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Micklefield Parish Council

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160 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

AUTUMN 2021

A quarterly newsletter, delivered free to all households in the Parish of Micklefield

MICKLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Micklefield Parish Council usually meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm, at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, LS25 4AW. Every meeting begins with a public forum, at which members of the public can speak (members of the public may not speak during the meeting unless invited to by the Parish Council). The Parish Council also has a Finance and Corporate Management Committee, which meets on the third Monday of February, June and October, in the I.T. suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre (The Old Fire Station), Great North Road, LS25 4AG, at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public and notices of meetings, with an agenda, are posted on the community noticeboards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on Micklefield Parish Council due to insufficient nominations at the election in May 2019. The council can fill the vacancies by co-option, which is a process whereby the council considers applications from interested persons and then selects someone to fill the seat. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please write to the Parish Council and include a few details of why you would like to become a councillor. If you need any information about qualifications for being a councillor or just want more information about the role, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The annual audit for the financial year ending 31 March 2021 has been completed with no issues raised in the external auditor's report. The audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), comprising the annual governance statement, accounting statements and External Auditor's Report is available to view on the Parish Council's website and in the community noticeboards.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council gave a grant of £85.00 to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Micklefield, in recognition of its help in providing a meeting venue, when other buildings weren't available. The Parish Council also approved the purchase of small fruit trees to create mini-orchards near the Incredible Edible site near Micklefield Railway Station and on land between Churchville garages and Great North Road

The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council or any of its members. The editorial team reserves the right to shorten, modify or not print any letter or article submitted.

Eligibility for support from the Hook Moor wind farm benefits fund is normally restricted to schemes within the parishes of Aberford and Micklefield, but projects outside these areas may be eligible if it can be shown that they benefit people living within them.

In Banks Renewables' last financial year, Hook Moor generated over 25,300 MWh of green electricity, which is enough to meet the annual energy requirements of around 8,200 homes, and by doing so, displaced over 6,400 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the electricity supply network. Lewis Stokes, community relations manager at Banks Renewables, adds: "The Hook Moor Wind Farm Community Fund is specifically designed to help local community organisations improve what they can offer to people in the area. "Helping the Craft Group obtain the equipment and resources it needs to enable more people to join in fits this objective perfectly, and we hope they get lots of interest from residents who want to make new friends while showing their creativity."

Projects, community groups, or voluntary organisations looking for grant funding from the Banks Community Fund should contact The Fund Manager on 0191 378 6342 or visit www.banksgroup.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/banks-community-fund/



MICKLEFIELD CRAFT GROUP AIMING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AFTER RECEIVING EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM WIND FARM FUND

A West Yorkshire village craft group is looking to make new friends after a grant from a renewable energy firm enabled it to buy in new equipment and material supplies. Before the pandemic, Micklefield Craft Group met every week at the village's Youth & Adult Centre to try out different crafting activities, including card making and embroidery, and to spend social time together in a friendly and welcoming group.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions, its weekly sessions are set to recommence from September and the group, which draws its members from across Micklefield and Garforth, is now looking to encourage more people to come along and see what it offers.

The group's restart plans have been backed by Banks Renewables with a £500 grant from the community benefits fund linked to the nearby Hook Moor wind farm, which provides around £10,000 of funding for local good causes every year, and will deliver around £250,000 over the scheme's 25-year lifespan. The money has been used to buy a range of new equipment and materials, including a die cutting machine, embossing folders and high-quality card, which help to ensure that everything any new members need to get started is immediately available.

Despite being unable to meet during the pandemic, the Group's members have stayed in close touch and have continued to make their own cards, with dozens of them being sold to raise money for local community charity The Bag Fairies.

Stephanie Reeves, treasurer of the Micklefield Craft Group, says: "The group has been going for many years, and while much of our recent work has focused on card making, we're open to trying any type of crafting activity. The social side of our meetings is often just as important as the crafting activities and we've really missed seeing friends regularly in a setting that we all enjoy, so it's great to know we'll be back together again soon. We're open to people of all ages and we'd love to see some new members coming along to give crafting a go when we start back in September. The materials and equipment that the Hook Moor fund grant has enabled us to buy means we can provide everything that new starters will need to get going, as well as to keep our existing members busy for the foreseeable future, and we're really grateful to Banks for their generous support."

The Parish Council has representatives to other bodies and committees. Its representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty, Cllr D Backhouse and Cllr R M Czwarno, with Cllr D Brown as deputy. They attend meetings to raise complaints and problems with the operator, Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency. Its representatives to the Hook Moor Wind Farm Liaison Committee are Cllr J A Crossley and Cllr R M Czwarno.

