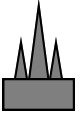




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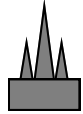


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## **Branch Chairman's Report**

This issue of the magazine will give you some idea of how, despite it being the “holiday/cruising season”, Lichfield IWA members are still busy fulfilling IWA’s aims and “Keeping our Waterways Alive!”

Over the last few years, IWA has not been very good at letting non-members (and even members) know what it does and the successes it achieves. In days gone by, it seemed to me that most waterway people had heard of the Inland Waterways Association and knew that it was “a good thing”. Nowadays when I work on IWA recruitment and sales stands around the country, I see many people, who take regular holidays on the waterways and may even be considering buying a boat, who have never heard of IWA. This makes recruiting more difficult. As a lobbying organisation, our success lies not just in the validity of our arguments but also in the number of members we represent. The more members we have, the more clout we have. I tell potential members: “If you can only afford to belong to one waterways organisation, it should be the IWA”. By supporting IWA you are also supporting all of the canal restoration groups throughout the country and the Waterway Recovery Group which is actually an arm of IWA. IWA lobbies both national and local governments for the benefit and improvement of the waterways environment and also holds to account all the navigation authorities throughout the country not just CRT and the Environment Agency.

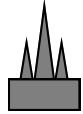
IWA Trustees have recently appointed a Marketing Manager to supplement the efforts of our marketing committee and I am optimistic that we should now see the profile of the IWA being raised. This should make it easier for us to recruit new members and this is where my request to you comes in. If every IWA member recruited just one new member this summer, we would double the number of members we have. So please, have membership recruitment forms with you in your car, your wallet or your boat. Wherever you are, talk about IWA to anyone you meet who shows the slightest interest in the waterways. The more people hear about IWA from us, the waterways enthusiasts, the sooner they will join. I can let you have both membership leaflets and an aide memoire of reasons to join. Remember, the waterways would be a poorer place without the IWA and we owe it to the waterways we love to spread the word and to ensure IWA has a healthy future.



Alicen Stenner—New IWA  
Marketing Manager

Members can benefit from exclusive discounts being offered by IWA’s corporate members. The list can be found on: [https://www.waterways.org.uk/support\\_us/members\\_area/member\\_discounts\\_special\\_offers](https://www.waterways.org.uk/support_us/members_area/member_discounts_special_offers) and changes frequently. I usually have a list on display on the information board at branch meetings.

Don’t forget that if you want to receive up-to-date news about IWA’s work, you can sign up to receive an electronic newsletter from IWA Head Office twice a month on <https://www.waterways.org.uk/em-signup> This is in addition to receiving the IWA House Magazine,



Waterways, and our own newsletter *Lichfield Lines*.

Besides the fulfilling glow, there is another incentive for recruiting a new member in that, provided you put an "Li" in the source code box, our branch receives £20.00 to donate to a restoration group of our choice.

That brings me on neatly to the donations that our branch has made to various waterway restoration groups. In July, at the walk on the Summerhill Section of the Lichfield canal led by Peter Buck of Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust, I presented a cheque for £500 to L&HCRT. On looking back through our record of donations, I find that the total amount our branch has given to all restoration causes since our formation is in excess of £41,000. Of this the L&HCRT has received approximately £20,000.

The branch sales stand is one way we raise funds and IWA Christmas Cards are always popular. This year's Christmas cards and the IWA 2016 Calendar are now available. I will be ordering some to sell on the branch sales stand at our meetings and hope to have them for sale for the first time at the L&HCRT heritage gathering at Huddlesford over the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me as soon as you read this if you want to ensure that I order the design you want.

We would also welcome suggestions as to new ways that we can fund-raise. Please contact me with any ideas that are legal and decent!

Looking further into the future this year our Christmas meal will once again be held at lunch-time. The date is likely to be Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December so please reserve this date in your diary. Further details will be available at branch meetings, on the website and in the next issue of *Lichfield Lines*.

All that remains for me to say is thank you to everyone who has taken part in all the branch activities so far this year and invite anyone who has not so far met us to come along to a walk, lock-wind, work party or social meeting and introduce yourself. You will find that we are all very friendly.

