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Trewern, Buttington & Hope.

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**April & May 2022**



**Monty  
LitFest**

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## A note from the BG team:

I apologise for the late distribution of the last few issues of the BG. With 4 young children, work and home life it gets a bit too much for me.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to take over the editorial role. If you feel you are keen to take over this role, please get in touch.

Many thanks, Kim Mountford

The deadline for each issue is

**22nd of January, March, May,  
July, September & November.**

If you have any questions, stories or interesting items to put in the border gossip please feel free to contact me through the Facebook page or email me. Email is temperamental so I will send confirmation if I receive something.

**Facebook: Border Gossip or [bordergossip@hotmail.com](mailto:bordergossip@hotmail.com)**

Kim Mountford



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# Buttington Trewern Community Centre

Booking Secretary – Anne Jerman 01938 570320

Facebook: buttington trewern community centre

## Weekly Events:

### Monday

Bowls 01938 556243

### Tuesday

Knitting / Craft Group

Pilates Class

### Wednesday

### Thursday

Ti A Fi

### Friday

### Saturday

## Knitting / Craft Group

Meet alternate Tuesdays at  
Trewern Community Centre

2 - 4pm

Term Time Only

### Contacts:-

Margaret 555101

Linda 570529

Pam 570001

Join us for tea/coffee,  
Biscuits and a chat.

We charge £1.20 per session to cover cost  
of Community room  
and refreshments



**Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> May!**

## Ysgol Gynradd

## Buttington Trewern

## CP School

Head Master - Colin Jenkins 01938 570283

Please refer to website for school news.

## School PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Chairperson – Karen Williams –

07772 260 382

Secretaries – Kim Mountford 0781496476

Treasurer – Lorraine Pryce - 07825 326 532

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I will be happy to show you the ropes and I can usually complete it in a day if my children let me. If you are interested in volunteering to become Editor please contact me. [kim-whitehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:kim-whitehouse@hotmail.com), 01938570830.

Local Government elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 May 2022.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



Anyone who lives in Wales and is 14 or over can register to vote and to register should go to

[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

To arrange a postal vote or proxy (someone you trust to vote on our behalf) download an application form at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter)

The deadline to register to vote for the elections on 5 May is **14 April 2022**.

The deadline to apply to vote by post for the elections on 5 May 2022 is **5pm, 19 April 2022**.

Mae etholiadau llywodraeth leol nesaf yn cael eu cynnal ddydd Iau, 5 Mai 2022.

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Y ddiad cau i wneud cais bleidleisio drwy'r post ar gyfer yr etholiadau ar 5 Mai 2022 yw **5pm, 19 Ebrill 2022**.

# Ti a Fi Group / Cylch Ti a Fi Mother & Toddler Group Facebook: Ti a Fi Buttington/Trewern

Buttington / Trewern  
Community Centre

Thursday 9 – 11am. £1 per family  
Lots of toys, games and crafts  
for children to explore and play  
with whilst interacting with  
other children.

Children from new-born to pre-  
school welcome along with  
their parent, carer or child  
minder.

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welcome.

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## Doors open from 9am

## Buttington Trewern Playgroup

Buttington Trewern School

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 8.30am – 11am

Optional lunch club – 11am – 12.30pm ~ £5 per session

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sun</b>           | <b>12.00 – 20.00</b> |
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| <i>and</i>           | <b>16.30 – 23.00</b> |
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| <b>Sun</b>        | <b>12.00 – 15.00</b> |
| <b>Tue to Sat</b> | <b>12.00 – 14.00</b> |
| <i>and</i>        | <b>17.30 – 20.00</b> |



# Cefn Methodist Chapel, Trewern

Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

Members of the chapel would be very interested to learn about some of its past history and hope to incorporate it in a book about Montgomeryshire Methodist chapels

There is a Sunday School record of attendance in the chapel- I'm sure there must be various villagers still living in the area that attended.

Can anyone remember any weddings , funeral and Christenings being held there.? Did any notable villagers worship there ? Photos would be appreciated.