AMENITIES

The Parish Council is also in the process of appointing a contractor to undertake routine maintenance work to the springy rocker and multi-play unit in Vandicourt Playground. Weather dependent maintenance, such as the removal of moss and algae from the wetpour surface at Vandicourt playground, and minor repairs to the skate park surface, are also planned. Play and recreational equipment is checked weekly by a qualified routine play inspector.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

The Parish Council continues to pursue a project with the potential to lead to a cycle path between Micklefield and Garforth. The project is in its very early stages and requires permissions and agreements from various different organisations before it can be realised. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling and persons responsible for leaving dog foul on the footpath would greatly help the Dog Warden Service to reduce the problem, so anyone with information should contact Leeds City Council via the online report form at www.leeds.gov.uk or on 0113 222 4407. Street lighting, roads and footpaths are all the responsibility of Leeds City Council. Problems with highways, including pot-holes, holes in, or damage to, footpaths and obstructions on roads and footpaths, from advertising signs to overgrown hedgerows, shrubbery or grass verges, should be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4407, or via its website www.leeds.gov.uk. If you have any problems with streetlights in your area not working correctly, they can be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4407, or via the Leeds City Council website. Dumped rubbish can be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4406, or via the Leeds City Council website. Leeds City Council has 'Do it online' report forms on its website for all the above problems.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND POWERS

Whenever it makes a decision to do something, the Parish Council must be sure that there is a law that supports this. If there isn't, then the Parish Council hasn't acted legally. If the Parish Council is not undertaking work that you think it should be, it might be because it does not have the legal power to do so.

.....AND FINALLY

Notices of all Parish Council meetings (ordinary and extraordinary), Committee meetings and meetings of the Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity are posted in each village notice board and on the Parish Council website, at least three clear days before the meeting, as required by law. Though not a legal requirement, the Parish Council also posts an agenda of the business to be transacted at the meeting. Any other business of the Council, including legally required documents such as vacancy notices and audit notices, is posted in the Council's notice boards and on its website, so checking regularly can help you keep up with Parish Council activities.

Joanne Hebden
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Micklefield Parish Council
13th September 2021

WANTED



As a result of the last election, the Parish Council has two vacancies which have remained unfilled since May 2019. This is constraining what the Parish Council can do and achieve, so we need enthusiastic community minded people to fill those seats.

If you think you might have the time and drive to help shape the village of Micklefield over the next few years, then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.
Tel; 0113 2875829 or
E-mail
clerk@micklefield-pc.gov.uk

Micklefield BT Cyberstation at The Youth and Adult Centre

Craft club; Tuesday 1pm - 3pm term time only

Youth Club ; Tuesday 6:30pm - 8.30pm 11-17 year olds.

1st Micklefield Scout Group;

Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Cubs boys and girls 8-10 1/2 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Scouts boys and girls aged 10 1/2-14 years [Monday 7pm]

New members welcome

Please check Facebook page 1st Micklefield Scout Group or email gsl.micklefieldscouts@gmail.com for further information .

WANTED We are looking for more adults to help so we can run the Beavers and cubs separately , number s of children attending have increased by 50%,

Churchville House Social Centre

Ward Councillors Surgery; the first Saturday of the month 9am – 9:45am
Starting Saturday 2nd October

Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association: all four officers of the association have stepped down and a new Committee with officers will need to be formed. Anybody interested in getting involved with this active group needs to contact Melvyn Prior, Manager, at Retirement Life (the relevant wing of Leeds City Council) for further information.

Email: melvyn.prior@leeds.gov.uk

If any other groups have recommenced using the Centre could you please let us know so we can publish it in the next newsletter.

- Answer for Jumble crossword on page 5
- Across 1-Inhabit, 6-Dogwood, 8-Curl, 9-Able, 11-Amerced, 12-Leaflet
- Down 2-Nigeria, 3-Atop, 4-Educate, 5-Spreads, 7-Debacle, 10-Beef,
- Bonus Florence

THE VILLAGE CHIPPY (Mobile)
We will be coming back in the future. Watch this place! (space) or Facebook page.



Serving traditional Yorkshire Fish & Chips to the people of Micklefield and surrounding areas. Every Tuesday teatime, listen for our chimes... (and yes we do sound like an ice cream van).

