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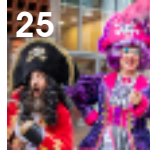
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Dear Readers,

"We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!"... Trust us, you're lucky you're just reading that and not hearing us sing it!

We've got festive cheer to fill your santa boots with in this issue! Local events, a leftover chocolates recipe, a panto review from our very own Rhian, two sparkly drinks to make.... "and a partridge in a pear tree!"...ok maybe not that. We must be giddy on the mince pies already!

Gosh, now we're exhausted! If like us you'll be looking for some down-time after the festive season why not enter this month's competition to win a voucher from the lovely folks at Delhi Divan. Let someone else do the cooking!

Sending you lots of love and seasons greetings!

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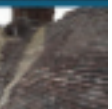
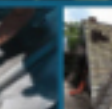
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Festive Fun

This year why not make your way to some of the fabulous festive events taking place in and around Burton!



Santa's Best Christmas Ever

17th December 1pm & 4.30pm at the Brewhouse Arts Centre

Join Father Christmas and friends in this brand new, festive, musical and interactive adventure to make 2021 Santa's Best Ever Christmas! It's a family show most suitable for 2-7 year olds, where every child will receive a specially wrapped present from Santa - after the most Christmassy Christmas show ever!

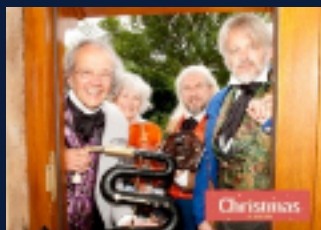


Winter Young Traders Market

18th December from 9am in the Burton Market Hall & Place

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Mellstock Band

20th December 7pm at the Brewhouse Arts Centre

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From 7th - 18th December at the National Memorial Arboretum

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The Cathedral Illuminated

Thursday 16 December - Wednesday 22 December | 17:30 onwards at Lichfield Cathedral

The Cathedral Illuminated is a stunning light and sound experience with projections onto the Lichfield Cathedral School Palace building and onto the west front of the Cathedral, visitors are then invited into the Cathedral to visit the Crib and walk through the Christmas Tree Festival. This year's event 'The Manger' is composed of beautiful imagery depicting everything 'Christmassy' and a stunning re-telling of the Christmas story, all created by the artistic collaboration Luxmuralis.

So wrap up warm and head on out for some festive fun this Christmas season!

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St Stephen's Day

Saint Stephen's Day is the second day of Christmastide and is celebrated in honour of one of the first Christian martyrs, Saint Stephen, who was stoned to death in 36 AD.

It is said he was a deacon in the early Church at Jerusalem who was accused of blasphemy and was stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, also known as Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who would later become a Christian apostle.

In the United Kingdom and some Commonwealth countries, the 26th December is commonly known as Boxing Day, which takes its name from the practice of giving small gifts to household servants on that day for their work throughout the year.

In Ireland the holiday is sometimes called Wren Day, because in the past a wren would be killed and taken door-to-door by children asking for money in exchange for a wren's feather, which people believed brought good luck. The tradition of going house-to-house on St.

Stephen's Day survives in many countries, especially in Scandinavia, where the day is observed by visiting friends and going to parties.



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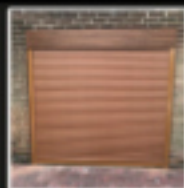
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Pope

End of the year fast
approaching and dark
nights, short days are now
the norm!

While livestock, such as
housed cattle and dairy cows
can be dealt with when inside,
the livestock still out in the
fields can only properly be
checked over during daylight
and energy bills begin to rise at
this time.

Lighting in sheds must be safe
so as not to injure any animal (or
person) and is obviously
used much more. Headlights
on machinery are also used
much more and anyone
working in the vicinity really
ought to be wearing hi-viz.

Some farmers will be carrying
out field work, particularly on
later harvested crop fields
where such as maize or field
beans had grown.

For those lambing early, then
feeding ewes may well be part
of the routine and some will be
coming in later on as they get
closer to giving birth.

Hedge laying will begin as the
sap stops rising- essential for
keeping animals where they
are safe and logs can be
retrieved for later use on the
fire. Elsewhere in the country
where stone walls are the
order of the day, these can also
be repaired.

