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## of Rostherne with Bollington
## St John High Legh & St Paul Over Tabley

# Parish Magazine

# April 2021

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| April 2021 | W/c 4 April | W/c 11 April | W/c 18 April | W/c 25 April |
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| Sun | Easter Day<br>Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24<br>Isaiah 25: 6-9<br>Acts 10: 34-43**<br>John 20: 1-18* | 2nd Sunday of Easter<br>Psalm 133<br>Ex. 14: 10-end; 15: 20-21<br>Acts 4: 32-35**<br>John 20: 19 - end | 3rd Sunday of Easter<br>Psalm 4<br>Zephaniah 3: 14 - end<br>Acts 3: 12 – 19**<br>Luke 24: 36b - 48 | 4th Sunday of Easter<br>Psalm 23<br>Acts 4: 5-12**<br>John 10: 11-18 |
| Mon | Psalm 111<br>Song of Solomon 1: 9 – 2:7<br>Mark 16: 1- 8 | Psalm 19<br>Deuteronomy 1: 3-18<br>John 20:1-10 | Psalm 96<br>Deuteronomy 5: 1-22<br>Ephesians 1: 1-14 | Mark The Evangelist<br>Psalm 148<br>Isaiah 62: 6-10<br>Acts 12: 25-13:13 |
| Tues | Psalm112<br>Song of Solomon 2: 8 -end<br>Luke 24: 1-12 | Psalm 8<br><br>Deuteronomy 1: 19-40<br>John 20:11-18 | Psalm 98<br>Deuteronomy 5: 22-end<br>Ephesians 1: 15-end | Psalm 139<br>Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5<br>Ephesians 4: 17-end |
| Wed | Psalm 113<br>Song of Solomon Chap. 3<br>Matthew 28: 16-end | Psalm 30<br>Deuteronomy 3: 18-end<br>John 20: 19-end | Psalm 105<br>Deuteronomy Chapter 6<br>Ephesians 2: 1-10 | Psalm 135<br>Deuteronomy 10: 12-end<br>Ephesians 5: 1-14 |
| Thurs | Psalm 114<br>Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3<br>Luke 7: 11-17 | Psalm 28<br>Deuteronomy 4: 1-14<br>John 21: 1- 14 | Psalm136<br>Deuteronomy 7: 1-11<br>Ephesians 2: 11-end | Psalm 118<br>Deuteronomy 11: 8-end<br>Ephesians 5: 15-end |
| Fri | Psalm 115<br>Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4<br>Luke 8 41-end | Psalm 61<br>Deuteronomy 4: 15-31<br>John 21: 15-19 | George, Martyr<br>Psalm 5<br>Joshua 1: 1-9<br>Ephesians 6: 10-20 | Psalm 33<br>Deuteronomy 12: 1-14<br>Ephesians 6: 1-9 |
| Sat | Psalm 116:<br>Song of Solomon 8: 5-7<br>John 11: 17-44 | Psalm 84<br>Deuteronomy 4: 32-40<br>John 21:20-end | Psalm 110<br>Deuteronomy Chapter 8<br>Ephesians 3: 14-end | Philip & James Apostles<br>Psalm 146<br>Proverbs 4: 10-18<br>James 1: 1-12 |

*Alternative readings 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Mark 16: 1-8. The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

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## Prayer for April

Thank you, Lord, for Springtime with its message of hope as the world emerges from the starkness of winter. This year especially may we be aware of the awakening from the dark and cold of the past season, but also may we be conscious of the warmth of your love as we emerge from lockdown. Help us to move forward with hope in the warmth of your love. Amen.

## Services for Holy Week and Easter

### Services in Holy Week and on Easter Day

*As we re-open the churches we will do all that we can to keep people as safe as possible by following government guidance with social distancing, hand sanitisation and wearing of masks.*

*Above all, please be assured that you will be warmly welcomed back into our beautiful church and into our church community.*

Monday 29 March: Telephone Service at 19.00

Tuesday 30 March: Evening Prayer (Zoom) 18.00; Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87165996787?pwd=dnJYVzV1R3VHZmRCcmdvMW13dlBQUT09

Lent Course (Zoom) 19.00 Usual Link.

