



# Parish Newsletter

## Compton Dundon and Littleton

December 2016

Incorporating **The Herald**

### Broadband

Hopefully, 'entitled' villagers in Compton St. Ham Lane, Hayes Road, Hayes Lane, Street Road, Somerton Road and Littleton will all have signed up for their Free Broadband Voucher, worth £500.



The deadline is the **30th November** and, fingers crossed, this message will get to you in time for any last minute applications.

There was a good turn out for the Broadband meeting at the Meadway Hall on **11th of November** for Voneus's presentation. Voneus stated they would provide a "minimum bidirectional speed of 24Mbps or they don't get paid" at £20 for 20GB or £35 unlimited data per month. The outdoor hardware was shown and fixed wireless technology explained.

The timescales are tight but Voneus are confident **but...**  
**65 committed residents need to be signed up by 9th December** and installed by March 2017 in order for the community scheme to proceed with Voneus.

<http://voneus.com/>

For further information, see the Compton Dundon website: [comptondundon.com](http://comptondundon.com)



## Village Lunches

The village lunches are at 12.30 p.m. on the final Wednesday of each month. To book a meal, please contact either:

Ally Dore 01458 445463  
allydore@btinternet.com) or  
Pauline Atkins 01458 272485  
paulineatkins1944@gmail.com)

The next village lunches are on the following Wednesdays:

14th December  
25th January  
22nd February



## 100 Club Winners November 2016

£15.00

#29 Pat Mizon

£10.00

#94 Doreen Smith

£5.00

#48 Kath Franks



## Operation Christmas Child

A warm thank you to those who contributed Christmas Present Boxes to the Samaritan's Purse collection. At least 20 parcels were sent from the village to be combined with those collected in Walton and Street.



Compton Dundon does not have a newsletter in either **January** or **August**. To submit news items or information for the **February** newsletter, please contact johngordon1952@hotmail.co.uk, or phone 01458 272135 or drop details into Pippins, Hayes Lane, Compton Dundon TA11 6PB. The deadline for the February newsletter is **Saturday 21st January**.



Al-KO T16—92HD  
Lawn Mower for sale  
New in March 2016 £1,500  
Tel: 01458 272324 rogerandjoy@uwclub.net

# Joy & Roger Adams



After living in Compton Dundon for more than 50 years, Joy and Roger could almost qualify as locals. Sadly, for Compton Dundon, they are now downsizing and moving from the Old Vicarage to their new home in Wells.

Joy met Roger in Oxford, where they were both members of the Bach Choir, when she was teaching at Oxford High and he was studying Russian and Modern Greek at the university. They both then taught in Nottinghamshire before moving to the South West. In 1966 they bought a new home in Compton Street, before moving to the Old Vicarage in 1977.

Both have made a major contribution to village life, with Roger being a lay reader and organist at St Andrew's, as well as being on the PCC for 46 years. Joy also spent more than 20 years on the PCC and was a school governor for 16 years. She also ran the Sunday School and the church's after school club. Between them, they have also ensured St Andrew's has been open to visitors every day for the past 39 years.

Thank you Joy and Roger for your altruism. We wish you health and happiness in your new home.



## Highlights from the November Meeting

The secrets of dichroic glass were revealed to us by our speaker, Margaret Harper. Retiring from her post as a personal manager as she did not wish to learn the mysteries of computers, - a bizarre fact emerged that she has learnt the tricks of her new trade from youtube.

Originally a friend decided to live in Spain and disturbed by the treatment of stray cats and dogs, decided to set about rescuing them. To raise money, cards were made, but Margaret's enthusiasm for this venture waned when, on one occasion, she was required to make 300 cards. When the said friend returned to England, Margaret decided to raise money for the Beacon Centre at Taunton.