Don't forget, our next branch meeting after the summer break is on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 19:15. (see overleaf)

Helen Whitehouse

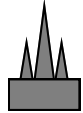
## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Saturday-Monday 29th-31st August IWA—IWA Northampton Festival of Water**

See poster on Page 12 for further details.

### **Tuesday 8th September 2015– Walk**

Cross Green, Shareshill and Staffs & Worcs Canal Walk. This is an easy 6 mile walk with no stiles, on a less-frequented part of the Branch's network. We first follow the canal north-easterly, leaving it at Moat House Bridge to take a circular route along byways and quiet country lanes to Shareshill before doubling back along a different path to bridge 74. We then return along the same stretch of towpath to the pub for refreshment. The walk will take approximately 2.5 hours. Meet 10:00 for a 10:15 start in the car park of The Fox and Anchor, Brewood Road,



Cross Green, WV10 7PW (just off the A449 near Coven). Contact Clive Walker on 01827 282298 or [clive.walker@waterways.org.uk](mailto:clive.walker@waterways.org.uk)

### **Wednesday 16th September 2015 - Branch Meeting**

“The History of Gloucester Docks” an illustrated talk by Tony Condor, former Curator of the Waterways Museum at Gloucester. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13 8AY

### **Saturday-Sunday 19th-20th September—Huddlesford Heritage Gathering**

See poster on Page 13 for more details.

### **Saturday 10th October 2014 - Skittles Evening**

Skittles Evening & Supper at Stafford Boat Club. A social evening with games of skittles and a supper. 7.30 pm at Stafford Boat Club, off Maple Wood, Wildwood, Stafford, ST17 4SG. Cost for evening is £7.50 which will include a Fish & Chip supper and pud. Orders and payment should be sent to Pat Barton, 38 Waterside Court, Gnosall, Staffordshire ST20 0AR by 1st October. Cheques made payable to IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH.

This is an informal inter-Branch competition with IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch and Shrewsbury & North Wales Branch members. If you would like to join a team representing Lichfield Branch, or can recruit friends or family to make up your own team of 4 or more, then please contact Pat Barton on 07947 337491 or email [pat.barton@waterways.org.uk](mailto:pat.barton@waterways.org.uk)

### **Wednesday 21st October 2015 - Branch Meeting**

“Thomas Telford” an illustrated talk by Peter Brown, Heritage & Planning Officer for IWA Shrewsbury & N Wales Branch. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13 8AY

### **Wednesday 18th November 2015 - Branch Meeting**

“Narrow Dog Adventures” an illustrated talk by Monica and Terry Darlington, author of the ‘Narrow Dog’ books about their voyages in France and the USA. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13 8AY

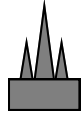
For further information about our meetings please contact John Stockland on 0121 308 0293 or email: [john.stockland@waterways.org.uk](mailto:john.stockland@waterways.org.uk).

### **Adjacent Branches Calendar**

The **Birmingham, Black Country and Worcestershire Branch** hold their meetings at Coombeswood Canal Trust, Hawne Basin, Herewood Rise, Halesowen B62 8AW on the 3rd Monday of the month 7:15 for 7:30pm

The **Warwickshire Branch** hold their meetings monthly between September and May (excluding January) on the second Wednesday of the month at the Sports Connexion Leisure Club, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL. 7:30pm

The **North Staffs and South Cheshire Branch** hold their meetings at Stoke on Trent Boat Club, Endon Wharf, Post Lane, Endon, Stoke on Trent ST9 9DT. 7:45 for 8pm on the second Friday of the month.



## Recent Activities

### Saturday 18th July 2015—Rugeley Work Party

The area around Leathermill Lane (Bridge 66) in Rugeley has been looking neglected for a while, whilst the derelict Railway Pillars at the Brereton end of the town were full of obnoxious graffiti. The Leathermill Lane access is overdue for a disabled access to be installed by CRT, but there doesn't seem to be much movement on their part, despite constant nagging on mine. There is £50,000 available from the S106 money as a result of the Tesco development. However, CRT are looking to get matched funding with this money to increase it to £100,000 which will be used for towpath improvements.