Wednesday 31 March: Celtic Morning Prayer at St John's

Maundy Thursday1st April: Holy Communion at 19.30 at St John's and St Mary's.

Good Friday 2nd April:

10.00 Meditation at Holy Trinity
10.40 Good Friday Walk starts from St Paul's** **Booking Essential.**
14.00 Meditation at St John's
Recorded Meditation from St Mary's

Holy Saturday: 19.00 Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity (Outdoor – weather permitting) (Bring your own refreshments, folding chair and Bible please).

**Easter Day - Booking will be ESSENTIAL FOR ALL SERVICES**

**See next page (13) for booking details.**

06.30 Sunrise Service at St Mary Rostherne (Outdoor)

09.00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Little Bollington

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh`

10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne

11.00 Holy Communion at St Paul Over Tabley.

There will also be a recorded service as usual.
*The link will be in the weekly News and Prayer Update or you can contact Revd Patricia for it if you haven't registered for the Update.*

## Other Services in April

Sunday 11 April
**10.00 St John High Legh** Holy Communion
**11.00 Holy Trinity Little Bollington** Short Service followed by Rostherne with Bollington APCM - please book with Revd Patricia see below.

Sunday 18th April
**10.00 St John High Legh** - Holy Communion followed by APCM – please book with Revd Trish see below.
**10.30 St Mary Rostherne** – Holy Communion
**11.00 St Paul Over Tabley** - Holy Communion

Sunday 25th April
**10.00 St John High Legh** – Holy Communion
**11.00 Holy Trinity Little Bollington** – Holy Communion
**11.00 St Paul Over Tabley** – Holy Communion followed by APCM – please book with Revd Patricia as below.

**Annual Parochial Church Meetings - Booking Essential.**
We are hoping these will be held in person following shorter Sunday services.

Rostherne with Bollington 11 April 2021 - 11.00 (Book with Revd Patricia Robinson)

St John High Legh 18 April 2021 - 10.00 (Book with Revd Trish Cope)

St Paul Over Tabley 25 April 2021 - 11.00 (Book with Revd Patricia)

**To Book**:

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**From the Ministry Team**

As I write this letter pupils have just returned to school and we are allowed to sit on a bench with a friend and have refreshments together – it is the beginning of the easing of the Covid 19 lock-down restrictions. There's a long way to go but the glimmer of light, that came in December with the authorisations of the first vaccinations, and was almost extinguished by the rapid spread of the new variant, has brightened significantly as the number vaccinated has increased and the cases and deaths have decreased.

March 23rd – designated as National Day of Reflection gave us the space to reflect on what has been, be thankful for all that we have - especially our NHS and key workers and through that maintain hope for a better future.

Following on from that day, we are encouraged to connect with those who are grieving – many of whom have not seen their loved ones for many weeks and were unable to be with them as they approached the end of life.

In our villages we can also be thankful for the continuing opportunities to respond to our neighbours' needs – following the commandment to love God and to love our neighbour. We are encouraged to continue to be alert to the ongoing needs of others both near and far, and in our churches we have informed members about Christian Aid's appeal to "Pass it forward", giving thanks for our own vaccination by donating to help protect others from the effects of Covid 19 (see below). Responding with generosity is rooted in thankfulness so we are encouraged to continue to acknowledge the gift of the NHS and all keyworkers and be ready to provide whatever support they need.

We are also encouraged to look forward with hope to a better future. A world where not only is Covid 19 well managed but where the inequalities within the UK and across the world which have been accentuated by the pandemic are eradicated.

We know that there has been huge damage from the response to Covid 19 on the economic, social, emotional, educational life of our nation, and many others. The impact has been particularly hard for those who are younger (children and young adults) and those who are disadvantaged or disabled. But despite that – in fact because of that we must have hope to carry us forward to rebuild the lives that have been devastated.

Easter is the great day of hope for Christians. Hope is more than merely wishful thinking. It is a deep desire and belief that things can be better. Easter brings the true hope that whatever happens love will always triumph! The hope that the most evil acts of mankind will never extinguish the light of love.

Easter fulfils God's promise to us:
*"But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,"*
Psalm 33:18

And strengthens us for our part in God's story
*"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* Isaiah 40: 31

I write this in anticipation of being together in church to hear the Easter message of hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15: 13

The Ministry Team wish you all a safe, healthy and hopeful Easter;
Rev'd Trish

Below is the link for the Christian Aid appeal if you would like to support the "Pass it forward" campaign.

