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Retrieving a duck at the Boxing Day Duck Race
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FEBRUARY 2022

Christmas is now just a happy memory – Father Christmas, the Christingle Service on the Green and, of course, the Duck Race on Boxing Day. Now thoughts will be on keeping a green belt round part of Ide. Most of the money has now been raised for the Orchard, which will provide somewhere for people to picnic and play, but the larger project of Weir Meadow and the Northern Fields has some way to go. You will have received a letter asking if you are happy for your Council Tax to be increased by a small amount to fund a loan for this project – do reply – your view matters. This needs to be organised quickly before interest rates rise as it will be taken out on a fixed rate, but maybe you think this is not a good idea. Do reply before the 18th February.



Articles for the March issue of the Ide Times should be sent to Ann Boyce email annboyce@talk21.com by the 20th February.

Brenda Spivey (01392 275784)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101
The Parish Church - Rev Mike Partridge 01392 491476 and leave a message or 07751 725306, or email: rev.mike.partridge@gmail.com
Congregational Church: Jackie Chadwick jacky.c@talktalk.net
M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

Monday – Friday	8am – 12 noon and 3pm – 6.30pm
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Sundays	9am - 12 noon



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Monday - Friday	9am - 11.45 am & 3pm - 5pm
Saturdays	9am - 12 noon

IDE MEMORIAL HALL - to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The Mobile Library will be in The Huntsman car park from 12.20 to 12.50 on Monday, 7th February.

Removal of trees along barrier between A30 and Ide Village Road -

Early November 2021 saw heavy felling, clearance and thinning of trees and hedgerow along the dividing barrier between the A30 and Ide Village Road. Complaints came in to the Parish Council about the unacceptable increase in noise, strobing lights and glare, and concerns about an increase in air pollution from A30 traffic, in particular for residents in Old Ide Lane, where The Cherries back directly on to Ide Village Road. Residents and the Parish Council wrote to Highways England (HE) and Devon County Council (DCC) to complain and seek information about the reasons for the extreme felling. It appears that HE worked on the A30 side of the wall, and DCC on the Ide side; and that indeed the thinning was much more than had been intended. Highways England have responded agreeing that the community of Ide, which is a "Noise Important Area", has been adversely affected. They will take mitigation measures in accordance with their Noise Policy, and, after consultation with local residents and the Parish Council, install an aesthetically sympathetic noise barrier on the A30 (HE) side of the wall, and reinstate the hedgerow on the Ide (DCC) side. They hope to do this within the next six months. A full copy of their reply is available on the village website.

Green Space for Ide – Funds raised from the autumn appeal for the Orchard and Weir Meadow projects currently stand at £62,835 (£29,386 in donations and £33,449 in grant from Viridor Landfill) for the Community Orchard; and £39,766 in donations for Weir Meadow and Northern Fields. £5,818 of this is ring fenced for land fill tax and equipment, leaving £96,583 available for land purchase. Taking into account VAT and fees, we need to raise £76,855 in total to buy the Orchard, and £180,078 to buy Weir Meadow and Northern Fields: £256,933 overall. To make up the balance of £160,350 the Parish Council is considering taking out a government backed loan from the Public Works Loan Board, and making a small increase on the council tax to cover it.

In order to gauge support for this measure, every household in Ide Parish received a consultation survey letter in January seeking their views on taking such a loan, and setting out the costs. By the time this edition of Ide Times is published, we will also have held two question and answer Zoom sessions on 22 January 2022 (Covid-19 forced us to cancel the planned in person meetings) to explain, consider and consult on the borrowing proposal. The closing date for replies to the survey is 18 February 2022. There will then be an extraordinary meeting of Ide Parish Council on 2 March 2022 at 7.45pm specifically to consider the responses to the consultation exercise, and decide whether to go ahead and seek approval (from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) for the proposed loan.

In the last two weeks, the Royal Horticultural Society has also awarded the Parish Council a grant of £5,000 for equipping the Orchard with an additional wooden

gate, tree guards, tree labels, a storage shed and dormouse and owl nesting boxes. Special thanks go to Paula Burton Perrett and David Howe for their work in winning the Viridor and RHS grants.

Teignbridge Draft Local Plan Review (Part 3) - Renewable Energy, Gypsy and Travellers and Small Residential Sites Options – Consultation. Councillors discussed this on 19 January 2022. Ide Parish contains no identified Gypsy, Traveller or Small residential sites. But Teignbridge DC have identified high ground in the western part of the parish as potential wind turbine sites, and several fields in the parish as potential solar sites. No planning proposals have been made and there are no actions for the Council to consider at present. The review can be viewed at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview

Doctors Walk closure - Devon County Council decided on 17 January to make the temporary closure of Doctors Walk at the Ide Village Road end permanent. A scheme of bollards and signage will replace the current concrete bollards to allow for road repairs and possible emergency re-direction of traffic. The Parish Council welcomes this decision which was supported by 85% of those who responded to DCC's consultation.

