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Articles for the next issue should be with Gordon Roy by Wednesday 5th January. This will cover until the Easter Issue at the end of March. There's more detail on "copy dates and issue dates" on the back page as we reschedule our pattern of The Link across the year.

From the Manse

My favourite season has always been Autumn. It is a time of year that brings out the full range of emotion: anticipation, wonder, uncertainty, melancholy and more. These feelings are stirred up in us because Autumn is inevitably a time of change. We see it all around us every day. When we see the daily transformations of our natural surroundings, we may start to feel a little unsettled about our work, our relationships and our future. The changes are beautiful and vibrant, but also signs of decay and death.



*A chapter is ending. Summer is over.
Time is passing. We are another year older.*

There is also profound nostalgia in the Autumn season because it has some of the most socially significant holidays like Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. These holidays connect us to memories going all the way back to our childhoods and may even cause us to regress into old patterns begun years ago in our families of origin. If we have lost people in our lives, Autumn is a time of remembrance and, in the celebrations, it may be the time we are acutely aware of their absence.

Many people relish the Autumn grey skies and cooling rains, the crispness and chill in the air. George Eliot once wrote of the beauty of Autumn:

Is not this a true autumn day? Just the still melancholy that I love - that makes life and nature harmonise. The birds are consulting about their migrations, the trees are putting on the hectic or the pallid hues of decay, and begin to strew the ground, that one's very footsteps may not disturb the repose of earth and air, while they give us a scent that is a perfect anodyne to the restless spirit. Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

I think what a fascinating thing it is that such a melancholy season could be encased in such soaring colours of scarlet, saffron, and orange. The nature of natural light changes from a harsh shine to a radiant amber glow. At the same time as much of the natural world is dying and going underground, autumn is also a time of abundance and harvest. There is a concept in Japanese culture called *wabi-sabi* that describes the beauty of "the withered, weathered, tarnished, scarred, intimate, coarse, earthly, evanescent, tentative, ephemeral."

Autumn calls us to remember our own fragility and cherish this beauty. Let us thank God for the beauty of His created world.

God Bless, Rev Mairi x

Blackford Holiday Club

It was great to mix the wide open spaces of our sanctuary and our grounds for this summer's *On Your Marks* Holiday Club. We dusted down images and ideas from the 2012 club and then built on this year's Olympic theme as we stretched the point to link fishermen who became followers of Jesus to beach volleyball, the Transfiguration to mountain biking and the parable of the sower to field events. All this was pointing to the life-changing reality of Jesus as the Son of God.

The family night was another great evening of good-natured competition and of course the daily drama illustrated the Bible teaching and allowed several team members to shine.



Helping Afghan Refugees

Thanks to the prayerful interest, action and leadership of Karen Shaw, we were able to involve members of the Blackford congregation, community and school in gathering clothes, foodstuffs and welcome letters for Afghan refugees arriving in Scotland. This collection of bags and boxes now heads off to four charities who know how to use it best.



"Root 66" ... The First Step!

With autumn in the air, work has started on Blackford's prayer labyrinth "Root66." The first stepping stone for the path of 66 stones, one for each book of the Bible, has been placed in position by Mairi.

Work will continue on the biblical themed garden as weather allows. We're particularly grateful to Tony Perkins for making beautiful wooden planters that will be filled with flowers and plants mentioned in the Bible.

"Root66" is an exciting long-term project for our church and if anyone would like to get involved then please contact me.

Sandy Marshall (682354)



Ardoch Kirk Session

Since the church re-opened there has been an encouraging number of members and friends attending on a regular basis for in person Sunday worship. Those who are unable to attend are live streaming from the website or watching a recording, with these facilities being well received.

We are now serving tea and coffee in the Church Hall after the service which is a step forward with social contact among our members. The Kirk Session is having face-to-face Session Meetings and most of the groups using the Church Hall are back to having regular meetings.