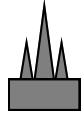
This is a commendable aim, but frustrating for us and anyone with mobility problems as we have no timescale for the works to be done. In the meantime, we decided to generally tidy up the area and also remove the graffiti on the pillars. On Saturday 18th July 10 volunteers (including Seb, our favourite 7 year old) spent a couple of hours painting, litter picking and tidying up the vegetation. For once, the sun shone and we all enjoyed the morning. These sort of work parties are greatly appreciated by local residents. I posted a few pictures on one of the Rugeley Community



Facebook pages and so far have received 100 'likes' and over 20 positive comments and thanks.

A modest amount of work can really make a difference to your local community. If anyone who lives elsewhere in the Lichfield IWA area would like to organise something similar I would be more than happy to support them, and CRT would provide all the necessary back up.





If you are interested please give me a ring or email me - it's not that hard, but if you wait for somebody else to do it you may be waiting for ever!

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## **Wednesday 15th July 2015—Walk**

This evening walk was arranged to view the new Lichfield Canal restoration site at Summerhill, where a 1 km section of the canal bed has been purchased and cleared of trees, the demolished Crane Brook culvert and embankment reinstated, and a section of the Towpath Trail is being

opened up to cross the M6 Toll Aqueduct. Work underway includes installing an electricity cable in a trench under the towpath for a future power supply to back-pump water at the planned deep lock adjoining the aqueduct. Work on reinstating the towpath has also begun and a roadway over the culvert to access



the lock site is being constructed with a concrete block wall to support the canal channel. The event was held jointly with Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust and was led by Peter Buck, the Trust's Director of Engineering. An estimated 120 people attended and some stayed on afterwards for a meal at The Oddfellows in the Boat, which adjoins the canal on the Walsall Road.

During the walk Lichfield Branch Chairman Helen Whitehouse presented a cheque for £500 from IWA Lichfield Branch to the Trust to assist their work.

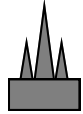


For a further report with some excellent photos see the Trust website at: [www.lhcrt.org.uk/news.htm](http://www.lhcrt.org.uk/news.htm)

(Report by Phil Sharpe, photos by Phil Sharpe and Christine Howles)

## **Wednesday 17th June 2015—Himalayan Balsam Work Party**

Himalayan Balsam is an invasive species that crowds out native plants and damages waterway environments. Fortunately, it pulls up very easily and is non-toxic so IWA is organising work



parties across the country to help control its spread.

Lichfield Branch's contribution was a Balsam Bash along the river section of the Trent & Mersey Canal between Wychnor and Alrewas weir. Although it was not yet in flower, we soon learnt to recognise the leaves and distinctive stems amongst all the other tall vegetation.

Working along the towpath we found several major clumps, especially opposite the boat moorings. We pulled out all the plants we could see, although getting a bit nettle stung in the process despite gloves and sleeves.



Some of us also worked from a small boat to access the water's edge plants and patches on the offside, which needed to be slashed rather than pulled. A large area near the weir was cleared, and CRT has independently cleared beneath the towpath bridges where they are



carrying out repair works.

In a few weeks time when it comes into flower we will see how successful we were, and perhaps make a return visit. Thanks to Barry of CRT for bringing the boat and equipment, to Helen for organising the event and refreshments, and everyone that helped.

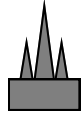
(Report by Phil Sharpe, photos by Clive Walker)

## **Wednesday 3rd June 2015—Ashby Canal Evening Walk**

Seventeen walkers and three dogs met up at the Lime Kilns Pub, on the A5 at Hinckley, to do a circular walk of just over 5 miles. The walk was a joint venture between the IWA Lichfield Branch and the Ashby Canal Association and most of the participants were regulars, but there was also a couple from Leicester, who had read about the event on the ACA website.

