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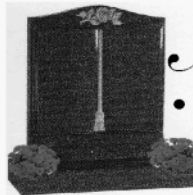
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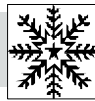
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Tues 5th	12.30am	Lunch Club	Village Hall, Back Room
Wed 6th	7.30pm	Stock & Bradley Gardening Club	Bradley Village Hall
Fri 8th	8pm	FeckenOdeon2	Village Hall Back Room
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Feckenham Forest History Society	Feckenham Village Hall
Wed 13th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thurs 14th	7.30pm	Feckenham W.I.	Village Hall Back Room
Fri 15th & Sat 16th	7.30pm	“Nonsense”	Village Hall
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	FeckenOdeon	Village Hall
Wed 27th	10.30am - noon	“Drop in” for coffee and a chat	Parish Church
Thurs 28th	7.30pm	AGM ‘Over 60’s & Flower show Fund	Village Hall Back Room

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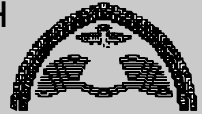
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Readers and Intercessors



Sunday 3rd

Lent - 2

11-00am Sung Eucharist

Genesis 2 : vs. 4b-9,15-end

Revelation 4 :

Intercessions

Patricia Collins

Angela Fletcher

Lin Preece

Sunday 10th

8-00am Holy Communion

Sunday next before Lent | Corinthians ch 13 : vs., 1-13

Pam Eaton

11-00am Family Service "The Love of God"

Sunday 17th

1st Sunday of Lent

6-30pm Evensong

Deuteronomy 26 : vs. 1-11

Luke 4 : vs. 1-13

Intercessions

Oliver White

John Pulsford

Jeff Matthews

Sunday 24th

Lent 2

11-00am Family Communion

Luke 13 : vs. 31 - end

Intercessions

Doug Curtis

Tony Mortimer

X Box Sunday School

Will be held in Church on Sunday 3rd February. All children will be warmly welcomed.

Morning Fellowship

This lay led prayer service continues weekly on Wednesdays for 30 minutes in the Parish church. **All welcome.**

Feckenham Roman Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.15am in the Church

Fr. Edward Clare, The Presbytery, Redditch. Tel. 01527 63096

Local contact—Phyllis Mott, Feckenham. Tel. 01527 893898

40 miles for Macmillan

Jason Manning

The Feckenham 40 is back

Following the huge success of last years event, we will once again be walking 40 miles non stop in aid of Macmillan and The Primrose Hospice on Saturday 27th April.

Last year 16 brave walkers completed the grueling 40 miles in around 10 hours with dozens more joining us for the last few miles. This year we are hoping for an even bigger turnout and would welcome walkers for all or part of the course. Anyone who can help with support vehicles, or along the route would also be most welcome.

Training will be taking place every Saturday, starting at the Village Green at 7am. Leaving Feckenham, the route takes in 20 villages and beautiful scenery before returning to Feckenham for a well earned drink at The Rose & Crown around 5pm.

I would like to dedicate this years walk to all those we know who suffer or have died from cancer, including our dear friend Sandra Knowles, who passed away in July last year and who we miss greatly. Sandra was overwhelmed with the care and support she received from the Macmillan nurses during the last weeks of her life and wanted us to raise more money so that others could benefit from the same care. Anyone can donate by visiting www.justgiving.com/teams/Feckenham40

Please spread the word so that we can reach our target of £10000.

Jason Manning,
White Cottage,
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Bradley Green.
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Feckenham

ENTERTAINMENTS Committee

Boxing Day Walk 2012

This year the traditional Boxing Day walk – was it the 38th? - was financed by the Entertainments Committee but organised by the 'old stalwarts' AJA.

Despite weeks of rain and a very grey (and at times rainy) day almost 30 hardy walkers followed the muddy sodden route struggling up hills where it was '2 steps up and 1 sliding back down. Tea served by Judy and Ian at Mount Farm by courtesy of Rosie and David Street was very welcome. The walk was completed well before night fall and all the walkers seemed proud and grateful.

Alan Jones



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Thought for the month

Wyn Beynon

Dear Friends,

I was, in the 1970s, a bus driver and drove the legendary Routemaster double decker. I went on to lesser buses that were One Man Operation. I took the fares as well as driving. One thing I noticed when working on my own was that passengers would not always see me as a person but would often treat me like a ticket machine. I know I can treat check out staff at supermarkets in the same way. It's easy to forget they are a person, not a function. I try to look at them and have some kind of conversation! When hurrying to get the shopping done it's easy to forget they are people too!