Payment by card is now available.

www.thevillagechippy.net

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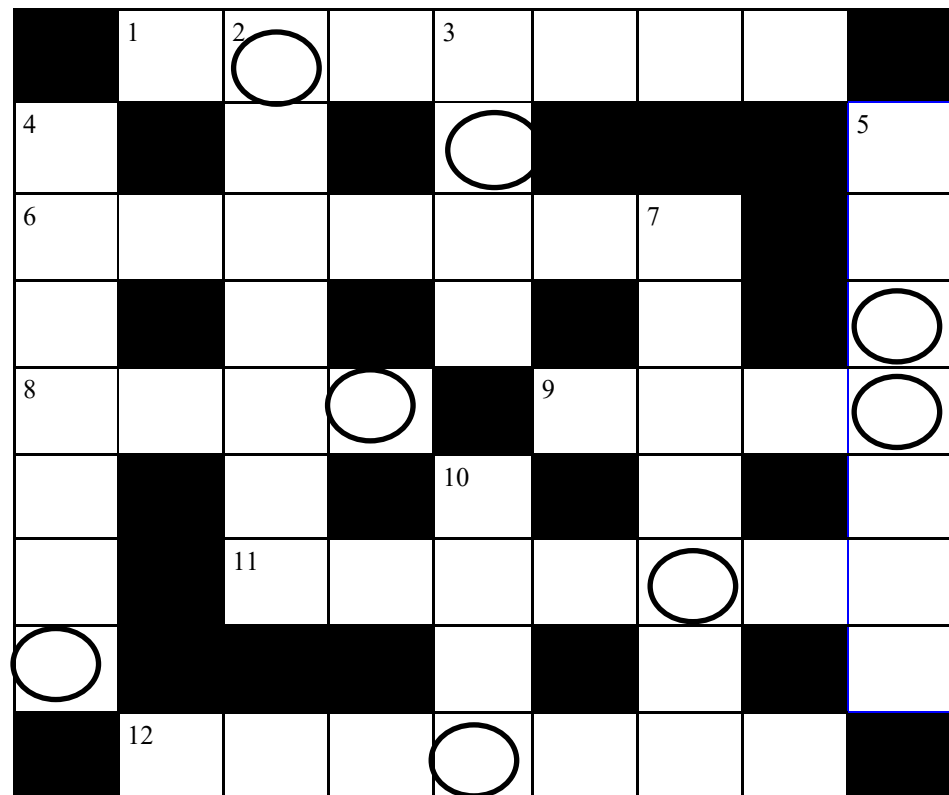
Cllrs Joan Auty (joanauty@hotmail.co.uk), Jon Crossley and Michael Czwarno.

Items/articles you wish to have published in the next issue please give to any member of the team or Parish Councillor.

Articles for next newsletter to be in by week beginning 15th November

Thank you Joan

Jumble Crossword



Clues	Answers	Clues	Answers
Across		Down	
1 Dwell within	ABINHIT	2 African Country	REIANIG
6 ———tree	DGDOOWO	3 Upon	PAOT
8 Spring	RUCL	4 Train	UEADTCE
11 Penalizes in court	ADEREMC	5 ———out	DSAPSER
12 Flyer	TAFLELE	7 Fiasco	BEDCAEL
		10 —stew	EBFE

How to play. Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscramble the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circle letters to solve the BONUS.

Clue: A European City the first to mint its own gold coins (1562)

Answer on page 13



MICKLEFIELD RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

Micklefield Recreation Ground is a registered Charity (registered with The Charity Commission) that is managed by Micklefield Parish Council as the Sole Trustee of the Charity. The Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity meets on the third Monday of January, March, July, September and November, at 7.30pm, in the I.T suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre, The Old Fire Station, Great North Road, LS25 4AG. Meetings are open to the public and notices and agendas of meetings are posted on the community notice boards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and draft minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website

FACILITIES

The car park and parts of the playing field were occupied without permission by a group of travellers on the August bank holiday weekend. Micklefield Recreation Ground forms Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity and is owned and managed by Micklefield Parish Council as the sole trustee of the charity, not as a local council. It's not a local authority park and is classed as private land for the purposes of trespass law; this allowed the Parish Council to follow the common law process for the removal of unauthorised occupants, which is quicker than the court process. The Parish Council served notice on the occupants the day after their arrival, which was refused. This was followed by written notice served by bailiffs, giving travellers 24 hours to vacate the premises, with forced removal to follow in due course, if necessary. Fortunately, the bailiff's removal services weren't required and the recreation ground was unoccupied by the evening of Sunday 5 September. Unfortunately, the travellers have left various types of waste, some of which requires specialist cleaning services to remove. The Trustee is reviewing its security measures as a result of the occupation, but unfortunately the issue of access control is complicated by the fact that numerous types of vehicles need to be able to access the playing field for legitimate purposes.