Yes, we are slowly moving forward, but are being extremely careful to be adhering to the Church of Scotland Covid Guidelines.

The Kirk Session is pleased to welcome two new initiatives.

- An Intergenerational Community Singalong on the second Friday of the month (starting October 8th) when community singing of popular songs will be accompanied by John Duncan.
- Forest Mission, a gathering for P1-6 children, is on the second Saturday of the month run by the Youth Team and includes games, activities and Bible stories in the woods.

Please access the website for details of all church activities. It is kept up to date each week by our website manager, Christine Souter.

Charles Robertson, Session Clerk

Ardoch Freewill Offering Envelopes

Due to the Covid situation, the printer who normally supplied the Freewill Envelopes, was unable to do so for the year 2021. In 2021 no contact was received from this printer and as a result no freewill envelopes will be available in respect of 2022. During the course of 2021, a number of our members who previously contributed by freewill offering envelopes, changed to contributing by direct transfer from their bank account, or by Standing Order. If any of the members still currently placing envelopes in the offering wish to contribute by Standing Order or bank transfer, please contact me or Charles Robertson to receive the details of the church bank account.

In the event that you still wish to contribute via the offering collected each Sunday and wish your offering to be identified by the Treasurer, please place cash, in an envelope with your envelope number marked on the front, or a cheque in the offering plate.

Stuart Brannen (Treasurer)



Ardoch Pastoral Care (Outreach Team)

A healthy Christian community is one in which people know that they are loved, new people to the village are welcomed, visitors are welcomed and young and old alike are valued and made to feel safe in our community. The team members work hard to support Rev Mairi to provide a good level of pastoral care in our parish. We are now able to do house visits to the sick, bereaved or lonely and those recovering from surgery or having on-going treatment. Face to face contact is paramount for the quality of any pastoral visits. We can't change people, but we can plant seeds that may one day bloom in them.

Team contacts are: Charles 880947, Barbara 880509, Lillian 880483, Heather 880556, Anne 880347.

The team is planning to re-start the monthly community lunches with the first one planned for Friday 29th October at 12noon. We will require diners to pre-book a place so we can draw up a seating plan. All Church of Scotland hospitality guidelines will be adhered to.

Set sail for Climate Justice

Ardoch congregation have joined thousands of others to take action on climate justice ahead of COP26 by making prayer boats. Christian Aid is gathering thousands of boats in special installation at COP26 to deliver our prayers and messages to world leaders. Each little paper boat has a message inside concerning climate change written by the person who made it.



The Stamp Appeal is an easy way to get involved in the world mission work of the church.

This year the Stamp Project proceeds will benefit The Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka, which runs a project to support women and girls who have been victims of rape and sexual violence.



The WDC gives these women somewhere to stay, supports them in caring for their children, helps them return to education if they wish, and trains them in skills they can use to make a living when they leave. The WDC has a social enterprise and café where the women can work and sell their hand-made products.

Thanks to Liz Paterson and Jeannette Barr, there are stamp collection points in each of our church buildings.

Blackford Ways and Means

Flower Show afternoon tea

After an absence of almost 20 months, we finally got back in the swing again by hosting the Blackford Flower Show afternoon teas in the church grounds on Saturday 4th September. The weather stayed dry and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon meeting up with friends old and new! Our thanks go to the Flower Show Committee for giving us this opportunity to be involved in this special village event.

MusicFest21

We're excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual music festival again this year from Friday 29th to Sunday 31st October. More details will be on the church Facebook page, website and village poster boards so keep an ear and eye open for updates.

MusicFest21 begins with the Friday night session from 8.00pm in the spacious multi-purpose area of the church. Everyone will be very welcome especially musicians, singers, listeners and joining-inners! Admission is free with any donations gratefully received for church funds. Tea and coffee will be available.