In our complex society it's easy to feel that we are less important than the processes that keep society running efficiently. Sometimes we get like that in the Church. People ask to be married or have their children baptised and we grill them about where they live and what their connection with the parish is. Things have to be legal, I know, but the Church of England can be very good at hiding behind processes when in fact we should be open to people. But this is true in our everyday lives, not just the institution of the CofE.

Are the people you deal with people or just functionaries? The hardest example of that for me is when I deal with telesales people on the phone. I dislike the way they speak to me, asking me personal questions and mispronouncing my name. I easily forget that the person speaking to me is trying to do their job, which they probably hate, but it's all they can get. So I try and be polite, and remember they are a person, not a machine. I'm not sure I always succeed!

Recognizing the human in the other person is the first step towards recognizing the presence of God. Jesus did that. He recognized the

humanity in every person. And that brought out the divine. We can do it too!

best wishes, Wyn

Feckenham Flower Show & Over 60's Party Fund

Rob Cole

AGM - 28th February

The 2013 AGM is to be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th February 2013, and the meeting will be open to everyone as usual.

The existing Committee have all been involved for many years and are deserving of retirement, and for the tradition to continue, new Committee members are needed. Anyone who would be willing to join the Committee is invited to have a chat with Rob Cole (Secretary) on 01527 821156, or with Angela Fletcher (Treasurer) on 01527 893231, or to come to the meeting.

Events already confirmed for 2013

You may wish to make a note of the following events coming up this year :-

- Sat. 6th April - Spring Flower Show
- Sat. 14th September - Autumn Flower Show
- Sat. 7th December - Over 60's Christmas Party

It would be a considerable loss to the village if these events became a thing of the past, so do please consider volunteering as a new Committee member.



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Square Management Committee

Ian Bellion

MERRILY BUT DAMPLY..

Not quite the “deep midwinter” described by Good King W but it was certainly a damp midwinter evening when hundreds of people, umbrellas held aloft, braved the elements to sing carols around the Christmas tree on The Square. This Christmas Eve hour of merry warbling seems to set the seal on things - Christmas has arrived and we're all safely tucked in to the village for the celebrations.

Once the merry lights had been officially switched on by Mona Hickman (who has been making mince pies for this event for as long as anyone can remember) the singing, lubricated by gallons of mulled wine and acres of mince pies, began. The enthusiastic “choir” was led by the talented Steve Dalloway at a brisk pace - which was just as well because the carol sheets were rapidly dissolving into papier maché in the rain. Despite a mid carol disaster when the Herald Angels became inextricably entangled with the Three Kings... and a few dubious words in Jingle Bells.. the full programme of carols was executed with gusto and everyone happily dispersed to various pubs and house parties with that warm glow that speaks of a job well done... and mulled wine well imbibed.

THANKS....

Carols on The Square is presented for the village by the Square Management Committee as a way of thanking villagers for their support throughout the year. The bucket collection yielded around £400 which will be given to the County Air Ambulance.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped - in particular Maxine Melson and Andrea Williams for the use of their kitchens.

Barbara Masters, Margaret Mathews, Mona Hickman and Wyn Williams for making mince pies and Judy Underwood for serving them. Pete Masters shook the collecting bucket, Gary Simpson bought the wine. Nick Banham generously supplied the logs and the Football Club and the Church allotments lent the braziers. The Square Committee is Ian Ridley (Chair and Artistic Director), Barry Hamilton (Vice Chair and White Van Man), Ian Bellion (Secretary and Megaphone Man), Dawn Southwell (Treasurer and Pie Distributor), Judy Hooker (Grog Maker and Catering Supervisor), Rhys Williams (Mayor and Brazier Superintendent), Jeff Mathews (The Keeper of the Tables) and Tim and Suzie Zink (very new parents and therefore excused caroling duties this year).

**"St. Valentines Day:
Who has sent you
a Valentine's card?"**

**11 am @
St Johns
February 10th**

The second of three services in which the All Age Wors hip Group invite you to explore how the love of God shows up in our lives.

Please stay after for refreshments.

Review - a new book of local interest

Richard Churchley's new book: "Having a Drink round Feckenham, Inkberrow and Astwood Bank" is now on sale in the Village Shop (price £6) and also in shops in Inkberrow and Astwood Bank. The book deals with the history of pubs past and present in Feckenham, Inkberrow, Astwood Bank, Kington, Abbots Morton, Bradley Green, Stock Green, Callow Hill, Rous Lench, Ridgeway and Hunt End. It includes colour and black and white photographs (both old and new) and reveals previously unpublished information about the publicans and past events at the pubs.