Ide Emergency Plan Nov 2021 - Councillors approved the latest update of the village Emergency Plan, dealing with the risks of flood, snow, traffic events and pandemics. The plan appears on the village website.

Planning Committee -

New Applications

21/02543/HOU Canns Orchard, The Green, Ide, EX2 9RT - Application for the erection of a Garage. The committee fully supported this application.

21/02929/LBC Drakes Farm, Fore Street Ide EX29RL External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works. The committee fully supported this application.

Current Applications

21/00560/HOU 2 Fore Street, Ide - Retention of a bridge, and a replacement front wall/fence and gate. **Awaiting decision**

20/02132/ADV Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB - Retention of three advertising signs. The Planning Committee decided unanimously to object to the retention of these signs. **Awaiting decision**

21/01626/FUL Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB - Erection of an Agricultural Storage Shed. The Planning Committee councillors had no objection to this application. **Awaiting decision**

21/02264/HOU Sunnybrook Cottage, Ide - Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, outbuilding and tennis court. The committee supported this application. **Awaiting Decision**

Appeal number 32781669 against planning application 20/00615 Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide - Refusal for five detached dwellings with garages and creation of access. Awaiting decision

Decided Applications

21/02668/CAN 3 Station Road, Ide, EX2 9RP - Felling of one diseased Ash Tree. Application granted

The planning committee chair is investigating the ground works and the erection of storage buildings being undertaken on western end of **Round Field, Crabb Lane, off Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB.**

THE NEXT MEETING of Ide Parish Council is an extraordinary meeting on **Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 7.45pm**, formally to consider, depending on the response to the current consultation survey, proposals to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board for the purchase of Victorian Orchard, Weir Meadow and Northern Fields,

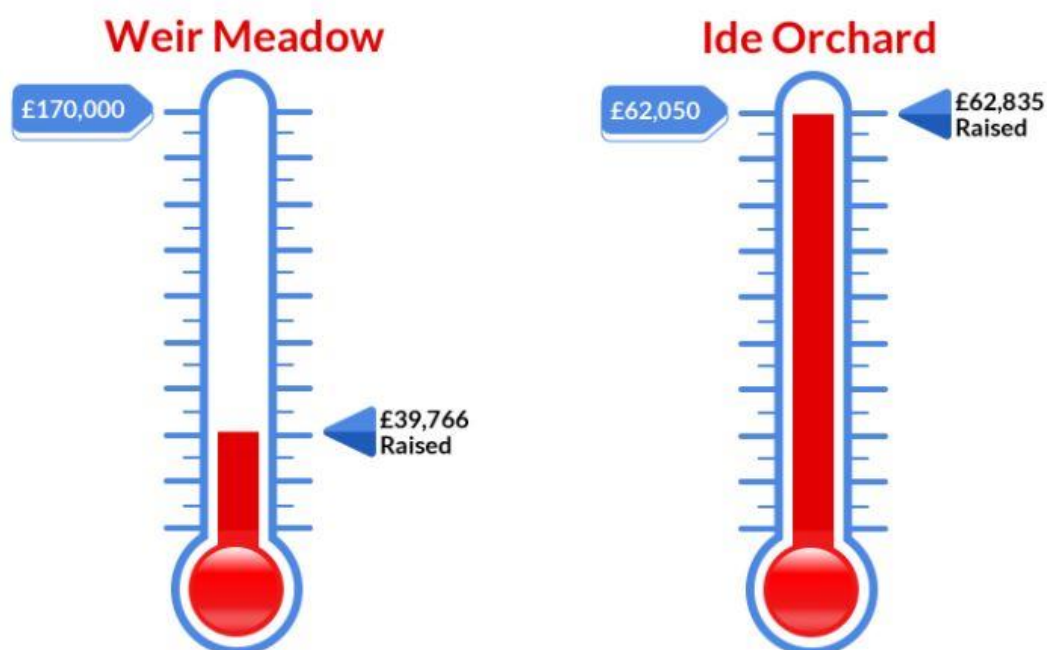
The next regular meeting of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm, both to be held in Ide Memorial Hall.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 ncabradley@gmail.com

Green Space for Ide



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Doctors Walk Trial closure is a success.

