayre in the Village Hall*
- 11<sup>th</sup>** *Car Treasure Hunt - St Andrew's (note change of date!)*

**October**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** *Dance at the Village Hall*
- 29<sup>th</sup>** *Dance at the Village Hall*

**November**

- 12<sup>th</sup>** *Table Top Sale - V'hall*
- 27<sup>th</sup>** *Craft Fayre - Village Hall*

**December**

- 3<sup>d</sup>** *Dance at the Village Hall*
- 31<sup>st</sup>** *Dance at the Village Hall*

**Exam Time!!**

*For those who have teenage offspring, you'd know it's exam season! But here are some classic history answers from eight to ten year olds, unearthed by Mike McKeivitt:*

Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Desseret. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

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Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

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Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March

murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped. "Same to you, Brutus."

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The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

During the first Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits, and threw the java. The games were messier than they show on TV now.

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Queen Elizabeth was the "virgin queen". As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah!" and that was the end of the fighting for a long while.



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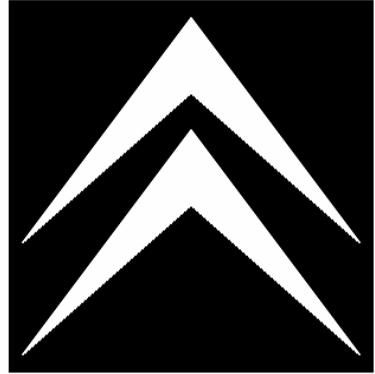
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