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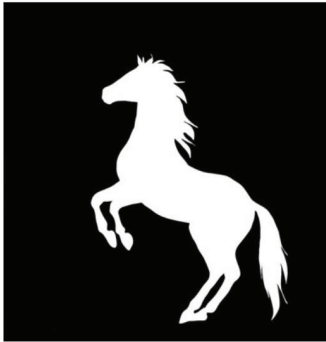
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Friday	30	January	2pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Saturday	31	January	7pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Saturday	31	January	7pm	BHADS Robbin' Hoody	Village Hall
Sunday	1	February	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter Ad Vincula
Saturday	7	February	9am-11am	Bottomless Breakfast	The Crown
Tuesday	10	February	3.15-4pm	Mobile Library	Village Hall
Saturday	14	February	7pm	Pudding Evening	Winterbourne Bassett
Saturday	14	February	Book 6-9pm	Valentines Menu	The Crown
Sunday	15	February	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter Ad Vincula
Sunday	22	February	9am-1pm	Farmers Market	Village Hall
Sunday	1	March	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter Ad Vincula
Saturday	7	March	9am	Church Clean Up	St Peter Ad Vincula
Saturday	7	March	9am-11am	Bottomless Breakfast	The Crown
Thursday	12	March	7pm	Flower Arranging	tbc St Peter Ad Vincula
Saturday	14	March	Book 2-4pm	Mothers Day Afternoon Tea	The Crown
Saturday	14	March	9.30am	Village Clean up	See page 9
Wednesday	18	March	Book	St Patrick's Day Set Menu	The Crown
Saturday	2	May	save the date	Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Saturday	13	June	save the date	Barn Dance	Village Hall

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Friday	30th	January	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	9th	February	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	10th	February	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	12th	February	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	13th	February	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	23rd	February	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	24th	February	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	26th	February	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	27th	February	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

Dear All,

Spring still feels like a long way away, but there are small signs of movement, with snowdrops making an appearance, even if spied through relentless rain. The calendar is stuffed with things to entertain you all in the coming months, do take a look and save the dates, make your bookings and get your tickets.

There is lots of spring cleaning in action, with the Villages Clean up scheduled for March 14 - do get involved, and enjoy the bacon butties afterwards.

There is still just time to get a ticket for the pantomime at the end of the end of January.

The ever popular farmers' market returns on February 22nd, do pop in to see their new producers this month as well as the old favourites.

The pudding evening in Winterbourne looks like it could be fun for the sweet of tooth.

There were a few of us who were fortunate enough to be out and about the other day and

managed to see the northern lights right here in the village. It was the first time I'd seen them and it was certainly a great show. A couple of my photographs reproduced below.

For those of you reading the printed version and not able to see the colours, do look at the electronic version on line, see address below.

Liz



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VILLAGE HALL FEBRUARY NEWS



Dates for our Heating System Replacement!

The heating system is due to be replaced by a new Air Source Heat Pump, funded largely from the Lottery Fund, but also generous contributions from Wiltshire Council Area Board and the Parish Council.



The start date for the project will be 9th February. It could take up to two weeks but our contractor, Wiltshire Electrical Contractors, are hoping to be finished in seven working days. Because we're unsure of the duration, the main hall will be closed from Monday 9th – Friday 20th February. **The Post Office will still run on the Tuesdays of 10th and 17th** as it's in the John Hutchings room and we can provide supplementary heating there.

We'll also be installing a battery to store power we generate from our solar panels, which will help reduce our power bills by around £2,500/year so a payback period of approximately five years.

Future Events

Please tell us what events you'd like the trustee team to organise this year. Some ideas we've had are:

- May – Wine Tasting
- Summer – Hackpen Beer and Gin Festival, showcasing Wiltshire breweries
- Oktoberfest with an Oompah Band
- Christmas Party - 5th December (the caterer is already booked for this)

We want to concentrate our energies on a few events, rather than many. As you'll appreciate, each event demands a lot of work from the trustees and our willing band of volunteers. So let us know what you think!

Speak to:

Nick Moakes 07918 630712

Mark Miller 07830 395605

Or email us on villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

WHO'S WHO?

On the Village Hall Trustee Team?

Keeping our Village Hall at the heart of the community are:

Nick Moakes - Chair

Mark Miller - Vice-Chair

Kate Nye - Treasurer

Kate Marshall - Secretary

Sue Robinson - Hiring admin.

Sarah Kromer - Charity Commission contact

Adam Gilmore - Parish Council rep trustee

Do chat with us at any time or email us on villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

February Hirings

This is so everyone knows when the car park is needed and when residents can expect people going in and out of BHVH. These times include set up time, not necessarily the start or end times of the event.