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine

**May Magazine**

We would love to hear from any reader with contributions of interest.

**Please send any items to your usual Editor or to parishmagrwlb@gmail.com by the end of the day on**

**Friday 23rd April 2021.**

We will continue to have the pdf version of the magazine for the time being.

## St Paul's Update

In March we achieved a significant milestone when our designated planning officer from Cheshire East visited to give the work at St Pauls a final inspection. She was delighted with what has been achieved and we will shortly be receiving a Building Completion Certificate. During her visit she admired the way we have used local oak for the cupboard doors and additional panelling and told me that any doubts she may have entertained about how the kitchen/toilet would fit in with a Grade II Listed Victorian church have been dispelled.

The next formal stage will be when we are able to notify the Diocese that all the work permitted under Faculty has been completed. That will have to wait until the final component of the project – refinishing the path to the church – has been done. We hope to undertake this in the summer when hope-
fully the weather is warmer.

What we are currently working on is stripping back some of the worst areas of paint degradation around and adjacent to the war memorial to the left of the chancel screen. Having the scaffolding up un this area has enabled me to get a close look at the upper portions of the screen. This will be carefully cleaned and then photographed. We have a target for finishing the decorating before a wedding on the 19th of May.

When circumstances permit, we will have a service to celebrate all that has been achieved and publicly thank all those who have contributed to the project.

Philip

**Ribbons For Reflection – 12 Months on from the First Lockdown**

Each of our parishes has provided ribbons which can be tied in various locations around the United Benefice including at three of the churches. This is to help us to show how we, along with the whole nation reflect on what was, give thanks and support for what we have and look forward with hope to a better future.

There will be three colours of ribbon and you are invited to choose which-
ever matches your thoughts:

**Purple** – for grief to remember everyone who has died, especially those whom we have loved
**Rainbow** – for thanks for all health and care workers, frontline staff and keyworkers
**Gold** – for hope as we step into the future.

In **High Legh** collect a ribbon from St John's or outside the School Main Gate and tie it on the railings around the Woodland Walk at High Legh.

In **Tabley** you can go to St Paul's Church or the Playground at Holly Grove, Tabley.

In **Little Bollington** you can go to Holy Trinity Church or the Notice Board at The Triangle.

In **Rostherne** you can go to St Mary's Church (porch) or Fenton's Farm Foods on Cherry Tree Lane.

There will also be prayers to use, if you wish, as you tie your ribbon(s).
We will have ribbons available from 22nd March until 5th April. The ribbons will then be removed and taken to the churches.

God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

*The National Day of Reflection has been organised by Marie Curie and is supported by the Church of England.*

**Tribute to the life of Mavis Caroline Wilding -**
**2nd September 1926 – 10th February 2021**

Mavis died on10th February 2021 in Tabley House where she had been a resident for about 10 years. Like many of her generation she loved dancing and danced regularly at various church halls where she met her husband Peter. They were delighted to receive a Congratulations card from the Queen on their Diamond wedding anniversary in 2009. Mavis loved home life and was a great cook and her grand-daughter and great grand-daughter have followed in her footsteps and still use her favourite recipes.

Mavis and Peter enjoyed family holidays and travelling especially amongst the hills and open countryside of the UK and Europe. She delighted in her grand-children and had the pleasure of holding her great grand-children despite her failing health.

The family are grateful for the dedication of staff at Tabley house especially over the last difficult 12 months. Mavis is sadly missed by her family, but they are all grateful for the love that they received from her over many years.

## Mere and Tabley Community Club

Although our club must remain closed for social events, work is continuing apace on the newly configured bar area. Most of the major building work is complete and it is hoped that the bar itself will be in place before the end of this month. This project has only been possible due to the generosity of our members who have either donated or loaned money to enable the committee to give the go ahead while the club is shut down.

We are looking forward to a gradual opening during the Summer months but are only too aware timings are unquantifiable at the moment. We can however open our Bowling Green and intend to allow social bowling for members from April 5th. The bowling leagues hope to start in mid-May.
We are pleased to have our premises used by the blood donor service on a regular basis. The local elections are due to be held on Thursday, May 6th.