The trial closure of Doctors Walk came to the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee in January.

The officers' report was clear about the success of the scheme in stopping the illegal traffic, and the large increase in walking and cycling that has resulted. It also covers the strong support from residents living in the scheme, as well as those served by it. An unprecedented 83% of feedback was positive.

Perhaps most importantly it has stopped the aggressive incidents. Where we used to have stress, speeding and conflict, we now have safe, peaceful and beautiful green lanes. The riding stables can once again operate safely with groups of children with disabilities. A new cohort of year seven students from Ide is meeting at the twisted oak and cycling to school along Balls Farm Road. The Amenity value is huge.

We have extended Exeter's active travel network towards the Haldon hills and prevented Ide from becoming a traffic island, close to Exeter, but cut off from it, accessible only by motor vehicles.

The vote was unanimous in favour of making the closure permanent. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved over the years. On balance, this is a really good outcome for the village.

Andy Swain, with Charles Nuttall and Alison Foden
Teignbridge District Councillors

360 BUS TIMETABLE

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Exeter, Sidwell Street	8.35	11.15	13.15	16.15	17.55
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We understand that the bus franchises are being renewed at present and we may have a different company running the village bus in the very near future.



A New Year – but looking back over last year

Well, we are already two months into the New Year and where has the time gone it feels like the time has both flown but also stood still during the last year as we continue to limit people in the shop, ask facemasks to still be worn and hands to be sanitised as covid continues. We are pleased that despite all the trials of the last year and the havoc covid causes we have managed to open the shop at all the scheduled times thanks to our wonderful band of volunteers.



It has been good to welcome some 'old' volunteers who have come back to doing shifts alongside some great new volunteers over the last year who are already invaluable to us. Of course, the shop relies a lot on behind the scenes volunteers alongside those who serve on the till, who you might not see but to whom we owe much gratitude and thanks. The committee is one volunteering area that goes on without people maybe knowing who the committee are. Our current committee consists of:

David Howe – our esteemed and very knowledgeable chairman who obviously chairs our committee meetings as well as handling personnel and legal angles of the shop.

Philip Wilcock – our treasurer - who does all the financial and accounting angles to do with the shop accounts

Rose Sanders – who does the day-to-day bookwork and accounts for the shop – alongside keeping on top of forms and other bits of paperwork. Rose also does the Booker run some weeks as well as doing some stock ordering.

David Williams – is our real go to man – his main responsibility is the rota. This is a major role in the shop and we could not function or open without David doing this challenging role and it can be an absolute nightmare at times. So grateful thanks to David for persevering with it and to Rich Reardon who covers when David is away.

Ben Ervine – Ben is all things techy and a great addition of the committee. He also does a regular Friday morning shift and a double shift if needed.

Janice Heath – who coordinates all the cleaning of the shop. She is always looking for more volunteers and helpers for this crucial role – more so than ever under Covid times when we are doing all we can to keep people safe. Janice also does a regular Thursday morning shift in the shop.

Laura Bell - Orders all the stationery and greetings cards for the shop as well as being the personnel link for Susanna and Zetta. She also deals with policies and other matters alongside regular shifts in the shop.

Other people contributing behind the scenes of shop life are:

Jack Frost who clears all our cardboard and will do any other tasks we ask him to do - a great guy to have on side.

Carol Whitehart who washes all our shop tea cloths and cleaning cloths, etc. She also puts out our blue bin, takes in deliveries and is just a great neighbour to the shop. Carol is ably assisted by Evie who is by far our youngest volunteer and by miles our cutest!

Peter Cloke, Chris Bishop & Angelique who help with the Bookers run ensuring the shop always has the stock it needs to sell and keeps our wonderful customers supplied.

Ian Campbell who is one of the best neighbours you can want for in shop life – and I personally make use of his long legs very often (as I also do Nick Irvine's – thank you to Nick as well).

Maggie Parkes is our monthly visitor to ensure our dried and tinned goods are in date and keeps us updated on when dates are getting close.

Imogen Walsh is our Redmoor lady and does a sterling job on ordering all our dried goods & this is no mean feat.

Janet Williams has been a trooper by sewing so many masks to keep us safe and raises such a huge amount for Hospicecare.

We are still reeling from losing Alan in the shop last year and it still feels unreal without him and is still sad. His roles have been filled by others but Alan the person 'hole' is still there and can never be filled.

After being involved since the start Barry Hookins stepped away from shop life in the last year. Barry was involved in many areas of shop life from trips to Bookers, to mending things, stocking up and he just filled a variety of roles alongside serving on the committee. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude and grateful thanks for all his dedication, commitment and hard work over the years.

