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New Editor

The Editorial Team would like to thank wholeheartedly Jane Jackson who has just retired from being the editor. She has, over many years, contributed with vigour to the design and content of the Messenger which the Team hopes makes the magazine one of which the village can be proud. We welcome Kathryn Hatchett, as Jane's replacement, and trust that you will give her the same enthusiastic support.

Editorial Team

This is my first month as Editor of the Merriott Messenger and it has already been incredibly insightful into our local community I am excited to see what this role has in store for me. Growing up in the village, the Merriott Messenger has always been there to read and it is such a lovely thing to be involved in, a huge thank you to all contributors and the rest of the Editorial Team for their warm welcome.

Kathryn Hatchett

Exciting News From The Squash Club

Halsall are delighted to announce the new sponsorship of Merriott Squash Club's home kits this season. Halsall has a long history of involvement in the surrounding Somerset community and has brand new development set to break ground in Merriott this winter. The new development which backs onto the Merriott Squash Club will be in partnership with Stonewater and will consist of 16 shared ownership and 23 affordable 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom homes. Halsall are thrilled to be able to help Merriott Squash Club with funding their club this season. Merriott Squash Club is a thriving, friendly, member-run club, with a growing women's and youth section too. With that ethos it is keen to welcome players of all ages and all levels from beginners to Somerset League players.



Kate Edwards, Club Secretary of Merriott Squash Club said:

"We are very proud and grateful to have Halsall on board as our sponsor for the 2021/22 season. This is just the start of what I'm sure will be a long and successful relationship and we would like to pass on our thanks to all those at Halsall for their support of the club."

"It seems only natural that Merriott Squash Club, the only squash club in the area, should be in partnership with a company who are building new communities on our doorstep and bringing more families to the local area."

Andy Corp, Managing Director of Halsall said:

"The Merriott Squash Club has stood here for years and is most definitely at the heart of the community which has a huge following locally. So, we are delighted and really proud to be on board. We're very much looking forward to building a great relationship with the club and the surrounding community and are excited to see how our £1,000 sponsorship will make a difference to the club".

The Halsall logo will sit proudly on the front of Merriott's teams' shirts, with its first appearance on Monday 22nd November when Merriott 1's play away against Shepton Mallett in Division 1 of the Somerset Squash League and Merriott 2's play at home against Wyvern in Division 2.

Kate Edwards

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An Update From Merriott Heritage Trust

Having moved into our new premises at 10 Lower Street the Trustees are now busy unpacking and checking all the boxes of books, records and artifacts that have, until recently been privately stored. This process is likely to take some time but is proving to be fruitful and interesting. Plans for the layout of HQ are ongoing and we are mindful of our intention to hold open days as soon as it is practical and possible.

Work on the Trusts direct projects such as Broadway Gardens has been delayed due to weather conditions and the ongoing Covid situation. Hopefully this will soon improve.

We continue to welcome requests for grants and more information and application forms can be obtained from Tina Mortimer (01460 72134)

Any documents and photos relating to Merriott families, properties, past businesses and activities are always welcome either as gifts or on loan for copying.

Beryl Bellamy – Secretary
(01460 74574)

Merriott Stream Enhancement Project—Update



Works to restore the culverted section of the Merriott Stream south west of the village alongside Moorlands Road to an open channel started in late summer/autumn 2021



The contractors encountered a number of unforeseen problems, including eels, asbestos and slumping of the new river bank, all of which caused delays to the works on site and have required some elements of the project to be redesigned



What the delays mean?

Unfortunately we have not been able to complete the project before ground conditions became too wet and we also have had to seek approval for an increase in budget to meet some of the costs of the redesign.



The stream is still flowing through the culvert as it has not yet been connected to the new channel. It is planned to carry this out once ground conditions allow in the spring.



What about the footpath?

The surface of the footpath along the northern boundary has been improved and widened. The field has been fenced off to prevent public access until the works have been completed.