If we've had plenty of rain
previously, our two old hay
meadows may get a soaking
from overflow from the
boundary brooks. Although
this tends to happen mainly
during later winter months, it's
not unknown for the brook to
be out in the morning and
gone by lunchtime.

Although we no longer make
hay from them, I can
remember tedding (turning the
hay) and rowing up after
hubby had mown the grass (he
suffered badly from hay fever)
and then helping to load and
bring in the small bales,
approximately 100 bales to the
acre (7 rows high and 30 bales
on each layer on each bale
trailer) and having to stack
them under the barn (1200 in
a good year from the larger of
the two meadows). Phew!

Now, these are grazed,
providing a good bite for our
animals. The rig and furrow is
still noticeable in them.

Our Silver birch tree, the 'lady
of the woods', is a beautiful
tree, branches sweeping in the
winds and fronds of leaves
whipping round and the leaves
get everywhere- piles blown
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in as they search for food.

Our cattle will come in now, if
they haven't already and, after
a few weeks inside, they will
be wormed for fluke- a parasite
that affects the liver and can be
serious. It is found on wet
pasture and water snails are
part of its life cycle. Needless
to say the cattle are not keen as
it's usually administered by an
injection or a drench.

Ted will be working hard,
moving sheep around their
grazing and helping to fetch
lambs in for weighing. It's
important he is also kept in
fine fettle too and a nutritious
diet means he has the energy,
if not the inclination, to work.
A few days off for him over
Christmas though, I think and
a merry Christmas to you too,
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Left-over Choc Bites

Just when you think you've eaten all the chocolate you possibly can, along comes a second wind! By this point though, it's likely that it's only 'randoms' left in the chocolate tin! Why not make this fun snack to keep your chocolate cravings at bay and use up the last of the Christmas treats. Every bite is an adventure!



Choc Bites

Ingredients

250g Dark chocolate
200g Milk chocolate
200g Butter
150g Golden syrup
100g Digestive biscuits
75g Mini marshmallows
250g left over chocolates

Method

Line an 8" square tin with baking paper. Grease the tin first with a little butter to help the paper stick to it.

Chop up your leftover chocolates into chunks and bash up your biscuits into pieces.

Put the butter, golden syrup, dark chocolate and milk chocolate in a pan and melt together on a low heat, stirring together as it melts.

Once it's fully melted and combined, take the pan off the heat.

Prepare a bowl with the broken up biscuits, marshmallows and about two thirds of the chopped up chocolates (reserve the rest for decorating the top).

Stir in the biscuits & marshmallows.

Pour about two thirds of the chocolate mixture into the bowl of biscuits etc. and stir to fully coat the fillings with chocolate.

Pour the whole lot into the

lined tin, smooth down then add the remaining chocolate mixture to fill in any gaps.

Add the remaining left over chocolate chunks to the top to decorate.

Put in the fridge overnight, or for 3-4 hours to set.

To serve, remove from the tin and chop into slices using a sharp knife.

If you store the choc bites in an airtight container it can be kept for 1 - 2 weeks, and up to 3 weeks in the fridge. It is best kept in the fridge.

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Having successfully detached my 10 year old from technology we headed to watch **Peter Pan at the Garrick Theatre**. Laughs are a plenty in this fantastic production and to see my son belly laughing throughout was a joy to behold. The Dame Mrs Smee (Sam Rabone) was undoubtedly the star of the show and was by far my son's favourite character. The whole cast were brilliant and engaged the audience throughout making this a memorable night and perfect for a bit of Festive cheer. Plenty of Boos, 'He's behind you' and 'Oh no he didn't' made this an amazing immersive experience that I will be sure to be repeating each year. The show will be running until the 2nd of January, go on treat yourself you won't be disappointed.



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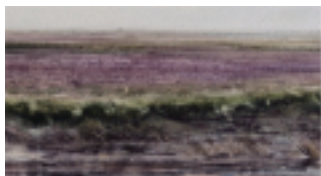
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A Winter Collection *by Deborah Walker*



We have a solo exhibition of paintings by resident artist Deborah Walker, at 'the gallery @ Ridware Arts' in the lead up to Christmas this year, opening on Saturday 27th November.