Sadly, Carolyn Preece had to step down from doing Bookers in the last year as she got a new job. We wish her well with it but we do miss her.



And what do we say about Gordon and Graham, the gingerbread men – never have small cuddly toys created such fun, happiness, laughter, amusement and so much else. We have loved how everyone took them to their hearts and joined in with all their daft antics – we loved it – you loved it – so watch out for a new shop 'helper' arriving at Easter!

Zetta

IDE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

What's happening this month

Sunday Services are held at 11am each week. Our speakers this month are:

February 2022	11am
6 th	Rev Caroline Stott
13 th	Phil Symons
20 th	Maurice Hockridge
27 th	Adrian Dawe

Other activities

Thursday 17th February at 7pm – it's time for Coffee Chat and Challenge



On Thursday 17th February at 7pm we will be meeting together for Coffee, Chat and Challenge

A time for discussions and reflections relating to the Christian faith.

Everyone welcome, and there's always food!

BETTY DOWN

Betty Down passed away peacefully in her home on December 21st. Aged 97.

She lived with her husband Gordon at Halscombe Farm up until the mid 70's when they moved to Upton Pyne and later to Brampford Speke. She was a member of the Congregational Chapel in Ide and played the organ for many years there.

Her children, Judith, Barbara and John all went to Ide school.

Verity Marten

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THANK YOU

Thank you to Nick who, via Facebook, has kept us up-to-date with which day to put out the bins and recycling and which colour bin! Thank goodness we are now back to bins going out ready to be collected on Thursday mornings again. You don't have to worry about us lot any longer Nick!

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH

Sunday, 6 th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
(Wednesday, 9 th February, Service of Remembrance, 7pm Alphington Church)		
Sunday, 13 th February	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday, 20 th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 27 th February	8am	Holy Communion

The Service of Remembrance on the 9th February is to remember those who have died during the last year, particularly as numbers attending funerals have been restricted.

Christingle – The Christmas Eve Service on the Green was very well attended and definitely different. Andrew Bean, our Archdeacon, took it as sadly Mike Partridge was unwell. Our thanks go to Andrew for stepping in at short notice and for doing such an excellent job. At one point the Green sounded like a farmyard (or stable) with baaas, mooos and oinks!



Get Well Soon – Sadly our Vicar, The Revd Mike Partridge, suffered from a deep vein thrombosis in his arm just before Christmas. We send him our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery. We were most grateful for The Revd Vron Lee taking additional services and also for help from the Archdeacon, who took the Christingle Service on the Green.

Mothers' Union - By the time you read this we hope to have had a social get together, as we are planning to meet at the end of January for a bring and share lunch, at Brenda's home. I hope we will also be able to meet in February, perhaps Wednesday 23rd. February.

There will be a commissioning service in the Cathedral for the new Diocesan officers on Tues 15th at 11am. All welcome to attend. Sue Campbell.

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THE IDE DUCK RACE

Ide Cricket Club would like to say a massive thanks to all who supported the Duck Race on Boxing Day, it was fantastic to see so many of you there and we hope you enjoyed it. After cancellation of the 2020 race, it was great to have this back in the community calendar and help secure vital funds to enable the club to keep going.



It was a bumper year for prizes and we'd like to say a huge thanks to the individuals and businesses who helped with these and the event itself. In no particular order: The Huntsman, The Poachers, Ide Community Shop, Radmore and Tucker, Exeter Brewery, Phil Bye Landscaping, Tony Walker, Haldon Riding Stables and Okehampton Golf Club.

Wishing you all a very happy new year,

Ide Cricket Club



The duck Catchers on Boxing Day, assisted by various children as you will see from the front cover picture.

THE JUBILEE CLUB

Here we are into another year after the challenges of the past two years may we hopefully go forward with optimism. Yes, I know we must still be cautious and look out for one another. Personally I have felt at the recent meetings a special atmosphere of friendship.



Since I last wrote we have had our Christmas Bingo and party. The entertainment was a potted pantomime , written by Christina and performed by the helpers,. We had fun doing it and hopefully was enjoyed by all.

Into 2022 and as usual we started with Bingo, Tony our caller with a little helper - none other than his eldest daughter all the way from Scotland - pity she is not nearer we could make good use of a youngster!

Nora completed the afternoon with a poem on friendship.

We have postponed our Christmas lunch until March 21st when hopefully we can gather with confidence.

Reading through what I have written I notice my frequent use of the word hopefull, well that says it all.

