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NEWS in Brief

Dry Drayton Friendship Club

The Friendship Club looks forward to welcoming members back again after the summer holiday! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th September followed, as usual, by afternoon tea.

Everyone, whether you have been before or not, or whatever your age, will be very welcome.

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October Newsletter deadline

The next issue of the Dry Drayton Newsletter will be October. The deadline for that is 20th September. If you have any contributions (text and/or photos), please send them to drydraytonnews@gmail.com to arrive by 20th September at the very latest. Thank you.

Many thanks also to all the Newsletter production team, regular contributors, and the volunteers who deliver the monthly Newsletters to your door. We couldn't do it without you!

Coffee Morning in September

Village Coffee Mornings continue on the first Wednesday of the month. So please join us on Wednesday 6th September from 10 am to 12 noon at the Village Hall.

Enjoy a hot drink and a slice of delicious homemade cake for just £3. Keep the children entertained with a selection of toys and free juice and biscuits.

Cash and card payment accepted. Takeaways also available. We look forward to seeing you there!



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In between the monthly Newsletters you can keep up to date on village news by subscribing to the village e-mails created by our Dry Drayton webmaster. To do so, e-mail: webmaster@drydrayton.net

NEWS in Brief

Bus service 8 to Cambridge

Bus service 8 (into Cambridge from Mondays to Saturdays) has been taken over by A2B buses.

It travels into Cambridge Drummer Street Bus Station (Bay 3) from the bus shelter at the junction of Park Street and the High Street at 9:59, 11:29 and 14:59. It returns to Dry Drayton at 10:30, 13:00 and 16:30. It also goes to Bar Hill at 10:54, 13:24 and 16:54 and returns to Dry Drayton at 11:20 and 14:50.

Regular user Pat Carter reports: "They only have the contract until November and it's a lovely new bus, very comfortable with no rattles! So we must use it, or we will lose it."

See details of times and tickets at <https://www.a2bbusandcoach.com/bus-timetables>

Road Closure in Madingley 4 - 8 September

Church Lane Madingley will be closed from Monday 4th to Friday 8th September because of works by Cambridge Water.

This will impact traffic in Dry Drayton. And if you travel via Madingley to get from Dry Drayton into Cambridge, during that week you will need to use either The Avenue and the A1307, or Scotland Road.

What's on at the Village Hall?

Are you new to the village? Want to know what's happening in Dry Drayton? There's a handy 'What's On' page on the Village Hall website: <https://drydraytonvillagehall.org.uk/index.php/whatson>

It has details about meetings of the village Art Group, Youth Club and Parish Council, as well as the weekly Body Tone and Pilates exercise classes.

And in a piece of news many villagers will welcome, the Pimp My Fish food truck is returning to the Village Hall on a trial basis as from Tuesday 5 September. They'll be pitching up on the car park outside the Hall at 17:00 – 20:00 on the first Tuesday of the month.

You can check the van's location at <https://order.pimp-my-fish.co.uk/basket/new>

Marquee Team raises £5,000 for the school and village

The School & Village Association (S&VA) owns two marquees that it hires out over the summer months to raise funds for school and village projects. The marquees are put up and taken down by a team of volunteers.

Team member Chris Turner writes: "We closed this summer season with two single-pole marquees for private garden parties. A big 'thank you' to all our customers and 'well done' to the team. Subject to finalisation by the S&VA Committee, we'll have raised over £5,000 this year, which will help fund the new trim trail (outdoor equipment) at the school.

"In previous years, the S&VA has raised funds for the school's Forest School area and outdoor buildings as well as supporting the highly successful extended reading scheme. Please consider joining the marquee team next year if you would like to help support the school."

If you're interested in joining the Marquee Team next year, please contact Neil Harris by emailing drydraytonsva@gmail.com

Aircraft noise: register your concern now

Have your say before the flight routes review ends on 22 September

Do you feel you've been affected by the significant increase in aircraft noise since routes into Luton Airport changed last year? If so, you're encouraged to complain before 22 September when a review of the changes finishes.