The zip-wire has been fully repaired and is operational. The Trustee of the charity has re-appointed Brambledown Landscapes to undertake the quarterly maintenance inspections of the play equipment in Diamond Jubilee play area. The post and rail fence around the football pitch has been vandalised again and requires another repair. Similarly, the two-rail fence that separates the recreation field from the informal car park and road has been damaged and will need to be re-set. The Trustee continues to work with Micklefield Scouts towards providing storage for sports and recreation equipment.



NEWS FROM REV. WENDY

Autumn is always a time of new beginnings especially in the church and in education. This year at St Mary's it has been particularly the case as we have been able to restart doing things that we had to change due to Covid and also plan new ideas. It's lovely to sing again and have coffee at the end of the service (perhaps we won't take these sort of things for granted in future).

On 12th September we held a different, less formal service, led by the congregation. This All Age Worship will replace the Eucharistic service monthly, every 2nd Sunday at 10.30am (except on Remembrance Sunday).

A lot of people are coming into church either to look or to have a time of peace or to bring donations to the Food Bank and we hope this number will continue to grow. So far an amazing amount has been sent to support the Food Banks so please continue. One idea we have tried is asking folk to consider bringing flowers to be placed in church. Just put them in the bucket provided at the back of church – we will do the rest! Maybe this will appeal to folk coming to put flowers on a grave in the winter months when the rain and wind tend to whip across the churchyard creating havoc?

Of course, we hope and pray that this year's plans will not be curtailed. Last year the whole of the Remembrance Day service had to be held outside with no refreshments allowed. This year we will begin our service in church with a hymn, reading and prayers, then proceed to the War Memorial where the names of the Fallen will be read, the silence kept, the individual crosses placed beside the memorial and the wreaths laid. Anyone who wishes to lay a wreath is invited to do so and of course everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served at the end.

The Christmas windows in the village and in church were beautiful last year and we hope to decorate our windows again this December, showing the Christmas story. We also plan to have a Memory Tree. Names of loved ones will be written on baubles on the tree. There will be slips for people to fill out with the names (max 2 per bauble) and the name of the person remembering. There will be a place for donations towards the cost, for anyone who would like to contribute. Next to the tree there will be a list of those whose names have been placed on it. The remembrance can be recent or long-past, and does not need to be linked to the church. We hope that placing a name on a tree with lights will help those who find Christmas a sad time.

On Sunday December 12th at 4pm we will be having Carols by Candlelight. Everyone is very welcome to join us to sing the popular carols, listen to the Christmas Story read by various people in the village and then at the end enjoy mince pies with a cup of coffee! Please do come and bring everyone! The evening will end with the drawing of the Christmas Raffle! On Christmas Eve there will be the Crib Service at 4pm for children and Midnight Mass at 11.15pm. What a wonderful way to build up to your own Christmas celebrations!

Lots of things to do, but it is always important to keep a short time of peace as a time of reflection. That allows us to care for our own mental wellbeing as well as allowing us to develop spiritually. The church is open for everyone for this.

Keep your eyes open on Facebook and on posters around the village for everything that's happening at St Mary's in the months ahead. May God Bless us and may we support each other as we move forward.

(Rev) Wendy Plant (Assistant Curate at St. Mary's) 07803 125389 *Please use this to contact me re Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



A very warm welcome awaits you at your local church, which aims to serve the whole community of Micklefield. We are a small and friendly congregation, meeting every week for worship. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US.**

SERVICES



- ✦ Sunday at 9:30am: Parish Eucharist, except:
- ✦ Second Sunday in the month: All Age Worship at 10:30am
- ✦ Wednesday at 9:30am: Eucharist

YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN!

Please come in to look around, find some quiet, rest a while, or say a prayer.
Wednesday to Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of your great love give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings
and peace in our hearts:
through your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDENS

FIRST, A BIG THANK YOU..... to everyone who took part in our 160th Anniversary celebrations in September. It was a wonderful weekend, and it was lovely to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Special thanks to the children and staff of Micklefield School Choir, who helped make our Songs of Praise such a joyous occasion.

OUR HOPE.... is that the church building will become a village 'hub' - a resource that can be used every day by the community of Micklefield. The first step towards this will happen soon, when essential repairs are made to the roof and stonework. Then we shall be busy fundraising to provide a toilet and kitchen so that the building can be used by community groups. We have some ideas, but would love to hear yours!

Sharon and Angela

A warm invitation to join us for

ALL AGE WORSHIP

on Sunday 10th October
at 10:30am.



A service led by the congregation and especially suited to families with children.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

ALL WELCOME - JOIN US!