Find out the former name of the Lygon Arms, the Why Not and the Nevill Arms and discover the history of Feckenham's lost pubs such as the George, the Talbot, the Eight Bells and the Yew Tree.

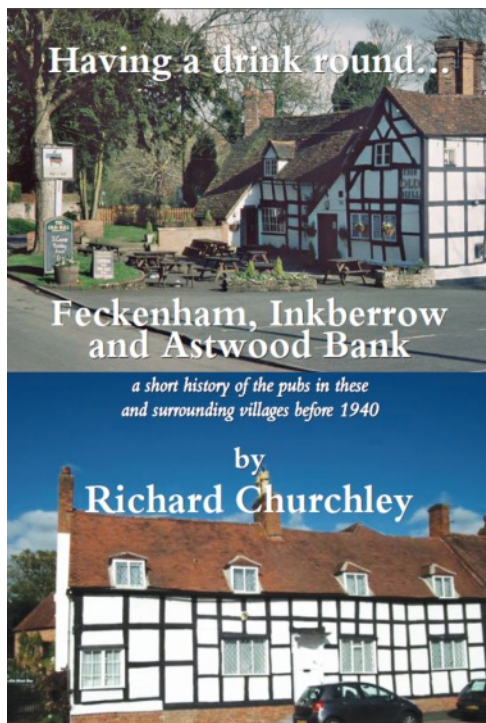
At 7.30 p.m. on Tues. 12 February for Feckenham Forest History Society at Feckenham Village Hall Richard will be giving an illustrated talk about local pubs past and present including the new information he has discovered.

For more information contact Richard Churchley

Phone: 01527 892361

Email: rachurchley@totalise.co.uk

Website: www.churchley.org.uk



Newshound



WEDDING

On 12th Jan, St John the Baptist was pleased to host the wedding of Gillian Groom of Astwood Bank and Andy Smith of Wolverhampton. Over 100 guests were able to celebrate with the couple, which included mulled wine and cakes after the service, at the back of the Church, before going on to the Wedding Breakfast in the Village Hall. We were very pleased that the Church could be used in this way and it made a very particular feature in their happy day. The couple will making their home in Stourbridge.




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Village Shop

Jeff Matthews

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If you haven't been down to the shop recently, you may not have realised that there are two additional displays outside.

One features newspapers. We have a sale or return arrangement – we have had for a while – which means we have been able to stock a larger quantity of all the major titles. And that means we are far more likely to have the newspaper you want, in stock, later in the day. For those of us who read them occasionally, and that's me, I only get one, when I know I will have a chance to sit down and read it. And I don't always know that until early afternoon. You can come down and get a paper later.

This facility also means we are able to take orders for magazines and to stock those, too. So, if you get a regular magazine, why not order it through the shop?

The other display unit contains a large quantity of logs and kindling. For younger readers, that's small pieces of wood to light a fire, not an app for your phone. If you run out, or fancy a fire in a less used grate, don't forget we have combustible materials, including fire lighters. Both of these displays were funded with grants from Comic Relief, which were gratefully received.

And the cockles of your heart warming offer for February is hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows for £1.99 and teacakes and a hot drink £2.20.

Our soups are still going, if you fancy a light lunch sometime, too.

Used Stamps - what happens to them?

As you may have read in the December edition of Feckenham News, any used postage stamps are being collected at the Village Shop and we thought you would like to know how these are converted into money that is used to buy equipment for your local hospital.

Stamps donated to the League are regularly collected by the League's own "stampman" and taken away for sorting into piles by country. Older stamps are put into a pile of their own. The stamps are then bagged in half kg bags. Better stamps are put into stock books and all are sold at auction.

Albums and schoolboy/girl collections are also sold at auction in March and September.

So far this year a total of £2,400 has been raised from the sale of stamps. This all goes into the Leagues funds and helps towards purchases for the Alexandra hospital.

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Tuesday, 12th February - 7.45

This month's book:

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Tuesday, 12th February - 7.30pm

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THE ODD COUPLE....

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This joyful and funny film has been a huge success in France - its gleeful appreciation of "joie de vivre" will lift your soul and cheerfully dispel any mid-winter misery!

WE ARE NOT ALONE...