I must thank our local authorities for the generous grants they have provided to local sports and social clubs during the pandemic which has helped enormously to meet ongoing financial obligations, ie rent and utilities. Although the upcoming months will be challenging, I have no doubt that our tremendous volunteers and enthusiastic membership will enable this community club to move to a position where loans can be repaid and a sense of “normality” returns.

Alan Greenway, Chairman.

**Springtime by Mrs Gladys Farr**

Happy my memories as I stroll down the lane
Springtime all around me again
Gentle cool breezes, playing around
The vibrant gold daffodils adorning the ground
To stir them like dancers with beauty and grace
And the same gentle breezes caressing my face

The woodlands are waking from their long winter's sleep
And over the meadow are contented sheep with their lambs at play
It's so good to be here on the beautiful day

Over the stile, 'what a show'
As the tall trees sway the sun shines through
Sparkling like jewels on the steam below
Oh! there goes a blackbird trilling her song
A cute cheeky robin comes hopping along
Everywhere new life is stirring
Mother Nature giving birth
How dear my memories are today
How wonderful this earth!

## Little Bollington W.I.

Members are looking forward to the time when we can meet in person, but unfortunately that is not possible at the moment, although it may be feasible in the summer. However, we were able to meet via Zoom, and had an informal chat which those who took part, enjoyed. The WhatsApp group is a proving popular and members have encouraged one another with sage words and beautiful photos of spring flowers.

On 8th April there will be another Zoom call for any member wishing to join in. It will be kept very informal and is really just an opportunity to keep in touch. If anyone needs the details of the I.D. Number and password, please contact Pam Winward on 01565 830467.

The Book Club are also planning to try a Zoom call to share memories of books we have enjoyed over the last year.

If you have any queries, please contact Pam Winward on the above phone number.

# THE FARM GATE ENTREPRENEURS

## Our April FOOD HEROES

Jo & Dom Fenton at Briddon Weir Farm
Janet, Tim & Rosemary Harrison at Abbey Leys Farm

I am fortunate to have lived and raised my family in, what remains of, an ancient farming community. The origins of Rostherne can be traced back at least 900 years, as witnessed in The Doomsday Book, when the village, the surrounding farmland and the mere were gifted by sinecure to Gilbert de Venables by a grateful Norman king. This valuable fertile land provided rich bounty for its owners then, as now. The following nine centuries will have seen great change and more than a share of hardship and turbulence.

In the 21st century, Rostherne and its neighbouring villages face an uncertain future; sociological change and financial upheaval mean the farmers of Britain are living in increasingly challenging times. Traditional farming is under threat and diversification is very much the order of the day. Necessity is, as always, the mother of invention and farm shops have mushroomed recently and 'local' is the buzzword around food. This latest evolution can be traced back to 'pick your own fruit' farms of the 1970's and their natural segue into other food products fuelled by local provenance and feel-good factors. As a result of this unstoppable movement, there are now over 4,000 farm shops in the UK, according to FARMA, the National Farmer and Market Association, with turnovers ranging from £1,000 to more than £6m a year. From glossy emporia to converted sheds and fridges filled with home-grown meat; the common ethos being sustainability, seasonality, traceability and low food miles. At its best this means meat from the adjoining fields, freshly dug vegetables and other organic free-range goodies.

I can trace my first farm-gate experience to May 10th 1995 when Brian Norbury, third generation farmer down at Briddon Weir Farm, rose at dawn to dig a half-hundredweight of baby new Cheshires for 250 guests at my daughter's wedding where a team of chefs were waiting to produce food for the wedding breakfast. Brian's freshly buttered new Cheshires were the star of the show. We all remember Brian fondly, he was a gentle giant of a man, a fine cricketer - some say Rostherne's finest – and, most importantly, he was proud to be a traditional, old-fashioned tenant farmer. Although he seemed to struggle a little with change at the end, he never lost his generosity of spirit.

Among the many changes in agriculture, things really moved up a gear in 2013 when planning rules changed to allow agricultural buildings, under 500 sq. meters to be converted into farm shops without the need for planning permission and with start-up grants available.