Saturday 30th October sees the return of our *Big Concert* evening at 7.30pm in the church. Admission is £5.00 and free to anyone under 18. Many local musicians and singers will be taking part in this special event and there will be tea and coffee available at the interval. Please come along to support and enjoy all this year's wonderful performers.

On Sunday 31st October we have our *Joint Churches Worship Service* and later we hope to have an *Afternoon Music Tea* from 3.00pm in the church to conclude **MusicFest21**.

All proceeds raised from **MusicFest21** will be in aid of National Giving Day for Blackford Church. Events will be subject to COVID guidelines and restrictions.

Our Christmas Season

The *Christmas Social* will be held on Monday 13th December with festive entertainment, mince pies and mulled wine to enjoy.

We are currently in the planning stages of arranging a very special *Christmas Concert* on either Friday 17th or Saturday 18th December. More details will be announced soon.

Our traditional carol singing around the village will change this year and instead we will host an *Afternoon of Carols* in the church on Sunday 19th December from 3.00pm with refreshments and festive fayre.

Sandy Marshall & Laura Peacock

MusicFest21

29-31 October

Top Ten Tips for Getting Into The Bible

If it feels a bit hit-and-miss getting to grips with the Bible, there are things we can do to get more out of God's Word.



- 1) **Connect with the author** Remember we're trying to get to know Jesus better not trying to get to know a book better.
- 2) **Discover your preferred way of 'reading' the Bible** Do you read long sections or single verses? Listen to it, watch it, draw it.
- 3) **See it as a lifelong journey** The Bible is a companion on a voyage spending time together until reaching the destination.
- 4) **Keep it at your fingertips** Keep a Bible where you'll naturally spend time; the breakfast table? Add a Bible app to your phone.
- 5) **Do it with others** As the Christian faith is a community, so is reading and talking about what we read and learn
- 6) **Read it on its own terms** The Bible has authority over our life. Place yourself under God's Word and invite it to "interpret" you.
- 7) **Put yourself into the story** Exercise sanctified imagination to enter into it. Once you've entered it, immerse yourself in it.
- 8) **Share it** God's Word needs to be on your lips as much as it's in your heart. Please don't keep it to yourself.
- 9) **Try something new** Revive old habits with fresh routines. If you've been using one version or method, switch to another.
- 10) **Live it out** Bible engagement is more than gleaning information; it should result in transformation in our head, hands and heart as we hear God speak through his Word.

RUTH

Our Bible Study Group has just started a short series on the book of Ruth: "Read it in 10 minutes; relish it for a lifetime." How about reading it yourself over a cup of tea this week—or a chapter a day? Or join us on a Tuesday at 8pm in Beechwood, Stirling St, Blackford.

We've focussed our Sunday morning Bible teaching on Mark's Gospel this year so why not finish strongly with 40 Days in Mark. When you sign up (below) you'll receive a daily email with a 'First Thought' to stimulate your own thinking, a question from the day's passage to chew over, a prompt to consider your response in your context, and a short prayer to conclude.

MARK

licc.org.uk/ourresources/gateway-seven-series/mark-devotional-journey/

Our table of weekly readings again offers a pattern of Bible reading that leads us to Old and New Testaments taking in Gospels, Psalms, Prophets and Letters. We don't read them all on a Sunday but if you're looking for structure and variety, this is a possible source and pattern to broaden our Bible engagement beyond Sunday morning.

Date	Readers Ardoch/ Blackford	Lectionary readings for that week
10 Oct	Dorothy Johnston Jane Roy	Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
17 Oct	Charles Robertson Thelma McNaught	Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
24 Oct	Eleanor Thomas Bruce Tarbet	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, 19- 22; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
31 Oct	Sally Young Laura Peacock	Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
7 Nov	Peter Scott Shona Stewart	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
14 Nov	John Souter Bruce Tarbet	1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8
21 Nov	Joyce Wighton Jeannette Barr	2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
28 Nov	Liz Paterson John Graham	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
5 Dec	Michael Boxer Moira Hanslip	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
12 Dec	Heather McDonald Karen Shaw	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
19 Dec	Irene Robertson Sandy Marshall	Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
26 Dec	Pat Duncan Sheila Macdonald	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
2 Jan	Bob Aitken David Macdonald	Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
9 Jan	Dorothy Johnston William Hensley	Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Should you be unable to find a replacement please contact John Graham (Blackford) on (01764) 218734 or jag_annfield@hotmail.com or Christine Souter (Ardoch) on csouterbraco@aol.com or 07767 380011.