Please email me any information you have or know about the chapel on - fredaatvillas2002@yahoo.co.uk or ring 01938 552817

The Chapel needs YOUR support , otherwise it is likely to close soon, after serving the community of Trewern and Buttington since 1882.

Please contact Mrs Mountford 01938 570 515 treasurer, if you wish to support financially but cant attend services.

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The main room, approx 20ft x 20ft can be let out at other times. There is a car park, kitchen, toilet and disabled access facilities.

Please contact Mrs Mountford for charges.

## If giving is in your blood, please help

The service is based at the COWSHACC (Scout Headquarters & Community Centre in Berriew St Car Park), Welshpool.

Next sessions: **Tues 5 April and Tues 10 May**

**12.00 – 15.00 & 16.30 – 19.00**



Welsh Blood Service

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**[www.welsh-blood.org.uk](http://www.welsh-blood.org.uk) in advance to check**

## Dates For Your Diary

### April 2022

|   |   |
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| <p><b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>Door opens</b><br/> <b>9.45am for</b><br/> <b>10.30am start.</b></p> | <p><i>Singing for Wellbeing with Cathy Beech at COWSHACC, <u>Welshpool</u>.</i><br/>                 Information: <a href="http://www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk">www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>Doors open</b><br/> <b>7.15pm</b></p>                                | <p><i>Spring Shenanigans at Town Hall, Montgomery. Many live music acts on one night. Tickets £15. All profits to the Town Hall Trust. For more information or to pre-book email <a href="mailto:tickets@montgomerypromotions.uk">tickets@montgomerypromotions.uk</a></i></p>   |
| <p><b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> daily</b><br/> <b>until Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>10am - 4pm</b></p>      | <p><i>Easter Egg Hunt at <u>Powys Castle &amp; Garden</u>. £3 per child to include trail map (collect from welcome cabin in car park), pencil &amp; a Rainforest Alliance chocolate egg at the end. <i>Booking not needed. Normal admission charges to property apply.</i><br/>                 Information: 01938 551944</i></p> |
| <p><b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sat</b><br/> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>10am- 4pm</b></p>             | <p><i>Free Easter Egg Hunt around <u>Welshpool Town Centre</u>. Pick up a clue sheet from the Tourist Information Centre.<br/>                 Further information: 01938 553142</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>2.30pm prompt</b></p>   | <p><i>The Triumph of 'Lutyens' New Delhi. A talk by Anthony Peers at The Royal Oak, <u>Welshpool</u>. Arts Society of Mid Wales. <a href="https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders">https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders</a></i></p>  |

### May 2022

|   |   |
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| <p><b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>Door opens</b><br/> <b>9.45am for</b><br/> <b>10.30am start.</b></p> | <p><i>Magistrates with Rebecca Klug JP at COWSHACC, <u>Welshpool</u>. Find out what magistrates do, the decisions they have to make and how they make them. Information: <a href="http://www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk">www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk</a></i></p> |
| <p><b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup></b></p>  | <p><i>Montgomery Canal <u>Triathlon</u> For information see: <a href="https://themontgomerycanal.org.uk/friends/montgomery-canal-triathlon/">https://themontgomerycanal.org.uk/friends/montgomery-canal-triathlon/</a></i></p>  |
| <p><b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>7.00pm</b></p>  | <p><i>The <u>Fron Male Voice Choir</u> at <u>St Mary's Church, Welshpool</u>. Tkts £12, Concessions: £10 Call 01938 553142 or email: <a href="mailto:kimberly@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk">kimberly@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk</a></i></p>                                 |
| <p><b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>2.30pm prompt</b></p>   | <p><i>Antonio Gaudi. A talk by Hugh Ellwood at The Royal Oak, <u>Welshpool</u>. Arts Society of Mid Wales. <a href="https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders">https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders</a></i></p>  |

### June 2022

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b><br/> <b>Door opens</b><br/> <b>9.45am for</b><br/> <b>10.30am start.</b></p> | <p><i><u>Cuan Wildlife Rescue</u> with Megan Morris-Jones at COWSHACC, <u>Welshpool</u>. Learn how this charity helps the animals in its care from the founder. Information: <a href="http://www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk">www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk</a></i></p> |
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### Examples of current stamp