**Jo & Dom Fenton Briddon Weir Farm Rostherne**

Farming is changing beyond recognition and survival will depend on the ability to adapt and find new ways to exploit the opportunities presented by today's marketplace. The sound of the 'changing of the guard' is deafening, down on leafy Cherry Tree Lane where Dom & Jo Fenton are shaking the tree. First generation farmers and farm shop entrepreneurs whose courage, boundless energy and enthusiasm are taking **Fenton Fine Foods** in a whole new direction. In barely three years they have transformed operations at Briddon Weir, winning widespread acclaim for their burgeoning farm shop operation.

Here down at the farm you will find everything from Christmas trees to fresh fish, a whole range of delicious vegetables, fruits & plants and Dominic's sought-after range of meats from Welsh lamb to local beef. Ever innovative, children are not ignored on the farm and are encouraged to meet, play and bond with the farm animals – it is not just a shopping experience but a trip out for the family. Fenton's Farm Foods has become a destination address. New sounds echo across the ancient fields, they are the sounds of the future.

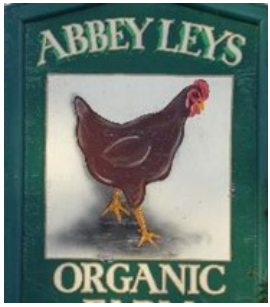
**Abbey Leys Farm High Legh**

**The Harrison Family – Janet, Tim, Rosemary & Shaun**

A third-generation farming family with their roots firmly planted in the world of free-range poultry and a history going all the way back to 1934 when Ernest Harrison started a journey that led from Egypt to High Legh. The farm eventually passed to his three sons, Tom, Ernie & John, and now rests in the safe hands of grandson Tim, his wife Janet and his children Rosemary & Shaun. All the family share Grandfather Ernest's passion for poultry.

The Harrisons sought organic status in 1999 making Abbey Leys Farm fully organic and free-range in a bid to provide a premium product. They are also accredited by the Soil Association which requires strict adherence to extremely stringent standards – no artificial fertilisers or chemicals. The poultry are kept in small flocks with ample space indoors and out, making for happier & healthier long living hens producing a better tasting egg. Some still roost in the traditional wooden hen house grandfather put up in the 1930's. Pure and speciality breeds produce more interesting and unusual eggs; Cheshire Blue, Copper Comet and Leghorn varieties are on sale a day or two from laying.

Honey from their own apiary will also be on offer soon. In the Farm Shop there is everything from organic home-grown potatoes to the wide range of products from their own farm bakery including fresh cakes, scones, steak pies & preserves. The Harrisons are constantly investing, improving biodiversity and good farming practice thus increasing the numbers of wild birds & wildflower species on the farm. In normal times Abbey Leys hosts a Farmer's Market with enthusiastic producers from around the County proudly showing their wares. This is a textbook Farm Shop featuring its own wonderful produce.
**Happy farmers, happy hens, happy customers.**



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## Coffee and Chat

We meet virtually via Zoom at 11.00 every Wednesday and you are welcome to join us.

The link for April is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83953071490?pwd=SmRDbi9mWDB6UUZzS0ovOVV3OW5hUT09

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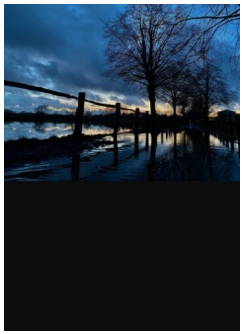
## AWARDS FOR PHOTOS & FLOWERS

Residents of Little Bollington are rising to the challenge and showing great competitive spirit during lockdown. Over the late winter months the village held a photography competition with prizes for the best village scene. The winners were decided by votes of residents and the top 3 photos shown here all captured beautiful scenes of the village in winter. The winning entry was taken by Amanda Watkinson of Ye Olde No. 3 on Lymm Road. As you can see here, Amanda did not have to travel far to capture this beautiful atmospheric picture! As her main prize she was awarded a copy of this magical scene reproduced in oils on stone by local artist, Caroline Thornton. All the entries, including the prize winners, can be seen on the photos page of our website: littlebollington.org/photos/photo-competition. Many thanks to Caroline Thornton for a great piece of art and to Gail & Andy Blackburn who organised this competition which brought great fun and lots of interest.