Sunday 1st Panto clear-up 10am-12 noon

Sunday 8th Lung Busters running group 8am-2pm

Monday 9th – Friday 20th Main Hall closed for heating replacement

Saturday 21st 1st birthday party approx. 60 guests. 11:30am-4pm

Sunday 22nd Farmers Market 10am-1:30pm (actual event times 11am-1pm)

January 300 Club Winners

£50 295 Kirsty Frior

£25 229 Brian Butler

£20 190 Chris O'Neill

£20 60 Claire Ferrão

£10 188 Alexis Hammer



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Parish Council News

Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to our first new look newsletter from Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council.

Our wonderful villages continue to thrive thanks to the commitment, care, and community spirit of our residents.

In the coming months we plan to share details about some of the work that we do and some of the plans that we have as a Council. We would also like to introduce you to your Councillors.

The Parish Council is focused on listening to local voices, supporting village life, and addressing the issues that matter most to you. From keeping you safe, maintaining our shared spaces and to planning for the future, we are working together to protect what makes our parish special while embracing positive change.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time, ideas, and support. We look forward to another active and constructive year ahead for our community and hope that you enjoy this first edition.

Adrian Smith, Chair



The Parish Council after their last meeting: Damian Le Gresley, Candace Gaisford, Ade Rudler, Peter Barry, Tony Iles, Adrian Smith, Liz Moakes and Adam Gilmore, not pictured Louise Skillen.

Headline News

- Our Neighbourhood plan has gone to Regulation 16, final date for comments is 16th February
- New Planning Applications are to be shown on the Parish Council website
- Village Clean Up date is set for March 14th. Please take part
- Parish Council has agreed to give £2,500 funding towards replacing village Hall heating
- Our thanks for many years of hard work on the Council goes to Jim Gunter who has stepped down
- Co-option of new Councillor under way

Local Heroes



Local Councillors Ade Rudler and Tony Iles stepped in to rescue and repair the broken fingerpost at the end of Post Office Lane. It looks great again now. Thanks very much.



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Date: Thursday, 12th March

Time: 19:00

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What You'll Learn

- Create a moss base
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- Use of tape in arrangements
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Make a posy decoration to take home for Mothering Sunday

Cost: £50 (includes all materials)

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14th MARCH 9.30am



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or at Mulberry House in Uffcott

Bacon butties for everyone who helps!

Help us to keep our villages and the countryside clean and
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For more information please contact

Damian Le Gresley in Winterbourne Bassett, damian.legresley@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk

Louise Skillen in Broad Hinton, louise.skillen@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk

and Adam Gilmore for Uffcott, adam.gilmore@bhwbparishcouncil.org.uk

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DESSERT:

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Sunday 22nd February
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11am - 1pm



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Farmers' Market & Community Shop-Café News

from White Horse Community Shop & Café Group

Farmers' Markets at Broad Hinton Village Hall return on Sunday 22nd February 11am – 1pm. The community shop-café steering group have been working hard to maintain a strong line-up of stalls into 2026 and beyond. We are delighted to be welcoming Pipp & Co. and their delectable doughnuts for the first time in February. Grove Farm Stitchcombe the butchers, and Pete's MicroBakery will be back, along with our new "candlestick makers," Harts Hill Honey, who had a lovely display at our autumn event.

Another addition will be Roger the Veg Man, who spotted the Village Hall's Christmas market advertising while driving by and got in touch – his wares include seasonal greengrocery, and cheese...

Pat & David Salter will be with us for your pickles and preserves, and do bring your empty cleaning, toiletry and laundry containers so Refill Station can top you up with eco-friendly products, (spares are usually available, just ask.)

Amy Levin Chocolatier will have that incredible chocolate, and for those of you who just can't resist a bag of sweets, Sugar Garden Boutique are returning. And not forgetting our furry friends, they'll once again have their very own natural treats selection from Bolts' Deli.

Work towards new café & shop facilities in Broad Hinton continues.

Though much of the group's focus last year was on delivering good market events consistently, our ambition is still shop and café amenities being available much more frequently. We intend to make progress on this bigger objective in 2026 using our learnings from organising the markets and the relationships we've built. Watch this space...

Lastly, we are very pleased to welcome David Conroy back to the team, a great boost after we had to let Alex La Roche go off on her travels last year. David is a former publican, and has retail and other business and volunteering experience - best suited to coffee duty...

See you at the Farmers' Market, Sunday 22nd February, 11am-1pm, Broad Hinton Village Hall!

Claire, Tasha, Adam, Nick, Paul & David
whitehorse.communityshop@gmail.com

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New members are always very welcome. We have table tennis, table football, a snooker table, an indoor net for badminton or volley ball, a PS4, a Wii and an Xbox, as well as a tuck shop.