Flight stacking routes into Luton Airport were altered in February 2022. As resident Richard Littlewood explains on the village website, "Dry Drayton has been particularly badly affected by this because many planes are now flying around Cambridge and using Bar Hill as a visual reference point before turning towards Luton at 8000 feet or lower.

"At busy times this can result in a plane flying over Dry Drayton every 1-2 minutes. Many of these planes also use air brakes at this point, resulting in a louder screeching sound. Flights are occurring at all hours, including late at night."

A post-implementation review (PIR) of the changed flight paths has been extended until 22 September to allow the impact of the summer season to be assessed. **Campaigners are encouraging us to complain about the new flight paths now, before the review ends.**

Sign the petition

There are several ways to make your voice heard on this issue. One is to sign the 'Stop Luton Airport aircraft noise' petition at <https://www.change.org/p/stop-luton-airport-aircraft-noise>

As the petition explains, "The new flight routes were primarily intended to increase capacity, but were badly designed, resulting in poor use of the airspace. The associated Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) consultation process was poorly publicised and carried out during the pandemic so that the vast majority of affected residents were unaware of the plans and unable to object.

"It is not yet too late to reverse these changes. The CAA post implementation review is still ongoing

and due to complete on the 22nd September 2023. A campaign to redesign or abandon AD6 is also gathering pace with groups such as RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking) and local MPs campaigning to reverse the changes. By opposing AD6 in the petition, you will directly contribute to this campaign."

Complain directly to Luton Airport

You can also email Luton Airport directly about the increased noise. The home page of the campaign group RELAS (REject Luton Airport Stacking) details all the email addresses needed to do this and the most effective way to complain. See <https://www.relas.uk/complain.html>

RELAS encourages complainants to copy local MPs and the Civil Aviation Authority. They suggest explaining how the peace of the village has been affected by aircraft noise, for example because the noise is occurring at all hours, not just during the day.

They also suggest detailing the personal impact of the increased aircraft noise – for example, if it has drowned out conversation, made it harder to work from home, forced you to keep windows shut or woken you at night. And they encourage complainants to detail other concerns, such as the fact that the proposed Luton Airport expansion will make the problem worse and is contrary to the UK's climate change commitments.

It helps in the complaint to provide the times of some specific flights that particularly disturbed you. If you do not have exact times, you can look them up using sites like <https://www.flightradar24.com> or <http://travisitn.topsonic.aero>

- You can see Richard Littlewood's article in full on the village website at <https://www.drydrayton.net/AD6.asp>

The Fun Run is back!

Thursday 14th September
Prompt start: 6:00 pm from the School Field
Followed by a barbeque!

The annual School & Village Association Fun Run and Barbeque will take place on Thursday 14th September on the school field, starting at 6:00 pm.

Catch up with your friends after the summer break – or make some new ones – at this great School & Village Association community event!

The Fun Run & Walk around the village is for all ages and all capabilities. It is open to everyone, whether you are running on your own or walking/strolling/jogging with dogs and/or push chairs!

After the Fun Run, you can grab a burger, sausage or veggie option at the BBQ.

Fun run entry is £2 with a medal for all participants.

To enter the Fun Run, please complete the Fun Run Entry Form on the next page.

And please come down to the School Field early on the night to hand in your form and entry fees so that we can start the Fun Run promptly at 6:00 pm. See you there!



Enter the 2023 Village Fun Run

It's the annual Dry Drayton School & Village Association Fun Run. Walk, run or skip your way round! Pushchairs and well-behaved dogs welcome. Every entrant will receive a Fun Run medal. (Please note, children under eight must be accompanied by an adult who is a paid entrant).

It really helps us if all Fun Run Entry Forms are completed ahead of the start of the race.

Please read the **declaration**, complete the form, and either

- return it to Diane Harris at 69 Park Street, Dry Drayton, along with the fee of £2.00 per entrant
- or bring it along on the day, along with the fee of £2.00 per entrant.

All forms must be returned to us before 5:45 pm, please, in order to ensure a prompt start.

All entrants, or their parents/guardians (if the entrants are under 18), must read and sign the declaration.

No child under eight may run unless accompanied by an adult nominated by the person responsible for the child, who is a paid entrant in the Fun run. All entrants under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian-signed permission to run. Entry fees are not refundable.