### New barcoded stamp



### Non-barcoded stamps should be used before 31 January 2023.

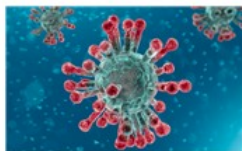
Alternatively, they can be exchanged for the new barcoded version through a 'Swap Out' scheme which opened on 31 March 2022. A 'Swap Out' form can be obtained from the following places: print one off Royal Mail's website; contact Customer Experience and ask them to post one out to you; pick one up from your local Delivery Offices' Customer Service Point. Return to the Freepost address provided together with the stamps you wish to swap. **'Swap out' forms are not available at Post Offices.** Non-barcoded Christmas stamps will remain valid as postage after 31 January 2023, so there is no requirement to swap them out.

# Middletown Village Hall

Chairman – Stuart Hughes 01938 570504  
Booking Secretary – Kath Onions 01938 570286  
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## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**The Welsh Government has announced it expects to end all Covid-19 restrictions as from 28 March 2022.**

### ***Second Covid Booster Vaccination Programme Starts in Powys***



A fresh vaccination programme providing a second booster is set to be launched in Powys this Spring, beginning in April. It will target the over 75s, residents of care homes for older adults, and people aged 12+ with severe immunosuppression.

Invitations will go out soon for April appointments. A reserve list is already open at:

[www.pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-booster/](http://www.pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-booster/)

In addition the offer of vaccination is now open to all 5-11 year-olds, and drop-in opportunities remain available for people who have not yet been vaccinated. Please note the Newtown vaccination centre has now moved from Maldwyn Leisure Centre to Park Street Day Centre.



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We are extremely grateful for donations to ensure the Border Gossip can continue to bring you the latest news from the area.

A big thank you  
for the very kind donations.

We are very grateful for any donations we receive and thank you so much for all your support.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Marion. Every donation ensures we can keep producing The Border Gossip for you to enjoy. Thank you  
Marion Hayes - [marionkhayes@hotmail.com](mailto:marionkhayes@hotmail.com)

## Mobile Library Bus



**Powys CC have suspended all mobile library services until further notice due to Covid-19.**

## Local Recycling

**Paper Bank** – Middletown VH car park, to raise money for the VH.

**Clothes, Shoes Etc** – Trewern School car park to raise money for the school PTFA.



Timetable for Celtic Travel Bus Service X75 (valid from 29 June 2020, Mon-Sat, except public holidays)

**The X75 service leaves FOR SHREWSBURY from:**



|                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Buttington – Green Dragon | 0748 | 0951 | 1151 | 1351 | 1546 | 1706 |
| Trewern - Little Chef     | 0752 | 0955 | 1155 | 1355 | 1550 | 1710 |
| Middletown – Breidden Pub | 0756 | 0959 | 1159 | 1359 | 1554 | 1714 |

**The X75 service leaves FOR WELSHPOOL from:**

|                           |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Middletown – Breidden Pub | 0730 Sch | 0955 | 1155 | 1355 | 1505 | 1705 | 1825 |
| Trewern – Little Chef     | 0734 Sch | 0959 | 1159 | 1359 | 1509 | 1709 | 1829 |
| Buttington – Green Dragon | 0738 Sch | 1003 | 1203 | 1403 | 1513 | 1713 | 1833 |

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## Church News

ALL SERVICES START AT 9.30 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED

### APRIL

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Holy Communion Lent 5**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - COFFEE MORNING 9.30 AM CHURCH HOUSE WELSHPOOL**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Service**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - GOOD FRIDAY – Story of the Cross – 2.00pm -3.00pm**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - EASTER DAY – Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Family Service – Easter 2**

### MAY

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Holy Communion Easter 3.**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer and Praise Easter 4**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion Easter 5**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Family Service Easter 6**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion Easter 7**  
**COMBINED SERVICE WITH GUILSFIELD/ TBC**

## DIARY DATES – APRIL AND MAY 2022

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL COFFEE MORNING AT 9.30AM**  
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# Powys County Council

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I hope you are all keeping well. I have a few matters to update you on this month:

## **BUTTINGTON INCINERATOR HEARINGS UPDATE**

The Planning Inspectorate hearings finished in March and these were attended by representatives from the BIIG Group and I. Unfortunately, they were invite only and not for public attendance. The purpose of the hearings was for the Inspectorate to explore certain areas such as sustainability of the proposals, the need, air quality, traffic impact etc. This was not a decision-making stage of the process. I felt that the hearings were conducted in a professional manner and both the BIIG Group and myself had fair opportunity to make our objecting points and raise issues of concern. I did our utmost to represent the community's concerns, highlight discrepancies in the proposal and fight for the community's interests.