For further information contact Ben Thorne at ben.thorne@fwagsw.org.uk

Merriott Table Tennis Club is Looking for Sponsors

Could you help the Merriott Table Tennis Club continue to grow? The club runs weekly training sessions for under 18s, helping beginners learn the game and more experienced ones improve their skills.

On Sunday the club held its first tournament for juniors. After a hard-fought series of games, Igor Zalewski came out as the winner. The 14-year old is playing regularly in the second division of the Yeovil & District league, and winning matches against much more experienced players.

The runner-up Frankie King is also finding success on the tennis court, winning adult competitions at local and county level.

Chair of the club, Michael Fox, said: "We had a great night of competitive table tennis, but we do need more support in order to continue to grow. We have three tables at the moment but we need another so we can train more people at each session. It is getting a bit crowded trying to fit everyone in at the moment! It's noticeable how much the sport benefits the youngsters involved and helps them grow in confidence and skills.

"It would be fantastic to have local businesses who would like to support youngsters learning a fast-moving game that can be played for the rest of their lives."

The club is also interested in finding a shirt sponsor.

For more information contact Michael Fox on 07515 483994



Attached is a photo of the winners – from left runner-up Frankie King, coach Marc Walmsley, winner Igor Zalewski, and winner of the consolation competition Harvey Burrough.

Michael Fox

Dear Editor...

I wanted to write to ask you to please pass on thanks to Peter Bryans from my whole team who have just taken part in a Christmas Quiz online using the brilliant questions that were in the latest edition of the Messenger which I had saved. The favourite question was about the time difference between Merriott and Australia. The team spans the whole country, from Cornwall to north Yorkshire and asked me to please send thanks for including this quiz.

Verity McLelland



Merriott Childcare - Charlotte Hamlin

We are a registered childcare provider in Merriott. We strive to provide flexible, and ad-hoc, professional childcare in a safe home from home environment .

All children have the right to be understood as individuals and given opportunities for imagination, creativity & play. We have a large garden with climbing equipment and space to explore.

We are now offering forest school sessions for the children at the setting. This involves lots of outdoor activities: learning about nature, arts and crafts with natural products, exploration and discovery in the local outdoor environments and respecting the



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environment. For the older children we may also use tools and fire to learn important life skills. Children are involved in animal care, enabling them to have an understanding of the animals' needs.

We regularly visit the local community facilities, the aqua centre in Crewkerne and small holdings in the village. Outside providers visit the setting bringing individual skills and activities .

Opening times are 06.00 - 18.30 Monday to Friday. We provide school runs to Merriott First School and Merriott Pre-school. We accept early years funding. Please visit the website for more information.



All Saints' Church Services - February

Sun 6th No service in Merriott

Sun 13th 10.30am Parish Communion

See Page 5 for the latest news from All Saints' Church

Sun 20th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sun 27th 9am Holy Communion

Rev Bob Hicks

An Update from Somerset Bus Partnership

The future is suddenly starting to look a lot brighter for bus services in Somerset.

Over the past decade, public transport has not been an economic and developmental priority for Somerset County Council. Residents of this large, mainly rural county have been encouraged to rely on cars to get them to work as well as to shops, hospitals and places of entertainment and bus travel has dwindled accordingly. Bus journeys in the County have fallen by 43% over the past decade, we now have the second lowest bus journeys per head in the country and our bus services have the lowest satisfaction score.

But the Government's Bus Back Better strategy has prompted a major rethink with £3 billion of funding for bus improvements to be shared out between transport authorities across England (outside of London). Somerset County Council has responded and developed a highly ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and is asking the Government to fund the Somerset BSIP with an eye watering £163 million grant. You can read the 184pp document that Somerset has submitted justifying this bid here <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-strategy> (the BSIP document can be found under the National Bus Strategy Section).

Even if the full amount of the Somerset bid is not granted, it is a recognition by Somerset County Council that its bus services need major improvement. Transport is the biggest emitter of carbon emissions in Somerset accounting for 44.1% of Somerset's total emissions. Given COP26, we must now make sure Somerset pursues the initiatives outlined in the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan that encourage a switch to public transport and away from single occupancy private cars. This will reduce our carbon footprint.