If you saw bright lights in the sky over Berrow Hill... and felt that someone or something was trying to contact you... what would you do? How would you be affected? Would you tell anyone? **"Close Encounters of the Third Kind"** is a compelling film by Stephen Spielberg centred on two ordinary people who see something strange and who are dragged into an

event that's literally out of this world. This isn't the usual space chase movie. There are no goodies or baddies, no bug eyed monsters bent on destruction, no space ships being shot out of the sky - just an intriguing story, imaginative effects and a marvellous musical score. The original 1977 film has been immaculately restored in High Definition Digital - so if you've only seen this on the telly prepare to be amazed! Showing on **Saturday, 23rd February**.



Tickets for these shows are on sale at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Book by phone on 0844 8700 887 or online at...

www.fecknodeon.co.uk

Coming in March:

8th: "Red Dog" - an Australian shaggy tail

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23rd: "Planes, Trains & Automobiles"

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Village Hall

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NUN'S THE WORD!

The premiere of All Round Theatre's new show takes place at Feckenham Village Hall prior to a regional tour later in the year. The show is Dan Goggins' hilarious musical comedy "Nunsense" and it opens at Feckenham Village Hall on **Friday, 15th February** with a second performance on **Saturday, 16th February 2013** - both start at 7.30pm.

"Nunsense" is a delightful romp of a musical about five nuns who are putting on a fund-raising concert. The nuns are in a



financial fix because their convent cook accidentally poisoned 52 of their sisters with her vichyssoise. They had enough money to inter 48 of the nuns, but ran out of funds to bury the remaining four sisters who are taking up space in the convent freezer. The absurd situation results in the sisters putting on a charity show in which hidden talents are revealed. It's a happy and joyously funny show with lively song-and-dance numbers, comic routines and clever word play. The nun humour is gentle, sometimes irreverent but never offensive. *Ticket at £10 can be had at The Village Shop or by calling All Round Theatre Company on : 07563 839826 or 07976 755434 or Email lorraineo'learydancers@hotmail.com*

COMING SOON

On **Sunday, 17th March** Shindig presents Angus & Ross Theatre Co in "**Kings of Cloth of Gold**". This hilarious historical saga probably owes more to "1066 and All That" than to serious historical research - however, the armour and weapons have been specially made by the Royal Armouries and the RSC. *Tickets (£8.50) on sale now at The Village Shop and The Rose & Crown. Telephone bookings*

0844 8700 887 and you can book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/feckenham



Village Hall

Improvement Fund 2012/13

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2013 Meeting Dates: 21 Feb, 18 April, 16 May, 19 June, 18 July, 19 Sept, 21 Nov & 19 Dec

1. Presently, the **gates** do not have the desired effect of raising the profile of the village and reminding drivers that they are entering into an area where residents care about speed restriction and the upkeep of the village environment. Consequently, the Parish Council is currently in the process of negotiating with officers of Worcestershire County Council to move the estate gates to positions previously agreed upon.

2. The Council awarded several **grants** this year, these include:

£520 to **St John's Church** in support of the local magazine and maintenance of the churchyard

£500 to the **Community Shop** to help install a new till system

£130 to the **Allotments & Garden Society** to replace a lawnmower

£250 in support of **WAKE FM**

3. While the budget will not be finalized until January, a £1400 donations budget for 2013/14 is proposed. The Council is keen to support worthy local groups and urges all interested parties to contact the Clerk or download a grant application from the parish website; www.feckenham.com.

4. Thanks to much hard work on the part of several parishioners, most notably Chairman Williams, Feckenham is among the successfully identified communities not currently receiving 2mbps that qualified for a grant to have

wireless broadband provided. Feckenham is a member of the Redditch Travel Arc Consortium comprising the parishes of Tibberton, Crowle, Hanbury, Stock & Bradley and Feckenham. The wireless broadband provider, Airband, was chosen as the preferred supplier based on experience of providing local community broadband and their customer installation package. Contracts are due to be signed shortly and connections will be possible early in the New Year. Airband will be making contact with those who previously registered an interest. For more information and a link to register an interest, please see <http://www.thevillagehub.co.uk/>.

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FEBRUARY

6th

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"MEMORIALS THAT REFLECT A LIFETIME"



Press Cuttings from the 1920's

Jane White

A few years ago I was given a photocopy of several articles from local papers that the donor thought would interest me.

The first item is undated but those with a date are 1920 or 1922 so I suspect it is of that era. The wafering irons are still in the church and can be seen in the south chancel window.