The Planning Inspectorate will now work on his report which will be submitted to the Welsh Government Minister by the end of April. It will then be down to the Minister to make the final decision. We don't have a timescale for that. I really hope (& will keep everything crossed) that our efforts are successful. If permission is given, that will not be the end of the matter – the applicant (Broad Energy) will still have to apply for an environmental permit from Natural Resources Wales. That will involve further consultation and consideration of air quality, health impacts and the cloud inversions etc. They would need a permit to operate and so that is still a really important part of the process.

With regard to the new incinerator moratorium announced by the Welsh Government last year, whether or not that actually means anything will now be down for the Welsh Government Minister to decide.

I will continue to keep the community posted as I receive any updates.

## **HIGHWAYS**

There have been some works done over recent weeks. In particular, the pavement on the corner of Sale lane has been fixed and the drains along Sale lane have been jetted. I am also told that highways have attended some of the other county lanes where there has been some slippage of the road verges and that work orders will be raised for these.

Myself and the community council continue to be concerned that despite our continuous calls for highways to attend to our area, we still have much work that needs doing – some of it urgent now. I am told regularly that the highways people prioritise our patch accordingly against what's needed in the rest of the County and use the resources they have. I have been in discussions with other Councillor colleagues who share my concerns about the resources and the highways teams and have similar problems in their areas. Whilst I cannot go into detail here, I believe this needs to be looked at and changes made.

With regard to the traffic lights on the A458 near Garreg Bank. Residents are concerned that the these have remained for a number of weeks now and work has not been done. I have highlighted to the Trunk Road Manager that traffic is going to increase in the run up to Easter and this needs to be sorted as soon as possible. I have also asked whether traffic lights can be removed whilst waiting for works/surveys of the road, if safe to do so.

## **SCHOOL**

As a Governor, I was recently involved in the process of recruiting a new head teacher for Buttington Trewern School. The Governing body are pleased to have appointed Miss Anna Griggs from September when Mr Jenkins takes early retirement. Whilst we are sad to say goodbye to Mr J after so many years of excellent leadership and wish him all the best for the future, we are looking forward to Miss Griggs starting and the ideas and experience she brings.

The new play area equipment in Trewern playground (which myself and the community council managed to get grant funding for) will hopefully be coming in May when the ground has dried out and hardens up a bit.

I hope we get to have some more warmer weather as we come into Spring and that you manage to enjoy the sunshine.

Best regards, Cofion gorau  
Cllr Amanda

## CLLR AMANDA JENNER TO STAND AGAIN IN LOCAL ELECTIONS (5 MAY 2022)

I'm pleased to let you know I'll be standing again to be your County Councillor. I've really enjoyed this role over the last 5 years, representing an area which I love living in with my family. I really hope to be re-elected in May.

There's so much more I want to achieve for our area, such as:

- Continue the campaign against the Buttington Incinerator & fight for locals' views to be heard on all planning matters
- Continue to get more school building improvements & Local Authority housing improvements
- Continue to work with our active Community Council to get local improvements, such as to improve our footpath network
- Continue trying to get our local roads improved (an on-going frustration for many of us!)