Somerset Bus Partnership was set up so that the voices of bus users from across Somerset are heard. We now have over 80 "bus representatives" from all parts of the county who ensure we understand and reflect the needs of towns and parishes across the county.

We are looking for extra support within the Somerset Bus Partnership's core team. Have you had management experience of the bus industry or in a transport department within a Council? Please do get in touch if you have.

Somerset is now entering into an Enhanced Partnership with local bus service operators to implement the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership has been invited to attend the launch of the Bus Advisory Board in late November. This is Somerset's first step in establishing a partnership arrangement with local bus companies.

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work with bus users and will hold Somerset County Council to the ambitious and worthy goals now espoused in the Somerset Bus Improvement Plan.

If you would like to get in contact with us drop us an email: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook: or via our website: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk>

Tony Reese



**Fusion
Fostering**

Have you considered Fostering?

There is a national shortage of foster carers, for the many children needing a stable and supportive home life. Fostering can be a challenging but also a hugely rewarding experience; Foster families play a critical role in supporting the emotional and behavioural needs of young people, whilst offering them a consistent, stable and happy place to live, a sense of belonging and the opportunity to experience positive parental role models.

Fusion Fostering is based in North Curry; your local team of social workers and support workers are there to provide ongoing support and training for foster carers to enable the children in their care to settle in and thrive in their new environment. For more information, please call Jo on 03301239355 or email Jo on: social@fusionfostering.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Merriott

What do you think about having a street party or fair to happen on Saturday June 4th, in Church Street, Merriott?

It could be a welcome change from all the difficult times of the last two years.

If you are involved with any village organisation and would like to organise a stall or offer some part of the entertainment then please get in touch. We really need to set up a group to get this organised as it will be just 5 months away when you read this! so please get in touch with me -

Mary Gilson on maryobh@outlook.com if you would like to help in any way

Mary Gilson

Dear Editor...

I was recently fortunate enough to have the Merriott Heritage Trust contribute to the building works required on no6 Lower Street. Without the support of this brilliant trust, I would have struggled to get the stitching of my chimney breast done in time for winter. Local builder J Knibbs did the work on schedule and on budget. I'm very grateful and thankful that I live in such a community minded village.

Cathy Mackintosh



An Update from Merriott Gardening Club

A very Happy New Year to all our current members, our prospective members and to those of you who are considering joining us. Make this the year. You would be very welcome. Merriott Gardening Club will begin again on the 25th January 7:30 at the Tithe Barn in Church Street. And we are privileged to have Angie who runs Cottage Flowers in Ilminster and the Walled Garden in Horton coming to talk to us. It is always lovely to welcome and promote local businesses. As always we are looking forward to getting back to meeting regularly, covid permitting.

Helen Tre-Vett

News from All Saints' Church

Warm greetings and best wishes from all of us at All Saints to you and your families for this New Year of 2022.

We hope you are finding ways of dealing with the continued uncertainty and fear surrounding the latest COVID variant.

Thank you to everyone who came along or supported the church at any of our services or events during Advent and Christmas. It means a lot to us to know that the church is important to you. If you need a place of peace and sanctuary, just a reminder that All Saints church is open every day, all day. You are welcome to sit quietly, wander around, pray or just 'be'. You can also leave us prayer requests in the wooden box just inside the main door. Our Sunday services are back to pretty much normal now, albeit with the by now familiar COVID precautions – hand gel, face masks, ventilation etc. But we are singing hymns! We have wedding bookings throughout this year! Things are looking more positive! If you need to talk to a priest about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact Rev Julia or myself.

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Rev Bob and Rev Julia Hicks



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WORSHIP

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Please come and join us as we meet to sing *new* songs of praise to the God of all creation.....

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Sun 6th Feb

5.30pm For Supper (Free)

6.30pm For Praise

@ Merriott Tithe Barn

All Saints Church, Merriott.