After trying various crafts Margaret fell head long for the manufacture of fused glass jewellery. This involves a lengthy process, heating shards of glass to incredible temperatures, in a kiln which Margaret purchased and which is a computer generated programmed. Margaret has learnt to do this despite her earlier aversion to anything to do with computers. The type of glass required is manufactured solely in America, but can be purchased locally. Magic happens in the kiln, with colours changing when a temperature of 790 degrees is reached. Margaret says she is so excited by the whole procedure, she finds it very hard to wait the 10 hours it takes for the kiln to cool down to room temperature. Describing her activity, which consumes so much of her time, to her husband as work is not quite true as Margaret looks upon it as a game and is so involved she often gets up in the early hours of the morning, to check her kiln and the progress of her glass making. Margaret presented an extensive range of her products, pendants glowing with colour, earrings, brooches and necklaces. Members did a great deal of Christmas shopping, happy to contribute to the fund raising for the Beacon Centre. Sally Walker thanked Margaret.



Trish asked us to spend a moment remembering Iris Burt, a long serving member, who had recently died.

We will represent Ashcott, Walton and Shapwick WI's at next year's Annual General Meeting which will be held at Liverpool, Janet will probably attend on our behalf. The recent Craft Day, funded by our bursary, had been enjoyed by those who went along, but the numbers attending were disappointing.

The replacement trough is now in position, having been artistically planted up by Royston and Harvey - thank you both.

Val Day had kindly organised the 12 Christmas boxes, members were reminded of the Christmas meal.

Secret Santa will take place at the December meeting, gifts to the value of £5.

Patricia informed us of a scheme to improve the broadband speed in the village and reminded members of Compton Capers on 26th November.

Congratulations were extended to Anthea and Christina who had won the recent short mat bowls competition.



Wendy Edwards



**Glastonbury Festival Funding** For many years, Greg Jones has organised a team of 'volunteer' villagers and friends to work at the Glastonbury Festival. Each year, Greg ensures that a significant portion of the funding is allocated to our village hall. The village hall trustees have recently received a cheque for £3,675, as a result of the volunteering at the 2016 festival.

The regular 'Glastonbury' money has enabled the trustees to maintain, and further develop, our excellent village hall. Whilst the bookings pay for the general running costs of the hall, it is the Glastonbury money which has gone towards projects such as the quality kitchen, the solar panels on the roof, the refurbishment of the hall floor and the redecoration of the hall.





## Dundon Cider Co-operative

Andrew and Kathy Chiffers invite you to the Co-operative's taste and take away evening, at Lollover Mile House, on **Wednesday 7th December** at 7.00 p.m.—10.00 p.m.



The Co-operative's Wassail is on **Sunday 15th January**, at 3.00 p.m. It will once again be in David Jones' orchard and barn at Coombe Hollow in Compton Street. Anyone who is involved with the Cider Co-operative, or would like to be, is invited to join us at either event. For the wassail, we will have a shared tea and so please bring some sweet or savoury finger food.

## Littleton Ploughing Day

Ploughing matches have been part of the rural scene since time immemorial and in the early days a champion ploughman could expect a better wage than his fellows. Competition was keen and made for accurate plough settings. Plough manufacturers saw the advantages of scientific design that would decrease the physical effort. Today we see a continuance of this search for perfection and Plough Match judges look critically for furrows that are perfectly straight, evenly matched, and completely level.

Andy Stacey recently organised a ploughing match in the 'Stacey' fields in Littleton. It was a day for anyone to come and plough for fun or practice. More than forty tractor enthusiasts turned up, together with dozens of interested spectators, and a fun time was had by all. Andy's previous events have raised money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance but on this occasion he raised £720.00 for Cancer Research. The next ploughing event is in March 2017.





# Littleton Ploughing Day





## Compton Dundon Walking Group

The December walk will be on the second Sunday, **11th December** (to avoid the Christmas rush).

From January next year Martin Lofthouse will be taking over from Paul Keen as the walks co-ordinator. If you would like to volunteer to lead walks next year I'm sure Martin will be delighted to hear from you (01458 273591).