DOG WALKING

Dog walking is a recreational activity and is therefore not banned from the Recreation Ground. However, dog fouling is not permitted, due to the health risk caused by animal faeces and the Parish Council would urge all dog walkers to clear up after their dogs and thanks those who are already doing so.

Please keep dogs out of the play areas, including the skate park and the football pitch; they are used extensively by children, who are at particular risk from the slightest amount of dog waste that will be left behind even if you do clear up after your dog. Dogs can also damage the surface of the football pitch, which causes a risk of injuries to players and increases maintenance costs.

.....AND FINALLY

The Recreation Ground is for the benefit of the public and for the improvement of life through recreation, so please enjoy it.

Joanne Hebden

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Micklefield Parish Council

(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)

13th September 2021



Caird Peckfield (operators of the Landfill site), at the last liaison meeting in November 2020, said that there were no health and safety issues to report. Tipping operations continue in cell 11B.

The restoration programme continues, weather permitted.

If you have any concerns about odours, litter or general concerns about the site and its operations, as always you can contact the Peckfield Landfill office on 0113 2865784 with any questions or issues, or contact the Environment Agency on 0800807060.

A liaison meeting was scheduled for 2nd September 2021, but this was cancelled due to staff testing positive for Covid-19.

CONTACT US

**How can our church best serve our community?
Please tell us your views!**



Email us at stmarys_micklefield@outlook.com... or contact us via our Facebook page...or call in and see us!

Your churchwardens are

Sharon Beanland: 07980 485043 and Angela Brook: 07793 123887

Micklefield Community First Responders



The Micklefield team has been active for 18 years responding to medical emergencies in your local community, providing vital support and reassurance before the ambulance arrives.

Dedicated volunteers are urgently required to enable this team to continue to support the community, working alongside the ambulance services who provide training in patient care, life support skills and using equipment such as oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators. You will be supported by a designated co-ordinator.

For further information contact our YAS Co-coordinator
Sharron Stoyles, Community Defibrillation Trainer
Community Resilience Team
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mobile; 07789271072
E-mail, sharron.stoyles@yas.nhs.uk



THE TRAVELLERS REST (BUT IT'S JUST NOT CRICKET)

Well, that was the most bizarre August Bank Holiday weekend yet. Two phone calls from concerned residents on the morning of Saturday 28th August opened the saga of the Travellers on the Recreation Ground. Micklefield is a rural village on the Great North Road and has long been a favoured stopping off point for Romany Gypsies and other members of the travelling community. Micklefield residents have been quite welcoming of our occasional visitors over the years, some Gypsy families became annual visitors and one family is even buried in Micklefield Churchyard, as they loved the village and its people so much.

Now that's all lovely and heart-warming isn't it, but not once, not once in the last 96 years since the Recreation Ground was opened, have any travellers driven straight into the Rec, parked up and set up camp. A few in the new bitmac car park, but all the rest on the cricket outfield! And that's the point: the Rec isn't just some scratty bit of spare land at the side of the highway or a bit of unused pasture land - it's a 10 acre public park with a playground, pitches and other sporting facilities for the whole community to enjoy for leisure and recreation in a pleasant environment.

To be fair, the travellers who made their own little unauthorised encampment didn't cause any bother to people, and they were almost certainly going to leave when they did anyway on Sunday 5th September (it was the St Leger meeting at Doncaster the following weekend, and it always pays to try and understand how the travelling community actually works), but at one point there were 17 caravans parked up and that is not on.

It became very clear that the Police were not going to use their powers to issue a s.61 notice, so the Parish Council had to call in the bailiffs. I would like to thank the resident who helped me and the Clerk to get the three quotes we needed, so that the eviction notice could be served on Thursday 2nd September. Another resident was a great help to me and the Parish Council on Sunday the 5th, giving me rolling updates on what was happening, so that I and one of my fellow Councillors could cancel the expensive eviction process at 5.45pm with 15 minutes to spare!

Sadly, it is the removal and disposal of all the waste left by the travellers that is the costly expense, especially the bio-hazardous human waste, the gas canister and the pieces of asbestos concrete that they kindly left for us. Nevertheless, I must thank the spirited resident who bagged up as much of the dumped rubbish as she could, ready for it being removed.

Cllr Jon A Crossley, Chairman, Micklefield Parish Council

Glosswork

VEHICLE BODY WORK

ALL ASPECTS OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

- .FULL RESPRAYS
- .MINOR DENTS AND SCRATCHES
- .MACHINE POLISHING
- .COLOUR MATCHING
- .INSURANCE REPAIRS

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