DECLARATION:

- I agree to abide by the rules of the event.
- I understand that the officials' decisions will be final.
- I confirm that I have no medical disabilities that would endanger myself or others taking part.
- I understand that the Fun Run course goes along the pavement next to some roads and I understand that it is my own responsibility to make sure that I, and those I am responsible for, do not enter the road unsafely. The course also goes down footpaths and across fields, where there might be nettles, uneven ground and related risks.
- I understand that the organisers are not liable for any loss, damage or injury howsoever caused before, during or as a result of entering the Fun Run.

NAME _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES (IF MORE THAN ONE FAMILY MEMBER IS ENTERING)

ADDRESS _____

I have read the above DECLARATION and agree to abide by the Fun Run rules.

SIGNED _____

SIGNED _____

(Signed by parent/guardian if entrant is under 18)

Sunday Services in September

St Peter & St Paul

St Peter & St Paul is part of the Lordsbridge Team of Churches and the Diocese of Ely.

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Sunday 3 September July

5:30 pm **Choral Evensong** with John Harding and Revd David Newton. All welcome.

Sunday 10 September

9:30 am **Holy Communion** with Canon Sue. All welcome.

Sunday 17 September

11:00 am **Baptism** of Heidi and Jonah Watters with Revd Clare. All welcome.

Sunday 24 September

9:30 am **Harvest Festival** Holy Communion with Revd Clare. All welcome.

Zoom Services

Worship at Home – All Lordsbridge Zoom Service

Every Sunday, 11.00am. Join any time from 10.50am.

<https://zoom.us/j/82311473640>

New services from this autumn

Prayer and Praise

Wednesdays in term time at 2:00–3:00 pm from September 20th

In the church. A time for worship, prayer and quiet reflection.

Followed by tea and cake!

All welcome.

Forest Church

Every fourth Sunday at 2:00–3:00 pm starting from October 22nd

In the churchyard.

Music, craft activities, a fire pit and a Bible story, all in the open air.

All welcome.

A message from our Minister

Dear Friends, I hope you had a good summer and are now feeling refreshed and renewed, ready for all that is in store this Autumn.

Here at St Peter and St Paul's, we are starting two new services – Prayer and Praise in September and Forest Church in October – and we would love to see you at either or both!

Prayer and Praise, 20th September

Starting on 20th September, 'Prayer and Praise' will be held on Wednesdays in term time at 2:00–3:00 pm in the church. It will be a short service with a time for quiet reflection, prayer and music, followed by tea and cake and a chat!

Forest Church, 22nd October

Starting on October 22nd, Forest Church will be meeting every fourth Sunday at 3:00–4:00 pm in our beautiful churchyard and is for all ages, not just little ones. There's lots of space to run around, explore nature and make noise during this short, informal service. There will be music, craft activities, a fire pit and a Bible story, all in the open air, whatever the weather, so do come prepared!

Michaelmas

At our first Forest Church we will be thinking about the festival of Michaelmas, or St Michael and All Angels. For centuries this was celebrated in parishes throughout Britain. Michaelmas is also traditionally seen as one of the quarter days of the calendar, marking, in medieval times, the end of the farming year with the harvesting and gathering of crops.

Falling on September 29th, near the equinox, it is also associated with the beginning of Autumn and days gradually getting shorter. Celebrating Michaelmas is one way to remind ourselves of the changing pattern of the our seasons. For Christians, it is also a reminder of the light of God's love shining into the darkness as we approach winter.

I look forward to seeing you soon.
God Bless, *Clare*

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Chamber Music Concerts

at

Dry Drayton Parish Church

Cello Recital

by

Iris Azquinez

featuring

Bach Cello Suites

'Azquinez shares out the melodies, aces them, glossing them, reinventing them, playing and crying with them and praising the world.' *Scherzo*



Tickets £15 and £5 (under 18s)
from www.bit.ly/BachCelloConcert

or on the door *to include wine/juice afterward*



Friday 22 September; 7 pm
lasting one hour

September at The Black Horse

July and August came and went with highs and lows as far as the weather was concerned – but it didn't stop us all here at the pub having some very good times anyway! Several times you drank us dry of draught cider so that's a clear indication of some good warm weather. (Not that there weren't days when only a nice cup of tea would do!)