Under clear skies and scarcely any wind, we headed along Hydes Lane in the direction of Nuneaton. The lane starts off as a tarmaced road before continuing as a wide farm track. After just half a mile we had left the noise of the nearby conurbations behind us and skylarks could be heard singing in the cornfields. We met barely a soul on the whole walk.

We soon reached Paul's Ford, which has now been replaced by a wooden bridge over the nascent river Anker. The ford is named after a local landowner who bequeathed the area to Nuneaton Borough Council on the understanding that it would remain a green space in perpetuity, and it still is. In return he had a river crossing named after him: the equivalent in today's money of a brass plaque on a wooden bench in a public park. How little times have changed.



We continued southwards towards the outskirts of Whitestone, a suburb of Nuneaton. The area is named after a white milestone or guide post, which exists to this day. The local history association writes that this white milestone is "traditionally graffitied by local residents but, thanks to conscientious locals is always painted back to its original colour in line with Whitestone's tradition." Heading eastwards we soon reached the only incline of the walk at Hill Farm, which isn't really a hill at all, but does at least have its own OS trig point. We skirted the edge of Nuneaton Golf Club, crossing a field of rape

seed and an overgrown thicket, where we emerged for our first glimpse of the Ashby Canal and the sleepy hamlet of Burton Hastings.

Pausing for a group photo on bridge 9 (James's bridge) we then followed the contours of the Ashby Canal back to our starting point. Many of the walkers were impressed by the tranquillity and natural beauty of this section, which is scarcely visited except by passing boats.

Afterwards a number of us enjoyed a hearty home-cooked meal at the Lime Kilns Pub. This 'secret' corner of Leicestershire and

Warwickshire may not look very special on the OS map, but it is well worth a visit.

(Report and photos by Clive Walker)



## Planning Matters

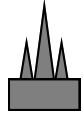
### Phil Sharpe—Planning Officer

This report highlights the more notable of the 50 or so planning matters covered from mid April to mid July, all of which are summarised in the monthly notes on the Planning page of our website. If anyone would like further information on any of these, please contact me.

On the **Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal** at Teddesley the former hire fleet base has closed and the modern brick building by the basin that housed the workshop, laundry, reception and office is to be converted into 4 apartments. At Coven Heath the developing boatyard just north of the M54 has sought permission for a residential mooring for management and security.

The **Trent & Mersey Canal** through Burton on Trent has become progressively built up over recent years and development is now going to sprawl into the countryside around Branston Lock, following approval of the Lawns Farm application for 2,500 houses on one side with industrial buildings on the other. IWA has opposed this since 2000 and it was due to be





considered as part of the Local Plan Examination, but the premature granting of permission prevented any further debate. We will now concentrate on improving the layout and landscaping to minimise its effects on the canal environment. Another threat to the countryside setting of the canal is the large 'Area of Search' for new sand & gravel quarries between Alrewas, Fradley and Kings Bromley proposed in the Minerals Local Plan. We have objected that there is no proper consideration in the plan of the use of recycled materials to reduce the demand for primary aggregates. The existing Newbold Quarry alongside the canal between Barton and Branston is an inadequately screened eyesore so we are at least relieved that its northeast extension will not now include the canalside area.

Crossing the **Wyrley & Essington Canal** at Pelsall, the road over York's Bridge has long been proposed for improvement but the latest plans for a new bridge alongside it have been refused

by a planning inspector due to a technicality. The scheme involves de-registering parts of the common land, adding compensation land nearby, and then re-registering those parts only needed temporarily as a works site, but no legally binding undertaking had been given about the re-registration. Nearby on the **Cannock Extension Canal** at the Stop Buildings near the junction, previous plans to convert the historic stable block to a small house were all

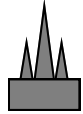


York's Bridge, Pelsall

refused and it became increasingly derelict. So we have supported the latest plans which are to repair it externally to its original appearance for use as an office in connection with adjacent boat moorings. On the **Daw End Branch** at Aldridge we have objected to plans for high fencing around the Biffa waste transfer building to catch wind-blown waste, arguing that there should be no outside storage of waste bales that gives rise to the problem and that the canalside woodland should be cleaned of litter.