Phone Alan or Caroline on 01460 73598 for more info....

Merriott Parish Council Projects

MPC currently has about a dozen live projects, many of which are nearing completion. This months feature is on the defibrillators being installed around the village. The first one, on the rear of the village hall some years ago, has been successfully deployed a number of times. As time is critical in getting the machine on to the patient, with the kind agreement of building owners, we have installed three more distanced around the perimeter of the village. These are, **on the Tithe Barn, the squash club and the old pharmacy.**

When calling for an ambulance, the emergency service advises the nearest location.

When infection rates fall to acceptable levels, MPC will be organizing free training sessions, for all.

Merriott Parish Council thanks the businesses and residents who have donated to the cost of these machines, more than half the total. (see page 7 for more details)

Iain Hall



Ian Millar & Dominic Spencer

saxophone & piano duo from Scotland

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"We are delighted to be performing again after sell out candle light concerts on the Glasgow Tall Ship in July and record sales for our concerts in this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. We are hoping this makes a welcome release from lockdown and a chance for communities to reconnect." says Ian

"It's been a difficult time over the last 16 months but we have both been practising hard throughout lock down, even posting some videos of us playing together from our separate homes. Through out lockdown we called ourselves the Socially Distanced Duo now it's time to get out and meet our audience again!" says Dominic

They will be performing at: **MERRIOTT VILLAGE HALL**, Broadway, Merriott TA16 5QH

Fri 25th Feb 8pm £10, accompanied under16s free

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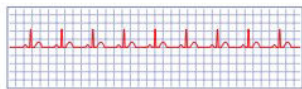
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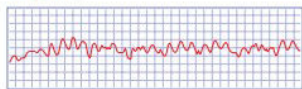
Normal Heart Activity

Note the regular pattern with each beat of the heart:



Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)

The heart enters a chaotic, typically ventricular fibrillation (VF) rhythm:



Problem

The heart cannot pump blood effectively, causing the victim to collapse.

Symptoms

- Unconscious
- Not breathing spontaneously
- No pulse

How Serious Is SCA?

- Worldwide 7 million people are impacted annually
- Can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime
- Only 5-10% currently survive
- 84% of SCA events occur outside of a healthcare setting
- Survival rates up to 75% have been achieved when effective CPR is applied and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are readily available

How Critical is Response Time to Survival?

Every minute that passes without defibrillation reduces survival rate by 7-10%.

A Race Against Time

AEDs Save Precious Minutes



AEDs can make the difference as emergency services typically arrive outside average survival time

AEDs can increase the survival rate for SCA up to 75 percent by delivering a life-saving shock within the first few minutes of an attack. However, they are still not widely available.

Appealing Again

The more it changes, the more it stays the same.... Some countries may become more stable, others enter into strife, autocracy, war, or suffer famine, disease, climate emergencies. Thus refugees, within their own countries or elsewhere, close by or overseas, continue to grow in numbers and to need support from those who are able to give.

Refugee Support Group (RSG) is still seeking goods to supply to RAFT (Refugee Aid from Taunton) now in its seventh year. Raft, with the help of other charities, sends them to wherever they are needed in Europe and the Middle East. Currently, Raft is asking for:-

Winter clothing for men - only small and medium sizes now please; Women's and children's winter clothing; Baby clothes, including knitted garments, from size 3 months please; Suitable footwear for all; Toiletries for all; Blankets; Sleeping bags; Materials for sewing purposes which can include sheets and pillowslips and duvet covers (not duvets). Summer clothing requested from April.

Some time ago when I took blankets to Raft a trustee said they had thought their appeals had already emptied South Somerset of blankets... However, since then I have been given more, particularly as airing cupboards were being cleared during the pandemic. So, I am still appealing, hoping some blankets may still be found for us during these winter months. It is worth noting that Raft has also helped homeless people in the area when possible.