Food

On the food front, our **Summer Platters** have been a hit. **Baked Camembert** will replace them as we continue to enjoy the warm days of September. And what can we say about the **Chipotle Honey Chicken** other than that it will become a permanent fixture on our menu?!

Ice Cream Sundaes and **Summer Puddings** have been getting lots of 'ooh's and 'wow's and many meals have been enjoyed with some **Summer Salads** on the side. Our **Sunday Roasts** are as popular as ever. **If you'd like to enjoy them, please remember to book in advance.**

Live music

One of our summer highlights was having an evening of live music as the hugely popular and amazingly talented band **The Undercovers** returned. The garden was full of people enjoying listening and singing along to a range of classic covers – what a tremendous atmosphere! Many of you have already asked when they can come back again, and with one of the musicians living here in the village, we do hope that is a possibility.

Vacancies from September

Thanks to some members of staff who have worked with us over the last couple of years and are now moving on to new adventures and University. Many of you will have got to know them and will miss seeing them when you visit. We wish them well as they move away from Cambridgeshire in different directions! As a result, we have a few vacancies coming up.

Fortunately, our lovely Bar team are staying put. (Thank you all!) **But we will be looking to recruit people to help at the busy times in the kitchen and front of house, and quite often a bit of both.** There will be 2 –4 hour shifts available at evenings and weekends for new staff aged 16-years+. We also have positions primarily to help with food preparation in the kitchen at lunchtimes: it could be for one or more shifts, weekdays and/or weekends, and there may be some flexibility if necessary. **Please get in touch if you think you'd like to join us or would just like to know more.**

Accommodation available

The lovely and spacious accommodation above the pub has also become available as Martina sets off on her travels. So we will be looking for a new tenant/tenants shortly. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please contact us.



Sunday 17 Sept: Quiz

Our September Quiz will take place on Sunday 17th September in the garden (if weather allows), starting at 4:00 pm. Teams of up to six people, fee £4 per person, all proceeds will go to the charity chosen by the winning team. Our new 'Split-Face' picture round has caused much hilarity, and there really is something for all. This is not a quiz just for competitive quizzers – do come and join in the fun!

Saturday 23 Sept: Pizza Night

Pizza Passione will be at the pub on Saturday 23rd September. Come and enjoy the freshly-made pizzas from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. If you know you're coming, you can pre-order with Sandro to guarantee the availability of your delicious pizza and avoid a long wait (or even the disappointment of "sorry, sold out").

<https://www.facebook.com/pizzapassioneuk>

Please remember if you are coming to eat with us, it is much appreciated if you can book in advance as it helps us to plan. It also guarantees you'll get your table.

We very much look forward to seeing you throughout the month of September.

Amanda and Colin

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School News

School offers additional Maths help for Secondary students

Are you aged 11 to 16 and in need of Maths help? Look no further! Starting this September, Dry Drayton Primary School is offering Maths lessons in small groups of 15 students. We kindly request a voluntary donation to the school fund as payment for this valuable assistance.

Tasha Singh, a qualified Maths teacher from a prominent Cambridge Secondary School, will be leading these classes. With her experience in the Key Stage 3 (11-14-year-olds) and Key Stage 4 (15-16-year-olds) curricula and exam preparation, Tasha understands how to make Maths enjoyable for all students. She believes in providing a supportive and engaging learning environment for all.

The Basic level classes will focus on key topics that students in Years 7 and 8 are expected to master. The advanced level will cover content that aligns with the expectations of pupils in Years 9 and 10. Each session will be held weekly and last for 45 minutes.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to enhance your Maths skills while also supporting our school.

email: athenamathsuk@gmail.com
whatsapp: 07822 012 570

School seeks funding to repair wooden playground equipment

Part of the 'trim trail' – the school's area of wooden playground equipment – has collapsed and needs replacing. The school would also like to make other improvements to it to benefit all children in the school and village, such as lowering the monkey bars to make them more accessible, and adding a climbing tower with a slide.