We sometimes have other activities such as art and craft or different sports. During the summer months we have use of the school field behind the village hall for outdoor activities.

Please visit our webpage on the Broad Hinton Village Hall website:
<https://broadhinton.org.uk/clubs/youth-club/>
 and for more information please email bhyouthclub23@gmail.com



Church Spring Clean

Saturday, 7th March 9.00 am

Our lovely church needs a little care and attention.

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Interviews 2nd week February; Applications in by Wednesday 3rd Feb.

For further details contact Rachel mustardseedmarlborough@yahoo.co.uk or collect from Mustard Seed, Waitrose Car Park, Marlborough.

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14th February 2026

 7:00 PM

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Marjorie Sykes on 07762 109430/ 731471,
or Gill Crabtree – 07774 424125/ 731627

A message from Lisa and Neil Couling

Lisa & Neil Couling would like to share the sad news of the passing of Nigel Couling on Christmas Day. Carol passed away in December 2023, after spending the last few years of their lives in Cornwall to be closer to family.

'We all loved Village life in Broad Hinton as a family in the mid Seventies until we left for a move to Wales in 1996. We all have very fond memories, friends & we have so much to be grateful for as we reflect on our childhood & lives in those early years in Broad Hinton.'



CHRISTMAS 2025

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas 2025 to help raise funds & highlight the amazing work our W&BAA & Team does for us.

The grand total was a FANTASTIC £ 4,741 : 71 (production costs to be deducted)

This included cards, diaries, merchandise, very generous monetary donations & of course the Big Raffle, sadly we didn't have any winners locally but in the Main Draw:

1st prize of £3,000 Mrs L Beaven of Trowbridge

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We welcomed the SPAR SHOP in Chiseldon this time .

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Sadly there was no Ellendune Chemist this time because of refurbishment.

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On Wednesday 7th January the ladies had their first meeting of the year. Unfortunately due to inclement weather, many members were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting started with the AGM. Marilyn gave a resume of the events and speakers for 2025....a varied and enjoyable year. The committee was re-elected and Val Phillips has joined the committee as the new treasurer.

Once the AGM business was concluded it was coffee, quiz and chat time. The quiz was a light hearted music quiz ...the first line of the lyrics of popular songs to which the title of the song and artist had to be named. Much quiet (and some not so quiet) singing by members attempting to recall the songs..... One group amazingly named all ten songs and artists.

The raffle was won by Beatrice and Jo.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th February at 7.30p in the village hall when Marie Brewer will be coming to talk about the Beckford Tower in Bath. All ladies welcome... come and join us.

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Over that period, we have had many donations and we have been able to help a large number of families who were in desperate need.

This year, again, we would ask if you could make a donation if you are able to.

If so, please give your donation to a church warden, or send a cheque to Upper Kennet Churches Office, St. Michael & All Angels Church, Church Hill, West Overton, SN8 4ER; or BACS transfer using sort code 30-92-63 (Lloyds Bank-Upper Kennet Churches Council) account 01498496 (ref: WCA).

Thank you.

Do you need help?

If you:

- live in one of the Upper Kennet Villages
 - are worried about where the next meal is coming from
 - have to choose between heating and eating
 - are facing a sudden financial emergency
- we might be able to assist with a week's food supply, or fuel support, or just general advice. Contact Rev'd Jonathan Poston on 01672 560584, or a Lay Pastoral Assistant on 01672 861786. Your call will be treated in total confidence.

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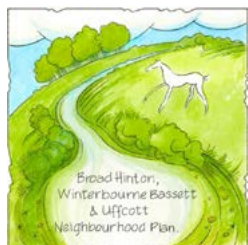


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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Wiltshire Council have sent the following notice about the consultation period.

Draft Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Development Plan (2025-2038) Regulation 16 Consultation

Wiltshire Council is currently consulting on the proposed the draft Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Uffcott Neighbourhood Development Plan, which has been formally submitted by Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council.

The consultation starts on Monday 5th January 2026 and **responses must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 16th February 2026.**

Please be aware that all representations will be publicly available and may also appear on the Wiltshire Council website.

Further information including the submitted draft neighbourhood development plan and how to comment can be found online via <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations>

Where possible, please provide any comments using the Consultation Portal. Alternatively, an editable representation form can be downloaded from the Supporting Files section on the consultation portal, and completed forms can either be emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or sent by post to:

Neighbourhood Planning
Strategic Planning
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
BA14 8JN

If you have no access to the internet and you wish to view the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, a copy can be sent to you on request by calling Neighbourhood Planning on 01225 713591 or can be viewed at:

- The Old Coffee House, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, SN4 9PQ
- Village Hall, Yew Tree Lane, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, SN4 9RH

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent examiner, to be appointed by the council, who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan should be put to a community referendum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Neighbourhood Planning on Tel: 01225 713591 or by email to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

View From The Rectory



The Snowdrop

Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid!
Ever as of old time,
Solitary firstling,
Coming in the cold time,
Prophet of the gay time,
Prophet of the May time,
Prophet of the roses,
Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid!