DIARY DATES

February 7th	Slides of Old Exeter
February 21st	A talk on The Power of the Dog's Nose
March 7th	Gentle Fun Seated Exercise.
March 21st	Our postponed Christmas Lunch

IDE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB
Friday, 11th February, 12 to 1.30pm

Thanks to everyone who has come along to, or ordered a take away from, Ide Community lunch club. We had our busiest club last month with over 30 meals served. We are still running on the 2nd Friday of every month, 12pm -1.30pm, please arrive by 1pm if you want to order food. It is really helpful if you can let us know you are coming in advance, especially if there's a group of you, as this helps us know how much food to make. You can email lovefoodcic@gmail.com or let us know via the Ide Facebook group.

Fruit and veg that is season in February include: Apples, Beetroot, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Celeriac, Chicory, Jerusalem Artichokes, Kale, Leeks, Mushrooms, Onions, Parsnips, Pears, Purple Sprouting Broccoli, Red Cabbage, Salsify, Savoy Cabbage, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Squash, Swedes, White Cabbage.

Also, if we're lucky, we might be able to get hold of some rhubarb for pudding next month!

Maresa Bossano



Ide Community Lunch Club



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- 10 curry leaves
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp chilli flakes
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 40g desiccated coconut
- 500g savoy cabbage, shredded
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- Salt

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan
2. Add the mustard seeds, when they start to pop add the cumin seeds and curry leaves
3. Add onion and cook until soft
4. Then add in the coconut, turmeric, chilli flakes and some salt
5. Add the cabbage and sprinkle some water on top, stir well, cover and cook on a low heat until the cabbage is cooked.



This is usually served as a side dish e.g. with dahl and rice.



IDE MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall is in use for a good many hours each day and in consequence if you need to cancel your booking please give Carol as much notice as possible.

In addition to Keep Fit and Pilates classes we now have a Yoga class meeting regularly. The hall is also used by the Art Group on Tuesday mornings and Ide Aloud on Monday evenings. It is also used by Ide Folk, the Morris Men, a Martial Arts group, a lunch club and as a classroom. At the weekends there are often children's parties.

One request – please do not dispose of the blue paper towels down the toilet as they do not dissolve like toilet paper and cause a real blockage problem. There are bins in the toilets for paper towels.

If you would like to book the hall, please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608. The cost is £8 per hour during the daytime and £10 per hour from 6pm.

WELLBEING WALKS

Join us for our short weekly group walk
Thursdays 1.30pm from the Huntsman in Ide

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BeActiveAlphingtonStThomas





Help keep Britain tidy over Christmas and New Year by joining us for litter picks around Ide and the locality on Sunday, 13th February, meeting at 10am outside the Memorial Hall. Some litter pickers, Hi-Viz jackets and gloves will be provided but please bring your own if you have them, as well as some kind of bag.

Cas Tysoe and Ben Ervine

FESTIVE TEA

Father Christmas arrived in style at The Poachers for the Ide Church Festive Tea In December.

He walked to the Church (via The Huntsman Where Christmas trees were being sold). There was a lovely tea in the Church, things To buy as well as entertainment for the Children. Zetta had some beautiful craft Ideas for the children.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKERS



These talented ;ladies made their own Christmas wreaths under the guidance of Mary Bradley, who also supplied the materials.

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS



Happy New Year! 2022 feels like it's going to be a year of change here on the farm. Already it feels like the farm is different. Winston, my dog, sadly died at the end of last year, meaning I am now a farmer without a dog.



We've also said goodbye to Steve, who was on the farm for ten years. His contribution can be seen wherever you look on the farm in the amazing artwork and signs he created. We'll miss Steve's wonderful energy (and his art skills!)

It's not all goodbyes though I would like to welcome both John and Sarah to the West Town team as new part-time members of staff. They are both good friends who bring with them their own set of skills, sense of fun, and passion to the farm.

As 2022 gets underway, we have some new ideas brewing, but our farm trail, farm shop, care for the soil, and care of our animals all remain central to the work we do. As one form of virus changes to another, and as versions of lockdowns evolve, people continue to work from home, and many of you continue to exercise, walking around the world and past our farm. As you do so, we invite you to drop into our small farm shop and see what we have to offer.

One of the jobs we do on the farm at this time of year is hedgelaying. This sympathetic management allows blossom and berries to form, allowing the hedge to slowly increase in size. Hedgelaying rejuvenates the hedge from the base and is the best and most traditional way of doing this. A laid hedge provides a stock-proof barrier and dense cover for farmland birds and mammals.



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Finally, as we travel through this transitional period, we invite you to get in touch via hello@westtownfarm.co.uk if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Andy Bragg

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