Alongside the **Birmingham & Fazeley** section of the Coventry Canal near Tamworth another major development of 725 houses is proposed at Dunstall Farm. Similar proposals were rejected by the Local Plan Inspector in 2005 and IWA has given evidence to the current Local Plan Examination that the urbanisation of this pleasant rural area between the canal and the river Tame would be damaging to the canal's heritage, amenity, recreational use and tourism income. On the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal proper at Fazeley Mill Marina a new brick building housing an office, fuel stores and shower/wc block is proposed to replace the present timber office and fuel tank.

On the **Coventry Canal** at Atherstone the former Britannia Works hat factory south of



Coleshill Road Bridge has long been derelict and the latest plans are to demolish and replace most of the canalside buildings with a mixture of houses and apartments, including some landscaping and a boat lay-by.

Meanwhile the **Lichfield Canal** restoration faces both threats and opportunities from the Local Plan designation of major housing sites alongside its route through South Lichfield. Agreed wording that the developers should provide all necessary new canal bridges and associated canal channel works was omitted from the adopted Local Plan Strategy and we have asked for its correction. Initial consultations on the Cricket Lane and Deanslade Farm sites have been an opportunity to ensure that the infrastructure needs of the canal are understood, although it will inevitably be an uphill battle to convince the developers to fund them and the Council to insist on this as part of the consent conditions or developer contributions.

## **HS2 High Speed Rail Update – July 2015**

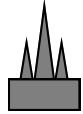
**Phil Sharpe, Planning Officer**

The High Speed Rail Bill (HS2) Select Committee of the House of Commons resumed its sittings in June after the General Election, although with only 5 of the original 6 members as the Liberal Democrat MP had not been re-elected. Since then 2 other members have resigned and 3 new members have been appointed. It is to be hoped that this lack of continuity does not affect the committee's understanding of petitioners' concerns.

In June the Government published an Explanatory Information document for the second batch of Alternative Provisions (AP2) just prior to a vote in Parliament which referred these to the Select Committee for consideration. These provisions include the changed alignments around Lichfield, although at that stage the plans showed only the amended land requirements and no construction or environmental details. It confirmed that they are still proposing to divert Wood End Lane alongside the Trent & Mersey Canal below Wood End Lock and rising onto a high embankment to cross the railway, which is the worst of several possible route options for the canal environment.

Our earlier meetings with Staffordshire County Highways, CRT and HS2 Ltd had revealed that other options were initially shown to SCC and CRT but they had never even attempted to consult IWA ! We have produced an alternative plan, and CRT has also suggested a further alternative, both of which would take the road diversion under rather than over the Handsacre Link tracks with minimal impact on the canal and the landscape.

The full details of the AP2 changes, including a Supplementary and Additional Environmental Statement, Plans and Sections were finally published on 17th July for a 6 week consultation but only a 4 week petitioning period. As this goes to press, IWA is examining all the details of the changes at Wood End and Cappers Lane, and also a new site adjoining the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal, in the expectation that we will again need to petition the HS2 Select Committee about AP2. We are also working with CRT to align our representations. As the committee's provisional programme of hearings has already been published up to the end of October, our expected joint appearance will apparently not now be before then.



## **Navigation Report**

### **Mike Bending, Navigation Officer**

Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal—Tixall Wide

In the last issue of Lichfield Lines I commented on problems with the towpath edge at Tixall Wide. Since then I have revisited the area and was very pleased to find that CRT have repaired the moorings.

Trent & Mersey Canal—Dallow Lock, Burton Upon Trent

One of our members reported that their boat grounded when entering Dallow Lock. This has been reported to CRT. Although CRT carry out hydrographic surveys to identify areas that require general dredging I don't believe that these will identify all the spot problems that particularly occur around bridge holes and, as in this case, downstream of locks. So if you notice any such issues please let me know so I can discuss resolution with CRT.