The Feckenham W.I. article was from 1920, (our Institute was formed in 1919). The "Vicar's Room" mentioned was on the site of the garden area to the left of the Car Park entrance. Some things haven't changed - making teas for village events! And some of the demonstrations sound very familiar but perhaps not the boot-mending and the curing of rabbit skins! I still have a pair of rabbit-fur mittens made by my grandmother at her local WI in Norfolk but I never heard whether she cured the skins herself (she was adept at dealing with game, preserving the hare's blood to make an excellent hare casserole, so perhaps she did!).

WORCESTER ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

INTERESTING FECKENHAM RELIC

In connection with the Worcester Archæological Society an "open" meeting was held on Wednesday in last week. The attraction of the occasion was that clergy and churchwardens who are members were invited to bring and speak upon objects of interest in their possession, and there resulted a collection of an ancient chalice, alms box, processional cross, churchwardens' accounts and many other things.

The Rev. W.E. Davis-Winstone (Vicar of Feckenham) produced a pair of wafering irons, which he said were found some years ago in a gravel path at a private house at Feckenham. They were presented to the church, and were now kept there. He described how they were

made for impressing the wafers for the priest and for the people, and how they were inscribed. Some thought they were earlier date, but he thought they were much more likely to be of the 17th century.

FECKENHAM

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – The first annual meeting of the Bradley and Feckenham Women's Institute was held in the Vicar's Room on Thursday afternoon last week, when Mrs. Newton Jones presided over an attendance of over 60 members. Mrs. Dawes (treasurer) presented the balance sheet for the year, which showed that the receipts were £32 0s. 5½d., and expenditure £29 15s. 0½d. Mrs. N. W. Gould (secretary) read the annual report on the year's work, showing that the institute had now 79 members on its roll and the attendance at the monthly meetings averaged 40. During the year a well attended course of basket making classes had been held under the instruction of Mr. Large, of Worcester, and some very fine baskets were made. Demonstrations had been given in boot-mending, dressmaking and millinery, wool carding and spinning, fruit bottling, drying and pulping, and rabbit-skin glove making. The curing of the skins and the making of the gloves had been accomplished very successfully. Lectures were also given on "Citizenship" and the "League of Nations" An outing was organised in June, when 52 members visited the Worcester Exhibition. In September the institute undertook the catering for the tea at the Feckenham and District Hospital Society's flower show, with the result that after a donation of five guineas had been given to the society, there remained a balance of £5 5s. 5½d. towards the institute funds. Balloting for officers took place, and the following ladies were elected:- President, Mrs. Newton Jones; vice-president Mrs. Dawes; treasurer, Miss Stanley; secretary, Mrs. N. W. Gould; committee, Mesdames Rankin, F. Bradley, A. Barley, Harber, Miller, Yates, Molesworth, Watton, Nurse Browne, and Misses Barnwell and Cowley.

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Thanks to generous grants from Feckenham Charity and Feckenham Parish Council, and with the support of Feckenham Entertainments Committee, plans are well in hand for WAKE FM to go back on the air in June - again coinciding with The Wake. There's still a little bit of fundraising to do but organisers are confident enough to start licence applications and technical planning.

JOIN YOUR RADIO STATION

It may seem a way off but the experiences of 2010 taught us that early preparation is the key to success. We're now asking anyone who would like to be involved in any way to make contact - e-mail us, phone us or pop a note through our letterbox. If you'd like to present on air, produce programmes, research, operate equipment... or just make the tea... we want to hear from you. Currently the core team consists of Stuart Knowles, Ian Bellion and Paul Furey - we need many more! Similarly if you've ideas - full programmes or news items or just an interesting subject we can chat about - please get in touch. WAKE FM will be on air for four days. It's your station - for Feckenham, about Feckenham, by Feckenham - so please get involved!

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Please note that annual subscriptions (£33.00) are now due.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the back room of Feckenham village hall. There is an annual subscription (currently £33.00) but visitors are welcomed to join us for any meeting at a cost of £3.50 per visit. If you require further information please contact Linda Harris on 01527 892850 or Gay Bligh on 01527 893321. Or visit us on the village website www.feckenham.com

Rous Lench & Inkberrow Royal British Legion inc. Feckenham Roger Hunt

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The theme of the members' competition at the meeting will be 'Snowdrops'. To take part, just bring along an exhibit for judging by the speaker. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded points, and the member with the most number of points in the year will be awarded a prize at the next AGM in October 2013.

All club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

The following meeting - Wednesday 6th March 2013 - 7.30pm will be a talk by Paul Baxter entitled 'Gardening in Planters and Containers'.

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