This exhibition runs until Saturday 18th December, so why not indulge yourself and make shopping for gifts a pleasure? The gallery is the working studio of Deborah Walker RI RSMA and she will

be painting in the gallery as usual in the run up to Christmas, which offers an oasis of calm at this busy time of year. With new shoreline studies and the view from The Shard in London to tempt you, why not avoid the hassle of city shopping and visit her at 'the gallery' instead?! This year's exhibition features work by Deb and some of the gallery's favourite artists. We have a wide selection of paintings, including a range of mounted, tiny, original watercolours which would make an ideal and unique gift; alongside original prints, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery and glass. Our Christmas Spice, Apple & Cinnamon and Nordic Forest scented candles

will surely put you in the mood for the Festive Season!

For information about workshops for 2022 with Deb, please email to receive a programme for Spring 2022. Be assured of a warm welcome in the gallery this Christmas! For further information about the forthcoming exhibition please contact Deb at 'the gallery' on T: 01889 504102 or E: deb@walker-art.co.uk

Open all year round, Wednesday to Saturday 2 – 5pm. On the A515 from Kings Bromley to Yoxall, turn left at the roundabout to Hamstall Ridware and continue to turn or bear left to Blythe House Farm.

the gallery@Ridware Arts

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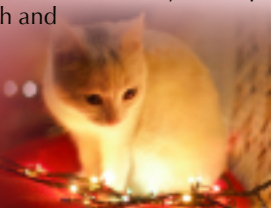
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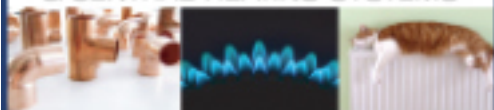
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Lichfield Garrick Theatre are to receive £135,024 from the third round of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund.

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Karen Foster said:

"Christmas came early to the Lichfield Garrick today with this wonderful news enabling us to look forward to a real Christmas with All New Adventures of Peter Pan, Mince Pie Mice and our Santa's Grotto all benefitting from the financial sustainability which this grant brings. My heartfelt thanks to the Arts Council England for this award".



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TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Online Life Drawing

Free event. Donations welcome. Every Tuesday at 7pm and Friday at 10am. Our life drawing sessions are perfect whether you're a complete beginner or the next Picasso! www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-life-drawing-with-brixton-life-drawing-tickets-117373428083?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Priory Art Group

Every Wednesday morning 9.30 to 12. We are a small friendly group of artists meeting at the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton. New members always welcome. Contact Sandra 01283 329743 or call in and see us.

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Coffee at the Castle

Free event, every Thursday. Starts 11am. A friendly results driven online networking event. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-coffee-at-the-castle-tickets-126994992441?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Knitting Group

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SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Weekly Mandarin Corner

Free event. Every Saturday. Starts 2pm. Informal conversation sessions at two different levels (Beginner - Intermediate and Intermediate - Advanced) that enable you to get together with fellow classmates, make new friends and discuss Chinese language and culture in a relaxed, friendly environment. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weekly-mandarin-corner-tickets-135709200873?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Vinyasa Flow Yoga

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MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Kundalini Yoga & Gong Bath

Free event. Every Monday. Starts 7pm. Evening yoga class designed to inspire and give you the tools to transform your life and those around you. Open to all levels. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kundalini-yoga-and-gong-bath-online-tickets-55890355558?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

Beginners Watercolour - Tutbury

Every Monday at Tutbury Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon. Ideal for anyone who has never painted before. For details or to enrol contact Ann on 07816 118776. Admission by prior registration only. www.artmoves.co.uk

TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Abstract Art Workshop

Donations welcome. Every Friday. Starts 7pm. This workshop is for everyone who wants to relax, who feels isolated with lockdown and wants to enjoy art and explore new ideas. Children, adults, families, all welcome www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abstract-art-workshops-tickets-134217729843?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER

GCSE Yr11 Maths Top-Up

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THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Tahitian Dance with Hinatea

Free event, every Thursday, starts 6pm. Through this class, there is no worry over performance. The focus is on feeling good about ourselves, being kind with ourselves and having fun with our body. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tahitian-dance-with-hinatea-online-tickets-148335865567?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER

Monday Meditation

Free event. Every Monday, starts 6.30pm. A free meditation session, online through Zoom, every week. I provide this as a free, spiritual practice to anyone who wants to practice meditation, and pranayama, as a gift. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-monday-meditation-live-online-tickets-100830191818?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

TUESDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Spirit Café

Free event. Every Saturday at 7.30pm. Live Spiritual Readings with our team. A great no pressure way to get insight, healing, and perspective. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-spirit-cafe-online-free-spiritual-readings-more-tickets-134687009471?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Reduce Procrastination Workshop

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THURSDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Photography for Children

Free event, every day. Starts 7pm. Little eyes, Big stories A photography course for children aged 6+ to encourage them to think creatively and use what they have around the house. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-photography-course-for-children-tickets-155498944529?aff=ebdssbonlinsearch

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Tai Chi Classes

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www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lockdown-tai-chi-lee-style-online-global-daily-classes-registration-104447912518?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY

Drink & Draw

Free event. First Monday of the Month. Starts 7pm. Drink&Draw is a casual event, run by London ACM SIGGRAPH hosted online every first Monday of each month. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drinkdraw-2021-spring-zoom-edition-tickets-138439567473?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY

Anslow Art Class

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WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY

Barton WI

Meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at St James's Hall Barton. For more information email pennycarthy@hotmail.co.uk

THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY

Creative Writing Workshop

Free event every Thursday. Starts 7pm. Flex your creative muscles, let your imagination flow and put your spiralling thoughts to paper in this light and friendly creative writing workshop. All levels and abilities welcome. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-writing-workshop-tickets-15288203247?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY

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SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY

Electronics Club For Children

Free event. Every Saturday, starts 6pm. 1 hour session every weekend on Electronics during weekends (delivered through Zoom). Each weekly session will have unique content and will build on the knowledge from the previous sessions. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/electronics-club-for-children-weekend-session-tickets-135845482495?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY

Intro to Coding Workshop

Free event. Every Sunday. Starts 1pm. This workshop is intended for those who have little or no experience in coding and want to find out if a career in web development is right for them. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intro-to-coding-workshop-tickets-103241098906?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

MONDAY 10TH JANUARY

Burton Prostate Cancer Support Group

Every second Monday of each month at the Scout headquarters in Rolleston on Dove DE13 9AB, meetings start at 7pm to 9pm. Everybody is very welcome, Tea, coffee and cake. Contact details email: burton.prostate.cancer.supprp@gmail.com Tele: 07478 88957

Watercolour for Beginners

At Tutbury Village Hall each Monday 10am - 12noon starting January 10th for 10 weeks. Fully structured classes, Ideal for total beginners. Friendly and relaxed atmosphere with Ann, a qualified tutor and professional artist. For details contact Ann on 07816 118776. Fully Covid compliant. Admission by prior registration only.

TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY

Marstons Club - Over 50s

Over 50s Bingo every Tuesday afternoon. 1 'til 3pm. For more information contact Christine Adams on: 01283 299833

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY

A Climate of Change

Free event every Wednesday. Starts 4pm for 8-15yrs, 6pm for 16-24yrs. Express yourself through music and the creative arts, to explore how the environment and social culture is changing around them. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-climate-of-change-creative-sessions-for-young-people-ages-16-24-yrs-tickets-141594540081?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY

Coffee at the Castle

Free event, every Thursday. Starts 11am. A friendly results driven online networking event. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-coffee-at-the-castle-tickets-126994992441?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY

Latin-in-Line Dance Class

Every Friday, 9.45am-10.45am Intermediate £5 & 11.00-11.45am Beginners £4 or both classes back to back £7. No need for a partner! At the Priory Centre, Church Lane, Stretton DE13 0HE. Contact Lorraine on 07598159744/larhiney@hotmail.com to book a place.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our **Swadlincote Snowsports Centre** competition winners, who have won a **Family Ticket for Four**:

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Wendy Huckerby - Burton

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National Champagne Day

As if there isn't enough fizz floating around over the Christmas season... Did you know that December 31st is National Champagne Day? No? Well neither did we... so you can imagine our delight! This is a perfect day to observe this holiday because we are pretty certain you will all be making a New Year's Eve toast with champagne.