### **Calling all Nuneaton members !– Your views required**

In March 2014, we were made aware that there was a problem with anti-social behaviour at Cat Gallows bridge in Nuneaton where gangs of youths would gather, after dark, under the access ramps of the bridge. After consultation with local residents and the police, Warwickshire county council asked CRT to get their contractors to seal off the approach ramps to the bridge. Unfortunately, this had the effect of cutting off towpath access from Villiers Road where for many years residents of Nuneaton have had “unofficial access” to the towpath. This blocking of the unofficial access point has caused some ructions locally.

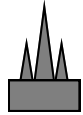


Cat Gallows Bridge

Recently, the bridge access ramp parapet has been vandalised providing

access for those who are physically able to scramble up and down the structure. However, the canal is no longer accessible for wheelchairs and prams etc at this point. Mike Bending has made enquiries about whether an access ramp could be provided but has been told that the land that would be required to provide this facility is not in CRT ownership.

I am uncertain whether this is a topic that IWA should be pursuing or not and would therefore welcome the opinions of members of the IWA, especially those who live in the Nuneaton area, as to whether or not our IWA volunteers should be fighting for access to the towpath at this point. Should this be left for local residents to deal with or should we in IWA be getting involved? This is obviously not a navigational matter but may be a “Waterways for All” matter. What are your views? Replies to [Lichfield@waterways.org.uk](mailto:Lichfield@waterways.org.uk) or to me via the branch postal



address (page 14)

It seems that there is no over all Council or CRT strategy for improving the canal through Nuneaton and we would welcome the help of one or more IWA members in the area who would be willing to champion the improvement of the waterside environment in Nuneaton in a similar way that Margaret Beardsmore has in Rugeley. One County Councillor is already on side. We know that improving the canalside environment has a knock-on effect of improving the whole area so if you are interested in helping to improve life in your community, please let us know.

Helen Whitehouse

## News From the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust

### **Canal Towpath to be part of Heart of England Way**

Lichfield's Heritage Towpath Trail is to become part of the Heart of England Way. The Trail, built by Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust volunteers and completed in Spring 2014, is a disabled-friendly path running alongside Lichfield Canal next to the A51 Tamworth Road.



Since its completion, the Trail has been enjoyed by families, walkers, joggers, cyclists and wheelchair-users, not only for its peaceful situation but also because it

provides the perfect viewing platform to watch the Trust's workforce carry out the restoration of the canal, which was abandoned in the 1950s.

Now many more walkers will use the Trail after the Heart of England Way Association proposed that the long distance route should be diverted on to the towpath.

From Lichfield down Quarry Hills Lane, the Heart of England Way will cross the A51 into Cricket Lane to join the 700 metre section of the Lichfield Canal Heritage Towpath Trail along Borrowcop Locks Canal Park and rejoin the A51 where the Trail emerges to rejoin the Heart of England Way at the Tamworth Road bridge over the A38.

The decision to divert the route on to the Trail was made after a visit by Brian Keates, warden co-ordinator for the Heart of England Way voluntary warden service, who said: "We are very impressed with the work being done to restore the canal and grateful for the insight into what it all involves."

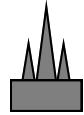
The 104-mile Heart of England Way runs from Milford Common on Cannock Chase to Bourton on the Water in the Cotswolds and the new section will be officially opened later in the year.



Lichfield Canal's Heritage Towpath Trail has also made the shortlist for a national award.

The Living Waterways Awards 2015, run by the Canal and River Trust, recognise the most inspiring and exciting waterway-based projects across the UK, and the disabled-friendly Heritage Towpath Trail, near the A51 Tamworth Road, is one of three projects vying for the top honour in the Restoration and Historic Environment category.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in London on October 8.



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## Festival of Water

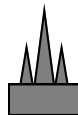
Fun family day out with a boat parade, rowing boats and live music, rides and activities for children as just some of the attractions.

## Fun for all the family!

## 200th Anniversary

This year's festival celebrates 200 years of the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal.





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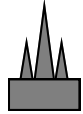
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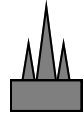


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