This newsletter and past issues may be found on the village website: [www.comptondundon.com](http://www.comptondundon.com). For the latest community news and information, follow Compton Dundon on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/comptondundon](http://www.facebook.com/comptondundon)

## Compton Dundon Garden Club

The November meeting heard an entertaining talk on 'Weeds', by John Horsey, with several recommendations for groundcover plants so avoiding weeds altogether.



On the **5th December** we have a practical demonstration, led by Ann Hassed from Blooming Linda's, of how to make a floral display for Christmas. All of the displays in the demonstration will be raffled at the end of the meeting.

On the **2nd January** we have our New Year Quiz. Teams of 4 will pay £5.00 per table to play and the winning table will have plenty to drink in the following week. Additionally, there will be slices of pizza and a glass of mulled cider for everyone.



The **6th February** meeting, will be the postponed talk on 'Grandma's Garden' with Yvonne Bell.

**New members will always find a friendly welcome.**



On the evening of the 13th and morning of the 14th December you may see a Geminid meteor shower.



They are so called because the bright shooting stars radiate from the constellation Gemini.

Be sure you give yourself at least an hour observing time as it takes 20 minutes for your eyes to adapt to the dark.

### The Castlebrook Inn



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
Nicki & Wesley x*



### Boxing Day Entertainment from 8.00 p.m.

**Rod Stewart  
Tribute Act**  
**Gary Laird.**



**All welcome!**

### New Years Eve. Entertainment—from 7.00 p.m.

Our Leaving Party/New years party  
80's Party! Fancy Dress optional.  
All Welcome. No ticket needed.



This will be our last night open before handing the keys back to Punch. We will open for a few hours on New Year's Day, at lunchtime.



### A farewell message from Nicki & Wesley

"We would like to give our heart felt thanks to those few people from the village who have offered their continued support. We are truly grateful. We will really miss living in the village, and have made some life long friends. We have tried our best but unfortunately it didn't work out. We wish every success to the new tenants and we hope that they can do more to bring in people from the village because a small village pub needs its community in order to survive."



# The Parish Council



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## Parish Council Members

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The next Parish Council meeting is, on **Wednesday 7th December**, in the Meadway Hall. It starts at 7.00p.m.

Dean Ruddle, our County Councillor, will not be holding a surgery in December but he will be hosting mince pies, coffee and mulled wine outside Williams Supermarket in the Brunel precinct from 8.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. on **Saturday 17th December**. The Somer singers and Church Choir will be there and Santa Claus will give out chocolates. It is fun and an opportunity to chat to Dean and David Warburton.



 Stephen Page, South Somerset District Councillor for the Wessex Ward (Somerton and Compton Dundon), will **not** be holding a surgery in December due to the Christmas festivities but residents are welcome to contact him by e-mail or phone during this period. He will be holding his regular monthly morning surgery on **Saturday 28th January 2017** from 11.00 to 12.30 in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by telephoning 07519 739137 or mailing [stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk).



**FixMyStreet** Use this site to report, view or discuss local problems such as potholes, graffiti, fly tipping.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>



# Parish Council Planning Business



## (a) District Council Planning determinations

1. 16/03429/PAMB: Mrs. A Stacey, Barn at Land OS5974 Worely Lane, Littleton. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling house. **PLANNING PERMISSION NECESSARY.**
2. 16/03834/FUL: Mr. M Dunthorne, The Shop, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. Erection of a first floor extension over existing ground floor extension and new two storey rear extension. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**
3. 16/03592/S73A: Mr. H. Thomas, The Beacon, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. S73 application to amend condition 2 of approval 13/04759/FUL to allow the substitution of plans for a proposed bio mass boiler. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

## (b) Planning consultations

1. 16/04305/FUL: Mr. R Stevenson, 1 Manor Farm Cottage, TA11 6NP. Erection of an extension to garage and erection of shed. Councillors discussed the application and **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**
2. 16/04307/OUT: Mr. & Mrs. Strudwick, Land at Old Farmyard, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access. Following discussion regarding access to the property and the effect on neighbours it was unanimously **RESOLVED to NOT OBJECT** to the outline planning application.
3. 16/04312/OUT: Mr. S Atwell, Land east of 9 Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of 2 detached dwellings and formation of associated accesses. Alteration of existing access to 9 Ham Lane. Discussion covered the effect of the switch from two semi-detached to two detached dwellings on the neighbours and the affordability of detached houses versus local need. It was unanimously **RESOLVED to NOT OBJECT** to the outline planning application.

