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All libraries reopen from 2 January 2021.

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## A PERSONAL VIEW

A PERSONAL VIEW from Rev. Stig Graham, who is standing in for our Rector Richard Mutter.

*“The evil men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones.”*

The words of Marc Antony, as written by Shakespeare, though, whether either of them believed those words, sounds like a good English literature question. If I were writing such an essay I would probably respond in the negative, for them both and on myself.

At the time of writing I am preparing for our Christingle service and was just puzzling over the moment when, having repeated the refrain, ‘Christ is our light. The light shines in the darkness, And the darkness has never put it out’ several times, we then proceed to blow out our candles.

It struck me that we never actually lose the light from our candles. (And yes, the scientist in me is about to emerge once again, sorry). It is still with us, even if in that immediate moment we are in darkness. In one sense we still have the memory of the light which we hold with us. I can still remember from boyhood, our parish church on Christmas Eve lit with the light of many candles. I can remember when our house was lit by gaslight and the transformation when we switched to electricity. Both lights are with me 60 years on.

Light as a form of energy is never really lost. It might be changed or transformed but it continues whether its origin is coke oven gas or the heart of a star; which is why we can still see light from the very beginning of universe, and the cosmos is bathed in microwaves from its creation over 13 billion years ago. It is there whether we can see it or not.

The same is true of good deeds, and acts of kindness. We carry them with us in our hearts when we receive kindness. Acts of kindness inspire further kindnesses. In times of hardship, even in the midst of fear and despair, we encounter goodness and kindness. Inextinguishable, even in the darkest times, love like life, finds a way; a way to survive and to flourish.

**The Rev. Stig Graham**

## MONTHLY READINGS AND COLLECTS

### **3<sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany**

Readings: Ps 72; Isa 60 : 1 - 6; Eph 3 : 1 - 12; Matt 2 : 1 – 12

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **10<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)**

Readings: Ps 29; Gen 1 : 1 - 5; Acts 19 : 1 - 7; Mark 1 : 4 - 11

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **17<sup>th</sup> January The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Readings: Ps 139 : 1 - 9; 1 Sam 3 : 1 - 10; Rev 5 : 1 - 10; John 1 : 43 – end

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **24<sup>th</sup> January Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Readings: Ps 128; Gen 14 : 17 - 20; Rev 19 : 6 - 10; John 2 : 1 - 11

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## RECIPE – APPLE AND CRANBERRY GALETTE

Serves 6

### Ingredients

2 Pink lady apples – cored and cut into thin slices

1 tsp light brown sugar

½ tsp cinnamon

125g whole cranberry sauce

Zest of ½ orange

1 tbsp orange juice

1 tbsp honey

175g shortcrust pastry

1 beaten egg

1 tsp demerara sugar

Vanilla custard to serve

### Method

- Heat the oven to 200C. Toss apples slices with the light brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.
- Mix the cranberry sauce with the orange zest, juice and honey.
- Roll the pastry out to a circle that is roughly 30cm in diameter.
- Spread a thin layer of cranberry sauce mixture on the base leaving 2.5cm border.
- Add a layer of sliced apples.
- Cover with remaining cranberry sauce and add another layer of apples on top.
- Push down gently so that the cranberry sauce mixes with some of the apple.
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- Fold the pastry edges to form a crust, then brush with beaten egg and sprinkle over the demerara sugar.
- Cook for 30 minutes. Let it stand for 5 mins before serving with vanilla custard.



## LANGLEY NEWS

Following the success of Harvest/Scarecrow and Halloween 'Village Walkabouts' by residents of Langley this autumn, another 'Christmas Walkabout' was scheduled for Saturday 19 December at 5.00pm to view Christmas decorations, to bring any spare tree decorations for the Langley Christmas Tree set up outside the Church and to partake of gluwein (optional, but bring your own mug and stay distanced).

General disappointment at Stratford upon Avon being put in to tier 3 of Covid-19 restrictions, (a reflection of nearby Solihull and Nuneaton) and at present hoping the District Council legal challenge may change the situation (but not holding our breath even under our masks).

**Brian Keefe**



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## **NORTON LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - DECEMBER**

The Parish Council met, virtually, on Zoom on Tuesday 8 December.

The Clerk reported that the grit bin on New Road had been returned to its original position.

Due to the Council's financial transactions exceeding the limit for self-auditing, because of the £35k grant to the new Village Hall, the accounts for 2019/20 had to undergo an external audit and have been certified as 'all in order'.