It's been a roller coaster of a few years. I've worked hard and I'm proud of what I've achieved so far, such as:

- I've proactively **campaigning against the Buttington Incinerator**  
I've held public meetings to update residents & kept people updated online and in the Border Gossip. I've worked with our MP and Welsh Parliament Member to oppose the application. In 2018, I put a number of passionate & clever locals in touch with each other & advised they set up a protest group (which then became the BIIG Group). I've submitted petitions to the Welsh Parliament on behalf of residents.
- I've **secured investment for new playground equipment** and I identified the grant for the new sensory garden.
- I set up our local COVID volunteer group to support vulnerable residents during lockdowns. I also provided people with regular information about support and latest announcements.
- I set up our local community Facebook group.
- I've **held local advice surgeries** with the police and members of parliaments for residents to come & raise issues with us. I attend local events and **regularly update locals** through my Facebook page and the Border Gossip.
- I've organised and chaired a County Lines Drugs Awareness meeting in Welshpool.
- I've been a **school governor** for Buttington Trewern Primary School & Welshpool High School.
- I was the Chair of Trewern Playgroup.
- I've successfully represented residents' views on multiple planning applications. Some have been turned down due to local concern (e.g by Mount Pleasant) and on others I called for planning conditions, which will bring money for the school and improved street lighting.
- I've regularly called for the highways departments to improve our roads – pothole fixes, salt/grit provided (e.g. I got the salt bin in Parc Caradog & a curb fixed for a resident with access needs).

On a wider Powys level, I'm really involved with Children's Social Services, sitting on the Powys Foster Panel and I chair the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee. This is rewarding & I'm passionate about ensuring we protect our most vulnerable children.

I would love the opportunity to continue much of the work I've started & hope many of you will support me in May.

Thanks for reading.  
Cllr Amanda Jenner

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This is an event organised by volunteers on behalf of the Churches as a service to the community. The idea is to come along, have some company and make new friends . It will run on the 4th Tuesday of the month. It is a free event but people are very kind and donations have helped to cover the village hall costs. All the cakes and drinks are donated by the volunteers.

**Please continue to support us ! We enjoy your company and need help to eat all the cake!**

**Future Dates:**

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The procession, starting at 12 noon, will leave from Berriew Street Car Park, go around Broad Street, High Street, Jehu Road, Brook Street and down to Maes-y-dre Recreation Ground.

Clubs, schools and groups are all encouraged to be a part with anyone invited to participate in a "lorry, tractor and trailer, dance or walk round the route."

"The afternoon will see a variety of charity, community and food stalls and entertainment in the arena for the whole family from 1pm. We also plan to have live bands on from 5pm until 8pm," said a spokesperson. Everyone is invited to get involved throughout the day. Organisations can fund raise by having a stall at the recreation ground. Dance groups, singing groups, gymnastics, choirs etc are invited to take part in the arena between 1.15pm and 5pm.

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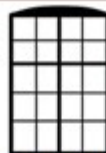
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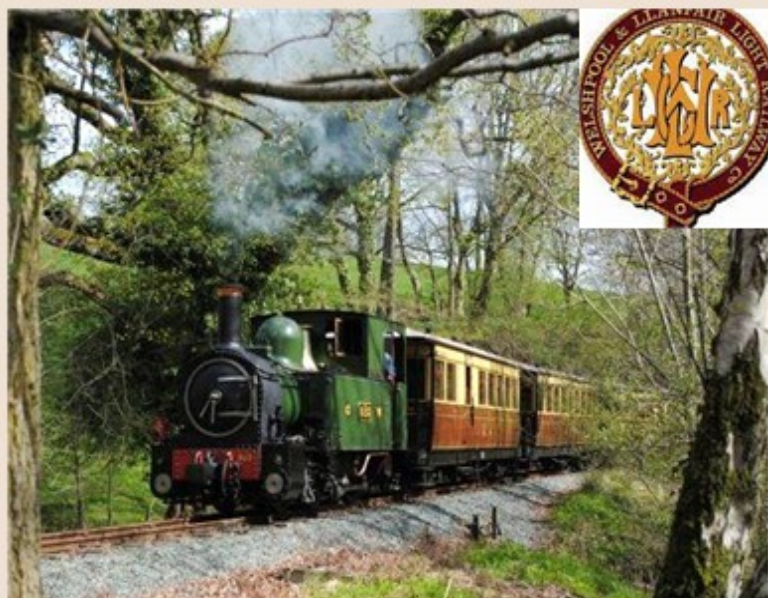
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