Champagne is a sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France under the rules of appellation. The name Champagne is legally protected. However, some use this term as a generic term for sparkling wines. As Champagne can be quite expensive we will allow you to celebrate the National Champagne Day drinking any sparkling wine you like, no matter whether it comes from France, Italy, or California.

Instead of drinking Champagne, you could make a champagne cocktail that will be perfect for New Year's Eve. For instance, Mimosa is a classic Champagne cocktail and here we have two suitably festive flavours for you to try!

Mirabelle Mimosa

(Serves 1)

Ice
20ml Plum Puree
5ml Pernod
130ml chilled
Champagne
2 red plum slices



Directions

Fill a pint glass with ice. Add the Plum Puree, Pernod and Champagne and stir gently. Strain into a chilled flute and garnish with the plum slices.



Peppermint Fizz

(Serves 6)

25g melted chocolate
3 candy canes, crushed
150ml peppermint schnapps,
divided between 6 glasses
1 bottle champagne
6 candy canes, whole

Directions

Pour melted chocolate onto a small plate. Pour crushed candy canes onto a separate plate. Dip rims of champagne flutes first in chocolate, then in crushed candy canes to coat.

Add 25ml of peppermint schnapps to each glass, then top with champagne or prosecco. Garnish with full candy canes before serving.



Murray's Goes Green

Murray's Funeral Directors of Burton, Derby, Swadlincote & Barton, have just taken delivery of their new grey Mercedes hybrid hearse and limousine and are proud to be the first Funeral Directors in the Derbyshire and Staffordshire area to be able to provide a zero-emissions funeral cortege, working alongside a fully electric Nissan Leaf which they introduced last month.

Owner David Barke commented "We understand that families are more aware and concerned about their impact on the environment and now look at ways to reduce this, so we are immensely proud to play our part in this move towards a

greener society. The new vehicles allow us to continue to be at the forefront of both contemporary and traditional funerals."

When Murray's opened in 1999 my wife Sue, was one of a handful of female Funeral Directors, throughout the country, something which is now commonplace. Their drive to Zero emissions funerals is just another example of their progressive outlook. Giving their families choice for their loved one's funeral arrangements, whether that is Green Funeral providing willow coffins and using their zero emissions vehicles, or travelling to the funeral in a speciality vehicle, Morris Minor, VW Camper, Motor bike or Horse drawn

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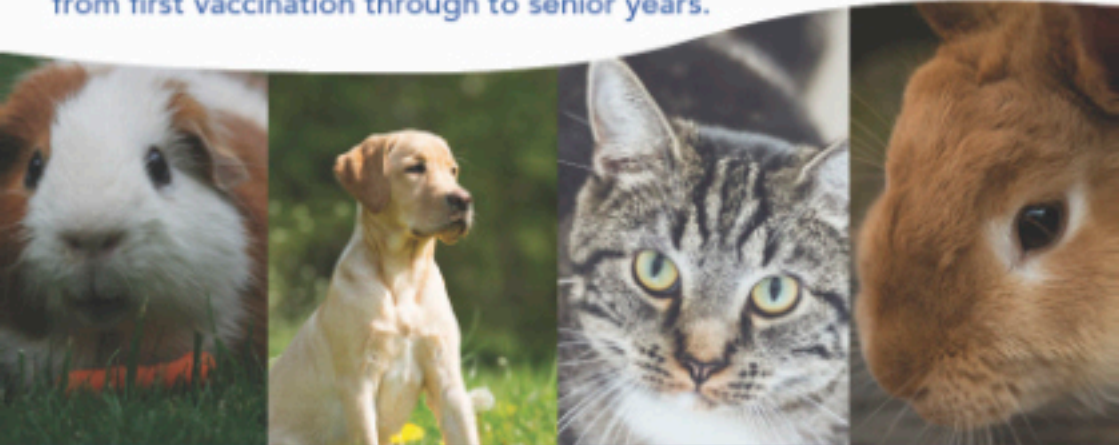
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