The Council's contribution to a brighter Christmas, in the form of a Christmas tree and lights on the corner of New Road and Main Road and lights on Millennium Green had been installed - thanks to the efforts of Cllrs. Brown and Birch.

It was hoped that the work planned, prior to Christmas, to clear the blocked drains on Snitterfield Lane have been completed and the Clerk was asked to follow up on the offer from WCC to supply a map of all the road drains in the parish to ensure they were all correctly marked up.

The deadline of 30 November for the parish councillor vacancy had not resulted in any applications! Where are all the budding politicians in the village? It was agreed to re-advertise in the January Parish Magazine and if there were no applications, to consider seeking a co-option.

A working party committee had been formed to consider the Clerk's hours of work, which had recently increased due to additional workload caused primarily by the two major planning issues at Curlieu Lane and the Poultry Farm, the Covid-19 crisis, and ensuring compliance with Website Accessibility regulations and other policy requirements. It was agreed to maintain the current hours at 26 hours per month, but to review the hours on an annual basis and for the Chairman to authorise any overtime required, in future, in advance.

The draft budget for 2021/22 was discussed and agreed in principle with a final decision in January, when the precept would be set.

The Clerk was asked to investigate the scope for on-line banking, which was now legally permissible, and the authorisation processes required.

It was noted that the Poultry Farm planning application was not scheduled on WDC's Planning Committee agenda prior to Christmas and there was also no indication that the Curliu Lane development was due to be decided in December. However, an application for a 12 low-cost housing development in Breach Lane, Claverdon had reached the stage of a full application being submitted and may influence the decision on the Curliu Lane scheme.

WDC Cllr. Matecki reported that the plans to merge the waste contracts for Warwick and Stratford upon Avon Councils were progressing - likely for implementation in August 2022. It would result in a weekly waste food bin collection, a fortnightly mixed recycling bin collection and a 3-weekly grey general waste bin collection. There were no plans to introduce a charge for garden waste bins in 2021/22.

WCC Cllr. Caborn reported that a walk-in Covid-19 testing facility was planned before the end of December and this was likely to be located in Leamington Old Town. School meals would also be provided during the Christmas school holidays and social supermarkets are to be set up in areas of deprivation, where residents could take advantage of low cost non-profit groceries.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available on our website at <https://nortonlindseypc.org/parish-council-meetings/minutes-of-previous-meetings/> or from the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 7.45pm. Details of how to access the virtual meeting will be published at the top of the meeting agenda on Council notice boards and on the Council website at [www.nortonlindseypc.org](http://www.nortonlindseypc.org).

**Martin Neale**

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Firstly, may I wish everyone a Happy New Year, let us hope that 2021 is easier for all of us in time.

The Hall remained closed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown and as we were in Tier 3 we could not reopen for classes on 3 December. I anticipate that we will continue to remain either closed or restricted in activities up until spring, until the vaccines are made available to the wider community.

You may have seen a hive of activity around the Hall during the month of December. Various works were being carried out to remedy some of the defects which were found at the year inspection.

One of these was the way the air recovery and circulation system. It emerged that it had not been installed correctly and now has been put right at no cost to us.

Happy New Year

**Anna Mace-Leska, Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CIO**

## NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

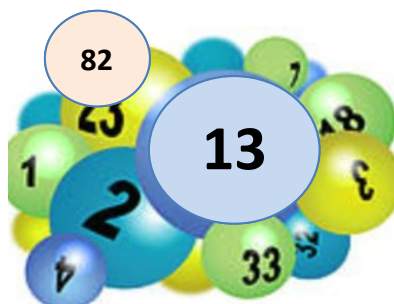
### December Winners

1st prize – Number 13 – Orlando Elmhirst  
£75

2nd prize - Number 82 – Sue Woolley £25

We still have some numbers available for this year - why not join the list of winners!

**Contact Carole Briggs on 01926 843355**



## NORTON LINDSEY LIGHTENS UP

Norton Lindsey had its grand Christmas lights switch-on on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. It was a chilly evening and one that you felt the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine would not need any additional refrigerating to remain viable. However, the good will and bonhomie was in such plentiful supply that it lightened ones spirit.

Every household on Main Street and most of the houses on the other roads in Norton Lindsey had been decked with lights. Some had gone the extra mile by installing other decorative features – if you can call inflatable Santa Clauses features.

Mulled wine, as well as other drinks, and mince pies were provided by the good Samaritans of the village, some of which raised money for charity. The official switch-on time was 17:00 hrs, and cometh the hour, cometh the Manns (and company) with a de-lightful tractor parade.