## (c) Other planning issues

1. Presentation of Woodland Management Plan for Dundon Beacon – Mr. Mark Green of the Forestry Commission described the proposal, which will run to 2025, to return the woodlands back to native species. Cllr. Greg Jones thanked Mr. Green and stated how good the accompanying historical and archaeological write-up had been.
2. Pre-planning consultation on amendment to Clarendon House development – Cllr. V Olivier presented the plans for the addition of a garage at the front of the property based on Planner's objections to the joint use of the main drive. The Council had no observations.
3. Parish consultation re: Barn at Land OS 5974, Worely Lane, Littleton – A Stacey advised that they had been misled in applying under a PAMB for the change of use of the Barn. The purpose of the consultation was to openly inform of their plans and the rationale. The Council observed that in a PAMB application it was not formally consulted for its opinion.

**South Somerset District Council Online Services**

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services/>

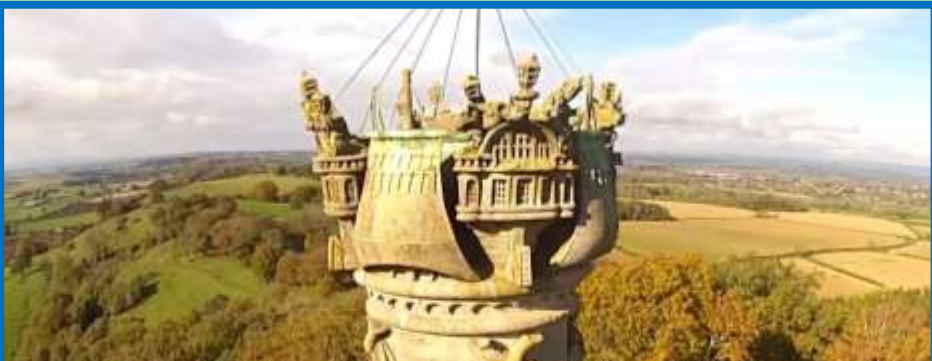


**The Hood Monument** is a 100 foot memorial column to Sir Samuel Hood that stands above Compton. It was completed in 1831 to a design by Henry Goodridge. There was originally a doorway in the base, but this was sealed in 1990. At the top of the monument is a band of laurel wreaths beneath a naval crown composed of the sculpted sterns of four galleons interspersed with four mainsails. It was originally linked to the Hood family home at Butleigh by a mile long avenue of cedar trees.



Admiral Samuel Hood (1762-1814) entered the Royal Navy in 1776 at the start of the American Revolutionary War. He was later to command in the French Revolutionary Wars and the Napoleonic Wars, fighting alongside Nelson. He was also a member of parliament for Westminster and then Bridport. He died in Madras on December 24th 1814.

There is another memorial in Butleigh Church with an inscription written by the poet, Robert Southey.





## Meadway Hall



### **Cricket Club Bingo    Saturday 3rd December**

Doors open: 7.00 p.m.    Eyes Down: 8.00 p.m.

### **Village Hall Bingo    Saturday 10th December**

Doors open: 6.45 p.m.    Eyes Down: 7.30 p.m.

### **The Somerset Day December**



Sunrise  
8.09 a.m.



Sunset  
4.04 p.m.

Please forgive me for a very belated but sincere thank you to all of those people who helped, in so many ways, to make Barry's funeral a special occasion. The family and I really appreciated the involvement of so many – the flower ladies, the car park volunteers, those who erected the marquee, those who welcomed the many visitors to the church and of course, the incredible caterers in the village hall.



We are just so fortunate to be part of a loving community.

Thank you    Margaret

The final figure for Trish Cox's **Macmillan** Coffee Morning was £500.