I am also collecting banana boxes in which to pack clothing and footwear to be transported overseas as larger boxes are now in short supply. Supermarkets, large and small, and perhaps greengrocers may be willing to donate rather than recycle elsewhere. My local Co op store is supportive in this way. Every little helps....

Thank you all for your support, past, present and future.

Geraldine Downey RSG 01460 271358

Geraldine Downey

A Dog is For Life

Over the past two years we have seen unprecedented levels of dog acquisition. According to the Pet Food Manufacturers Association 3.2million households have obtained a pet since the start of the pandemic. Worryingly, a study by the Royal Veterinary College showed that, contrary to advice from the Kennel Club and welfare charities, people were less likely to have sought out recommended breeders or to have viewed the puppy before purchase or seen its litter mates. A lot of the purchasing was in fact done online. This huge demand for puppies led to soaring prices as well as an increase in puppy farms and large scale illegal importation of puppies by criminal gangs both of which are welfare issues. Some pups don't even survive the journey. Gangs go to great lengths to disguise the fact that the pups are factory farmed and may have a "stooge" house which is dressed up to look like a home for the purchaser, while the breeding bitch or a "fake mum" is brought there for viewings.

As restrictions eased last year and people started to return to work, purchased pups were turning into boisterous teenagers. Sadly some people regretted their decision to own a dog and handed their pets over to rescue centres or sold them online.

Some people elected to import a dog or puppy from abroad via a charity and these rehoming can be very successful whilst others not so. Some of the dogs are street dogs and have not adapted to living in a domestic environment. They can have behavioural issues and many have been given up to UK rescue charities, who spend a lot of time and money trying to sort these issues out. Vets are also seeing exotic diseases in these imported dogs, some of which can be passed to humans or spread to the UK dog population which has no immunity against these diseases. For example, Brucellosis has been found in dogs travelling from Romania and from China and sadly these dogs have to be euthanased or lead a life of isolation. To mitigate the risk of exotic parasites establishing in the UK and to protect the health of owners and their pets, vets may recommend testing for up to seven diseases depending on country of origin. This is an expensive undertaking and treatment will be even more so.

To quote the Dog's Trust Chief Executive, "Dog ownership can be so rewarding, but it's also a huge responsibility which is why we are reminding people today that 'A Dog is for Life, Not Just for Lockdown/Christmas'. The Dog's Trust website and the RSPCA have very useful information on what to do when you want to buy a puppy, as has www.buyapuppysafely.org which is written by the Scottish SCPA. A good rule of thumb is: no Mum, no paperwork, walk away.

Dr Danusia Nosek

Merriott Social Venue News

Happy new year to all.

A few dates for your diaries:-

Monthly markets will be starting again from Sunday 13th March if anyone would like a stall please contact us.

Bingo is on 2nd April and any donations will be gratefully received. More details to follow.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party on Sunday 5th June .

This will be held outside the club (provisional) We will provide entertainment and tables, anyone can come along and bring their own picnics. Contact us to reserve a table. More details to follow nearer the time.

Penny Gibbs—Secretary

From the Tithe Barn

Almost everyone who lives in Merriott will have memories of events at The Tithe Barn – whether its memories of a Merriott School Disco, or a fund raising evening for the church or a Christmas tea party after the Christingle service – those memories form part of our history. The Tithe Barn is still very much part of the village and continues to offer a smaller but welcoming environment for clubs and groups as well as family parties. But every building needs to be maintained and it's a long time since any repairs or modernisation happened in the Tithe Barn. The oak floor that has been used for all the clubs, parties and events is getting to the end of its life. It was installed just after the first world war, over a hundred years ago and is giving way in some areas, as the supports underneath it have crumbled. This is going to be expensive – about £75,000 and the Tithe Barn Committee are looking for any possible funding opportunities but for these to be successful we need to show that the Tithe Barn is important and well supported by you – the people who live in Merriott. We shall need you to get involved in this venture in any way you can and initially we need to set up a group to get this project underway. Please contact either our vicar, Julia or me if you would like to be involved – we need you!