Thereafter villagers undertook to trip the light fantastic, as they promenaded up and down the roads, with appropriate distancing in force, to view the sights. Of special note was The New Inn where one was in danger of suffering sun-stroke if you stood too long in its glare. The decoration which seemed to receive the most comments was the heart shaped wreath, which was put up outside Watkins Place, Main Street by Saskia and Oli (pictured on our front cover).

A fantastic evening and one that needs to be repeated – a huge thank you for those that organised it, participated in it and came to view it.

Orlando Elmhirst



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## NATURE NOTES - STARLINGS

### *Starlings in Winter*

*Chunky and noisy,  
but with stars in their black feathers,  
they spring from the telephone wire  
and instantly  
they are acrobats  
in the freezing wind.  
And now, in the theater of air,  
They swing over buildings,  
dipping and rising;  
they float like one stippled star  
that opens,  
becomes for a moment fragmented,  
then closes again, and you watch  
and try you try  
but simply can't imagine  
how they do it.....*

*Mary Oliver*



Murmurations, Blacon Track

Starlings are chunky, waddling about in a gregarious and seemingly argumentative fashion but they are transformed when they become a flock or murmuration as described in the poem. This autumn and winter is the first time large flocks have gathered around our Parish and formed murmurations, so I thought I'd revisit the starling.

They are smaller than blackbirds and although they look black, have a very glossy iridescence to their feathers with sheens of purples and greens.

Numerate in the past, there are barely a million left in the UK so are on the RSPB red alert and therefore protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. They used to be considered a nuisance as large flocks could destroy crops and leave mess on buildings. The reason the flocks look so large in the winter is because they are joined by migrant birds from the Continent.

They mainly eat invertebrates and fruit but in the winter can eat anything. They have strong beaks which can open crevasses in search of grubs and will probe lawns looking for leatherjackets. As these get eaten up they turn to fruit and as the season progresses, their intestines elongate to accommodate this change in



diet. They will also eat insects on the wing and especially like the gypsy moth and its caterpillars which can defoliate a tree so they make good pest controllers. They make messy nests in cavities and holes and their decline in towns is thought to be due to our 'neat' homes. Often there is competition for a nest and a female ready to lay an egg will do so in a neighbour's nest.

Starlings can be viewed as aggressive towards other birds. Studies have shown that in the breeding season, the testosterone levels in male starlings rise and as they are always in groups they will form gangs and terrorise the smaller birds for food and nesting sites.

They are very gregarious and live in loose colonies covering an area of several hectares. These colonies disperse at the end of the breeding season, something that happens by instinct to prevent inter-breeding and is common among other birds that live in groups like sparrows.

Starlings are known for their vocalisations. Naturally they make a variety of sounds and ten distinct vocalisations have been identified. They always live in flocks and have developed a system to communicate everything from where the food is, we are about to take off, we are about to land, predator about, get lost your on my patch etc etc.

Several large flocks of starlings have been roosting in the fields behind my garden, mainly sitting in the large trees but sometimes feeding in large flocks on the ground. The noise of their constant chattering is really very loud and continuous. They are extremely good mimics and chicks raised in captivity can adapt and pick up vocalisations from around their environment.

Mozart had a pet starling which he kept in a cage in his music room in Vienna. In the wild they will mimic other birds, car alarms and 'phones. The function of mimicry is not fully understood but is thought to be connected to territory marking, the gregarious nature of the bird and an anti-predation mechanism. If you sound like a car alarm you are less likely to be eaten by a sparrow hawk. As the sun goes down birds begin to congregate, small flocks joining together above roosting sites. Thousands of birds flying in formations take on incredible shapes in the sky, swirling and contracting in size and making complex patterns. As

night falls, they all drop down either onto a reed bed, copse or human structure such as a building or pier, to roost.

It is thought that the function of murmurations is safety in numbers, against the sparrow hawk and the deadly fast peregrine falcon. They will also have a good gossip and huddle together for warmth.

As they take off from the ground, they make a purring sound and they do not bump into each other as each bird follows the movements of six birds flying closest to it. They have very fast reactions - under 100 milliseconds and have superb spatial awareness. Thus they can fly within a murmuration at 20mph without crashing into each other.

Starlings do not need to practise, it will be an inherent trait and one to be marvelled at. If you've not seen the starling's murmuring in our area yet, do look out for them as night falls and early in the morning.