Police across the South West are having a crack down on people using mobile phones while driving and will be



pro-active in dealing with the problem. The move follows government plans to double fines and points for using a mobile whilst driving. See the press release at:

<https://www.avonand-somerset.police.uk/newsroom/features/thinking-of-using-your-phone-whilst-driving-dontriskit/>

Police have received information that there are counterfeit £10 notes in circulation. Bank of England produce information leaflets called 'Take a Closer Look'. A link to their website is: <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/educational.aspx>



## Our Village Show 2017 'A Heads Up'

### Photography Categories

- a. Black and White
- b. Land or Seascape
- c. Nature
- d. Action
- e. Fun and Laughter



### Handicraft Categories

- a. Picture made with buttons & bows
- b. Handmade greeting card
- c. 'You made it, we want to see it'

Sharon Love, who has recently moved into At Last, in Peak Lane, runs the **Muddy Hound Dog Walking Service**. If you would like further details, please ring Sharon on (01458) 273922 or 07468 595062



13th  
November



We remembered the fallen, especially those from our parish, in a moving service on Remembrance Sunday. Olive created the display shown above.

WI Meeting  
14th December  
Meadway Hall  
Chocolate Making  
Deanna de Burgh





# The Herald

## Newsletter of St Andrew's Church Compton Dundon

**Any enquiries with regard to Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be directed to the Priest in Charge, The Reverend Sharon Walker; Tel: 01458 442297 or sharonannewalker@hotmail.com.**

### Church Officers

**Church Wardens:** Martyn Steer 273455 & Helen Thomas 274427

**Treasurer:** Margaret Sutton 272811

### Services & Events 4th December 2016 - 29th January 2017

Date	Service	Preacher
<b>4th December</b>	Christmas Pudding Service 10.00 a.m. Meadway Hall (croissants & jam from 9.30 a.m.)	Revd David Hatrey
<b>11th December</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>18th December</b>	Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30 p.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>24th December Christmas Eve</b>	Crib Service 4.30 p.m.	Revd David Hatrey
<b>24th December Christmas Eve</b>	Midnight Mass - 11.30 p.m.	Revd Canon Toby Salisbury
<b>25th December Christmas Day</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Brian Gillett
<b>1st January</b>	Benefice Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.	Street Mission Church
<b>8th January</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Sharon Walker
<b>15th January</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd Canon Toby Salisbury
<b>22nd January</b>	Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.	Revd John Simpson
<b>29th January</b>	Benefice Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.	Street Parish Church

# Advent & Christmas Pudding



Come and join us for this special service, at the Meadway Hall, on **Sunday 4th December**. The service starts at 10.00 a.m. but croissants and jam will be served from 9.30 a.m.

The Christmas Pudding was introduced, from Germany, by George I in 1714. In this service the congregation will mix the ingredients for the pudding, everyone taking a turn to stir the pudding mix and making a special wish for the year ahead. By tradition, the pudding mixture is stirred from East to West in honour of the three wise men who visited the baby Jesus. Miniature Christmas puddings are available to order for £1.50.

## The Big Breakfast 2016

Helen would like to express her heartfelt thanks to the helpers who gave so willingly of their time to help on the day and their support and encouragement in the days leading up to the Big Breakfast. It was a wonderful team effort and she is truly appreciative of everything that people contributed to make it such a successful event.



Thanks also to the 182 customers who had breakfast with us and the stall holders who

supported the event.



Christina Napper and Anthea Bell are the 2016 W.I. Short Mat Bowls County Champions.



# Carol Singing in Compton Dundon

Meeting from 5.30 p.m. for a prompt 6.00 p.m. start. Singers of all ages and abilities welcome, as are musicians.



## **Tuesday 13th December**

Meeting at Cuprea, Compton Street courtesy of Patricia Heap

## **Thursday 15th December**

Meeting at Burt's Barn, Peak Lane courtesy of Margaret Sutton

## **Tuesday 20th December**

Meeting at Linden Lea, Hayes Road courtesy of Pat & Steve King

## **Thursday 22nd December**

Meeting at Castlebrook Farm courtesy of Angela Warren

This year the collection will be for **Crisis at Christmas**. Christmas can be an incredibly difficult time for a person cut off from family and home. **Crisis at Christmas** provide companionship and support to tackle loneliness and isolation, and help people take their first steps out of homelessness.