Gail & Andy do not rest on their laurels. Only a week after this great initiative they set about organising a ‘grow the biggest sunflower’ competition for Little Bollington residents. Entries are now closed, but watch here for news of the results this summer.

## AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many more in the village deserve awards for their wonderful litter picking work. Little Bollington must be the keenest place in the land, with **one in every four** residents having joined the Little Bollington Clean Team. They are out and about frequently clearing litter from lanes, pathways, canalside, and even along the main A56 (Lymm Road). The photos here show Bella Baxter doing great service for her community in March. She collected along the Bridgewater canal and gathered a very heavy bagful of litter and abandoned items including a chair, an old chainsaw, a fuel tank and a pair of knickers! Bella is working to achieve her Duke of Edinburgh silver award. Sounds like she deserves it. Well done Bella!

These photos show litter collected from the verges of Lymm Road by Phil Kane & Andy Rain and also by Ve Whitworth and Gel Hurd. As you can see, the problem is huge and does not go away. But we can work together to defeat this scourge of our village. Why not join this great team and do a little bit to help? We will give you the litter clearing equipment. All team members go out collecting when and where they want. No need to meet up and no pressure to do more than you feel able. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Plan for Little Bollington was submitted to Cheshire East Council early this year. This very important document will ensure that the village environment is fully understood and taken into account in future planning decisions affecting the area. The Plan will be a key point of reference in any proposals for development, ensuring that the nature and character of the village are appreciated and protected. The Neighbourhood Plan will help safeguard the village from inappropriate development.

The research and documentation for the Neighbourhood Plan was completed through a huge amount of work and the great dedication of Kirsty Mann. It has been carried forward through the generous help of Ross McNab during Kirsty's illness and convalescence. We have now been notified that the regulations do not make allowance for a Neighbourhood Plan to be submitted by a Parish Meeting. We can do so by creating a Neighbourhood Forum. This new body will have the relatively simple task of formally submitting the Plan and handling enquiries. All the documentation remains valid and complete. Invitations are open to join the Neighbourhood Forum. We welcome and encourage you to join. Your role and tasks will not be burdensome and you will help complete this vital project. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

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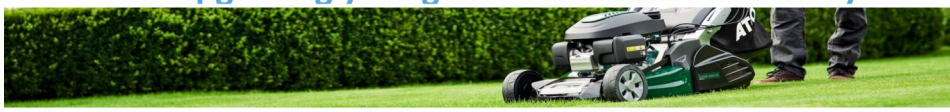

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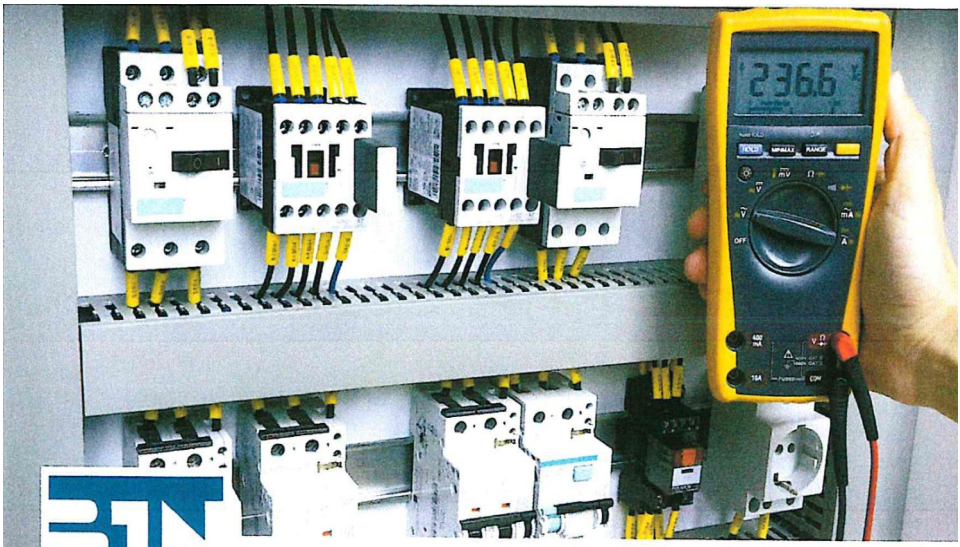


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