Our current treasurer would also like us to find a successor after long service to the Tithe Barn! Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Currently this is what's happening at the Tithe Barn.

Monday

1.30 Dog training – Emma

topdogtrainingandbehaviour@gmail.com

Tuesday

Gardening Club on the last Tuesday of the month

helentv@btinternet.com

7.30 Dog training – Emma

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Wednesday

10.00 Badminton

2.00 Games club

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Thursday

10.00 Merriott Minnows (baby and toddler group)

gilson@btinternet.com

Scouts

debra.cummings600@gmail.com

Friday

5-6.00 Majorettes

merriottmajorettes@yahoo.com

You can hire it for your own event too – our hall is very reasonable and costs £35 for 5 hrs, less for a shorter time.

Julia Hicks (Rector) and Mary Gilson (Chair) 07752 893891

A Message from South Petherton WI

2021 closed with a Christmas party organised by the Committee. Although several members decided to stay away for reasons of caution, those who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This was the fifth meeting we had held since the easing of lockdown in the summer and all of them 'home-made' with a talk by a member about life as an Army Wife, a social evening with display of the items we had made prompted by ideas in our Meeting in a Bag scheme. In October we had an exhibition of archive material and memorabilia covering our 91 years of existence and in November we held a Craft Workshop. Now, at the start of 2022, we plan to return to our normal format with a monthly speaker. In February this will be Luke Simon from School in a Bag, an organisation which sends bags full of school essentials to school children in underprivileged countries. Further meetings include a talk on 'Nursery Rhymes and their Origins' and a talk by a member about her work as a medical pathologist in Africa. We shall hopefully be able to arrange some outings and continue with our monthly pub lunches. Although attendance at meetings has dropped a little since the arrival of Omicron we feel that as almost all members have had the booster we are at relatively small risk. Members are free to wear masks and are encouraged to do a Lateral Flow Test before coming to meetings. We continue to attract new members. If you would like to give us a try, please do contact one of us. Wishing all readers a very Happy New Year

Jan Kemp President jankemp638@btinternet.com
Jacky Spencer Secretary jhsfchapel060@gmail.com

Merriott Little Litter Pickers

'We may be kids but we want to make a difference!'

Merriott Little Litter Picker of The Month is.....

A big 'well done' to Taylor. Taylor has done an outstanding amount of litter picking this month, all the way from

Bournemouth!

Well done, Taylor!

Calling all children!!!!!!

If you are interested in joining our Litter Picking club,
{Merriott Little Litter Pickers.}

Please email-

merriottlittlelitterpickers@hotmail.com

Jessica Tither



The Feed Station Sandy Hole

Application to vary condition 3 (opening hours) to allow evening opening hours for a temporary period of 2 years

21/03460/S73A Status: Awaiting decision

Langdons Cottage Court Mill Lane

Notification of intent to fell 1 tree within a conservation area

21/03566/TCA Status:

Decided Application permitted

Bow Mill Scotts Way to Boozer Pit

Micro-Generation Groundmount Photovoltaic Installation (solar panels) to generate carbon-free electricity, together with three Smart storage batteries. 21/03614/LBC Status:

Awaiting decision

8, Breen Knapp, Boozer Pit

Erection of first floor extension above existing single storey extension to rear and a single storey extension to side of dwelling. 21/03443/HOU Status Awaiting decision.

6, Church Street

Erection of a single storey kitchen/utility room extension
21/03194/HOU Status Approved

14 Granary Close Barton

Installation of an external staircase to the existing detached outbuilding
21/02752/HOU Status Approved

Harvest Moon Church Street

Rear extension to bungalow in place of conservatory and extension of existing roadside parking bay 21/03024/HOU Status: Approved

Marion Biggs



Gardening quote of the month

"Probably more pests can be controlled in an armchair in front of a February fire with a garden notebook and a seed catalogue than can ever be knocked out in hand-to-hand combat in the garden."

- Neely Turner

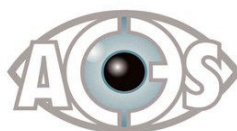
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