Saying it with Flowers

Our thanks to Helen Laing and Christine Souter who maintain the rotas below and to all those who provide the Sunday flowers as part of that.

Having provided a focal point in the sanctuary during our collective worship, these are then gifted within the villages. This recent photo from Facebook shows how much they are appreciated.



Date	Ardoch	Blackford
10 Oct	L Ayre	Stuart Laing
17 Oct	J Gauld	Jean Robertson
24 Oct	A Walker	Moira Hanslip
31 Oct	(At Blackford)	Helen Laing
7 Nov	Guild	Margaret Earl
14 Nov	S MacGregor	Poppies
21 Nov	I Robertson	Stuart Laing
28 Nov	S MacGregor	Rita Marshall
5 Dec	M Dawson	Helen Laing
12 Dec	A Spiers	Billy Gardner
19 Dec	Christmas Tree	Billy Gardner
26 Dec	Christmas Tree	Rita Marshall
2 Jan	Christmas Tree	Jacqui Crawford
9 Jan		Jennifer Davidson



Saying it with Shoeboxes

Both congregations gathered toiletries, toys, socks and other gifts to help Blythswood Care fill shoeboxes for vulnerable communities in Eastern Europe.

Thanks to the ladies who knit, Blackford's contribution included 109 pairs of gloves, 75 hats, 65 jumpers of various sizes, 45 snoods and 6 blankets sewn up from the knitted and crocheted squares. If you want to start knitting for the 2022 boxes, see Shona Stewart for wool!

Thank you to everyone who does whatever they can for the appeal.





The aim of the **Church of Scotland (CofS) National Giving Day (NGD)** is to offer opportunity to reflect on God's loving presence with us during these challenging times and to express our appreciation and gratitude through giving.

In recognising these difficult circumstances, May's General Assembly encouraged all congregations to participate in this initiative and Blackford Parish Church is joining in. Being part of the national church, some of our giving goes to fund the mission & ministry of the CofS through its ministers and other staff at home and abroad. NGD gives you the option to waive that national donation and ringfence your gift for use in and by Blackford PC. This Q&A will help clarify how NGD will benefit our church as we express our thanks to God.

How do I identify my NGD donations?

Our treasurer needs to be able to allocate your donations to "NGD" for accounting purposes.

1. If you use the pink "WFO" envelopes, and you wish that all your weekly gifts during this period go to NGD then please indicate that on your envelope before 31st October.
2. If you make an offering without WFO envelopes, choose which plate to put your offering in— the NGD plate or the other open plate which will continue to partly support the national ministry.
3. If you give by bank transfer, please complete a form available on the vestibule table if you wish your gifts to count to NGD.

Is there a limit on the number of donations I can make?

No. You can stick with your regular pattern or make an additional donation. The only stipulation is that donations must be identified "NGD" and given by 31st October.

Could I bring forward my donations for the rest of the year?

Yes. You can choose to bring forward your gifts to all count for NGD.

What about Gift Aid (GA)?

If you are already GA registered, your NGD donations will benefit from the 25% extra contributed by HMRC. All loose coins and notes in either plate will also qualify without personal declaration forms for the same 25% extra through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. For further advice on Gift Aid please contact Jeannette Barr.