As their regular school funding doesn't stretch to this, they have set up a fundraiser on JustGiving to help them reach their target of £10,000:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dry-drayton-school-trim-trail>

All donations would be very gratefully received, they say. And please let them know if you have contacts in a company that might be interested in match-funding any of the donations they raise. Email: office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk

Village Book Group enjoys summer reading

Instead of meeting over the summer, Book Group members took the opportunity to read a range of books, including the book we will focus on at our next discussion, *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

We will meet in September to discuss this and other books we read during the recess. During the autumn, we will be reading and reviewing a number of books, including *Time Shelter* by the Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov and *Death At La Fenice* by Donna Leon.

An archive of our comments on the books we read over the past year is now available on the Book Group Blog at: <https://drydraytonbookgroup.wordpress.com> Our thanks to our wonderful Village Webmaster, Les, for putting this together.

If you would like any information about the Book Group, please contact Hilary Smith:

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Community Car Scheme



This Car Scheme is available for anyone requiring transportation to essential medical or social destinations and has no other means of transport.

To **book a driver**, please contact one of our Co-ordinators below:

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Lizzie Coe 07387 395 296

Gill Stott 07464 069 483

**Please call between 8.30am – 6.00pm,
Monday – Friday only**

To enable a suitable driver to be arranged, please call at least 48 hours before your appointment. Please do not call on weekends and bank holidays.

**READ MORE ABOUT THE CAR SCHEME
ON OUR WEBSITE AND TO VOLUNTEER**

www.DryDrayton.net/carshare.asp

For each journey, passengers pay £3.50 for a local journey and for longer trips, 30p per mile is charged, (calculated from start of journey at the driver's door to the end of journey, at the driver's door).

Please pay by cash, our drivers cannot accept card payment.

The Scheme is run entirely by a dedicated team of local volunteer drivers and co-ordinators, kindly offering their services to help those in need of transport.

If you would like to join our wonderful supportive team serving our community or have any queries or problems, please contact Sheila Stephenson email on sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk or call on 01954 210638

Drivers are reimbursed mileage costs at 45p per mile, part paid by the passenger and a subsidy from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Please note:

Our drivers will not tolerate any verbal abuse or other bad behaviour. We reserve the right to refuse further help in such cases.

Update from the Parish Council

No progress on the cycle path – but confirmation that 40 mph 'buffer zones' and lorry advisory notices will be set up on the approaches to Dry Drayton to help traffic calming in the village

I hope everyone has had a good summer, weather permitting, writes Parish Council Chair Stephen Aldersley. The topics covered at the July Parish Council meeting were broadly continuations of those previously discussed. So here, I will cover matters that may not get the prominence they deserve or that may not have been advised during the summer break.

Part-closure of Cambridge Road, Madingley

There was an open discussion at the beginning of the meeting regarding the part-closure of Cambridge Road in Madingley. I know this has caused frustrations to Dry Drayton residents and people may be interested to know that their frustrations are shared by a number of Madingley residents. It is considered that:

- The traffic order for the closure of Cambridge Road was implemented with few of the residents of Madingley having sight of the order.
- Residents of Madingley believe that the scheme has not delivered any advantages, only disadvantages.

Further actions will be taken by Madingley residents to bring the closure to the wider public, so if anyone has any comments or points they wish to make, please let me know and I shall forward them.

Update on the Cycle Path (or 'NMU – Non-Motorised User Route')

There is still discussion over the adoption of land from National Highways by Cambridgeshire County Council and until this is resolved, there can be little, if any, progress. There is also the question of how the project will be funded, about which there have been several ideas and suggestions, such as The Greenways Scheme [planned 'sustainable travel corridors' connecting South Cambs villages to Cambridge]. More news on the possible options later in the year.

Dry Drayton School Trim Trail

The Trim Trail of outdoor equipment in the School

grounds is in a poor condition and needs to be repaired and/or replaced. [See page 8 for more details on this.] The Parish Council discussed using some Section 106 funds for this project [i.e. funding paid by developers that can be used for community infrastructure projects]. However, if any other sources of funding could be found, I am sure the School would be delighted.