**Anna Mace-Leska**

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If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, or if you would just like an informal chat about the role, please contact Jennifer Bendall, Clerk, Norton Lindsey Parish Council, 7 Brick Kiln Close, Norton Lindsey, Warwick, CV35 8DL, telephone: 01926 843534, email: [nortonlindseypc@outlook.com](mailto:nortonlindseypc@outlook.com)

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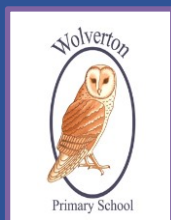
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## WOLVERTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - DECEMBER

Now that Wolverton residents have recovered from the shock/surprise/delight/bafflement\* of seeing an illuminated Santa-on-a-tractor and are, no doubt, enjoying the lengthening days (oh yes they are!), it's time we gave you an update.

Our meeting in November was the first in which we were joined by our new clerk Jenny Bendall. We are delighted that she has joined us and that we have someone so experienced to pick up the reins. We'd also like to record our thanks to our outgoing clerk, Kathryn Hollinrake, for all her help and hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

First and foremost, we are pushing ahead with the Wolverton Parish Plan. Following the analysis of the results of the Wolverton Parish questionnaire, Sue Murphy has drawn together a Consultation Committee to address the main issues raised. Paul Anthony, Kathryn Hollinrake, Barbara Harland, David Wilton and Anita Portlock make up the team.

After only two meetings, (virtual of course!), they have working groups with volunteers to cover areas such as Environmental, Police, Community and Services, and we are hoping to publish our findings to the village by the end of January 2021. So, not much longer to wait!! However, it's far from too late to help. So, if anyone would like to lend a hand or has expertise they feel they want to share, then please do contact Sue Murphy ([sue.murphy@wolvertonpc.org.uk](mailto:sue.murphy@wolvertonpc.org.uk)). There is always something for someone to do!

Other areas where the Parish Council has been active include keeping pressure up on:

- Stratford District Council on planning matters; and
- Warwick County Council and flooding issues, including the issues around Saddlebow Lane and surface water on Wolverton Fields.

However, we also encourage parishioners to report highway problems (especially flooding and potholes) themselves through Warwickshire County Council's website at: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit>. It is super easy and, frankly, quicker

than looking to relay a message through the Parish Council. The more people report it, the more likely that action will follow. Probably.

There is also good news to report on the bridge over the stream on the footpath from Wolverton to Snitterfield Lane. Word on the street (surely footpath?) is that it is due to be replaced. I haven't checked whether it's been done as I don't have a dog and, therefore, there is no reason for me to go and look, but this seems like progress.

Don't forget, the Parish *WhatsApp* group remains a good source of important information, including birdwatching and gardening tips (not in the same message) and we intend to keep it going as the current difficult circumstances persist. Contact Stuart Easterbrook for details.

The minutes of our meetings are, as ever, on the noticeboards. However, it is usually dark and cold at the moment, so reading them on the Wolverton Parish Council website ([www.wolvertonpc.org.uk](http://www.wolvertonpc.org.uk)) remains a more tempting prospect. Check out all the other fascinating things on it while you are there.

\*Delete as appropriate

With best wishes for a Happy New Year

**James Wynn-Evans**

## THANK YOU

**Flood lighting Holy Trinity Church Norton Lindsey**

**The church was floodlit again on 5 December to join in with the village celebrations.**

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## George Formby and his saucy songs

**WI online Zoom Meeting**  
on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm

## Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We have a brand new 2021 Programme of events to entertain our members including topics such as Travel, History, Nature, Charities, Craft, Music and Entertainment, with several social events planned (subject to relevant restrictions). Take a look:

<https://www.nlwi.org.uk/>



We had a 'Cracker of an Evening' in December, with 26 members enjoying fun and friendship and sharing Festive cracker jokes; Christmas anecdotes, poems and verses; a slideshow review of our WI events throughout 2020 and a puzzling Christmas Quiz. There was a musical interlude by Nick Saint, the singing Santa, with renditions of popular Christmas songs that we could all sing-a-long to and a good time was had by all!