NGD is vitally important to our church as we rebuild our finances and get back to organising much needed fundraising activities. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sandy Marshall and Gordon Roy (Joint Session Clerks)

Ardoch Youth Group

Well, where to start? We've been very busy since the previous Link and the summer weather has been most kind to us. Hot Chocolate Club, Summer Holiday Club plus an exciting new adventure all of which we couldn't do without the fabulous help of our junior leaders, Daniel and Eleanor Thomas. Want to know more? Email us on ardochyouth@gmail.com

Summer Holiday Club

There was a fabulous daily attendance of 15 local youngsters who enjoyed games, crafts, singing and stories all of which took place outside in the church gardens, the field beyond and— the favourite spot— the woods beyond the field. Our young helpers were a great support with some leading stories and crafts etc and I'm sure they, and the more adult helpers, all had great fun too especially as we had a week of great weather.

New Adventures – Forest Mission

The Youth Group has had lots of time to consider how we can best bring mission to those below P6. And thanks to our junior team members, Daniel and Eleanor Thomas, a solution was found following on from the success of the holiday club adventures in the woods. On Saturday 11th September we launched Forest Mission.

It's a bit like Messy Church outdoors. We meet in the wooded area at the north end of the Lodge Park in Braco, regardless of the weather, and have fun doing all the usual activities, games, crafts and stories plus hot chocolate and biscuits. Meeting on the 2nd Saturday each month, Forest Mission happens next on the 9th October from 2–3.30pm with lots of "Leafy Adventures." Let's hope we are still fortunate with the weather.



Ardoch Hot Chocolate Club

As lovely as it was to keep Zooming into Hot Chocolate, it was great to be able to meet up outdoors before the group had a wee break over the summer. We used this session to welcome the new P6's and P7's. We had a BBQ and a firepit to keep us all warm, although once again we were blessed with a glorious evening, even the midges stayed away. Daniel, as ever, provides lots of activities to keep everyone amused, a great favourite is "Ask Liz" and the group learnt some great facts about the Minister.

At the session in September the group were tasked with designing a banner for the COP26 conference. They, along with the Pins and Needles Group who meet in our church hall, produced the fabulous banners below. These will be sewn together with others and hung as two long banners from the towers of New College at the top of The Mound in Edinburgh. We hope someone from the churches will be in Edinburgh next month and take some photographs.

We now meet on the 2nd Friday of the month during term time, next session Friday 8th October and are looking into the possibilities of meeting fortnightly, watch this space.



Refuweegees – Welcome Pack Appeal

The Hot Choc Club also discussed the Afghanistan Refugees Crisis and how we can help. After hearing of the Refuweegees Charity in Glasgow, we launched our Welcome Pack Appeal. These are packs that are giving out to refugees when they arrive and include items such as toothbrush and toothpaste, shower gels all designed to help you feel a wee bit better when you have nothing. More information is on the church website. The Appeal runs up to the 8th of October which is our next meeting to which all were invited to come along for coffee and chat with our group and see what we've collected.

Blackford Sunshine Bags

If you have one please arrange to get it back to Jeannette Barr or Jane Roy during October.



Ardoch Church of Scotland Guild Look Forward in Faith



A big thank you to everyone who made the Rededication Service a success, and especially to Mairi for giving up her hot seat for the morning—a very short morning too.

The challenge of our new three-year Guild strategy, ***Look Forward in Faith***, is knowing that no matter the difficulties, tragedies, hopes and successes that mark our lives, we can face them all knowing that we have God on our side and that, through faith, he will carry us when we can't carry ourselves. But this is not a blind faith, we need to reflect on how we can affect what happens next. That is always true but perhaps more so in these times. What do we bring to this new situation - experiences, insights, practical skills, personal qualities can all play their part in different ways for different people.

Our theme for the year is ***Lights and Bushels*** which works well with looking forward in faith. We need to take our lights from under the bushel and let them shine as brightly as they can. It may be unnerving but we can do this. Every one of us has the power to make this world just a wee bit better, to shine in the dark corners only we can see. God is not a secret to be kept. If God is in our lives, it is definitely okay to tell others in words, as well as by our actions.

Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness; so, let us shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.

This year's Syllabus

Thursday 4th November: Craft Work: Poppy making

Thursday 5th December: Christmas Party

Thursday 6th January: A Celebration of Robert Burns

Thursday 3rd February: Open Meeting and Sales Table
Guild Project: Bletcher with Beat

Thursday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer

Thursday 7th April: AGM,
Guild Project: Vine Trust Kazunu, Village of Hope, Tanzania.

This year's committee

President: Heather McDonald 880 556, Secretary: Pat Duncan 880 877, Treasurer: Dorothy Johnston 01764 661 043
Committee: Maureen James 880 338, Barbara McLaren 880 509, Anne Walker 880 709, Sally Young 880 496

Ardoch IT Update

Our band of volunteers has now increased in numbers, experience and confidence. Many thanks to Peter, Maureen, Becca, Joyce, Sally, Fiona and Daniel, who make up the rota with one duty each per month. We are still hoping to welcome more volunteers to help with typing up words for either hymns or for the songs we will be singing in the new Sing-a-Long venture. Please let Christine or Sue know if you are interested.

The final link to send pictures from the central camera in the church through to the hall has now been installed. This will mean that if at any time we have an overflow from the church, we will be able to have more people in the hall and they will see and hear all that is going on in the church. The hall equipment is also now available to be used for meetings such as the Guild, or the new Sing-a-Long.

Our website is being kept up to date with so much information: news from the church organisations, pictures of youth activities, Sunday services live or via a recording later in the week, the Thought for the Week from Charles, requests for help for the Refuweegees and Blythswood Appeal and so much more! We are indebted to Christine for pulling all this information together and giving us such a welcoming, useful and informative website.

Family (A thought for the week from Charles Robertson)

A close-knit family is your inspiration and your strength. You know what it is you need to work for and where to go if you fall or falter.

The love in a family should flow strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep.

Family is where life begins and love never ends.

Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family, whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one. Being a family means you are part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life, no matter what.

If the family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable, each segment distinct.

If the family were a boat, it would be a canoe that makes no progress unless everyone paddles.

The strength of a family isn't determined by the number of members, but rather by the amount of love given and received.

Families are like branches on a tree. They grow in different directions, but the roots remain as one. You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. Love is a choice, a commitment, an action, a gift – may the Spirit of God give you wisdom to follow your heart in the way of love.

Some more dates for your diary (alongside the many that are mentioned inside)

Sunday 31st October	Joint Service in Blackford 10:00am (after the clocks go back)
Sunday 14th November	Remembrance Sunday Ardoch 10:00am Church; 11:00am War Memorial Blackford 11:30am Church; 12:30pm War Memorial
Monday 15th November	Joint Meeting of Elders, Blackford, 7:00pm
Friday 24th December	Carols by Candlelight, Blackford, 8:00pm Watchnight Service, Ardoch, 11:30pm
Sunday 2nd January	Blackford Services start at 10:00am Ardoch Services start at 11:30am

We're making a change to the timings of The Link over the coming year. This will allow us to put more of a focus on what we have in place to celebrate Easter and Christmas plus the re-start of activities after the summer. Plans are as follows:

Issue	Articles in by	Copies come out
Winter 2022	5th January	12th January
Easter 2022	23rd March	30th March
Autumn 2022	24th August	31st August
Christmas 2022	16th November	23rd November
Easter 2023	15th March	22nd March



If you've collected all your milk bottle tops over the pandemic, the pile may well be past your eyes. In which case, bring them to church and we'll get them off to help cancer charities through the Rotary.

Despite suggestions, our work on the roof was not preparation for an interactive all age service on Mark 2:1-12. Instead, thanks to financial support from the Allchurches Trust, we were getting a valley repaired, slates replaced and a general check over the roof. The sound system speaker right below the main leak can now go back up.



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