Lord Tennyson



I have just completed my first year living in Avebury as Rector of the Upper Kennet parishes. It has been a year of both extreme personal highs and personal challenges but it certainly hasn't been boring! One big challenge was trying to get to know so many people all at once but it has been a pleasure to make lots of new friends.

Winter is by no means over but the promise of spring calls to our imaginations. Nature's message to us this month is encapsulated in the beautiful image of the delicate snowdrop. Its determined spear-like shoots push their way up through the hard, cold earth while the delicate flowers shelter momentarily under a green hood before dropping their lamp-like buds, heads bowed, looking almost apologetic for blooming so early in the season. Shy to proclaim their promise of new life arising out of the bone hard soil. And yet fully aware of their prophetic role as they open their tiny trumpets of proclamation.

This acknowledgement of new life is celebrated in the Christian church with Candlemas and the Presentation of the Christ Child, the baby Jesus,

taken into the Temple for blessing. The old faithful priest, Simeon, who has been waiting for this moment, proclaims and prophecies who this child is "a light to lighten the Gentiles (that's all us ordinary folk of past, present and future) and the glory of thy people Israel." Jesus begins small and sacred, like a snowdrop, but will embody the great powers of a season to come, that will transform us and the world forever.

Another figure that looms large at this time of year is Brigid. Our local pagan friends celebrate her as a Celtic Goddess and hold their festivities of Imbolc on 1st February. She is also celebrated as a Christian Saint – St Brigid of Kildare. There is much folklore around her including the story that she had a vision and was transported to the scene of the nativity where she became the "Muime Chriosd" the foster mother of the Christ child. In another version Brigid or Bride was the daughter of poor pious parents, and the serving-maid in the inn of Bethlehem before aiding Mary in the birth of Christ. It is a season of new life coming into the world and needing to be held and protected and nurtured and blessed.

It's a good time then to ask God to bless our new year as it slowly comes into being, full of promise and potential. We sit with it held in our arms close to our heart and dream of what our new year may hold, full of promise.

Every blessing
Jonathan – the Rector.



Upper Kennet Churches- Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.
Telephone: 01672 861786
e-mail: upperkennetchurches@gmail.com

Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily



Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the

zoom link, contact

Sibella Laing:

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Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers – but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.

Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Wednesday 18th February 2026

Wednesday 4th March 2026

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White

Flower and Cleaning Rotas for

Flowers

February 7 & 14

February 10 & 17

February 21 & 28

Chris Horan and Jenny Clarke

Lent No Flowers

Cleaning

Jane O'Neill & Marjorie Sykes

John & Michael Haines

Readings for February 2026

1 February – Gold or White

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5

Psalm 24 [1-6] 7-end

Hebrews 2 14-end

Luke 2.22-40

8 February – Green

2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1-2.3

Psalm 136 or Psalm 136.1-9,

23-end

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-end

15 February – Green

Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-end

Psalm 22 or 99

2 Peter 1.16-end

Matthew 17.1-9

22 February – Purple

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

1 March – Purple

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

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1 February Candlemas	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 4 February			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
8 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 11 February				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
15 February Sunday before Lent			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Ash Wednesday 18 February			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Service of Holy Communion with Ashing			
22 February Lent 1		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 25 February				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
1 March Lent 2	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion

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Baptism

Anna Elizabeth Mitchell Broad Hinton

21st December 2025

Burial of Ashes

June Mary Durston West Overton

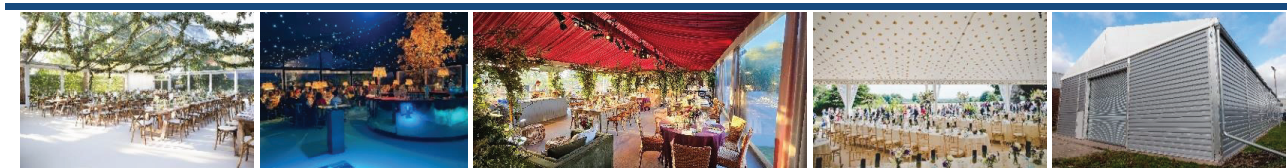
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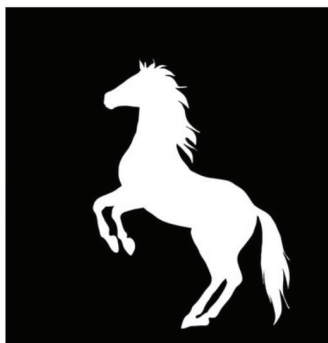
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