Local Highways Initiative Application 2023/24

I am delighted to be able to report one piece of good news that came in over the summer break: confirmation of our successful application for the implementation of 40 mph buffer zones on the approaches to all parts of the village, along with the introduction of HGV advisory signs. This is one of the traffic calming measures that came from the parish survey in October 2022.

Other measures are still under consideration (eg the application for a village-wide 20mph limit), but it is hoped that this first step will reduce the speeds of vehicles through the village.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be

- Monday 11 September, and
- Tuesday 3 October at 19.00.

Please note the change of day for the September meeting.

Cllr. Stephen Aldersley
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As a reminder, you can find detailed minutes from all meetings on the Parish Council website at: http://www.drydraytonpc.org.uk/Meetings_26385.aspx

From our District Councillors

Updates on our new Parliamentary constituency, timetable changes for our local buses and efforts to tackle fly tipping

The Boundary Commission has finished its work, *write District Councillor Corinne Garvie and Richard Stobart*, and presented its recommendations to Parliament. MPs voted for its proposed changes. We are now in the newly created 'St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire' Parliamentary Constituency along with many of the villages that were in South Cambs. A lot of people don't like the name, but there is nothing we can do to change it. South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridgeshire County Council remain the same.

Fly Tipping

Uncontrolled illegal waste can be hazardous to the public, especially if it contains toxic material or asbestos. There may also be a risk of damage to watercourses and soil quality from the dumped waste. The District Council is determined to crack down on illegally-dumped rubbish and has prioritised it as a key objective in its Business Plan by:

- Prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site
- Deterring criminal activity using 'fly tip under investigation' stickers to highlight ongoing investigations
- Joint roadside check initiatives with the Police and other partners.

Fly tipping is a criminal offence. It can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £400 or end up in court with fines of up to £50,000 or even a prison sentence. To report fly tipping, visit the online reporting page on the District Council web site <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/report> and scroll down to 'Report envirocrime waste'.

Changes to Stagecoach East bus timetables

Stagecoach East has announced timetable changes to their buses as from Sunday 3rd September. They say they aim to enhance capacity, punctuality and reliability and offer additional journeys across Cambridge, St Ives and Fenstanton.

The changes will affect Cambridge routes including Citi 5 (Bar Hill–Cambridge) and Busway A (St Ives–Cambridge). Passengers should check the updated

timetables for specific journey details. For more information and to see the latest timetables, visit <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/east-bus-network>

Net Zero Now

Following on from the successful Spring Programme of Net Zero Now, applications will open on Monday 11th September for another Net Zero Now course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. This is a free 6-week community climate action course designed to provide you with the knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero. It is run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council and the National Lottery Community Fund. Apply at: <https://carboncopy.eco/initiatives/net-zero-now> Applications close on 8th October 2023.

Webchat on the Sout Cambs website

Webchat has now been launched on the South Cambs District Council website. Residents can now ask questions and get information from advisors via webchat about all Council services other than planning. (Planning is currently excluded due to the complexities of the service and the detailed / individual nature of each query.) At this stage, the webchat service will be available every weekday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm as an addition to our main website content and contact through the Customer Contact Centre.

You can access webchat via the 'chat online' icon present on content pages of our website. We will be monitoring feedback on the initial webchat before the Council looks to develop it further to help customers.

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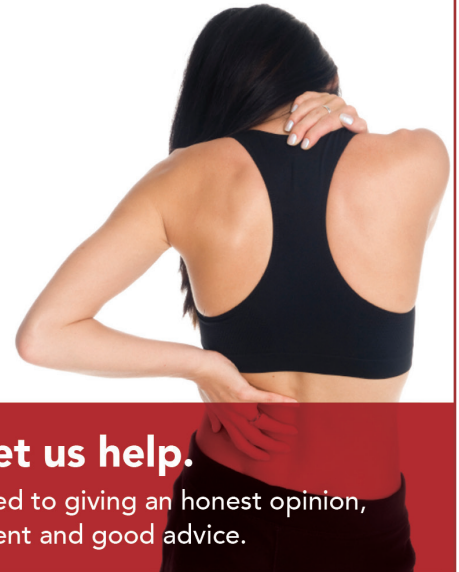
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