**The Julian Group** The next meeting of the Julian Group at St Andrew's is on **Thursday 26th January**, at 5.00 p.m. Led by the Revd Sharon Walker, it fosters the practice of contemplative prayer and meditation. It is open to everyone, on the last Thursday of each month, and it gives a welcome & restorative break from the busyness of life.

Is there a pianist/organist in the village who would be prepared to help the church out on a few occasions during the year? We have two organists but it would be useful to welcome a third musician to help us out in emergencies. If you are able to help out, please contact Margaret (01458 272811).





## Christmas is a-coming!

Join us for mince pies, stollen cake and a cup of tea on **Friday 2nd December**, from 2.00—4.00 p.m., at



**Wonder and Worship** Have you ever wondered how many stars there are? We know there are lots and we know we can't count them. It is clearly not a straightforward question. So what do we know? We believe that the universe is some 14 billion light years old. We think it is expanding, but we don't know if it is infinitely large or not. And the fact that space time seems to be curved makes it even more complicated. But if the Milky Way has some 100 million stars in it and if there are in the order of 100 trillion galaxies, we are looking at something like 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 as an answer. That's a lot of stars! And throughout all of human history people have wondered not only how many stars there are but also who made them.



The Bible gives us an answer to this and reveals God as the creator of all things. The prophet Isaiah wrote this: 'Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.' (Isaiah 40:26)

Stars are beautiful, mysterious, awe inspiring. They cause us to wonder and marvel. Who has not stopped at some point and just gazed at the night sky? It is said that the US President Franklin D Roosevelt used to take his guests out after dinner to look at the night sky. They would stare at the stars and then he would say, 'Now that we feel small enough, let us discuss our business.'

At the first Christmas, it was a star that led the wise men to baby Jesus. 'When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshipped him.' Christmas reminds us that Jesus is God's Son, our Saviour and our Lord. In the midst of all that is happening may we make sure that we take time to wonder and to worship.

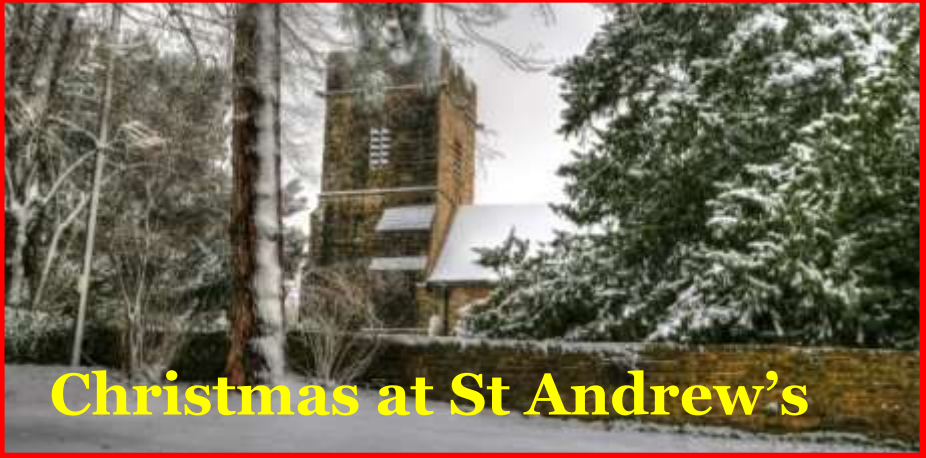
+ Peter Bath and Wells



## Lights & Lanterns Service

Brookside Academy children performed at the November family service at St Andrew's.





## Christmas at St Andrew's

Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols  
18th December 6.30 p.m.  
The Revd Sharon Walker



Crib Service  
Christmas Eve 4.30 p.m.  
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