Our **Bee Rescue Project** continues and our members were sent additional information to help them decide on their planting for 2021 to encourage more bees and insects into the area. We look forward to the coming months to see what effect this will have. Thank you to everyone who is planning to participate. **Let's make this happen.**



Here's a blast from the past... do you remember the song 'When I'm cleaning windows'? Well, on 13<sup>th</sup> January, we shall be reminded of the good old days as we are entertained by **Graham Harding** and his stories about George Formby and the saucy songs for which he was famous, accompanied on the ukulele of course! We'll also be holding the vote on the five proposed Resolutions for 2021 that the National Federation of WI's have selected from many nominations put forward. The Women's Institute have a membership of over 200,000 women nationally and historically we have been able to raise concerns and influence change on many issues that matter to women for over 100 years. For more information on WI campaigns visit: [Our Campaigns | National Federation of Women's Institutes \(thewi.org.uk\)](https://www.nfwi.org.uk/Our-Campaigns)

Are you wondering what to do during the long winter months? Take the opportunity to watch or participate in many online courses and events held by **Denman at Home** and **Warwickshire Federation of WI's**, who are working hard to maintain an interesting and entertaining programme for 2021. Take a look what's on offer as they are often free or £5 per session and many are open to non-members too. <https://www.denman.org.uk> and <https://warwickshirewi.org.uk/whats-on/category/events/>



Looking for friendship? Ladies, we're looking forward to meeting you and sharing our fun with you. Don't forget that you can join us with the **'Try the WI' Taster membership until the end of March 2021 for £10.75**. Our WI meetings will be held on 'Zoom' through to March 2021, so if you would like further information about Norton Lindsey WI, please contact us: [secretary@nlwi.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nlwi.org.uk). You will be very welcome.

**Sue Steel, President NLWI**

### **Norton Lindsey Parish Council GRANTS**

Norton Lindsey Parish Council (NLPC) has the power to award grants to local clubs, groups and organisations which, in its opinion, directly benefit the Parish or residents of the Parish.

Earlier this year, NLPC changed its procedure for awarding grants to parish organisations.

The new procedure is set out in the Grants policy which is available on the website ([www.nortonlindseypc.org](http://www.nortonlindseypc.org)) or from the Clerk. In this current financial year, all grant applications must be received by **31 January 2021** and applications will be considered at the ordinary Parish Council meeting in February 2021.

The Clerk or the Parish Councillors will be happy to offer informal advice, without commitment, at any time.

All applications for grants must be made by completing the Grant Application Form (available on the website or from the Clerk) and returning it by email to [nortonlindseypc@outlook.com](mailto:nortonlindseypc@outlook.com) or by post to Jennifer Bendall, Clerk, Norton Lindsey Parish Council, 7 Brick Kiln Close, Norton Lindsey, Warwick, CV35 8DL.

# The Norton Lindsey **Stilton Sniffers**

What a year we have had!

With so many ups and downs we are delighted that our fundraising activities have managed to continue despite the need to do most things virtually.

The Sniffers are exceptionally grateful to everyone that has bought a balloon or made a donation to one of our wonderful causes.

During 2020 we have supported ILEAP, Warwickshire Young Carers, Meningitis Research Foundation, The Shakespeare Hospice and Welcombe Hills School.

Our Christmas Fundraiser which normally reaches a finale at the Carols in the Pub has been a little different this year.

With no prospect of the carols going ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions, The New Inn pub, a determined group of villagers and a team at Littleworth farm, have kindly allowed the Sniffers to piggy back the lights switch on and Christmas Tractor and Sleigh Parade with a Facebook fundraiser.



At time of writing the combined fundraising total for the Young Carers is well over £1,200 and rising as the Tractor Parade has already been out twice with at least one more journey around Warwickshire to make.

The efforts of the community to come together, enjoy themselves and help a very worthy cause are tremendous and an uplifting end to the year.

**Tim Landreth**



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At this time of year, as field work has virtually come to a halt due to wet soils, it should mean that life gets a little quieter on the farm but having a herd of nearly 80 cattle seems to fill a lot of our daily workload. In the mornings we are filling feeders with hay and silage, and again later in the afternoon. We also must keep the housing topped with fresh straw for their bedding, and the open yards scraped. As we are only allowed to spread farmyard manure on the fields during certain months, in winter we must find an area to stack it on. This needs to have good access all winter to prevent bringing too much mud onto the road and be in a different place every year.

We had a difficult problem a few weeks ago, when one of our six-month-old calves managed to get herself trapped between the vertical bars of the round feeder. After trying, and failing, with a jack to widen the bars, an angle grinder was used to cut one bar away. Fortunately, she lay still during this operation and then immediately stood up and walked away uninjured. Consequently, we had to remove the feeder to the workshop to weld it back together. This of course had to happen on a Sunday morning, when we hope to get the jobs done as quickly as possible.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our very quiet and friendly bull, as he would have been serving his own daughters next summer. The calves he has sired in the last two years have done us proud at market, topping the sales, and bringing the same buyers back to buy again. In May we will be looking for a replacement ready for the beginning of June.

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